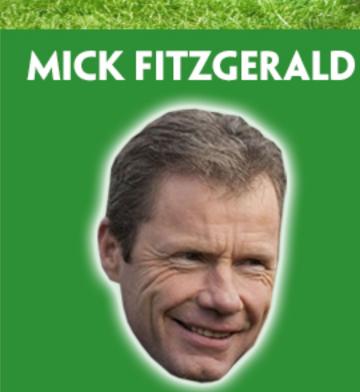
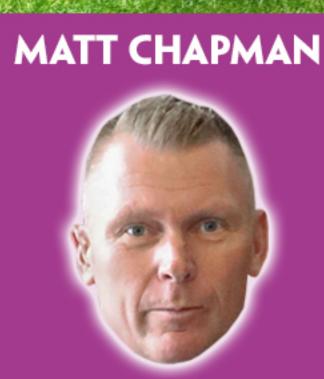
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2:30pm

GROUP 1 QUEEN ANNE STAKES 1M

- It is very hard to oppose PALACE PIER as he is TF miles clear on ratings. Order of Australia remains unexposed at this trip and rates the main threat.
- PALACE PIER was very impressive in the Lockinge MF Stakes at Newbury on slowish ground but is every bit as effective on a fast surface.
- JW **PALACE PIER** is head and shoulders the best runner in the line-up and Frankie Dettori can start the meeting off with a bloodless success.
- FH Palace Pier is the one to beat but REGAL REALITY has good back form and is the each-way play.
- I expect **PALACE PIER** to hack up for Frankie MC Dettori. He is arguably the best miler in the world and he should just be too good even on faster ground.

3.40_{PM}

GROUP 1 KING'S STAND STAKES 5F

- BATTAASH has an exemplary record when fresh TF and probably won't have to be at his best to win this for a second time. Winter Power is the danger.
- MF **BATTAASH** justified the hype when winning at Royal Ascot last year and can do so again.
- There is so much pace in the race, that even over 5f, stamina will surely kick in late on. July Cup winner **OXTED** can capitalise when it does.
- **UBETTABELIEVEIT** beat Winter Power last season FΗ and ran a cracker when third at the Breeders' Cup. With Nigel Tinkler's yard in much better form now compared to earlier in the season, he can run a nice race at a price.
- I want to back something each-way against Battaash MC and that will be the July Cup hero **OXTED**.

5.00pm

WOLFERTON STAKES 1M 2F

- M C MULDOON makes plenty of appeal returning to TF the level after some fine runs over hurdles. Stablemate Rayapour won't be far away.
- CAPE GENTLEMAN has won an Irish Cesarewitch MF on the Flat and over hurdles at Sandown. He likes decent ground and is a major player.
- Mark Johnston's **LUCKY DEAL** is one of only a few JW who look to be well handicapped and this extreme 2m 4f distance for Flat horses will suit him.
- CAPE GENTLEMAN was last seen on the Flat FH hacking up in the Irish Cesarewitch and Emmet Mullins wouldn't be sending him over were he not confident of a big run.
- Last year's winner COEUR DE LION showed when MC he was a staying on fourth in the Chester Cup that he still has plenty of ability. He's got a good draw and is only 3lbs higher than when scoring last year.

6:10pm

COPPER HORSE STAKES 1M 6F H'CAP

- THRONE HALL still has few miles on the clock and, TF with this longer trip expected to suit, can continue his fine recent form. On To Victory and Irish-raider Saldier are feared most.
- **SALDIER** was very impressive at Listowel but has to MF shoulder a 4lb penalty for that win. He sets a very high standard under Ryan Moore.
- A graded winner over hurdles, Willie Mullins' JW **SALDIER** gets in off a rating of just 103. He may have as much in hand over this field as Palace Pier has in the first.
- BRILLIANT LIGHT was running well in Meydan in FΗ the Spring and he looks on a fair mark now. He is very appealing at an each-way price.
- **SALDIER** is a Grade 1 hurdler who has every chance MC of scoring here off a decent mark. He really should take the world of stopping.

3.05_{PM}

GROUP 2 COVENTRY STAKES 6F

- **GISBRUN** was taking on newcomers at Newbury last month, but it's hard to find fault in a six and a half length win backed up by the clock.
- I was very taken with THE ORGANISER who won at MF York and that form has been franked since. He looks a good each-way play.
- **DHABAB** came from the back of the pack under hands and heels riding in the closing stages at Leicester and is open to plenty of improvement.
- THE ACROPOLIS looked really good when winning FΗ at Listowel and can enhance Aidan O'Brien's excellent record in this race.
- **GISBURN** looks an each-way play for Pat Dobbs and MC Richard Hannon. His Newbury form looks solid enough when he was a wide-margin winner.

4:20pm

ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES 1M

- **BATTLEGROUND** arrives here fresher than most having not had a hard race in the 2,000 Guineas at HQ. The winner Poetic Flare has the best form in the book while Lucky Vega can chase them home.
- I'm willing to take a punt on LUCKY VEGA getting MF the job done after two credible runs in the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas.
- **BATTLEGROUND** was a fantastic two-year-old and was arguably unlucky not to win at the Breeders' Cup last season. He hasn't hit the heights this season yet but better ground will help.
- Newmarket doesn't suit **CHINDIT** and getting back to FΗ Ascot can see him reverse the 2,000 Guineas form with Poetic Flare and Lucky Vega.
- **WEMBLEY** has been hopeless in two runs this MC season, but From a good draw I'm willing to give him another chance to prove himself.

5.35pm

ASCOT STAKES 2M 4F

- **FELIX** has gone from strength to strength for Marco Botti and ran a screamer under Oisin Murphy in the Dubai Turf when last seen. Blue Cap is one to note.
- FOREST OF DEAN has run on the all-weather a lot MF this spring and has performed with real credit. He handles the turf well too as his big York handicap win in 2019 proved.
- He needs to rediscover the form that saw him finish JW third in the 2020 Newmarket Guineas, but JUAN **ELCANO** has had a wind operation and could be able to bully this field, now down in grade.
- PATRICK SARSFIELD was running well in Group FΗ races last season and he should build on his nice reappearance at the Curragh. He is the one to beat.
- I'm hoping PATRICK SARSFIELD will be too strong MC for this field as Joseph O'Brien and Tom Marquand team up in the same colours that landed them the St Leger before.



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