

Friday 1st June

RACEHORSE LOTTO HANDICAP – Class 2 Handicap (4yo+)

235 Epsom

Some solid trends to work with in this one...

- 1 15/15 previously won at least at C5 level but not above C2 level
- 2 15/15 previously won at least at 7f but no further than 1m1.5f
- 3 15/15 0-1 wins in current season
- 4 15/15 top 5 finish 1 of last 3 starts
- 5 15/15 NO claiming jockey
- 6 15/15 ran in a Handicap LTO
- 7 15/15 no more than 3lbs below last winning mark
- 8 15/15 no more than 1lb lower than last run
- 9 14/15 carried 9-04 or less

...for a trends shortlist of...

ALL THE KINGS MEN – AUSTRIAN THEORY – DUTCH DECOY – REPERTOIRE – HODLER - MAYSONG

Pace/Draw thoughts...

This could well fall to **TWO TEMPTING** to lead the field off the front end from the 2 stall... he's not an out and out pace-setter but he looks the most likely of the field to find himself at the head of the pack. **AUSTRIAN THEORY** may be the one that is sitting closest to him, along with **ALL THE KINGS MEN**...

On the draw side of things there are no major positives or negatives, with winners coming from low, middle and high and the place percentages also suggesting there are no significant advantages when it comes to where you are drawn...

It's a similar story on the pace front, with winners coming from all running styles... Close To Pace runners have won 8 of the last 15 so it may be a slight advantage to be sitting just behind the pace...

DRAW	Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
1	ALREHB	CP	
2	TWO TEMPTING	CP/FR	
3	DUTCH DECOY	HU/CP	
4	ALL THE KINGS MEN	CP	
5	REVICH	CP/HU	
6	ORBAAN	HU/CP	
7	MAYSONG	CP/HU	
8	AUSTRIAN THEORY	CP	
9	REPERTOIRE	HU	
10	RHOSCOLYN	HU	
11	SANTONO JAPAN	HU/CP	
12	HODLER	HU/CP	
13	FANTASTIC FOX	CP	

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Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

DAVID SIMCOCK has a form line of 01433 (1/5, 3p) in this race. He saddles **REPERTOIRE** this year.

WILLIAM BUICK has a form line of 1133 (2/4, 2p) in the race since 2012. He rides **ALL THE KINGS MEN** this year.

RYAN MOORE has a form line of 234401 (1/6, 3p) in the race since 2011. He rides **REVICH** this year.

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Conclusion/Current Thoughts...

Trend Toppers...

ALL THE KINGS MEN just his 5th run for Boughey since moving from France at the start of the year. First time Blinkers go on, which is definitely interesting as he could get to lead this pack along from the front if they spark him to life. Buick coming back on board is also interesting, especially when you consider the following... Boughey/Buick | Turf Handicaps | Buick NOT riding LTO = 17/56 | 30% S/R | +£32.71 – W&P 28/56 | 50% S/R...

AUSTRIAN THEORY now below his last and highest winning mark and both his previous wins have come in June (2 from 2 in June). Would maybe want ground to dry out a bit more (both wins have come on Good to Firm) although did place on Good at Chester LTO...

DUTCH DECOY looks to have his Prime Conditions... Handicaps | OR 87 or less | tracks with undulations = 5/9, 1p - all 5 turf wins and form of 4th at Hamilton LTO has worked out well enough. Yet to place in his 5 previous starts in races worth 20K+ and is 0/7, 1p in races worth 17K+...

REPertoire is 0/12, 0p in races worth 10.5K+ so will need to change that here to get involved... is also 0/11, 0p in June or later and to date his best form has come in the Feb-May period...

HODLER has finished 1st & 2nd on his 2 previous starts at the track (both over 7f). On a career high mark and makes his first start beyond 7f here. Time was slow when winning at Chester LTO but form has worked out well with 2nd & 4th winning next time out...

MAYSONG finished 2nd on both previous starts at track, both over this trip... currently above his highest winning mark (OR 80 here, high/last win mark OR 76)...

Thoughts on others...

FANTASTIC FOX finished 3rd in this last year off a 5lb higher mark... looks to have conditions to suit here... 1m-1m0.5f | OR 94 or less = 13133 (2/5, 2p – both career wins)...

ORBAAN generally peaks around this time of year and is on a winnable mark at present... June-Aug | OR 100 or less | DSLR 25 or less = 2411822301 (3/10, 5p – all 3 career wins)... placed on his 1 previous run at Epsom (7f)...

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Looks a relatively open contest and I could probably land on a number of them and make decent enough cases for them... I finally settled on...

ALL THE KINGS MEN (G Boughey) is hard to get away from stepping up in trip and with Blinkers on for the first time. He should appreciate this new trip, with Kingman 3yo-5yo's over 1m0.5f-1m1f and in fields of 13 or less returning stats of... 30/93 | 32% S/R | +£71.86 – W&P 41/93 | 44% S/R... and as well as the Buick/Boughey stats already mentioned the stats for Buick over the Epsom 1m0.5f trip on G/S or quicker and on a horse at SP 10/1 or less also catch the eye... 8/26 | 31% S/R | +£8.41 – W&P 16/26 | 62% S/R... he should be able to get a good racing position from stall 4 and he looks to have plenty in his favour here.

FANTASTIC FOX (R Varian) ran well in this last year and the fact he gets in off 5lbs less this year is certainly eye-catching. They've been running him over longer trips recently but I'm not convinced he really wants 1m1f-1m2f and he should be happier back down at this 1m0.5f trip (form of 3-1-3 at trip – 1/3, 2p).

CORONATION CUP – Group 1 (4yo+)

310 Epsom

Only the 5 runners so could be tricky on the trends front... the last 15 winners did, however, pass the following trends...

- 1 15/15 OR 115+
- 2 15/15 wore no Headgear
- 3 15/15 won 1 of last 4 starts
- 4 15/15 ran at Group level LTO
- 5 15/15 last win came at Group level
- 6 15/15 previously ran at G1 or G2 level

**Only UK & Irish races have been included in the stats...*

...one passes the trends this year...

WESTOVER

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Conclusion/Current Thoughts...

A small field but it often is in this and in fairness it's an interesting enough renewal this year...

WESTOVER was probably unlucky not to get closer to DESERT CROWN in the Derby last year, meeting with interference at vital stages... not sure he would have won with a clear passage, but it might have been close... he ran a solid second in Meydan in the Sheema Classic LTO and looks to have trained on this season... probably the right fav...

EMILY UPJOHN was probably even more unlucky than Westover when running in the Oaks, blowing her race at the start before only going down by a short-head at the line. The fillies concession she gets here puts her bang in the picture...

HURRICANE LANE has been a hard horse to get to grips with since his 3rd in the 2021 Arc. First time CP's perked him up enough to get back to winning ways LTO at Newmarket but it

was a poor speed figure recorded and he would need to step on plenty from that here (assuming the others all run close to what they are capable of)...

PONT LONSDALE is the Aiden O'Brien runner this year and he's won the race 8 times. His winners are usually rated plenty higher than this one though, bar Yeats (who had missed a year through injury so didn't have time to really get his proper rating) they've all been rated 120+ coming into the race. Pont Lonsdale is rated 113 although in fairness he also had a year off through injury, in a very similar manner to Yeats, so he could yet have more to offer and he has only disappointed once in his career (in last season's 2000 Guineas, where he then spent a year off through injury)...

TUNNES would never be picked up on the trends as this is his first run over here and as can sometimes be the case with foreign raiders, he's not all that easy to assess... on official ratings, however, he's bang in this... indeed his German rating is 120 so he is technically the top-rated horse in this. His best RPR figure is right up there with the rest of them as well, so he's potentially been a bit overlooked in the market. He's done most of his racing/all his winning on ground with cut in it so there is a definite query there but a potential ace up his sleeve is the fact he's front-run a few times previously and there does look to be a distinct lack of pace in this... so not impossible that they bounce him out front and he tries to put his 1m6f/heavy ground stamina to use and steal it from the front...

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A tricky race to be playing in but I wouldn't be scared to take a crack at the German raider **TUNNES** at double figures. His trainer has had 2 runners in this previously, winning with **BOREAL** in 2002 and then his **EMPOLI** ran a decent 4th in 2014, and he wouldn't be the sort to tilt at windmills with his horses. The ground is a definite question mark but I suppose the same could have been said with Torquator Tasso when he contested the King George VI last season on Good to Firm (finished 2nd behind Piledriver, well ahead of the remainder) so the German horses are not always that easy to figure out when it comes to the ground... it's a fascinating and a little bit of a tricky race but I'll take a swing at **TUNNES** at double figures...

BETFRED HANDICAP – Class 2 Handicap (4yo+)

345 Epsom

Not the easiest race to dig into on the trends front but the following did catch my eye...

15/15 DSLR 16+

15/15 ran over 1m-1m2.5f LTO

15/15 no more than 4 runs without a place

14/15 0-2 starts in current season

...two pass those trends this year...

SAVVY VICTORY - CADILLAC

Pace/Draw thoughts...

Doesn't look much pace angles in this one so could get a little tactical unless **MASEKELA** or **HONITON** try and go out and make all...

DRAW	Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
1	DUAL IDENTITY	HU	
2	MAJESTIC	HU	
3	MASEKELA	CP	
4	BAD COMPANY	CP/HU	
5	THE CITY'S PHANTOM	CP/HU	
6	MARHABA THE CHAMP	HU/CP	
7	TOSHIZOU	HU	
8	CADILLAC	HU	
9	SAVVY VICTORY	HU	
10	HONITON	CP	
11	LORD PROTECTOR	HU	

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Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

RALPH BECKETT has saddled 4 runners in this and they've finished 02221 (1/5, 4p)... he runs **LORD PROTECTOR** this year...

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Conclusion/Current Thoughts...

Trend Toppers...

SAVVY VICTORY ran a career best at Chester LTO and could still be on the upgrade... should handle conditions well... 1m-1m2.5f | C2 level or less = 25121232 (2/8, 5p)... 5th came in 28 runner Cambridgeshire...

CADILLAC ground possibly went against last time out on seasonal debut (good to soft) and he should appreciate this dryer ground better... has solid form under today's conditions... June-Sept | Good or quicker = 221111 (4/6, 2p – all 4 career wins)... unexposed in Hcp company (2nd Hcp start here)...

Thoughts on others...

MARHABA THE CHAMP posted a big career best at York LTO on his first run off a wind-op and the handicapper has been relatively lenient by only putting him up 2lbs. They stick a TT on him here to see if that will continue his progression now he can breathe properly and Kevin Ryan has sent 9 LTO winners to Epsom that returned within 20 days and started at an SP of 7/1 or less... they returned form figures of... 118151741 (5/9)... MTC fits those stats here...

DUAL IDENTITY is slowly slipping back down the weights after his excellent third in last seasons Cambridgeshire from a poor draw and these conditions should suit him well... 1m2f | DSLR 45 or less | G/S or quicker (or AW) = 432121132 (3/9, 4p – all 3 career wins)...

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CADILLAC (G Boughey) from the trends qualifiers looks interesting, especially with conditions to suit and the application of first time CP's. He recorded a win and a career best on the figures when he wore blinkers for the first-time last summer on Good ground in a Listed race over 1m1f, so headgear can improve him. Boughey & Scott also have some solid figures together over trips of 1m2f+ in fields of 12 or less... 9/23 | 39% S/R | +£17.79 – W&P 14/23 | 61% S/R...

MARHABA THE CHAMP (K Ryan) looks to have been given a very lenient rise for his win last time considering it was a career best and also one of the best pieces of last time out form for the runners in this race. Ryan & Buick also have some solid, if limited, stats in C1 & C2 races with 2-4yo's... 176021121 (4/9, 2p)... and I'd be hopeful of plenty more juice being squeezed from MTC's current mark...

BETFRED OAKS – Group 1 (3yo Fillies)

430 Epsom

Not all that easy of a race to dig into on the trends front but I eventually settled on...

- 1 15/15 made their racecourse debut as a 2yo in June or later
- 2 14/15 DSLR 12-28
- 3 14/15 recorded a top 4 finish on racecourse debut
- 4 13/15 finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd LTO

...for a trends table of...

	1	2	3	4	Tot
BE HAPPY	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
RED RIDING HOOD	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
RUNNING LION	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
SOUL SISTER	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
BRIGHT DIAMOND	Y	Y	Y	N	3
CAERNARFON	Y	Y	Y	N	3
ETERNAL HOPE	N	Y	Y	Y	3
HEARTACHE TONIGHT	Y	Y	Y	N	3
SAVETHELASTDANCE	Y	Y	N	Y	3
SEA OF ROSES	Y	Y	Y	N	3
MAMAN JOON	N	N	Y	Y	2

...and a trends shortlist of...

BE HAPPY – RED RIDING HOOD – RUNNING LION – SOUL SISTER

Pace/Draw thoughts...

This may well fall to **RED RIDING HOOD** and/or **HEARTACHE TONIGHT** to go out and set the early fractions, there must be a chance that Red Riding Hood is in the field to make sure her more fancied stablemate **SAVETHELASTDANCE** has a decent pace to aim for...

DRAW	Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
1	SEA OF ROSES	CP/HU	
2	RUNNING LION	CP/HU	
3	BRIGHT DIAMOND	HU	
4	SAVETHELASTDANCE	CP/HU	
5	ETERNAL HOPE	CP/HU	
6	BE HAPPY	CP/HU	
7	MAMAN JOON	CP/HU	
8	RED RIDING HOOD	CP/FR	
9	CAERNARFON	HU	
10	SOUL SISTER	HU/CP	
11	HEARTACHE TONIGHT	CP/FR	

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Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

AIDEN O'BRIEN has won this ten times and had 15 others place (from 75 runners). **All ten winners made their debuts as 2yo's, finished in the first 6 on that debut and recorded a top 2 finish on 1 of their last 3 starts...** for race form of... 10/45, 8p... **ALL 3** of his runners meets those stats this year...

The **GOSDEN's** have won this three times and had 5 others place since 2011 (from 14 runners). **All winners and placed horses WON LTO, had 2-4 career starts and had 1-3 starts in the current season...** for a race form line of... 2331159133 (3/10, 5p)... their **SOUL SISTER** meets those stats this year...

Last race run in before Derby... Irish 1000 Guineas (X5), Musidora Stakes (X4), Cheshire Oaks (X3), Lingfield Oaks Trial (X3), Newmarket 1000 Guineas (X3), Pretty Polly Stakes (X3), Height Of Fashion Stakes (X2), Newbury Fillies Trial Stakes (X2), Blue Wind Stakes (X1)...

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Conclusion/Current Thoughts...

Trend Toppers...

BE HAPPY beaten fav in the Lingfield Oaks Trial LTO and would need to improve a fair bit to beat the best of these...

RED RIDING HOOD solid enough form to her name and third last time out wasn't too bad an effort, could be interesting if gets loose on the front end...

RUNNING LION has kicked on this year and stepped her form up another level...

SOUL SISTER impressive winner of the Musidora LTO at York, proving her run at Newbury on seasonal debut was almost certainly down to the ground (Soft but riding closer to Heavy)...

Thoughts on others...

SAVETHELASTDANCE a thumping winner of the Cheshire Oaks LTO... her two wins have come on very testing ground so she will have to prove she handles this quicker surface...if she does handle the ground she'll likely prove hard to beat, but the ground will be very different for her here...

HEARTACHE TONIGHT a little hard to assess although on the face of it her form looks solid enough... another that will be facing very different ground to what she has faced so far in her career...

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Could well be a case of whether or not SAVETHELASTDANCE handles the quicker ground... and if she does then the others may be fighting for the places... she doesn't quite tick all the trends boxes though and with that potential ground query I'll have a go at a couple of the others...

SOUL SISTER (J & T Gosden) Frankie Dettori has an excellent recent record in this, with his last 6 rides in the race returning a form line of 2-1-3-1-1-2 and the figure Soul Sister posted when winning at York LTO was almost on a par with that of Savethelastdance at Chester, so there may not be all that much between them (at present).

At lofty prices I'll also take a swing at...

RED RIDING HOOD (A O'Brien) could get loose on the front end and I don't think her form says she should be quite as big as 33/1+ for this. She wouldn't be the first big priced front-runner to hang on for a place in this so I'll take a swing and hope she can cling on for a place.



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