

## PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



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TIMEFORM



PADDY POWER

1.50pm

### SKY BET STAKES 1M 1F

- JW** **BERINGER** put up a career-best performance last time when second at Pontefract and goes head-to-head with the winner Dark Vision and may get his revenge.
- MC** **ZABEEL PRINCE** is a decent each-way bet here against Lord Glitters.
- MF** I am going to have a bit each-way on **BERINGER** as he is too big a price.
- TF** **LORD GLITTERS** is fancied to make a bold bid to land this race for the second time in three years.
- PP** I'm going to forgive **MISS O'CONNOR** her Ascot run. She was unbeaten until then, loves to make the running and will relish every drop of rain that falls.

3.00pm

### CITY OF YORK STAKES 7F

- JW** **ONE MASTER** is a long-sprint 7 furlong specialist and has been successful in Group One company too. All looks set for a massive run.
- MC** **ONE MASTER** did this column a favour last time and is a class act at this trip.
- MF** **ONE MASTER** got out of jail at Goodwood to win last time and should handle the track easier at York.
- TF** **ONE MASTER** is as likeable as they come and the proven Group One performer is taken to follow up her Goodwood success.
- PP** **ONE MASTER** seems to win whenever he runs over 7f, so why not more of the same on Saturday!

4.10pm

### ROSES STAKES 5F

- JW** **LAUDED** can get back to the winners enclosure in this lesser contest after an easy win at Haydock was followed by two good efforts at Royal Ascot & Goodwood.
- MC** **BEN MACDUI** won well on debut at Hamilton and even better in defeat at Goodwood behind Steel Bull in the Molecomb. Many of these are open to improvement but he's got every chance of being good enough.
- MF** **ACKLAM EXPRESS** put up a quick time when winning a nursery at Goodwood and is improving.
- TF** **WINTER POWER** was clearly disappointing at Goodwood, but a quick turnaround on an idiosyncratic track were legitimate excuses and she looked a two-year-old who was going places at Redcar.
- PP** **POLITICS** won his maiden well at Sandown and the second came out and won next time. This is a step up but he has lots of potential still.

2.25pm

### MELROSE STAKES 1M 6F

- JW** **BODYLINE** did incredibly well to finish sixth to Hukum at Royal Ascot from an impossible position and is improving all the time.
- MC** **BODYLINE** has been crying out for this trip and he can improve to land this for Sir Mark Prescott and the sniper Luke Morris.
- MF** I was taken with the run of **MIDNIGHTS LEGACY** at Haydock when getting first run on Indigo Lake. Only upped 2lbs for that win, he can win again.
- TF** **A STAR ABOVE** has been pulling out more with each run and should be able to turn the tables with Mambo Nights from Goodwood over this longer trip.
- PP** It looks like Ryan Moore has deserted **ARTHURIAN FABLE** for Kipps, which maybe is a tip in itself, but I'm hoping he's made a mistake.

3.40pm

### SKY BET EBOR H'CAP 1M 6F

- JW** **VERDANAN BLUE** is rated 160 over hurdles and looks to be on a very lenient mark of just 102 here. A normal rule of thumb is to knock 45lb off the jumps rating to find the Flat rating and she looks very well in.
- MC** Classy hurdler **VERDANA BLUE** was unlucky not to land the Ascot Stakes and can make amends now under Ryan Moore for Nicky Henderson.
- MF** Ryan Moore keeps the faith with **VERDANA BLUE** and she is rated 160 over hurdles. A flat mark of 102 should make her really competitive in the Ebor handicap.
- TF** **TRUESHAN** knuckled down really well to win a Haydock Listed last time and his campaign looks to have been geared around this race.
- PP** I'm going to keep it simple and go for **FUJAIIRA PRINCE**. He hacked up like he had plenty in hand at Ascot and could prove better than a handicapper.

4.40pm

### SKY BET STAKES 1M 2F

- JW** **MAYDANNY** proved what he was capable of at Goodwood and can follow up over the same trip now.
- MC** **CAPE CAVALLI** was not at his best at Goodwood last time but is worth another try on this Flat track.
- MF** **SINJAARI** won nicely last time at the track and despite being upped 8lbs can win again.
- TF** A red-hot handicap but it's hard to ignore the claims of **MAYDANNY** after his scintillating front-running display at Glorious Goodwood, even off this much higher mark.
- PP** **CAPE CAVALLI** loved the course and distance when hosing up a couple of runs ago at York. The rain-softened ground should be fine too.

5.10pm

### SKY BET APPRENTICE STAKES 5F

- JW** **MERASS** won the 6f Scottish Stewards Cup at Hamilton but the drop to 5f now should be fine. Good apprentice in the saddle.
- MC** **NEVER DARK** has a very light weight to carry, is in good form so can hit the places at least.
- MF** **MERASS** sets a good standard in this contest and was not disgraced in a better race last time.
- TF** **SAMPERS SEVEN** gets the nod following last month's thoroughly decisive course and distance success despite a 10lb hike in the ratings.
- PP** Something was amiss with **SUNDAY SOVEREIGN** last time so ignore that run. He has a couple of two-year-old wins to his name on soft ground in Ireland.

