

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

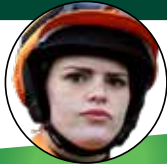
LADIES DAY AT CHELTENHAM



MICK FITZGERALD



MATT CHAPMAN



LIZZIE KELLY



RUBY WALSH



KEVIN BLAKE

BALLYMORE NOVICES HURDLE

13:30

- MF:** Gordon Elliott's **Battleoverdoyen** is my pick as I have a sneaky feeling that **Champ's** form is suspect.
- MC:** **Brewin'upastorm** would have beaten Champ at Newbury in another furlong and was unlucky to fall last time. Each-way chance.
- RW:** **BattleoverDoyen** was one of the few horses in Ireland to take your eye when winning a maiden hurdle. He followed it up at Navan and looks hard to beat. I ride **Easy Game** and he could be an each-way play having won a couple of Grade 3 contests.
- KB:** **Champ** has done little wrong this season and looks capable of much better.

RSA CHASE

14:10

- MF:** I love **Topofthegame**. He is a big, raw, horse and ridden with plenty of confidence can get it done here.
- MC:** **Delta Work** knows how to win at this meeting and has been a natural chaser so far. Stays well.
- LK:** **Delta Work** for me. Seems classy and has won two Grade 1 races.
- RW:** I don't think we'll have any runners but I'd love to be able to ride Gordon Elliott's **Delta Work** as he looks hard to beat in this.
- KB:** **Delta Work** has been faultless this season and will be very well suited by the test this race presents.

CORAL CUP

14:50

- MC:** **William Henry** was fourth in this race last year and I fancy him to be placed again.
- LK:** My mother trains **Erick Le Rouge** who has won four handicaps this year. He'd have a chance if he runs.
- RW:** I ride **Uradel** and he will appreciate this step up in trip as he ran well when he stayed on well at Leopardstown last time.

CHAMPION CHASE

15:30

- MF:** It all comes down to **Altior** who can rack up his 18th consecutive win over jumps and confirm himself as one of the great racehorses of his era. **Min** can chase him home.
- MC:** **Altior** is the outstanding two-mile chaser and is impossible to oppose.
- LK:** Nothing original here but it's **Altior** for me.
- RW:** We all know how good **Altior** is so if it all goes the way it's gone before - we'll be all running for the places against Nicky Henderson's superstar.
- KB:** **Altior**, I love taking on favourites, but this is not one to take on.

GLENFARCLAS CROSS COUNTRY

16:10

- MC:** **Tiger Roll** will be hard to beat but **Josies Orders** can run well at a bigger price.
- RW:** **Tiger Roll** won this before winning the Grand National last year and should win this race again. **Auvergnat** each-way looks a play also.
- LK:** I'll go for a bit of value with **Tea For Two** who I ride.
- KB:** **Tiger Roll** should have even more suitable ground conditions than he got last year and looks a banker.

FRED WINTER JUVENILE HURDLE

16:50

- MC:** **Band of Outlaws** looked good last time and has been backed ante-post.
- RW:** **La Sorelita** has been disappointing since her first run in Leopardstown. She started favourite and finished a long way third to **Surin** and **Gardens of Babylon** at Fairyhouse. If she can improve on that run she might have an each-way chance at a price.
- KB:** **Lethal Steps** looks like he's been laid out for this and is potentially a big improver.

CHAMPION BUMPER

17:30

- MC:** **Envoi Allen** has done everything right and looks obvious, A horse for the future.
- RW:** We only have one bumper runner this year in **Blue Sari**, so he's our best hope in Wednesday's finale. He's only a four-year-old though and while his one won was impressive - the favourite **Envoi Allen** may be too tough for him.
- KB:** **Meticulous** shaped very nicely behind **Envoi Allen** last time and could well improve to beat him.



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