

TEAM HHH
International Racing Tip Sheet
July 26-27, 2025
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The richest race on the British calendar is the Gr 1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on Saturday which has a purse of Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousands balloons or a roughly a Million bucks. A mid Summer Classic something akin to the Travers at Saratoga where the 3 yr old and 4 yr old often clash. This year is an exception as no 3 yr olds are entered. It is only a 5 horse field and I like the French Fav. I am pressed for time, so this Tip Sheet will be brief.

Ascot

R4 10:00 EST Moët Chandon Intl Handicap 7 F

19 (11) Classic 8/1. In form. Won last time over a mile. Cuts back. Draw should fav high drawn, but likely to break well and hopefully hold on.

R5 10:35 am EST BetFred Handicap

7 (12) Supido 12/1 Former French based 2 yr who ran in Group contests on the continent. Now with Ian Williams, a dual purpose trainer who can get them fit. Was a 100/1 at Royal Ascot when finishing 5th. Recently gelded. This is easier. Horse will be stronger. Gets Billy the Kid Loughnane.

R6 11:10 am EST King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes Gr1. 1 Mile 4F

1 (4) Calandagan, 7/4. Will excel on the firm ground. Has won at Ascot before.

R8 12:15 pm EST Whispering Angel Handicap 5F

1 (6) Aramram 11/4. Cutting back to the minimum distance. Ryan Moore sticking around for the last race.

York

R2 09:00 EST Sky Bet Dash 6F

The easy move would be to pick Pocklington. The wise guy horse for which the money has been coming, but I am throwing up **4 (18) Korker 20/1** who I touted at Royal Ascot, who ran well for 8th in a field of 30 despite being on the wrong side of the track. Gets a nice draw here and Jack Nicholls is the useful bug who takes off 7 lbs.

R3 09:40 Sky Bet Stakes Gr2.

The Fav Alamaqam has an Arc entry and should be tough, hence he is 10/11 overnight Fav. Hong Kong owner Marc Chan has two in the race and both are very capable, particularly Stanhope Gardens 4/1 who was a well touted horse for Epsom and who also an Arc entry. But one ignores Jessica Harrington at your peril and her Marc Chan Irish raider, Green Impact 9/1 did have a King George entry this week and did beat Delacroix as a 2 yr old last year. However, I refuse to ignore the outsider of the field **3 (7) Ecureuil Secret 28/1** who bounced in a Group race last time, with the ground too firm. York had a lot of rain this week and although the track is drying, it won't be an airport runway. I would be looking to play the 4 yr old Ecureuil Secret underneath in Exactas and Trifectas, with a few Shekels to beat these aforementioned, heralded 3 yr olds.

R4 10:20 am EST Jump Jockeys Handicap 5 F

3 (15) Air Force One 12/1

R5 10:50 am EST Sky Bet Fans Handicap 1 Mile 4

2 (6) Kildare Legend 11/4 Tipped up this horse before at a big double figure and he was nabbed on the line after leading the whole way. This is easier.

Chester

R4 Bierra Moretti Handicap 6F

3 (3) Andesite 13/2 Horses promised a lot last year and was well touted at Royal Ascot 2024 before being a late scratch. Needed the run last time. Gets a cosy draw around a tight track. 2nd up after a gelding. Confidence boasting opportunity, which he should take.

Sunday

Munich

R6 08:10 EST Grosser Fallmayr-Preis Bayerisches Zuchttrennan Gr1 1 Mile 2 F

Calif ran a creditable 3rd, 2 lengths behind Japanese besst Tastiera at Sha Tin in April. He should be close despite the layoff. Oisín Murphy is in town riding for Godolphin aboard Tornado Alert, but is his 3 1/2 length 2nd to Aiden O'Brien's Trinity College in a Gr3 at Royal Ascot good enough?

The best of the Germans maybe Lazio was 3rd in the recent German Derby at Hamburg, but that was really a two horse race. I am following the Qatari money here with James Doyle is in town to ride **3 (3) Map of Stars** for Francis Henri Graffard and Wathnam. I think we can put a line though his awful left it too late, but ran on strongly for 4th in the Prince of Wales at Royal Ascot. The form has been franked with winner Ombudsman going down by a nose in the Gr1 Eclipse at Sandown. The horse has an Arc entry and this will be his Gr1 in the bag, should that prove a bridge too far. He probably goes off Fav

Greyville

The big carnival maybe the Durban July, but Gold Cup Day at Greyville is a day for the connoisseurs with 4 Group 1 races to close out the Durban racing season. There is sure to be at least one USA ADW or bookie who offers prices on this card. All y'all folks have a potential South African winner at the Breeders Cup this year. Just saying.

R4 08:35 am EST Douglas Whyte Stakes Gr1 1 Mile

The 2 yr old fillies renew acquaintances with **1 (1) Golden Palm** in town from Port Elizabeth, the likely odds on Fav and winner. I tried to beat her on Durban July Day, but won't be doing so on Sunday.

R5 Champion Stakes Gr1 1 Mile

The 2 yr old boys face off for the Championship and this is a belter. The money came for Tin Pan Alley on Durban July day, but the horse finished a wonky 3rd searching for a gap that seemed just about to open, but never did. S'manga Khumalo retains the ride for Sean Tarry. The horse is a contender, as two horses who beat him last time, Chronicle King and Malmesbury Missile. However, I am chancing a horse Mike De Kock has kept away from the Durban July meet craziness, and that is his Johannesburg shipper, **3 (3) Jan Van Goyen**, who is 2 from 3 and looked better when upped in trip from 6F to 7F. Jan Van Goyen gets Callan Murray who back from riding in Hong Kong and Australia. There are no prices available, but you may get anyway from 6/1 to 10/1 on the day.

R6 09:55 am EST Mercury Sprint Gr1 6F

This is one of the historic sprints in South Africa. And as ever, it is a wide open affair with all 16 runners in with a shout. If 13 (13) Tennago had a single digit draw, he'd be my bet — I am sucker for Canford Cliffs horses wherever they are folded. The draw also makes his hard for last year's winner, 14 (14) Surjay. I tipped up **1 (1) Mia Moo** on these pages back in May at a price, maybe 9.1, when she held on in a bunch of four finish to win the South Africa Fillies Gr1 at Scottsville. She returned 13/2 then. She breaks fast and she gets weight from many of her rivals. If she breaks fast again, she'll be hard to peg back, though the pack with the Asiye Phambili, Tennago and Surjay will be closing hard and fast. I am betting she breaks fast, takes advantage of the turn and hold on. She'll still be a price here. You may get 6/1 or more.

R7 10:35 am EST The Gold Cup Gr1 2 Miles

4 (4) King Pelles I tipped up horse to win at 9/2 earlier this month. He won at 2/1 Fav. He should be shorter here. The extra furlong probably helps him. The horse will probably go off south of 2/1 and for me anything north of Even money is value.

R8 11:15 am EST HKJC Champions Cup Gr1 1 Mile 1 F

1 (1) The Real Prince who surprised Eight on Eighteen to win the Durban July at 14/1 will now likely be the knee jerk Fav. Dave The King is a Gr1 winning South African Horse of the Year who this last year. He is the main threat. I could go searching for a price, but I think The Real Prince can handle the additional 7 lbs and his beat of Eight on Eighteen has to be respected.

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