

# YORK CHEAT SHEET

## PUNDITS' PICKS FOR DAY ONE

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TIMEFORM

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1:50PM

### SKY BET LOWTHER STAKES GROUP 2 6F

- TF** **ILLUSTRATING** impressed with the way she put the race to bed at Goodwood over 5f and there could be more to come from her over this extra furlong. She is the value call over Sandrine.
- MF** I have gone round and round trying to make a strong case for one of the others to beat **SANDRINE** but I can't find one.
- JW** **SANDRINE** bids to cement her place at the top of the 2022 1,000 Guineas market and brings a 100 per cent winning record to the table.
- PP** **ILLUSTRATING** could be a bit of value against Sandrine if she stays this 6f trip. Maybe a play in the without the favourite market?
- MC** **SANDRINE** looks very hard to beat. My only slight worry is that York is a speed track and she looks more of a strong stayer in the making.

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### CLIPPER LOGISTICS HANDICAP 1M

- TF** Bottom weight **GIFTED RULER** left the impression that 1m should be within range and is off the same mark as when a good second to the reopposing Baashir at Doncaster last month.
- MF** **CLIFFS OF CAPRI** is now on a mark he can be competitive off. He ran a good race over 7f at Ascot and could spring a little surprise.
- JW** **TRAI FLUORS** hasn't run to the same form that saw him bolt up at Sandown earlier this season. He ran in multiple race quite quickly after that and could be better after a break.
- PP** I'm going to forgive **AMETIST** a disappointing run at Newmarket last time and support the usually consistent William Haggas runner.
- MC** **LA TRINIDAD** is up 12lb for two York wins and stays very strongly at this trip. His hold-up style of running might be an advantage under Oisín Murphy.

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### EBF STALLIONS NURSERY H'CAP 7F

- TF** **MAGLEV** would have likely followed up his Yarmouth success had he got a clear run sooner at Chester last time. His opening mark could underestimate him.
- MF** **HARROW** is clearly talented but has an awkward running style. If you take that into account he could still be well handicapped.
- JW** **MAGLEV** looked very good when he won at Yarmouth and was arguably unlucky last time not to return to the winners enclosure when encountering a very troubled passage at Chester.
- PP** **MAGLEV** cost a good few quid at the sales and would have won at Chester with normal luck in running. Looks a real improver for William Haggas.
- MC** **ALFLAILA** steps up in trip to 7f and that might bring some improvement to get competitive again.

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### EBF FILLIES' H'CAP 7F

- TF** **RISING STAR** improved further to score for the first time as a three-year-old at Musselburgh last month and may not have finished her upward curve yet.
- MF** **AGINCOURT** is a course and distance winner and is taking a step down in grade. She can take advantage of that drop in class now.
- JW** **STAR OF EMARAATY** was a group performer as a two-year-old but now runs in handicaps. She comes here on the back of her best effort so far this season when third at HQ last time.
- PP** While **STAR OF EMARAATY** doesn't look a world-beater she gets a little pull at the weights with Spirit of Bermuda and Rising Star on their Newmarket run. That may swing it in her favour now.
- MC** **SPIRIT OF BERMUDA** is improving all the time and loves this trip. She beat Rising Star and Star of Emaraaty last time at HQ.

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### PREMIER YEARLING SALES 6F

- TF** **SYSTEM** did well to get up late at Newmarket on her penultimate start and she was far from disgraced up in grade subsequently.
- MF** **SYSTEM** was unlucky at Ascot getting hampered late on. This looks a perfect opportunity for her to get back on the winning trail.
- JW** **ADEB** came with a big reputation to the glorious Goodwood meeting, but flopped when the stable was out of form. He could be worth siding with at a nice each-way price in this open contest.
- PP** **KORKER** hacked up at Thirsk last time and while this is clearly much harder, any horse that can win a 5f race by five lengths is pretty quick.
- MC** **WINGS OF WAR** might go well for the excellent trainer Clive Cox. He made a promising debut at Leicester and then hacked up at Nottingham.

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### DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS GROUP 1 1M 4F

- TF** **SNOWFALL** is difficult to oppose. Quick ground would ask a question of Wonderful Tonight but she's a very smart filly who will provide the greatest threat to the favourite.
- MF** There is no doubt **SNOWFALL** is the best filly around and with no rain forecast to help Wonderful Tonight maybe Loving Dream can chase her home.
- JW** **SNOWFALL** looks unopposable but anyone looking for the forecast could take a chance on Eshaada to chase the Ballydoyle filly home.
- PP** **SNOWFALL** is exceptional and should win but if the ground turned up soft Wonderful Tonight would have a squeak of upsetting her.
- MC** It's impossible to oppose short-priced favourite **SNOWFALL** who is unbeaten this season and has two Classics in the bag via the Epsom and Irish Oaks.

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### GALTRES STAKES LISTED RACE 1M 4F

- TF** It may pay to side with Dermot Weld's Listed winner **AMMA GRACE** who promises plenty of this trip.
- MF** Jessica Harrington is a very shrewd trainer and the fact that she is sending **FORBEARANCE** over from Ireland makes me take a second look.
- JW** **PORTFOLIO** improved to win a couple of handicaps and did well stepping up in distance into Listed company at Newmarket last time. She can continue to progress.
- PP** **ABSTINENCE** looked a filly with a future on her first try at this trip last time when third behind Golden Pass and Free Wind who has since won at Deauville.
- MC** **PORTFOLIO** stayed this trip at Newmarket to win well and has every chance again now up in grade and getting weight from the older horses.

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