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Paco Boy's team are in confident mood ahead of Royal Ascot's 'race of the week' - the Queen Anne Stakes.

Dual Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Goldikova and Sussex Stakes winner Rip Van Winkle are preparing to take on the apple of Richard Hannon's eye in what should be a thrilling contest.

His son and assistant Richard jnr told At The Races: "The Queen Anne looks like being the race of the week and hopefully they will all turn up and it will be a very good race. Goldikova is very good and she'll be very hard to beat."

He added: "I think Paco Boy is better this year, he seems to have improved but Goldikova is a champion and Paco Boy is not at that status yet.

"He does seem better this year than ever and if he's ever going to beat her, it will be this year.

"There is still a very small chance we might have a look at the Golden Jubilee, but I would say that it is more than likely he'll run in the Queen Anne. He's very adaptable, he's very fast.

"We need them all to meet for racing. Not that we need to build Royal Ascot up, but I imagine there will be a lot of people going just to see that race alone."

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