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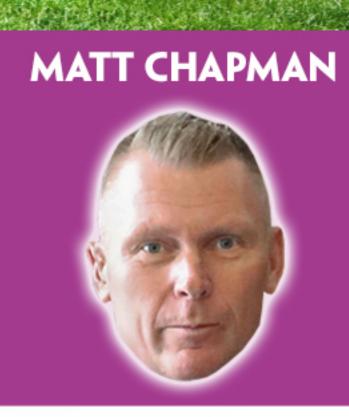


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2:30_{PM}

GROUP 2 QUEEN MARY STAKES 5F

- TF Wesley Ward can win this for a fifth time, with his exciting **TWILIGHT GLEAMING** making most appeal of these.
- MF The American two-year-olds are lightning fast and TWILIGHT GLEAMING could be very hard to catch from the gates.
- JW In a race loaded with natural pace NYMPHADORA will be hitting the line strongly.
- FH EVE LODGE might be a massive price but I think she has a massive chance. I would nearly go as far as to say she is my best bet of the week.
- MC ILLUSTRATING looked good on debut at Catterick and while that mightn't be Royal Ascot winning form she could be hard to keep out of the places.

3.40рм

GROUP 2 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES 1M

- TF LADY BOWTHORPE pulled clear of the remainder when runner-up to Palace Pier in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury last month and she can take advantage now back against her own sex.
- MF There was not a lot between Lady Bowthorpe and QUEEN POWER at Newmarket in May and Sir Michael Stoute's runner has improved from that run as she showed when winning easily at York.
- JW LADY BOWTHORPE looked as good as ever on return at Newmarket and proved that was no flash in the pan with a fantastic second up at the top table at Newbury.
- FH DOUBLE OR BUBBLE is fast improving and has strong each way claims.
- MC LADY BOWTHORPE has to be the one to beat as she is improving with every race, and ran an absolute cracker last time when second to Palace Pier.

5.00рм

ROYAL HUNT CUP 1M

- FINEST SOUND was runner-up in the Britannia over course and distance at last year's Royal meeting. He's advanced his form again since and might be the answer to a typically tricky Hunt Cup.
- MF The strong travelling CLIFFS OF CAPRI can sneak into a place in what is one of the trickiest handicaps of the season.
- JW IRISH ADMIRAL was caught out by slow ground at Epsom but can bounce back now on better ground in this mega-competitive handicap.
- The draw makes it tricky, so I will pick one from each side in **BEAT LE BON** (2) and **ASTRO KING** (27).
- MC ASTRO KING has a very high draw in stall 27 so it has to be taken on trust that the high numbers are not at a huge disadvantage. He was very unlucky when third in the Thirsk Hunt Cup when he just got going far too late.

6:10рм

KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES 1M

- The narrow vote goes in favour of **DREAMLOPER** who was just touched off by the re-opposing Lights On over 1m here last month.
- MF DECLARED INTEREST was third to Dreamloper at this venue last year but the winner that day has gone up a lot in the ratings since then. He can get his reward now.
- JW FFION ran really well to finish second at Haydock despite a difficult passage and has had a month to recover from her exertions.
- FH WALIYAK went close in last year's Sandringham Handicap and she looks like a value each-way play with the forecast strong pace likely to really suit her.
- MC DREAMLOPER was just touched off last time and really should have won. He's 1lb better off with the winner Lights On who reppposes and that can make the difference this time.

3.05_{PM}

GROUP 2 QUEEN'S VASE 1M 6F

- TF WORDSWORTH tackles 1¾m for the first time and being a full brother to St Leger winner Kew Gardens is taken to continue his trainer's domination in this race. Ruling looks a danger.
- MF Jessica Harrington reaches for the blinkers on TAIPAN who looks an each-way alternative in a very open race.
- JW KEMARI has untapped potential and the fact they've pitched him straight into a much stronger level says he has bounced out of that last victory in top order.
- FH Aidan O'Brien has won this contest five times in the last eight years and he can enhance that record here with **WORDSWORTH**.
- MC WORDSWORTH has proven stamina and should take all the beating under Ryan Moore. Could prove hard to stop.

4:20pm

GROUP 1 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES 1M 2F

- TF ARMORY made an impressive return at Chester and while he has a small amount to find with Love and Lord North at the weights, he has a fitness edge over that pair.
- MF The superstar filly **LOVE** was so good last year when winning the Oaks at Epsom and the Yorkshire Oaks that I am hoping she will be too good for these again.
- JW LORD NORTH looks to follow up last year's win and is match fit at a course he loves.
- FH Love is the class act but I think this is the day ARMORY finally wins a Group 1.
- MC LOVE looked like she could be one of the greats last year and if she's as good as I think, she can take this on her return to action for the Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore team.

5.35рм

LISTED WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES 5F

- TF RUTHIN hammered nine rivals on debut at Keeneland and the runner-up has won since. She could have too much pace for these.
- MF Another strong American raider in **RUTHIN** who can ping from the gates for Wesley Ward. The others may find it hard to keep up.
- SPRING IS SPRUNG is firmly on an upward curve and the fact Andrew Balding has let Oisin Murphy off his runner to partner the Queen's horse suggests that they mean business.
- I liked the way that **ERNIE'S VALENTINE** won on debut and he is a big price so he will do each-way for me in this race.
- MC RUTHIN looked really good at Keeneland. I suspect she will be very hard to beat for Wesley Ward and Frankie Dettori against the boys.

