



EPSOM DERBY DAY CHEAT SHEET

PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY

JUNE 05

<p>TIMEFORM</p>	<p>MICK FITZGERALD</p>	<p>JASON WEAVER</p>	<p>FRANK HICKEY</p>	<p>MATT CHAPMAN</p>
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<p>2:00PM</p> <p>TOTE HANDICAP 1M 2F</p>	<p>2:35PM</p> <p>GROUP 3 PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES 1M</p>
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- TF** The handicap **PATIENT DREAM** won here in April is strong form. King Frankel and Chase The Dollar are feared most.
- MF** He's been gelded and is a course winner so **PATIENT DREAM** is a solid pick.
- JW** **PATIENT DREAM** managed to win last time and should appreciate the step up in trip. The Ralph Beckett stable is firing on all cylinders.
- FH** Four winners have come out of the race **PATIENT DREAM** won at this track in April and the stable is in top form.
- MC** **KING FRANKEL** is consistent and progressive and will surely take some beating for Mark Johnston and jockey Joe Fanning.

<p>3:10PM</p> <p>GROUP 3 CAZOO DIOMED STAKES</p>	<p>3:45PM</p> <p>WORLD POOL 'DASH' HANDICAP 5F</p>
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- TF** **CENTURY DREAM** bounced back from a below-par reappearance to win this in 2018 and is taken to repeat the dose and land a third success in this race.
- MF** Ryan Moore's mount **MAXIMAL** looked in need of the outing at Chester and I fully expect him to be sharper now for Sir Michael Stoute.
- JW** Frankie Dettori rides **DUKE OF HAZZARD** for the first time and can produce him fast and late to nab the spoils.
- FH** Epsom brings out the best in **CENTURY DREAM** and he can land the hat-trick if he handles the likely faster ground conditions.
- MC** **CENTURY DREAM** won this in 2018. He was well beaten in the Lockinge Stakes when last seen but that should have blown the cobwebs away for this contest which would have been a bigger target.

<p>4:30PM</p> <p>GROUP 1 CAZOO DERBY 1M 4F</p>	<p>5:15PM</p> <p>NORTHERN DANCER HANDICAP 1M 4F</p>
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- TF** The hugely-exciting **BOLSHOI BALLE** is the only runner for Aidan O'Brien and can give him a stunning ninth Derby this century. Mohaafeth, Hurricane Lane and Mac Swiney complete the shortlist
- MF** It's amazing that Aidan O'Brien is only running one and Bolsho Ballet looks the real deal. The value play is the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner **MAC SWINEY**.
- JW** **ONE RULER** stayed a mile on heavy ground as a juvenile so has every chance of staying the trip. He has loads of untapped potential still and looks a value play against Bolshoi Ballet for non-favourite backers.
- FH** **MAC SWINEY** won the Irish Guineas and looks sure to improve for stepping up in trip to the 1m 4f trip.
- MC** Bolshoi Ballet could be different gravy but the one I expect to improve the most is **JOHN LEEPER** for Ed Dunlop with Frankie Dettori riding.

<p>5:50PM</p> <p>CAZOO HANDICAP 6F</p>	<p>GROUP ONE POWER has benefited from more positive tactics this term and, provided he doesn't face too much pressure up front, he's capable of adding to his C&D win on reappearance.</p>
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- TF** A narrow vote in favour of **ABERAMA GOLD**. He's just the type to bounce back from a rare below-par effort at York recently and the application of cheekpieces may well put an extra edge on him. Tinto makes some each-way appeal
- MF** **KIMIFIVE** made a promising return to action at Goodwood and can get competitive on his first visit to Epsom.
- JW** Perched on a low rating with a feather weight on his back **INDIAN SOUNDS** looks ready to produce the goods at a decent price.
- FH** **ATALANTA'S BOY** was very impressive at Goodwood on his last start and the 4lb rise looks lenient. A strongly-run race could also see him in an even better light.
- MC** **BARBILL** is not chucked in at the weights but has been running all right and should have place claims for Mick Channon and John Egan.

- TF** **STATEMENT** is fancied to make the breakthrough in pattern company. Still relatively unexposed, she shaped well when second in the Fred Darling.
- MF** **POSTED** was a little disappointing at Newmarket but there was very little between her and Maamora at Sandown on a previous running.
- JW** She ran too keen on her return but **POSTED** has a major chance on the ratings now.
- FH** **MAAMORA** won at Group 3 level last season and having had a run could take a bit of pegging back.
- MC** **POSTED** is a bit of a character but certainly has the ability to take a hand in this event for Richard Hannon

- TF** **STONE OF DESTINY** looked right back to his best at Goodwood and last year's Portland Handicap winner can capitalise again on a good mark.
- MF** The high draw should play to the strengths of **COPPER KNIGHT**. Tom Marquand is an eye-catching booking for Irish raider Only Spooing.
- JW** **MONDAMMEJ** has not reached his peak rating yet and can hit the bullseye in what is the fastest 5f sprint track in the country.
- FH** **LORD RIDDIFORD** took his form to a new level on the all-weather this spring and if he can replicate that back on turf off a reduced turf mark.
- MC** I'll stick with the old boy **COPPER KNIGHT** as a horse very hard to kick out the frame so an each-way poke off a manageable rating.

- TF** **GROUP ONE POWER** has benefited from more positive tactics this term and, provided he doesn't face too much pressure up front, he's capable of adding to his C&D win on reappearance.
- MF** **GROUP ONE POWER** is a course winner this year already and was a good second at Ascot last time.
- JW** **WAIT FOR THE LORD** is very well treated on her best form at the moment and if she learns to settle better can go close now.
- FH** **SOTO SIZZLER** won this race in 2019 and was narrowly beaten by favourite Group One Power here in April. He is weighted to reverse that form and enhance his strong course record.
- MC** **FRONTISPIECE** is basically in the grip of the handicapper but is in reasonable form. He goes in the conditions and has each-way claims.