

SATURDAY, MAY 4 – ÅBY RACETRACK



1. BENGURION JET

Won the selection race in top time last time. Great knowledge. Favorite in advance.

Gender: Colt Age: 7 years

Trainer: Alessandro Gocciadoro Driver: Alessandro Gocciadoro

Life: **60 16-11-9** Record pace: **1.08,7a** Prize money: **8 472 501 SEK** Winning %: **27%**

Greatest victory: Premio Tino Triossi 2021, Rome



Speedy gentleman who enchanted the swedish crowd already as a four-year-old. Then he visited Jägersro and won the Prix Cagnes-sur-Mer in a top time of 1.08.8a/1640 meters. Has grown into the elite and done lots of good races in the last year. Won the qualifier for the Paralympic Trot at Jägersro recently in great style. Performed well as runner up in the first race of the year. With two races the body, the seven-year-old should be ready for a strong effort here. A victory would be the first in the Paralympic race for Alessandro Gocciadoro.



2. CASTOR THE STAR

Has been promising throughout. Makes his fourth appearance in the million run. Strong contender.

Gender: Colt Age: 6 years

Trainer: Jörgen Westholm Driver: Mats E Djuse Life: 39 12-6-4 Record pace: 1.09,6a Prize money: 2 122 747 SEK

Winning %: 31%

Greatest victory: Silverdivisionen final 2023, Solvalla



Qualified for the swedish Trotting Derby as a four-year-old. The year after he participated and challenged Francesco Zet in the Berth Johansson Memorial at Umåker early in the season. As a five-year-old, he was also part of the Norrbotten Stora Pris and Margaretapokalen, where he ended up fourth and unplaced. Enjoy racing with Mats E Djuse in the sulky and the horse's last seven starts have been with him behind. Has made two starts this year. In his debut for the year, he won a sprint race in Gävle and in the last race he came third in a qualifier for the Paralympic race at Bergsåker.



3. DORGOS DE GUEZ

Solid career. Came back as third after a long break last time. Probably won't be in the battle for victory.

Gender: Gelding
Age: 11 years
Trainer: Frode Hamre
Driver: Magnus A Djuse
Life: 84 32-11-4
Record pace: 1.09,8a
Prize money: 11 798 165 SEK

Winning %: 38%

Greatest victory: Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere 2021, Vincennes



The horse was trained for many years by Jean-Michel Bazire and celebrated great triumphs with him. As a gelding, he has been excluded from the biggest races on french soil, but despite this, he has won more than the equivalent of eleven million crowns. Has started sporadically in recent years and most recently made a return to the race track after more than a year's absence. He finished third at Bjerke behind Four Guys Dream and Gigant Invalley. Now he is driven for the first time by Magnus A Djuse and makes his first appearance on swedish soil.



4. RACKHAM

Competed against tough opposition throughout. Enjoying the new home track Åby. Rarely wins.

Gender: **Colt** Age: **8 years**

Trainer: **Christoffer Eriksson** Driver: **Christoffer Eriksson**

Life: **65 12-13-5**Record pace: **1.10,0a**Prize money: **3 060 989 SEK**Winning %: **18%**

Greatest victory: Bronsdivisionen final 2021, Åby



The colt was awarded the last ticket for the great race. Has managed to make three starts this year with two fourth places at best. Christoffer Eriksson has trained Rackham through the horse's entire career and together they have competed in many big races. Last year they came third in the Paralympic final behind San Moteur and Hades de Vandel. Has good statistics at Åby in particular, which 4 wins in 18 starts is strong proof of. The horse often makes robust performances, but rarely wins these days. Rackham is up against hard competitors and is not a likely winner.



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5. BEARTIME

Won his last start. Not far from the victory the time before that. Always perform well.

Gender: **Gelding** Age: **9 years**

Trainer: Helena Edlund Driver: Carl Johan Jepson Life: 87 12-20-9 Record pace: 1.10,4a Prize money: 3 440 844 SEK

Winning %: 14%

Greatest victory: Silverdivisionen final 2023, Solvalla



Helena Edlund's eye stone has started the season strongly with two wins in seven starts. Has gone through the classes and performed well almost every time. He often starts on saturdays and well known to the crowd. In recent years he has grown into the elite in the best of ways. This task will be his biggest so far in his career and the first time he competes for seven figures in first prize. Previously he has won eight times when the first prize has been at least 100,000 SEK. B-trainer Helena Edlund has four horses on the training list and Beartime is by far the stable's brightest star.



6. UNICO BROLINE

Was second behind Bengurion Jet last time. Eighth place last year in Paralympiatravet. Chasing money.

Gender: **Gelding** Age: **8 years**

Trainer: Sofia Aronsson Driver: Erik Adielsson Life: 69 16-13-13 Record pace: 1.09,5a Prize money: 3 686 827 SEK

Winning %: 23%

Greatest victory: Prix de Cosse le Vivien 2023, Vincennes



Sofia Aronsson has been the horse's trainer throughout his whole career. Made his breakthrough in the winter 2021-2022 with several V75-victories, mostly with Erik Adielsson in the sulky. Was fifth in the Sylvester race on New Year's Eve and has made three starts in 2024, second place in the Paralympic behind Bengurion Jet is this year's best achievement so far. The gelding wins almost every fourth start he makes and has a high 61 percent presence in top-3. Makes his second appearance in seven-figure first prize race. Last year he finished eighth in Åby Stora Pris.



7. ÖNAS PRINCE

Returned in March after longer absence from competition. Strong contender in this field.

Gender: Colt Age: 7 years

Trainer: Per Nordström
Driver: Per Nordström
Life: 48 29-1-5
Record pace: 1.09,2a
Prize money: 11 416 332 SEK

Winning %: **60%**

Greatest victory: Breeders Crown 4yrs old c/g final 2021, Eskilstuna



Became a gamblers favorite early on and has competed at the highest level for a long time. The first big victory came in the final of the Breeders Course as a three-year-old and as a four-year-old he won both the King's Cup, the Sprinter Champion and the Breeders Crown. He was also second in the Swedish Trotting Derby. Has been in the Elitloppet on two occasions during his career, in 2022 he galloped away in the final and last year he finished fourth. Is extremely used to winning and boasts a whopping 60 in victory percentage. Is undefeated at Åby after five starts.



8. KING SCHERMER

Sixth in the pre-competition recently. Won two races in Sweden before. Ice cold starting position this time.

Gender: **Gelding** Age: **7 years**

Trainer: Michel F Rothengatter Driver: Michel F Rothengatter

Life: **45 17-6-7** Record pace: **1.10,5a** Prize money: **2 316 969 SEK**

Winning %: 38%

Greatest victory: Silverdivisionen 2023, Solvalla



Dutch guest who has tried his luck in Sweden regularly. Among other things, won a victory in the silverdivision on V75 as it happened. Michel F Rothengatter has trained the horse throughout his career and most often sits in the sulky. In the 45 starts in his career, he has been on the podium a total of 30 times. Started in the qualifier at Jägersro recently where he finished sixth behind great horses like Bengurion Jet, Unico Broline and Indy Rock. Had his best year on the racing track last year with the equivalent of just over 1.1 million crowns earned.



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9. KENTUCKY RIVER

No luck in France this winter. Have finished second and first back in Sweden. Not without chance here.

Gender: Colt Age: 6 years

Trainer: Daniel Redén Driver: Örjan Kihlström Life: 35 11-4-2 Record pace: 1.11,1a Prize money: 2 599 730 SEK

Winning %: 31%

Greatest victory: Eskilstuna Fyraåringstest & Lyon Grand Prix (Åby)



Began his career with Conrad Lugauer before he was moved to Per Nordström in December as a three-year-old. Since September last year, Sweden's leading trainer, Daniel Redén has been in charge of the training. Kentucky River has always been seen as a major talent and has qualified for several major finals. Last year he finished second in the Harper Hanover race behind Eric The Eel. Last winter he made two starts at Vincennes where his best was fourth. Since returning to Sweden, he has made two starts, both in qualifiers for the Paralympic final, where he has finished second and first.



10. USAIN TÖLL

Long and successful career. Took a meritorious win at Vincennes last time. Might surprise many.

Gender: **Gelding** Age: **8 years**

Trainer: Vitale Ciotola
Driver: Björn Goop
Life: 80 15-13-13
Record pace: 1.09,7a
Prize money: 7 642 675 SEK

Winning %: 19%

Greatest victory: Prix Kerjacques 2024, Vincennes



The career began in Sweden with Admir Zukanovic. Has since then placed with several different trainers. In the last start he made his debut under the management of Vitale Ciotola. It was an immediate success with the victory in the Group II race Prix Kerjacques together with Benjamin Rochard. The duo finished in 1.11.1/2700 meters. Björn Goop has driven Usain Töll once before. They won third prize in Årjäng's Great Sprinter Race behind Don Fanucci Zet and Brother Bill. Has been on the podium in more than half of his 80 career starts.



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RACETRACK INFO



ÅBY (Å)

Track length: 1000 m
Home stretch: 180 m
Home stretch width: 23 m
Back stretch width: 23 m
Open stretch: Double

RACECARD

NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	MLO
1.	BENGURION JET	ALESSANDRO GOCCIADORO	ALESSANDRO GOCC	IADORO 7/2
2.	CASTOR THE STAR	MATS E DJUSE	JÖRGEN WESTHOLM	9/2
3.	DORGOS DE GUEZ	MAGNUS A DJUSE	FRODE HAMRE	99/1
4.	RACKHAM	CHRISTOFFER ERIKSSON	CHRISTOFFER ERIK	SSON 99/1
5.	BEARTIME	CARL JOHAN JEPSON	HELENA EDLUND	12/1
6.	UNICO BROLINE	ERIK ADIELSSON	SOFIA ARONSSON	99/1
7.	ÖNAS PRINCE	PER NORDSTRÖM	PER NORDSTRÖM	5/1
8.	KING SCHERMER	MICHEL F ROTHENGATTER	MICHEL F ROTTENG	ATTER 32/1
9.	KENTUCKY RIVER	ÖRJAN KIHLSTRÖM	DANIEL REDÉN	7/2
10.	USAIN TÖLL	BJÖRN GOOP	VITALE CIOTOLA	24/1

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

