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# **Horse Profiles for the Flat Turf Season 2020**

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## Introduction

In May 2020, I wrote an article about horse profiling: the art of establishing a horse's optimal conditions based on its previous form. The more runs, and wins, the better.

[That article can be viewed here.](#)

At the end of the article, as well as illustrating with five profile horses, I showed readers how to profile horses for themselves, and issued a challenge!

I challenged geegeez.co.uk readers to find their own profile horses and to share them in the comments on that page. The response was wonderful, and so here we are, with the first ever collaborative report produced from reader contributions.

There are more than 40 horse profiles in these pages, almost all of which are for the flat turf season (a couple of all-weather plays as well). Some are at the top of their handicap ranges and may need to drop a few pounds first, others look potentially ready to win straight away; all are offered with a thought as to when might be ideal.

Importantly, all are also offered with the caveat that readers do with them what they will: they might collectively lose a stack of money. I don't expect that they will, but they might. So each of us must make our decisions about whether to back them, watch them, or even lay them!

It might be an idea to add them to your geegeez.co.uk tracker, or alternatively you can [use our A-Z report](#) to pick them out each day.

With all that said, I think you get some fun – and profit – from following the horses listed in this report. It has been created by us, as a group, and that's an exciting concept.

Best wishes,

Matt

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## The Profiles

### Air Raid

Age: 5

Trainer: Jedd O’Keeffe

Career record: 5/15

Turf Record: 5/11

Turf Handicap Record: 3/8

Highest winning OR: 95

Current OR: 99

### Win Profile

4/6 on Soft

3/3 at Hamilton

### Notes

Soft ground looks a must along with a stiff uphill finish over 6 furlongs (has won 2 at 7 furlongs, non-handicaps).

Rating of 100 looks to be too high, though may still be improving.

## Aleamaratalyoun

Age: 6

Trainer: S C Williams

Career record: 8/37

Turf Record: 7/30

Turf Handicap Record: 7/27

Highest winning OR: 91

Current OR: 96

### **Win Profile**

3/7 days since last run 10 or less

3/4 at Haydock

6/8 wins on flat galloping tracks

7/8 wins left handed

### **Notes**

Looks to be in the handicapper's grip currently but interesting if getting down to 90-odd.

## Barsanti

Age 7

Trainer R Varian

Highest OR 116

Today's OR 108

York 2 wins 2 further places from 5

AW 2/3

Hcap 2/3

3 wins and further 4 places 1 mile 4 furlongs

### Notes

Barsanti has been very highly tried and I feel he may well be tried in a handicap again now which his present mark would give him an outstanding chance especially at 1 mile 4 furlongs.

## Becky The Thatcher

Age: 7

Trainer: Micky Hammond

Flat Turf: 3/22

Flat Turf Handicaps: 3/18

Highest winning OR: 66

Current flat OR: 68

### **Win Profile**

Form at 2m+ (flat turf handicaps): 062112281

Form at Pontefract: 212281

Ridden by Francis Norton: 1221

### **Notes**

It looks as though Becky may have been retired, but she'll be interesting over two miles-plus on the level, if not, especially if ridden by Franny at Pontefract.



## Belated Breath

Age: 5

Trainer: H Morrison

Career record: 6/18

Turf Record: 5/13

Turf Handicap Record: 5/13

Highest winning OR: 90

Current OR: 91

### **Win Profile:**

5/5 turf wins (and all 6 career wins) ridden by Oisin Murphy, from 10 rides

5/5 turf wins (and all 6 career wins) at 6 furlongs

4/5 turf wins on Good or Good to Firm (1 win on Good to Soft, 1 on standard)

4/5 turf wins at Nottingham and Salisbury, 2 at each, (also won at Windsor and Wolverhampton)

4/5 turf wins in fields up to 11 runners

4/5 turf wins running within 21 days

3/5 turf wins when leading (other two when racing prominently)

## Bit Of A Quirke

Age: 6

Trainer: M Walford

Career record: 7/43

Turf Record: 7/36

Turf Handicap Record: 7/33

Highest winning OR: 68

Current OR: 71

### **Win Profile:**

6/9 Beverley 10f ( 1x 2nd 2 x unplaced when rated 72 & 69)

4/7 turf wins when ridden by A Mullen

7/7 turf wins when led or prominent

6/7 wins on good and g/firm (Last win on good to soft)

### **Notes:**

Worth a look at Beverley when back down to 68 or below.

## Bollin Joan

Age: 5 (Filly)

Trainer: Tim Easterby

Career record: 6/24

Flat Turf: 6/24

Flat Turf Handicaps: 6/21

Last Winning OR: 71

Current OR: 76

### **Win Profile:**

6/6 wins at 10-12f (all career handicap runs also in this range)

5/6 wins Jul-Sep (other win 29th June)

5/6 wins within 8 days of previous run (6, 8, 8, 21, 8, 2)

4/6 runs had two previous runs within previous 20 days (16, 14, 26, 36, 19, 14 – days since two runs prior)

All wins wearing cheekpieces (from 20 career handicap runs with this headgear)

Wins on GS (1) to GF (3)

### **Notes**

Potentially a progressive filly that has improved from Class 5 through to Class 2 (OR from 52 to 71) already. A couple of runs in June to bring her OR down before she hits her sweet spot with ideal conditions might be in order.

## Burnt Sugar

Trainer: Roger Fell

Age: 8

Current OR: 99

Highest winning OR: 100

### **Win Profile**

Did not win last season, OR was too high

Last four wins at 7f

Has never won fresh, has always had at least 3 previous runs in 90 days

Any going

If above conditions are met 4/9, +37.00 at SP

### **Notes**

May no longer be in training according to BHA website.

## Cape Byron

Age: 6

Trainer: R Varian

Career record: 5/15

Turf Record: 5/15

Turf Handicap Record: 2/8 (3 places)

Highest winning handicap OR: 107

Current OR: 113

### **Win Profile**

4/5 wins came after a break of 40 days +  
2/7 and 4 places at 7 furlongs

### **Notes**

7 furlongs looks his best trip but won the Wokingham over 6 furlongs suggesting a strongly run 6 furlongs race would also suit. Might be too high in the ratings to contest handicaps this season.

## Cardsharp

Age: 5

Trainer: M Johnson

Career record: 7/30

Turf Record: 6/24

Handicap Record: 2/8 (1/1 on AW, 1/7 turf)

Highest winning OR: 107

Current OR:107

### **Win Profile**

6/7 wins 8 runners or fewer

6/7 wins when Led or Prominent (the same six as above)

Also Won a group 2 race as a 2 year old (12 runners)

### **Notes**

Handicap mark may be a little high now 107. Capable of winning a decent small field race.

## Collide

Trainer: H Palmer

Career record: 4/11

Turf Record: 3/9

Turf Handicap Record: 1/5

Highest winning OR: 96

Current OR: 98

### **Win Profile:**

3/4 on soft or good to soft

4/5 in class 3 or under

3/5 at 9&10 furlongs

### **Notes**

Young enough to still progress .I would definitely have a look if dropped to class 3 handicap over 10 furlongs regardless of the OR

## Copper Knight

Age: 6

Trainer: Tim Easterby

Record: 8/40

Turf Record: 7/38

Turf Handicap Record: 5/24 (5 more places)

Highest Winning OR: 106

Current OR: 102

### **Win Profile:**

8/8 wins over 5 furlongs (1 win on AW)

5/7 turf wins on Good/Good to Firm

5/7 turf wins on straight tracks

4/7 turf wins with David Allan as jockey (5/7 wins overall with D Allan)

4/7 turf wins in May

4/8 wins at York (4 wins from 10 runs at York, 1 place)



## Crosse Fire (AW)

### Horse Profile:

Southwell AW

5/7f

Class 3/4/5

Highest Win OR 85

Lowest Win OR 63

Current OR 80

2y Win% 22.2%

EW% 50%

Win PL 11.88

EW PL 16.65

A/E 1.87

IV 2.19

## Dakota Gold

Age: 5

Trainer: M Dods

Career on turf: 27 runs 9 wins 17 places

Highest OR 110

Current OR 110

### **Win Profile**

Distance: 5 – 6 fur

Going; GF thru to Soft

### **Notes**

With Connor Beasley onboard 23 runs 9 wins 17 places

## Dapper Man

Age: 6

Trainer: Roger Fell

Career record: 10/52

Turf Record: 9/40

Turf Handicap Record: 9/37

Highest winning OR: 80

Current OR: 82

### Win Profile:

10/10 6-12 runners

10/10 April to July

9/10 5f (all of last nine)

9/10 blinkers (other win in cheekpieces, 0/24 no headgear)

8/10 Good to Firm

Led in all of last six wins (3 of remaining 4 when racing prominently)

### Notes

A great example to begin with, Dapper Man is a five furlong speedball. He likes to get out and stay out, and he's hard to catch when he does. Trainer Roger Fell has managed the gelding's form cycles brilliantly in the last two seasons: in 2018, Dapper Man won five times - beginning off a mark of 60 before achieving a high of 86 (top winning rating was 76); and in 2019, he won four times on the spin from marks between 72 and 80.

What is noteworthy is that in between those early summer winning sprees, Fell had got Dapper Man's mark back down from 86 to 72. After his final win last year, he was rated 89 and is now on 82. I suspect his trainer will want a few more pounds back before striking again, so expect to see the blinkers left off and a couple more runs on slower ground if he can. Once this lad gets back to around 75 he'll be dangerous.

Combining optimal conditions - handicaps of 12 or fewer runners, April to July, 5f, good to firm, and blinkers - Dapper Man is 7 from 10, 2 further places, and +28.41 at starting price. I'd be wary of the April to July element this term given the break in racing, but the other components look important.

## De Vegas Kid

Age: 6

Trainer: Tony Carroll

Career record: 8/39

Turf Record: 7/24

Turf Handicap Record: 7/19

Highest winning OR: 79

Current OR: 82

### **Win Profile:**

7/7 turf wins on Good or Good to Firm (also won on Wolverhampton's tapeta track)

5/7 turf wins when apprentice ridden

5/7 turf wins on left-handed tracks (also won left-handed at Wolverhampton)

4 of last 5 wins at Brighton (overall Brighton record: 4/7)

3/6 off 60+ day layoff

### **Notes:**

Racehorses are funny creatures. Take De Vegas Kid: he was 0 from 21 going into a very modest seven furlong handicap in February 2018 off a basement mark of 51. Two years and eight wins later and he's now rated in the low 80's!

That confidence-boosting victory at Wolverhampton was his only all-weather win. Since then he's won seven times on the turf, including four at Brighton. There might be something about seaside air for De Vegas Kid, as he's also won at Goodwood and Yarmouth. His hold up style seems ideally suited to apprentices, who don't need to do much until the last part of a race, and he does seem especially effective on left-handed tracks (though the Brighton factor heavily influences that angle).

Four runs on the all-weather since his last Brighton triumph have reduced his rating from 85 to 82 but he may need to drop a few more before he's primed again. Sussex in late summer may again be a happy hunting ground.

## East Street Revue

Age: 7

Trainer: T Easterby

Career record: 6/46

Turf Record: 6/41

Turf Handicap Record: 6/38

Highest winning OR: 89

Current OR: 76

### **Win Profile**

4/9 and 2 further places when returning within 10 days and under

5/26 and further 8 places at 5 furlongs (5 of 6 career wins at 5f)

Only 1/12 at 6 furlongs (last win)

### **Notes**

Last 2 winning marks were 74 and 73 so looks fairly well treated at the moment.

Typical short break pattern horse.

## El Astronaute

Age: 7

Trainer: JJ Quinn

Career record: 12/48

Flat Turf: 12/46

Flat Turf Handicaps: 9/31

Last Winning OR: 106

Current OR: 110

### Win Profile

10/12 wins at 5f (other two at 5 1/2f around Chester and in France)

8/12 wins when Led (other 4 when Prominent)

### Notes

Has a preference to fast ground (4 wins on Good to Firm) and being a front runner suits him when given a favourable draw. Is 7yo now but being a sprinter wouldn't be against him. A lot of his running has been on flat tracks which suits his running style, most of his runs are from the front.

Has a very good record at Chester because of the tight turns, suits his running style and from a low draw is always going to run well there as his record shows. He's not quite a Group 1 horse but there are still races to be won with him in Group 2 or lower. Should be able to win another race this year given he's a fast ground front runner, watch out for him running at Chester. I would say a fast run race on fast ground at 5 furlongs would be his best conditions.

## Elusif (AW)

Age: 5

Trainer: Richard Guest

Career Record: 6/32

AW Hcap Record: 6/25

Highest Winning Mark: 57

Current Mark: 63

### **Win Profile:**

5/9 when fitted with a visor

1/23 when no equipment and has finished outside the places every time when not winning.

### **Notes**

The visor is the key to this horse and I think the new yard recognise this. Probably at the ceiling of his ability now but a few runs without a visor can see his mark plummet and can strike at a lower level when re-applied.

## Gabrial The Tiger

Age: 7

Trainer: R Fahey

Career record: 11/54

Turf Record: 10/43

Turf Handicap Record: 10/43

Highest winning OR: 80

Current OR: 74

### **Win Profile:**

9/10 at 7f

4/7 Muss 7f H'caps

4/5 Muss Class 5 7f H'caps

8/10 turf wins when led

### **Notes**

Won on all different types of ground

Worth a look at Muss 7f class 5 when back down to 72 or below.



## Get Knotted

Age: 8

Trainer: M Dods

Career record: 8/53

Turf Record: 8/52

Turf Handicap Record: 7/49

Highest winning OR: 95

Current OR: 95

### **Win Profile**

3/7 2 further places 10 days or less since last run

4/19 further 6 places at 7 furlongs

3/10 3 further places on soft going

0/13 at 6 furlongs (though 5 places in big fields)

6/7 wins with 10 runners or less (7/27 12 or less runners, +17.5)

### **Notes**

Can win at a mile (3/17) but 7 furlongs after a short break look optimum betting conditions.

Last winning mark was 89 on soft which he won comfortably, so may need to drop a little.

## Golden Apollo

Age: 6

Trainer: T Easterby

Career record: 5/35

Turf Record: 5/34

Turf Handicap Record: 5/30

Highest winning OR: 95

Current OR:93

### **Win profile**

3/9 10 days or less since last run

All wins 15 days or less since last run

### **Notes**

Typical short rest pattern horse. Still looks a little high OR ideally would be below 90.

## Hajjam

Age: 6

Trainer: Liam Bailey

Career record: 6/34

Turf Record: 5/29

Turf Handicap Record: 5/26

Highest winning OR: 89

Current OR: 83

### **Win Profile**

5/8 at Ayr (2) or Redcar (3)

All wins 7 furlongs

All wins and places class 3 or lower

### **Notes**

Definitely needs a flat galloping track. Last 2 wins have come off 89 and 87.

My opinion would be if dropped to class 4 0-85 he would go very close given win profile.

## Highly Sprung

Age 7

Trainer: Les Eyre

Career Record: 10/62

Turf Record: 10/50

Turf Handicap Record: 8/43

Highest Winning OR: 83

Current OR: 81

### Win Profile

6f (he's 0/18, just three places, at other trips)

Ideally Good to Firm ground (though recent wins mean this is not a deal breaker)

Extra point if racing at Pontefract

Extra point if ridden by Joe F or SdS

### Notes

We can see he won five times for Mark Johnston before moving to Les Eyre who has also eked a quintet of victories from the horse. What else can we see?

All ten wins were over six furlongs. Eight of the ten were on good to firm ground, though not his most recent pair. Having won off as high as 83 (see the OR column) for Mark Johnston, he is now rated 81; that's a feasible mark but not a bargain: he might need to drop a few more.

Seven of his ten wins have been for either Joe Fanning or Silvestre de Sousa, and both jockeys have won on him for both of the horse's trainers. Six of his ten wins have come at Pontefract, from 15 starts at the track.

## Jabbarockie

Age: 6

Trainer: Eric Alston

Career record: 6/28

Turf Record: 5/23

Turf Handicap Record: 5/19

Highest winning OR: 87

Current OR: 94

### **Win Profile:**

5/5 turf wins at 5f

5/5 turf wins when leading or racing prominently

5/5 turf wins when running between 16 and 60 days

5/5 turf wins on a Flat track (three defeats on a slightly undulating track with two defeats on an undulating surface.

4/7 turf wins at Haydock or Nottingham (Hit the frame in three of four starts at Thirsk)

### **Notes**

Jabbarockie improved 16lb in the last season. Not disgraced when last seen finishing 12th of 22 beaten 4 1/4L in a Class 2 contest at York in August.

Holds a 68% win and place strike rate (5 wins/8 places from 19 starts) over 5f on turf.

## Joyful Dream

Age: 6

Trainer: J Butler

Career record: 2/45

Flat turf record: 2/17 (0/28 AW)

Flat turf handicaps: 2/12 (5 further places)

High winning OR: 52

Current OR: 58

### **Win Profile**

Brighton: 2/11 (5 further places) Full Form: 53322513126

Weight less than 9-0: 5322511

### **Notes**

Brighton handicaps in August or September: 2/5 (2 further places) +7.5

## Just That Lord

Age 7

Trainer M Attwater

Career runs: 6/37

Handicap runs: 5/31 (plus 9 placed)

Highest winning OR: 84

Current OR: 84

### Win Profile

Handicap filter applied to all below results as in my opinion it better reflects preferences:

Field size: all wins in fields up to 11 runners (plus 7 placed). (In 12+ fields 6 runs, 0 wins, 2 placed)

He's a speedball who dominates from the front – more likely to be taken on in bigger fields.

Class: Class 2: 8 runs, 0 wins, 3 placed

Class 3 and below: 23 runs, 5 wins plus 6 placed

### Notes

The real clincher for me is handicap mark: up to OR 84 it's 10 runs, 5 wins plus 2 placed IV 4.45, A/E 2.97. From 85 upwards he's 21 runs, 0 wins, 7 placed.

This in itself goes a long way towards explaining the discrepancy between class 2 and class 3 results – he's just not quite good enough to be winning in class 2.

So, class 3 or below, fields of up to 11 and running off a mark of 84 or below he's 9 runs, won 5, placed 2 for an IV 4.69, A/E 3.64.

## Kachumba

Age: 5

Trainer: Rae Guest

Record: 7/25

Turf Record: 7/19

Turf Handicap Record: 7/19

Highest Winning OR: 76

Current OR: 76

### **Win Profile:**

7/16 @ 7f

7/14 on Gd to Fm

7/11 @ 7f on Gd to Fm

5/10 left handed

5/9 Brighton

5/8 @ 7f left handed

5/7 Brighton 7f

5/7 Brighton 7f Gd to Fm

### **Notes**

According to BHA website, she might have been taken out of training now unfortunately. But worth keeping an eye on in case that changes.



## Katheefa (AW)

### Horse Profile:

AW |

6f |

Class 3/4/5 |

Highest Winning OR 89 |

Lowest Winning OR 89 |

Current OR 93 |

2Y Win% 27.27% |

EW% 45.45% |

Win PL 54.5 |

EW PL | 68.47 |

ROI 247.73 |

A/E 2.01 |

IV 2.31

## Kynren

Age: 6

Trainer: T D Barron

Career record: 4/18

Turf Record: 4/17

Turf Handicap Record: 3/16

Highest winning OR: 101

Current OR: 107

### **Win Profile**

3/4 wins on soft (other win was a maiden on good/firm)

### **Notes**

Some massive runs in top handicaps on soft going, very often travelling like the winner. Looks to need a drop in the handicap at the moment though may continue to hit the frame in big field handicap company.

## Muraaqeb (AW)

Age: 6

Trainer: J M Bradley

Career record: 7/34

Turf Record: 0/6

Turf Handicap Record: 0/6

AW Handicap Record 5/22

Highest winning OR:56

Current OR: 57

### Win Profile

4/8 at Chelmsford with 2 further places

2/7 at Kempton with 2 further places

Days since last run 10 and under: 6/15 with 4 more places

10 furlongs: 4/9 4 more places efforts

### Notes

Handicap mark 57 is about his ceiling

I have added all the place form because at this level, Class 6, it is rare to find consistent form like this. Interesting that 2 wins at further than 10 furlongs both came at Kempton. Usually held up so may need a strong run race, corroborated by his 4 10f Chelmsford wins being in fields of 11, 12, and 15 twice.

## Muscika

Age: 6

Trainer: D O' Meara

Career record: 5/37

Turf Record: 5/34

Turf Handicap Record: 4/32

Highest winning OR: 87

Current OR: 87

### **Win profile**

4/11 on good ground

3/7 at Thirsk, 2/4 at Ayr (his five career wins)

### **Notes**

Not won for a year but is now down to its last winning mark.

If he turns up at Thirsk on good ground class 3 I am on.

## Musharrif

Age: 8

Trainer: Declan Carroll

Career record: 8/59

Turf Record: 8/50

Turf Handicap Record: 7/47

Highest winning OR: 75 (x2)

Current OR: 78

### **Win Profile:**

7/42 turf when running within 60 days of last run

6/25 turf at Beverley, Nottingham or Pontefract (incl six placed efforts) Win +19.38, EW +21.58

6/28 on turf in Class 5 contests (8 placed efforts)

6/29 between July and September (hit the frame on six occasions) (1 from 18 between April and June)

6/32 turf over 5f (7 place)

6/33 when rated between 71 and 80 (six further places) – Five races rated 80+, failed to hit the frame

### **Notes**

Musharrif may need a couple of runs back but is sure to be of interest when appearing off a mark of 75 or lower, though can still be a threat from an each-way perspective from a higher rating.

## Nicholas T

Age: 8

Trainer: Jim Goldie

Career record: 7/49

Turf Record: 7/43

Turf Handicap Record: 6/42

Highest winning OR: 93

Current OR: 97

### **Win Profile:**

5/6 turf wins at Ayr (also won at Doncaster)

6/6 turf wins when held up

4/13 (6 further places) when running within 10 days of previous start

## Noble Behest (AW)

Trainer: I Williams

Age: 6

Flat Career: 8/19

AW Career: 7/12

AW Handicaps: 7/10

Current OR: 80

Last winning OR: 73

### **Win Profile**

14f+ AW Handicaps: 111121112 (+19 at SP)

May need to drop a bit in the weights but still progressive so cannot be discounted over a trip on AW

Won at Chelmsford (3 times), Wolves (x2), Lingfield and Southwell

## Oh This Is Us

Age 7

Trainer: R Hannon

Career record 12/50

Flat turf 9/39

All-weather 3/11

Highest winning OR: 113

Current OR: 106

### **Win Profile**

When returning to the track within 10 days on turf 5/7

Good ground or better 9/9

Distance: 7f -8f All wins have come at these distances including aw  
3 wins and a 1/4 length 2nd in a listed race when running at Chester



## One Boy

Age: 9

Trainer: P Midgley

Career record: 9/78

Turf Record: 9/75

Turf Handicap Record: 8/72

Highest winning OR: 75

Current OR: 50

### **Win Profile:**

9/9 at 5f

8/8 handicap wins on ground between GOOD and SOFT

7/8 handicap wins in late season (Aug-Oct, also 1x win in April)

### **Notes**

Had a lot of racing and may just not quite fancy it any more, but back class galore if/when he gets a bit of soft ground. Should be capable of going in this season.

## Presidential

Trainer: Roger Fell  
Career record: 5/35  
Turf Record: 5/33  
Turf Handicap Record: 5/27  
Highest winning OR: 84  
Current OR: 84

### **Win Profile**

3/12 with 5 more places days since last run 10 or less  
4/5 wins at 7f (21 career runs at 7f)

### **Notes**

Only 5/35 so interesting that 3 wins have come after a short break.  
Now back down to last winning mark.  
May drop below 84 pretty soon.

## Redarna

Age: 6

Trainer: Dianne Sayer

Career record: 8/26

Turf Record: 8/24

Turf Handicap Record: 8/23

Highest winning OR: 84

Current OR: 90

### **Win Profile:**

8/8 7f to a mile (6 x 7f, 2 x 1m)

7/8 Ayr or Carlisle (4 x Ayr, 3 x Carlisle)

5/8 Good to Soft (also won once each on on Good, Soft, and Good to Firm)

4/8 Cheekpieces (plus 2 further places)

### **Notes:**

It's difficult to know whether this steadily progressive handicapper needs to drop a little in the weights. The gelding ran arguably his best race when second in a decent Ayr handicap last September, his final start of 2019. That moved him to a perch six pounds north of his highest winning mark but he was competitive off 88 that day.

In any case, Redarna has won second or third time off a layoff the past three seasons so it could be that his mark will drop at least a pound for his 2020 bow.

Seven furlongs ideally, or a mile, on the soft side of good; and both Ayr and Carlisle have been happy hunting grounds. I'm not convinced that cheekpieces are necessary though he's certainly run well in them (and previously without them).

## Regal Mirage

Age: 6

Trainer: T Easterby

Career record: 8/33

Turf Record: 8/32

Turf Handicap Record: 8/30

Highest winning OR: 74

Current OR: 75

### **Win Profile:**

6/8 when ridden by David Allan

7/8 at Beverley (2), Pontefract (2) or Hamilton (3) – all uphill finishes (other win at Ayr)

7/8 when 6/1 or shorter (only longer-priced win was 'cap debut in 2017)

### **Notes**

Probably needs to drop 2-5lb from current mark

## Round The Island

Age 7

Trainer R Whitaker

Turf career 6/38

Turf handicaps 6/36

Highest winning OR 67

Current OR 55

### **Win Profile**

5 of 6 turf wins at Pontefract

5 of 6 turf wins on Good or Good to Firm (also won on soft)

All wins were over 6f

All wins were in class 5 handicaps

All wins within 17 days of previous race

### **Notes**

Didn't have a good 2019, but popped up to win at Pontefract over 6f in September

## Royal Brave

Age: 9

Trainer: Rebecca Bastiman

Career record: 11/77

Turf Record: 10/62

Turf Handicap Record: 10/57

Highest winning OR: 88

Current OR: 74

### Win Profile:

10/11 Good or Good to Firm ground (also won on Newcastle's tapeta)

9/11 5f

9/11 ridden by PJ McDonald, Martin Dwyer or Danny Tudhope

6/11 Class 4

5/11 Musselburgh

### Notes:

A slightly more left field entry to close, Royal Brave won none of his eleven starts last year and was only sixth of eight on his 2020 debut in early March. If that's the bad news, the good news is that he's now rated a stone below his last winning mark. Moreover, he has run almost exclusively on either all-weather (1/15 lifetime) or softer than good (0/10 lifetime) in that barren spell.

In fact, it is arguable that he only got his conditions twice last season, both at Musselburgh: in the Scottish Sprint Cup, where he was beaten six lengths off a mark of 91; and in a small field Class 3 handicap where he was doing his best work at the finish.

All of his last six wins have come from a rating higher than his current figure which makes Royal Brave dangerously well-handicapped when he gets fast ground and a bit of pace to run at over Musselburgh's five furlong piste.

## Show Palace

### **Horse Profile:**

G/S to Heavy –

5f H/Caps –

OR 75 or Below –

10/24

+24.72

A/E 2.21

## Sir Chauvelin

Age: 8

Trainer: J Goldie

Career record: 10/49

Turf Record: 5/32

Turf Handicap Record: 5/26

Highest winning OR: 106 flat 134 hurdles

Current OR: 101

### **Win Profile:**

When going right handed 4 wins and 3 more places from 10 flat runs .4/7 hurdles

### **Notes**

Needs a right handed track .Not won for a while on the flat and I would ideally like to see the mark below 100 and a race with decent pace . .Won a class 2 hurdle off 129

1/1/20



## The Armed Man

Age: 7

Trainer: C Fairhurst

Career record: 7/39

Turf Record: 6/36

Turf Handicap Record: 6/33

Highest winning OR: 82

Current OR: 80

### **Win profile**

5/18 with 4 further places on good to firm

4/11 with 4 further places at Thirsk

All 6 turf wins have come at Thirsk (4) and Redcar (2)

### **Notes**

6f handicaps at Redcar or Thirsk on Good to Firm: 13 runs, 5 wins, 2 places +17.5

My opinion is this one has just about reached its top ability rating at OR 82. Given right track and going could win off 81.

## Waarif

Age: 7

Trainer: David O'Meara

Career record: 8/41

Turf Record: 7/32

Turf Handicap Record: 7/30

Highest winning OR: 96

Current OR: 97

### **Win Profile:**

8/8 Class 2-4

8/8 turning tracks (0/9 on straight tracks, though has run well)

7/8 1 mile

6/8 Good or Good to Firm (has also won on polytrack and heavy)

Last five wins off rating between 92 and 96

### **Notes:**

Bought from Ireland after a Dundalk maiden win in October 2016, it was a year before Waarif made his debut for David O'Meara and not until June 2018 - 13 starts later - that he got off the mark for his new trainer. It was worth the wait, however, as victory came in the Carlisle Bell, a valuable handicap at the Cumbrian track. That seemingly opened the floodgates as he won a further three of his next five starts to end 2018 with four victories and a mark of 100.

2019 began in the Lincoln off that lofty perch but it wasn't until he'd dropped to 92 that he scored again, on his fifth run of the season. That was a steadily run ten furlong contest which probably rode more like a mile, and was his only non-mile victory. Further scores from marks of 96 and 95 followed. Although it may be nothing more than coincidence, Waarif has yet to win for O'Meara prior to his fifth start of the season.

## What A Welcome

Age: 5yo  
Trainer: P Chamings  
Career record: 8/20  
Turf record: 6/16  
Turf Hcap record: 6/14  
Highest winning OR: 95  
Current OR: 95

### **Winning profile:**

Class: 8/8 3-6 (0 wins from 7 runs in class 2)  
Distance: 7/8 10-13f  
Going: 5/8 Good

### **Notes:**

0 wins, 2 pl (8 runs) in 2019, mark down from 100 to 95, only 1win/8runs on Good To Firm, 5 wins from 5 runs as a FAV @ odds of 6/4, 13/8, 15/8(2x) and 4/1 with A/E 2.99.

### **Conclusion:**

OR below 90 accompanied with drop in class, good ground and market support seem ideal conditions

## Withhold

Age 6

Trainer R Charlton

Highest winning OR 113

Current rating 113

### **Win Profile**

2 mile + 5/7

when leading 5/8

### **Notes**

2 wins and a further place after a 250+ day break which is interesting in itself during the current climate.