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CHELTENHAM PREVIEW

Tipping Cheat Sheet



Haven't done your Cheltenham Festival homework? Fear not because you can still be an office hero courtesy of our five top tipsters.



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DAY 1 (TUESDAY MARCH 12)

1.30PM - SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE

MF: I have backed **Fakir D'oudairies** at 12/1 for this already so I'm sitting pretty. Mr Fisher should run well too.

MC: **Aramon** has loads of experience and was unlucky against **Klassical Dream** last time. Each-way chance.

LK: I thought **Al Dancer** was really impressive in the Betfair Hurdle and can win this.

RW: It's very open but **Aramon** has form at the highest level and could be value each-way in the opening race of Cheltenham 2019.

KB: **Angels Breath** can be forgiven for his run last time, a potential big improver.

3.30PM - CHAMPION HURDLE

MF: I'm backing **Buveur D'air** to win his third Champion Hurdle. **Apple's Jade** can put it up to him but I'm worried about her tendency to jump right at her hurdles.

MC: **Laurina** is unbeaten since joining Team Mullins and looks a monster. Can take advantage of the 7lb weight allowance she gets off **Buveur d'Air**.

LK: Everyone's gone for the front three but I'll go with **Sharjah** each-way for a bit of value.

RW: I ride **Laurina** who has the potential to win a Champion Hurdle but she'll have to improve by about 7lb to thwart **Buveur D'air** and **Apple's Jade**. I hope she can.

KB: **Apple's Jade** looks much improved this year and this could be her big day.

DAY TWO (WEDNESDAY MARCH 13)

3.30PM - CHAMPION CHASE

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.

DAY THREE (THURSDAY MARCH 14)

3.30PM - STAYERS' HURDLE

MF: I would love to see **Paisley Park** win and think he will. I'm slightly concerned though that he was pulled up in the Albert Bartlett Hurdle last year at the Festival. **Black Op** could be an each-way play especially if the ground turns soft.

MC: **Faugheen** is a Champion Hurdle winner and stays strong. Can turn back the years.

LK: **Paisley Park** has just been in the best form this season, just head and shoulders above everyone.

RW: **Faugheen** has recovered from his fall behind **Apple's Jade** at Christmas but **Paisley Park** has been the stand-out stayer this season and he's going to be hard to beat. But I'm hopeful **Faugheen** can run a big race and I'm really looking forward to riding him.

KB: **Paisley Park**, an absolutely brilliant performance last time.

DAY FOUR (FRIDAY MARCH 15)

3.30PM - CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

MF: I'd be way more confident that **Presenting Percy** could win a Gold Cup if he had run over fences this season. He was really impressive in the RSA Chase last year but hasn't jumped a fence yet and his preparation doesn't warrant his price. Willie Mullins seems pretty keen on his in **Bellshill**, **Kemboy & Al Boum** and I like **Bellshill** as the each-way alternative.

MC: **Native River** landed this last year and if the rain comes he can double up for Colin Tizzard.

LK: **Clan Des Obeaux** deserves to be among the favs as he's beaten everything in England so far.

RW: We've three live chances in **Bellshill**, **Kemboy** and **Al Boum Photo**. It's easy to make a case for each one but it's also easy to pick holes in their form also. I hope I pick the right one. **Presenting Percy** has only had one run over hurdles this season - and no runs over fences outside of novice company. That could make him vulnerable. Paul Nicholls' **Clan Des Obeaux** has been the massive improver all season since winning the King George and then following up at Ascot. The more rain the better for last year's winner **Native River**.

KB: **Clan Des Obeaux** has been better than ever this season and has had a great preparation.