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# 2011 'ASCOT' KING GEORGE VI TRENDS GUIDE

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**FEATURING:**  
STATISTICS, TRENDS, IN-DEPTH RACE ANALYSIS,  
HORSE PROFILES  
AND INCLUDING  
THE EXCLUSIVE **NAG3 RATINGS**



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# KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES

1M 4F, GROUP 1, 3YO +

## RACE HISTORY

The jewel in the mid-summer racing crown and a race that used to see the Derby winner take on their elders for the first time over a mile and a half. But the Derby winner hasn't shown up since 2003 and only a handful of 3yo's have lined up to do battle and the race has lost some of its sparkle. That's not to say the winners aren't any good though as a look at the last few winners shows a list of top class Group 1 horses including Dylan Thomas, Hurricane Run and Doyen.

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** 13 of the last 14 winners were Irish Bred horses (plus 21/36 win and placed horses in the last 12 years)

### Age

- The last 11 winners were all aged 3 or 4
- There has been only one 6yo winner since 1951 (Swain in 1998)

### Betting

- All of the last 12 winners came from the top 4 in the betting
- 11 of the last 12 winners were 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites
- 8 of the last 11 winners were returned favourite

### Class

- 13 of the last 15 winners had won in Group 1 company (15/15 Group 2+)
- 10 of the last 12 winners ran in a Group 1 race last time out (12/12 Group 2+)

### Distance

- 11 of the last 12 winners had won over 1m4f in at least Group 2 company

### Previous runs

- All of the last 14 winners to have run that season finished in the top 3 last time out
- All of the last 12 winners had won at least once in their last 3 runs
- 10 of the last 12 winners finished in the top 2 last time out
- All of the last 11 winners had run 5-14 times in their career

**Interesting Fact:** For the previous 6 runs of the last 12 winners there had only been three occasions where they had finished out of the top 4.



## 1999 – 2010 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Flat Runs	Age	Weight	Rated Odds	Trainer	
2010	173-111	HARBINGER	8	4	9-07	123	4/1	Sir M. STOUTE
2009	2111-23	CONDUIT	11	4	9-07	125	13/8F	Sir M. STOUTE
2008	423-111	DUKE OF MARMA'	12	4	9-07	-	4/6F	A O'BRIEN
2007	14-1122	DYLAN THOMAS	14	4	9-07	-	5/4F	A O'BRIEN
2006	2111-12	HURRICANE RUN	9	4	9-07	-	5/6F	A FABRE
2005	2113-41	AZAMOUR	9	4	9-07	-	5/2F	J OXX
2004	1124-21	DOYEN	8	4	9-07	124	11/10F	S BIN SUROOR
2003	11-2131	ALAMSHAR	6	3	8-09	-	13/2	J OXX
2002	123146-	GOLAN	7	4	9-07	121	11/2	Sir M STOUTE
2001	1-1111	GALILEO	5	3	8-09	-	1/2F	A O'BRIEN
2000	1114-11	MONTJEU	11	4	9-07	-	1/3F	J HAMMOND
1999	413-521	DAYLAMI	17	5	9-07	125	3/1	S BIN SUROOR

### AGE OF THE WINNER (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

3yo (2-2-18) 4yo (9-10-48) 5yo (1-8-28) 6yo (0-3-9) 7yo+ (0/1/4)

### HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

**Favourites finishing position:** 7-1-1-5-7-1-1-1-1-1-1-5    **To £1 Level Stake:** +£4.80

**Position of winner in market:** 2-1-1-2-4-1-1-1-1-1-1-2

### PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST THREE FINISHERS RACED

LED	0	RACED PROMINENT	8
MID-DIVISION	12	HELP UP IN REAR	16

**PACE NOTES:** Pacemakers are usually employed in this race and might explain the lack of front-runners making the top 3.

### AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CAREER RUNS	ODDS
4	9 – 07	2	3	34	10	2 – 1

### THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

<b>AGE</b>	3 – 5	<b>DAYS SINCE LAST RUN</b>	21 – 244
<b>LAST RUN</b>	1 – 6	<b>CAREER RUNS</b>	5 – 17
<b>SEASONAL RUNS</b>	0 – 4	<b>ODDS</b>	1/3 – 13/2

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (36)	
GB Bred	26	1	3	15.4%	11.1%
Irish Bred	52	11	10	40.4%	58.3%
French Bred	6	0	3	50%	8.33%
German Bred	3	0	0	0%	0%
USA Bred	15	0	6	40%	16.7%
JAP Bred	3	0	1	33.3%	2.7%
SAF Bred	1	0	0	0%	0%
BRZ Bred	1	0	1	100%	2.7%

## PROFILES OF THE LEADING FANCIES

		Last 5 runs....			
	...at Ascot	...at 1m4f	....in aGr.1	....in July	...on Good
DEBUSSY	077	3805	13507	1	85107
REWILDING	1	311	3611	-	11611
ST NICHOLAS ABBEY	-	1	161	-	11
WORKFORCE	5	151	1512	52	152
NATHANIEL	1	121	-	-	2

## TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(last years runners)
Sir M. STOUTE	16	3	6	1ST – 5TH – 6TH
A. O'BRIEN	13	3	1	2ND
M. CHANNON	3	0	3	3RD
S. BIN SUROOR	17	2	6	
J. GOSDEN	2	0	0	

## APPLYING THE TRENDS

A top class renewal of the race with a case for choosing any of the top 4 in the betting but a typical King George winner is a proven Group 1 performer from a top yard who is Irish bred, has shown consistent form throughout their career and is fancied in the betting.

I think the one who looks the best fit comes from the Aiden O'Brien stable and is therefore.....

**THE LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNER: ST NICHOLAS ABBEY**

## NAG RATINGS

REWILDING	93
ST NICHOLAS ABBEY	92
WORKFORCE	92
NATHANIEL	91
DEBUSSY	83

# INTERNATIONAL STAKES

7F, CLASS 2 HERITAGE HANDICAP, 3YO +

## RACE HISTORY

Grandly titled in the original hope of attracting overseas runners the International Stakes has failed on that score, as only 13 such runners have ever competed, but it still produces a very large and competitive handicap. Most runners come here after competing in the Hunt Cup or Bunbury Cup last time out with two horses managing to do the double in the races 13 year history.

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** All of the 13 winners had a top 3 finish that season

Age

- 11 of the 13 winners were 4 or 5yo's

Betting

- Only 1 (joint) favourite has won from all 13 runnings

Class

- All of the 13 winners had won at class 3 or higher
- 10 of the 13 winners had won at class 2 or higher
- 12 of the 13 winners were rated 93 or higher

Distance

- 12 of the 13 winners had won at 7f+

Previous runs

- 11 of the 13 winners ran in a handicap last time out
- All of the last 12 winners had run 3-5 times since the start of the Flat season proper
- 9 of the last 11 winners had run 5-18 times in their career
- All of the 13 winners had a top 5 finish in a 17+ runner race
- 10 of the 13 winners had a top 5 finish in a 22+ runner handicap

**Interesting Fact:** 12 of the 13 winners either ran at Newmarket (5 in the Bunbury Cup) or the Royal Meeting last time out

**Interesting Fact 2:** In the last 11 years New Seeker was the only non 4yo to have won, having taken the race as a 3yo and 5yo, but last years winner was also a 5yo

## **HOW THE LEADING FANCIES FIT THE TOP TRENDS**

	Top 3 finish this season	4 or 5yo	Rated 93+	Won at 7f+	3-5 seasonal runs	Won at Class 3+
Hawkeyethenoo	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Palace Moon	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Our Jonathan	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Manassas	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Atlantic Sport	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Castles in the Air	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Imperial Guest	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Brae Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Dubai Dynamo	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓
Imperial Djay	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓
Striking Spirit	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Excellent Guest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reignier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Advanced	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓
Joseph Henry	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Levithan	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Noble Citizen	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Bronze Prince	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
Below Zero	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
The Confessor	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Mirza	X	✓	X	X	X	X
Pravda Street	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Kingscroft	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓
Al Muheer	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
2010 winner						
Castles in the Air	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## 1999 – 2010 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Flat Runs	Age	Weight	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2010	28-1003	CASTLES IN THE AIR	24	5	9-00	100	14/1	R. HANNON
2009	1375520	AL MUHEER	28	4	8-10	99	40/1	C.BRITAIN
2008	3-6U165	LAA RAYB	13	4	9-07	104	18/1	M.JOHNSTON
2007	52-0201	THIRD SET	8	4	8-02	88	9/1	R.CHARLTON
2006	2-31130	DABBERS RIDGE	14	4	8-09	97	12/1	B.HILLS
2005	60-2691	NEW SEEKER	16	5	9-04	106	12/1	C.COX
2004	01-3542	COURT MASTERPIECE	11	4	9-02	105	7/1	E.DUNLOP
2003	5-32131	NEW SEEKER	6	3	7-12	95	15/2	C.COX
2002	063-374	CRYSTAL CASTLE	8	4	8-00	94	14/1	J.HAMMOND
2001	7-01241	ATAVUS	18	4	8-01	93	11/1	G.MARGARSON
2000	11-350	TILLERMAN	5	4	8-10	103	10/1	MRS A.PERRETT
1999	125-212	RUSSIAN REVIVAL	28	6	9-07	114	9/1JT	J.GOSDEN

### AGE OF THE WINNER (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

3yo (1/8/45) 4yo (8/10/105) 5yo (2/10/69) 6yo (1/6/37) 7yo (0/1/20) 8yo (0/1/11) 9yo (0/0/1)

### HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

**Favourites finishing position:** 1-0-3-0-0-4-0-9-0-6-0-3/0 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£7.00

**Position of winner in market:** 1-5-5-7-3-2-5-6-3-9-16-8

### PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST THREE FINISHERS RACED

LED	5	RACED PROMINENT	9
MID-DIVISION	9	HELP UP IN REAR	25

### AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CAREER RUNS	ODDS
4	8 – 10	5	5	29	14	14 – 1

### THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

<b>AGE</b>	3 – 6	<b>DAYS SINCE LAST RUN</b>	15 – 38
<b>LAST RUN</b>	1 – 18	<b>CAREER RUNS</b>	5 – 28
<b>SEASONAL RUNS</b>	3 – 10	<b>ODDS</b>	7/1 – 40/1
<b>WEIGHT</b>	7-12 – 9-07	<b>OFFICIAL RATINGS</b>	88 – 114

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (48)	
GB Bred	142	6	14	14.1%	41.7%
Irish Bred	104	3	11	13.5%	29.2%
French Bred	4	0	0	0%	0%
German Bred	0	0	0	0%	0%
USA Bred	35	3	11	40%	29.2%
ARG Bred	2	0	0	0%	0%
SAF Bred	1	0	0	0%	0%

## THE DRAW

YEAR	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	NO. OF RUNNERS	GOING
2010	11	16	13	18	21	Good
2009	20	16	11	22	21	Good
2008	27	3	2	7	25	Good/Firm
2007	4	10	22	15	27	Good
2006	12	14	7	10	20	Good/Firm
2005	13	23	22	18	24	Good/Firm
2004	10	9	23	6	21	Good/Firm
2003	3	5	2	1	22	Good
2002	13	1	5	4	28	Good/Firm
2001	9	1	8	28	28	Good/Firm
2000	2	1	8	18	24	Good/Firm
1999	25	26	6	1	27	Good

## DRAW NOTES

Stalls (Winners/Placed/Runners)

1-9 (4/18/109)

10-19 (5/11/120)

20+ (3/7/61)

## TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)	(last years runners)
M. JOHNSTON	13 1 1	14TH – 17TH – 20TH
E. DUNLOP	3 1 0	
C. BRITTAIN	11 1 1	
J. NOSEDA	7 0 1	3RD
J. GOLDIE	9 0 1	
M. JARVIS	6 0 1	4TH
R. CHARLTON	4 1 1	
B. HILLS	10 1 3	9TH
K. RYAN	5 0 2	10TH
J. GOSDEN	6 1 3	(ALL 3 PLACED HORSES FINISHED 2ND)
W. HAGGAS	6 0 0	21ST

## APPLYING THE TRENDS

**We'll begin by removing any runner without a top 3 finish this season....**

Palace Moon, Castles In the Air, Mirza and Al Muheer

**3yo's have a very poor record in the race (1 winner from 42 runners) so we'll ignore them as well as any 6yo's and over....**

Kingscroft, Manassas, Atlantic Sport, Dubai Dynamo, Imperial Djay, Striking Spirit, Advanced, Joseph Henry, Noble Citizen and Pravda Street

**Those rated in the 90's and 100's have dominated so we'll remove those rated under 90....**

Bronze Prince, Below Zero and The Confessor

**followed by any without a win at 7f or further...**

Imperial Guest

**and any without a top 5 in a 17+ runner race....**

Reignier

**All of the winners had run between 3 – 5 times this flat turf season which excludes...**

Hawkeyethenoo, Our Jonathan, Brae Hill and Leviathan

**All had their last run at Royal Ascot or Newmarket in the Bunbury Cup which makes our sole remaining runner a very strong fancy. He finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in both of those races and we're hoping it's third time lucky for our.....**

**LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNER: EXCELLENT GUEST**

### NAG RATINGS

<b>REIGNIER</b>	<b>88</b>
OUR JONATHAN	87
HAWKEYETHENOO	87
EXCELLENT GUEST	86
ATLANTIC SPORT	85