

TEAM HHH, 2026
International Racing Tip Sheet XII
“Follow the Jockey”
Royal Ascot Day 3 & 4

Thursday

R1 09:30 Chesham Stakes 7F Listed

11 (12) Time for the Moon 10/1

3 Stars

3rd in maiden, but showed a clean pair of hooves when winning at Musselburgh, the suburban Edinburgh track 13 days ago. I am big fan of Sea the Moon, the German sire. This 2 yr old will have stamina for the 7 furlongs. No morning market support for the O'Brien Fav.

R2 10:05 King George V Stakes 1 Mile 4 F

13 (22) Golden Knight 16/1

3 Stars

Race for the late developing 3 year old. They missed the Derby trials and the Derby itself. They are not yet ready for the G2 King Edward VII, aka the Ascot Derby. This is their introduction to the Classic distance. Think about uncovering an Arrogate type here. Ed Walker barn on fire. Horse showed strength late 6th of 8 over a mile at Sandown in late May behind Talk of New York.

R3 10:40 EST G2 Ribblesdale Stakes 1 Mile 4 F

4 (6) Earth Shot 5/1

5 Stars

Talking on the Fav. Was not impressed with her when she was 2nd in the Oaks. Betting a Wathnan is no great insight these days. Earth Shot was a head 2nd to Inis Mor at Goodwood in May, a horse who went on to place in the French Oaks. I'll take that collateral form and the fact the Emir got his wallet out after the Goodwood race.

R4 11:20 EST G1 Ascot Gold Cup 2 Miles 4 Furlongs

Trifecta Box 7, 9 & 10

and or place play on the 7 and win on the 9

10 (3) Scandinavia 2/1 will grind on and is the most likely winner, but in the good to firm conditions I fancy the Varian horse **9 (10) Rahiebb** to show a turn of foot down the lane. I am planning another continental racing trip this summer and noticed **7 (4) Carmers** has G1 entries all over Germany and France. He may pick up the pieces. He may even win, but if not he's a great place play. If want to bet to win, then Rahiebb is the better price at 4/1. Follow the market closely to see how much the Lads are throwing at Scandinavia. This is the Ascot Gold Cup, the most prestigious race of the week. The money has been coming for Trawlerman. I am against. To me that is residual Gosden / Ombudsman money.

R5 11:50 EST Britannia Stakes 1 Mile

This race is impossible. The following 9 horses in my place pot at the time of writing, though maybe become 6 in a few hours time. The horses should be gravitating to the Stand's side, hence the preponderance of high drawn horses on the short list. Some jockey bookings to note. Young Buck Zac Lloyd in town from Australia to ride Moonfall. James McDonald aboard New Connection for Wathnan, but poorly draw. I actually prefer the 3rd string Wathnan (by jockey bookings) Exclusive Code, but he is drawn even worse. Stephane Pasquier - King of the Quinte - in town from France for Charly. Good to have one or two on the other side in case they overwater the Grandstand side. Up and coming jockey Kaiya Fraser gets the Eustace call for Outback Heat. That would a great story. The game needs youth from the cities to get involved.

1 (26) Pathein 28/1
3 (9) Organise 9/1
11 (27) Wechaad 10/1
15 (4) Chay 50/1
20 (18) Outback Heat 12/1
21 (21) St Anton 16/1
27 (28) Moonfall 10/1
30 (3) Exclusive Code 16/1
31 (24) Winding Stream 66/1

R6 12:35 EST G3 Hampton Court Stakes 1 Mile 2 F

3 (7) Endorsement 7/4 Fav

3 Stars

No strong opinion. This is for horses who haven't measured up or have lowered their sights. I would love to find a price, but I am nonplussed by those lining up and have defaulted to the O'Brien Fav. This horse did have entries in other Ascot races, but perhaps the decision to runs shows the Lads also saw the best opportunity to win.

R7 13:10 EST Buckingham Palace Stakes 7 F

11 (28) Blue Brother 8/1
5 (22) Golden Mind 40/1

4 Stars

2 Stars

The Wathnan 2nd Fav has been off for a year, but has pointing to Royal Ascot since last year. He didn't make the cut for the Royal Hunt Cup, but has winning form at 7 F. I also like the 5 (22) Golden Mind 40/1. Up to the G3 company last time in a hot race at Epsom won Ten Bob Tony, but didn't act on the soft. Good draw. Conditions to suit. I will be playing the horse with my book offering 6 places. Your ADW may only offer 3 places, so bet accordingly.

Friday

R1 09:30 EST Albany Stakes 6F

The fillies go at it here and Sun Goddess 11/8 for O'Brien is the horse to beat. However, this is a 25 horse race and the fillies can get worked up in the Sun. **The best advice is don't bet the race.** If you playing exotics, my place pot short list is currently this:

5 (7) Dark Issue 14/1
14 (3) Libertango 17/2
15 (23) Light of Dawn 7/1
20 (8) Silent Beauty 11/2
21 (17) Sun Goddess 11/8
23 (15) Topaz 25/1

R2 10:05 EST G1 Commonwealth Cup 6F

10 (21) Outfielder 20/1 EW 4 places

3 Stars

Venetian Sun is the obvious Fav., but it is hard to take 6/4 in a 22 horse race. Albert Einstein 7/1 may eventually salute for O'Brien. This was their next great thing. Wathnan's Division is now great price at 12/1.

You won't get 20/1 on a Wesley Wad's Outfielder on USA books, but with 4 places on offer and a high draw, that's the way I have bet it. I will include Venetian Sun, Albert Einstein and Division in an exotic.

R3 10:40 EST Duke of Edinburgh Stakes 1 Mile 4 F

7 (18) Nighttime Dancer 16/1

5 Stars

A wide open affair. There a few I like in here and may use them in horizontal and vertical plays. They are 3 (10) Mondo Man. Fifth in the Prix du Jockey Club a couple of years ago, a race won by Look de Vega and 4th behind Calandagan at Royal Ascot t two years ago. Sold to Ryan Moore's father for hurdling career, but now back at it on the flat. This is a good recipe for Middle Distance to Long Distance horses, so watch out. Soumllion booked. 5 (13)Emit gets Ryan Moore. I have tipped up that horse here before. No dice, but must be fitter now and ready as he'll ever be. Class horse for the Greeks. 9 (4) Omni Man for Joseph and Dylan, the form pair.

I would let the money come for the three Wartnan horses and the King's horse. This should ensure we get a juicy double figure on what I feel is the class horse in the race, **7 (18) Nighttime Dancer** for Richard Hannon. Checks notes: The horse had Classic entries as a 3yr old. Ghaiyyath is a hot stallion. Tidy return this season when 4th at Newmarket, 3 lengths behind Daiquiri Bay (remember him on Tuesday). Will improve for that.

R4 11:20 EST Coronation Stakes 1 Mile

4 (5) Precise 4/5

4 Stars

Stablemate True Love maybe best suited by the stiff mile, but Precise is the play. Betting at that price is your business. Nothing else will challenge.

R5 12:00 EST Sandringham Stakes 1 Mile

20 (30) Green Carrera 20/1 EW

2 Stars

This is tough. The Fav 7 (20) Seet 5/1 gets Ryan Moore for Shadwell. That's the most likely winner. Note Ryan Moore's son Toby Moore picks up a ride here on 16 (14) Blingy Star 50/1 - that could get involved and that would be a story. Father and son neck and neck to the line. However, I am returning to the **20 (30) Green Carrera 20/1**. I tipped this horse last time. He was held up and glided to the lead in the furlong, but was then almost nabbed on the line. The stiff mile may not suit, but the horse gets in with less weight and a great draw in 30. Dylan Browne McMonagle cannot do the weight, so Mikael Barzalona flies in from France for the ride. The horse was sold to US connections in recent weeks. Munir and Soeude have cashed in. And why not? This race is only for £63,000, that's about 80,000. I don't know what Rancho Temscal and Far Fellow Farm paid, but they have got themselves a Lope de Vega filly for their breeding sheds and Royal Ascot jolly to boot. And they may just win this and win again State side for Josphe before she goes to the paddocks. I will be playing Each Way.

R6 12:35 EST G2 King Edward VII Stakes 1 Mile 4 F

6 (3) Water to Wine 11/10

4 Stars

The George Strawbridge horse is the logical win bet for Gosden and Buick. The 2 (6) Causeway for O'Brien could upstart the apple cart, but I am firmly with the Strawbridge horse. You will hear more of him.

R7 Palace of Holyroodhouse Handicap 5 F

6 (31) Bacio 14/1

3 Stars

I playing the Wesley Ward with the fast ground and good draw over the 5 Furlongs. Group or Graded horse in a handicap? Maybe!