

GLORIOUS GOODWOOD

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND



MATT CHAPMAN

JASON WEAVER

RORY DELARGY

TRADER

MICK FITZGERALD

1.50PM

GOODWOOD HANDICAP

- MC** Temporize did me a right favour at Newbury last time when scoring at 10-1, however, I'm going with **ROBERT JOHNSON** as the each-way selection. This extreme trip is what he wants and comes in at a racing weight of 8st 12lb.
- JW** **MASTER MILLINER** managed to win this 2m 4f marathon contest two years ago. Although he has not pulled up any trees since we know that stamina is his key asset and is a each-way shout.
- RD** **TEMPORIZE** comes in here on the crest of a wave and will be very hard to kick out of the frame over this 2m 4f trip. He's straight-forward, races up with the pace and stays all day.
- TR** **TEMPORIZE** is 10lbs higher than when winning this race last year but he's held his form since. The fact he's a course and distance winner is a major positive.
- MF** I want a horse that races up with the pace and **TEMPORIZE** fits the bill. He won at Newbury last time out and his running style makes him a safer pick than Kyle Of Lochalsh.

2.25PM

THOROUGHBRED STAKES

- MC** I've long been a massive fan of **LEAD ARTIST** and I'm happy to give him another go after a flop at Newmarket when last seen. Hopefully he will show us what he is made of on faster ground.
- JW** **TASK FORCE** has always been highly regarded and ran well in the Middle Park Stakes at the back end of his juvenile career. Looks ready for the mile test on this sharp track.
- RD** **DANCING GEMINI** interests me back over a mile. He didn't stay the Epsom Derby distance over 1m 4f and the drop in class and trip can see him return to his best.
- TR** **SOCIALITE** won on his first two starts and he's beaten the reopposing King's Gamble before. If he settles quickly, he's a solid each-way shout.
- MF** I really like **AL MUSMAK**. His win at Newmarket last time out was no fluke and he can win again.

3.00PM

GOLDEN MILE

- MC** **HOLLOWAY BOY** has always had some quirks, but he has now put up a string of fine handicapping performances off this mark of 105. There is no doubt that he has the talent. Strong each-way claims.
- JW** **TALIS EVOLVERE** has flown under the radar considering he's been keeping top handicap company over a variety of distances. The draw hasn't been kind but he could surprise a few as an each-way shot.
- RD** **DARKNESS** was fourth in this contest last year and won well at Newmarket two starts back before a credible fifth in the Bunbury Cup.
- TR** **CLASSIC** disappointed at Sandown last time out but I'm putting that down to the soft ground. He's going to get better ground at Goodwood on Friday and that will suit him as a great each-way bet.
- MF** **PEROTTO** is very solid and he's a safe each-way shout. He's a course winner and consistent. You know what you're going to get from him.

3.35PM

KING GEORGE STAKES

- MC** I'm happy to give the 2023 Nunthorpe winner **LIVE IN THE DREAM** another chance, provided he blasts out on the front end. This track should suit his natural speed.
- JW** This has always been the long-term aim for the Australian team and **ASFOORA's** victory at Royal Ascot was a bonus. Connections think she's better over this 5f distance.
- RD** **BIG EVS** won here last year and the faster ground will help. He's all speed and was just outstayed at Royal Ascot. Goodwood should suit him better.
- TR** **BIG EVS** finished third behind Asfoora in the King Charles at Royal Ascot but I fancy him to reverse the form. He tried to do it all that day and got caught.
- RW** I can't get how easily **ASFOORA** won the King Charles Stakes at Royal Ascot out of my head. I fancy the Australian runner to win again.

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