

# ITV RACING CHEAT SHEET

## PUNDITS' PICKS FOR YORK & SANDOWN

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1:50PM

### SKY BET HANDICAP 1M 4F

- TF** **REAL WORLD** has taken his form to a whole new level since racing on turf and fitted with cheekpieces. He can take this step up in class in his stride.
- MF** **REAL WORLD** has been a revelation since coming back from Dubai. Will take a bit of stopping again.
- JW** A massive improver since exploding on the scene with a bloodless victory at the Royal meeting **REAL WORLD** can continue his ascent.
- PP** **REAL WORLD** hacked up in the Royal Hunt Cup before winning a Listed race easily. It's safe to say you could call him an exciting prospect.
- MC** I have a feeling **REAL WORLD** is an absolute good thing for Saeed bin Suroor and the likeable Marco Ghiani but he'll be a short price.

2:25PM

### SKY BET MELROSE HANDICAP 1M 6F

- TF** **DHUSHAN** has made a very bright start to his career and can step forward again now moving up in trip.
- MF** Aidan O'Brien's **KING OF THE CASTLE** has a good each-way chance despite top weight and if there was a lot of rain overnight he could be a major player.
- JW** **MARSHALL PLAN** chased home Yibir in the Bahrain Trophy last time and that form was rubber-stamped by Yibir's impressive win this week.
- PP** **IMPERIAL SUN** was a different beast when stepped up to 1m 4f for the first time. The extra two furlongs now can bring more improvement.
- MC** **SUMMER'S KNIGHT** might still take all the beating for Sir Mark Prescott and Luke Morris. The recent Ffos Las winner stays well and has a decent racing weight having gone up 8lb for his last success.

3:00PM

### CITY OF YORK STAKES (GROUP 2) 7F

- TF** **SPACE BLUES** is a Group 1 winner without a penalty, and he shaped as if retaining all his ability when a close fourth in the Lennox Stakes at Goodwood last month.
- MF** **PRIMO BACIO** has had a couple of unlucky runs this season and was just behind Lady Bowthorpe at HQ. Space Blues the obvious danger.
- JW** I'm surprised **SPACE BLUES** is not odds on! A 7f specialist who can get a position early, travel into the race and pounce late to win.
- PP** **GLORIOUS JOURNEY** wasn't good enough in the July Cup, but 7f is more his bag. He probably needs a bit of luck but he can certainly win this if things click.
- MC** **SPACE BLUES** is the one to beat here for Charlie Appleby and William Buick. The Godolphin runner loves this trip and won a decent handicap at this track in his early days.

2:05PM

### SANDOWN SOLARIO STAKES (GROUP 3) 7F

- TF** **REACH FOR THE MOON** has carried all before him this season and is well up to winning this.
- MF** Frankie Dettori misses the last day of York to ride **REACH FOR THE MOON**. He looks very promising.
- JW** **REACH FOR THE MOON** is a bit quirky but is very talented. If connections can keep him mentally on track he could well be the Derby horse that the Queen is hoping for next season.
- PP** **REACH FOR THE MOON** looks potentially top class and it's worth noting that Frankie Dettori goes to Sandown to ride him rather than stay at York.
- MC** **REACH FOR THE MOON** should be the one. Second to Point Lonsdale in the Chesham, the Gosdens' runner then scored well at Newbury last time and looks a tidy performer in the making.

2:40PM

### SANDOWN ATALANTA STAKES (GROUP 3) 1M

- TF** A few of these arrive on something of a retrieval mission so it could pay to side with **WALIYAK**. She advertised her well-being with a stylish listed win at Haydock a fortnight ago.
- MF** **SAFFRON BEACH** was placed in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and can take advantage of the drop down to Group 3 company over a mile now.
- JW** **INDIGO GIRL** has her share of attitude but there is no doubt she is blessed with a massive amount of ability. This looks a stepping stone onto Group 1 company at the back end of the campaign.
- PP** **AURIA** was impressive in a Fillies Listed race here last time and looks well worth the step up in grade.
- MC** I'm sticking with the 1,000 Guineas runner-up **SAFFRON BEACH** for Hollie Doyle and Jane Chapple-Hyam. Things have not gone right since Newmarket but this is her big chance.

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### EBOR HANDICAP 1M 6F

- TF** **ILARAAB** looked tailor-made for this when an emphatic winner here on his return and wasn't seen to best effect when eighth in the Hardwicke Stakes.
- MF** **FUJAIIRA PRINCE** won this race last year and while it's a big ask off top-weight he's big enough to carry it and has been targetted at this contest again.
- JW** **MAX VEGA** is a massive price considering he gets a favourable swing at the weights with some of these rivals. A big player each-way.
- PP** **HAMISH** has won over course and distance twice, both on different grounds so he has any inclement weather covered. He also looks the top pick of the Haggas runners despite the long absence.
- MC** Defending champ **FUJAIIRA PRINCE** is one of the few in the field who is able to race close to the pace and see the trip out strongly. Stall 19 is not ideal, but if he gets into a good rhythm out near the front he will be hard to catch. Have a few quid on each-way.

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