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YOUR GUIDE TO
The Cazoo Derby - Epsom
Saturday 4th June 2022

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**All times BST*

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START

TIMES*	RACE	DISTANCE
2:00:	Cazoo Handicap Stakes (Class 2)	2000m
2:35:	Princess Elizabeth Stakes (Group 3)	1600m+
3:10:	Cazoo Diomed Stakes (Group 3)	1600m+
3:45:	Simpex Express 'Dash' Handicap Stakes (Class 2)	1000m
4:30:	Cazoo Derby (Group 1)	2400m
5:15:	World Pool Northern Dancer Handicap Stakes (Class 2)	2400m
5:50pm:	JRA Tokyo Trophy Handicap Stakes (Class 2)	1200m



Race 1 - 2.00 BST: Cazoo Handicap Stakes (Class 2; 2000m)

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War Horse bounced back to form at Sandown (**Nolton Cross** second) and is fairly treated off a 2lb higher mark. **Blue Trail**, first run beyond 1600m, showed useful All-Weather form during the winter and is unexposed, while **Swilcan Bridge** represents Andrew Balding. However, with 5lb claimer Harry Davies booked, the recent Salisbury scorer **BOX TO BOX** offers a potential solution.

1-2-3: 1 BOX TO BOX 2 Blue Trail 3 Swilcan Bridge

The Super Stat

Favourites have an extremely poor recent record. Shock winners of this race since 2012 include Pasaka Boy (2013), Gawdawpalin (2016), Connect (2018) and Solent Gateway (2021). It is worth highlighting that **Andrew Balding has trained two of the last four winners**, Drochaid (2017) and Le Don De Vie (2019).

Race 2 - 2.35 BST: Princess Elizabeth Stakes (Group 3; 1600m+)

The Super Stat

Frankie Dettori has ridden the winner on six occasions, most latterly with Wilamina (2018). However, **James Doyle** has been the rider to follow in more recent times having **partnered the winner on three occasions over the last ten years**, Thistle Bird (2013 & 2014), Laugh Aloud (2017).

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Mrs Fitzherbert edged out **Bashkirova** in the Conqueror Stakes, but the key form line features **Roman Mist** and **POTAPOVA**. Sir Michael Stoute's filly made a most pleasing start to her season when finishing off strongly in the Listed Snowdrop Stakes. **Technique**, placed at Listed/Group 3 level and seventh of 14 in last year's Oaks, is yet to win on turf.

1-2-3: 1 POTAPOVA 2 Roman Mist 3 Technique

Race 3 - 3.10 BST: Cazoo Diomed Stakes (Group 3; 1600m+)

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Mutasaabeq appears better than ever at four and was a shade unlucky when a fast-finishing second in the Bet365 Mile at Sandown. However, Charlie Appleby's **MODERN NEWS** has thrived since contesting the Lincoln Handicap (seventh of 22), winning the Spring Cup at Newbury and then the Listed Royal Windsor Stakes. **Escobar** finished fifth in this race last year.

1-2-3: 1 MODERN NEWS 2 Mutasaabeq 3 Finest Sound

The Super Stat

The winner has been drawn in stall 1 four times over the last eight years, French Navy (2014), Tullius (2016), Century Dream (2018) and Oh This Is Us (2021). Since 2016, the winner has only ever raced from stall 1, 2 or 3.

Race 4 - 3.45 BST: Simpex Express 'Dash' Handicap Stakes (Class 2; 1000m)

The Super Stat

The Dash is run almost entirely downhill and is revered as **one of the fastest 1000m races in the world**, with the 2012 winner Stone of Folga clocking a remarkable 53.69 seconds in victory. Horses who have run well in this race before often do so again.

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Fine Wine has been hit hard by the handicapper since winning at York. **Stone of Destiny** (third last year) is weighted to reverse placings with the winner **Mokaatil** and should be finishing off strongly down the near rail granted luck in-running. But in a race that is all about pure speed, the pacy recent Musselburgh second **JUSTANOTHERBOTTLE** receives a tentative vote.

1-2-3: 1 JUSTANOTHERBOTTLE 2 Stone Of Destiny 3 Mokaatil

Race 5 - 4.30 BST: Cazoo Derby (Group 1; 2400m)

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Sir Michael Stoute's **Desert Crown** drew many admirers stamping his authority over seven rivals in the Dante Stakes at York. He's a worthy Derby favourite on the strength of that performance, even if he lacks the experience of some of the others.

Aidan O'Brien's **Stone Age** is unbeaten in two starts this season, blowing the opposition away (**Glorious Daze** second) in the Derby Trial at Leopardstown, and he's the choice of retained rider Ryan Moore. O'Brien has dominated the Derby since the turn of the century, and on Platinum Jubilee weekend, could be set for more Epsom glory with the appropriately named **CHANGINGOFTHEGUARD**. This Galileo colt has been a late maturing individual but is clearly blessed with an abundance of stamina. He was remorseless in winning a small-field Chester Vase, and with the focus on others from Ballydoyle, has slipped under the radar.

Frankie Dettori has been booked to ride Donnacha O'Brien's **Piz Badile**. It's evident from Leopardstown that the Ulysses colt possesses a thoroughly willing attitude. Meanwhile, Godolphin are represented by the Epsom Derby Trial winner **Nahanni** and the Lingfield Oaks Trial runner-up **Walk Of Stars** but have also chosen to supplement the progressive Teofilo colt **Nations Pride**.

1-2-3: 1 CHANGINGOFTHEGUARD 2 Desert Crown 3 Stone Age

The Super Stat

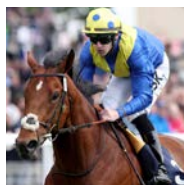
Galileo was Aidan O'Brien's first Derby winner in 2001 and has **sired five Derby winners to date**, New Approach (2008), Ruler Of The World (2013), Australia (2014), Anthony Van Dyck (2019) and Serpentine (2020). O'Brien saddles three horses this year **in his bid to win the race for a ninth time. All are sons of Galileo.**

The late Lester Piggott was British Flat Racing Champion Jockey on eleven occasions, and remarkably rode 30 British Classic winners. He holds the record for most Derby wins as a jockey (nine).

Spotlight on some Cazoo Derby contenders...

Desert Crown

FORM: 1-1
TRAINER: SIR MICHAEL STOUTE
JOCKEY: RICHARD KINGSCOTE
OWNER: SAEED SUHAIL



Nathaniel colt (280,000gns yearling) who made a striking impression when winning on debut at Nottingham (soft) last November. Returned to action as a three-year-old with an equally convincing win - despite drifting right - in the Group 2 Dante Stakes at York. That race is commonly viewed as the "Premier Trial" for the Derby, with trainer Sir Michael Stoute saying; "In the end, you couldn't fault the Dante performance. It was very efficient."

Stone Age

FORM: 262-11
TRAINER: AIDAN O'BRIEN
JOCKEY: RYAN MOORE
OWNER: PETER M BRANT, MRS JOHN MAGNIER & MICHAEL TABOR



Aidan O'Brien was dealt a setback by an injury to the long-time Derby favourite Luxembourg, but this late maturing Galileo colt propelled himself through the Ballydoyle ranks with a scintillating performance in the Group 3 Derby Trial at Leopardstown. Although the opposition wasn't the strongest, Stone Age was always in full control, galloping through the line like a horse needing further. He was later described by Ryan Moore as "a very exciting colt."

Piz Badile

FORM: 12-1
TRAINER: DONNACHA AIDAN O'BRIEN
JOCKEY: FRANKIE DETTORI
OWNER: FLAXMAN STABLES IRELAND LTD



Fast-improving gritty Ulysses colt. Caught close home by Duke De Sessa in the Group 3 Eyrefield Stakes at Leopardstown last October but turned the tables on that rival (third) when beating subsequent Tetrarch Stakes winner Buckaroo in Group 3 Ballysax Stakes. Sidestepped a potential clash with Stone Age in the Leopardstown Derby Trial and arrives fresh from a 63-day absence. The vastly experienced Italian Frankie Dettori takes over in the saddle from Gavin Ryan.

Changingoftheguard

FORM: 452-11
TRAINER: AIDAN O'BRIEN
JOCKEY: WAYNE LORDAN
OWNER: WESTERBERG, MRS J MAGNIER, M TABOR, D SMITH



Failed to shine as a juvenile (over 1600m), but considerably better since granted a test of stamina at three. Powered clear in an early season Dundalk maiden before making the trip to Chester for the Vase. Dictating a steady pace, Ryan Moore kicked for home at the two-furlong pole, and in rain-softened ground, this Galileo colt bounded clear of the odds-on favourite New London. It's probable there's more to come from this fluid mover.

Race 6 - 5.15 BST: World Pool Northern Dancer Handicap Stakes (Class 2; 2400m)

The Super Stat

Amanda Perrett has won this race three times, Alfie Noakes (2006), Nosferatu (2007) and Blue Surf (2015). Mark Johnston (two) is the only other trainer to have recorded multiple Northern Dancer Handicap wins. *Seven of the last ten winners have been four-year-olds*, including the last four (2017-2021).

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Aaddeey and **Winter Reprise**, seventh and eighth in the John Smith's Cup at York last summer, head the weights. However, with Tyler Heard claiming 5lb, the feasibly weighted **MASCAT** makes appeal. He was runner-up over C&D on penultimate start and has since finished a closing third at Ascot. **Soapy Stevens** and **State of Bliss** represent Mark and Charlie Johnston.

1-2-3: 1 MASCAT 2 Aaddeey 3 Winter Reprise

Race 7 - 5.50 BST: JRA Tokyo Trophy Handicap Stakes (Class 2; 1200m)

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A competitive finale. **NELSON GAY** caught the eye when finishing fourth here (1000m) to the Dash bound Mokaatil, while the Ascot winner **Many A Star** is progressing nicely. Topweight **Commanche Falls** (winner of the Stewards Cup in 2021) shaped well in a tactical affair on seasonal reappearance at Doncaster, and **Bergerac** has kept decent form so far this year.

1-2-3: 1 NELSON GAY 2 Commanche Falls 3 Many A Star

The Super Stat

There was no race in 2020 owing to the coronavirus pandemic, but **Ian Williams saddled the winner of the Tokyo Trophy in 2018 (Aces) and 2021 (Ejtlaab)**, as well as the third in 2019 (Squats). David O'Meara saddled the winner in 2019 (Watchable), and the runner-up in 2021 (Muscika).



TOP JOCKEYS (ALL MEETINGS OVER LAST FIVE SEASONS)

Jockey	Wins	Rides	Win %	Return (£1 Stake)
William Buick	12	50	24	+24.28
Silvestre De Sousa	12	67	18	+3.86
Oisin Murphy	12	68	18	-20.79
Jason Watson	8	39	21	-0.21
Andrea Atzeni	8	42	19	+5.00

TOP TRAINERS (ALL MEETINGS OVER LAST FIVE SEASONS)

Trainer	Wins	Runs	Win %	Return (£1 Stake)
Jim Boyle	13	77	17	+2.08
Charlie Appleby	10	24	42	+42.91
Ralph Beckett	10	43	23	-2.92
Andrew Balding	9	73	12	-39.08
Mark Johnston	9	78	12	-26.09

THE DERBY: ROLL OF HONOUR

- 2021 **ADAYAR**, Charlie Appleby, Adam Kirby

- 2020 **SERPENTINE**, Aidan O'Brien, Emmet McNamara

- 2019 **ANTHONY VAN DYCK**, Aidan O'Brien, Seamie Heffernan

- 2018 **MASAR**, Charlie Appleby, William Buick

- 2017 **WINGS OF EAGLES**, Aidan O'Brien, Pdraig Beggy

- 2016 **HARZAND**, Dermot Weld, Pat Smullen

- 2015 **GOLDEN HORN**, John Gosden, Frankie Dettori

- 2014 **AUSTRALIA**, Aidan O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien

- 2013 **RULER OF THE WORLD**, Aidan O'Brien, Ryan Moore

- 2012 **CAMELOT**, Aidan O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien



FACTS & FIGURES

- The Derby was first run in 1780 and won by Sir Charles Bunbury's Diomed.
- The Derby is the most prestigious of the British Classics. The other Classics are the 1000 & 2000 Guineas, the Oaks, and the St. Leger.
- The Derby took place at Newmarket during the war years of 1915-1918 and 1940-1945.
- Aidan O'Brien has saddled eight Derby winners, Galileo (2001), High Chaparral (2002), Camelot (2012), Ruler Of The World (2013), Australia (2014), Wings Of Eagles (2017), Anthony Van Dyck (2019) and Serpentine (2020).
- Workforce (2010) clocked the fastest winning time (2m 31.33sc).
- The legendary Shergar won by the widest margin (ten lengths) in 1981.
- The largest Derby field came in 1862 with 34 runners, although a mere four went to post in 1794.