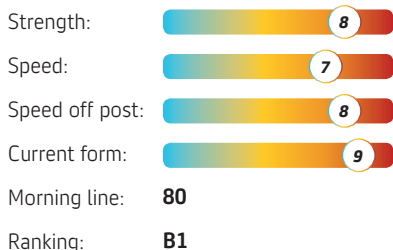


1. KARAT RIVER

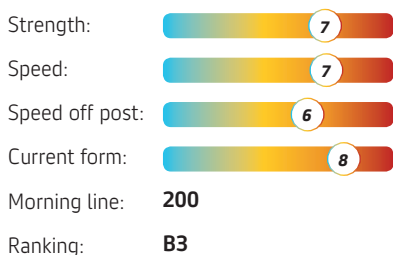


Won his elimination from the front. Draw will likely pose a problem. Needs luck in running.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Johan Untersteiner
Driver:	Johan Untersteiner
Life:	13 8-2-0
Record pace:	1.11,4a
Prize money:	598 000 SEK
Winning %:	62%
Greatest victory:	Breeders' Crown Semi-final 2022, Solvalla

Muscle Hill-gelding that has won 8 out of 13 starts. More strong than fast and has won three starts over 2640 meters. Showed some good gate speed in the Elimination which he won going wire-to-wire. It is doubtful that he will be able to defend the rail and Johan Untersteiner will have to use all his skills to find a good trip. The Elimination-win was Karat River's biggest success to date, but he certainly knows where the post is located. The gelding will be suited by a fast pace and can do some heavy lifting himself should he be able to find first over.

3. DEVILS TONGUE

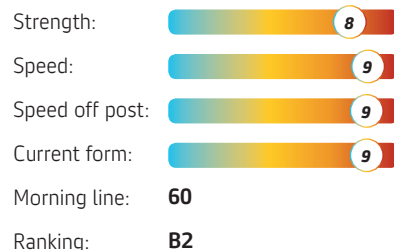


Versatile horse, will pass many horses in the stretch with a good trip. Form should be peaking now.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Sandra Eriksson
Driver:	Sandra Eriksson
Life:	22 9-4-3
Record pace:	1.10,5a
Prize money:	998 500 SEK
Winning %:	41%
Greatest victory:	STL Bronsdivisionen Försök 2022, Boden

Devils Tongue caught second behind Francesco Zet in the Elimination after a garden trip. Coming from the very northern part of Sweden he will have to ship 585 miles from Boden to Eskilstuna. The son of Zola Boko will soon be a millionaire in Swedish Crowns and has 9 wins from 22 starts. After a great spring/early summer Devils Tongue got a well-deserved rest and came back to the track in late september. With three starts after the rest the gelding should be able to hit top form in this valuable race. The draw should enable a good trip and with the right pace scenario he won't be far away.

2. IZNOGOUD AM

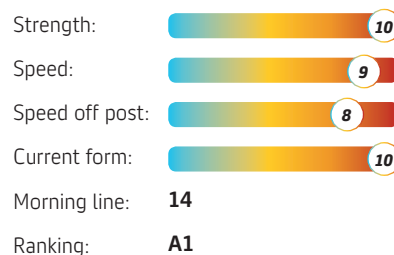


Fast colt by Muscle Hill with a lot of tactical speed. Second to #4 in Sprintermästaren. Contender.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Stefan P Pettersson
Driver:	Björn Goop
Life:	23 6-7-1
Record pace:	1.09,7a
Prize money:	3 220 646 SEK
Winning %:	26%
Greatest victory:	Margatretas Tidiga Unghästserie 2022, Solvalla

Iznogoud AM won his Elimination despite a bad draw. Now he is drawn perfectly behind the car and will be able to use his gate speed. This colt by Muscle Hill made 8 starts in the US without tasting success. Back in Sweden he has shown that he is one of the best in the crop. He was the runner up to Francesco Zet in Sprintermästaren over the mile and sixth in the Swedish Derby which is contested over 2640 meters. With Björn Goop in the bike Iznogoud AM will certainly go to the front, from there Mr Goop can choose his tactics. The clear second choice behind the favorite, Francesco Zet.

4. FRANCESCO ZET

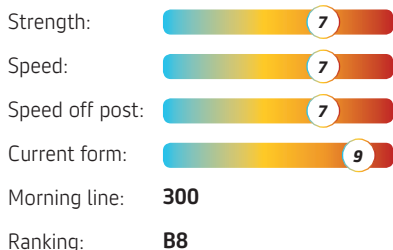


Unbeaten this year. One of the greatest four-year-olds ever. Very hard to beat from a perfect draw.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Daniel Redén
Driver:	Örjan Kihlström
Life:	18 16-1-0
Record pace:	1.09,4a
Prize money:	14 075 000 SEK
Winning %:	89%
Greatest victory:	Svenskt Travderby 2022, Jägersro

Father Patrick colt over a Credit Winner mare. Has won 16 out of 18 starts and is unbeaten this year. Won Sprintermästaren (Gr 1, Int) over 1609 meters and won the Derby (Gr 1, Nat) over 2640 meters. He also won the «Kungapokalen» (Gr 1, Int) so when he won the Derby, he had completed the Swedish Triple Crown for four-year-olds. He is fast enough from the gate to get a good position and could probably get the lead after a while if the driver wants too. He is also strong enough to win from first over. It will be interesting to see where this future stallion goes after this anticipated win.

5. IKAROS SISU

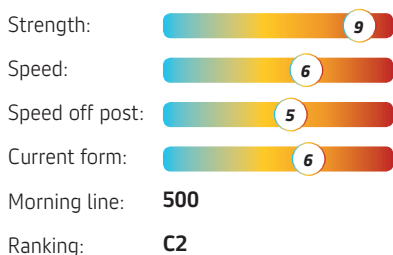


Speedy colt. Couldn't find racing room when second to Karat River in the Elim. Outsider.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Thomas Uhrberg
Driver:	Thomas Uhrberg
Life:	19 4-8-2
Record pace:	1.12,1a
Prize money:	905 000 SEK
Winning %:	21%
Greatest victory:	STL Klass II Final 2021, Solvalla

This speedy colt by Googoo Gaagaa over a Conway Hall mare can finish a race super-fast. Will be hoping for fast fractions so he can pass horses in the stretch. He looked smashing in the Elimination when he was second to Karat River after having a helmet trip on the winner, not getting racing room in the end. He came home with a lot of stamina left in the tank which will be needed since he has yet to prove himself at the highest level. He lowered his record from 12,5 to 12,1 (not a winning time) last time. Is obviously in top form now. Could spring a surprise at a more than decent odds.

7. HIGH ON PEPPER

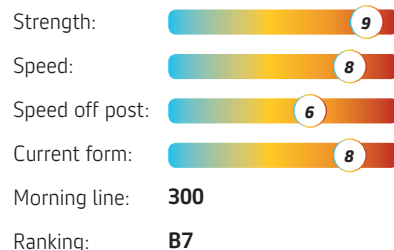


Ready Cash-gelding that won the Walter Lundbergs Memorial. Strong but not fast.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Katja Melkko
Driver:	Jorma Kontio
Life:	20 7-1-2
Record pace:	1.12,3a
Prize money:	677 000 SEK
Winning %:	35%
Greatest victory:	Walter Lundbergs Memorial 2022, Solvalla

This Ready Cash-gelding is a talented stayer winning Walter Lundbergs Memorial over 3140 meters in 1:13,6. Came in fourth in his elimination and has a bad draw today. It is not hard to envision this horse winning major staying races but today will be an uphill battle. High On Pepper has won 4 from 14 this year, masterly handled by Katja Melkko. In all his 7 lifetime wins he has had Jorma Kontio in the sulky and they are pairing up once again here. He has been prone to breaking stride earlier, but those issues seem to have vanished lately. If attacking early, he might have a big part to play in the race.

6. SOURIRE FRÖ

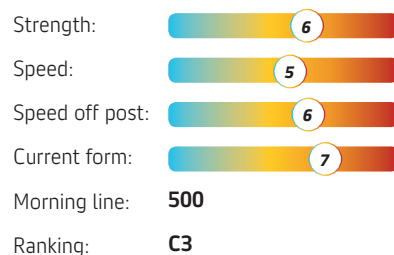


Finished strongly in the Elimination but had no chance with Iznogoud AM. Could get a piece.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Ulrika Wällstedt
Driver:	Magnus A Djuse
Life:	31 9-5-2
Record pace:	1.10,2a
Prize money:	1 238 500 SEK
Winning %:	29%
Greatest victory:	STL Bronsdivisionen Försök 2022, Mantorp

Finished strong in the Elimination. Was never near to challenge Iznogoud AM. The colt by Wishing Stone has blossomed during his four-year-old campaign. Sourire Frö has earned 690 000 SEK this year from 5 wins out of 13 starts. He is a strong horse, but his win in one of the Elims. for Sprintermästaren showed that he has got speed in abundance. He has had to face some bad draws lately, but the post gods were more lenient today. With a super talented driver in the bike, Sourire Frö could be the jack-in-the-box in this race. Is not to be underestimated but is no more than an outsider.

8. GRAPPA BOY

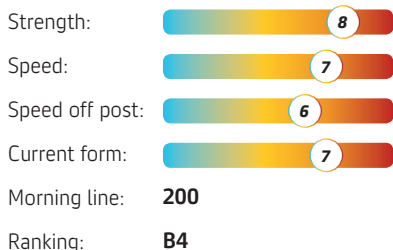


Has no big wins to his name yet and the worst of draws. In need of a miracle.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Christoffer Eriksson
Driver:	Robert Bergh
Life:	25 7-3-2
Record pace:	1.11,5a
Prize money:	564 300 SEK
Winning %:	28%
Greatest victory:	STL Klass II Försök 2022, Jägersro

Grappa Boy has got Ready Cash as a paternal grandfather and Muscle Hill as a maternal grandfather which is impressive. From 25 starts he has amassed 7 wins and accumulated over 500 000 SEK in prizemoney. Gate 8 behind the car is always a turn-off but with Robert Bergh taking over the bike for the first time maybe something unexpected can happen. If Grappa Boy could get a piece of the money here it would be deemed a huge success. That the impossible sometimes is possible was shown last year when Grappa Boy won an ordinary race from the same draw. This is harder.

9. KENTUCKY RIVER

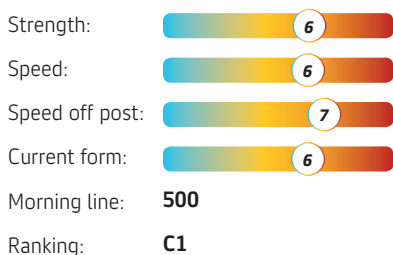


Has had a very good season and the draw is good. Will wait for the right time to attack.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Per Nordström
Driver:	Per Nordström
Life:	22 8-1-2
Record pace:	1.11,1a
Prize money:	1 117 000 SEK
Winning %:	36%
Greatest victory:	STL Klass II Final 2022, Solvalla

Kentucky River is a well-bred colt by Father Patrick out of a Ready Cash Mare. As a four-year-old he has captured quite a few nice prizes and he shouldn't be too far away come the finish line. The nine-hole is actually very good for Kentucky River who is very effective coming off the pace. He can follow Iznogoud AM and get a good position with some luck. It will of course be hard to beat the heavy favorite, but Kentucky River can pick up a nice paycheck. Form is somewhat of a concern, he hit peak form in August and has had a few not very impressive starts since then.

11. LOZANO DI QUATTRO

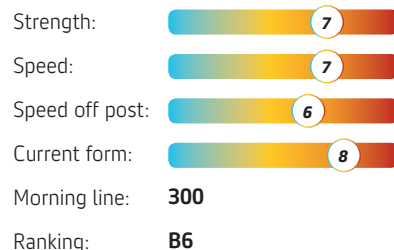


Can't use his early speed from this draw. Has not faced this kind of opposition before. Up against it.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Per K Eriksson
Driver:	Tobias J Gustafsson
Life:	14 4-5-1
Record pace:	1.12,4a
Prize money:	312 300 SEK
Winning %:	29%
Greatest victory:	Treåringslopp 2022, Solvalla

Late developed gelding by Trixton who didn't start until spring this year. Trained by Hall of Famer Per K Eriksson, Lozano di Quattro will surely improve with more experience and this hot field will certainly bring Lozano di Quattro forward. From this draw it is just to hope for the best and take what is offered. The driver, Tobias J Gustafsson, is 30-years old and will also gain useful experience from this race. This will not be the most important race in Lozano di Quattros career, and should he come in sixth and grab 40 000 SEK that would be like a normal win for him.

10. AKILLES FACE

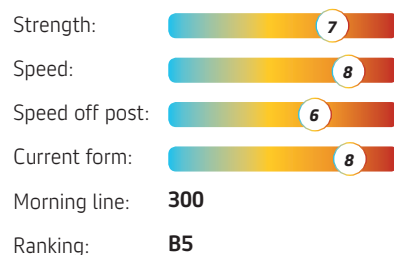


Fast but delicate. We have probably not seen his best yet. Must stay trotting and find a trip to get involved.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Adrian Kolgjini
Driver:	Adrian Kolgjini
Life:	25 6-1-2
Record pace:	1.10,8a
Prize money:	743 900 SEK
Winning %:	24%
Greatest victory:	Johan Jacobssons Minne 2021, Jägersro

Akilles Face is in a very good form now. Prone to breaking stride he has "lost" a lot of money in his young career. He has won over 1640 meters in 1:11,2 and he has also won over 2140 meters and 2640 meters. He hit peak form in late fall last year which is an encouraging sign. From this draw they will likely wait with the attack but if the pace gets slow early, he can do some work on his own. The gelding by Raja Mirchi will have to show that the form is there and that the capacity is there at the same time as he must trot. A lot of questionmarks, but he is an interesting outsider.

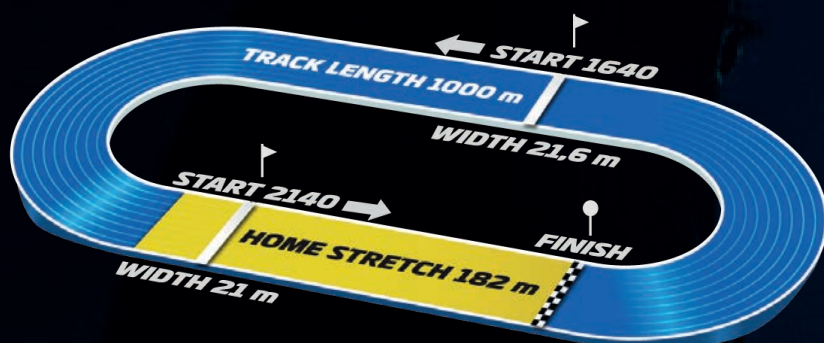
12. INDY ROCK



Fast and strong but not totally reliable. Bad draw but a very good driver. Will need a lot of luck.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Johan Untersteiner
Driver:	Erik Adielsson
Life:	23 7-3-2
Record pace:	1.10,9a
Prize money:	2 191 630 SEK
Winning %:	30%
Greatest victory:	Grosser Preis von Deutschland 2022, Hamburg Bahrenfeld

Won the Grosser Preis von Deutschland three starts ago. Beat his stablemate Karat River when they met. You can argue he is at least as good as Karat River but with a better driver. He was second, from an impossible draw, behind Francesco Zet last year in the Breeders' Crown. He has got the class to be competitive and he has the form to be right in the thick of things. The draw is of course a huge let-down, but stranger things has happened in racing. This gelding by Ready Express will continue to race at the highest level for a long time. He has broken stride 6 times out of 23 starts and cannot be totally trusted.

**RACETRACK INFO****ESKILSTUNA (E)**Track length: **1000 m**Home stretch: **182 m**Home stretch width: **21 m**Back stretch width: **21,6 m**Open stretch: **No****STARTLIST**

NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	MLO	
1.	KARAT RIVER	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	80	7/1
2.	IZNOGOUD AM	BJÖRN GOOP	STEFAN P PETTERSSON	60	5/1
3.	DEVILS TONGUE	SANDRA ERIKSSON	SANDRA ERIKSSON	200	19/1
4.	FRANCESCO ZET	ÖRJAN KIHLESTRÖM	DANIEL REDÉN	14	2/5
5.	IKAROS SISU	THOMAS UHRBERG	THOMAS UHRBERG	300	29/1
6.	SOURIRE FRÖ	MAGNUS A DJUSE	ULRIKA WÄLLSTEDT	300	29/1
7.	HIGH ON PEPPER	JORMA KONTIO	KATJA MELKKO	500	49/1
8.	GRAPPA BOY	ROBERT BERGH	CHRISTOFFER ERIKSSON	500	49/1
9.	KENTUCKY RIVER	PER NORDSTRÖM	PER NORDSTRÖM	200	19/1
10.	AKILLES FACE	ADRIAN KOLGJINI	ADRIAN KOLGJINI	300	29/1
11.	LOZANO DI QUATTRO	TOBIAS J GUSTAFSSON	PER K ERIKSSON	500	49/1
12.	INDY ROCK	ERIK ADIELSSON	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	300	29/1

RANKING: A: 4 B: 1-2-3-9-12-10-6-5 C: 11-7-8