GOODWOOD THURSDAY CHEAT SHEET

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY









1.10pm

EN PROVENCE 5F HANDICAP

- **GLAMOROUS ANNA** has a lot of ability and will wear JW cheek-pieces to check her wayward tendencies.
- MC **CASPIAN QUEEN** is weighted to go well, likes this track and Ryan Moore rides.
- Ryan Moore has been booked to ride **CASPIAN** MF QUEEN who has been fitted with cheekpieces to bring about some improvement.
- TF **BAL MAL** could be the answer to a tight contest to keep his winning run going.
- **ELECTRIC LADYLAND** has finishing first and last at Goodwood on two starts but has won two of her last three so is in form.

2.15pm

GROUP 2 RICHMOND STAKES 6F

- The Tom Dascombe yard went close with a juvenile JW earlier in the week and LAUDED can get on the scoresheet.
- **YAZAMAN** will take some stopping under Tom MC Marquand. The Windsor Castle runner-up was also second to Tactical and looks very solid here.
- YAZAMAN has the best form in the book and should MF go close for trainer William Haggas.
- YAZAMAN ticks all the boxes given he last couple of TF runner-up efforts.
- There's no shame in **YAZAMAN** finding only Tactical PP too good on both starts and he looks a good 'un himself.

3.15pm

GROUP ONE NASSAU STAKES 1M 2F

- **NAZEEF** always just does enough to win and should be JW a decent price against the French Oaks winner Fancy Blue.
- The Group 1 Nassau Stakes can go to defending MC Japanese champion **DEIRDRE** to land the big prize once again.
- Irish raider FANCY BLUE was a good winner of the MF French Oaks on her last start and can follow up this time over a 10f trip.
- FANCY BLUE is a confident choice to continue the TF trend of six three-year-old winners since 2012.
- The French Oaks will turn out to be very strong form PP and FANCY BLUE bravely got her head in front in a four-way photo. That will stand to her now.

4.20pm

MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES 7F

- Nothing went right for **TEODOLINA** on debut at JW Newmarket but with that run under her belt and the step up to 7f sure to suit, she can make amends.
- **ZOOMA** comes from a top yard in Roger Varian and is MC bred to shift a bit.
- **TEODOLINA** finished third at Newmarket on debut and MF can build on that. Newcomer Zooma is worth a market check.
- **TEODOLINA** shaped well at Newmarket's July meeting TF and can come good at the second time of asking.
- I'll take a flyer on the unraced **SPIRIT OF BERMUDA** PP from the in-form William Haggas' yard.



1.45pm

1M 1F HANDICAP

- A lot of improvers in this three-year-old handicap but JW **GROUP ONE POWER** has solid back form in decent class races.
- AL SALT won much more easily than the winning MC margin suggests last time. He stays well and has a good draw.
- Charlie Appleby's stable is in great form and **BRIGHT** MF **MELODY** has the ideal chance to deliver on the promise he's shown.
- **MAGNETISED**'s recent Thirsk form got a boost when the third went close at York on Sunday. An opening mark of 87 could be lenient.
- AL SALT will have to transfer his all-weather form to. PP turf, but the trainer is both shrewd and in form, so he can.

2.45pm

GROUP 3 GORDON STAKES 1M 4F

- **ENGLISH KING** has a potent combination of speed JW and stamina and can get back to winning ways.
- I'm all over **ENGLISH KING** who in my opinion should MC have gone much closer in the Epsom Derby than fifth. I hold him in very high regard and Frankie Dettori is on top.
- MF **KHALIFA SAT** is two wins from two starts at Goodwood and can upset Derby fifth English King who is likely to start favourite.
- TF **AL AASY** is improving rapidly and can defy a penalty after two smooth wins at Newmarket.
- PP The stable's form is a worry, but **ENGLISH KING** can surely put his Derby disappointment behind him and get back winning again.

3.45pm

NURSERY HANDICAP 7F

- CALCUTTA CUP has some good back form and a JW mark of 77 in handicap company looks fair for trainer Andrew Balding who has a good strike rate at this track in these contests.
- **CALCUTTA CUP** was far from disgraced in a decent MC event at Newbury last time and has strong each-way claims at the very least.
- RUNNING BACK has hit the crossbar twice when MF runner-up at Kempton & Newbury but can get her head in front now.
- WILLIAM BLIGH can bring home the bounty now TF running in a nursery off what looks a fair mark.
- WILLIAM BLIGH was beaten less than a length by PP Master of The Seas at HQ before winning at Haydock. I rest my case.

4.55pm

TATLER NURSERY HANDICAP 5F

- WINTER POWER Won in a canter last time at Redcar JW on Monday and could sign us off with a winner in the lucky last.
- **GOLDEN BEAR** showed ability in a couple of starts MC over 6f when fourth in maiden at Kempton and fifth in a Windsor novice. Could be well treated on handicap debut.
- WINTER POWER bolted up at Redcar earlier this week MF and can defy a 6lb penalty.
- WINTER POWER won with a ton in hand on her TF nursery bow at Redcar, so she should make light of her 6 lb penalty as she runs again quickly.
- WINTER POWER won a 5f nursery at Redcar last PP Monday by five lengths. That's bloody fast!

