

# GOODWOOD CHEAT SHEET

## PUNDITS' PICKS FOR DAY ONE

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1:50PM

### CHESTERFIELD CUP H'CAP 1M 2F

- TF** **MAYDANNY** is 12lb higher in the weights than for last year's pillar-to-post success but it's more than fair judged on his excellent Sandown second earlier this month and his claims are obvious.
- MF** **MIGRATION** handles slow ground and was very unlucky last time at Salisbury. The booking of jockey William Buick is eye-catching.
- JW** Provided the ground is good or better we haven't seen the best of **DREAM WITH ME** yet.
- PP** **ITS GOOD TO LAUGH** was just pipped at Chester on soft ground and looks a good each-way play under Oisin Murphy.
- MC** **SKY DEFENDER** is down in the weights a little bit now and might be worth a few quid each-way.

3:00PM

### GROUP 1 LENNOX STAKES 7F

- TF** **SPACE BLUES** is a real 7f specialist who has won off a break before so he is fancied to continue Charlie Appleby's fine recent form and follow up his stylish win in this event 12 months ago.
- MF** **CREATIVE FORCE** was a good winner of the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot on soft ground over 6f and this 7f trip looks perfect for him.
- JW** Space Blues is the reigning champ but the supposed second string **CREATIVE FORCE** was an excellent second in the 6f Group 1 July Cup and this 7f test should suit just as well.
- PP** **KINROSS** looked a different animal when a ready winner in a Group 3 contest at Haydock in soft ground after being gelded. He can step up again.
- MC** **SPACE BLUES** is the defending champion and he can beat his Royal Ascot-winning stable companion Creative Force despite giving weight away.

4:10PM

### BACK TO GOODWOOD H'CAP 5F

- TF** The vote goes to **KING OF STARS** who opened his turf account at Bath in April and has posted even better efforts in defeat since.
- MF** Despite shouldering top-weight John Quinn's **EL ASTRONAUTE** loves the track and handles slow ground. He can hit the places at least.
- JW** This is loaded with front-running speedballs and that will suit **LORD RIDDIFORD** who was slowly away in the 5f Dash at Epsom but finished well.
- PP** **REWAAYAT** has been a beaten favourite in four of his last five starts but is so consistent it's hard to see him being out of the frame again. He should be a better price this time too.
- MC** I'll take a wild chance with **RECON MISSION** for Tony Carroll and Ray Dawson. He managed to win at Epsom three runs ago so still retains some ability and his handicap mark is dropping.

5:20PM

### FILLIES HANDICAP 1M

- TF** We probably have not seen the best of Ralph Beckett's **POMELO** yet and she can be expected to leave her reappearance run well behind, so she gets the nod ahead of Rikannah.
- MF** **NEBULOSA** handled slow ground when winning at Newmarket last October. She is a course winner here too and can make her presence felt.
- JW** With the ground likely to be riding on the soft side, it will be a new test for a lot of these runners but **ANGHAAM** could handle it.
- PP** **NEBULOSA** has won a Class 3 7f handicap in soft ground at HQ and won at this track too. If she proves as effective over the mile she can land this prize.
- MC** **URBAN VIOLET** ran well in the Sandringham Handicap at Royal Ascot when sixth to Creative Belief and could go close for Mick Channon and Silvestre de Sousa.

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### GROUP 2 VINTAGE STAKES 7F

- TF** **LUSAIL** and Berkshire Shadow will both have 3lb penalties to carry having already won at this level, but they still look the ones to beat on form.
- MF** **BERKSHIRE SHADOW** was a good winner of the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, stays strong and handles soft ground. That's a lot of positives.
- JW** **LUSAIL** brings in a near-perfect record having won three of his four lifetime starts. He put up a career-best performance last time and stepping up to 7 furlongs is going to be perfect now.
- PP** The ability to handle soft ground will be key and **BERKSHIRE SHADOW** proved that at Royal Ascot.
- MC** This 7f trip will be right up the street of Royal Ascot winner **BERKSHIRE SHADOW** and I take him to score. The Coventry Stakes winner should relish going up a furlong now.

3:35PM

### GROUP 1 AL SHAQAB GOODWOOD CUP 2M

- TF** **STRADIVARIUS** has suffered a dent to his strike rate in recent times, but there were excuses at Ascot when denied a clear run and Frankie Dettori was gentle on him once his winning chance had gone.
- MF** I'm hopeful more than confident that **STRADIVARIUS** has more to give despite recent setbacks as he chases his fifth win in this event.
- JW** The old boy **STRADIVARIUS** is coming back and bidding to win this contest for the fifth consecutive year. It's getting tougher but I think he'll do it.
- PP** Stradivarius is no longer the horse he once was so I'll take a chance on **TRUESHAN**.
- MC** It's impossible to oppose **STRADIVARIUS**. It's easy to argue he's become a little vulnerable at the age of seven but he has enough class to see this lot off.

4:45PM

### EBF MAIDEN STAKES 6F

- TF** **SCATTERING** ran an encouraging race on debut and looks the percentage call here with improvement on the cards at this 6f trip.
- MF** Mark Johnston has a strong record at the track and his 110,000 guineas purchase **HARB** makes his debut in what looks a winnable contest.
- JW** **HARB** is an interesting newcomer. He was an expensive yearling for the Mark Johnston team and is related to three runners who all achieved triple-digit ratings in their racing careers.
- PP** The market may prove your best guide but from what we've seen so far **SCATTERING** can progress from a promising debut run at Newcastle.
- MC** There might be something progressive in this maiden but **CITY RUNNER** has done well at Windsor and Salisbury and might be able to use that experience. Scattering was an eyecatcher last time.

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### WORLD POOL FILLIES HANDICAP 6F

- TF** **GELLHORN** had a bit up her sleeve when beating Lovely Breeze at Newmarket last time and can confirm her superiority over that filly despite a 4lb rise in the weights.
- MF** **CAROLINE DALE** ran a lovely race at Windsor on slow ground last time and can put that to good use now over this extra furlong.
- JW** **CAROLINE DALE** improved from her reappearance run to finish a close second at Windsor last time. She wears a hood now and should settle better.
- PP** **ISABELLA SWAN** was sired by Twilight Son and he revelled in soft ground. If she does the same she looks underestimated in the market.
- MC** **LOVELY BREEZE** is creeping up the handicap, but might still be hard to stop for trainer Hugo Palmer and jockey William Buick.

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