

Qipco **British Champions Long Distance Cup** (Groupe II, 616.400 €, 3 ans et plus, 3118 mètres)

BEST ODDS

NO.	DRAW FORM	HORSE	AGE	WGT OR	JOCKEY ALLOW TRAINER RTF%	TS RPR	ODDS
1 ⁽⁹⁾	2/1331	Bin Battuta p 21	5	9-7 110	J: Hector Crouch T: Saeed bin Suroor ⁵⁹	77 121	50/1
2 ⁽⁷⁾	536403	Capri 21	5	9-7 111	J: Seamie Heffernan T: A P O'Brien ⁶⁰	86 122	50/1
3 ⁽²⁾	613027	Cleonte 14	6	9-7 108	J: Silvestre De Sousa T: Andrew Balding ⁵⁷	94 115	66/1
4 ⁽³⁾	17-222	Kew Gardens 34	4	9-7 118	J: Donnacha O'Brien T: A P O'Brien ⁶⁰	115 128	4/1 3/1 ▶ 10/3 ▶ 7/2
5 ⁽⁸⁾	8-3103	Max Dynamite 36	9	9-7 107	J: Oisin Murphy T: W P Mullins ⁵²	87 112	80/1
6 ⁽¹⁰⁾	2-2720	Mekong 56	4	9-7 108	J: Jim Crowley T: Sir Michael Sto... ⁴⁸	101 120	28/1 25/1
7 ⁽⁵⁾	311-41	Royal Line 42	5	9-7 111	J: Robert Havlin T: John Gosden ⁵⁴	83 122	12/1
8 ⁽⁶⁾	-1111	Stradivarius 36	5	9-7 121	J: Frankie Dettori T: John Gosden ⁵⁴	103 130	8/13
9 ⁽⁴⁾	18-101	Withhold p 23	6	9-7 113	J: Jason Watson T: Roger Charlton ⁶⁴	96 123	12/1 11/1
NR ⁽¹⁾	-B1216	South Pacific 81	3	8-13 109	J: NON-RUNNER T: A P O'Brien	103 115	

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BETTING FORECAST 4/7 Stradivarius, 7/2 Kew Gardens, 8/1 Royal Line, 10/1 Withhold, 25/1 Mekong, 50/1 Bin Battuta, Capri, Cleonte, Max Dynamite.

VERDICT

The status of champion stayer looks assured for **STRADIVARIUS**, for the second year running. **Kew Gardens** has plenty to prove on soft.

COMMENTS

Bin Battuta Stays 1m6f; new trip, ground (unraced on softer than good) and class make him speculative

Capri 6th in Gold Cup here (2m4f, soft) was very much his best form of 2019, 8l off Stradivarius

Cleonte An underpowered display in French Group 1 on soft going two weeks ago casts doubts

Kew Gardens "Soft ground isn't his thing," said trainer in May; otherwise the threat to Stradivarius

Max Dynamite 2nd in the 2018 Doncaster Cup is the only significant bright spot during last two seasons

Mekong Best efforts (2m) in mixed bag this season were not good enough for any great appeal today

Royal Line Smart and goes well on soft; venturing beyond 1m4f is very much a step into the unknown

South Pacific 1m4f Royal Ascot win; 6th of 8 to Stradivarius in Goodwood Cup; non-runner

Stradivarius Unbeaten in 2018 or 2019, including here in two Gold Cups and this last year; dominant

Withhold Unproven on soft; capable of Group-race success but he's up against the champion stayer