

TEAM HHH
International Racing Tip Sheet #7
May 31st - June 1st, 2025
Eagle Farm, Scottsville, Haydock, Chester, York
Tokyo and Chantilly

Dismal fare last weekend with just a couple of winners. The name of my HHH trial blog was called "Follow the Jockey" for a reason. For me following the jockey is one of the most important variables in deciphering a race, often the most important. And although I noted in last week's introduction that William Buick was riding at Haydock — a Southern based UK jockey riding at a Northern track while his marquee colleagues were aboard, I did not tip any Buick mounts. Ridiculous failure to follow my own recipe. Similarly, I also noted seasoned Germany rider Andrasch Starke had a short term license in Japan. His Japanese Oaks winner Kamunyak was 16/1 and should have been my value tip in which I should have been happy to simply note that Starke has ridden successfully for these Japanese connections before and although the horse did not match the Favs on the numbers, it smacked of a plot. I should have just said as much.

We move on. Queensland Derby goes at Eagle Farm in Brisbane on Saturday. The ground will be heavy and the first two from the South Australian Derby will find this much tougher. A day off for Greyville as the action moves to Scottsville with Group races galore at the Pietermaritzburg track, the second city of Kwa Zulu Natal or KZN. Some solid Summer racing at the best British Northern tracks with a few tips provided. Then the Gr1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) at Tokyo follows in the earlier hours Sunday morning. It has been raining in Tokyo, though it is not the tropical downpours they can get in Brisbane. It will be likely be good at Tokyo, good to soft at worst. And finally, the Prix du Jockey Club (or French Derby) at Chantilly at breakfast time on Sunday, which should be run over good ground or what the French term Bon Souple.

Saturday, May 31st
Eagle Farm

I am siding with the wet track form on Queensland Derby card. Three of which have high draws, which should keep their price high. I would advise place plays on all of them, with Hezashoka, Prince Tycoon, Benedetta and Comrade Rosa being the four I would play to win.

R3 22:53 EST Friday	2 (5) Hezashoka 9/1
R4 23:28 EST Friday	4 (2) Brookhaven 12/1
R5 00:03 EST Saturday	4 (14) Prince Tycoon 10/1
R6 00:38 EST Saturday	10 (20) Raikkonen 12/1
R7 01:13 EST Saturday	12 (6) Benedetta 13/2
R8 01:52 EST Saturday	7 (22) Politely Dun 16/1
R9 02:29 EST Saturday	6 (5) Comrade Rosa 6/1

Eagle Farm Quaddie Beginning R6 00:38 EST Saturday

\$1 Base Bet \$72

2, 10, 15 / 2, 6, 12 / 2, 3, 7, 17 / 6, 7

Haydock

Two good prices to start the day at Haydock, the Liverpool area track. Strange scheduling on Saturday as Chester also races. This would be the equivalent of racing at Aqueduct and Belmont on the same day. We will focus mostly on Haydock. **Kildare Legend** was Fav for his season opener on the synthetic at Newcastle, though only managed 5th placed finish. His Hong Kong owner will have end of season Australasian plans for him, so he should go close here. **Chillingham** was too keen over 2 Furlongs further first up. He'll strip fitter and a middle distance handicap is right up alley.

No juicy prices in the other contests. R3 is a prep for the Royal Ascot sprint contests and I am playing the Richard Hughes' Fav, **No Half Measures**. He ran 9th in his season opener against older horses. This will be much easier. His most likely competitor Jasour may need the race. **Beautiful Love**'s price will surely shorten. The horse was priced on the expectation of soft ground, but the midweek rain has passed long through the area and late Friday evening is warm and sunny. More spectacular weather is guaranteed for Saturday in the Liverpool area. Advantage Beautiful Love. Finally **Alyanabi** is also good value at 7/2 for the in form trainer, Owen Burrows.

R1 08:13 EST

13 (10) Kildare Legend 8/1

10 (8) Chillingham 14/1 VALUE

R3 09:23 EST

4 (1) No Half Measures 5/2

R4 09:58 EST

2 (2) Beautiful Love 10/3

R5 10:33 EST

2 (1) Alyanabi 7/2

Chester

R3 09:45 EST 1 (7) Tricky Tel 11/10 Won very well in his maiden. Up 6 lbs for that, but will get an aggressive ride from Sylvester de Sousa, the Brazilian former British Champion Jockey and should prevail.

York

R3 09:40 EST 5 (6) Duran 11/2 Had a lot to spare when winning first up at Haydock. Should be closer to 9/2 than 11/2, but traders always overprice female jockeys. Faye McManoman won't let you down.

R4 10:15 EST Term of Endearment 11/4. Tim Marquand up at York. This is his best ride of the day for William Haggas in the Yulong colours.

Scottsville, South Africa

Lots of hard races here, but good prices to be had too. I like **Faizah** in R3. Khumalo is a strong jockey. He can keep the 5 yr Faizah focussed on the job. The precocious 3 yr olds will likely not get the distance. **Inggwele** is up 8 lbs, but jetted away to win by a distance last time. I would expect the Mike de Kock horse to tighten as Fav.

Direct Hit is the Port Elizabeth horse I tipped on the Follow the Jockey Blog when she shipped to Cape Town's Kenilworth track back In February. This daughter of Canford Cliffs is in tough here, but she is special and I am keeping faith. This horse has international potential. It's a pity she won't be shipping to Royal Ascot. I also keen on **Mia Moo** in R7, the Gr1 South Africa Fillies Sprint. A winner of a Gr2 last time on the Highveld and a Gr3 the time before that, she remains unheralded. I like horses after they have raced well at altitude and Durban based trainer Sean Tarry seems to have had a plan basing her up In Johannesburg. Most of the money will be for the two prolific Gr1 winners, Double Grand Slam and Asiye Phambili. I prefer the new shooter.

R3 06:20 EST

10. (10) **Faizah** 13/2

R4 06:55 EST

8 (8) **Inggwele** 4/1

R5 07:30 EST

10 (10) **Direct Hit** 11/10

R7 08:40 EST

8 (8) **Mia Moo** 7/1

R9 09:50 EST

5 (5) **Un Bel Di** 5/1

Sunday, June 1st

Tokyo

R11 02:40 EST

13 (13) Croix du Nord 11/10 Museum Mike beat him fairly in the Japanese guineas, but the distance only help this son of Kitisan Black. He should be a moral.

Chantilly

R1 08:05 EST

Super Soldier is a sharp 2 yr from the UK prepping for Royal Ascot here. A very, very close 2nd first up and will grab the attention of British punters, but **4 (7) Focus** for the Wertheimers and Andre Fabre was almost a second quicker over slower ground albeit with the proviso that the French going is understated. I am playing Focus.

R2 08:40 EST 8 (8) Kind of Blue returns from a smashing win in the British Champions Stakes last October. This Gr3 is the kind of the race to take on a horse like Kind of Blue. His target will be Riyal Ascot and it's surprising he has yet to be seen this season. The prudent move is to find value elsewhere, but perhaps a lot of punters will think that way and you could find yourself getting 5/2 or more on Kind of Blue, which would be great value.

R3 09:20 EST The Gr2 Prix Sandringham looks perfect for the Aga Khan prodigy, **1 (5) Vadinska**. An explosive 10 length maiden earlier this season should take all the beating. No market available yet.

R4 10:05 EST None of the Favs appeal, so I am leaning toward two English raiders, **11 (13) Luther** for Charlie Fellows who ran very credibly for 4th in the French 2,000 Guineas. Kieran Shoemark who demoted in that race gets the mount here. And **3 (10) King of Cities** who gets James Doyle up for Richard Hannon. King of Cities went incredibly close first up at York and got into a Ding Dong battle with Almeric, 8 lengths clear of the third. That was over 9 furlongs. The extra furlong should be fine over the likely better. The York race was one of the few ran over soft in what has been a hot English Spring. Ryan Moore rode the horse that day and clearly covered up in the final 50 yards as his opponent squeezed him on the rail. This may have DQ in France or the USA, but Moore did not object. He was probably aware that the horse has bigger targets over better Summer ground. King of Cities is currently 12/1 in the UK. You may 20/1 or more on the International Tote on the day. Both horses worth a place play at very least, though I am will playing King of Cities to win. The horse has been supplemented for almost U\$100,000. That says something, no matter how wealthy the connections.