PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

ROYAL ASCOT WEDNESDAY



1.15pm

SILVER ROYAL HUNT HANDICAP

- JW MAYDANNY has a pedigree to die for and should just improve and improve.
- MC ZHUI FENG loves this type of race and is well handicapped. Capable of a run at a big price.
- MF MAYDANNY was a ready winner as Yarmouth on quick ground and could be well handicapped off his mark of 90.
- FH OUZO is 5lbs well in and Richard Hannon got off the mark in a similar type race already this week. He's drawn well and must go well.
 PP I like the way PRESIDENTIAL finished his race at Doncaster last weekend. The step up in trip and stiff finish should suit him.

3.35pm

ROYAL HUNT CUP

- JW WILLIE JOHN has always been a talking horse around Newmarket. He comes in slightly under the radar and now is the time to deliver.
- MC WILLIE JOHN has been disappointing but the drop back to the 1m trip should help. Back him each-way in this cavalry charge.
- MF BELL ROCK finished with a real burst at Newmarket and can follow up here.
- FH FOX PREMIER is well drawn and I think he is well handicapped. He is a very fair e/w price.

1.50pm

HAMPTON COURT STAKES

- JW Ignore KENZAI WARRIOR's run in the 2,000 Guineas. He could be the each-way value in the field.
- MC RUSSIAN EMPEROR is a proven stayer and will take some stopping for Aidan O'Brien.
- MF BERLIN TANGO bolted up at Kempton beating a smart horse that day easily.
- FH FIRST RECEIVER looks an improver for Michael Stoute and seems sure to improve for this step up in trip.
- **PP FIRST RECEIVER** was a very impressive first time out winner at Kempton for Sir Michael Stoute so there must be to come.

2.25pm

KING GEORGE V STAKES

- JW Will be much sharper for his comeback run at Yarmouth and BODYLINE can go close in this.
- MC CONVICT was a very easy winner at Newmarket last season, should improve and is bred for the job.
 MF CONVICT was progressive as a two-year-old and could be the answer.
 FH WIN O CLOCK is well ahead of his mark looking at his Haydock win. He can land this for Roger Charlton.
 PP GROUP ONE POWER ran pretty well on its comeback at York. That should leave him spot on and he could be ahead of the handicapper.

PP QAYSAR was eye-catching when third at Newmarket. Ryan Moore is booked. Collect.

4.10pm

WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES

- JW VICTORY HEIGHTS will improve for his run at Newcastle and looks an e/w play at a big price.
- MC Not a lot of two-year-old form to go on but TACTICAL could run a big race in the Royal colours.
- MF Archie Watson has a knack for training two-year-olds and his MIGHTY GURKA is the pick.
- FH ASTIMEGOESBY's debut run at Newmarket shaped like the drop to 5f today will really suit.
- PP Wesley Ward and Frankie Dettori team up with SUNSHINE CITY for the first of what I think will be two wins this week.

4.40pm

COPPER HORSE HANDICAP

- JW ALMANIA has plenty of untapped potential and can start to show that at Ascot in the lucky last.
- FUJAIRA PRINCE was third last year in the MC Duke of Edinburgh Stakes and always looked like extra distance would help. **FUJAIRA PRINCE** still looks well treated at MF the ratings despite not having run since 12 months ago. This looks like it was always the plan. **FLOATING ARTIST** has winning form at FH Ascot and looks to be on a fair mark. He will do each way for me. **HEREBY** is going for five wins on the bounce PP and has won on all different types of ground and at this track. She ticks a few boxes in a tricky race.

3.00pm

PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES

- JW JAPAN should have too much firepower for this field if the rain stays away. The softer the ground the better Addeybb's chance will be.
- MC JAPAN is the one to beat and rightly so. I can't see anything stopping him.
- MF JAPAN heads the market and won at this meeting last year. Addeybb could the one to chase him home.
- FH The bit of rain will suit HEADMAN. He will make up into a Group 1 horse this season and hopefully this will be his day.
- PP Japan will be very hard to beat but BARNEY ROY looks back to his best and could be the value play.



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