STOCKHOLM CUP INTERNATIONAL (GR3)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 – BRO PARK RACETRACK



1. SUBLISSIMO (FR)



Finally found his good old form after a few disappointing seasons. Not used to competing in this class.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	7
Trainer:	Jenny Hedlund
Jockey:	Maikel Narvaez Bravo
Life:	38 10-5-2
Prize money:	986 216 SEK
Winning %:	26%
Greatest victory:	Prix de la Besbre 2016. Vichv

Sublissimo came from France in 2018 and surprisingly joined the stable of Daniel Redén, one of Sweden's most successful trotting trainers, which created a lot of attention. Although Sublissimo showed plenty of potential, and tried his luck in the same year's Stockholm Cup (unplaced), he subsequently left Redén, finally finding home with amateur trainer Jenny Hedlund. This summer, Sublissimo has been a revelation, winning two nice handicaps before going down to top filly Havana Red. Often racing prominently, he certainly faces a very stiff task against this opposition, which is the highlight in her career so far.

3. JET ACTION (IRE)

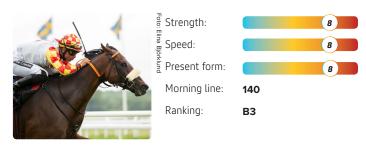


Has developed into a top-class stayer this year, has to raise his game again to

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Wido Neuroth
Jockey:	Jan-Erik Neuroth
Life:	12 4-4-2
Prize money:	857 840 SEK
Winning %:	33%
Greatest victory:	Wiking Tryck Derby Day Summer Cup 2021, Jägersro

Jet Action represents the mightiest connections in Scandinavian racing: multiple champion trainer Wido Neuroth and the powerful Stall Perlen, owners who don't blink an eye spending millions at sales venues around Europe. This has resulted in a plethora of big race wins over the years, with multiple group race winner and successful stallion Appel Au Maitre as their most successful protegé (so far). Jet Action is a true stayer who was second in last year's Norwegian Derby and third in Oslo Cup (Gr3) this summer. Surprisingly, he couldn't catch stable mate Seneschal in last Thursday's Norwegian S:t Leger, and this race is of course even tougher.

2. MASTER BLOOM (SWE)



Competent stayer, in the money but well beaten in the last two editions of this race.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	6
Trainer:	Cathrine Erichsen
Jockey:	Elione Chaves
Life:	31 13-5-3
Prize money:	3 085 095 SEK
Winning %:	42%
Greatest victory:	The Macallan Dansk Derby 2018 Klampenhorg

Master Bloom didn't qualify for a spot in the Swedish Derby as a three-year-old, but proved his doubters were totally wrong by scoring six times in a row, including in the Danish Derby and Swedish S:t Leger. The following season, Master Bloom captured Scandinavian Open (Gr3), and since then he's been a regular feature in all the most important Scandinavian races over 2 000 meters and beyond, most recently claiming the Swedish Championship (SM). He's the latest star originating from the foundation mare Bloomers, a family that has produced many top-class Swedish thoroughbred, but on Sunday he's only a longshot.

4. RED VERDON (USA)



World traveller who normally prefers even longer distances. Will appreciate a likely strong pace.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	8
Trainer:	Ed Dunlop
Jockey:	David Egan
Life:	50 10-10-5
Prize money:	8 521 711 SEK
Winning %:	20%
Greatest victory	Prix Maurice de Nieuil (Gr2) 2020, Longchamp

Red Verdon is a true and admirable globetrotter, having raced in Australia, Hong Kong and UAE, as well as in many European countries. In fact, Bro Park will be the 25th race track he steps foot on! This eight-year-old has run 50 times and amassed about 1 million dollars in prize money, and is still competing on a very high level. Last time out, he finished strongly in Prix Kergorlay (Gr2) in Deauville, claiming third place. Red Verdon sticks to staying distances, preferrably longer than the 12 furlongs on Sunday, but with a few keen front runners in the field the pace looks set to be good or better.



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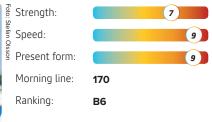
Local hero, second best to Square de Luynes in last year's race. Even tougher task

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	5
Trainer:	Madeleine Smith
Jockey:	Madeleine Smith
Life:	15 8-3-3
Prize money:	1 426 116 SEK
Winning %:	53%
Greatest victory:	Svenskt S:t Leger 2019, Bro Park

Espen Hill is the poster boy for local trainer-jockey Madeleine Smith, who does exceptionally well taking lesser bred horses through the ranks. No example is more impressive than Espen Hill, who made his debut in May as a three-year-old, but still could finish that season with a decisive win in the Swedish S:t Leger. Last year, he surprised even more finishing second to Square de Luvnes in Stockholm Cup, belving his odds of 14-1. Coming from a decent third place behind Master Bloom in the Swedish Championship, SM, Espen Hill is poised for another strong effort, chasing good prize money.

7. WOLFOF VANCOUVER (CAN)





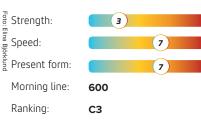
Classy three-year-old, faces elders for the first time. American pedigree, surface a question mark.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	3
Trainer:	Lennart Reuterskiöld Jr
Jockey:	Jacob Johansen
Life:	8 4-3-1
Prize money:	1 706 480 SEK
Winning %:	50%
Greatest victory:	Voterlöpning 2021, Jägersro Galopp

Wolfof Vancouver, the field's only three-year-old, represents Sweden's leading trainer, Jägersro-based Lennart Reuterskiöld Jr, who sure knows how to win the Stockholm Cup. Lennart did just that in 2017 with the three-year-old filly Dorcia, and then again in 2018 with the popular stalwart Hurricane Red. While both Dorcia and Hurricane Red won their respective Swedish Derbies. Wolfof Vancouver had to settle for second place, but he's a tough nut to crack and a fascinating contender. He gets a handy weight allowance and usually races prominently but has a dirt pedigree and makes his debut on grass.

6. VON BLUCHER (IRE)





Has mostly run over much shorter distances, or over hurdles. Makes no appeal at all.

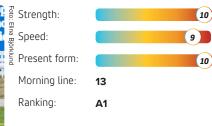
Gender:	Gelding
Age:	8
Trainer:	Kahlil De Burca
Jockey:	Ulrica Holmquist
Life:	55 6-8-5
Prize money:	1 173 488 SEK
Winning %:	11%
Greatest victory:	het365 Mile 2016. Newmarket

Von Blucher was Listed placed and a four-time winner in Britain before he was imported to Sweden late 2019. Here, we've come to know him as a useful sprinter/miler - despite having had 55 races throughout his career he's never tried this distance. His trainer

Kahlil de Burca, who also saddles Freed From Desire, is also very successful on the local iumps circuit and Von Blucher has made his last two starts in hurdle races, winning one of them. Seeing Von Blucher turning up for Stockholm Cup is a quite a surprise and his connections should be proud if he can beat even a few of his adversaries.

8. SQUARE DE LUYNES (FR)





Super impressive when winning this race two years in a row. Heavily favoured to bag

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	6
Trainer:	Niels Petersen
Jockey:	Pat Cosgrave
Life:	11 7-2-1
Prize money:	4 874 398 SEK
Winning %:	64%
Greatest victory	Stockholm Cun International (Gr3) 2019 2020 Bro Park

Square de Luynes is Scandinavia's top-rated galloper and chases a hat trick in Stockholm Cup (Gr3). The powerful «Frankel of the Fjords», as Racing Post called him, is not very easy to keep sound, but when in top shape he's proved impossible to beat. Once again, he made his seasonal reappearance in Marit Sveaas Minnelöp (Gr3) on Norwegian Derby day, in late August, where he won very convincingly, in the process beating an ancient track record over a distance normally a tad too short. 1,5 miles suits him perfectly and he loves racing up with the tempo. The visitors must be really good to beat this



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9. FREED FROM DESIRE (GB)



The field's only mare has run below best lately and is not used to facing this kind of opposition

Gender:	Mare
Age:	5
Trainer:	Kahlil De Burca
Jockey:	Oliver Wilson
Life:	30 5-5-2
Prize money:	685 925 SEK
Winning %:	17%
Greatest victory:	Bloomers' Vase (L) 2020, Bro Park

Freed From Desire started her career in Great Britain where she raced well and won as a two-year-old. After missing her whole three-year-old season, she came to Sweden with her trainer Kahlil de Burca, who has turned her into one of the leading mares when it comes to turf races over a mile or a bit further. Her best merit so far is the win in last year's Bloomers' Vase (L). However, after winning in her seasonal debut, form has been slightly sketchy this year and it's not reasonable to think that the field's only feminine representative can trouble the much tougher guys here.

10. OUTBOX (GB)



Exciting British raider who brings solid black type form over this distance. Top jockey

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	6
Trainer:	Archie Watson
Jockey:	Hollie Doyle
Life:	20 6-4-3
Prize money:	1 747 499 SEK
Winning %:	30%
Greatest victory:	Close Brothers Fred Archer Stakes (L) 2021 Newmarket

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Outbox, sent over by Archie Watson and to be ridden by Hollie Doyle, is a tough campaigner, making his 13th start of the year this Sunday after not running at all last year. This son of Frankel loves the middle distance of 1,5 miles and finally got himself a black type win when scoring in a Listed race at Newmarket in June. Two weeks later he almost led all the way in a Gr3 at York, only beaten by the very promising Hukum. If he can reproduce that kind of form in Stockholm, he's a live contender, but there will probably be competition for his preferred position in the lead.



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STARTING LIST

NR	HORSES	JOCKEY	TRAINER	MLO
1.	SUBLISSIMO (FR)	MAIKEL NARVAEZ BRAVO	JENNY HEDLUND	500 49/1
2.	MASTER BLOOM (SWE)	ELIONE CHAVES	CATHRINE ERICHSEN	140 13/1
3.	JET ACTION (IRE)	JAN-ERIK NEUROTH	WIDO NEUROTH	140 13/1
4.	RED VERDON (USA)	DAVID EGAN	ED DUNLOP	90 8/1
5.	ESPEN HILL (SWE)	MADELEINE SMITH	MADELEINE SMITH	170 16/1
6.	VON BLUCHER (IRE)	ULRICA HOLMQUIST	KAHLIL DE BURCA	600 59/1
7.	WOLFOF VANCOUVER (CAN)	JACOB JOHANSEN	LENNART REUTERSKIÖLD JR	170 16/1
8.	SQUARE DE LUYNES (FR)	PAT COSGRAVE	NIELS PETERSEN	13 3/10
9.	FREED FROM DESIRE (GB)	OLIVER WILSON	KAHLIL DE BURCA	500 49/1
10.	OUTBOX (GB)	HOLLIE DOYLE	ARCHIE WATSON	120 11/1



RANKING: A: 8 B: 4-10-2-3-5-7 C: 1-9-6