

Dosage analysis



DOSAGE PROFILE OF ST LEGER CONTENDERS

Colt	Sire/dam sire	Profile	DI	CD
Ormito	Mamool/Acatenango	2-0-9-6-1 = 18	0.57	-0.22
Housesofparliament	Galileo/Dixielandband	5-0-12-5-0 = 22	1.00	0.23
Twilight Payment	Teofilo/Oasis Dream	1-2-9-2-0 = 14	1.15	0.14
Idaho	Galileo/Danehill	4-2-12-4-0 = 22	1.20	0.27
The Major General	Galileo/Danehill	4-2-12-4-0 = 22	1.20	0.27
Sword Fighter	Galileo/Grand Lodge	5-3-8-6-0 = 22	1.20	0.32
Harbour Law	Lawman/Pivotal	1-1-5-0-1 = 8	1.29	0.13
Unicorn	Galileo/Danehill	5-2-13-4-0 = 24	1.29	0.33
Red Verdon	Lemon Drop Kid/Choirir	7-0-13-4-0 = 24	1.29	0.42
Triplicate	Galileo/Danehill Dancer	5-2-9-4-0 = 20	1.35	0.40
Harrison	Sixties Icon/Invincible Spirit	3-1-6-2-0 = 12	1.40	0.42
Ventura Storm	Zoffany/Haafhd	2-1-6-1-0 = 10	1.50	0.40
Muntahaa	Dansili/Linamix	1-3-7-1-0 = 12	1.67	0.33
Kellstorm	Galileo/Gone West	7-6-15-4-0 = 32	1.78	0.50
The Tartan Spartan	The Carbon Unit/Traditionally	6-0-5-0-1 = 12	2.43	0.83

Key to Profile: Left to right columns, ranging from speed to stamina: Brilliant, Intermediate, Classic, Solid, Professional. DI = Dosage index; CD = Centre of distribution. The Centre of Distribution (CD) scale complements the DI. The CD covers the range from +2 to -2, where +2 corresponds to the Brilliant aptitudinal group in the Dosage profile (DP), +1 corresponds to Intermediate, 0 corresponds to Classic, -1 corresponds to Solid, and -2 corresponds to Professional. A low (close to zero) or negative CD indicates enhanced stamina potential

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Idaho looks the best fit for the St Leger and has enough stamina potential to stamp his class on the race

Favourite Idaho gets the vote ahead of Parliament

Steve Miller



Our Dosage expert with his view on the St Leger

THERE are few races in which the system gives us more of an edge than the Ladbrokes St Leger.

The system comes into its own when analysing Group races that require a test of stamina. It is particularly useful when there is scant form at the distance to go on and in situations where those taking part are still largely unexposed.

The average Dosage index (DI) for the past ten St Leger winners is 1.03, with the right types having a DI of below 1 (the lower the DI the more stamina potential).

Of recent winners, the overwhelming majority satisfy the requirement of a DI of about 1 or lower: Simple Verse (DI 0.88), Leading Light (0.96),

Encke (1.05), Masked Marvel (0.68), Mastery (1.00), Conduit (0.76), Sixties Icon (1.00), Scorpion (1.00), Brian Boru (1.05), Bollin Eric (1.00), Milan (0.77), Millenary (0.83), Mutaafaweq (1.07), Nedawi (0.92), Silver Patriarch (1.00), Classic Cliché (0.83) and Moonax (0.73). Only Arctic Cosmos had an unusually high DI of 1.77.

The main table shows the 15 still in contention this season. As usual, it is arranged with those showing the most stamina potential at the top and the least at the bottom, ranked in order of DI.

What is particularly interesting about this year's table is that only two entries – Ormito and Housesofparliament – have a DI lower than the ten-year average.

However, Galileo will soon be added to the chef-de-race list as an influence for stamina as well as middle-distance speed. This means that the stamina figures for all the featured Galileos will be enhanced, pushing them higher up the table than they currently appear.

Favourite Idaho is among those who would benefit from that as well as several others among Aidan O'Brien's septet.

Ballydoyle battalions

O'Brien's team is headed by **Idaho**, who beat stablemate Housesofparliament last time in the Great Voltigeur, and it's no surprise that the York one-two are high up the list of ideal candidates.

That York Group 2 has long been a reliable trial for the final Classic. Since the early 1970s Athens Wood, Bustino, Reference Point, Bob's Return, Milan, Rule Of Law and Lucarno have won both races and the likes of Moon Madness, Snurge, Silver Patriarch, Bollin Eric, Brian Boru, Mastery and Encke have been placed in the York race before winning the Leger.

Being placed in the Derby is also no obstacle to winning at Doncaster, with Shantou, Silver Patriarch, Rule Of Law and Kingston Hill all managing the feat since the mid-1990s, so on this basis Idaho has excellent credentials for this season's renewal on both York and Epsom form.

By Galileo out of the Danehill mare Hveger, Idaho benefited from an honest pace in the Great Voltigeur and looks to have sufficient stamina for what's required here without being likely to develop into a Cup horse next season.

It's hoped that **Housesofparliament** isn't used solely as a pacemaker because he also has solid credentials and deserves plenty of respect on the Voltigeur form.

In any case O'Brien has another likely front-runner in **Sword Fighter**.

The Queen's Vase and Curragh Cup winner took on older horses in the Goodwood Cup at the end of July when he finished fifth to Big Orange.

He can make his presence felt back among his own age group, but his forcing tactics could set up the race for something with a superior finishing kick.

Of O'Brien's other entries, **Unicorn** (a brother to the useful stayer Bondi Beach) and **The Major General** are, like Idaho, bred on a Galileo/Danehill cross and likely to show broadly similar stamina aptitude, while **Triplicate** is bred on a Galileo/Danehill Dancer cross and **Kellstorm** is a brother to Gold Cup winner Order Of St George, by Galileo out of a Gone West mare.

Best of the rest

The Ed Dunlop-trained **Red Verdon**, having progressed out of handicaps, was beaten in the Derby and the Irish Derby before putting up arguably his

best performance at Saint-Cloud when splitting Mont Ormel and Cloth Of Stars in the Group 1 Grand Prix de Paris last time.

The son of Lemon Drop Kid tends to finish his races with a flourish and is certainly not out of it if still in contention in the final stages. He has a mixture of influences in his pedigree, but four points in the stamina wing of his profile gives some hope of him getting the trip.

Harbour Law split Sword Fighter and apparent non-runner **Twilight Payment** in the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot over 2m and Laura Mongan's charge should hold his own in this company.

Ormito finished runner-up to the useful Kings Fete in the Geoffrey Freer at Newbury and had previously occupied the same spot behind Richard Hannon's Ventura Storm in a Listed race at Hamilton.

The son of Mamool features at the top of our table for staying aptitude and won't be beaten for want of stamina, but Andrew Balding's charge is exposed and may be outclassed having won only a maiden in nine appearances.

The same applies to Mick Channon's Sixties Icon colt **Harrison**, who is also exposed

LAST TEN ST LEGER WINNERS

Year	Winner	DI
2015	Simple Verse	0.88
2014	Kingston Hill	0.90
2013	Leading Light	0.96
2012	Encke	1.05
2011	Masked Marvel	0.68
2010	Arctic Cosmos	1.77
2009	Mastery	1.00
2008	Conduit	0.76
2007	Lucarno	1.34
2006	Sixties Icon	1.00
Average		1.03

having won just a maiden in eight appearances.

The Tartan Spartan is an unexposed winner of a maiden at Thirsk, but he looks to have little chance in this company and features at the foot of our table.

Verdict

Idaho is fancied to justify favouritism. The Great Voltigeur winner is a classy middle-distance type with the stamina potential for this longer trip.

While Ormito has the sort of Dosage profile you would be looking for in this race, he doesn't look quite up to it in terms of class.

Instead Idaho's stablemate Housesofparliament may again be able to follow him home, with Red Verdon and Harbour Law best of the rest.

- 1. IDAHO**
- 2. Housesofparliament**
- 3. Red Verdon**

More on the Dosage system from the author and from Dr Steven Roman can be found at www.chef-de-race.com and in the book *Dosage: Pedigree and Performance*, published by The Russell Meerdink Company, Ltd.