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International Racing Tip Sheet
Everest Day, Randwick
Caulfield Cup Day, Caulfield
British Champions Day, Ascot
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It is hard to find a better day of racing than this: The richest turf race in the world, the **\$20 Million Everest** at a 50,000 plus sold out Royal Randwick, with the world's fastest sprinter Ka Ying Rising attempting to prove he is not just a Chinese Sha Tin specialist. And also the first of the Melbourne Spring Classics, the **149th running of the Caulfield Cup**, with British, Irish, French and Japanese raiders attempting to defeat the up and coming hot local, low weight Australian Fav. and other Group 1 races on both cards, including the Gr1 1,000 Guineas for the fillies at Caulfield and the Gr1 King Charles III at Randwick over the Mile.

A couple hours later it is **British Champions Day**. And for the first time since it was restructured (when historic Newmarket races were swapped in), it finally feels a day befitting of the name, and this despite the best efforts of Frankel and Cirrus des Aigles (with an honourable mention to the boxed in Snow Fairy), a decade or so ago. Saturday is more than one good race. It is a whole card of great races and by far the best racing card in Britain this year, including anything at Royal Ascot and the Glorious Goodwood and York festivals. After a hot and bone dry summer, it has been dry in England for most of October and the going will be good. Astonishing! I am not one for quoting stats that much, but I came across a few this week that highlight the relatively poor records of the top trainers, such as Aiden O'Brien and Charlie Appleby on this day in recent years. Stats all probably enhanced with the preponderance of rain ahead of this meet almost every year. However, tomorrow, the best horses are entered here, bar those Euro stayers who made the trip to Melbourne for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, which has seen R1, the Gr1 Long Distance Cup over 2 Miles come up light in numbers, though the quality of the top three in that market are strong. Otherwise, a number of the top Gr1 horses that may have been exclusively pointed at upcoming international carnivals such as the Breeders Cup and the enticing menu of Japanese autumnal Gr1s and the Hong Kong International Races in December are now entered at Ascot and conditions suggest they will be running their best races. And better still some still yet may pop up at Del Mar for the Breeders Cup in two weeks time or in Asia later in the year.

I have put a play in every race at Randwick given Fox USA will be covering the Everest Live, a few at Caulfield and the whole card at Ascot.

Randwick

R1 21:30 pm EST Friday
Gr3 Reginald Allen Stakes, 7F

4 (8) Lady Pankhurst 10/1 is a 3 yr old filly who well last time at Newcastle for likeable trainer, bar moustached old school trainer, John Sargent. Rachel King rides. No value at the head of the market. The Waller runners will take money and must be feared, especially Chatterly. However, Lady Pankhurst is the most likely of the double figure priced horses. I'll be having a small stakes win bet before bed on Friday night.

R2 10:05 pm EST Friday
Gr3 St Leger Stakes, 1 Mile 5F

6 (2) More Felons 3/1 closed strongly last time in the Metropolitan. The horse is already in the Melbourne Cup, but that could change. The Melbourne Cup handicap is a fluid beast, especially in the two weeks before the Cup. He faces his rivals better at the weights here, so must be live. The British raider **9 (5) Sam Hawkens** for trainer William Haggas (who has Economics returning after a year off in the British Champions Stakes at Ascot later in the day), gets James McDonald and therefore is the default Fav, but perhaps the horse has been purchased and is intended for the bigger Aussie Spring races next year? Then again **1/2 a Million Aussie Bucks** is not a bad prize for a horse that was taking names on provincial English tracks in recent weeks and running for prize money equivalent to value of bags of potato peels. The logical likely contender at a price here could be one of the other Waller runners (of which there are 5), **3 (3) Etna Rosso 10/1**, who sits 36th in the Melbourne Cup Order of Entry. A good win here could give him a 0.5 kg penalty and put him on the bubble of a start in the Melbourne Cup. Maybe box those three in a Trifecta or just play More Felons to win. Don't go crazy.

R3 10:40 pm EST Friday
3 yr old Handicap, 1 Mile

5 (3) Swiftfalcon 11/5 Fav. A highly vaunted 3 yr old last year. Should have the measure of most of these hard knocking older horses. This will be a good sized win bet for me. I will be including in parlays and multiples. Free Money!

R4 11:15 pm EST Friday
Gr3 Asahi Dry Angst Stakes, 1 M

7 (9) Perfumist 11/5 Fav. Beat me two weeks ago. Can repeat, particularly as the most dangerous opposition is drawn (15). But this is no cinch.

R5 11:50 pm EST Friday
The Kosciuszko, 6F

5 (11) Golden Decade 20/1 is the value play. Wide open affair in this prestigious, historic handicap, which is for runners based at Australia's country tracks. Think trainers and horses from Plesanton and Fonner Park getting shipped into Santa Anita for their big race on the undercard of Breeders Cup and what a skull buster that would be for BCBC players. Golden Decade is a great value bet. He gets New Zealand jockey, Mickey Dee, who rode very well in a recent stint in Japan. Horse can get keyed up and will wear ear muffers pre race. If the muffs fit, he will not quit. **11 (13) Clear Thinking 7/2** is by Dubawi (a blood blue hiding in the country) gets in very well at the weights, and is the danger, but she has been found in the market. She probably wins with a low draw, but draws high here. **I may play both as I plan to wake up just before they race.**

She R6 00:25 am EST Saturday
Gr3 Sydney Stakes, 6F

15 (12) Generosity 15/8 Fav has fair collateral form with a couple of the touted wise guy runners in the Everest, Joliestar and Briasa. He is the horse to beat and providing he is not blocked during running he should win. He is 2nd AE for the Everest itself. The draw is tough, but he gets the world's No 1 jockey, James McDonald. He should really be cutting this field and winning this.

R7 01:15 am EST Saturday

Gr1 The Everest, 6F THE AUS\$20 MILLION WORLD'S RICHEST TURF RACE

1 (7) Ka Ying Rising should blow past this field on the numbers. He also gets a sweet draw. So what could trip him up? Firstly, Chinese shenanigans! Ka Ying Rising tends to be an on speed runner and this race now has two other pace angles, the most interesting of which is the late entry Mozu, owned by the other Chinese connections, Yulong, who also have ownership interests in two others in the race, in Magic Time and the closer, Angel Capital. (I won't explain how the slot system works for this race, but you should look it up. It's innovative, just like the drone draw spectacle they pulled off over Sydney Harbour earlier this week, and exemplifies a forward thinking racing jurisdiction, unlike the UK and most in the USA.) So, could Ka Ying Rising get swamped late? Maybe!

The Yulong plot could also work for other closers, namely Joliestar and my boy, Jimmysstar, both of whom ran some of the fastest closing sectionals on the respective cards in their latest races. If they break fast, Zac Purton knows enough not to get into a pace dual, but Overpass has jailbreak potential. Then he has another concern as he'll have James McDonald on Joliestar and Damian Lane on Lady Shenandoah, two of world's riders on Gr1 winning Mares to his inside. He won't want to get stuck behind those two as they'll make it hard for him to get out. The World Pool price for Ka Ying Rising will be close to 1/6 or worse and not worth the bet. **The play is probably the Superfecta with 4 (11) Jimmysstar 10/1, 5 (4) War Machine 10/1, 8 (3) Angel Capital 20/1, 9 (5) Joliestar 6/1 and 10 (6) Lady Shenandoah 14/1 all underneath Ka Ying Rising** and maybe a line or two with Jimmysstar and Joliestar on top.

I'll be having small win and a big place bet on **4 (11) Jimmysstar** if his price gets overly inflated by the Hong Kong punters pilling into Ka Ying Rising. (It is pity no American trainers have tried to win this race yet. I know Wesley Ward almost tried to go down there three or four years ago. Hopefully, the Bill Mott experience with Parchment Party in the Melbourne Cup will encourage more to try their hand on these shores for these great races. And if smart scheduling shuffling could be done, wouldn't it be great to see a few of Australia's best horses, trainers and jockeys land in California for a future Breeders Cup. It just takes a little innovation and planning that's all.)

R8 01:50 am EST

Gr3 Silver Eagle 6 1/2 F

1 (12) Linebacker actually beat Ka Ying Rising in a trial at Randwick last week, but his target is the Gr1 Golden Eagle in a few weeks time. The connections won't want him cooked for that and being drawn 12 risks that. I have bet the consistent Adelaide shipper, **9 (3) Sabaj 5/1**. I am sweet on him. The connections have switched trainers for this to local trainer Mick Price and have given him entries in all the big Spring races. He's has a 60% win 100% place record in some of South Australia's better races. This is very winnable for him and I have made a fair sized win bet on him at 5/1.

R9 02:35 am EST, (11:35 pm PST Fri)
Gr1 King Charles III, 1 Mile

5 Million Aussie dollars is the pot here and William Haggas is back again with Lake Forest for owner and gambler extraordinaire, Tony Bloom. He's good and had already successfully raided Australia for a big Gr1 over shorter and soft, when he beat Japanese Gr1 winner Ascoli Piceno, who hated the soft that day and top French sprinter Lazzat in the 7 1/2 furlong Gr1 Golden Eagle. Lazzat also didn't appreciate the soft and didn't see Lake Forest getting whipped furiously by the young and subsequently heavily banned and fined C. Fallon, flashing up the inside. The gamble to ship here was maybe because he is a better horse now and would get soft going again, but the track is closer to firm and he's going to run into a buzz saw of salty Aussie Gr1 milers, such as Mr Brightside and Pride of Jenni, both of whom have returned to winning form this year, as well as the top Gr1 Australia mare in **10 (11) Fan Girl** who generally knocks heads with Via Sistana. She opened at 3/1 both because she was drawn wide and because there is a lot of sentimental coin on Mr Brightside and Pride of Jenny. Ordinarily, I'll take James McDonald to put Fan Girl closer to the pace and gobble up the 3/1. At first, it seems a ridiculously good price for the best horse, long plotted for this race. But the pace will be fast and this may take Fan Girl's finishing kick away. The books know that. So instead I am now torn between landing on the Bjorn Baker's **6 (5) Pericles 9/1** and Fan Girl. Pericles was short of room last time in the Epsom. The Epsom is a race that is often a weak prep. for horses looking to the Victorian Cups, but dynamics are changing and that race is setting horses up for new richer targets in Sydney. The Autumn Sun won this year's race in the 3rd fastest time in the race's history and but for the breaks, the recharged Perciles under his new Godolphin trainer would have been right there, challenging. Nevertheless he finished a decent 3rd, clear of the pack. He is drawn well here and can track the breakaway pace of Pride of Jenni. He is over priced. He can win this, just. Modest win bet advised, though I am tempted to include him in a quinella with Fan Girl. Both will go into a Quaddie Bet, which you can decipher yourselves based on the advice.

R10 03:10 am EST
HK World Pool Conditions Race, 7F

10 (7) World Alliance is drawn well and has afterburners that can win this. The prodigious Zac Lloyd gets the ride. 20 (3) Emirate, a horse I touted last time is 4th AE in this 16 runner field. If he gets a run, I'll be playing him also.

Caulfield

R3 10:25 pm EST, Friday
Gr3 Ethereal Stakes, 10F

Wide open contest for the 3 yr old fillies all trying to find their sea legs. It demands you fish for a price. A possible winner for me is **8 (4) Grand Omaha 12/1** who should be able to sit in the pocket and produce down the lane. She is up in class, but won very well last time with the 3rd horse a distance back. She is by a damn good horse Omaha Beach, who folks state side should remember.

R4 11:00 pm EST, Friday
Gothic Stakes, Listed. 6F

The Godolphin Fav **2 (6) Tentyris 7/4** is the obvious one here. It seems a sure thing to me, 2nd up. Was a strong 3rd in a Gr2 when first up. Mark Zahra up for Anthony and Sam Freedman. By another USA sire, Street Boss. Free money.

R7 00:45 am EST
Gr1 Schweppes 1,000 Guineas, 1 Mile

1 (4) Apocalyptic just destroys this lot. I took the 6/4 yesterday. She is currently Even Money. I did look for a price, but none exist. The most likely winner on the Caulfield card. More free money.

R8 01:30 am EST
Gr3 Moonga Stakes, 7F

Joe Sharp ships **2 (9) Private Eye 2/1** in from Sydney for this. He will get the firm ground he needs. He opened at 2/1 and is already shorter. The 9 gate is not optimal, but 7 furlongs is his bag and he'll have time to cross over and settle. The horse beat better horses over 7 F at Caulfield last year from Gate 7. Connections are here to trouser an easy six figure sum. Fill Your Boots!

R8 02:15 am EST

149th Running Gr1 Caulfield Cup, 1 Mile 4F

Not the deepest Caulfield Cup in history and the race now has to compete with the echo of thousands of Sydney nubile singing Sweet Caroline during the Everest Day at Randwick wafting across State lines. You can't stop progress as the great Bill Heslop always used to say!

The locals seem to think their Fav **15 (2) Half Yours** can only lose if Jamie Mott falls off and they're probably right. The horse gets in at the bottom of the weights and has been spanking all comers. Most of the locally based rivals seem focussed on the Melbourne Cup or are just out of fizz, with the only exception being two Waller runners, **17 (16) Valiant King 20/1** with Jye McNeill riding, an impressive winner of the Gr3 Bart Cummings last time, which got him an exemption into the Melbourne Cup and **6 (15) Land Legend 25/1** for more Chinese connections with Jamie Mott up, also with Melbourne Cup aspirations. That said I would not discount either of them running the risk of getting cooked in this race and incurring a weight penalty for Flemington by winning this. But they are both at base, great EW and place plays. I would also include both of these in Trifecta and Supers. Land Legend was last of 14 last time but had the fastest closing sectional in the field. They are sneaky building into something with him. And if Valiant King now has the hot taps on, why turn them off. This is one of Australia's greatest races and there is 5 Million Aussie Dollars to race for. They'll be racing hard.

As for the internationals, there are four of them racing here, including Golden Snap from Japan. He is a stayer and the target is the Melbourne Cup. He needs to finish 8th or above to meet the criteria for qualifying for Flemington. He'll do that despite the widest draw, but there are others to use in exotics. Irish shipper **5 (1) Absurde** for jumps trainer, Willie Mullins has to be a chance. He is proven at the Middle distance, despite wanting further. And the horse does have a kick, if needed. **4 (5) Meydaan** (with Atzeni in town from Hong Kong for the ride) is a big Imposing grinder from the Crisford barn in the UK with close form lines to Giavellotto (which Atzeni himself also rode last time at Longchamp when 3rd in the Arc) and Kalpana, who was 7th in the Arc and the 9/4 Fav for the Fillies and Mares at Ascot later today. Meydaan is the right 2nd Fav has to be a moral for all 4 places in a Super. And finally, Pasquier is in town from France to ride **2 (8) Presage Nocturne 33/1** for Italian, French based trainer, Alessandro Botti. This horse has been running in 2 mile Group races in France in recent times and is being aimed at Flemington on the first Tuesday of November (a much more feasible target now that hot Fav Sir Delius failed their rigorous advance vet check), but you discount Pasquier at your peril in a race like this. He was Calandagan's jockey before Barzalona got the Aga Khan job and he'd love nothing more than to be in the Paris Turf headlines before Calandagan goes in the Champion Stakes at Ascot. The horse has French handicap form at this distance and he's going to be contesting this every inch late. Include underneath for a First Four / Superfecta bet.

So my short list for First Four aka Superfecta in the Caulfield Cup is:

- 1 (5) Absurde
- 2 (8) Pasage Nocturne
- 4 (4) Meydaan
- 6 (15) Land Legend
- 15 (2) Half Yours
- 17 (16) Valiant King

You can play this at 10 Cents a line for a total of \$36, if your USA books feeds into the local Aus tote as they do here, The Australian First Fours on big races like this can pay 5 and 6 figures for a buck. 10% of that is a very nice win for a small stakes fun bet.

BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

Ascot

The gates at Ascot will be opening a couple of hours after the last race at Randwick. The world really is a Hippodrome.

R1 07:55 am EST

Gr1 Long Distance Cup, 2 Miles

A 5 runner race with the best of the Euro stayers either running in the Caulfield Cup or in still in quarantine for the Melbourne Cup. That said, the new Daddy of the Stayers, 3 (2) Trawlerman stays in town for this. He would be weighted too high to win in Melbourne and the connections have their own races for this horse in Dubai early next year. If you want to take him on, however, and 5 (3) Stay True 5/1 seems the obvious place to land. He is from the last crop of Galileo, which will be significant for connections. In other news, Stay True has been given an entry for the Japan Cup on Nov 30th. They rate him. Of course he could be pointed to Japan to set the pace for Minnie Hawk or he could be a late developing top gun. Either way, he's no handicapper, so must be a minor threat getting 7 lbs off Trawlerman. Aiden O'Brien also has the 66/1 Saratoga riding shotgun for him. He's my small stakes Win bet. The quirky Sweet William 5/1 is the Wise Guy horse in the UK, but he sometimes takes a nudge to get running. I don't like him in a small field. Al Qareem (who won for us on these pages two weeks ago) is currently 12/1 and will drift to a higher price on the day. If one or more of the main protagonists looks off their game in the paddock or going to post, Al Qareem would be a good horse to use in an exacta, though maybe the best advice I can offer is **DON'T BET THE RACE**. There's no value. Enjoy your Twinkies and Coffee instead and prepare for the full fields ahead.

R2 08:30 am EST

2 yr old Conditions Stakes

A rare combination of Brit degenerates and sophisticated punters will be playing the odds-on Godolphin double here. With Trawlerman 4/7 into **12 (3) Words of Truth 5/6**. I can hardly blame them as Words of Truth towers over the field on known form. The Coolmore entries seem Kansas and Mission Central seems 2nd Division, ditto Wathnan's Division the 11/2 2nd Fav. This calls for finding a 50/1 shot and playing a **place bet** on the **World Pool**. And that horse would be **10 (8) Super Soldier 50/1** for the in form Karl Burke barn. Super Soldier was only half a length behind Godolphin's recent Middle Park Gr 1 winner Wise Approach at Ascot in April this year. He may not have matched up in Group company since, but this isn't a Group race. He is value at half the price. It's a value stab. Proceed with caution. **9 (5) Siren Suit 7/1** for John Gosden was an emphatic winner on the Tapeta at Kempton last week and may be the sensible win bet, if you must.

R3 09:05 am EST

Gr 1 Sprint Stakes, 6F

The top two in the market are very hard to split. **8 (7) Lazzat 3/1 Fav** for Francis Henri Graffard and Wathan is the right Fav, but **14 (20) Big Mojo** gets the good ground he needs (otherwise he would have skipped this for Del Mar and or Sha Tin in December) and a favourable high draw. The other well known Wathnan horses including last year's winner A Kind of Blue and Flora of Bermuda may need soft going to be truly effective. The same goes for several others including Montassib, Art Power and Ten Bob Tony, who was 3rd in the 7F Foret on Arc day. The supplemented Rayevka for the Aga Khan was withdrawn from the Abbey on Arc day because of the soft going. This makes him a minor player from stall 13 at 12/1, but I'll only advise using him underneath in Trifecta at best. No others pass my smell test, except **3 (12) Inisherin**, who I will use more liberally along all lines in the Trifecta. I have always rated the horse and his trainer can't stay on the cold list forever. And **7 (17) King Cuan 20/1** who could arrive late on the tailcoats of Big Mojo, if his recent place in a Curragh Gr3 is an indicator of his upwardly mobile form. So it's a four horse race for mine, two Favs and two others who could pop up at prices. I'll play those four in a boxed Tri. I have already had a win on Big Mojo at 5/1 and may have another if his price drifts up on the morning of the race.

R4 09:45 am EST

Gr1 Fillies and Mares Stakes, 1 Mile 4F

Kalpana 5/2 and Estrange 10/3 head the market. Kalpana ran an admirable 7th in the Arc, but was always said to favour soft ground, which she so won't get here. Estrange was pulled from the Arc because of a poor scope / bad draw, pick your excuse. I prefer bad draw (but if they admitted that, they'd be fined). She is also said to prefer soft going, which she also won't get here. There are obvious reasons to oppose both here, despite their reputations. It invites finding a horse at a juicy price. **6 (5) Quisisana** ran no race in the Arc, but is 7/1 here because apparently Barzalona jumped off Latakia to take the ride or so they say. I am against at that price, though the ground will favour her. I could be tempted tomorrow morning if the books offer double figures. I tipped up **5 (10) One Look** in the Prix de Opera on Arc day. She was held up. James Doyle followed See the Fire as far as she would take her and another few yards, she wins. Her draw here helps her style. She will be cut loose when Doyle chooses the time is right. I have no doubt she gets the distance based on how she took off in the final furlong at Longchamp. The Wathnan folks have plenty of horses running for them on this card. They didn't need to supplement One Look to enhance their jolly day out at the races. They supplemented her because she can win. **10 (6)**

Wemighttakedlongway 10/1 was right on One Look's heels at Longchamp and needed more pace in Paris. Remember, she was a 1 1/4 length 2nd to Minnie Hawk in the Irish Oaks. She has to be worthy of small win bet also. **8 (2) Bedtime Story** was an unlucky 7th in the Gr 1 Prix de Royallieu over 1 Mile 6F on the Saturday of Arc weekend. The cut back will help her. She has also been entered in the Japan Cup. She has won at Ascot before. She could pop up at a price. She was 2nd in the Prix Diane, let's not forget. It would be wise to include her in all multiples. **However, I am sticking with One Look 10/1 and Wemighttakedlongway 10/1 as my wins bets.** I will box the said four aforementioned bolded horses in a boxed Trifecta, taking on the two Favs. Remember this is the World Pool. There will be tons of liquidity in Trifecta markets.

R5 10:25 am EST

Gr1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, 1 Mile

Full disclosure: I took the 50/1 on 1 (5) Carl Spackler, Ante Post. The money came for the former American miler after the draw and it's now 33/1 with my main bookie, 20/1 with other bookies.

I still see **11 (14) Field of Gold 2/1** as the horse to beat, despite the long absence after pulling up lame in the Gr Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, with 2nd Fav **8 (15) Rosallion 5/1** - who I retain faith in - not far behind him. They will both be right there. The money has been coming for **10 (8) Fallen Angel**, a Gr1 winning machine against her own sex. She exploded away from the field in Gr1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket. She is rightly now the Wise Guy horse. You have to use her here. I am against everything else, except maybe **14 (2) The Lion in Winter** who had ringworm early in the year and it clearly impacted him this season. This was the hot Guineas and Derby fav earlier this year. His 3rd in the Gr1 Moulin at Longchamp in September may have set him right for this. Ignore him at your peril. **I will use all five stated here the 1, 8, 10, 11 & 14 in a boxed 1 Buck World Pool Trifecta for a total of 60 Bucks**, with longer shot Carl Spackler in Each Way multiples and parlays on UK books, as they are paying 4 places. I can't see that changing in the minutes before the off, unless one of them is particularly on his toes, colty or washed out. Paddock analysis is vital, as ever.

R6 11:05 am EST

Gr1 Champions Stakes, 1 Mile 2F

It is very difficult to separate three main protagonists here. It is hard to see anything breaking into their cartel. **I favour 2 (7) Calamdagan most and have played him earlier this week when he was overpriced at 7/2.** He's now 5/2. The drifter today is **9 (4) Delacroix** who is now 10/3, after being 11/4 all week. Meanwhile **6 (9) Ombudsman** has been tightening all week, now into 15/8 from 5/2.

I played **8 (6) Almeric a month ago at 16/1**, expecting soft ground. He could still be the real deal. He has never raced on anything better than soft. They have saved him for this since dynamic wins in the Spring. Oisín Murphy sticks with him despite having the chance to stay with the up and coming and in hot form, Fox Legacy. For that reason, I'll use Almeric (although maybe Murphy gave his word when he also it would be soft) on one line in 3rd in a Trifecta. Almaqam has been drifting. He needs soft. And what to do about Economics? The next big thing since this time last year before was pulled up at this very meet with "issues". Maybe bleeding issues, though that was denied by connections. I suspect we'll see more of him in the Middle East and Asia in the months ahead, but he could give these a test as a fresh horse and it behoves you to use him underneath in one line of a Trifecta, just in case.

Calamdagan is my Win bet. And I would include Almeric and Economics below in a Tri with Ombudsman, Calamdagan and Delacroix.

Or put it another way: Buick vs Barzalona vs Soumllion vs Murphy or Marquand.

It doesn't get any better.

R7 11:40 am EST

Balmoral Handicap, 1 Mile

A classic Ascot charge of the light brigade to end the day. It is super tempting to search for a price, but the **Fav 2 (8) Native Warrior 9/2** who is up 6lbs for his facile win two weeks ago at Ascot, looks like a big horse that can handle the extra weight and an extra furlong required here. (Outrageous that our jurisdictions don't care to weigh the horses for us and we punters don't care to complain about the absence of such vital data set.) On the morning of the race as the bookies compete for custom, he will surely drift up to 6/1 or higher, I'll play him then.

It would be rude not to try to put up an exotic suggestion and a long priced play here. So:

10 (11) Fifth Column 7/1 has to be a contender for Godolphin, with Buick for Gosden. Ditto **6 (5) Cerulean Bay 11/1** for David O'Meara, who maybe drawn a tad too low, as the pace for the race seems likely to come from the high drawn horses, but he is progressive and gets Danny Tudhope. Both will have to go into exotics. Another with a low draw to contend with is his stablemate, **17 (6) Theoryofeverything 40/1**. He was 5th behind Cerulean Bay last time, shaping like the winner.

Otherwise, I am most intrigued by **4 (18) Witch Hunter 20/1** for Richard Hannon. Joe Leavy rides. He may drift up closer to the off because the jockey is unknown and the horse is not getting in with a light weight. Punters may feel he is carrying too much weight. But on the positive side of the ledger, he is by Siyouni, a class sire at this distance, is in form with a fine win late last month on the Tapeta at Newcastle, likes good ground and is drawn very well in 18. He has won a big 29 runner field handicap at Ascot before.

I advise keying **4 (18) Witch Hunter** and **17 (6) Theoryofeverything** in back wheel Trifectas with a bunch of others such as **2 (8) Native Custom**, **3 (19) Godwinson 25/1**, **5 (1) Ebt's Guard**, **6 (5) Cerulean Bay**, **7 (17) Golden Mind 50/1**, **10 (11) Fifth Column 7/1**, **12 (14) Shout 6/1**, **13 (23) Crown of Oaks 6/1** and **15 (22) Oliver Show** or just play them both EW, depending on how places and what price the UK books offer on the day.

Crush Your Bets!