

Bolshoi Ballet to follow in Galileo's footsteps

IT'S been 20 years since Galileo provided Aidan O'Brien with his first success in the Derby at Epsom, during which period both the winner and his trainer have set about leaving an indelible impression on Britain's premier classic.

Galileo is now the sire of five Derby winners (and the grandsire of another), while O'Brien has become the most successful trainer in the history of the race having saddled eight winners.

The red-hot favourite is Bolshoi Ballet, son of Galileo, who has followed the same path to Epsom as Galileo did all those years ago. He made a successful reappearance in the Ballysax Stakes at Leopardstown in April and then improved again to follow up in the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial over the same course and distance last time.

That was a deeply impressive performance, quickening clear entering the final three furlongs to win by six lengths in an excellent time.

He looks sure to go on improving - especially now stepping up to a mile and a half - and rates very much the one to beat.

Joseph O'Brien-trained Southern Lights, who won a maiden at Leopardstown in April and wasn't seen to best effect when sixth in the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at the same course last time, meeting plenty of trouble in the straight before passing the post eight and a half lengths behind Bolshoi Ballet. He should have more to offer if this race pans out

more favourably for him, but it's very hard to see how he can reverse the form with the winner.

Charlie Appleby spearheads the British defence with Hurricane Lane, who maintained his unbeaten record with a comfortable success in the Dante Stakes last month, leading into the final furlong and keeping going well to win by three quarters of a length from Megellan.

He is improving all the time and leaves the firm impression he'll relish this longer trip.

One Ruler

One Ruler won the Autumn Stakes at Newmarket before filling the runner-up spot in the Futurity Trophy last season. He shaped well after six months off when sixth in the 2000 Guineas last time, leaving the impression the run would bring him on. Likely to be much closer to form this time, he isn't without claims if staying this markedly longer trip.

The other Appleby-trained contender is Arday, who has filled the runner-up spot on both starts this season, in the Classic Trial at Sandown and Derby Trial at Lingfield. Further progress cannot be ruled out at some stage, but he looked a bit short of pace last time and might be vulnerable to speedier rivals again here.

Derby Trial winner Third Realm has made gainful strides to win both his starts this term, getting off the mark in a maiden at Nottingham before following up with a ready

victory at Lingfield. He relished the longer trip and coped well with the softer ground on the last occasion, making good headway to lead two furlongs out and keeping going well to win. He is likely to go on improving and has good claims of hitting the frame.

William Haggas went one place better than that with Shaamit back in 1996, and he is set to field another leading contender this time in the shape of Mohaafeth.

Mohaafeth could hardly have been more impressive when completing a hat-trick in a listed race at Newmarket last time, leading on the bridle over two furlongs out and quickly forging clear to win by five lengths from Secret Protector.

That performance was more about style than substance, but he is unlikely to have a problem staying a mile and a half and remains a colt of huge potential.

Named after John Dunlop, who won the Derby twice during his training career with Shirley Heights (1978) and Erhaab (1994), John Leeper is another unknown quantity in the line-up after only three starts.

He is bred in the purple (by Frankel out of the Oaks winner Snow Fairy) and has started to live up to his pedigree by winning both outings this season, in a minor event at Newcastle and listed race at Newmarket.

He did plenty wrong on the last occasion (raced freely) but still managed to win, responding well to land the spoils.

He should have more to offer over a mile

and a half in time, but there's a chance that this race might come too soon in his development. With Aidan O'Brien seemingly banking on Bolshoi Ballet, Frankie Dettori rides.

Youth Spirit stepped up on his reappearance with a career best to land the Chester Vase last time, relishing the extra emphasis on stamina on soft going as he stayed on well to win by a length and three quarters from Sandhurst. He remains with potential and has certainly earned his place in the line-up, albeit others possess stronger form credentials.

Gear Up

Gear Up, who won three of his four starts at two, including the Criterium de Saint-Cloud. He shaped as if needing the run after seven months off when fifth in the Dante Stakes last time, keeping on late after being outpaced briefly entering the final furlong. He will be suited by the step up in trip here and has the potential to outrun his odds.

Bolshoi Ballet holds obvious claims given that he sets the standard on Timeform's weight-adjusted ratings and should have even more to offer now stepping up to a mile and a half.

He has looked a really exciting prospect when winning both starts at Leopardstown this spring and is fancied to emulate his sire Galileo by following up with victory at Epsom. Mohaafeth is very progressive and can emerge as the chief threat if building on the promise of his bloodless success at Newmarket last time, leaving Mac Swiney and Hurricane Lane to complete the shortlist.

TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE TOMORROW

1 (13.00) - WELCOME TO TURFFONTEIN MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) of R70000 over 1160m 1st Leg Bipot

3T11-4.8	5B10-4.4	7B10-9.5	1-1	FROSTED ICE* 3f (B Webber)	.....D Schwarz	57	60.0
0V10-9.2	5V12-10.5	0V14-11.5	2-3	EXULTANT 5m (C J Maree)	.....F Herholdt	42	60.0
	2T12-1.1	2V14-0.5	3-7	DANCE LESSON 3f (S J Gray)	.....S Brown	0	60.0
			4-8	BIG BURN 2f (P A Peter)	.....W Kennedy	0	57.0
8B10-8.2	4S11-3.7	4V14-3.8	5-9	EASTERN BELLE 2f (C Spies)	.....R Mungler	0	57.0
			6-2	ESCAPE ARTIST* 2f (S G Tarry)	.....L Hewitson	0	57.0
			7-4	IMBEWU 2f (S G Tarry)	.....C Habib	0	57.0
5T10-5.2	0T11-14.8	8-10	MAJOR COUP 2f (G J Maroun)	.....M V'Rensburg	0	57.0	
6T10-10.8	5T11-6.1	9-5	PRINCESS QUEEN 2f (G J Maroun)	.....B Nyawo	0	57.0	
		10-6	SKATING ON ICE 2f (J J van Vuuren)	.....G Lerena	0	57.0	

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 22-10 Dance Lesson, 5-2 Big Burn, 7-2 Eastern Belle, 5-1 Escape Artist, 11-2 Skating On Ice, 16-1 Frosted Ice, Imbewu, 20-1 and upwards others

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : Dance Lesson -1.44; Princess Queen -1.88; Eastern Belle -2.31; Frosted Ice -2.39

BEST AVERAGE : Dance Lesson -1.27; Eastern Belle -1.65 BEST TIME : Eastern Belle -0.59; Dance Lesson -1.10

PREVIEW: BIG BURN (4) by Elusive Fort is a full-sister to the Dingaans winner Catch Twentytwo and a half-sister to the Vaal 1000m course record holder Fly Away. DANCE LESSON (3) showed pace last time when second over 1400m and ran on well for second on debut over 1200m so looks the best of those to have run. ESCAPE ARTIST (6) is by Pomodoro and is out of five-time winning Caesars mare Elusive Spirit, who is a half-sister to three-times Graded winner Elusive Silva. IMBEWU (7) is by Cape Guineas winner William Longsword and is a half-sister to Listed third-placed Flawless (Legislate). SKATING ON ICE (10) is by William Longsword out of six-times winning Solskjaer mare Winter Star, who was twice Grade 3 placed. EASTERN BELLE (5) has run some fair races and should enjoy the step down in trip. (David Thiselton 4-3-6-7-10-5)

2 (13.35) - ALL TO COME MAIDEN PLATE of R70000 over 1160m 1st Leg PA

0V12-15.8	1-10	BIT OF FUN 3g (S G Tarry)	.....R Danielson	0	60.0	
5T11-4.5	2-2	MY TRUE NORTH 3g (P P Vermeulen)	.....C Maujean	0	60.0	
	3-7	BOLETO 2c (M/A Azzie)	.....S Khumalo	0	57.0	
	4-3	BRENDEN JAMES 2c (A B Fortune)	.....M Yeni	0	57.0	
	5-8	CAPTAIN OF GRIT 2c (C Dawson)	.....L J Ferraris	0	57.0	
0T11-7.8	6-1	EARL OF CARDIGAN 2c (G J Maroun)	.....C F Dicken*	0	57.0	
5B10-6.8	7-6	GONE IN TIME 2f (F Bronkhorst)	.....B Nyawo	0	57.0	
3B10-4.8	3B12-1.5	4T14-2.0	8-12	KUUMA 2g (S G Tarry)L Hewitson	0	57.0
			9-4	MOYO'S REBEL 2c (A B Fortune)C Habib	0	57.0
			10-11	MUFASA 2c (P A Peter)W Kennedy	0	57.0
	2B12-0.9	2T12-0.8	11-5	SPECIALLY SELECTED 2c (M/A Azzie)G Lerena	0	57.0
8T10-35.0	8T10-23.0	4T10-8.2	12-9	HINDI PRINCESS 2f (C Spies)J Greyling	0	54.5

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 16-10 Specially Selected, 28-10 Mufasa, 9-2 Kuuma, 10-1 My True North, 12-1 Boleto, 13-1 Captain Of Grit, 20-1 and upwards others

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : My True North -0.72; Specially Selected -1.34; Earl Of Cardigan -1.51; Gone In Time -2.01

BEST AVERAGE : My True North -0.72; Specially Selected -1.34 BEST TIME : My True North -0.72; Specially Selected -1.34

PREVIEW: SPECIALLY SELECTED (11) looks promising and can go one better than his first two starts. MUFASA (10) is by What A Winter and is a half-brother to the Grade 3-winning Grade 1 runner up Magico. BOLETO (3) is by Var out of twice-winning Jet Master mare E-Ticket and he is a half-brother to the twice winning August Rain. CAPTAIN OF GRIT (5) is by Captain Of All out of a twice-winning Western Winter mare who is a full-sister to Grade 2 winner Buran. BRENDEN JAMES (4) is by Coupe De Grace out of four-time winning Silvano mare Consequentially who is a half-sister to Equid Champion three-year-old Just Sensual. KUUMA (8) could place if the first-timers do not perform. (David Thiselton 11-10-3-5-4-8)

3 (14.10) - TELLYTRACK.COM PINNACLE STAKES of R85000 over 2400m 1st Leg Pick 6

5T18-5.5	2T20-3.5	6T20-7.0	1-4	DIVINE ODYSSEY* 6g (J J van Vuuren)	.....C Habib	110	60.0
2V18-0.1	1V32-6.2	1T32-0.6	2-2	DON'T LOOK BACK* 5g (S J Gray)	.....G Cheyne	101	56.0
0T24-16.2	9T28-22.2	3T32-1.4	3-5	OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE 4g (F P Habib)	.....D De Gouveia	101	56.0
1V18-1.4	7V20-14.5	2B18-0.2	4-1	NARTJIE 3g (M F De Kock)	.....L J Ferraris	100	54.0
4T16-1.6	6B18-4.0	9T16-10.7	5-6	CATEGORY FOUR 5g (G J Maroun)	.....M V'Rensburg	92	54.0
6T28-14.5	6T18-4.2	6T18-2.9	6-3	SUNSHINE SILK 6m (G J Maroun)	.....N Klink	100	52.5

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 1-1 Don'T Look Back, 19-10 Nartjie, 5-1 Out Of Your League, 8-1 Divine Odyssey, 10-1 Sunshine Silk, 20-1 and upwards others

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : Sunshine Silk 1.11; Divine Odyssey -0.65; Category Four -1.21; Nartjie -2.55

BEST AVERAGE : Divine Odyssey 0.66; Sunshine Silk 0.44 BEST TIME : Don'T Look Back 4.30; Sunshine Silk 1.61

PREVIEW: DON'T LOOK BACK (2) has a fine staying record on the Highveld and can notch another win. DIVINE ODYSSEY (1) is 21st on the July log so will need a good win here. SA Derby winner OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE (3) is 1kg better off with Don'T Look Back for a 1,40 length beating in the Gold Bowl over 3200m. NARTJIE (4) has talent but has to prove he stays this trip which is open to question as he is out of a Galileo mare but his sire Vercingetorix seems to impart a lot of speed. SUNSHINE SILK (6) is capable of going close on her day. CATEGORY FOUR (5) is worst in at the weights but has ability and might have benefited from his run on Tuesday. (David Thiselton 2-1-3-4-6-5)

4 (14.48) - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 PINNACLE STAKES (F & M) of R85000 over 1400m 1st Leg Jackpot 1

1D16-0.4	3T16-3.5	4T14-6.0	1-8	SENTBYDESTINY 3f (C Dawson)	.....D De Gouveia	111	60.0
11F5-0.3	1B16-1.1	2T16-1.0	2-3	WYLIE WENCH 4f (M/A Azzie)	.....C Maujean	99	56.0
4V11-1.8	4B10-4.9	0T11-28.0	3-2	RISK TAKER 4f (M F De Kock)	.....C Zackey	97	56.0
1T14-1.8	1B14-1.5	1T16-1.0	4-5	WAY OF THE WORLD 4f (P A Peter)	.....G Lerena	97	56.0
2V14-0.1	1T14-0.1	9T16-4.5	5-1	CORDILLERA 5m (S G Tarry)	.....L Hewitson	96	56.0
7T14-8.2	5T12-4.7	8T16-4.4	6-6	FROSTED STEEL 4f (S G Tarry)	.....R Danielson	90	54.0
4T16-5.0	8S14-5.9	4B14-2.0	7-7	SPICE MARKET 3f (A G Laird)	.....M H Zuma*	88	52.0
3T14-3.8	4T14-1.2	4T16-1.4	8-4	GAIAN GLORY 4f (J J van Vuuren)	.....W Kennedy	87	52.0

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 22-10 Way Of The World, Wylie Wench, 15-4 Gaian Glory, 8-1 Cordillera, Spice Market, 10-1 Sentbydestiny, 16-1 Risk Taker, 20-1 and upwards others

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : Wylie Wench 0.55; Way Of The World 0.46; Gaian Glory -0.13; Cordillera -0.19

BEST AVERAGE : Gaian Glory -0.07; Cordillera -0.18 BEST TIME : Wylie Wench 1.63; Gaian Glory 0.47

PREVIEW: WYLIE WENCH (2) was waited with in the straight last time after a slow pace had been set and then could not catch the leader so she can make amends here from a good draw over a course and distance she will enjoy, perhaps from the front or from a handy position. WAY OF THE WORLD (4) won well over 1600m last time and this trip might suit her even better so she should go close from the front despite being 2.5kg worse off with Wylie Wench for a one length beating. CORDILLERA (5) has a good record over this course and distance and is drawn in pole. SENTBYDESTINY (1) won the Grade 1 Premier's Champions Stakes over 1600m last season against the boys so has a chance here despite not having run for five months. RISK TAKER (3) is one from one over this course and distance and is capable of turning it on. (David Thiselton 2-4-5-1-3)

5 (15.23) - HIGHVELD WINTER JUVENILE STAKES (Non-Bik Type) of R100000 over 1400m 1st Leg Jackpot 2

0T11-10.5	5T14-2.6	1T14-0.2	1-5	I'M THAT TIGER 2c (S J Gray)	.....G Cheyne	0	60.0
	1T11-3.2	2T11-1.0	2-1	SMORGASBORD 2c (P A Peter)	.....W Kennedy	0	60.0
6T10-19.0	1T14-0.8	8T16-10.8	3-3	WINTER WITH JO 2c (P A Peter)	.....C Habib	0	60.0
2T14-2.2	1T14-0.5	1T16-0.9	4-2	RAIN IN HOLLAND 2f (S G Tarry)	.....L Hewitson	0	59.5
2T11-0.1	2V12-3.0	6T11-12.5	5-4	MITCH GOT HIS WISH 2g (A G Laird)	.....S Khumalo	0	58.0
	4T10-4.4	3T10-2.0	6-6	PORTRAYAL 2c (C Dawson)	.....L J Ferraris	0	58.0

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 4-10 Smorgasbord, 28-10 Rain In Holland, 16-1 I'm That Tiger, 20-1 and upwards

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : Smorgasbord 0.06; Rain In Holland -0.57; Portrayal -0.66; Winter With Jo -1.81

BEST AVERAGE : Smorgasbord -0.13; Mitch Got His Wish -0.59 BEST TIME : Mitch Got His Wish 1.11; Smorgasbord 0.06

PREVIEW: SMORGASBORD (2) was just a length back in the SA Nursery and well clear of the rest so will take a power of beating here over a step up in trip he must be looking for otherwise he would be running at Scottsville this weekend. MITCH GOT HIS WISH (5) could be the chief danger despite being only 2kg better off with Smorgasbord for a 11.50 length beating in the SA Nursery. RAIN IN HOLLAND (4) has won two in a row against fields not as strong as this and can earn over a suitable trip from a good draw. (David Thiselton 2-5-4)

6 (15.54) - HIGHVELD WINTER JUVENILE FILLIES STAKES (Non-Bik Type) of R100000 over 1400m

2B10-2.0	1B10-3.2	1V12-0.2	1-4	ETERNITY RING 2f (B D Botes)	.....G Lerena	0	60.0
	1B10-2.0	3V12-1.8	2-3	FOLLOW ME 2f (S T Pettigrew)	.....D De Gouveia	0	58.0
1T11-0.8	8T11-13.0	2V12-0.2	3-2	FREED FROM DESIRE 2f (P A Peter)	.....W Kennedy	0	58.0
4T11-6.2	1V12-1.5	9T11-17.0	4-5	KWAZZI'S LADY 2f (A G Laird)	.....S Khumalo	0	58.0
2T14-5.0	3T14-4.5	1T14-2.0	5-1	LOOK YOURSELF 2f (P F Matchett)	.....K Matsunyane	0	58.0
1T14-2.2	2V12-1.5	2T16-0.2	6-7	MARIGOLD HOTEL 2f (S G Tarry)	.....L Hewitson	0	58.0
	2T11-0.1	2T11-0.8	7-6	DESERT MIRACLE 2f (M F De Kock)	.....R Simons	0	56.0

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 14-10 Desert Miracle, 7-2 Eternity Ring, 9-2 Freed From Desire, 10-1 Follow Me, 6-1 Marigold Hotel, 10-1 Kwazzi's Lady, 16-1 Look Yourself

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : Desert Miracle 0.50; Eternity Ring -0.11; Freed From Desire -0.15; Follow Me -0.42

BEST AVERAGE : Desert Miracle 0.30; Follow Me -0.55 BEST TIME : Desert Miracle 0.50; Eternity Ring -0.11

PREVIEW: ETERNITY RING (1) has to give 2kg to Freed From Desire and Follow Me for 0.20 and 1.75 length beatings respectively but she looks likely to enjoy the step up in trip. FREED FROM DESIRE (3) should also enjoy the step up in trip and has a good draw. FOLLOW ME (2) can also improve over this trip. (David Thiselton 1-3-2)

7 (16.25) - JUBILEE HANDICAP (Grade 3) of R150000 over 1800m

3T14-0.6	8T16-10.2	1T14-1.5	1-11	EXPRESSFROMTHEUS 4g (S T Pettigrew)	.....M V'Rensburg	122	61.5
7T18-6.5	2T16-0.8	4T20-14.5	2-5	RUNNING BRAVE 5m (F Bronkhorst)	.....G Cheyne	119	60.0
6T14-5.5	7T16-9.5	3T14-1.6	3-9	CHUMES 5g (J J van Vuuren)	.....G Lerena	111	56.0
9D22-4.7	5T16-3.8	4T18-9.8	4-6	SHANGO* 4g (S G Tarry)	.....L Hewitson	111	56.0
0T20-12.8	2T20-0.4	3T18-3.0	5-8	CHRISTOPHER ROBIN 4c (S J Gray)	.....M Yeni	109	55.0
3T18-4.8	8T18-13.0	3T18-1.2	6-1	GREEN HAZE 5g (P A Peter)	.....P Mxoli*	108	54.5
2B18-0.2	0T18-18.0	6T20-16.8	7-10	JET START 6m (P A Peter)	.....W Kennedy	108	54.5
1T16-0.1	5T24-7.3	1T18-1.5	8-2	BINGWA 3g (D Sham)	.....C Zackey	111	54.0
6T16-9.2	3T16-2.0	3T18-7.0	9-7	PACK LEADER 6g (A G Laird)	.....S Khumalo	107	54.0
1T14-1.8	8T20-14.0	2T18-1.0	10-4	JOHNNY HERO* 4g (T Zackey)	.....R Mungler	103	52.0
1B16-12.2	1B18-0.1	2T16-2.0	11-3	OYSTER KING 4g (C J Jonker)	.....C Maujean	80	52.0

WORLD SPORTS BETTING: 4-1 Expressfromtheus, 5-1 Chijmes, Bingwa, 6-1 Shango, 7-1 Running Brave, 9-1 Christopher Robin, Green Haze, 10-1 Pack Leader, 11-1 Johnny Hero, 14-1 Jet Start

SPEED RATINGS: LAST RUN : Green Haze 2.24; Johnny Hero 2.06; Bingwa 1.58; Christopher Robin 1.19

BEST AVERAGE : Shango 1.76; Green Haze 1.38 BEST TIME : Shango 4.15; Green Haze 2.24

PREVIEW: EXPRESSFROMTHEUS (1) is classy and in his preparation outing for the Vodacom Durban July he should be running on after being dropped out from a wide draw. CHUMES (3) charged late over 1400m when employing hold up tactics for the first time in hid first run for a new yard so is interesting over this more suitable trip from a wide draw. BINGWA (8) is well drawn over a suitable trip and has the form to go close. RUNNING BRAVE'S (2) run last time was all wrong as she was slow away and then over-raced so if it pans out better here she can show her class under Greg Cheyne. JOHNNY HERO (10) could be involved here from a fair draw with a light weight. GREEN HAZE (6) is drawn in pole and has the form to be involved. (David Thiselton 1-3-8-2-10-6)

8 (17.00) - NEXT TURFFONTEIN RACEMEETING MONDAY 14 JUNE PINNACLE STAKES of R85000 over 1400m

3V14-0.2	6T16-11.0	5V12-4.5	1-3	RIVERSTOWN 4g (P A Peter)	.....W Kennedy	109	60.0
7V16-7.0	2T14-0.1	3T14-1.9	2-8	APPROACH CONTROL 5g (C Dawson)	.....S Khumalo	105	58.0
0T11-13.8	4T14-1.1	9T14-10.0	3-2	WONDERWALL 6g (S G Tarry)	.....L Hewitson	105	58.0
2T18-0.2	0T16-7.8	0T18-39.0	4-1	ORPHEUS 6g (M/A Azzie)	.....D Schwarz	104	58.0
1V14-1.4	6T14-2.0	8T14-11.0	5-5	PUTTONHEREDLIGHT* 4g (S G Tarry)	.....L J Ferraris	104	58.0
7T14-6.0	3T16-2.8	8D20-5.5	6-6	LADY OF STEEL* 4f (J J van Vuuren)	.....G Lerena	111	57.0
7T11-5.0	0T10-6.5	6V12-5.2	7-7	OLD MAN TYME* 5g (S J Gray)	.....M Yeni	100	56.0
1B12-1.8	9B14-5.2	2T1					