

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



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TIMEFORM



PADDY POWER

1.45pm

SKY BET STAKES 1M 4F

- JW** **ALFAATIK** hasn't run for a long time but is an unknown quantity in the line-up and a low-mileage improver.
- MC** **ZABEEL CHAMPION** sets a decent standard with two wins over Newmarket's Rowley and July courses and a good second at Goodwood last time.
- MF** **DARK JEDI** was badly hampered last time after a good fourth at York over 10f. This 12f trip should suit.
- TF** **ZABEEL CHAMPION** produced his best effort over 10f at Goodwood and the step up to 12f will help.
- PP** **ZABEEL CHAMPION** looks fairly chucked in at the weights on his form and ace jockey Ryan Moore has been booked to ride.

2.45pm

GIMTRACK STAKES 6F

- JW** **UBETTABELIEVEIT** has made up into a very decent performer winning in convincing fashion at Doncaster and then stepping up in grade to win at Sandown.
- MC** **YAZAMAN** was no match for Supremacy in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood but will be hard to keep out of the frame in this.
- MF** **MOHAWK KING** was a first-time out winner at Goodwood and Richad Hannon's two-year-olds come forward plenty for their first run.
- TF** **MINZAAL** confirmed the promise of his debut with a taking success in a novice at Salisbury and rates an exciting prospect going up in class.
- PP** A moment of truth for **UBETTABELIEVEIT** who chases a hat-trick of wins and faces Group 2 company.

3.45pm

CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES 7F

- JW** **BROOMY LAW** was slowly away but did incredibly well to finish third at Haydock on debut. With natural improvement he will be much sharper for this.
- MC** **NAVAL CROWN** has two decent runs under his belt and can deliver now for Team Godolphin.
- MF** **NAVAL CROWN** is beautifully bred and jockey William Buick was not overly hard on him at Ascot on quick ground. He handled soft ground well previously to finish third on debut at Newmarket.
- TF** **NAVAL CROWN** has shown a deal of ability to finish third on both starts, latterly in a Listed event at Ascot and he has obvious claims now down in class.
- PP** **MAXIMAL** was only beaten a nose on debut behind Guru and finished a few lengths clear of the third, so is effectively a winner running in a maiden, right?

2.15pm

LONSDALE CUP 2M

- JW** **EAGLES BY DAY** was no match for Stradivarius at Goodwood but won in tidy fashion at this course two starts back.
- MC** **NAYEF ROAD** is a pretty decent stayer and it will be hard for Enbihaar to get past him.
- MF** **NAYEF ROAD** was second to Stradivarius at Goodwood and will take a lot of catching if allowed to get free on the front end.
- TF** **NAYEF ROAD** has fought a losing battle against Stradivarius on his last two runs, but that pair of runner-up efforts at the highest level read very well in the context of this Group 2.
- PP** **DASHING WILLOUGHBY** is in great form and going for three in a row. He loved the step up in trip last time and could prove hard to beat.

3.15pm

COOLMORE NUNTHORPE STAKES 5F

- JW** The improving three-year-old **ART POWER** has blitzed his rivals with the minimum of fuss on four consecutive occasions now. Could be the alternative to Battaash.
- MC** Obviously star sprinter Battaash should win, but I am happy to have a few quid on **A'ALI** each-way.
- MF** If **BATTAASH** turns up and behaves they won't beat him, if he gets upset Art Power will take advantage.
- TF** **BATTAASH** has looked as good as ever when winning at Royal Ascot and Glorious Goodwood this year and can't be opposed.
- PP** Baattash will be hard to beat, but breaking a track record at Goodwood might leave its mark and the softer ground will help the fast-improving **ART POWER**.

4.15pm

EBF FILLIES' STAKES 1M 2F

- JW** **VIRGIN SNOW** has the hood applied for this assignment and the services of Ryan Moore in the saddle can make the difference.
- MC** **ASIAAF** ran well at Goodwood and will enjoy this little drop back in trip.
- MF** **WALIYAK** has run some great races and would be a deserved winner.
- TF** **WALIYAK** is still on the up and weighted to turn the tables with her Goodwood conqueror, Chamade.
- PP** **FIRST KINGDOM** wasn't great in Listed company in France last time, but won twice before that.

4.50pm

NATIONWIDE STAKES 1M

- JW** **VISINARI** was a massive talking horse last year after his blitzing performance on debut. He didn't live up to the hype but has top-tier rider Ryan Moore booked for his return suggesting connections mean business.
- MC** **FINEST SOUND** was not at his best last time, but his second-placed finish at Royal Ascot behind Khaloosy reads well for this contest.
- MF** Hartwood won well at this track last time but preference is for William Haggas' impressive Haydock winner **COLD FRONT**.
- TF** **FINEST SOUND** did too much too soon when third at Newmarket last time and is 4lb better off with the runner-up Eastern World. He is taken to reverse the placings and emerge on top.
- PP** **FINEST SOUND** keeps running into good ones but hopefully he'll take his chance this time with the Crisford stable in decent form.

