



## ATG MAJOR RACES

# ELITLOPPET – HEAT 1

SUNDAY, MAY 25 – SOLVALLA RACETRACK



## 1. ETONNANT

*One of three participants this year who has won the Elitloppet before. He won in 2022 and did so despite galloping. The form is a bit of a question mark, as is this lane one.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **11 years**

Trainer: **Richard Westerink**

Driver: **Anthony Barrier**

Owner: **Richard Westerink**

Record pace: **1.09,1a**

Prize money: **29 669 670 SEK**

Winning %: **26%**

Greatest victory: **Elitloppet 2022**



Etonnant won the Elitloppet in 2022 and it was certainly one of the more impressive victories ever as he did so despite a larger gallop. The horse is now eleven years old but still going strong. However, he has been injured and raced only once last year. Is on his way back again but the question is whether he is good enough to be in the mix here. In addition, this lane is very tricky as he is not a quick starter. Richard Westerink is still the trainer.



## 3. GO ON BOY

*Makes his third start in the Elitloppet and has previously impressed with his enormous finishes. Was second in 2023 and galloped in the final last year. Might it be his turn this year?*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **9 years**

Trainer: **Romain Derieux**

Driver: **Romain Derieux**

Owner: **Ecurie Nixonn**

Record pace: **1.08,4a**

Prize money: **23 765 768 SEK**

Winning %: **28%**

Greatest victory: **UET Elite Circuit Finale 2024**



Go On Boy was the first horse this year to be invited to this year's Elitloppet. The sprint phenomenon was second behind Hohnneck in the Elitloppet 2023 and last year he also reached the final but galloped then. However, after that he won the UET Elite Circuit Finale at Vincennes. Comes from a brilliant winter in France with victory in the Prix de France and a third place in the Prix d'Amérique. Coach Romain Derieux has previously won the Elitloppet with Dijon (2019).



## 2. FRANCESCO ZET

*Was the favourite last year but got defeated. Chases his revenge this year and has got a perfect starting position in this heat. Top chance.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **7 years**

Trainer: **Daniel Redén**

Driver: **Örjan Kihlström**

Owner: **Stall Zet (Daniel Redén)**

Record pace: **1.08,7a**

Prize money: **23 505 000 SEK**

Winning %: **82%**

Greatest victory: **Swedish Trotting Derby 2022**



Phenomenon who has won a total of 27 races in 33 attempts. He won both the Kriteriet and the Swedish Derby and was the favourite in last year's final of the Elitloppet. There, however, he gave up from the lead against, among others, Horsy Dream. He then showed his enormous capacity when he won the Sundsvall Open Trot in a new world record. He is chasing revenge for the loss last year and the conditions could not have been better today. Daniel Redén is also training Don Fanucci Zet.



## 4. MELLBY JINX

*One of two horses trained by Daniel Wäjersten. Has four straight victories and is better than ever. Is well drawn and will be driven this time by Mats E Djuse.*

Gender: **Gelding**

Age: **7 years**

Trainer: **Daniel Wäjersten**

Driver: **Mats E Djuse**

Owner: **Mellby Gård AB**

Record pace: **1.08,7a**

Prize money: **8 098 083 SEK**

Winning %: **24%**

Greatest victory: **Finlandia-Ajo 2025**



Qualified for the Elitloppet when he won the Finlandia-Ajo at Vermo after a sharp finish. The horse started already as a two-year-old and won the Breeders Course final and finished second in the Swedish Uppfödningslöpning then. The year after he was third in the Kriteriet. The horse started for Svante Båth, but since the autumn of 2022 he has been trained by Daniel Wäjersten, who has chosen to drive Borups Victory in this year's Elitloppet. Mats E Djuse is now in the sulky.



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### 5. LOGAN PARK

*A long-distance guest from Canada who is of course very difficult to judge. Won 12 out of 19 races last year. Three straight victories this year. Opens fast and has a good lane.*

Gender: **Gelding**

Age: **7 years**

Trainer: **Robert Don Fellows**

Driver: **Doug McNair**

Owner: **Outofthepark Stable**

Record pace: **1.08,0a**

Prize money: **15 799 699 SEK**

Winning %: **45%**

Greatest victory: **FanDuel Open Trot Championship 2024**



Comes from Canada, where he has been named horse of the year twice in a row. Was very successful last season and won the big races Earl Rowe Memorial in Canada as well as the Dayton Trotting Derby and the FanDuel Open Trot Championship in the US. He also finished fourth in the Yonkers International. Trainer Robert Don Fellows starts for the first time in the Elitloppet. The driver Doug McNair won four races in Sweden during the World Driving Championship 2019. Logan Park will be very exciting to watch!



### 6. A FAIR DAY

*The fairytale horse from Kalmar who makes his second appearance in the Elitloppet. Last year, the adventure only lasted a few seconds when the horse galloped from the start.*

Gender: **Gelding**

Age: **6 years**

Trainer: **Elisabeth Almheden**

Driver: **Oscar Ginman**

Owner: **Elisabeth Almheden**

Record pace: **1.09,3a**

Prize money: **4 246 500 SEK**

Winning %: **48%**

Greatest victory: **Breeders' Crown Final 2023**



Trained by amateur Elisabeth Almheden and wants revenge for his early gallop in last year's Elitloppet. His breakthrough came when he won the Breeders' Crown final for four-year-old stallions and geldings and he has since progressed several levels. Driven again by Oscar Ginman who is relatively inexperienced in these contexts. Is a big crowd favourite but has once again got a quite tricky lane.



### 7. CHARRON

*The five-year-old won the Norwegian Derby last year but is now facing much tougher opposition than he is used to. The form is top notch but the starting position is difficult.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **5 years**

Trainer: **Geir Vegard Gundersen**

Driver: **Magnus Teien Gundersen**

Owner: **Morten Langli**

Record pace: **1.10,6am**

Prize money: **2 574 381 SEK**

Winning %: **45%**

Greatest victory: **Norwegian Trotting Derby 2024**



Got one of the last invitations and will represent Norway in this year's Elitloppet. He had a good season as a four-year-old last year and in September he won the Norwegian Derby. He also won the Jarlsberg Grand Prix and Axel Jensen's Minneslopp and comes from a victory in the Lyon Grand Prix at Åby. Geir Vegard Gundersen trains and, as usual, son Magnus Teien is the driver. They need some luck from this difficult position.



### 8. ALWAYS EK

*Finished second in the Sweden Cup during the Elitloppet weekend last year. Comes from victory in the big race Lotterian in Italy. Is now driven by trainer Alessandro Gocciadoro.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **9 years**

Trainer: **Alessandro Gocciadoro**

Driver: **Alessandro Gocciadoro**

Owner: **Effebrì SRL**

Record pace: **1.08,6a**

Prize money: **12 412 797 SEK**

Winning %: **36%**

Greatest victory: **Lotterian 2025**



He won several Group I races in Italy during the autumn of last year and the form seems to be at its peak again after victory in the Lotterian together with Magnus A Djuse at the beginning of this month. Last year, the horse was already at Solvalla during the Elitloppet weekend where he participated in the Sweden Cup. Impressed enormously in his heat when he won in a new record and then finished second in the final. Trainer Alessandro Gocciadoro is happy with his nine-year-old but hardly with this lane.





## ATG MAJOR RACES

# ELITLOPPET – HEAT 2

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## 1. HOHNECK

*One of three participants this year who previously have won the Elitloppet. He then won from the lead in dazzling style ahead of, among others, Go on Boy. Loves the track of Solvalla.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **8 years**

Trainer: **Philippe Allaire**

Driver: **Gabriele Gelormini**

Owner: **Philippe Allaire**

Record pace: **1.08,8a**

Prize money: **29 367 110 SEK**

Winning %: **33%**

Greatest victory: **Elitloppet 2023**



The French eight-year-old is back at Solvalla where he was very successful in 2023. Not only did he win the Elitloppet that year, but then he also scored a victory in the UET Elite Circuit Finale. Last year the horse finished fifth in the Elitloppet and now he is chasing revenge. Comes from a third place in the big race Prix des Ducs de Normandie and the form seems good. Currently trained by Philippe Allaire, driven by Gabriele Gelormini and he is ideally drawn.



## 2. HOOKER BERRY

*French top horse who won the Prix d'Amérique in 2023 together with today's driver Nicolas Bazire. Coming off a very poor run of results and the form is a bit of a question mark.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **8 years**

Trainer: **Franck Leblanc**

Driver: **Nicolas Bazire**

Owner: **Michel Aladenise**

Record pace: **1.08,6a**

Prize money: **20 828 365 SEK**

Winning %: **18%**

Greatest victory: **Prix d'Amérique 2023**



The eight-year-old was invited to this year's Elitloppet when the Italian horse Cobra Killer Gar had to withdraw. However, this is not a random substitute as, in 2023, the horse won the Prix d'Amérique! He did it together with Nicolas Bazire, yes: the son of the phenomenon Jean Michel. The horse makes his debut in Sweden and will of course be very exciting to follow. The form is a bit of a question mark, but this lane is perfect.



## 3. DON FANUCCI ZET

*Is one of three participants this year who previously won the Elitloppet. He won in 2021 ahead of Vivid Wise As. Is driven by Paul Philippe Ploquin, who is making his debut in Sweden.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **9 years**

Trainer: **Daniel Redén**

Driver: **Paul Philippe Ploquin**

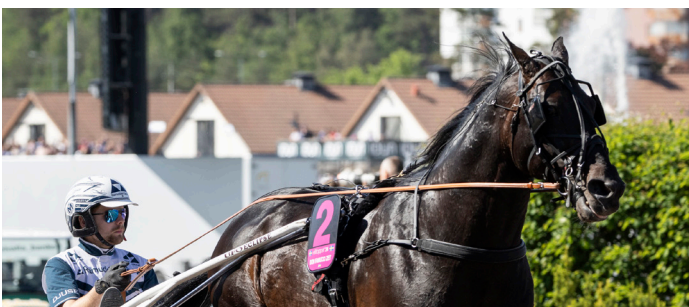
Owner: **Stall Zet (Daniel Redén)**

Record pace: **1.08,7a**

Prize money: **16 663 913 SEK**

Winning %: **50%**

Greatest victory: **Elitloppet 2021**



Won the Elitloppet in 2021 and is one of two horses this year trained by Daniel Redén (Francesco Zet is the favourite). Qualified to this year's Elitloppet by winning Meadow Road's race at Solvalla. In addition to the Elitloppet, the nine-year-old has also won the Sprintermästaren, the Norrbotten Grand Prix and the Hugo Åbergs Memorial. After a mediocre French winter, he comes with two straight victories. The French driver Ploquin makes his debut in Sweden – exciting!



## 4. MELLBY KNEKT

*Is the least experienced horse in this year's Elitloppet. But on the other hand, he comes with eight straight victories and is trained by Timo Nurmos.*

Gender: **Gelding**

Age: **6 years**

Trainer: **Timo Nurmos**

Driver: **Magnus A Djuse**

Owner: **Mellby Gård AB**

Record pace: **1.09,6a**

Prize money: **1 556 500 SEK**

Winning %: **67%**

Greatest victory: **Silver Final in 2024**



Could start in the Silver Division, but has chosen to meet the world elite instead. The six-year-old has twelve wins in 18 starts and comes with eight victories in a row. The last win was very impressive, when he crushed his opponents and won by several lengths from the position outside of the leader in a top time. Magnus A Djuse chooses him instead of Always Ek, which of course says a lot. Faces tougher opposition than ever and the question is of course how he handles that. Has a nice lane.



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## 5. HUSSARD DU LANDRET

*Perhaps the most exciting horse in this year's starting field. He has won many stayer races and the biggest victory came last year in the Prix de Paris. Debut in Sweden.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **8 years**

Trainer: **Benoit Robin**

Driver: **Benoit Robin**

Owner: **Benoit Robin**

Record pace: **1.11,5a**

Prize money: **13 668 865 SEK**

Winning %: **15%**

Greatest victory: **Prix de Paris 2024**



Trained and driven by Benoit Robin who is very much looking forward to this start. The horse is probably stronger than quick and it will understandably be very exciting to see how he handles the short distance on Solvalla's thousand meter track. He won as a five-year-old the Criterium des 5 ans, but his biggest victory came in the Prix de Paris last year, where he impressed a lot. Hasn't won yet this year but is certainly well prepared. Will probably be optimistically driven and get in an early attacking position.



## 7. THE LOCOMOTIVE

*A real dark horse. Comes all the way from Australia and he is their best horse right now. Has been in Sweden for a month and has already been working really well at the Solvalla track.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **6 years**

Trainer: **Brad Hewitt**

Driver: **Brad Hewitt**

Owner: **Glenn Holland**

Record pace: **1.09,4a**

Prize money: **4 292 002 SEK**

Winning %: **59%**

Greatest victory: **TAB Inter Dominion Final 2024**



This year's most long-distance guest. The six-year-old is from Australia and he is their fastest horse ever. He has won Group I races in his home country as a two-, three- and four-year-old. His biggest victory came in mid-December when he won the 2024 TAB Inter Dominion Trotters Final at Menangle Park. Brad Hewitt, who is making his debut in Sweden, trains and drives. The horse is obviously difficult to predict and unfortunately he has been given a difficult starting position.



## 6. BORUPS VICTORY

*Swedish Horse of the Year 2024 after victory in the Hugo Åbergs Memorial and a second place in the Elitloppet. Together with Francesco Zet the favourite to win the final.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **7 years**

Trainer: **Daniel Wäjersten**

Driver: **Daniel Wäjersten**

Owner: **Stall Droad AB**

Record pace: **1.08,5a**

Prize money: **12 196 583 SEK**

Winning %: **45%**

Greatest victory: **Hugo Åbergs Memorial 2024**



One of two horses trained by Daniel Wäjersten (Mellby Jinx starts in the first heat). Got his breakthrough last year when he came second in the Elitloppet behind Horsy Dream. Chases revenge and this year he might look even better. He comes from victory in the Paralympiatravet where he led from wire-to-wire and set a top time. Has a slightly tricky lane in this heat but is one of the favourites to win this year's Elitloppet.



## 8. MASSIMO HOIST

*The sixteenth and final horse to be invited this year and will defend the Finnish colors. He has three wins in four attempts this year and was second in the Seinäjoki Race.*

Gender: **Stallion**

Age: **6 years**

Trainer: **Jukka Hakkarainen**

Driver: **Hannu Torvinen**

Owner: **Heikki Korhonen**

Record pace: **1.11,0a**

Prize money: **3 013 574 SEK**

Winning %: **44%**

Greatest victory: **Finnish St Leger 2024**



Probably, along with Mellby Knekt, the participant with the least big results in this year's field in Elitloppet. Finished third in the Finnish Derby as a four-year-old and last year's greatest victory came in the Finnish St Leger. Faces much tougher opposition than he is used to and has also been drawn to the poorest starting position. The horse is mostly here to live and learn and a place in the final would be a big sensation. He is trained by Jukka Hakkarainen and driven by Hannu Torvinen.



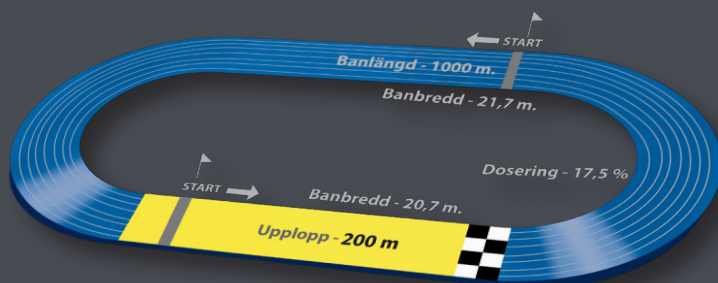


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## RACETRACK INFO



### SOLVALLA (S)

Track length: **1000 m**

Home stretch: **200 m**

Home stretch width: **20,7 m**

Back stretch width: **21,7 m**

Open stretch: **No**

## RACECARD – ELITLOPPET HEAT 1

NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	EARLY ODDS ATG
1.	ETONNANT	ANTHONY BARRIER	RICHARD WESTERINK	14.00
2.	FRANCESCO ZET	ÖRJAN KIHLSSTRÖM	DANIEL REDÉN	1.70
3.	GO ON BOY	ROMAIN DERIEUX	ROMAIN DERIEUX	3.75
4.	MELLBY JINX	MATS E DJUSE	DANIEL WÄJERSTEN	11.50
5.	LOGAN PARK	DOUG MCNAIR	ROBERT DON FELLOWS	30.00
6.	A FAIR DAY	OSCAR GINMAN	ELISABETH ALMHEDEN	15.00
7.	CHARRON	MAGNUS TEIEN GUNDERSEN	GEIR VEGARD GUNDERSEN	75.00
8.	ALWAYS EK	ALESSANDRO GOCCIADORO	ALESSANDRO GOCCIADORO	28.00

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

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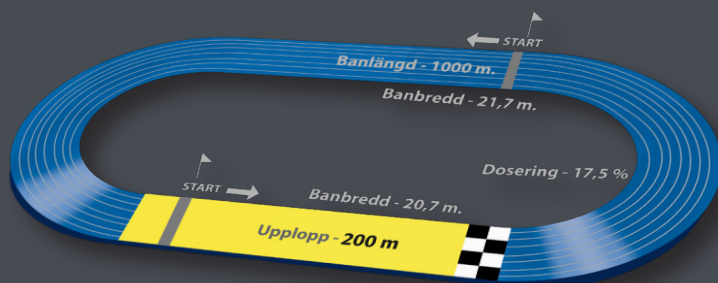


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NR	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	EARLY ODDS ATG
1.	HOHNECK	GABRIELE GELORMINI	PHILIPPE ALLAIRE	4.75
2.	HOOKER BERRY	NICOLAS BAZIRE	FRANCK LEBLANC	7.25
3.	DON FANUCCI ZET	PAUL PHILIPPE PLOQUIN	DANIEL REDÉN	3.25
4.	MELLBY KNEKT	MAGNUS A DJUSE	TIMO NURMOS	15.00
5.	HUSSARD DU LANDRET	BENOIT ROBIN	BENOIT ROBIN	12.50
6.	BORUPS VICTORY	DANIEL WÄJERSTEN	DANIEL WÄJERSTEN	3.00
7.	THE LOCOMOTIVE	BRAD HEWITT	BRAD HEWITT	65.00
8.	MASSIMO HOIST	HANNU TORVINEN	JUKKA HAKKARAINEN	95.00

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

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1.	FRANCESCO ZET	ÖRJAN KIHLSSTRÖM	DANIEL REDÉN	2.75
2.	GO ON BOY	ROMAIN DERIEUX	ROMAIN DERIEUX	5.75
3.	BORUPS VICTORY	DANIEL WÄJERSTEN	DANIEL WÄJERSTEN	6.50
4.	DON FANUCCI ZET	PAUL PHILIPPE PLOQUIN	DANIEL REDÉN	9.50
5.	HOHNECK	GABRIELE GELORMINI	PHILIPPE ALLAIRE	12.50
6.	HOOKER BERRY	NICOLAS BAZIRE	FRANCK LEBLANC	15.00
7.	HUSSARD DU LANDRET	BENOIT ROBIN	BENOIT ROBIN	16.00
8.	ETONNANT	ANTHONY BARRIER	RICHARD WESTERINK	35.00
9.	MELLBY JINX	MATS E DJUSE	DANIEL WÄJERSTEN	45.00
10.	MELLBY KNEKT	MAGNUS A DJUSE	TIMO NURMOS	50.00
11.	A FAIR DAY	OSCAR GINMAN	ELISABETH ALMHEDEN	55.00
12.	ALWAYS EK	ALESSANDRO GOCCIADORO	ALESSANDRO GOCCIADORO	60.00
13.	LOGAN PARK	DOUG MCNAIR	ROBERT DON FELLOWS	75.00
14.	THE LOCOMOTIVE	BRAD HEWITT	BRAD HEWITT	125.00
15.	CHARRON	MAGNUS TEIEN GUNDERSEN	GEIR VEGARD GUNDERSEN	150.00
16.	MASSIMO HOIST	HANNU TORVINEN	JUKKA HAKKARAINEN	250.00

**RANKING: 1-3-2-4-5-9-6-11-7-10-12-8-13-15-14-16**

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