

CHELTENHAM CHEAT SHEET

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

CHAMPION DAY, TUESDAY MARCH 16TH



1.20PM

SKY BET SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

- MF** A small but select field and at the prices I'll go for **BALLYADAM** each-way to get a lot closer to Appreciate It.
- RW** It's a small field and **APPRECIATE IT** looks rock solid. He's only been beaten once.
- GB** Appreciate It could have his work cut out against the high-class Flat recruit **METIER** as the best is yet to come.
- FH** This contest should be run to suit the Betfair Hurdle winner **SOARING GLORY** who has solid each-way claims.
- MC** **APPRECIATE IT** is going to take all the beating for Willie Mullins and Paul Townend.

1.55PM

SPORTING LIFE ARKLE NOVICES' CHASE

- MF** The Arkle Chase lost a big player when Energumene got injured and I can't see **SHISHKIN** being beaten.
- RW** With no Energumene, **SHISHKIN** gets my vote.
- GB** Allmankind will set a punishing pace but I expect **SHISHKIN** to unleash a winning run to land a sixth Arkle Chase win for trainer Nicky Henderson.
- FH** Shishkin is likely to be the seventh odds-on winner in the last 10 years but **CAPTAIN GUINNESS** could be the danger.
- MC** **SHISHKIN** was my banker long before Energumene was ruled out. I expect the hot favourite to hack up here.

2.30PM

ULTIMA HANDICAP CHASE

- MF** **AYE RIGHT** is one of the more exposed runners in the field but is still on the up. Milan Native is the each-way play.
- RW** **HAPPYGOLUCKY** looks the one now that a lot of the leading Irish challengers have opted for other races.
- GB** **HAPPYGOLUCKY** has proven stamina, jumps well and likes racing left-handed.
- FH** The progressive **HAPPYGOLUCKY** is the one to beat at the weights with two wins from three over fences.
- MC** A strong gallop might be what brings out the best in the Nick Williams-trained **ONE FOR THE TEAM** and he should get it here.

3.05PM

UNIBET CHAMPION HURDLE

- MF** **HONEYSUCKLE** showed the pace I didn't think she had to win the Irish Champion Hurdle and can win the day's feature.
- RW** **HONEYSUCKLE** trounced the Irish Champion Hurdle challengers and can do the same to the English ones too.
- GB** **GOSHEN** was running away with the Triumph Hurdle last season before falling at the last. If he repeats that he could do something extraordinary.
- FH** Honeysuckle will be hard to beat but her stablemate **ASPIRE TOWER** could be value at the prices to hit the frame at least.
- MC** I'd love to see **GOSHEN** take the prize for Jamie and Gary Moore. His Wincanton win gives him a great chance.

3.40PM

CLOSE BROTHERS DAVID NICHOLSON MARES' HURDLE

- MF** This is a different test for Concertista over a longer trip and **ROKSANA** has raised her game this season.
- RW** **CONCERTISTA** won the mares Novice hurdle last season at Cheltenham but **ROKSANA** has stronger form in my opinion. It's one I'm happy to watch.
- GB** **ROKSANA** can cap a brilliant season with a second win in this contest for Team Skelton.
- FH** For a bit of value I'm prepared to give **INDEFATIGABLE** a chance to hit the frame after a wind operation and likely better ground.
- MC** I'm all over **ROKSANA** who has a huge chance for Dan and Harry Skelton.

4.15PM

BOODLES FRED WINTER JUVENILE HURDLE

- MF** **SAINT SAM** doesn't look badly handicapped after his run behind Triumph Hurdle favourite Zanahyr at Leopardstown.
- RW** **SAINT SAM** is my selection. Hopefully he won't shorten anymore because he stays strongly and will be coming home fast in this race.
- GB** Dr. Richard Newland's **SAGE ADVICE** might be better than his mark of 127 suggests and could be an each-way play in this competitive handicap.
- FH** Trainer Paul Nicholls' French import **HOUX GRIS** could be way ahead of the handicapper and is my most confident selection of the day.
- MC** **COLTOR** looked useful in a big field at Punchestown before scoring at Naas. Jonjo O'Neill Jr looks a decent jockey booking.

4.50PM

SAM VESTEY NATIONAL HUNT CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES' CHASE

- MF** I was very impressed with **GALVIN** when he won a novice chase here at Cheltenham last October and he can collect again.
- RW** **NEXT DESTINATION** is my best bet of the day. He was head and shoulders above these as a hurdler. He is two from two over fences.
- GB** **NEXT DESTINATION** jumped very professionally at Warwick and his proven stamina can see him stay on strongly up the hill for victory.
- FH** The lightly-raced **ESCARIA TEN** has improved all season and looks sure to be involved at the business end.
- MC** I'll have a few quid on each-way on **NEXT DESTINATION** who beat Fiddlerontheroof at Warwick last time and his jumping should stand this test.

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