

YORK CHEAT SHEET

PUNDITS' PICKS FOR DAY ONE

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1:50PM

SKY BET GROUP HANDICAP 5F

- TF** **HURRICANE IVOR** had looked a sprinter firmly on the up until floundering in the mud in the Stewards' Cup and he is taken to bounce back in style for his in-form yard.
- MF** **COPPER KNIGHT** is a five-time course winner, acts on any ground and is still on an attractive mark.
- JW** We can draw a line through **HURRICANE IVOR'S** last run where he got stuck in the mud at Goodwood. Hopefully, he is not at his ceiling rating just yet.
- PP** As long as the ground stays good **HURRICANE IVOR** should have a massive shout in a really tough-looking race.
- MC** **MONDAMMEJ** is well up to taking a race like this if everything falls right and he's worth a few quid each-way for Antony Brittain and Cam Hardie.

3:00PM

GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES GROUP 2 1M 4F

- TF** **HIGH DEFINITION** clearly didn't give his running in the Irish Derby but he looked potentially high class as a two-year-old. He's worth another chance.
- MF** **HIGH DEFINITION** disappointed in the Irish Derby when sent off favourite, but can bounce back now and gets the nod.
- JW** A return to the top level looks imminent for **HIGH DEFINITION** after this Group 2 contest. Despite recent disappointments he looks the one to beat.
- PP** A bit of a leap of faith based on performances, but **HIGH DEFINITION** carries a lofty reputation and needs to really justify it now.
- MC** **THIRD REALM** was a fair third at Goodwood last time in the Gordon Stakes and could be a bit of value against a vulnerable favourite who has yet to hit the heights he once promised.

4:10PM

SKY BET HANDICAP 2M

- TF** **ARCADIAN SUNRISE** was a big improver over hurdles this summer and is potentially well treated back in this code. There's plenty to like about him.
- MF** **ARCADIAN SUNRISE** is unexposed over this trip on the level and there could be more to come.
- JW** **MAKAWEE** hasn't run in handicap company for a long time and despite top weight, can take advantage of the drop down in grade with the yard starting to hit a purple patch.
- PP** **SCARAMANGA** can continue the trend of jumps trainers bagging big Flat handicaps. Paul Nicholls will obviously have the horse hard fit and this is his time of year as he loves good ground. He won over the trip at Newbury last time too.
- MC** **FUTURE INVESTMENT** stays well and has each-way claims after going close at Goodwood and Ascot recently.

5:20PM

SKY BET NURSERY HANDICAP 6F

- TF** **BOSH** boasts a progressive profile and showed he's at home in a big field when second in a 22-runner sales race at Naas recently, so he has leading claims in an open-looking contest.
- MF** If dual winner **BOSH** runs to form, he should go very close in the final race on day one.
- JW** **JADHLAAN** is already a winner over 5f at this track in June and showed he still has some upside when running on to be a solid second from the back of the pack at the Glorious Goodwood meeting last time.
- PP** **WONDERFUL WORLD** could be a bit of value each-way in a tricky two-year-old handicap. Got his act together at Brighton last time and could step forward from that again.
- MC** **SISTERS IN THE SKY** was decent at Goodwood and might have more to offer.

2:25PM

TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES GROUP 3 7F

- TF** **NOBLE TRUTH** confirmed all his debut promise when defeating Ehrbaz at Newmarket last month. He can follow up here.
- MF** **DUBAWI LEGEND** bolted up at Doncaster by five lengths and looks to have a bright future ahead.
- JW** The Hugo Palmer yard couldn't be any hotter at the moment and **DUBAWI LEGEND** could be the answer in a tricky contest.
- PP** **IMPERIAL FIGHTER** won a Goodwood maiden very nicely on soft ground. We can't be sure he needs it soft yet as that was his only run, so I'll take a chance on him in this field.
- MC** **EHRBAZ** was beaten by Noble Truth on debut but looked an absolute monster at Ascot last time and might be able to reverse the form now.

3:35PM

JUDDMONTE STAKES GROUP 1 1M 2F

- TF** **MISHRIFF** posted an excellent second to Derby winner Adayar in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot and can go one better now.
- MF** I don't think we've seen the best of last season's dual Classic winner **LOVE** this season and I hope she can show us that level of form again.
- JW** This beautiful galloping venue will suit **ALENQUER'S** long, fluent action down to the ground. He can cause an upset in what is a cracking race.
- PP** I'm choosing to forgive **LOVE** her defeat in the King George. She's still a superstar and even though the O'Brien stable has been a bit quiet, I have a feeling that they'll come alive this week.
- MC** All you need is **LOVE!** Many have written last year's Guineas and Oaks heroine off because she was beaten in the King George at Ascot. Things did not go right for her that day but she kept on very well and I'll keep the faith.

4:45PM

FILLIES' HANDICAP 5F

- TF** **TENAYA CANYON** is a filly on the up and might be able to defy the handicapper again.
- MF** Saffie Osborne rides again and with her 5lb negating the winning penalty, the three-year-old **TENAYA CANYON** can prove she is still on the up by going close.
- JW** **TENAYA CANYON** was only raised 5lb for her win at Doncaster last time where she seemed to gel with today's partner, Saffie Osborne, perfectly.
- PP** **ATIAH** won impressively at Wolverhampton but the handicapper hasn't missed her. The booking of title-chasing Wiliam Buick catches my eye.
- MC** **TENAYA CANYON** will be hard to keep out of the frame with the talented Saffie Osborne taking a few pounds off with her claim.

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