

TEAM HHH
International Racing Tip Sheet
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Royal Ascot, Day 4

Recap

Field of Gold, French Master, Calmers and Merchant (my only winners over the first three days) have kept me in the game, but I must do better over the final two days of the festival.

R1 09:30 am EST Albany Stakes Gr2 5F

My play of the week is **17 (1) Venetian Sun**. The 1 draw and the O'Brien form may have tempered my enthusiasm temporarily, but the horse has drifted from 7/2 Fav to 13/2 and I am happy to pile at that price. The horse won well over the distance at Carlisle. Carlisle is a provincial northern track near the Scottish and crucial takeaway from that is that Carlisle has a stiff finish. The horse will be primed for Ascot. The trainer Karl Burke has been keen on the horse for weeks.

R2 10:05 am EST Commonwealth Cup Gr1 6F

A 22 runner, Charge of the Light Brigade for the 3 yr old horses. I have played Irish trained Juddmonte Filly, **14 (18) Babouche** 5/1. The draw helps, though the filly has plenty of talent. The money has come for the Charlie Appleby horse because of his 2000 Guineas 3rd and his 2 yr old Gr1 winning form. UK Punters are following the horse they know. But Babouche was winning Gr1s in Ireland and unlike Shadow of Light has winning form over firm ground.

R3 10:40 am EST Duke of Edinburgh Handicap 1M 4F

I do not have a confident selection here, but I quite like **8 (17) Mount Atlas** 8/1. This Andrew Balding trained gelding us by a Derby winner, Masar, I am confident he'll get the distance and there is firm ground speed on the dam side. The horse is cutting back from a 13 1/2 furlong Gr3 race at Chester against the likes of recent winner Al Qareem and yesterday's Gold Cup 2nd, Illinois. He is well handicapped carrying only 6 lbs more than the Willie Mullins Fav, Ethical Diamond. Ethical Diamond has not gone toe to toe with Gr1 horses like Illinois.

R4 11:20 am EST Coronation Stakes Gr1 1M

I had a nice win on the Intl Tip Sheet with Falakeyah last month. The horse was impressive and I was keen to play her next time. Shadwell supplemented her for this race, but the collateral form took a bruising when Life is Beautiful did not make the places today. Meanwhile **11 (9) Zarigana** — the impeccably bred Aga Khan filly and winner of the French 1,000 Guineas — is now 9/4! The horse had long been an odds on Ante Post Fav. To my mind 9/4 is a gift and a complete over reaction to Shes Perfect not firing in the Prix Diane. In Mickael Barzalona We Trust.

R5 12 Noon EST Sandringham Stakes Handicap 1 M

15 (21) Oolong Poobong hit fine form at Haydock last time out beating all comers by 2 lengths, including a sprinter I like that had destroyed his rivals last time at Carlisle. Oolong Poobong was not stopping at Haydock and gets into this handicap two pounds lighter than his Haydock victory. A great **VALUE** play at 14/1 here.

R6 12:35 pm EST King Edward VII Stakes Gr2 1M 4F

The Aga Khan's **11 (11) Zahrann** 10/3 for Johnny Murtagh, **1 (6) Amiloc** 2/1 for Ralph Beckett and Aiden O'Brien's **8 (7) Puppet Master** 4/1 are to spilt. It is surprising that Puppet Master is not the fav. I was going to suggest playing Zahrann on the win side. He was super impressive winning a Listed contest last time at Leopardstown. Amiloc was equally impressive winning a Listed contest at Goodwood, particularly noteworthy as the horse was asleep at the back before coming with a withering run 2 furlongs out. There was talk that Aiden O'Brien's Puppet Master could be a contender in the Derby. There seems no danger to the top three in the market, I'll be playing a boxed Trifecta with these three despite my favouring Zahrann. I would use just Zahrann in the World Pool Treble.

R7 01:10 pm EST Palace of Holyroodhouse Stakes 5F

The Fav here is **12 (9) Realign** 4/1 and he is getting attention because he is owned by the Emir of Qatar's Wathham, but his facile Maiden win last month was only a 6 runner context. This is harder. I have taken the 4/1 on Realign, because the price will likely shorten. The gamble has to be **1(19) Hammer the Hammer** 10/1 who destroyed the opposition by 4 1/2 lengths at Chester last time.

The **BOMB INSURANCE** comes in the form of **6 (3) Maw Lam** 40/1 who will remain an enormous price because of her low draw. She gets one of the better apprentice Jack Nichols. The cut back to 5 furlongs will suit the horse. She tired over 6F last time at Haydock. A great place play. She almost a Gr3 Spring at Ayr over firm last year.