

NEWMARKET PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH



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2.12PM

FILLIES' HANDICAP

- MC** **ARISAIG** looks to have an eachway chance for Charlie Johnston and Neill Callan. The daughter of Harry Angel has raced plenty over a 1m this season including when eighth in the Sandringham at Royal Ascot when give a 'Jamie Spencer' ride from off the pace. However, she scored over this trip at Lingfield and there is no reason why she won't run a decent race here.
- JW** **HERITAGE HOUSE** ran well in listed company at Carlisle just 17 days ago, on slightly better terms with the horse who finished second on that occasion, she looks to have found an ideal opportunity to gain overdue success this season.
- RD** It's worth noting that the wind is going to be behind them at Newmarket on Saturday and I'm taking a chance on **DIVINE BREATH**. I'm not 100 per cent sure she'll be able to handle the track hence her price.
- MF** **KEY TO COTAI** is a model of consistency and Ed Walker's horses are in very good form. He'll do me!
- RM** I'm interested in **YEFIMENKO**, who is being sent over by Ger Lyons. She looked quick on her first two starts at the Curragh and Bellewstown.

3.25PM

BET365 SUPERLATIVE STAKES

- MC** Like father like son? Dubawi landed this prize in 2004 and now his son **ANCIENT TRUTH** tries to do so in 2024. Has landed a couple of Newmarket novice events in style and no reason not to think he might be very good.
- JW** **THE PARTHENON** didn't look like the finished article at all when winning last time and was only getting going right on top of the line. The fact that this outfit decided to start him off in group 3 company would suggest he is full of natural talent and let's not forget they won this last season with City Of Troy.
- RD** **WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE** is worth chancing at a big price. He won on his debut at Kempton in May and he impressed that day. He was a little green and he won with plenty to spare.
- MF** Charlie Appleby named the Superlative Stakes as the next race for **ANCIENT TRUTH** after he won the Novice Stakes at Newmarket last month. I loved the way he went through the race that day and he can complete his hat-trick.
- RM** Ancient Truth is short in the betting but both of his wins came on good to firm ground. It'll be a little softer on Saturday at Newmarket so I'm with **PENTLE BAY**.

4.35PM

JULY CUP STAKES (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES)

- MC** I can't think of any reason when **INISHERIN** won't blow these away if he runs to form. The 2000 Guineas sixth was excellent in the Sandy Lane at Haydock and even better in the Group 1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot. The older 5f/6f sprinters are from a vintage bunch and this looks up for the taking for a young up-and-coming speedster.
- JW** **VANDEEK** ran badly on his return but surely is better than that as it was probably a combination of the ground and also the team being very much under a cloud.
- RD** Inisherin is the one to beat but I haven't warmed to him. He's effective on different ground and track types but I can't have him at a short price. Instead, I'll back **MILL STREAM**, who doesn't have much to find.
- MF** It's hard to get away from **INISHERIN**. I was really impressed with him at Ascot and he took the step up in grade with a lot of ease. I'd be tempted by VandeeK if the ground was dry but I'll side with Inisherin.
- RM** **INISHERIN** is the most likely winner. He's in control of his races and his wins at Haydock and Royal Ascot were solid. He has a lot going for him and I'm not too afraid of the older runners in here.

2.50PM

BET365 MILE HANDICAP

- MC** I'd guess **FIRST CONQUEST** has more to give for Charlie Appleby and William Buick with a first time hood in place. The Wood Ditton winner flopped next time at York but was back to some form when last seen and after three runs should have more improvement.
- JW** **QIRAT** never got an opportunity to show what he could do in the Britannia at the Royal meeting as he was drawn away from where the race developed he still managed to hit the line strongly and surely looks underestimated from where he sits in the handicap at present.
- RD** I'm giving **VOLTERRA** another chance after finishing 11th in the Britannia at Ascot last month. He's won at Newmarket before and that form has held up. If you judge him on that run, he's still well handicapped.
- MF** I like Karl Burke's **ARABIC LEGEND**, who ran a good race last time out at the Curragh.
- RM** I'm with **TREASURE TIME**, who showed a great attitude last time when winning at Newmarket. He's only gone up 4lbs for that win, which seems lenient from the handicapper.

4.00PM

BET365 BUNBURY CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP)

- MC** Always a cracking handicap in the Bunbury Cup over 7f. It's boring but **CARRYTHEONE** will be very hard to kick out the frame after two recent fine runs for Michael Bell. A win here two runs ago was a fine effort and his third at Royal Ascot in the Buckingham Palace was even better as he didn't get a clear run.
- JW** **YORKSHIRE** looks to be dropping back down to what looks like his ideal distance and at least in a big runner field like this he's going to get the ideal pay scenario that suits his fast and late style.
- RD** I put up **CARRYTHEONE** as an antepost pick a few weeks ago for this but he's going to go off very short with Ryan Moore booked to take the ride. He won at Newmarket in May and he followed that up in a third place at Royal Ascot. **LETHAL LEVI** could be worth keeping an eye on as an each-way pick.
- MF** I'm taking a chance on **PERCYS LAD** as an each-way shout. It didn't quite work out for him at Ascot as he was drawn the wrong side.
- RM** Carrytheone is the favourite but he's short for a race like this with 20 runners. I'm with **YORKSHIRE** at a big each-way price.

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