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William Hill St Leger Stakes (Group 1) (British Champions Series) (Class 1) (3YO only)

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No(Dr)	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1 (9)		13-4361	CAPRI (IRE) 77 gr c Galileo - Dialafara	3 9 - 1	R L Moore A P O'Brien	120
2 (8)		3-1522	COUNT OCTAVE 21 BF b c Frankel - Honorine	3 9 - 1	Oisin Murphy A M Balding	104
3 (1)		2-1331	CRYSTAL OCEAN 42 b c Sea The Stars - Crystal Star	3 9 - 1	Jim Crowley Sir Michael Stoute	114
4 (2)		20-1111	DEFOE (IRE) 28 gr c Dalakhani - Dulkashe	3 9 - 1	Andrea Atzeni R Varian	113
5 (5)		4-21754	DOUGLAS MACARTHUR (IRE) 24 b c Galileo - Alluring Park	3 9 - 1	E J McNamara A P O'Brien	114
6 (11)		14-2341	RAHEEN HOUSE (IRE) 65 b c Sea The Stars - Jumoooh	3 9 - 1	A Kirby B J Meehan	110
7 (10)		0-14012	REKINDLING 28 b c High Chaparral - Sitara	3 9 - 1	D O'Brien Joseph P O'Brien	114
8 (6)		41-1211	STRADIVARIUS (IRE) 46 ch c Sea The Stars - Private Life	3 9 - 1	James Doyle J H M Gosden	116
9 (4)		30-1308	THE ANVIL (IRE) 77 b c Galileo - Brightest	3 9 - 1	M C Hussey A P O'Brien	108
10 (3)		311032	VENICE BEACH (IRE) 24 b c Galileo - Danedrop	3 9 - 1tp	J A Heffernan A P O'Brien	113
11 (7)		1-35142	CORONET 23 gr f Dubawi - Approach	3 8 - 12	L Dettori J H M Gosden	113

ATR VERDICT: Sir Michael Stoute broke his St Leger hoodoo with Conduit back in 2008 and has campaigned his runner this year, Crystal Ocean, in a similar vein with the pair having won the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood as their final preparation for the race. The main concern would be over the colt's stamina for this test and the fact he is likely to prove a better horse next year when contesting top 1m4f events. Capri and Stradivarius both arrive on the back of successes at the highest level but the former missed his intended prep run in the Great Voltigeur due to a dirty scope, while the latter has shaped as though he would improve for going further as opposed to dropping back in trip. John Gosden's other representative, Coronet, makes some appeal with the St Leger test looking right up her street after a good effort when chasing home her stable companion Enable in the Yorkshire Oaks at York. Rekindling has some strong form in the book having beaten Wicklow Brave two starts ago at the Curragh before chasing home last week's Irish St Leger hero Order Of St George at the same track last month and looks to represent solid each-way value, but DEFOE ticks all the boxes in one of the most exciting renewals of the race in recent years. Roger Varian and Andrea Atzeni teamed up with Kingston Hill to land the prize in 2014 and this son of Dalakhani hasn't looked back since landing the London Gold Cup at Newbury back in May, returning to the same track last month and winning the Geoffrey Freer in good style. He has continued to progress at a rapid rate of knots, improving with each start with the step up in trip suiting, and any more rain will boost his chances for a team who have an excellent record at Doncaster.

Top Tip: DEFOE (4)

Watch out for: REKINDLING (7)

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