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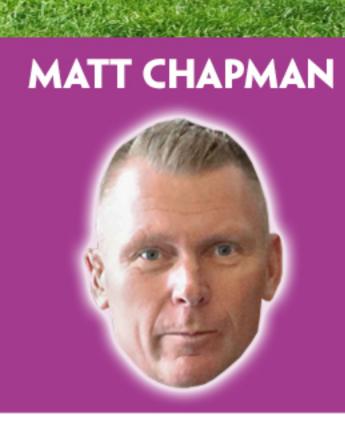




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2:30pm

GRADE 2 NORFOLK STAKES 5F

- NAKATOMI needs to prove his effectiveness on turf TF but he was well on top of a subsequent Stakes winner when making a successful start at Keeneland.
- CADAMOSTO won nicely at Dundalk and it's MF interesting that he has not run since, so that fills me with confidence.
- The rain may come in time for **PROJECT DANTE** JW and the form stacks up from York.
- **PROJECT DANTE** impressed me with the way he FΗ travelled when winning at York and that race has provided plenty of future winners.
- CADAMOSTO looked green on debut but eventually MC got going to win well at Dundalk. Should have place claims at least for Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore.

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GROUP 2 RIBBLESDALE STAKES 1M 4F

- Roger Varian's unbeaten **ESHAADA** improved to win a Listed contest at Newbury on reappearance and can bring up an impressive hat-trick.
- NOON STAR was narrowly beaten by Snowfall at MF York but there was no disgrace in that. She can make amends now.
- JW **NOON STAR** has built an impressive profile particularly when you take her second to subsequent Oaks winner Snowfall into consideration.
- The impeccably bred **NOON STAR** split the first two FΗ in the Epsom Oaks at York in the Musidora Stakes and that level of form could be enough to win this.
- TWISTED REALITY has each-way claims. She MC impressed on debut last season at Nottingham and was fancied on her return at Newbury when fourth and should appreciate the step up in trip.

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BRITANNIA STAKES H'CAP 1M

- TF MITHRAS had excuses last time but was impressive in taking a 7f Newbury handicap on his return. Aerion Power and Raadobarg are likely dangers.
- **AERION POWER** is one I fancy for Sir Michael MF Stoute. He is a master trainer at bringing horses on and is my selection each-way.
- **AKMAAM** drops back to handicap company and with JW the blinkers on can run a big race from a high draw (31) at a tasty each-way price.
- **SUMMA PETO** ran a really quick time at FΗ Wolverhampton last time and provided the ground doesn't ease too much, he can go well at a big price.
- **GRID** might run well here for Joseph O'Brien. A mark MC of 92 looks very workable and I expect a very bold show. Have a few quid on each-way.

6:10pm

BUCKINGHAM PALACE STAKES H'CAP 7F

- **DANYAH** advanced his form again when runner-up TF in a strong early-season handicap at Newbury in April. Persuasion is feared, along with Aldaary.
- David O'Meara will have **SHELMIR** primed after a MF good run at Epsom when he finished second on soft ground at this trip. He looks good value in what could be a messy race.
- Any rain will help **LORD CAMPARI** who makes his JW handicap debut and has a nice draw in stall 19 over this straight seven furlong trip.
- I've always thought MILLTOWN STAR had a big FΗ handicap in him and this could be it at a huge price.
- BLUE MIST has the talent to score here if he is in the MC mood. This is his course and distance and he has a handicap mark that is very fair.

3.05pm

GROUP 3 HAMPTON COURT STAKES 1M 2F

- **MOHAAFETH** missed the Derby but was seriously impressive in a Newmarket Listed race last month and ought to take a good deal of stopping.
- **MOHAAFETH** missed the Derby because of soft MF ground and if he's pulled out because the rain arrives One Ruler can take advantage.
- It's last chance saloon time for ONE RULER. He'll be JW better over 10f and any rain will help him and hinder the favourite.
- **MOVIN TIME** showed a potent turn of foot last time FΗ out at Newmarket which suggests he is a horse of considerable ability. He can take the step up in grade in his stride.
- Hard not to be all over MOHAAFETH after a couple MC of wins at Newmarket. He has a good draw and this trip should be perfect.

4:15pm

ASCOT GOLD CUP 2M 4F

- **STRADIVARIUS** has dominated this division since 2018 & a fourth Gold Cup beckons. Subjectivist and Trueshan look the dangers.
- The dominant horse in this division **STRADIVARIUS** MF can make his class tell and bag a fourth Gold Cup.
- STRADIVARIUS needs no introduction and should win but Trueshan will make it a test until the turbos kick in for the favourite under Frankie Dettori.
- Stradivarius goes for an historic fourth Gold Cup win FΗ but Dubai Gold Cup winner SUBJECTIVIST can burst his bubble now.
- STRADIVARIUS has won the last three Gold Cups MC as most of you will know and I fully expect him to make it four in a row.

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KING GEORGE V STAKES H'CAP 1M 4F

- FIRST LIGHT routed his field at Ripon last time and gets a narrow vote to make a successful transition to handicap company.
- SISKANY was so superior at Sandown when beating MF Surefire that even a decent weight pull for the second isn't enough to turn the tables in my opinion.
- **SISKANY** is a rapidly improving three-year-old and JW he goes in looking for the four timer off a very lenient handicap mark of just 96. He ticks a lot of boxes.
- **SURREY GOLD** got a warranted 12lbs for his FΗ Newbury win last time and the form is working out. He has a huge chance of following up.
- I'm going to back **KONDO ISAMI** each-way. He's got MC proven stamina and his trainer Mark Johnston has a great record in these types of handicaps.



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