

GOODWOOD CHEAT SHEET

PUNDITS' PICKS FOR DAY ONE

FRIDAY, JULY 30

TIMEFORM

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1:50PM

GOODWOOD HANDICAP 2M 4F

- TF** **ELYSIAN FLAME** was a winner over 2m at Newbury in April and is still fairly low-mileage on the level. Ran as well as ever when third in the Ascot Stakes.
- MF** **CALLING THE WIND** was staying on nicely at Ascot over a marathon trip. He handles this ground and has to be a player with a nice racing weight.
- JW** **BURIRAM** is unexposed over this extreme distance and may be underestimated in the market. He's worth an each-way play.
- PP** **JUST HUBERT** looks a bit of value off a lower mark to repeat last year's narrow win over Rochester House in this opening lung buster.
- MC** I will risk the old character **COEUR DE LION** for trainer Alan King.

3:00PM

GOLDEN MILE HANDICAP 1M

- TF** You take on trust **PATH OF THUNDER** getting a clear run if ridden in the same way as Newmarket but there's no doubt he's well-in under a 3lb penalty and he could do better again with blinkers now on.
- MF** **ACQUITTED** has run well on slower ground before and has not much to find with Magical Morning.
- JW** It will be a lottery as to who gets the best run at the right time but **ORBAAN** could get a piece of the action under a Jamie Spencer hold-up ride.
- PP** You need to get plenty of luck to win contests like these but **SHELIR** always runs his race so I'll have to put him up as an each-way play at the prices.
- MC** **ACQUITTED** has been very sound. Stays and goes in the ground. James Doyle on top is a bonus.

4:10PM

QUEEN'S PLATE GLORIOUS STAKES 1M 4F

- TF** **MOGUL** came good when winning the Gordon Stakes at this meeting last year before going on to win at the highest level in France and Hong Kong. The one to beat back down in class.
- MF** **PASSION AND GLORY** looked a horse to follow at Ascot last time when following up his Lingfield win.
- JW** **MOGUL** drops down significantly in grade after seven consecutive Group 1 races globally. The better the ground the better his chance.
- PP** Drying ground will help **MOGUL** who kick-started his season with victory here last year. The drop in class may also help him regain the winning thread.
- MC** **MOGUL** would probably prefer fast ground. That said, he's easily the best horse in the race and should outclass this field.

5:20PM

TDN AUSTRALIA HANDICAP 1M 4F

- TF** **WINK OF AN EYE** is improving in leaps and bounds so he's worth siding with to complete the four-timer.
- MF** **BILL PEYTO** looks just the type that trainer David Simcock does well with now running in a handicap for the first time.
- JW** **MARCHING ARMY** made no mistake at Leicester for a breakthrough success. Ray Dawson now takes a valuable 3lb off his back.
- PP** **TRIBAL ART** could be a typical Mark Johnston improver now upped four furlongs in trip and tackling handicaps for the first time.
- MC** I love **SCAMPI** but usually with chips! That said today's runner of the same name he can go well for Andrew Balding and Oisin Murphy once again!

2:25PM

BONHAM STAKES GROUP 3 1M

- TF** **BAAEED** looked out of the top drawer when winning a Listed race at Newmarket three weeks ago.
- MF** **BAAEED** has been so impressive to date, should handle the ground and it will be interesting to see how far he goes in his career.
- JW** **BAAEED** sits on a very lofty looking perch of 119 after only three races so we could be looking at a world-class superstar in the making.
- PP** **BAAEED** is rated so far ahead of these it's hard to see him being beaten. El Drama looks the danger.
- MC** **BAAEED** might just turn out to be one of the stars of the season and while testing ground would be an unknown it should be drying out nicely.

3:35PM

KING GEORGE QATAR STAKES GROUP 2

- TF** It will come as a big surprise if **BATTAASH** doesn't rack up a fifth win in succession on a track tailor-made for him.
- MF** **ART POWER** looks a serious contender now back down to 5f and should be staying on strongly at the finish to put it up to Battaash.
- JW** **ART POWER** is a fascinating runner back at 5f and can hopefully pounce late to overhaul Battaash.
- PP** **BATTAASH** is the guv'nor here but if there's more downpours the classy Glass Slippers could be an each-way shot despite it being her seasonal debut.
- MC** This is the home of **BATTAASH** and while he faces some serious rivals I expect him to come through for Jim Crowley and Charlie Hills.

4:45PM

BONUS NURSERY 6F

- TF** **ROBJON** disappointed a little when fourth at Newbury earlier this month but can double his career tally and make a winning start to life in handicaps.
- MF** **DANDY DINMONT** has a light weight and looked like he was getting the hang of things when second at Thirsk last time out.
- JW** **EVER GIVEN** has proved the model of consistency and his rating of 85 may not yet be his ceiling.
- PP** **MAYBURY** didn't have the smoothest of runs last time at Ascot and could be a bit of value to go closer now with William Buick booked.
- MC** **SIR HENRY COTTON** goes for Andrew Balding and Oisin Murphy and after a decent run at Newbury he just might be well handicapped.

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