



# FESTIVAL TRENDS 2015

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## Qipco Champions Day (Ascot)

Saturday 17th October

# QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES

1M 2F, GROUP 1, 3YO +

## RACE HISTORY

The highlight of some terrific racing on Champions Day is the Group 1 Champion Stakes which although suffering a bit from the proximity to both the Arc and the Breeders Cup still manages to attract a high class field. Fillies and 3yo's have tended to do well in the race taking full advantage of their weight allowance at this time of year. Since 1996 only two winners have gone on to the Breeders Cup meeting with Kalanisi recording another top flight success in the Turf and 2009 winner Twice Over managing a fine 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Classic.

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** All of the last 16 winners had won a Group race

### Age

- 3 and 4yo's have won 24 of the last 30 Champion Stakes
- BUT 5yo's have won 4 of the last 5 renewals
- Only one winner aged 6 or over has won since 1945 (Pride in 2006)

### Betting

- 18 of the last 19 winners returned 14/1 or shorter

### Class

- All of the last 19 winners had run in Group 1 company
- 17 of the last 19 winners had finished in the top 3 of a Group 1 race
- All of the last 13 GB trained winners were rated 115 or higher

### Distance

- 14 of the last 19 winners had won a Group race over 1m2f

### Previous runs

- 17 of the last 19 winners finished in the top 3 last time out ( 2 exceptions ran at Glorious Goodwood on their last run)
- All of the last 16 winners had run a maximum of 6 times that season
- All of the last 16 winners had won within their last 3 runs
- All of the last 19 winners ran at a Grade 1 track last time out
- All of the last 16 winners had won at least 4 times in their career
- All of the last 16 winners had run at least 7 times in their career

**Interesting Fact:** Fillies have won 10 of the last 31 renewals of the Champion Stakes

**Interesting Fact 2:** With the exception of New Approach & Frankel there have been 19 winners of the Group 1 Eclipse, Sussex Stakes, Juddmonte or Irish Champion to have been beaten in this race.

## PAST WINNERS (2001-2014)

Year	Form	Horse	Flat Runs	Age	Weight	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2014	-211112	NOBLE MISSION	20	5	9-05	117	7/1	Lady CECIL
2013	2222-1	FARHH	9	5	9-03	124	11/4	S. BIN SUROOR
2012	11-1111	FRANKEL	13	4	9-03	140	2/11F	Sir H.CECIL
2011	121112	CIRRUS DES AIGLES	37	5	9-03	125	12/1	Mme C. BARA-BARBE
2010	3-02123	TWICE OVER	21	5	9-03	125	7/2	H. CECIL
2009	-334711	TWICE OVER	14	4	9-03	119	14/1	H. CECIL
2008	-22131	NEW APPROACH	10	3	8-12	-	6/5F	J. BOLGER
2007	-21211	LITERATO	10	3	8-12	-	7/2	J. ROUGET
2006	-41132	PRIDE	24	6	9-00	-	7/2	A.de ROYER-DUPRE
2005	011721	DAVID JUNIOR	8	3	8-11	115	25/1	B. MEEHAN
2004	3-1149	HAAFHD	8	3	8-11	122	12/1	B. HILLS
2003	630-12	RAKTI	13	4	9-02	121	11/1	M. JARVIS
2002	322631	STORMING HOME	17	4	9-02	-	8/1	B. HILLS
2001	383111	NAYEF	8	3	8-11	119	3/1F	M. TREGONING

## TRAINER RECORDS (2003-2014)

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(last years runners)
Sir M. STOUTE	20	1	3	
M.TREGONING	5	1	1	
B.MEEHAN	5	1	0	
H.CECIL/Lady CECIL	13	4	2	1ST
A.O'BRIEN	15	0	3	9TH
S.BIN SUROOR	19	1	4	
J.GOSDEN	10	0	2	4TH
FRENCH TRAINED	22	2	6	5TH

## APPLYING THE TRENDS

A 3-5yo with a rating of 115+ and a top 2 finish last time out leaves 5. A top 3 finish in a Group 1 reduces this to 3.

John Gosden doesn't have a great record in this race and I think it's worth chancing an Irish raider at a big price. He ran inexplicably badly at Windsor two starts ago but was back to form last time out with a convincing win. I make the.....

**LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNER: FASCINATING ROCK (EW)**

### NAG RATINGS

<b>JACK HOBBS</b>	<b>93</b>
RIBBONS	90
FASCINATING ROCK	89
THE CORSICAN	89
VADAMOS	89