

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



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TIMEFORM



PADDY POWER

1.45pm

HANDICAP 5F

- JW** Course winner **SOLDIER'S MINUTE** has had 28 lifetime starts but only four over 5f. An each-way player.
- MC** **ARECIBO** is a pain in the backside for me as he's such a well handicapped horse but rarely wins. I have to give him another chance though.
- MF** **HYPERFOCUS** has dropped to a really good mark and was a good second at this track last October.
- TF** **JAWAAL**'s win in a red-hot Ascot handicap last month was impressive and he can complete his hat-trick.
- PP** **ARECIBO** has gone close over course and distance on good ground. It's a bit of a cavalry charge, but he should be in the mix.

2.45pm

GREAT VOLTIGUER STAKES 1M 4F

- JW** **MOGUL** finally got his career back on track last time at Goodwood and is getting better with each race.
- MC** It's hard to oppose **MOGUL** after he bounced back to his best at Goodwood last time in the Gordon Stakes. He's not unbeatable but is clearly a good colt.
- MF** **PYLEDRIVER** won the king Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot but was disappointing in the Epsom Derby. This is a good chance to bounce back.
- TF** **MOGUL** is taken to confirm the placings with Highland Chief and Subjectivist. Highly-promising novice winners Darain and Roberto Escobarr add serious intrigue to the race.
- PP** **MOGUL** finally getting the job done last time. He's learned how to win and might go in again.

3.45pm

SKY BET STAKES 2M

- JW** **BLAKENEY POINT** won a novice hurdle last time and is definitely well handicapped now back on the Flat and can go well at a juicy each-way price.
- MC** **MAKAWEE** has been running well enough over shorter distances to have every chance of at least reaching a place in this competitive heat.
- MF** **VOLCANIC SKY** looked good when winning at Kempton and back on turf could be the answer.
- TF** **MONSIEUR LAMBRAYS** is two wins from two since the put a visor on and this course and distance winner can bring up the hat-trick.
- PP** **TRUE DESTINY** has had one visit to York and one win, the Ryan Moore booking also catches the eye.

2.15pm

TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES 7F

- JW** **PRAISE OF SHADOWNS** was a winner last time for a stable whose runners usually improve for a first outing.
- MC** **ROYAL SCIMITAR** won in tenacious style on his debut at Newbury and the runner-up has since gone in twice. The extra 1f here will be ideal.
- MF** Trainer Karl Burke really likes **SPYCATCHER** and he's a big each-way price. Royal Scimitar looks the obvious pick of those at the head of the market.
- TF** **CLOUDBRIDGE** looked a fine prospect when winning on debut at Leicester earlier this month and that form has been franked. Has more to offer for Godolphin.
- PP** Hard to know how good some of the form is but **GEAR UP** has won first time up over course and distance so might have some small advantage.

3.15pm

JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL 1M 2F

- JW** **KAMEKO** can make up for his Goodwood fail on this his first try over this 10f trip and will love having the front-running Ghaiyyath as a target to aim at.
- MC** It's hard not to see **GHAIYYATH** having an easy lead as Rose of Kildare is not good enough to lead him for very long. The Coronation Cup and Eclipse winner is very hard to oppose.
- MF** **GHAIYYATH** has looked so good this year and he will be hard to beat as long as Rose of Kildare doesn't upset him by taking him on for the lead.
- TF** Very hard to oppose **GHAIYYATH**, who is established as the clear leader in this division by winning his last two starts impressively.
- PP** **GHAIYYATH** has turned into a top-class horse, who front runs. York should suit his style.

4.20pm

FILLIES HANDICAP 5F

- JW** **GLAMOROUS ANNA** is quirky, but talented and can continue her climb up the ratings ladder by bringing up the hat-trick.
- MC** **DANCIN INTHESTREET** was disappointing last time but had decent form prior to that effort.
- MF** **KEEP BUSY** can follow up his Hamilton win last time.
- TF** **DANCIN INTHESTREET** had been shaping up well in some good sprint handicaps prior to a disappointing run last time. She's well worth another chance returning to this level at what could be a nice price.
- PP** **DANDY'S BEANO** was a bit all over the shop last time when finishing second at Haydock. If she can keep a straighter line she has a massive chance now!

4.50pm

NURSERY HANDICAP 6F

- JW** **TOUSSAROK** bumped into a good one last time when second to Darvel (who runs in the the 14:15 on this card) and that should give us a good guide.
- MC** **CHURCHILL BAY** has yet to win but was a fine second at Ascot and has a decent racing weight.
- MF** **PEROTTO** has two wins in four starts over both 5f & 6f and can make it three from five in this 6f contest.
- TF** **CHURCHILL BAY** was just touched off by a Richard Hannon newcomer Mohawk King at Ascot last month and has the potential to prove his opening mark is a fair one.
- PP** **LINE OF DEPARTURE** has found the winning groove and can continue it here in a tricky looking nursery.

