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Trumpet Major is now as short as 6-1 for the Qipco 2,000 Guineas

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Trumpet Major blows apart Craven field

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Report: Newmarket, Thursday

Novae Bloodstock Insurance Craven Stakes (Group 3) 1m,
3yo colts & geldings

TRUMPET MAJOR scooted home to win the Craven Stakes for Richard Hannon and Ryan Moore by five lengths from stablemate Crius.

Moore's mount, who returned at 9-2, needed to be roused along after halfway but picked up in stunning fashion to storm clear and put himself firmly in the Qipco 2,000 Guineas frame.

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Coral made him 6-1 third favourite, but BetVictor, Ladbrokes and BoyleSports were more circumspect in their assessment, quoting him at double that price for the Classic

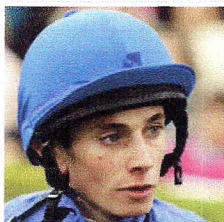
back on the Rowley Mile on May 5.

Trumpet Major drifted right after taking the lead in the Craven a furlong and a half out but that did not prevent him from recording his fourth success and boost the **Dewhurst** form in the process, a race in which he was fifth behind Parish Hall.

The trainer's son and assistant Richard Hannon jnr said: "We are very pleased. We didn't think he could win a Craven under a 3lb penalty and didn't know if he would like the ground.

"I thought he was running horrible for a moment but Ryan got after him and he's done it very well."

He added: "He's had only one racecourse gallop, about ten days ago, and he'll definitely improve."



Ryan Moore: impressed by winner

PICTURE: Mark Cranham

Moore told Racing UK: "He's twice the horse he was last year, he's really done well over the winter and he's filled out.

"They went a good gallop and the field was sorted out by halfway. He probably hit the front too soon but it was a good performance."

He added: "He'll definitely have a chance in the Guineas but there may be a horse with a bit more foot in there. He might improve

as he goes further."

Crius (4-1) ran well under Pat Dobbs, with Eastern Sun (6-1) a further length and half back in third. The 7-2 favourite Mighty Ambition was fifth of the 12 runners under Frankie Dettoni.

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> Hannon Jnr says 'He's had only ONE racecourse gallop, about 10 days ago, and he'll definitely improve.' A bit confusing to say the least!

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In the interest of CLARITY regarding Trumpet Major! Which Hannon should we believe? According to the Racing Post paper today, R Hannon was quoted as say 'He's going really well & the only negative is the 3lb penalty'. However, in the report above, >

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guttled. really fancied this horse to win 2day, he was staying on well in the dewhurst but thought he was best on a fast suface and with the ground turning g/s i left him alone. rules are rules tho lol

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grimbexsam, United Kingdom 04:37pm - 19 Apr 12

Parish Hall now begins to look very good. Just needs good ground on the day.....

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egmont, United Kingdom 04:33pm - 19 Apr 12

40/1 for the guineas looks marvellous now. far too good for that lot!

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jayc4sufc, United Kingdom 04:30pm - 19 Apr 12

Let me be the first to say well done to John Manley.Fingers crossed he can go one place better than Dick Turpin for you in May

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		HORSE/SP	AGE	WGT	TRAINER/JOCKEY	OR	TS RPR RATED
« 1	12	Trumpet Major (IRE) 9/2	3	9-1	Richard Hannon Ryan Moore	114	—
Chased leaders, pushed along 4f out, headway under pressure to lead and edged right over 1f out, going clear and continued edging right from 1f out, stayed on strongly, ridden out (tchd 6-1)							
« 2	10 5	Crius (IRE) 4/1	3	8-12	Richard Hannon Pat Dobbs	113	—
Pressed leaders and raced against stands' rail, led entering final 2f, headed and driven over 1f out, no chance with winner final furlong but kept on for 2nd (op 5-1 tchd 7-2)							
« 3	3 1½	Eastern Sun (IRE) 6/1	3	8-12	John Gosden William Buick	103	—
Raced in centre throughout, led until entering final 2f, ridden and every chance well over 1f out, outpaced by winner and beaten 1f out, duelled for 2nd until no extra final 100yds (op 7-1)							
« 4	9 2	Ptolemaic 50/1	3	8-12 v	Bryan Smart Tom Eaves	93	—
Took keen hold, chased leaders, ridden and effort entering final 2f, driven and pressed leaders briefly well over 1f out, unable to quicken and soon outpaced, 4th and beaten 1f out, plugged on (op 40-1)							
« 5	11 2¼	Mighty Ambition (USA) 7/2F	3	8-12	Mahmood Al Zarooni Frankie Dettori	—	—
Steadied start, took keen hold and held up in rear, pushed along and headway halfway, ridden and no progress in 5th when edged right over 1f out, well held final furlong (op 9-2 tchd 10-3)							
« 6	8 1	Campanology 20/1	3	8-12	Richard Hannon J Murtagh	90	—
Held up in midfield, ridden and struggling well over 2f out, no chance with leaders but rallied over 1f out, kept on final furlong (op 25-1)							
« 7	13 ½	Minstrels Gallery (IRE) 20/1	3	8-12	J R Jenkins Frederik Tylicki	78	—
In touch in midfield, ridden and struggling halfway, soon outpaced and no threat to leaders final 2f, plugged on again inside final furlong (op 28-1 tchd 33-1)							
« 8	7 2	Born To Surprise 15/2	3	8-12	Michael Bell Jamie Spencer	92	—
Awkward as stalls opened and very slowly away, raced in centre until 5f out, held up behind, still plenty to do when ridden and some progress well over 1f out, never on terms, eased towards finish (tchd 9-1)							
« 9	5	Beaufort Twelve 14/1	3	8-12	William Jarvis	83	—

Harry Bentley

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Raced in centre until 5f out, held up towards rear, ridden and struggling halfway, behind and no chance final 2f (op 12-1)

« 10 ¹/_{1 3/4} **Miblish** 28/1 3 8-12 t Clive Brittain 97 —
Brett Doyle

In touch, ridden and struggling well over 2f out, weakened under pressure 2f out (op 33-1 tchd 25-1)

« 11 ⁶/₁₄ **Rayvin Black** 33/1 3 8-12 Mark H Tompkins 79 —
Ted Durcan

Always in rear, ridden and struggling halfway, lost touch 3f out, tailed off (op 25-1)

« 12 ²/_{1 3/4} **Forgotten Hero (IRE)** 10/1 3 8-12 Charles Hills 92 —
Michael Hills

Raced in centre until 5f out, pulled hard chased leaders until ridden and weakened just over 2f out, eased from over 1f out, tailed off (op 7-1)

12 ran TIME 1m 37.44s (slow by 1.94s) Total SP 120%

NON RUNNER: Most Improved (IRE)

1st OWNER: John Manley BRED: John Cullinan TRAINER: Richard Hannon

2nd OWNER: Titan Assets

3rd OWNER: Prince AA Faisal & Rachel Hood

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ANALYSIS REPORT MY RACE NOTES

The last horse to win the Craven and follow up in the Guineas was Haafhd in 2004, but 2009 winner Delegator subsequently finished runner-up to Sea The Stars, and last year's race was won by Native Khan, who was then third to Frankel.

This year's race was not as informative as it might have been, with the much-hyped Most Improved withdrawn owing to lameness, and a few of these were inconvenienced by racing up the middle before joining the main bunch towards the stands' side. The time was 1.82 seconds quicker than the Wood Ditton.

TRUMPET MAJOR had a patchy profile as a juvenile, but he did go off favourite for the same Newbury maiden his stable had won the previous year with Canford Cliffs, albeit he managed only third, and he later won the Champagne Stakes. His final run came in a muddling Dewhurst when he finished a close fifth (just behind Most Improved), and clearly he's done well from two to three. This was a strong-staying performance, as he was under pressure a fair way out, and Ryan Moore suggested he might find one with too much speed in the Guineas, but it was still a very smart effort considering he was conceding 3lb all round. He handled the easy ground well (not as soft as when he flopped in the Solario), but shouldn't mind a return to a quicker surface and his ability to handle this track is an obvious plus.

The winner is reminiscent of Dick Turpin, another son of Arakan who represented this owner/trainer combination. He was also a Group 2-winning juvenile, but didn't attract the hype of others, even after returning with victory in the Greenham, and went on to finish runner-up in the Guineas.

Richard Hannon also had the second courtesy of **Crius**. The form of his win in the Group 3 Somerville Tattersall Stakes worked out exceptionally well, but he didn't really build on it here. He was helped by racing against the stands' rail, and there was a suggestion afterwards that he could go abroad for his Guineas.

Eastern Sun ended up on his own towards the middle of the track. He always looked to be in a good rhythm, much like when winning a Polytrack conditions event from the front on his reappearance, so it's hard to know if he was inconvenienced, but he hammered the other runners who started off up the middle. There should be plenty more to come.

Ptolemaic came into this officially rated only 93, and he was keen enough for his first run in over six months, but he has a progressive profile.

Mighty Ambition is talented but perhaps quirky. He briefly looked a threat when first picking up for pressure, but he carried his head high (like when winning on his only juvenile start) and wandered under pressure, and his run flattened out. It's likely

he'll come on fitness-wise and he has the ability to do better.

Campanology ran about as well as could have been expected, while **Minstrels Gallery**, who only had a Southwell maiden win to his name (runner-up successful next time), showed himself to be decent.

Born To Surprise probably didn't beat much at Doncaster on his reappearance, but he's better than he showed here as he raced away from the main action throughout. It was the same story for **Beaufort Twelve**, **Miblish** and **Forgotten Hero**. The latter is far too headstrong, and that was the fear judged on his Lingfield win.[Ron Wood]

QUOTES: Assistant trainer Richard Hannon jnr: "We are very pleased with that. I didn't think **Trumpet Major** would win a Craven with a penalty. I didn't know if he'd handle the ground and I thought for a moment he was going to run horrible, but Ryan (Moore) got after him and he's done it very well. He's only had one racecourse gallop about ten days ago, and he'll definitely improve."

John Gosden, trainer of **Eastern Sun**: "It was probably a solid Craven but not spectacular. I am very happy with Eastern Sun - he's probably better on quicker ground. He got a bit lonely on his own but has run fine and the first two are nice horses."