

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

ROYAL ASCOT TUESDAY



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QUEEN ANNE STAKES

2.30pm

JW: **Barney Roy** rates the surprise package in the field after a career at stud backfired. An easy winner in France the last time he ran.

MC: Last year's winner **Accidental Agent** can hit the places at least here after a good run at Newbury on his return. Doesn't have to improve much to be in the mix.

MF: At the prices I am sticking with **Accidental Agent** to back up his win in this last year.

FH: The way **Hazapour** travelled in last year's Derby suggests he is well capable here.

PP: He dined at the top table last year over a longer trip, but a mile on softer ground could make **Hazapour** a bit of value.

THE COVENTRY STAKES

3.05pm

JW: Aidan O'Brien's **Arizona** benefitted from a lovely debut run to improve and win convincingly next time out. He's going to light up the two-year-old division this season.

MC: **Arizona** looked an absolute class act at the Curragh for Aidan O'Brien and should take all the beating.

MF: **Arizona** looks the best horse in the race, but **Threat** could be a bit of value.

FH: **Threat** was impressive at Newmarket and the clock suggests he could be top class.

PP: **Arizona** is Aidan O'Brien's best so no point looking a gift horse in the gob.

THE KING'S STAND STAKES

3.40pm

JW: **Mabs Cross** was spectacular at Newmarket but things went against her at Haydock behind Battaash. This contest should play more to her strengths.

MC: I have no doubt that **Battaash** is the best horse in the race and just needs to keep his temperament in check to win.

MF: Course form swings me in **Blue Point's** favour once the ground isn't too soft.

FH: All eyes will be on Battaash and Blue Point but the American raider, **Imprimis**, could go under the radar.

PP: Battaash's behaviour has to be taken on trust, so **Blue Point** gets my vote.

ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES

4.20pm

JW: **Too Darn Hot** has a few lengths to make up on Phoenix of Spain from the Irish 2,000 Guineas, but I'm betting they can do it.

MC: **Skardu** is better than he's shown in the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas so far and looks a great value play.

MF: **Shaman** looks the value bet at an each-way price, but **Phoenix of Spain** will be hard to beat.

FH: **Too Darn Hot** can really start fulfilling his two-year-old promise here and take the win.

PP: The ground may blunt Too Darn Hot's speed and **Phoenix of Spain** should improve again for his seasonal debut win.

ASCOT STAKES

5PM

JW: Gordon Elliott has worked wonders with **Mengli Khan** in the jumping game and this former Flat horse could be very hard to beat if he runs to his jumps rating.

MC: **Coeur De Lion** has a claimer on board who might just be able to guide him into the places.

MF: **Snow Falcon** is no mug from the jumps game and has a bit of class about him.

FH: There is rain forecast for Tuesday and any easing of the ground will really play to the strengths of **Snow Falcon**.

PP: National Hunt horses **Mengli Khan** and **Buildmeupbuttercup** look well in on their jumps ratings.

WOLFERTON RATED STAKES

5.35pm

JW: The softer ground and no penalty should help **Addeybb** here for the red-hot team of William Haggas and Daniel Tudhope.

MC: **Addeybb** was a real eye catcher at Chester last time and will love the softer ground. We haven't seen the best of him yet.

MF: **Elarqam** is a tentative choice, but Irish Derby winner **Latrobe** shouldn't be discounted.

FH: The likely strong pace will bring **Latrobe's** stamina into play and he can get Joseph O'Brien off to a good start to the week.

PP: This is very tricky, but John Gosden's **Star of Bengal** could improve again on turf as he's won his last two on the all weather.



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