

L'ORMARINS KING'S PLATE (GR 1) – ANALYST REPORT by LRG Jegels

Date: 10 January 2026 | **Venue:** Kenilworth | **Distance:** 1600m (Left-Hand Turn)
Purse: R3,000,000 | **Conditions:** Weight-For-Age (WFA)

THE META VIEW: RACE DECONSTRUCTION

The Pace Scenario:

The race sets up distinctly around **#1 DAVE THE KING**. Drawn 1, he is a natural front-runner with a massive stride. There is very little conflicting speed. **#4 QUESTIONING** and perhaps **#8 GARRIX** may sit handy, but Ryan Munger (on #1) controls the fractions.

- **The Danger:** If Dave The King gets an uncontested lead and slows the fractions from the 1400m to the 600m, he will be incredibly hard to pass.
- **The Counter:** If the pace is true, the sectional data reveals that **#10 SEE IT AGAIN** and **#2 JAN VAN GOYEN** possess the most lethal turn of foot in the final 400m.

The Weight-For-Age Factor:

History favors the 3-year-olds in this race (Jet Dark, Charles Dickens, Gimme A Prince). **#2 JAN VAN GOYEN** receives a massive **5kg allowance** (carrying 55kg vs 60kg). In a race often decided by margins of under a length, 5kg is a decisive mathematical advantage.

THE FAIR VALUE ODDS LINE (100% MARKET)

This represents the true mathematical probability of each runner winning, adjusted for draw, pace, sectional times, and WFA terms.

No.	Horse Name	Jockey	Calc. Odds	Win Prob	Analyst Verdict & Data Insights
1	DAVE THE KING	R Munger	3.5	29%	The Pace Setter. Won the key prep (Green Point) carrying 60kg. Draw 1 is statistically dominant at Kenilworth 1600m. His last 400m (25.2s) in the prep was slow, but he didn't need to go faster. He dictates terms.
2	JAN VAN GOYEN	C Murray	4.5	22%	The Young Gun. 3YO receiving 5kg. Won the Gr1 Guineas finishing the last 400m in 24.1s (a full second faster than Dave The King's prep). Drawn 2, he sits box-seat behind the leader. Massive danger.

10	SEE IT AGAIN	A Fortune	6.0	17.0%	The Sectional King. Finished 3rd in the Green Point (0.35L back) but ran the fastest last 400m (23.3s) of the field. He is peaking. If the gaps open, he has the fastest engine.
7	EIGHT ON EIGHTEEN	O Murphy	9.0	11.0%	The Class/Fitness Query. Horse of the Year and highest rated (129). However, returning from a 189-day rest into a mile Gr1 is a brutal ask. Pure class, but likely prepping for the Met.
5	SAIL THE SEAS	M Yeni	14.0	7.0%	The Value Lurker. 4th in Green Point, beaten only 0.75L. He has beaten #7 before. At WFA he is slightly disadvantaged vs the 3YO, but he is race-fit and consistent.
9	GLADATORIAN	S Veale	20.0	5%	The Specialist. A 1400m specialist stretching to 1600m. 3rd in the Green Point. He will travel well but might just lack the stamina kick of the top 3 in the final 100m.
6	THE REAL PRINCE	C Zackey	20.0	5%	The Stayer. Durban July winner. 1600m is sharp for him, but his 8th in the prep was a perfect "pipe-opener" (running on). Expect him flying late for 4th/5th.
8	GARRIX	S Khumalo	25.0	4.0%	The Dangerous Non-Contender. Ran 2nd in the Green Point at huge odds. He loves the course (10 runs, 4 wins). Unlikely to win at Level Weights but a must for Quartets.
--	THE FIELD	--	--	0.0%	Remainder of runners (3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14) are statistically outclassed at WFA conditions.

SECTIONAL SPEED BREAKDOWN (Last 400m)

Based on recent performances (Green Point / Guineas)

1. **#10 SEE IT AGAIN:** 23.3s (Elite acceleration)
2. **#13 FIRE ATTACK:** 23.1s (But from too far back/wide draw)
3. **#2 JAN VAN GOYEN:** 24.1s (Excellent, especially carrying 60kg in Guineas - now drops to 55kg)
4. **#1 DAVE THE KING:** 25.2s (Slower finish, but did the work early. Hard to catch if he runs a 24.0s final split).



WAGERING STRATEGY

THE WIN BET

Bet: #1 **DAVE THE KING** to win at a massive 12-1.

Rationale: In a race lacking speed, the horse with the rail (Draw 1) and the highest cruising speed usually wins. He doesn't need luck; the closers (#2 and #10) do.

THE "SMART MONEY" SWINGER (High Confidence)

Bet: Swinger 1 / 2 (Dave The King / Jan Van Goyen)

Rationale: These two jump from gates 1 and 2. They should control the race from the front. It is very difficult for horses drawn wide to pass both of them at Kenilworth Summer Course.

THE EXACTA BOX

Box: 1, 2, 10

- **1:** Dave The King
- **2:** Jan Van Goyen
- **10:** See It Again

THE "BOMB" TRIFECTA (Structure)

1st: 1, 2

2nd: 1, 2, 10, 7

3rd: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Cost is reasonable for high coverage.

THE DANGEROUS LURKERS (For Quartets)

- **#8 GARRIX:** Often ignored by the market but ran 2nd to Dave The King in the prep. Include in 4th spot.
- **#6 THE REAL PRINCE:** Will be running on strongly when others tire. Perfect for 3rd/4th.



ANALYST SUMMARY

The 2026 King's Plate is a tactical battle between the "Hunter" and the "Hunted". **DAVE THE KING (1)** is the Hunted. He has the perfect draw and course profile to go gate-to-wire. However, **JAN VAN GOYEN (2)** represents the lethal combination of 3-year-old maturity and a massive

5kg weight pull. **SEE IT AGAIN (10)** is the fastest horse in the race but requires a true pace to run at; if Dave The King slows it down, See It Again might run out of runway.

Top Selection: #1 DAVE THE KING

Value Selection: #5 SAIL THE SEAS

Best Roughie: #8 GARRIX (For places)