


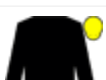









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Gold Cup (Group 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No(Dr)	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1 (1)		312-131	CALLED TO THE BAR (IRE) 25 b g Henrythenavigator - Perfect Hedge	5 9 - 2t	M Guyon Mme P Brandt	113
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, white stars, royal blue sleeves, royal blue cap, white diamond Timeform says: One of the top stayers in France who made it 2 from 3 this season when seeing off 10 rivals in Longchamp Group 2 last month. Should give it his usual good shot but probably playing for minor honours. ★★★★★ (Forecast 23.00)					Notes:	
2 (7)		5540-53	CAPRI (IRE) 34 BF gr h Galileo - Dialafara	5 9 - 2	D O'Brien A P O'Brien	113
Jockey Colours: Purple, white seams, striped sleeves, purple cap Timeform says: St Leger winner at 3. Good fifth in last year's Arc but he's been well below his best when suffering short-priced reversals on both starts this year. Up significantly in trip. Moore looks elsewhere. ★★★★★ (Forecast 19.00)					Notes:	
3 (6)		50/110-3	MAGIC CIRCLE (IRE) 42 b g Makfi - Minkova	7 9 - 2	Jim Crowley Ian Williams	114
Jockey Colours: Grey, beige star, grey sleeves, beige stars and stars on cap Timeform says: Much improved when winning Chester Cup and Sandown Group 3 last spring. Flopped in Melbourne Cup in November but reappearance third over inadequate trip at Chester suggests he's back in decent form. ★★★★★ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
4 (2)		11111-1	STRADIVARIUS (IRE) 34 CD ch h Sea The Stars - Private Life	5 9 - 2	L Dettori J H M Gosden	120
Jockey Colours: Black, yellow cap Timeform says: Carried all before him in top staying events last year, including this race, and could be set to do the same in 2019 based on last month's Yorkshire Cup success. Can't oppose. ★★★★★ (Forecast 2.10)					Notes:	
5 (3)		6/6512-2	THOMAS HOBSON 39 CD b g Halling - La Spezia	9 9 - 2	Andrea Atzeni W P Mullins	112
Jockey Colours: Pink, light green spots, pink sleeves and cap Timeform says: Good track record, including winning 2017 Ascot Stakes. Also chased home Stradivarius in Long Distance Cup here on final start last term. Respectable second in German Group 2 on return. ★★★★★ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
6 (4)		41121-1	CROSS COUNTER 82 C b g Teofilo - Waitress	4 9 - 1	James Doyle C Appleby	118
Jockey Colours: Royal blue Timeform says: Rounded off excellent 3-y-o campaign with Melbourne Cup success in November and picked up where he left off when taking Dubai Gold Cup (2m, good) in March. Step up to 2½m promises to suit. Go well. ★★★★★ (Forecast 6.50)					Notes:	
7 (11)		3616-59	CYPRESS CREEK (IRE) 20 gr c Galileo - Dialafara	4 9 - 1p	J A Heffernan A P O'Brien	107
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, orange disc, striped sleeves and cap Timeform says: Took a step forward when winning 2m Group 3 at Naas last autumn but has struggled since and seems unlikely to feature in this. ★★★★★ (Forecast 67.00)					Notes:	

8 (8)		3243-11	DEE EX BEE 28 C b c Farhh - Dubai Sunrise	4 9 - 1	S De Sousa M Johnston	115
Jockey Colours: Silver, tassel on cap Timeform says: Last year's Derby second who has relished the step up to 2m this term, winning Group 3s here and at Sandown. Extra 4f now promises to see him in an even better light. The chief threat to Stradivarius. ★★★★★ (Forecast 6.00)						Notes:
9 (5)		145-222	FLAG OF HONOUR (IRE) 25 b c Galileo - Hawala	4 9 - 1	R L Moore A P O'Brien	117
Jockey Colours: Dark blue Timeform says: Classy stayer who landed 3 1¼m Group races at the Curragh in 2018, including Irish St. Leger. Has run well enough to suggest he's in form when second over inadequate 1¼m on all 3 starts this term. ★★★★★ (Forecast 23.00)						Notes:
10 (9)		7250-14	MASTER OF REALITY (IRE) 34 b g Frankel - L'Ancrese	4 9 - 1	W M Lordan Joseph P O'Brien	108
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, white armlets, white cap Timeform says: Improved to win 1¼m Vintage Crop Stakes on Navan return but not in quite the same form when fourth in Leopardstown listed over the same trip 19 days later. Up in trip. Needs to raise his game. ★★★★★ (Forecast 51.00)						Notes:
11 (10)		261-623	RAYMOND TUSK (IRE) 33 b c High Chaparral - Dancing Shoes	4 9 - 1	J P Spencer R Hannon	111
Jockey Colours: Light blue, orange epaulets Timeform says: Very smart performer who had to concede weight all round and performed with credit when chasing home Dee Ex Bee in Sagaro here in May. Good third in Newbury Group 3 since. Significantly up in trip. ★★★★★ (Forecast 41.00)						Notes:
TIMEFORM VIEW: STRADIVARIUS faces a couple of new rivals here in Dee Ex Bee and Cross Counter but last month's reappearance success in the Yorkshire Cup suggests he's every bit as good as last year and he should continue to prove very hard to beat. Dee Ex Bee has been impressive when stepped up to 2m on both starts this term and could be the one to give John Gosden's charge most to think about. Timeform 1-2-3: 1: STRADIVARIUS (4) 2: DEE EX BEE (8) 3: CROSS COUNTER (6)						
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