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1m (7f213y) (Rnd) St James's Palace Stakes (Group 1) (British Champions Series) (Colts) (Class 1) (3yo)

BEST ODDS

NO. DRAW FORM	HORSE	AGE	WGT OR	JOCKEY ALLOW TRAINER RTF%	TS	RPR	ODDS
10(2) 111-22	Too Darn Hot D BF 4 tips 24	3	9-0 120	J: Frankie Dettori T: John Gosden67	110	139	85/40 2/1 2/1
5(7) 1122-1	Phoenix Of Spain D 8 tips 24	3	9-0 120	J: Jamie Spencer T: Charles Hills50	119	134	9/4
4(5) 12-11	King Of Comedy D 2 tips 26	3	9-0 111	J: Adam Kirby T: John Gosden67	112	127	6/1 ▸6/1 ▸5/1 ▸6/1 ▸5/1
7(6) 51-112	Shaman D 37	3	9-0 114	J: Maxime Guyon T: C Laffon-Parias	117	126	11/1 10/1
8(3) 1-134	Skardu D 1 tip 24	3	9-0 111	J: James Doyle T: William Haggas73	107	126	12/1 ▸12/1 ▸11/1 ▸12/1 ▸11/1
2(1) 134-16	Circus Maximus b1 D 17	3	9-0 110	J: Ryan Moore T: A P O'Brien68	101	126	14/1 12/1 12/1 12/1 12/1
3(11) 21-111	Fox Champion D 30	3	9-0 110	J: Silvestre De Sousa T: Richard Hannon51	98	124	22/1 20/1 20/1 20/1 20/1
6(4) 11-440	Royal Marine D 45	3	9-0 109	J: Christophe Soumillon T: Saeed bin Suroor60	96	127	40/1 25/1 25/1 ▸28/1 ▸33/1
1(8) 1-6	Bell Rock 26	3	9-0 -	J: Oisin Murphy T: Andrew Balding62	94	116	100/1 ▸66/1 ▸80/1 ▸66/1 ▸80/1
11(10) 4-4967	Van Beethoven 24	3	9-0 107	J: Donnacha O'Brien T: A P O'Brien68	105	119	100/1 ▸66/1 ▸80/1 ▸66/1 ▸80/1
9(9) 57-529	The Irish Rover 30	3	9-0 99	J: Seamie Heffernan T: A P O'Brien68	90	123	200/1 100/1 ▸125/1

BETTING FORECAST 2/1 Phoenix Of Spain, 9/4 Too Darn Hot, 11/2 King Of Comedy, 10/1 Circus Maximus, Shaman, 11/1 Skardu, 20/1 Fox Champion, 33/1 Royal Marine, 50/1 Van Beethoven, 66/1 Bell Rock, 100/1 The Irish Rover.

VERDICT

While there have been excuses for Too Darn Hot, preference is for PHOENIX OF SPAIN (nap) who dismissed him readily at the Curragh.

COMMENTS

Bell Rock Highly regarded but just over 5l behind King Of Comedy at Sandown on delayed return

Circus Maximus Doubtful whether Derby 6th was solely down to lack of stamina; headgear change

Fox Champion Progressing well, taking German Guineas from the front last time; needs to improve again

King Of Comedy Asserting in clearcut style in Listed race at Sandown puts him into each-way contention

Phoenix Of Spain Made all on reappearance in Irish Guineas at the Curragh in some style from Too Darn Hot

Royal Marine Very progressive as 2yo but 2019 has not gone nearly so well

Shaman Listed and Group 3 wins before his second at Longchamp (1m, heavy) in French 2,000 Guineas

Skardu Won the Craven; 3rd in 2,000 Guineas and 4th (ridden much closer to pace) in Irish version

The Irish Rover This is his first crack at 1m but sole 7f attempt was short on encouragement

Too Darn Hot Easily best 2yo of 2018; various excuses for 3yo defeats, latter behind Phoenix Of Spain

Van Beethoven Phoenix Of Spain, Shaman, Too Darn Hot and Skardu all comfortably had his measure as 3yo