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**a Special Research Report....**

**by Nick Pullen....**

**(Races to be run Saturday 3rd May & Sunday  
4th May)**

## These are not handicaps - but who wouldn't want to get involved?

Handicaps are the primary focus on my *ATC* service....

... specifically – the most valuable big-field races....

But I'm a racing fan primarily....

... and I'm not a slave to the rulebook – mine or anybody else's....

Certain non-handicap races....

... like the *2000 Guineas* & the *1000 Guineas* at Newmarket....

... scheduled to be run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> of May....

... – are traditional betting targets for this column....

The *2000 Guineas* is a cornerstone of the flat racing season....

... a race where history, prestige, and raw talent collide....

Run annually at Newmarket in late April or early May....

... this G1 classic is open to three-year-old thoroughbred colts and fillies – though it's traditionally dominated by colts....

Run over a straight mile on the Rowley Mile course, the *2000 Guineas* is the first leg of the revered English Triple Crown

... followed by the *Derby* at Epsom and the *St Leger* at Doncaster....

Since its inception in 1809, it has crowned champions who have gone on to become legends of the turf....

.... Think the likes of **Nijinsky, Brigadier Gerard, Dancing Brave, Sea The Stars & Frankel....**

Because it demands a blend of speed, stamina, and strategy....

.... the *2000 Guineas* is a true test of a 3yo's thoroughbred's potential at a very early stage of the season....

And it's a similar story with the *1000 Guineas* – which is a proving ground for the finest three-year-old fillies in Europe....

Also run at Newmarket on the Rowley Mile, this G1 race is run over the same one-mile distance as its counterpart, the *2000 Guineas*....

.... but is exclusively for fillies.....

First run in 1814, the *1000 Guineas* is the second of Britain's five Classic races and is the first step on the ladder to the Fillies' Triple Crown....

.... followed by the *Oaks* at Epsom and the *St Leger* at Doncaster....

With a reputation for launching elite careers, this race demands brilliance, balance, and breathtaking acceleration and has been won by some stellar fillies....

.... think the likes of **Pebbles, Oh So Sharp, Bosra Sham, Attraction & Love....**

Like I say, these races are not handicaps – the staple betting diet on my *ATC* service – but who wouldn't want to get involved and play the markets?

Trials for both races – and the Irish and French versions – have already been run....

.... we've had opportunities to run our eye over at least some of the potential contenders....

.... and now is the perfect time to highlight – in detail – what winners of the *2000 Guineas* tend to look like before they go to post....

## The stats that help dig out a *2000 Guineas* winner....

I've studied the last **25** editions of the *2000 Guineas*....

I've crunched the numbers.... studied the detail.... and interrogated the data....

.... and what I've found are a series of angles and pointers that will help you assess all the runners in this season's renewal (run on Saturday afternoon at Newmarket)....

.... and to take a view on which horses qualify as the strongest contenders – based on the ice-cold evidence of the historic record....

Here's the inside line....

When it comes to the *2000 Guineas*, yard followers look in one direction only – towards Ballydoyle....

**Aidan O'Brien** is the most successful *2000 Guineas* trainer in history....

... he won four of the last ten renewals....

... with **Gleneagles** (2015), **Churchill** (2017), **Saxon Warrior** (2018) and **Magna Grecia** (2019)....

... and his last 59 runners produced nine wins and six placers.....

**Richard Hannon** is another notable name – his last 42 runners producing a winner and 11 placed finishers....

... whilst **Jim Bolger** (interesting reflective interview [here](#)) is two wins and two places from just eight runners....

Moving on to notable sires....

... **Galileo's** was the main man – with 14 runners producing three winners and three placers....

... but the sun has set on him....

... and now it's **Dubawi** who has the makings of what might become an interesting record....

... his 11 runners to date producing four winners and three places....

Market pointers can be helpful too....

... **19/25 race favourites were beaten** – but 14 of the winners did emerge from the top 3 in the market....

Just six winners were sent off at odds bigger than **11s** since 2000 (**Night of Thunder** was a massive outlier in 2014 at **40s**)....

.... and it is worth noting that **Aidan O'Brien** has saddled four winning favourites and 11 losing favourites....

- **All** the last 25 winners had won at least one race....
- **All** were progeny of a sire that had won a G1 when racing....
- **All** had appeared at 7f or 8f last time out....
- **24** had raced at least twice....
- **24** had a winning strike-rate of 50%+....
- **24** had scored a career-best of at least 110 on the RPR scale (**all** hitting that level at 7f or 8f)....
- **24** had scored career best RPR in one of last 2 races....
- **23** were progeny of a sire with a Stamina Index figure of 8.8+ (**20** were progeny of a sire with a Stamina Index figure of 9.1+)....
- **23** had won at 7f or 8f (all **23** had a strike-rate of 50%+ at those trips)....
- **21** had been foaled before April....
- **20** had already won a Group race....
- **20** had run in a G1 or a G2....
- **20** had raced no more than 5 times....
- **20** had scored an RPR of 85+ on racing debut....
- **20** had won a race worth at least £30k to winning connections....
- **19** had never finished outside the first 3....

No horse since **Mystiko** (1991) has done the *European Free Handicap* and the *2000 Guineas* double....

**Haafhd** (2004) is the last to do the *Craven Stakes* and *2000 Guineas* double....

2023 winner **Chaldean** was a rare recent winner of the *Greenham* ahead of winning the *2000 Guineas*....

.... **Frankel** (2011) had been the previous such horse....

Something else to note....

.... 2024 winner **Notable Speech** is one of only three winners in the last 25-years not to have contested at least one Group race as a juvenile – the others being **Golan** (2001) & **Makfi** (2010)....

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We're still a few days away from the *2000 Guineas*....

.... but the market is well-shaped....

.... and it's often a case of first-up best-dressed....

.... because an early sighting of the stats gives you an opportunity to do a bit of spadework before the general mob gets in on the act....

It is fair to say that trends will not always point you directly to a winner....

.... but they will certainly help you split the field....

.... and enable you to take an informed view on which potential runners look most like potential *2000 Guineas* winners – and which don't....

And remember – an informed opinion is a real edge in the market....

... because most of the people you are betting against don't have one....

## The *1000 Guineas* - a G1 tailor-made for contrarian punters....

I've also studied the last **25** editions of the *1000 Guineas* – a race for the 3yo fillies....

That race will be run on Sunday afternoon at Newmarket – and here's what the historic record tells us about this race....

If yard form is your preferred starting point in these high-class condition races....

... **Aidan O'Brien** – as is the case with the *2000 Guineas* – leads the way in terms of sustained performance in the *1000 Guineas*....

... his last 48 runners producing seven wins and nine placers....

**John Gosden** (training in combination with son Thady these days) merits respect – with a winner and two placers from his 20 candidates over the qualifying period....

On the face of it these might not look like stellar figures....

... but don't forget that we're talking about a classic....

... top horses don't come along every year – not even in some of the most prestigious yards – and any kind of repeat success is therefore notable....

If nothing else the figures serve to illustrate....

... as if any more supporting evidence were required....

... just how much talent passes through Aidan O'Brien's hands....

And just to reemphasize that point about top horses not coming along every year – even in the top yards....

... **Saeed Bin Suroor**....

.... who has two winners and three placers from his last 18 contestants....

... had no filly entered last year and has just one in this year....

**Andre Fabre**....

... who has done most with least in the race over the most recent decades....

... his three runners producing a winner and a place....

... is another top trainer in the race who won't have a runner this time around....

Market data tells us that the *1000 Guineas* has produced just four winning favorites since 2000....

... and that 12 winners were sent off outside the top three positions in the betting at the off....

... encouraging stats for contrarian punters like me who like to take on the consensus opinion....

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Now for some key field-splitting stats....

We're still more than a fortnight away from the *1000 Guineas*....

... but the market is taking shape....

... and an early sighting of the stats gives you an opportunity to do a bit of spadework before the general mob gets in on the act....

It is fair to say that trends will not always point you directly to a winner....

... but they will certainly help you split the field....

... and enable you to take an informed view on which potential runners look most like potential *1000 Guineas* winners – and which don't....

And remember – an informed opinion is a real edge in the market....

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The key field-splitting stats in the *1000 Guineas* are as follows....

- **All** 25 winners had scored a career-best RPR in one of last 2 races....
- **24** were progeny of a sire which had won a G1 or a G2 on the racetrack....
- **23** had run over 7f or 8f....

- **22** had scored a best RPR of at least 103 (**15** of the last 19 winners had recorded a rating of 108+)....
- **22** ran over 7f or 8f last time out....
- **21** had posted a win at 7f or 8f (**14** had strike-rates of 50%+ at those trips)....
- **20** had won a race worth £20k+ to winning connections....
- **20** ran at Group level last time out....
- **20** had run between 2 and 7 times....
- **20** had won at least one of their last 2 races....
- **19** of the 22 that had run at least 3 times had won at least twice....
- **19** had scored an RPR of 77+ on racing debut....
- **18** had finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> last time out....
- **18** had a strike rate of at least 40%....
- **17** appeared at Newmarket, Leopardstown or Maisons-Lafitte last time out....

These stats tell you a fair bit about the characteristics, credentials, and qualifications past *1000 Guineas* winners have possessed or displayed before the race is run....

.... and you can use that information as a guide to the chances of horses set to run in the race this year....

Most horses won't tick every box but – at the very least – you'll get a concrete idea of what each potential runner has going for it....

.... and what stats, impediments, and yardsticks each horse must overcome to get its name on the role of honour....

That's a good foundation for taking a view of the market prices and striking value bets....

... which is what this game is all about....

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