

YORK EBOR '24 PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND



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13:50

LOWTHER STAKES

- MF** I really like Karl Burke's filly **MISS LAMAI** in the 6f Lowther Stakes. Her win last time at Naas was decent and she looks to be improving.
- PP** **HEAVENS GATE** is an uncomplicated and useful juvenile, doubling her tally in comfortable fashion in sales company 17 days ago.
- JW** **CELANDINE** steps back up in trip to 6f today which is clearly going to suit.
- RW** **MISS LAMAI** was a good winner at Naas and could represent the value here against a better fancied stablemate in Leovanni.
- MC** I like **HEAVENS GATE** who won a valuable auction event at Naas last time and had proven herself high class before that with a third in the Albany.

15:00

CLIPPER HANDICAP

- MF** **HOLLOWAY BOY** (each-way) has run some really good races this season without winning yet. He has to be on the shortlist. **NEW IMAGE** might have a little bit of wriggle room as a win-only project.
- PP** **BLUE FOR YOU** triumphed from the rail draw in 2022 and has pulled a low stall again so he might prove the answer again at a venue where he goes so well.
- JW** We haven't seen the best of this three year-old **ARAGON CASTLE** yet and with the weight-for-age concession, he brings in some very solid form.
- RW** **ARAGON CASTLE** won well at Hamilton in July and he drops back to a mile from 10f last time.
- MC** A quick mile here might be perfect for **HOLLOWAY BOY**. A fine fifth at Royal Ascot in the Hunt Cup was followed by an excellent third at Glorious Goodwood.

16:10

BRITISH EBF & SIR HENRY CECIL GALTRES STAKES

- MF** Ryan Moore has been booked to ride **SATIN** after she returned from injury just eight days ago at Gowran Park.
- PP** **SEA JUST IN TIME** got back on track when making a winning return at Kempton earlier in the month and remains a smart prospect.
- JW** **NAKHEEL** looks an each-way player judged by her staying on fourth last time from a very poor position.
- RW** **NOISY JAZZ** (each-way) won a mile novice race at Newmarket a couple of weeks ago off a really good gallop.
- MC** None of these runners have high ratings and it's all about potential. **FAIRY GLEN** should have an each-way chance at least under William Buick.

17:20

BRITISH EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP

- MF** She won on her handicap debut last time and **COPPULL HALL LANE** can be competitive again off just a 2lb higher mark. A solid each-way play.
- PP** **ALFA KELLENIC** posted a useful effort as she brought up the 4-timer at Ayr last month over 6f. A 3lb rise looks fair now stepping up a furlong.
- JW** **QUEEN'S REIGN** put up a super performance when winning at Goodwood in May before being beaten at Newmarket when odds-on. The return to 7f will suit and the Ed Walker stable are in tremendous form.
- MC** **BACK SEE DAA** (each-way) has gradually hit form this season and stays this 7f trip well. Her second at Haydock last time was decent enough and her mark of 91 looks workable.

14:25

PREMIER YEARLING STAKES

- MF** **ARIZONA BLAZE** has some good form at the top table this season, is hardy and the one I'd like to be on.
- PP** **ARIZONA BLAZE** arrives on the back of an excellent showing in the Phoenix Stakes at the Curragh and he's unlikely to have reached his limit, so he takes narrow preference over Maw Lam.
- JW** **MIDNIGHT CITY** (each-way) hit the line very strongly at Newmarket last time, getting the hang of things late on.
- RW** I have my doubts over Maw Lam so I'm going to take her on with **ARIZONA BLAZE** who has done very little wrong in defeat.
- MC** **AN OUTLAW'S GRACE** will be very hard to beat as he's run in top company since winning at Salisbury over this 6f trip. A huge chance.

15:35

PERTEMPS NETWORK YORKSHIRE OAKS

- MF** Oisin Murphy was on board when **QUEEN OF THE PRIDE** won at Haydock and he has learnt that she can't hit the front too soon. She sets the standard.
- PP** **QUEEN OF THE PRIDE** looked a Group 1 filly in the making when winning the Lancashire Oaks at Haydock and shades the vote over stablemate Emily Upjohn.
- JW** **SEA THEME** (each-way) was fancied to go well against Queen of the Pride at Haydock, but slipped on the top turn so we can confidently put a line through that effort. A good winner since, she shouldn't be written off.
- RW** **CONTENT** was third in the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh and was unlucky in the Irish Oaks last time.
- MC** **QUEEN OF THE PRIDE** has long looked special and it might be the moment she hits the big time. If they go a strong pace she surely will be hard to beat.

16:45

EBF STALLIONS NURSERY HANDICAP

- MF** **ORIGINAL OUTLAW** looks a player. He was a neck second at Goodwood on his nursery debut on quick ground and the conditions at York should suit him.
- PP** This is wide-open but Richard Hannon's **ANGEL HUNTER** appeals as a likely improver now up in trip for his nursery bow with Ryan Moore booked so edges the vote.
- JW** Godolphin's **AGE OF GOLD** has been gelded since his last run and an opening handicap mark of 89 looks very workable.
- MC** **ORIGINAL OUTLAW** interests me for Ralph Beckett and Hector Crouch. He's blinkered and is yet to win but has run well in big fields at Salisbury and Goodwood.

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