

TEAM HHH
International Racing Tip Sheet
June 19th, 2025
Royal Ascot, Day 3

R1 09:30 am EST Norfolk Stakes Gr2 5F

James McDonald gets the nod for **15 (7) Sandal's Song**. Money has come for the horse, who is now 11/1 from 20/1. The Aiden O'Brien Fav Charles Darwin is also taking money and is now 8/11. O'Brien has said this is best 2 yr old at Ascot this week. I will try to take him on with the George Weaver horse. I am not sure the value will be available in the State side markets.

R2 10:05 am EST King George V Stakes Handicap 1m 4F

I am comfortable playing **8 (20) Merchant** who has come into the 5/2 from 10/3. Merchant was 2 1/2 length winner over Rahiebb last time out, who himself was a respectable 1 length 3rd behind Calmers, the winner I tipped up today.

R3 10:40 am EST Ribblesdale Stakes Gr2 1M 4F

I am tempted to turn to Paddy Twomey again. Catalina Delcarpio is bred for the distance. She was super impressive winning first up and had excuses when she lost her stride when clipping heels last time at Navan, but her breeding suggests she is not suited for firm ground. So for value I am turning to **9 (6) Life is Beautiful** for John Gosden who was beaten by 3 1/2 lengths last time by Falakeyah at Newmarket. Falakeyah was just supplemented into the Gr1 Coronation Stakes on Friday.

R4 11:20 am EST Gold Cup Gr1 2M 4F

I like **8 (1) Illinois** here, despite the horse having to go five furlongs more than he has ever gone before. There is no value in the price. Maybe the way to go is to take on the two long in the tooth horses I do not like Trawlerman 5/2 and Sweet William 6/1 would use up and comers like **7 (4) Candelari** 10/3, **5 (3) Wonder Legend** 33/1 and **6 (7) Yashin** 40/1 in the 2nd and 3rd places.

R5 12 Noon EST Britannia Stakes Handicap

My **PLAY OF THE DAY** is a bomb, **29 (18) Arctic Grey**. The horse only began racing in April having missed his 2 yr old season. He beat a horse with Classic entries in his maiden on the synthetic at Southwell and prevailed in Class 4 handicap at Goodwood in late May carrying 9 Stone 10lbs (136 lbs). This tank of a horse gets to carry only 9 Stone (126 lbs) in this race. The horse had also been entered in the Gr3 Jersey Stakes on Saturday, but chooses to go here. Pat Dobbs rides for Richard Hannon.

R6 12:35 pm EST Hampton Court Stakes Gr2

Trinity College seemed to be a rabbit for Camille Pissarro in the Prix du Jockey Club, but only finished a length back in 4th place. That form means the horse is the right favourite which can still be had a fair price of 3/1. The horse that was 3rd in that race was Juddmonte's Detain who is also 3/1. The Prix du Jockey was only 17 days ago and that was a tough race and not the strongest. I will take a swing with **7 (7) High Stock** 5/1 who just beaten a neck in the Listed Dee Stakes last time at Chester in May. He could be a late developing horse. The horse that beat him that day was O'Brien's Mount Kilimanjaro (who had been entered in this year's Kentucky Derby). It's the old team, Balding and Buick for me.

R7 01:10 pm EST Buckingham Palace Stakes Handicap 7F

I like one at a price here. **21 (5) Ramazan** 12/1 for Richard Fahey using the useful bug rider Warren Fentimen who claims 5 lbs. They will go like a 6F sprint here and the 5 lbs will come in handy up that stiff final furlong. The horse was slowly away and strong in the final furlong last time over 6F at York.