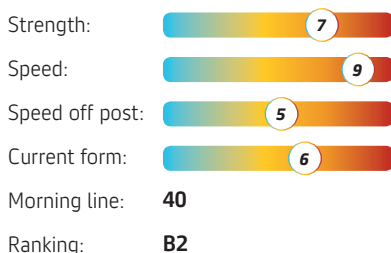


1. FLY LIGHT



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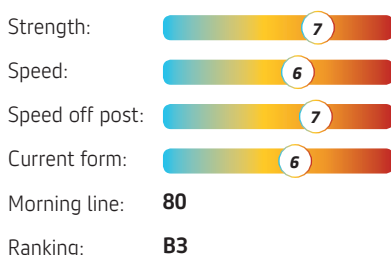


High-class gelding. Competed vs the best in the USA last year. Deep closer and draw might be a trap.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Paul J P Hagoort
Driver:	Robin Bakker
Life:	20 3-4-5
Record pace:	1.08,9a
Prize money:	4 826 566 SEK
Winning %:	15%
Greatest victory:	Earl Beal Jr Memorial Consolation 2021, Pocono Downs

Second in Breeders' behind the mighty Jujubee at Meadowlands and third in the Kentucky Futurity at The Red Mile after starting the season in late June. Fly Light is a slow starting gelding that always closes very fast and is well known to pass the field late in the stretch. Draw is a disadvantage today and so is the 5/8 track. Robin Bakker will have to use all his skill to find a trip for Fly Light who will be arriving late to the scene. Fly Light has made one start in Europe in his new career. That was in Wolvega, June 3rd and Fly Light was third in 1'12"2 over 2100 meter. He should be race fit after that race.

3. DOWN UNDER

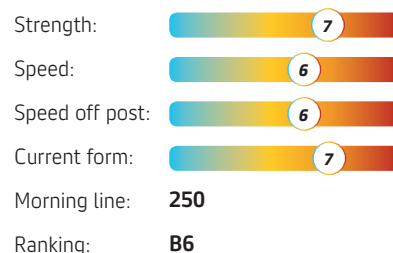


Unlucky with the draw in his latest starts but not here. Must prove he belongs in this company.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Per Nordström
Driver:	Per Nordström
Life:	18 4-3-1
Record pace:	1.12,7a
Prize money:	445 900 SEK
Winning %:	22%
Greatest victory:	E3 Consolation 2021, Färjestad

The latest form is not impressive, but the draw makes things a little more interesting here. The Readly Express colt by a Pine Chip mare is not to be trusted as he is prone to breaking stride. He has been found wanting when facing the best and this is his first start over the mile. He has got everything to prove. In «Kungapokalen» Down Under showed good gate speed from a bad draw and managed to find the rail, ending up third on the inside. He was last entering the stretch and was not hard pressed, making the result look worse than it was. In his last race he ran fifth, running with shoes all around.

2. SO FAR AWAY ÅS

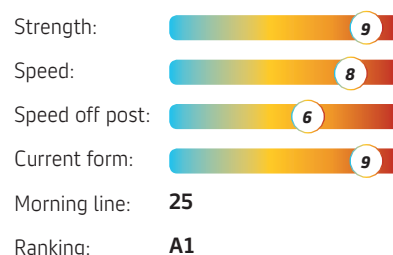


Showed good form latest when second from a bad draw. Steps up in class. Last win came in October.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Kenneth Haugstad
Driver:	Kenneth Haugstad
Life:	18 1-4-5
Record pace:	1.12,0a
Prize money:	287 000 SEK
Winning %:	6%
Greatest victory:	E3 Bonus 2021, Gävle

Showed a return to form latest when second and goes back up in class again. So Far Away Ås has only one win to his name and has not been good enough when facing the best in the crop. So Far Away Ås is rarely beaten far, but also hasn't shown much grit in the final stages. The draw is perfect as it will guarantee a trip stalking the leaders. He is not normally superfast behind the gate. The four-year-old gelding by E L Titan set a new personal best last time out trotting the mile in 1'12"0 despite being drawn in the second row behind the car. He will have to cut a few more seconds to be involved today.

4. SOURIRE FRÖ

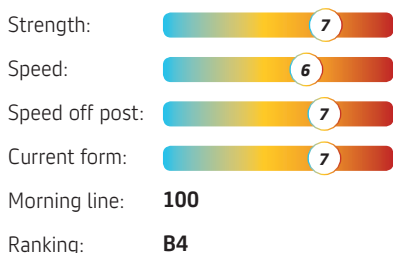


Small but strong. Has clocked 1'10"2 twice when winning lately. Can he avoid first over?

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Ulrika Wällstedt
Driver:	Magnus A Djuse
Life:	24 6-3-2
Record pace:	1.10,2a
Prize money:	807 000 SEK
Winning %:	25%
Greatest victory:	Elimination heat Breeders' Crown 2021, Färjestad

Very impressive when sweeping the field from last to first on May 18 going 1'10"2 over the mile. Clocking the same time when equally impressive winning from first over in a Bronsdivision. Very good second last time out after a bad trip. Small but with a lot of heart. Was not nearly good enough when facing the best in the Breeders' Crown (Gr.1) last fall and there must be a question mark regarding his class. The colt by Wishing Stone out of a Zola Boko mare is one of the fastest horses going into the race and with the right trip he should be able to go below 1'10.

5. ICON MEARAS

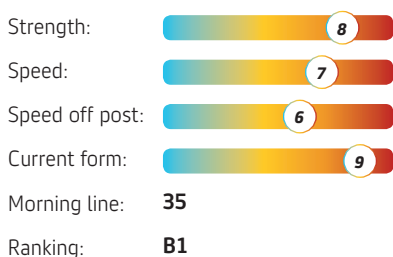


Untried at this level but comes in good form and sure knows where the finish line is located.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Svante Båth
Driver:	Ulf Ohlsson
Life:	16 9-1-0
Record pace:	1.12,5a
Prize money:	548 500 SEK
Winning %:	56%
Greatest victory:	STL Klass 1 2022, Bergsåker

Icon Mearas is a Ready Cash gelding who started his career with a win as a two-year-old. He missed a lot of his three-year-old season but took six wins in a row from November to January. When trying to climb the class ladder things have not worked out as well as hoped. This is his first try versus the very best. He has won a division of STL Klass 1 in a very good fashion going wire to wire on a snowy Bergsåker. Icon Mearas was not beaten far by Vinci Nice in a division of Margaretas Tidiga Unghästserie and is probably in better form now.

7. EDIBEAR

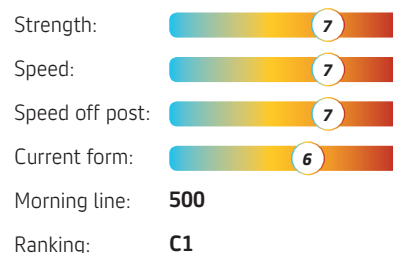


Comes in top form. Improving with every start and did beat a good field last time out. Bad draw.

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Linda Persson
Driver:	Stefan Persson
Life:	19 8-1-3
Record pace:	1.12,9a
Prize money:	805 500 SEK
Winning %:	42%
Greatest victory:	Ina Scots Åra 2022, Mantorp

Comes with three straight wins and was very impressive when winning Ina Scots Åra over 2140 meter in 1'12'9 from second over, having to attack early. This Make It Happen gelding has been steadily climbing the class ladder and is well worth a try at the highest level. It took Edibear eight starts to finally break his maiden which he did here at Halmstad. He knows the track by heart, and he has four wins from eight starts here. The draw didn't do him any favors, but he would probably not be in the lead anyway. If Stefan Persson finds a good trip for Edibear he will pass many, maybe all, in the stretch.

6. FRANKLIN ZET

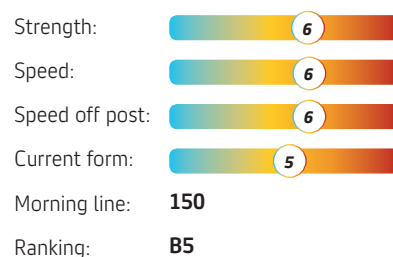


Has only made 12 starts and there is room for improvement. Steps up in class with the form being a ?

Gender:	Gelding
Age:	4
Trainer:	Hanna Lähdekorpi
Driver:	Hanna Lähdekorpi
Life:	12 2-2-1
Record pace:	1.12,4a
Prize money:	236 500 SEK
Winning %:	17%
Greatest victory:	Svensk Travsports Unghästserie 2021, Solvalla

Raced too keenly in the front last time out and weakened. Lightly raced Father Patrick gelding who has two wins from 12 starts. This is a huge step up in class and the form is a questionmark. Has got a lot of questions to answer and is driven by his trainer today like last time out. Huge improvement needed to get involved. On a positive note, his stamina might come to good use in a two heat sprint race like Sprintermästaren. He has been second over 3140 meter clocking 1'16"6. He has also won in 1'13"7 over 2140 meter and even faster over the mile. If finding his best form, he might spring a huge surprise.

8. VINCI NICE

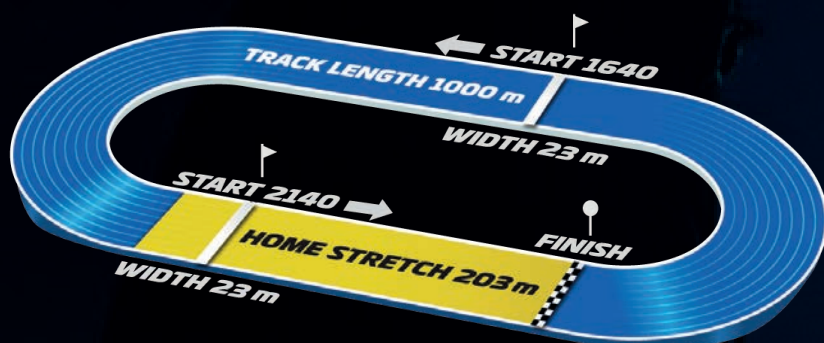


Can finish fast with the right stalking trip. Up against it in this class from a bad outside draw.

Gender:	Colt
Age:	4
Trainer:	Johan Untersteiner
Driver:	Johan Untersteiner
Life:	16 5-2-2
Record pace:	1.11,7a
Prize money:	794 738 SEK
Winning %:	31%
Greatest victory:	Margaretas Tidiga Unghästserie 2022, Solvalla

Maharajah colt out of a Ready Cash mare. Five wins from 16 starts. Was fourth in the "Kungapokalen" (Gr.1) after a ground-saving trip. Below par the latest two starts and must return to form if he is to pick up a placing. Was very lucky to win a division of Margaretas Tidiga Unghästserie in February after a perfect trip. Has got everything to prove from the widest draw. Vinci Nice won't be outpaced here, there is no doubt about that. The question is from what position he will be able to play out his superb turn-of-foot. If he can somehow stay close, he could be the jack-in-the-box.

RACETRACK INFO



HALMSTAD (HD)

Track length: 1000 m
Home stretch: 203 m
Home stretch width: 23 m
Back stretch width: 23 m
Open stretch: No

STARTLIST

NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	MLO	
1.	FLY LIGHT	ROBIN BAKKER	PAUL J P HAGOORT	40	3/1
2.	SO FAR AWAY ÅS	KENNETH HAUGSTAD	KENNETH HAUGSTAD	250	24/1
3.	DOWN UNDER	PER NORDSTRÖM	PER NORDSTRÖM	80	7/1
4.	SOURIRE FRÖ	MAGNUS A DJUSE	ULRIKA WÄLLSTEDT	25	3/2
5.	ICON MEARAS	ULF OHLSSON	SVANTE BÅTH	100	9/1
6.	FRANKLIN ZET	HANNA LÄHDEKORPI	HANNA LÄHDEKORPI	500	49/1
7.	EDIBEAR	STEFAN PERSSON	LINDA PERSSON	35	5/2
8.	VINCI NICE	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	JOHAN UNTERSTEINER	150	14/1

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