

# CHAMPIONS DAY CHEAT SHEET

## PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



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TIMEFORM



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1.20pm

### GROUP 2 LONG DISTANCE CUP 2M

- JW** **BROOME** handles soft ground and may be over-priced against the favourite Stradivarius.
- MC** I expect the three-time Ascot Gold Cup hero **STRADIVARIUS** to cruise round and win with ease.
- MF** **STRADIVARIUS** got a bit lost in the Prix de l'Arc in Paris but this is a home game for him.
- TF** **STRADIVARIUS** won a third Ascot Gold Cup by 10 lengths in June and that's the best form on show.
- PP** Top stayer **STRADIVARIUS** looks a cracking bet and can win from Search for a Song.

2.30pm

### GROUP 1 FILLIES & MARES STAKES 1M 4F

- JW** **MEHDAAYIH** handles soft ground and was fifth to Magical in last year's Champion Stakes. Can go close now back against fillies and mares.
- MC** Irish Oaks heroine **EVEN SO** is not a bad each-way wager for Colin Keane and Ger Lyons.
- MF** **EVEN SO** has form that ties in with a few of these and looks cracking value at the odds.
- TF** **DAME MALLIOT** handles testing ground, is tactically versatile and was ahead of Even So at Longchamp.
- PP** **CAYENNE PEPPER** has only been beaten three times this year, by Magical, Tarinawa and Even So. That's pretty good company and should be strong enough form to go close in this race.

3.40pm

### GROUP 1 CHAMPIONS STAKES 1M 2F

- JW** **PYLEDRIVER** could surprise given the conditions and it would be a fitting end to nab a Grade One this season.
- MC** **MAGICAL** has not run in deep ground recently but much of her best form is on soft. She might be too good for Mishriff who has impressed in France.
- MF** **MAGICAL** beat the mighty Ghaiyyath last time at Leopardstown, won this race last year and handles this ground. What's not to like?
- TF** **MAGICAL** signed off last season beating Addeybb in this race and she has raised her game further this season. She's extremely tough and reliable.
- PP** I'm a bit worried how easy today looks!! **MAGICAL** is different gravy in the Autumn, has won at this meeting the last two years and her Irish Champion Stakes win last month was probably the best race of the year.

1.55pm

### GROUP 1 SPRINT STAKES 6F

- JW** **DREAM OF DREAMS** has hit form and is still lightly-raced this term. The big-priced Onassis could be one for the places.
- MC** William Haggas's **ONE MASTER** is a 7f specialist but she's fully capable of getting in the mix over 6f now.
- MF** **ART POWER** was an impressive winner at Royal Ascot over 5f and can repeat the trick over this 6f test.
- TF** Dream of Dreams has been better than ever this season but **OXTED'S** July Cup form is hard to ignore.
- PP** Dream of Dreams is too short a price for me and **OXTED'S** July Cup form beating Sceptical stands out.

3.05pm

### GROUP 1 QE II STAKES 1M

- JW** **PALACE PIER** puts his unbeaten record on the line but this classy sort can get the job done again.
- MC** The unbeaten **PALACE PIER** does his best work in the last two furlongs and can score for John Gosden.
- MF** **PALACE PIER** is unbeaten and handled bad ground in France last time. Should win again.
- TF** **PALACE PIER** proved his effectiveness on testing ground at Deauville and he should prove difficult to beat again over this stiff mile.
- PP** Sometimes if it quacks, swims and looks like a duck - it's a duck! **PALACE PIER** looks a penalty kick to me. The Revenant looks the danger but wants a bog. Lord Glitters could sneak into a place too.

4.15pm

### BALMORAL HANDICAP 1M

- JW** **KING OTTAKAR** has been tried over many trip but this looks the perfect fit for this classy runner.
- MC** **TEMPUS** will love any rain that falls and has a big each-way chance having finished sixth in the Cambridgeshire on quicker ground that didn't suit.
- MF** **ALTERNATIVE FACT** has a very eye-catching jockey booking in Frankie Dettori. Loves this time of year.
- TF** **BELL ROCK** was third in the Cambridgeshire last time and runs off the same mark again in first-time cheekpieces. Gets the nod over Njord and Raeeq.
- PP** This is a really tricky race but this three-year-old **RIVER NYMPH** is progressing and has won at the track before. At a double-digit price he's worth a roll of the dice.



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