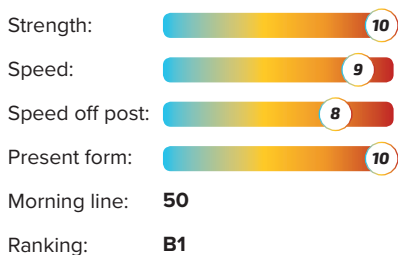


## 1. AUBRION DU GERS

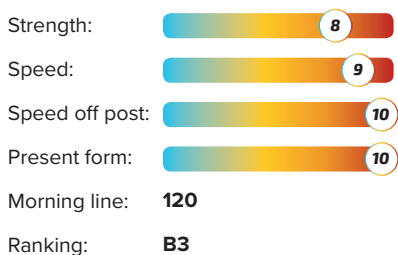


15 wins in a row but baptism of fire now on the short distance against top horses. Has the right attitude.

Gender:	<b>Gelding</b>
Age:	<b>9</b>
Trainer:	<b>Jean-Michel Bazire</b>
Driver:	<b>Joseph Verbeeck</b>
Life:	<b>69 45-4-6</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.10,5</b>
Prize money:	<b>23 825 499 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>65%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>UET Trotting Masters Final 2017, Vincennes</b>

This French tough horse has been called 'The best gelding in the world' the last couple of years. He is not allowed to compete in the bigger races in France and because of that he has not got the same media attention. Has been matched smartly by Jean-Michel Bazire and at the end of April in the last rehearsal before the Elitloppet in his debut on this distance, he scored the 14 th win in a row. He has the right attitude and owns good strength and in case of quick pace he should have a good chance. He beat Bold Eagle in the last start and has now 15 wins in a row.

## 3. BAHIA QUESNOT

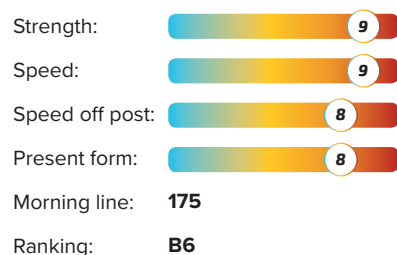


Won the last race on Åby without being at her best. She can open fast and has good speed. Contender.

Gender:	<b>Mare</b>
Age:	<b>8</b>
Trainer:	<b>Junior Guelpa</b>
Driver:	<b>Junior Guelpa</b>
Life:	<b>77 8-11-4</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.09,0</b>
Prize money:	<b>6 241 250 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>10%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>Grand National de Trot 2016, Bordeaux</b>

French mare who became interesting for the big organizers after her third spot in Cagnes-Sur-Mer where she was just closely defeated by Ready Express despite an offensive run. Has met Swedish opponents twice now and got used to the way of driving in this country. Scored a good third spot in Olympiatravet and comes from victory in the Golden Division on Åby. Driver Junior Guelpa saw Elitloppet 16 years ago and lives his dream now by participating in the race for the first time. The mare ran with shoes in the last start and was rutting and will be better.

## 2. MILLIGAN'S SCHOOL

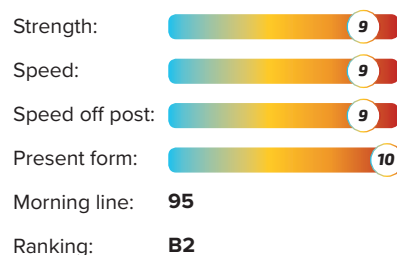


Is not used to this short distance but with a nice defensive run he has really good speed. Good number.

Gender:	<b>Stallion</b>
Age:	<b>6</b>
Trainer:	<b>Stefan Melander</b>
Driver:	<b>Ulf Eriksson</b>
Life:	<b>70 15-14-6</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.09,9</b>
Prize money:	<b>8 727 494 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>21%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>Sundsvall Open Trot 2018, Bergsåker</b>

Started in the US as a young horse and earned two million SEK both as a two and a three year old. Got a slow start to his four year old season since he came to Sweden, but he blossomed as a five year old and the win in Sundsvall Open Trot is by far his best result. He was second in Trotting Masters last autumn and beat Ready Express again and got just closely defeated by winning Propulsion. The victory in C Th Ericsson Memorial this spring was another big win and he will certainly be competing in the elite as a six year old. This is the biggest challenge ever for driver Ulf Eriksson.

## 4. DAY OR NIGHT IN

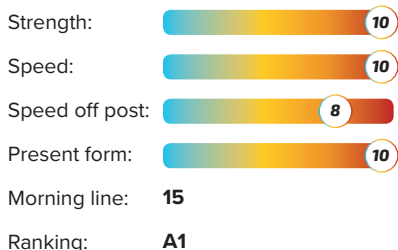


Was brave after a tough run in the last start and is in great shape before his biggest race. Warning!

Gender:	<b>Stallion</b>
Age:	<b>7</b>
Trainer:	<b>Johan Untersteiner</b>
Driver:	<b>Johan Untersteiner</b>
Life:	<b>54 17-8-3</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.10,2</b>
Prize money:	<b>5 045 371 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>31%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>Prix Jean-Rene Gougeon 2018, Vincennes</b>

Has been a winner during his whole career. Was third in the Swedish Derby behind Ready Express and showed that he is one of the better horses of his year. Has been improved every season and even abroad he has been matched in Paris and on Vincennes. Won LC Peterson-Broddas race on Jägersro in March and scored a nice fourth spot in Olympiatravet after a quick finish. Johan Untersteiner has had a couple of horses who are good enough to make it to Elitloppet this year and right now this is his best one. Is an underdog which could suit him perfectly.

## 5. PROPULSION

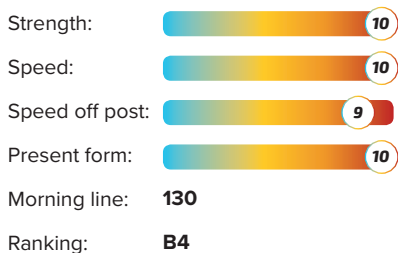


Scored a splendid win in Olympiatravet. One out of two strong contributions from Sweden this year. Top chance!

Gender:	<b>Stallion</b>
Age:	<b>8</b>
Trainer:	<b>Daniel Redén</b>
Driver:	<b>Örjan Kihlström</b>
Life:	<b>68 34-12-8</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.08,1</b>
Prize money:	<b>24 939 062 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>50%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>UET Trotting Masters Final 2018, Östersund</b>

Has become better and better since he came to Europe. Had a splendid season last year and scored many big wins and earned more than eleven million SEK. Has still not won Elitloppet but this year it is going to happen according to trainer Redén. Comes from a fantastic win in Olympiatravet and showed that he can do it really tough. He and the driver want to take revenge here after the second spot last season. Is trainer Daniel Redén's best horse here and Örjan Kihlström is often splendid in the bigger races.

## 7. HEAVY SOUND

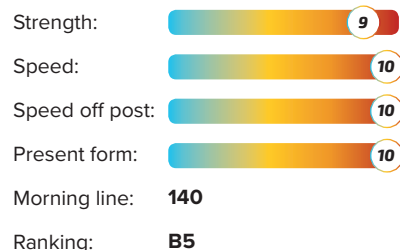


Won the seasonal debut and looked splendid. When he is at his best he can beat anyone. Outsider.

Gender:	<b>Gelding</b>
Age:	<b>7</b>
Trainer:	<b>Daniel Redén</b>
Driver:	<b>Kenneth Haugstad</b>
Life:	<b>40 19-5-4</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.09,2</b>
Prize money:	<b>7 534 714 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>48%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>E3 Final 2015, Gävle</b>

Won the debut for new trainer Daniel Redén in April last year and after that he scored a splendid victory in Gävle on 1.09.2/1609 meter. The horse got an invitation for the Elitloppet then, but was not ready for two heats yet and the owners said no. Later that season he scored more big wins and showed that he is an elite horse. Put in a great effort to win the seasonal debut this year and now they took the risk and accepted the invitation. Kenneth Haugstad has always been his driver and this first Elitloppet will be his biggest moment.

## 6. MILLIONDOLLARRHYME

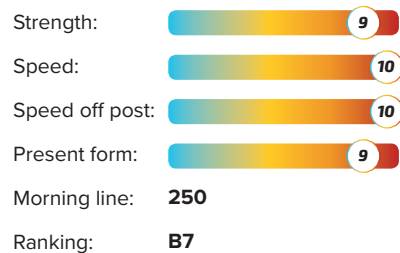


Runner-up against the best but has been improved a lot in a short while. Was really good in the last run on a fast time.

Gender:	<b>Gelding</b>
Age:	<b>5</b>
Trainer:	<b>Fredrik B Larsson</b>
Driver:	<b>Fredrik B Larsson</b>
Life:	<b>23 7-3-4</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.09,2</b>
Prize money:	<b>1 183 000 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>30%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>Bronsdvisionen Final 2018, Solvalla</b>

Is the oddest participant in this Elitlopp. Was not successful as a three year old but scored a couple of nice wins in the V75 after that. He became better and better and finished the season with his biggest win so far in a Bronze final. Has started this season really well and after two sizzling performances over the short distance he got an invitation. Showed 1.09.2/1640 meter in the last run so now we know that he can match the elite. Solvalla trainer Fredrik B Larsson has found a new top horse and is welcome again among the best. One of the favorites of the Solvalla home crowd.

## 8. DIJON

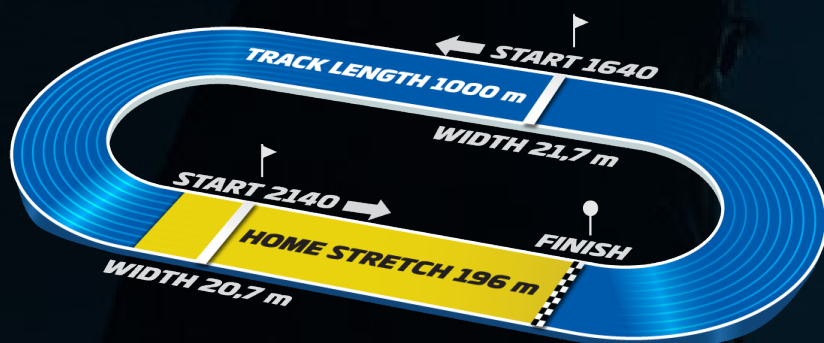


Has not won yet this year and got a poor draw behind the gate. Very tough task.

Gender:	<b>Stallion</b>
Age:	<b>6</b>
Trainer:	<b>Romain Derieux</b>
Driver:	<b>Romain Derieux</b>
Life:	<b>48 12-7-3</b>
Record pace:	<b>1.09,0</b>
Prize money:	<b>7 664 454 SEK</b>
Winning %:	<b>25%</b>
Greatest victory:	<b>Gran Premio Tino Triossi 2017, Naples</b>

Is one out of four French participants in this Elitlopp and during the years we have learned that the horses from France always should be considered. Dijon is really speedy for a French horse and his performance in Cagnes-Sur-Mere qualified him for this race. He opened really fast to find the lead and was very brave despite heavy pressure from Bold Eagle. He led until shortly before the finish but got defeated by Ready Express who finished really fast. It would be very exciting if he could use his gate speed on Solvalla. Might get his real breakthrough here.

## RACETRACK INFO



### SOLVALLA (S)

Track length: 1000 m

Home stretch: 196 m

Start: 2140 m, width: 20,7 m

Start: 1640 m, width: 21,7 m

Open stretch: No

## STARTLIST

NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	MLO
1.	AUBRION DU GERS	JOSEPH VERBEECK	JEAN-MICHEL BAZIRE	50 (4/1)
2.	MILLIGAN'S SCHOOL	ULF ERIKSSON	STEFAN MELANDER	175 (33/2)
3.	BAHIA QUESNOTS	JUNIOR GUELPA	JUNIOR GUELPA	120 (11/1)
4.	DAY OR NIGHT IN	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	95 (17/2)
5.	PROPULSION	ÖRJAN KIHLESTRÖM	DANIEL REDÉN	15 (1/2)
6.	MILLIONDOLLARRHYME	FREDRIK B LARSSON	FREDRIK B LARSSON	140 (13/1)
7.	HEAVY SOUND	KENNETH HAUGSTAD	DANIEL REDÉN	130 (12/1)
8.	DIJON	ROMAIN DERIEUX	ROMAIN DERIEUX	250 (24/1)

**RANKING: A: 5 B: 1-4-3-7-6-2-8**