

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



JASON WEAVER



MATT CHAPMAN



MICK FITZGERALD



FRANK HICKEY



PADDY POWER

1.50pm

WOODCOTE EBF STAKES 6F

- JW** He looked an improver in the making when winning on debut and **TWAASOL** can build on that now.
- MC** **TWAASOL** looked a bright prospect on debut at Windsor for Owen Burrows and could be very useful.
- MF** **TWAASOL** showed lots of promise when winning at Windsor and gets my vote in the opener.
- FH** I wouldn't be shocked if **CALCUTTA CUP** is up to winning this on debut for Andrew Balding.
- PP** **MODERN NEWS** was disappointing at Ascot but the drop back to 6f is enough for me to forgive and forget.

3.00pm

INVESTEC HANDICAP 1M 2F

- JW** He's improved every year and his record when fresh is decent so **CARADOC** is my pick.
- MC** I like **CARADOC** here for trainer Ed Walker each-way. He will be suited by a decent pace to run at in this big field under champion jockey Oisín Murphy.
- MF** If **CARADOC** is sharp enough on his first run of the season he can win this contest.
- FH** He may want faster ground, but **CARADOC** is definitely well handicapped off a mark of 100 and Oisín Murphy is booked to ride.
- PP** Based on his recent Newmarket romp **DESERT ICON** looks well ahead of the handicapper. Hard to see beyond him winning.

4.15pm

PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES 1M

- JW** This is a tougher race than the ones she's won but **FOORAAT** looks well equipped to deal with it.
- MC** The market leaders have questions to answer so I'm going for **LOVE AND THUNDER** for the Gosden and Dettori combo again.
- MF** **FOORAAT** was impressive at Chelmsford and looks is uncomplicated which is massive plus around Epsom's tight and undulating track.
- FH** **FOORAAT** nearly broke the clock when winning at Chelmsford. She steps up in grade but can take it in her stride.
- PP** **FOORAAT** is unbeaten and could be anything based on his seven-length win at Chelmsford. Main market rival Cloak of Spirits could have gone a bit backwards.

2.25pm

SURREY STAKES 7F

- JW** The form of his comeback run has been franked and **SAFE VOYAGE** can gain an overdue success.
- MC** Hard to get away from **SAFE VOYAGE** here who has the highest rating and the best form.
- MF** **SAFE VOYAGE** looks the most solid option and more rain will only enhance his chance.
- FH** **OH THIS IS US** has some solid course form and if he gets the run of the race can pounce late to win.
- PP** **OH THIS IS US** was a bit unlucky to be second in this race last year, so we know he handles the track well.

3.40pm

INVESTEC OAKS 1M 4F

- JW** Her 1,000 Guineas win was awesome and **LOVE** could be the first leg of a massive Classic double for the Aidan O'Brien team.
- MC** The Epsom Oaks is over 1m 4f and I am all over **FRANKLY DARLING** for Frankie Dettori and John Gosden. The favourite Love will have to stay on strongly to beat her.
- MF** Aidan O'Brien holds all the aces and **LOVE** can win but stablemate Ennistymon can hit the places.
- FH** Aidan O'Brien's **ENNISTYMON** looks rock solid each-way value and could even surprise to win.
- PP** **ENNISTYMON** will need to can find a couple of lengths on her Ascot run to trouble Frankly Darling and Love but looks an each-way steal, if there is such a thing.

4.55pm

INVESTEC DERBY 1M 4F

- JW** I'm not sure that Kameko will stay the 1m 4f Derby trip and **MOGUL** can take advantage.
- MC** I'm all over **ENGLISH KING** to win this year's Epsom Derby. He can outstay 2,000 Guineas winner Kameko with Russian Emperor the each-way bet at longer odds.
- MF** The 2,000 Guineas winner **KAMEKO** has the class to win the Derby while Vatican City is one for the places.
- FH** I'm convinced **ENGLISH KING** is the best horse in the race and will take all the beating with a clear run as the stall one draw hasn't been kind.
- PP** I really liked how **VATICAN CITY** stayed on behind Siskin in the Irish 2000 Guineas. He's crying out for this 1m 4f trip and looks a decent bit of value in the Derby.

5.35pm

INVESTEC ZEBRA HANDICAP 7F

- JW** **MEDIEVAL** has slipped down the handicap, carries a feather-weight and can go well at a decent each-way price.
- MC** **COMIN THROUGH** was once rated much higher but he showed a bit more last time at Newmarket and this could be very winnable. Trip is ideal.
- MF** **DREAM TODAY** put in a nice run at Windsor last time and dropped to a rating he has won off before.
- FH** **HATEYA** was beaten a short head in this race last year and looks sure to go well each-way again.
- PP** **MUNTADAB** has been knocking on the door in his last couple of runs. Hopefully his time has come in the lucky last on Derby day.

