2023 ROYAL ASCOT
20th June - 24th June

The major Draw Stats you need to be aware of for Royal Ascot 2023...

The draw can make or break a horse's chances… especially when they have to run round a bend and even more so when they are racing in a big field…

And it's no different at Royal Ascot, particularly when there is a high chance, especially in the handicaps, of extremely large fields to be navigated (fields of 16+ and often 20+ runners)…

It's not a factor in all races run over the five days at Ascot but there *are definitely* some races where **you REALLY need to be aware of the impact of the draw** so that you can factor it into your overall analysis…

This free NTF guide will armour you with some of the strongest Royal Ascot Draw biases that have been prevalent at the five day meeting in recent renewals, highlighting SIX races where the draw has a significant impact on the outcome of the race...

When it comes to large fields and draw stats I like to **split the fields into Quarters**… so for example in a 20-runner race **Q1 will be stalls 1-5, Q2 stalls 6-10, Q3 stalls 11-15 & Q4 stalls 16-20**… breaking the draw down in such a manner can identify some strong biases at play and has been a superb aid to my own betting over the past 20 or so years...

Like the follow draw stats you need to be aware of at Royal Ascot...

Draw/Pace Bias...

Not a race I'd get overly hung up on when it comes to the draw although there is an 'interesting' potential bias that has started to become more prominent in recent years in this 1m2f Listed contest...

Draw Segment Splits (last 20 renewals)

20 winners - 64 Win & Place Horses

Q1 - 3 Winners (59% below exp) | 15 Win & Place

Q2 - 12 Winners (72% above exp) | 23 Win & Place

Q3 - 2 Winners (62% below exp) | 9 Win & Place

Q4 - 3 Winners (43% below exp) | 17 Win & Place

Those drawn in Q2 have been significantly over-performing in this race and it becomes even more of a prominent stat when you look at the last eleven renewals of the Wolferton... with **EIGHT OF THE LAST ELEVEN WINNERS BREAKING FROM Q2 OF THE DRAW**.

If you look at the last **seven renewals** you see the following...

2021... 1st & 3rd drawn in Q2
2020... 1st & 2nd drawn in Q2
2018... 1st & 3rd drawn in Q2
2017... 1st & 2nd drawn in Q2
2016... 1st & 2nd drawn in Q2

There *are* stronger draw biases at the meeting than this one... but it's at the very least something that is well worth keeping in mind when the final decs are confirmed...

Draw/Pace Bias...

Only been two previous renewals of this but **similar races run over the round mile at Ascot (since 2006), specifically those with fields of 12+**, do give us some interesting draw splits to factor in for the **KENSIGNTON PALACE STAKES**...

Draw Segment Splits (18 races... Ascot 1m | round track | fields of 12 or more)

18 winners - 59 Win & Place Horses

Q1 - 2 Winners (61% below exp) | 13 Win & Place

Q2 - 4 Winners (36% below exp) | 16 Win & Place

Q3 - 6 Winners (8% above exp) | 13 Win & Place

Q4 - 6 Winners (14% above exp) | 17 Win & Place

So the top half of the draw (**Q3 & Q4**) looks the place to be in these races, or at least it's an advantage to be drawn there...

Q1 struggles to make a major impact...

There are actually some further interesting figures when you split the draw in half...

Bottom Half of the draw - 6 winners from 137 runners | -£84.75 BFLSP | 47% below exp

Top Half of the draw - 12 winners from 127 runners | +£80.90 BFLSP | 11% above exp

The bottom half of the draw are OVER-BET and the top half of the draw are UNDER-BET...

5.35 QUEENS VASE - Wednesday 21st June

Draw/Pace Bias...

Despite being a staying race run over the 1m6f trip there is still one section of the draw that we need to view with caution...

Draw Segment Splits (last 25 renewals)

25 winners - 75 Win & Place Horses

Q1 - 11 Winners (42% above exp) | 22 Win & Place

Q2 - 6 Winners (26% above exp) | 17 Win & Place

Q3 - 8 Winners (2% below exp) | 23 Win & Place

Q4 - 0 Winners | 13 Win & Place

Those drawn in Q4 have returned stats of 0/68 during the last 25 renewals and it's simply a very tricky part of the draw to be breaking from, despite the fact the race is run over 1m6f and in theory you should have plenty of time to get a good racing position...

Five favourites, three second favs and 6 horses that started third in the betting (so 14 runners that started in the first 3 in the betting) have all tried and failed to break from Q4 of the draw in the Queens Vase...

3.05 KING GEORGE V - Thursday 22nd June

Draw/Pace Bias...

A Handicap run over 1m4f for 3yo's and always a large field jostling for position (never lower than 16 runners in the last 25 years).

Some interesting draw splits for you to consider...

Draw Segment Splits (last 25 renewals)

25 winners - 100 Win & Place Horses

Q1 - 3 Winners (60% below exp) | 12 Win & Place

Q2 - 6 Winners (30% below exp) | 22 Win & Place

Q3 - 9 Winners (2% below exp) | 37 Win & Place

Q4 - 7 Winners (3% below exp) | 29 Win & Place

Those in Q1 hit the lowest numbers on both the Win and the Win and Place side of things...

Only ONE winner has started in Q1 in the last 12 renewals and similarly only 5 of the 49 Win & Place horse have started in Q1...

It's not impossible to win this from Q1 but it's certainly far from easy...

3.40 DUKE OF EDINBURGH - Friday 23rd June

Draw/Pace Bias...

Another large field handicap and again a race where we really need to be aware of the draw bias that rears it head year after year...

Draw Segment Splits (last 23 renewals)

23 winners - 88 Win & Place Horses (since race been over 1m4f)

Q1 - 0 Winners | 16 Win & Place

Q2 - 5 Winners (39% below exp) | 23 Win & Place

Q3 - 8 Winners (5% below exp) | 26 Win & Place

Q4 - 10 Winners (55% above exp) | 23 Win & Place

ZERO winners from the 97 to have broken from the Q1 of the draw tells us we need to tread very carefully if the horse(s) we fancy are berthed down low... I'd personally be wanting PLENTY in the horses favour to be considering backing a horse drawn in Q1 in the Duke Of Edinburgh...

The fact that the number of winners move in a healthy upward curve from Q1 up to Q4 also looks significant and if you split the draw by half you get...

Bottom half of the draw - 5 winners and 39 Win & Place horses - 66% below exp

Top half of the draw - 18 winners and 49 Win & Place horses - 21% above exp

...and there looks to be **a significant advantage to those draw in the top half of the draw (Q3 & Q4).**

Draw/Pace Bias...

Only been two previous renewals of this but **similar races run over the 1m2f trip at Ascot (since 2003), specifically those with fields of 12+**, do give us some interesting draw splits to factor in for the **GOLDEN GATES STAKES**...

Draw Segment Splits (21 races... 1m2f | Handicaps | 12+ runners)

21 winners - 66 Win & Place Horses

Q1 - 2 Winners (71% below exp) | 11 Win & Place

Q2 - 11 Winners (47% above exp) | 22 Win & Place

Q3 - 3 Winners (49% below exp) | 13 Win & Place

Q4 - 5 Winners (5% below exp) | 20 Win & Place

So **19 of the 21 races were won by horses drawn in the top 3 quarters of the draw**, with <u>quarter two looking the ideal place to start from</u>, providing a very healthy 52% of winners in these 1m2f Ascot Handicaps that have fields of 12+...

You actually need to go back to 2010 to find the last winner of a race over this trip to break from Q1... since then **39 have tried and NONE have won**... with only five even managing to place...

Q1 has been proving a seriously tricky place to be breaking from in these 1m2f races...

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