

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

THE ONES TO WATCH OUT FOR ON THURS 27TH



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MATT CHAPMAN



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PADDY POWER

KEMPTON 13.20 NOVICE'S CHASE

PAUL JACOBS: **Dynamite Dollars** looked tough when winning last time and can expose any weaknesses in the favourite.

MATT CHAPMAN: **Kalashnikov** seems to hold all the aces here on what we've seen so far.

MICK FITZGERALD: **Kalashnikov** will win but is no guarantee. **Dynamite Dollars** will make him pull out all the stops.

PADDY POWER: No the most original pick but I think **Kalashnikov** is a genuine Arkle Chase contender and should take another step on the road towards that goal at Cheltenham race next year.

CHEPSTOW 13.35 FUTURE CHAMPIONS JUVENILE H'DLE

PAUL JACOBS: I don't like tipping shot-price favs but sometimes there's no alternative. **Adjali** for me.

MATT CHAPMAN: **Quel Destin** just keeps winning and his experience will be a big asset here.

MICK FITZGERALD: **Quel Destin** is a tough opponent so he will have to good to win. I take the Henderson horse, **Adjali**, but it won't be easy..

PADDY POWER: A small but select field and the same team that won this race 1st year can strike with the likely favourite **Adjali**.

KEMPTON 14.30 DESERT ORCHID CHASE

PAUL JACOBS: **Altior** wins the races - pure and simple but he's no price to even contemplate backing.

MATT CHAPMAN: **Altior**. He's no price but he's different gravy. Sit back and enjoy.

MICK FITZGERALD: **Buveur D'Air** was beaten yesterday so you never know but **Altior** should be way too good for this field.

PADDY POWER: We saw a few short-priced favourites beaten yesterday but we can all go home early if **Altior** is beaten! Like Matt says it's just a race to sit back and savour a supreme equine athlete in action.

KEMPTON 14.50 WELSH GRAND NATIONAL

PAUL JACOBS: The last few days have seen nothing more than drizzle at Chepstow - hence the going is *only* described as soft and I think that will suit recent Becher Chase runner-up **Vieux Lion Rouge**.

MATT CHAPMAN: A tough slog this usually and the Irish raider **FOLSOM BLUE** has plenty of stamina to see out this test for top trainer Gordon Elliott.

MICK FITZGERALD: The Irish have a few chances and **Folsom Blue** is the one of those I really like here. But **Elegant Escape** is the favourite here and I think deserves to be based on his run at Newbury.

PADDY POWER: **Vintage Clouds** looks to be improving and won a decent race the last time when the stable wasn't in form. He'll be running at Aintree next April in the Grand National and could take the Welsh equivalent along the way.

LEOPARDSTOWN 15.00 PADDY POWER CHASE

PAUL JACOBS: I have invested in top weight **Dounikos** at a huge price and **De Name Escapes Me**. The former has seemingly lost his way in the last eight months, but the handicapper has acted accordingly and he looks very dangerous off a mark of just 144.

MATT CHAPMAN: If Paul Nolan's **Fitzhenry** has the speed to match his undoubted stamina, then he can go well at a nice price. Keep an eye on any extra places that Paddy may have up his sleeve as this is a massively competitive race.

MICK FITZGERALD: I can't help but be drawn to **Borice**. Davy Russell could have ridden any number of horses in here and find it interesting he is on this.

PADDY POWER: **Livelovelaugh** is my motto in life and I'm taking the horse of the same name to win the Paddy Power Chase.