

TEAM HHH
#6 International Racing Tip Sheet
May 24-25, 2025

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The first of the Irish Classics go at the Curragh this weekend, with Oisín Murphy and Ryan Moore going to toe to toe with the best of the Irish. There is also strong racing in the UK with William Buick up at the metro Liverpool track Haydock, which hosts a couple of Gr2s and Stakes races down South at Goodwood as James Doyle returns from a broken collar bone and has an “Opportunity” to score. A few Royal Ascot types may also pop up in the provinces at tracks like Beverley. Six weeks of scorching Spring weather and rattling fast tracks was not on anyone’s bingo card, but rain has arrived in the UK and Ireland. It could have a major impact on the Irish 2000 Guineas market on Saturday morning, hence the tip sheet will be submitted and sent out on Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, South Africa’s focus is now firmly on Greyville as the best horses from the Cape (Cape Town) and the Highveld (Johannesburg) and a few from Port Elizabeth all converge on Durban for a few months culminating with Africa’s biggest race, the Durban July. Saturday sets the scene with the Gr1 Daily News 2000 with the Gr1 Met winner Eight on Eighteen with Champion Jockey Richard Fourie in the irons and looking overs at 1/2. Finally on Sunday there is the final Gr1 of the Chinese season with the Champions and Chater Cup at Sha Tin. Tom Marquand making the trip from the UK for that. There is also the Yushun Himba (the Japanese Oaks) at Toyko, with Damian Lane and Michael Dee in town from Australia and veteran great German jockey Andrasch Starke also jockeyed up. We end Sunday with a Gr 1 at Longchamp on Sunday also and the German 1,000 Guineas at Düsseldorf, in which I love a local taking on the British and French raiders. A lot to get through. I am going to try to limit the word count.

The Curragh, Ireland

R2 08:55 EST 7. (1) Romzino cutting back after decent first up effort. Gets 10lbs from the Fav. Lots to like about this Aga Khan filly that has been kept in training. Ground should suit. Great price 13/2.

R3 09:30 EST 13. (2) Ceallach 11/1. Was a neck 2nd when 2nd up. Weighted well below best winning mark. Cosy draw. Great price for a horse in form.

R4 10:05 EST 7. (9) Storm Boy 2/1. Justify colt from Australia being aimed at Royal Ascot. Plenty of English raiders for the Gr2 prize money, but the lads from Coolmore have a Gr1 who should squat these. Royal Ascot is only a month away. He’ll be as ready as he’ll ever be.

R5 10:40 EST Irish 2,000 Guineas 4. (9) Field of Gold 11/10. I cannot desert what was the moral winner of the English 2,000 Guineas. Irish Champion jockey Colin Keane takes over. It should dominate. However, **5. (4) Hotazhell** (a horse I tipped for the French 2,000 Guineas, but was pulled apparently because of the firm going) gets my value money, particularly with the overnight rain taking firm out of the description. It is probably still good ground, but that's what he needs. He is currently 9/1.

R6 11:15 am EST 5. (18) Skukuza A likely English Group horse pops in an Irish handicap for a good money with Ryan Moore renewing his acquaintance with Ed Dunlop. You may get as high as 4/1 given his wide draw.

Haydock, UK

R3 09:25 EST 3. (7) Francophone. Was Fav for her opener last month. Didn't win, but came in a respectable 2 length 4th. This filly by Study of Man has the Deep Impact genes on top and Frankel below. Great value at 9/1. Won a listed contest this time last year. The Godsden Fav head the market here and should win on the numbers, but I think Francophone still has potential.

R4 10:00 EST Symbol of Honour returns a week after winning a listed contest at Newbury for Charlie Appleby and William Buick. It is a very tempting to bet a strike while the iron is hot type of horse, but **2. (1) Arizona Blaze** is also a hot horse and just a touch better. The Irish raider is also better value at 9/2 in this Gr2 contest, another warming up for the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

R5 10:30 EST 5. (9) Twillight Calls was held up in last under Jamie Spencer on his return at Newmarket three weeks ago. This is highly competitive and I like all three at the top of the market, but Twillight Calls also has a shot at winning and he is 20/1. If the UK had liquid exotic bets I would be playing Tris and Supers with this horse.

Goodwood, UK

R1 3. (1) I like Mr Chaplin who is now 7/1 from 10/1. Gelded and has won in a busy race at Goodwood before. So keep him onside. But I really like 10. (15) Brighton Boy also making his reappearance. UK Bookies offering 5 places. 16/1 is a great price for this versatile grey gelding. You are getting a price because he is first up and drawn wide. The 7 furlongs will give him time to find a seam and there should have been a little rain to take the sting out of the ground.

R2 09:05 EST The early overnight money has come for the Ralph Beckett horse Amiloc. They're all tipping it. This means **3. (4) Opportunity** has drifted out to 10/3. James Doyle is back from injury riding for Wathnan again. He was impressive over this classic distance earlier this year at Haydock. He could be a late contender to the Derby market. I'll playing him.

Beverley, UK

Four of the first Favs look tough at Beverly, in particular Tarriance 8/15, Ali Shuffle 9/4, Old is Gold 11/8 and Diligent Resdev 2/1. Watch the market, particularly the first race of the Wathnam horse Naval Light who is taking on Old is Gold. Royal Asoct pointer this race.

Catterick, UK

R7 12:13 EST 2. (2) Ancient Times is another good Fav, but the rain brings **5. (7) Vince Lombardi** into this, particularly if one or two may scratch. I will be playing the forecast here.

Greyville, South Africa

R5 07:55 EST 1. (1) Blackberry Malt gets into this very well weighted. Can go the extra distance (judging by his ears pricked gallop out last time over 2 furlongs shorter) and that distance will hinder the better rated horses who are carrying 10-12 lbs more. This listed contest is his Super Bowl. You may get 6/1.

R6 08:30 EST 9. (9) Give Me Everything is the play of the day at Greyville. You may get as high as 3/1 on this horse given it is a 13 runner field.

R7 09:12 EST 7. (7) Eight On Eighteen should thump this field, hence the likely price of 1/2. Winner of the Gr1 Met at Kenilworth. This is much easier. It seems rivals have been frightened off.

Sunday, May 25

I am going to be brief here.

Sha Tin, Hong Kong

R7. 03:40 EST 4. (6) Max Que. Met heavy traffic last night. Finished strongly. Hugh Bowman keeps the ride. Strong fancy this.

R8. 04:10 EST The last Gr1 of the Hong Kong season **10.(9) Bundle Award.** I am not convinced Voyage Bubble gets the distance and Dubai Honour has gone to the well too many times. I don't think he'll enough speed over the final yards. I am taking a swing with Bundle Award who a Gr3 at the distance earlier this month and showed a great kick down the lane. Italian jockey Andrea Atzeni to knock off the visiting Tom Marquand and James McDonald.

Tokyo, Japan

R11 02:40 EST 5. (5) Lynx Tip It has been a while since Micro Demuro has won a big race in Japan, but he is due and Lynx Tip by the stayer Kitasan Black gives him a great chance. Probably goes off 3rd Fav (maybe 9/2) as the money will gravitate to the 1st and 2nd in the Oka Sho (1,000 Guineas).

The Curragh, Ireland

R2 08:55 EST Albert Einstein will likely be Fav for the Coolmore, but **2. (2) Andab** for Josph O'Brien has been just as impressive and will get my money. No market yet.

R3 09:30 EST It is hard to take on Porta Fortuna, but you must. There are plenty of options and you'll get a price. **8. (1) Vera's Secret** was very impressive first up winning a Gr 3 by 4 lengths. A lot was promised for Azada, the Aga Khan filly. She is first up. Birthe could have improved now with Joseph O'Brien after racing in France. Rubies from Burma is another who pop up for Henry de Bromhead, primarily a jumps trainer. I'll go with Vera's Secret.

R4 10:05 EST The Gr1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. I'll take **8. (4) White Birch** to turn the form around with Los Angeles, even more so with ease in the ground. Great bet at 11/4.

R5 10:40 EST The Irish 1,000 Guineas. **9. (3) Lake Victoria** 11/10 returns after a 6th place 2 1/2 to Desert Flower in the English 1,000 Guineas. She should be ready now. Hard to oppose, especially as she also has form over soft. It may be good to soft by Sunday.

Longchamp, France

R5 09:45 EST The Gr1 Prix D'Ispahan. I just love the Hong Kong owned, John Gosden trained, deep Japanese pedigree with Galileo underneath of **2. (5) Sardinian Warrior** in this 9 1/2 furlong contest. The horse is progressive and this is his first real test in Group Company. Soumllion booked. 7 horse field with Sosie probably the right Fav for the Wertheimers. Alcantor and Elmaka (last year's English 1,000 Guineas winner are no slouches), so the price should be fair, maybe 7/2.

Düsseldorf

R6 10:15 EST The German 1,000 Guineas sees a Team Valour and Gary Barber horse Anshoda taking a shot for David Loughnane with his son Billy the Kid riding, along with Ollie Sangster trained Ellaria Sand also shipping from the UK. Two powerhouse connections Juddmonte and Al Shaqab have runners shipping from France. However, I was super impressed with **9. (2) Santagada's** win at Cologne

last time. Leon Wolff played him perfectly and he showed a great turn of foot over the distance. He should be a price the given the preponderance of foreign raiders.