



ASCOT BETTING GUIDE

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On a busy Saturday in the UK racing calendar, Ascot stages a high-class card headlined by the Group 2 Fred Cowley MBE Summer Mile, a contest claimed by Group 1 winning horses including **Mohaather**, **Dick Turpin** and **Aqlaam**. The supporting card includes competitive handicaps and intriguing novice events, with plenty of star potential on show throughout.

Standout names on this year's card include **Mutasaabeg**, **Chindit** and **My Oberon**.

RACE 1

BRITISH STALLION
STUDS EBF
RESTRICTED
NOVICE STAKES,
7F

RACE 2

HI-SPEED SERVICES
HANDICAP,
1M 6F 32Y

RACE 3

BETFRED HERITAGE
HANDICAP,
5F

RACE 4

FEATURE
RACE

FRED COWLEY
MBE SUMMER MILE
STAKES (GROUP 2),
1M

RACE 5

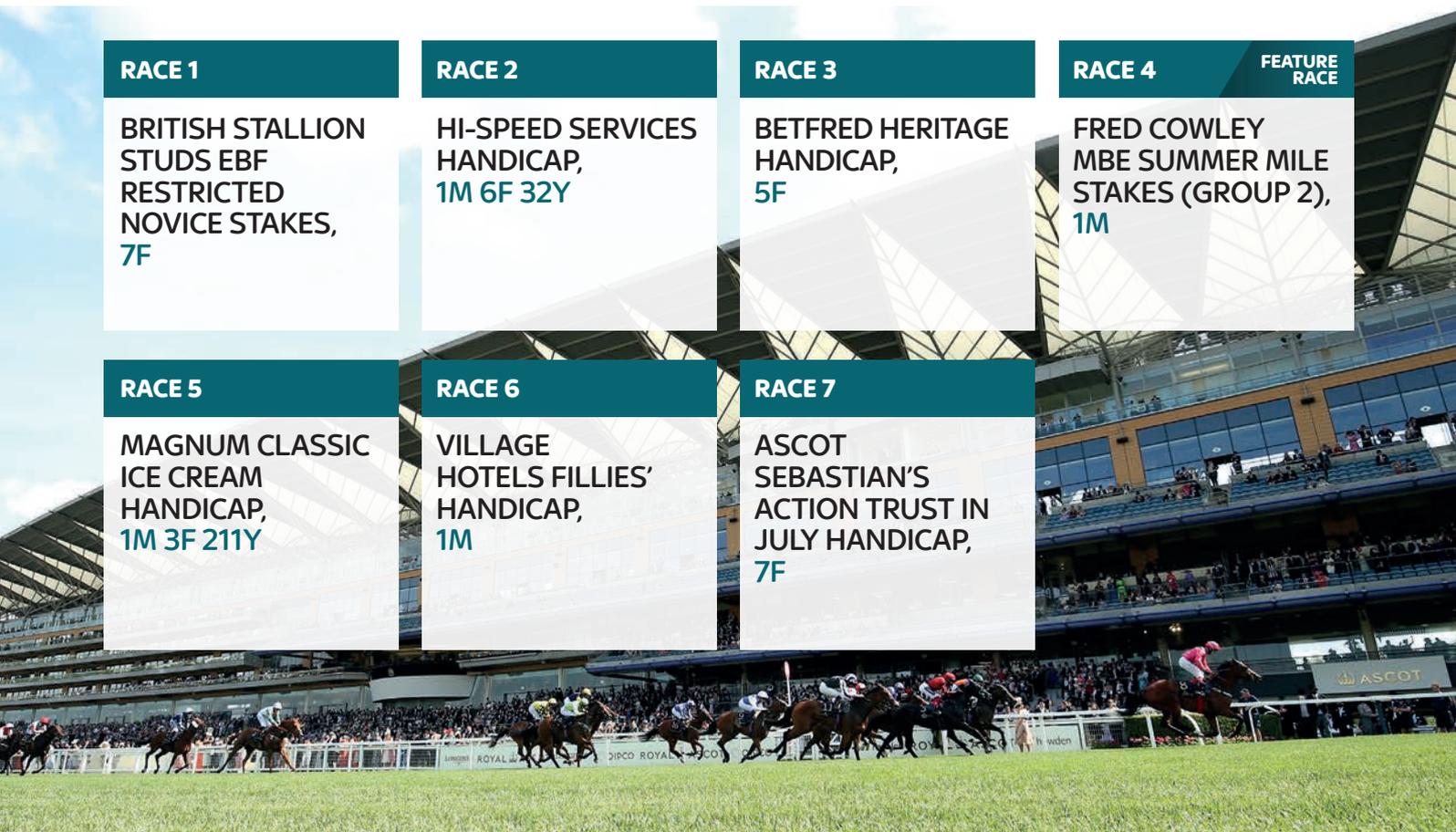
MAGNUM CLASSIC
ICE CREAM
HANDICAP,
1M 3F 211Y

RACE 6

VILLAGE
HOTELS FILLIES'
HANDICAP,
1M

RACE 7

ASCOT
SEBASTIAN'S
ACTION TRUST IN
JULY HANDICAP,
7F



TIMEFORM TIPS



RACE
1

1st **KYEEMA** (4)
2nd **BERKSHIRE PHANTOM** (2)
3rd **STARNBERG** (8)

RACE
2

1st **INVERNESS** (6)
2nd **BERKSHIRE BREEZE** (7)
3rd **BAGUE D'OR** (3)

RACE
3

1st **LOVELY MANA** (15)
2nd **ALLIGATOR ALLEY** (13)
3rd **CAIRN GORM** (17)

RACE
4

1st **CHINDIT** (2)
2nd **MY OBERON** (5)
3rd **MODERN NEWS** (3)

RACE
5

1st **WARREN POINT** (2)
2nd **WILD CRUSADE** (3)
3rd **ISRAR** (1)

RACE
6

1st **BELHAVEN** (10)
2nd **WASHRAA** (7)
3rd **ISOLA ROSSA** (3)

RACE
7

1st **SAYIFYOUWILL** (5)
2nd **OUT FROM UNDER** (4)
3rd **AL AMEEN** (10)



Chindit wins at Ascot as a juvenile



Lovely Mana wins at Newcastle



Mohaather wins the 2020 Summer Mile

“WHAT THEY SAY”

Quotes from connections ahead of Saturday at Ascot

RACE 4 FRED COWLEY MBE MEMORIAL SUMMER MILE STAKES

PEROTTO



Marcus Tregoning
Trainer

“Perotto will run a huge race again, I’m sure. He’s got to find a bit more, but he’ll run in cheekpieces for the first time as he occasionally hits a flat spot, so that might help him.”

MUTASAABEQ



Angus Gold
Shadwell Racing Manager

“Personally, I don’t think the track suited him at Epsom. Whether he’s good enough to go and win a Group Two or not, we don’t know. There’s a couple of good, hard-knocking horses in there, so he’s going to have to step up.”

CHINDIT



Richard Hannon
Trainer

“He must have a very good chance. He deserves to win a nice prize. He’s consistent and this looks a nice opportunity.”

MODERN NEWS



Charlie Appleby
Trainer

“Modern News has proven ultra-consistent and a stiff mile on quick ground at Ascot will suit. We are confident that he can be a player again because he is such a genuine horse.”



BIG RACE RUNNERS GUIDE

Declan Rix previews the Fred Cowley MBE Memorial Summer Mile Stakes

1. BEST LIGHTNING

Four-year-old German raider from the Andreas Suborics yard who often competes in France, as well as his native country. Beaten a short-head in the German 2000 Guineas last year and looks to have retained all his ability, coming here on the back of a Group 2 success at Baden-Baden. That win unfortunately means he carries a Group 2 penalty (3lb) which makes life tougher. Hard to weigh up, but likely best watched, as his odds of 22/1 suggest.

2. CHINDIT

Won the Group 2 Champagne Stakes as a juvenile, threatening to go on and be a top-class performer, but ultimately failing to progress. Has been highly-tried at Group 1 level by connections, consistently acquitting himself well, without threatening. This is much more his level, but again disappointed last time out when failing to build on an encouraging Lockinge run. He's got the best form, marginally, but is worth taking on.

3. MODERN NEWS

Consistent, tough and hugely likable character who rarely fails to run a nice race. Should be suited by the stiff demands of this test having been a touch outpaced on Windsor's flat track last time out, just being collared on the line by My Oberon. Carried a penalty there however, so is now 3lb better off for a nose defeat.

4. MUTASAABEQ

Sent off 6/1 for last year's 2000 Guineas on the back of a super impressive Newmarket conditions stakes (7f) success, but didn't improve in his subsequent starts. This season however, he has returned to his best form, and more importantly, has put back-to-back runs (three) together. Slightly unlucky at Epsom last time out, getting too far behind and unable to make up ground in the straight, failing to thrive on the camber not helping. A return to a more conventional mile will no doubt help.

5. MY OBERON

The eldest in the line-up as a five-year-old gelding, but is a good, solid campaigner who should enjoy the demands of Ascot's round mile compared to Windsor last time out. This day, he did well to run down Modern News in the shadows of the post, getting up to win by a nose. Is 3lb worse off with Modern News now however,

6. PEROTTO

Showed how consistent and tough he was in a busy 2021 campaign, running 10 times, winning twice, including at Royal Ascot in the Britannia Stakes. Away from handicap company after, acquitted himself well, but maybe found life tougher up in grade in races of a more tactical nature. This horse thrives off a strong gallop, and if he gets it, he has a better chance than his odds of 10/1 imply. The question

is though; will there be enough pace on?

7. TACTICAL

A return to the form of his European Free Handicap (7f) success over Naval Crown last season puts him bang in the mix here, but since that April 2021 effort, his form levels have dipped; a combination of running over the wrong trips on the wrong ground have playing a part. Yet to convince over a mile.

DECLAN'S VERDICT

How this race is run will obviously have a huge bearing on the result, and in some ways, tactically, the race revolves around **Chindit**. He went forward in the Lockinge Stakes, but took a lead in the Queen Anne. If Pat Dobbs doesn't choose to go forward, it could be a race lending itself to speed, and under those conditions, I want **MUTASAABEQ** onside. The top-class bred four-year-old has been holding his form well this season, and can hopefully have a gear too much for the hugely likable **Modern News**, who looks his biggest danger in what is an open contest.

HOLLIE DOYLE



Get the word from Sky Sports Racing's record-breaking ambassador on her rides at Ascot

RACE 1 THE BULLION BOMBER



"I've never sat on him at home but he's a scopey son of Mehmas who will improve for the experience, whatever he achieves on debut".

RACE 2 CALDWELL



"I won on him on the All-Weather back in the spring. He can be a bit keen in his races as he was when I finished a second on him over 2m at Kempton last month, but 1m6f on this stiff track will play to his strengths if I can get him to settle."

RACE 3 TABDEED



"We were expecting a big run from Tabdeed in the Wokingham at Royal Ascot but everything went wrong at the start when he was almost knocked over by a loose horse drawn next to us. The forecast quick ground will suit him and I have several fancied horses around me in stall seven to take me into the race."

RACE 4 MODERN NEWS



"I finished second to him in a Listed race at Windsor back in May, when he won impressively, and he looks to have improved since then. He ran well in defeat in the Group 3 Diomed Stakes at Epsom and failed by only a whisker to beat the re-opposing My Oberon after that, despite conceding a penalty. My husband Tom Marquand is back on My Oberon so it will be interesting if we find ourselves fighting out the finish!"

RACE 5 WILD CRUSADE



"He ran well in defeat in a similar 1m4f handicap at York, when he was sent off favourite, but the horse who beat him, Al Quareem, boosted the form by finishing second in the Group 3 Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket on Thursday. He is a strong stayer."

RACE 6 DON'T TELL CLAIRE



"She has a big weight to carry but should again appreciate racing against her own sex after running with some credit in the Kensington Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. She is ultra-reliable."

RACE 7 MR TYRRELL



"He's an old star and has been a schoolmaster at Richard Hannon's for years but still retains his ability at the age of eight. I'm hoping he goes well off a decent mark."

EXPERT TIPS



Sky Sports Racing and attheraces.com experts reveal their fancies on Ascot's card

RACE 3 BETFRED HERITAGE HANDICAP

Simon Rowlands

"I reckon it is worth risking a small interest on Alligator Alley, who has been put in at a big price. This formerly useful sprinter missed all of 2021 but has shaped well on a couple of occasions this term, notably when coming through to lead at Epsom on his penultimate start before the sixth furlong found him out. He disappointed at the Curragh last time, but that was on softer ground which seems not to suit him. Alligator Alley probably retains the ability to make an impact off a mark of 90."

SELECTION



ALLIGATOR ALLEY (13)

RACE 4 FRED COWLEY MBE MEMORIAL SUMMER MILE

Hayley Moore

"In our feature race the Group 2 Summer Mile, we get to see Chindit back out at Ascot after finishing fourth in the Queen Anne Stakes behind the superstar Baaeed. He will need to settle a little better, but he's been consistent this season in top class races."

SELECTION



CHINDIT (2)

RACE 6 VILLAGE HOTELS FILLIES' HANDICAP

Jamie Lynch

"Belhaven is in the fast lane of improvement as a 3-y-o. She hasn't looked back since switched to handicaps and a mile, winning at Redcar and Sandown, without showing all she's got. She looks to have the tools, and the talent, for this job, making her dangerous off bottom-weight."

SELECTION



BELHAVEN (10)

SMART STATS



CLASS DROPPERS

Horses running today that are dropping at least two levels in Group/Grade or Class from their last race.

Name	Event	Trainer	Jockey	Last Time Class > Today's Class
Corazon	Race 3	G Boughey	Hayley Turner	Grd 1 > Class 2
Whenthedealinsdone	Race 3	R Teal	Neil Callan	Grd 3 > Class 2
Zarzyni	Race 3	D & N Barron	Laura Pearson	Grd 3 > Class 2

WEIGHTED TO WIN

Horses that have won a handicap off a higher official rating than today in the last two years.

Name	Event	Trainer	Jockey	Prev OR > OR Now
Stone Of Destiny	Race 3	A Balding	David Probert	93 > 87
Mr Tyrrell	Race 7	R Hannon	Hollie Doyle	76 > 73

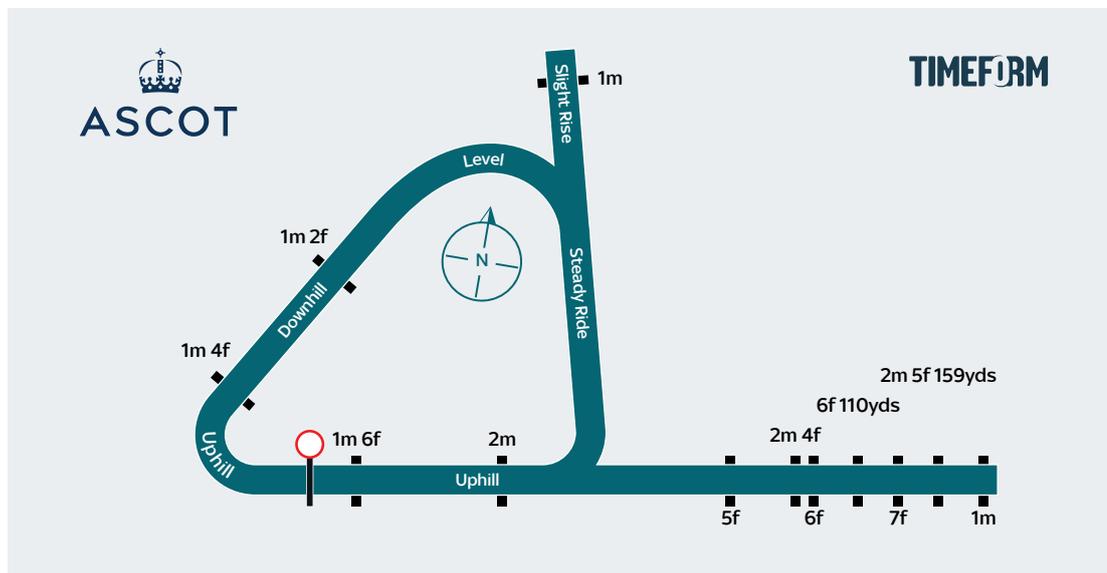
Mohaather wins The Betfred Summer Mile Stakes at Ascot



GUIDE TO ASCOT

By Classic-winning jockey and Sky Sports Racing presenter **Jason Weaver**

“ Because the run-in on Ascot’s round course is relatively short, positioning - jockeyship in other words - is key. It goes without saying that in steadily-run races you want to be towards the sharp end but, whatever the pace, you can get into trouble trying to come through rivals late on. We’re still learning about the straight course, following the relaying a few years back, but in my view it’s more pace-dependent than draw-dependent. Given the right pace to chase, I reckon you can win from anywhere. ”



The round course is a right-handed, triangular circuit of fourteen furlongs, with a run-in of 2½ furlongs. There is a straight mile course and the Old mile course which joins the round course in Swinley Bottom. Despite the downhill run into Swinley Bottom and relatively short run-in from the final turn, Ascot is galloping in character. Since the redevelopment, the turn into the straight has become more sweeping and those ridden prominently can be difficult to peg back. Nowadays, the ground in the straight drains quicker than the rest of the course, meaning going descriptions can vary.

