

# DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP

## BETTING GUIDE



Ascot, Saturday 6 August

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A unique fixture in the global racing calendar, the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup sees the world's top jockeys compete in a competition format as they join forces to try and lift racing's ultimate team prize. Find out whether Great Britain & Ireland, Europe, Rest of the World or the Ladies will lift the trophy, with big names this year including Frankie Dettori, Christophe Lemaire, Emma-Jayne Wilson and Kerrin McEvoy.

Points are awarded ranging from 15, 10, 7, 5 and 3 based on finishing position from 1st to 5th. The highest scoring team will be crowned 2022 Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup winners, with an additional title up for grabs for the day's top jockey.

### RACE 1

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
SHERGAR CURTAIN  
RAISER CLASSIFIED  
STAKES  
1M 1F 210Y

### RACE 2

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
FULL OF SURPRISES  
CLASSIFIED STAKES  
7F

### RACE 3

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
SHERGAR CUP DASH  
HANDICAP  
5F

### RACE 4

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
SHERGAR CUP  
STAYERS HANDICAP  
1M 7F 209Y

### RACE 5

DUBAI DUTY  
FREE SHERGAR  
CUP CHALLENGE  
HANDICAP  
1M 3F 211Y

### RACE 6

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
SHERGAR CUP MILE  
HANDICAP  
7F 213Y

### RACE 7

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
SHERGAR CUP  
CLASSIC HANDICAP  
1M 3F 211Y

### RACE 8

DUBAI DUTY FREE  
SHERGAR CUP  
SPRINT HANDICAP  
6F

### GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND



SPENCER (C)



TUDHOPE



CALLAN



SHOEMARK

### EUROPE



DETTORI (C)



PIECHULEK



FRESU



MARTINEZ

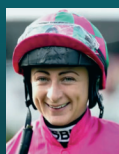
### THE LADIES



TURNER (C)



MASON



CURRIE



WILSON

### REST OF THE WORLD



LEMAIRE (C)



YOKOYAMA



MCEVOY



COLLETT

# TIMEFORM TIPS

RACE 1	1st	<b>AMANZOE</b> (7)
	2nd	<b>ADJOURN</b> (6)
	3rd	<b>BLenheim BOY</b> (9)
RACE 2	1st	<b>EPSOM FAITHFULL</b> (5)
	2nd	<b>ORBAAN</b> (1)
	3rd	<b>DIVINE MAGIC</b> (4)
RACE 3	1st	<b>LAMPANG</b> (1)
	2nd	<b>JUDICIAL</b> (4)
	3rd	<b>KING OF STARS</b> (5)
RACE 4	1st	<b>SUPER SUPERJACK</b> (10)
	2nd	<b>ROCK EAGLE</b> (1)
	3rd	<b>THRONE HALL</b> (4)
RACE 5	1st	<b>PRIDE OF PRIORY</b> (4)
	2nd	<b>THE WHIPMASTER</b> (7)
	3rd	<b>CHARGING THUNDER</b> (2)
RACE 6	1st	<b>MONTASSIB</b> (6)
	2nd	<b>BOPEDRO</b> (3)
	3rd	<b>ISLA KAI</b> (5)
RACE 7	1st	<b>HAMAKI</b> (5)
	2nd	<b>FRANZ STRAUSS</b> (3)
	3rd	<b>BERKSHIRE BREEZE</b> (6)
RACE 8	1st	<b>ADMIRAL D</b> (3)
	2nd	<b>RAZEYNA</b> (7)
	3rd	<b>ADAAY IN ASIA</b> (6)







# EXPERT TIPS

attheraces.com tipster Gary Nutting takes aim at Saturday's Shergar Cup at Ascot.

## RACE 3

## DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP DASH

SELECTION  
MANACCAN



**MANACCAN** is interesting as the youngest in the field, especially as he could have run against fellow three-year-olds in the meeting finale. The latter is a 6f event, over which distance he's gained his only win to date (in a two-year-old Newmarket novice race), although his quality form is over this minimum trip of 5f. Fourth in last autumn's Cornwallis and fifth of 27 in the Palace Of Holyrood House at the royal meeting here two months ago, he was perhaps a shade unlucky not to score off this mark (101) at Chester last time and has the class potential in this race.

## RACE 5

## DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP CHALLENGE

SELECTION  
SOUTHERN  
VOYAGE



**SOUTHERN VOYAGE** Comes with risks attached but still appeals at a double-figure price for the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Challenge. Archie Watson's four-year-old has a taking profile if you ignore his final run of last season (soft ground) and reappearance effort a month ago. Starting a well-backed 5-2 favourite last time, he sweated up badly and perhaps lost his race in the preliminaries. On the assumption that run was too bad to be true, he may be worth another chance back at the course where he won on handicap debut last summer.

## RACE 6

## DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP MILE

SELECTION  
MONTASSIB



**MONTASSIB** has looked in need of a longer trip on his last two starts in high-end seven-furlong handicaps and gets a good opportunity to test his stamina credentials in the Shergar Cup Mile. William Haggas's lightly raced four-year-old has been beaten less than two lengths in both the Buckingham Palace at Royal Ascot and Newmarket's Bunbury Cup, keeping on well at the end.

## RACE 7

## DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP CLASSIC

SELECTION  
SHEER ROCKS



**SHEER ROCKS**, unbeaten in two minor events as a juvenile, has continued a theme of gradual progression since a lacklustre effort on his reappearance. Eve Johnson Houghton's colt shaped well enough after a break dropped back to a mile at Sandown and Bath, before regaining the winning thread over an extended 1m2f at Chester. He then ran encouragingly upped to 1m3f at Goodwood last week, with his staying-on fourth worthy of an upgrade considering he was always playing catch-up after suffering interference leaving the stalls. Provided he gets away on reasonably level terms from stall 1 here, he should go well at a price.



# ASCOT ANGLES

atheraces.com's  
Declan Rix identifies  
a number of trainer  
trends ahead of the  
2022 Shergar Cup.

## TARGET TRAINERS



Over the last nine years, two runnings of the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Dash (Race 3) have gone the way of Robert Cowell. In 2017, Cowell also hit the board with a second. Of the 10 declared runners, the trainer is represented by **ARECIBO**, **BLUE DE VEGA** and **DUBAI STATION**. Beware however, Cowell hasn't had a winner in 20 days.



*Blue De Vega wins the Autumn Sprint Handicap at Leicester*



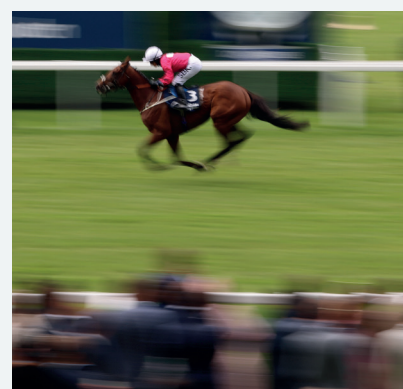
Marcus Tregoning has won two runnings of the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Mile (Race 6) over the last nine years, including with **POWER OF DARKNESS** in 2019. The former is the first reserve this year.



*Power of Darkness wins The Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Mile at Ascot*



The Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Classic (Race 7) has gone the way of the Johnston team three times over the last nine years. The Mark and Charlie Johnston yard landed a one-two last year; a one-two-three in 2013 and had four other runners hit the frame. Both **APPROACHABILITY** and **SHARP COMBO** do the honours for the yard this year.



*State Of Bliss wins the 2021 Shergar Cup Classic for Charlie and Mark Johnston*

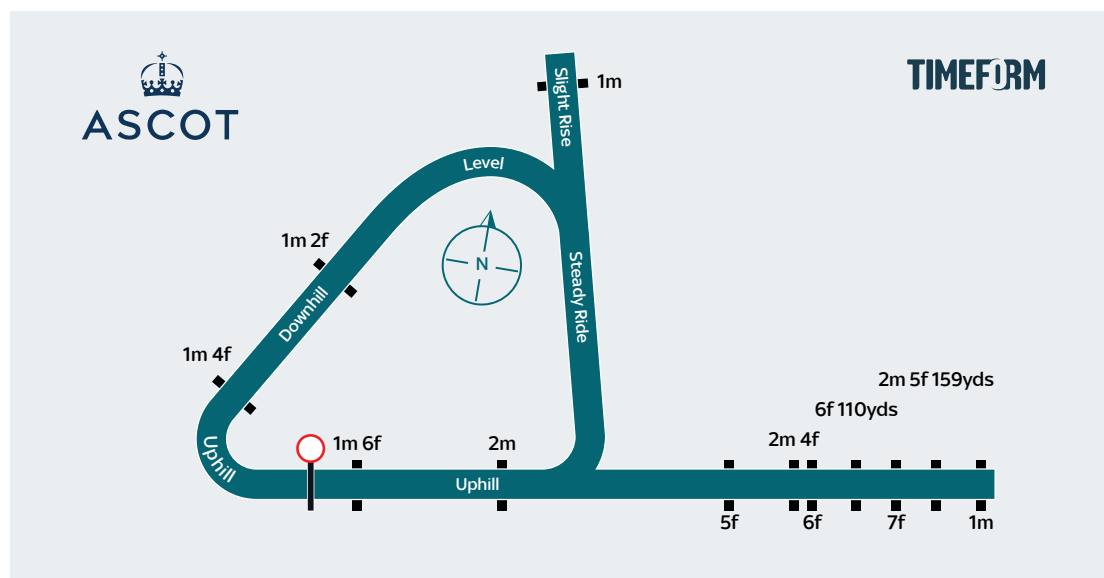


# GUIDE TO ASCOT

By Classic-winning jockey and Sky Sports Racing presenter **Jason Weaver**

“ Because the run-in on Ascot’s round course is relatively short, positioning - jockeyship in other words - is key. It goes without saying that in steadily-run races you want to be towards the sharp end but, whatever the pace, you can get into trouble trying to come through rivals late on. We’re still learning about the straight course, following the relaying a few years back, but in my view it’s more pace-dependent than draw-dependent. Given the right pace to chase, I reckon you can win from anywhere.

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The round course is a right-handed, triangular circuit of fourteen furlongs, with a run-in of 2½ furlongs. There is a straight mile course and the Old mile course which joins the round course in Swinley Bottom. Despite the downhill run into Swinley Bottom and relatively short run-in from the final turn, Ascot is galloping in character. Since the redevelopment, the turn into the straight has become more sweeping and those ridden prominently can be difficult to peg back. Nowadays, the ground in the straight drains quicker than the rest of the course, meaning going descriptions can vary.

