(R2) 14:25 NEWBURY, 1m 4f
Al Rayyan Stakes (Registered As The Aston Park Stakes) (Group 3) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

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| 1 (7)  |      | 1261-62 | **RAYMOND TUSK** (IRE) 17 C D  
             b c High Chaparral - Dancing Shoes  | 4 9 - 5 | J P Spencer  R Hannon | 111 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** Light blue, orange epaulets  
**Timeform says:** Quickly made up into a very smart performer last season, signing off with victory in an Italian Group 2. Good second back from a break over 2m at Ascot, but this looks tough under a penalty. [Forecast 11.00] |
| 2 (2)  |      | 11222-1 | **CRYSTAL OCEAN** 22 CD  
             b h Sea The Stars - Crystal Star  | 5 9 - 3 | R L Moore  Sir Michael Stoute | 125 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** Dark blue, yellow cap  
**Timeform says:** Developed into a top-notch middle-distance performer last season, a campaign which included a victory in this race. Landed the odds on return at Sandown and should prove very hard to beat. [Forecast 1.62] |
| 3 (5)  |      | 3/2961-3 | **LARAAIB** (IRE) 35 D  
             b h Pivotal - Sahool  | 5 9 - 3 | Jim Crowley  Owen Burrows | 112 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap  
**Timeform says:** Ended 2018 on a high with victory in the Cumberland Lodge at Ascot. Good start to present campaign when third in the C&D John Porter and may well be the one to follow Crystal Ocean home. [Forecast 5.50] |
| 4 (3)  |      | 102-516 | **COUNT CALABASH** (IRE) 49 D BF  
             b g Big Bad Bob - Tinaheely  | 5 9 - 0 | Charles Bishop  Eve Johnson  Houghton | 102 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** Red, royal blue chevron, white sleeves, royal blue stars, red cap, royal blue star  
**Timeform says:** Bagged a couple of handicaps last season and added to his tally over this trip at Kempton in February. That represented a career-best, but held next time and biting off more than he can chew here. [Forecast 34.00] |
| 5 (1)  |      | 4610-66 | **PIVOINE** (IRE) 22  
             b g Redoute’s Choice - Fleur De Cactus  | 5 9 - 0b | S De Sousa  A M Balding | 104 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** Royal blue, white hoop, striped sleeves, white cap, royal blue star  
**Timeform says:** Largely progressive in 2018, bagging competitive handicaps at Sandown and York. However, has failed to threaten in 2 starts this time round, finishing 8 lengths adrift of Crystal Ocean last time. [Forecast 29.00] |
| 6 (4)  |      | 2500-15 | **RED VERDON** (USA) 14 D  
             ch g Lemon Drop Kid - Porto Marmay  | 6 9 - 0b | Oisin Murphy  E A L Dunlop | 108 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** Light blue and red diamonds, light blue sleeves, red cap, light blue diamond  
**Timeform says:** Consistent last season and, gelded during the winter, he made a winning reappearance in Doncaster minor event. Struggled in Newmarket Group 2 since, but good chance of claiming minor place money here. [Forecast 17.00] |
| 7 (6)  |      | 250630- | **TOP TUG** (IRE) 217 D  
             ch g Halling - Top Romance  | 8 9 - 0 | Andrea Atzeni  A King | 101 |
|        | **Jockey Colours:** White, large black spots, black cap  
**Timeform says:** Plenty of strong handicap form to his name, but found the going tough on sole previous attempt in Group 3 company and similar outcome anticipated in this contest. [Forecast 41.00] |
TIMEFORM VIEW: It would appear that CRYSTAL OCEAN's 2018 campaign is the blueprint for this season. Indeed, just as he did last year, Sir Michael Stoute's charge made a winning reappearance in the Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown 22 days ago and he'll take plenty of stopping as he bids to also repeat his victory in this race. Laraaib shaped well on return here and is next best ahead of Red Verdon.

Timeform 1-2-3:
1: CRYSTAL OCEAN (2)
2: LARAAIB (3)
3: RED VERDON (6)