

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



JASON WEAVER



MATT CHAPMAN



MICK FITZGERALD



FRANK HICKEY



PADDY POWER

1.15pm

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE HANDICAP

- JW** **ART POWER** looked very good at York last season when winning and any rain that falls won't hinder him.
- MC** **ART POWER** looked an absolute monster when winning first time out. He could be very special.
- MF** **ART POWER** should improve for his impressive return at Newcastle.
- FH** **KEEP BUSY** looks solid e/w, with soft ground and high draw in her favour. Cieren Fallon claims a handy 3lbs.
- PP** **ART POWER** was so impressive when racing returned that he's impossible to ignore.

1.50pm

ALBANY STAKES

- JW** **FLYING ALETHA** made no mistake on course debut and I've seen Wesley Ward's runners exercising at HQ.
- MC** I'll have a few quid e/w on **SETARHE**. Connections have won this race twice in the past six years.
- MF** Wesley Ward's runners are to be feared and **FLYING ALETHA** can take this.
- FH** **MAHALE** caught the eye on debut at Newmarket. She can improve for the step up in trip and appeals e/w.
- PP** **MOTHER EARTH** looked progressive when finishing well at Navan last week.

2.25pm

NORFOLK STAKES

- JW** This little bull of a horse **GOLDEN PAL** could be gone in the first 100 yards and has been working like a rocket.
- MC** If **EYE OF HEAVEN** copes with the softer ground he should take all the beating.
- MF** Frankie Dettori rides **EYE OF HEAVEN** and he could take a bit of catching in this speedsters' contest.
- FH** **EYE OF HEAVEN**'s debut win was strongly franked in the Windsor Castle Stakes and he will take plenty of beating.
- PP** A little birdie told me Wesley Ward's monster **GOLDEN PAL** was tearing up the gallops.

3.00pm

HARDWICKE STAKES

- JW** **ELARQAM** got a huge form boost after Lord North demolished the Groupe 1 Prince of Wales's field. Impossible to ignore now.
- MC** **ANTHONY VAN DYCK** stayed on strongly in the Coronation Cup and that will stand to him now.
- MF** **ELARQAM** was just beat by Lord North at Haydock and that form looks really strong now.
- FH** **ELARQAM** was touched off by Lord North at Haydock and that form got a big boost in the Prince of Wales stakes. Soft ground suits and he's the one to beat.
- PP** Why not go for the tried and tested in **DEFOE** who won this last year and can repeat the dose.

3.35pm

COMMONWEALTH CUP

- JW** Just nipped in the Queen Mary last year and **KIMARI** can go one better on Friday with Frankie Dettori aboard.
- MC** I saw **GOLDEN HORDE** last week and he looks in tremendous form.
- MF** **GOLDEN HORDE** mixed it with all the top two years olds last year here for Clive Cox and Adam Kirby.
- FH** **GOLDEN HORDE**'s 2nd in last year's Middle Park Stakes is the best form on offer here.
- PP** **GOLDEN HORDE** is well thought of and was only beaten a neck in the Middle Park in September.

4.10pm

QUEEN'S VASE

- JW** **BORN WITH PRIDE** dodged an engagement earlier this week but can make up for lost time now.
- MC** **SANTIAGO** should relish the step up in trip and will be very hard to keep out the frame.
- MF** **SANTIAGO** represents Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore and they have a very good record in this contest.
- FH** **BORN WITH PRIDE** impressed at Newmarket beating Irish Guineas winner Peaceful. Soft ground suits. Step up in trip will see improvement.
- PP** **BERKSHIRE ROCCO** finished second to Epsom Derby favourite English King in the Lingfield Derby Trial. Big chance.

4.40pm

DUKE OF EDINBURGH STAKES

- JW** **DURSTON** could arguably be the potential Group horse in a handicap and is effective in all types of ground conditions.
- MC** A tough finale to end with but **DURSTON** looks an each-way play to rattle home late on.
- MF** **WEST END CHARMER** won very tidily at Newmarket and can follow up in the finale.
- FH** **INDIANAPOLIS** is a course winner that handles easy ground and is on a fair mark. He will do e/w for me.
- PP** **WEST END CHARMER** was very impressive in a good race at Newmarket last time and looks very leniently treated on that form.

