YORK THURSDAY CHEAT SHEET

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY





TIMEFORM



1.45pm

LOWTHER STAKES 6F

- JW HALA HALA has rock solid form in the book already and should go close.
- MC HALA HALA has had a wind operation since Ascot and looks sure to hit the places.
- MF SACRED gets the nod after a very good run behind the US superstar Campanelle in the Queen Mary.
- **SACRED** is the one to beat as she bids to provide the William Haggas team with a third success in this Group 2 since 2012
- PP SACRED pulled well clear of the third when second in the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot and any improvement from that will be enough.

2.45pm

CLIPPER LOGISTICS STAKES 1M

- JW SIR BUSKER has danced the dance in big sprint handicaps and was unlucky in the run last time.
- SHELIR is a very well handicapped horse on some of his form but needs to prove he wants to win.
- MF WHAT'S THE STORY won this race last year and could be the answer again if the rain arives.
- An ultra-competitive handicap but **TOP RANK** looks a colt destined for better things and can make it 5-5 before stepping into pattern company.
- PP **DOCUMENTING** won a big-field handicap over course and distance last month despite missing the kick. If he was from a sexier yard, he'd be much shorter odds.

3.45pm

HENRY CECIL GALTRES STAKES 1M 4F

- SEA OF FAITH was keeping very smart company last season and her trainer has been incredibly patient to wait for that natural sparkle to come to the surface as she only makes her seasonal bow now.
- MC LADY G might just hit the spot here against her stablemate and was just chinned in a Listed contest at Newbury last month.
- MF ALBAFLORA ran a cracker to finish second in the Group 3 Musidora Stakes and drops down in grade.
- TF ALBAFLORA improved again when runner-up in the Musidora Stakes at this track and is arguably the best long-term prospect in the field.
- PP Trainer William Haggas has three runners but I'm hoping **LADY G** is the one. She looks to be improving and hopefully this will be her day.

2.15pm

PREMIER YEARLING SALES RACE 6F

- JW KRAKEN POWER looked very good when winning under this pilot at Hamilton under softer conditions.
- MC DEVIOUS COMPANY was a fine second to Battleground at Goodwood and might be too strong for this lot close home.
- **MF TINOCHIO** gets the nod after a hell of a run when hampered early at Newbury.
- TF UNCLE JUMBO battled away to see off another talented rival when making a winning start at Doncaster in June and has clearly been saved for a tilt at this.
- PP HAPPY ROMANCE was a few places further back from Sacred at Royal Ascot but beat a big field well at Newbury last time. Devious Company will be hard to beat but Happy Romance has got a real chance.

3.15pm

DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS 1M 4F

- JW LOVE is cool, relaxed, smooth, athletic and blessed with a perfect pedigree. What's not to like?
- On all known form **LOVE** is in a different league to this lot, having landed the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket and the Epsom Oaks. A major shock if she is beaten.
- MF I love LOVE! There's nothing more to say.
- TF LOVE is the favourite here and favourite for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe after her Epsom Oaks romp and is pure clas. Franconia arguably has the most potential of the others stepping up in distance and is taken to follow the selection home.
- **PP LOVE** is one of the stars of the season so far and is surely just too good for these.

4.20pm

NURSERY HANDICAP 7F

- JW BONNYRIGG looks for all the world as if a step up in distance would suit when winning at Newmarket last time and Oisin Murphy is aboard.
- STAR OF ORION carries topweight but for good reason after a fine second at this track and a success at Newmarket.
- MF ALTASER is well handicapped on his form to date and the step up to 7f will suit.
- TF A warm-looking nursery and **MAYAAS** gets the vote. Third in a strong race at Ascot last month and looks to be on a lenient opening mark based on that.
- PP MARK OF THE MAN Is on a hat-trick and was very impressive at Goodwood last time when running away from a very well-touted favourite.

4.50pm

EBF FILLIES STAKES 7F

suit similar tactics.

- JW ANNA NERIUM drops down into handicap company and that can see this super consistent performer regain the winning thread.
- LAWAHED has only has 8st to carry on her handicap debut and won her maiden well at Haydock last time.
- MF LAWAHED looks well handicapped and should handle the conditions at York.TF LAWAHED landed the odds as expected at Haydock
- score with plenty in hand. Major player.

 PP LAWAHED easily justified very short odds last time at Haydock when winning from the front and this track will

last month, not needing to better her previous form to



