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International Racing Tip Sheet
January 10th, 2025
Kenilworth, Cape Town - South Africa

It is **King's Plate in Cape Town**, a massive day in South Africa racing. The weather will be sunny and in the 80s. The going will be good to firm. The wind will be between 6 and 15 mph, so no concerns there. The track has been speed favouring enhanced by an early season low cut of grass. There should be a perfect cushion of grass on Saturday. Advantage the best horses and the best jockeys.

The Kenilworth track hosts a 10 race card with the **G1 King's Plate, "A Win and You're In" to the Breeders' Cup Mile**, the **G1 Paddock Stakes over 9 furlongs a free entry into the Filly & Mare Turf** and the **G1 Cape Flying over 5 Furlongs a berth into the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint**. Last year's winner of the King's Plate was One Stripe. I touted him strongly at Del Mar in November, but he was not match fit. He is a world class Grade 1 horse as he showed at Gulfstream recently. He will be a force in US racing this year. The winner of this year's King's Plate promises to be as good or better, with Global Gr1 targets ahead of him.

The action begins at **05:25 EST, with the first G1 set to jump at 08:25 EST**. The card is a **World Pool** event, so play with your ADW that is plugged into the World Pool. This should ensure some juicy exotic dividends. The last three races on the card beginning with G1 King's Plate are offered as Treble on the World Pool. Maybe some intrepid reader could let me which US ADW is part of the World Pool, if any. If not, no worries as Kenilworth will be covered by most US books and I hope to find you a few winners.

Ireland's Oisín Murphy (UK champion Jockey) and German rider Rene Piechulek (winner of the Arc de Triomphe) are both in the Mother City for the big day. Murphy has a ride in every race. Follow the Jockey!

There are numerous local betting sites, but I advise following the odds board at **Hong Kong Jockey Club site**. There are links on that to a horse's PPs. You can go deep there. You can also view South African racing replays on the UK's At The Races website.

<https://bet.hkjc.com/en/racing/wp/2026-01-10/S1/1>

I will cover every race and hint at exotic plays, but for the purposes of maintaining a clear ROI. I will "advise" only WIN bets and also list them in a box below.

R1 05:25 EST This is a 5 furlong race for debutants and lightly raced horses, so not a race to offer an WIN bet for office tip sheet ROI purposes. Oisín Murphy was riding his lowest weight on the card in this race for Justin Snaith, and I was sweet on his horse, but Sweet Green scratched on Friday. Champion trainer Justin Snaith also two others in the race, the pick being 10 (10) Champagne Castle with South African champion Jockey, Richard Fourie. The horse was an encouraging 2 length 3rd in his debut and then blew the field away second up in a fast time under a 1 minute. He will go off under 2/1, maybe 7/4. I may play him in a trifecta up top with the 5 (5) Catwalk King who gave Marseille (probably being saved for Met Day in 3 weeks time) a race all the way to the line, with the rest 20 lengths back. The horses to use underneath for me include the unraced 8. Sheshelaza 16/1 for the shrewd, Vaughn Marshall, former trainer of One Stripe and the 12. World Series also for Vaughn Marshall with Gavin Lerena up. 11. Kiartay 16/1 who has run competitively may improve with Rene Piechulek on board for Herman Brown. The best advice maybe to sleep through the opener and stay fresh for the rest of the card. Such races can be minefields, though I will probably be itching to find a way to play those said five horses in some fashion.

R2 06:00 EST is a 6 Furlong affair. It is hard to decide between the two favoured Justin Snaith horses. Think Chad Brown with a Klarevich and a Juddmonte and Irad and Prat booked on each. So I advise taking a small stakes exotic approach and will be playing 10. Pink Pigeon 6/1 (Fourie aboard) and 11. Wild Applause 7/2 (Murphy up), but because both have tough draws, I'll be including 1. Shesgotclass 5/1 with Grant van Niekerk because she's generally in the money and 2. Miss World 10/1, the perennial bridesmaid with my apple of my bug eye, Brevan Plaatjies riding. He'll make sure she's right there from the 2 hole. The 9. Sohot Sowhat 10/1 is a must include in all exotics. **A boxed 5 horse 0.50 cent Tri for \$30** is how I would play the race.

Race 3 06:35 EST is tough class 4 handicap over 6 furlongs. I have no strong feelings. The Chinese punters may make 10. Match That, the Snaith Murphy horse too short a Fav. Remember they'll be playing these races during prime time on Saturday night. Maybe look for a late market move. Remember on the Hong Kong tote board, the price will turn Green if there is 25% increase in volume or turn Brown if there is a 50% change.

R4 07:15 EST is the G2 Sceptre Stakes and it's a real hum dinger. I have given out 2 Mia Moo on these pages last year at square price and with Murphy booked, she may well go off Fav. However, I am betting the 3 yr filly, the emphatic winner of the Cape Guineas (that's over a mile folks) in December **10. Quickstepgal** to cut back 2 furlongs and blow the doors off. She matches the best of these on speed figs. Given she is facing older and doesn't have a single figure draw, you may get 5/1 or more, though I'll be happy with 7/2.

WIN BET - 10. QUICKSTEPGAL 5/1

R5 is the G2 Premier Trophy over 9 furlongs. The South Africa players will be locked into the three Snaith runners. Native Ruler and Regulation who head the market and Okavango who gets Murphy. **9. The Equator (IRE)** is a former Aiden O'Brien horse who promised much when shipped to South Africa, but could only manage 5th in the Johannesburg biggest race the G1 Summer Cup at Turffontein. The 5 yr old by Galileo emptied out before the final furlong in that race. I am betting the horse had an issue other than class and we'll hopefully get 7 or 8/1, which is the current price in South African markets. He is below the locals on recent speed figures, but Piechulek is a top rider, a difference maker and I'm betting they are putting the horse the van from Durban because they believe he has a shot and may run better around Kenilworth. His form around York in England suggests he will be suited by the configuration.

WIN BET - 9. THE EQUATOR 7/1

R6 08:25 EST is the first of G1's, the **Paddock Stakes**. This is the hook that brought Oisín Murphy to Cape Town, not to mention it being one of the most beautiful cities in the world at the height of Summer. **5. Double Grand Slam** is currently the Even Money Favourite. I'll be taking the Even Money. I may also use 8. Wish List who ran a late charging 3rd to Quickstepgal in the Cape Fillies Guineas and 4. Rainbow Loriekeet in a Trifecta, if I have any spare shekels, but the WIN bet on Double Grand Slam is confident double your money bet.

WIN BET — 5. DOUBLE GRAND SLAM Evs

R7 is the G1 Cape Flying Championship and 13. Buffalo Street Cody 11/10 is way the horse to beat. He beats his rivals on figures, but this is a 5 furlong sprint and he has been vaned over 1,500 miles from Durban. That's a tough commute. It's hard to advise a WIN bet at the prices, but I must. That said, 1. Tenango's best wins have been over 6 furlongs and he is back on his home track. There has been money for this son of Canford Cliffs. He opened at 6/1 and he is now 9/2. I have advised on the 14. Snow Pilot before although he flopped after a bad ride out wide last time, he will have company with Buffalo Street Cody in the stall just below him. That adjacent speed will give him a target. I will go out on a limb and also offer him WIN bet on this sheet (and will play him in an EW multiple parlay in the UK). Piechulek rides. As you can tell by now, I am fan of Rene Piechulek. For the purposes of the tip sheet I am going to Triple Dip with both **1. Tenango 9/2, 13. Buffalo Stone Cody 11/10 and 14. Snow Pilot 20/1** `Oisín Murphy rides 2. I am Giant, who is Greyville specialist. He is tempting to use underneath, if you want to play the Trifecta with the four said horses.

WIN BET — 1. TENANGO 9/2

WIN BET — 13. BUFFALO STONE CODY 11/10

WIN BET — 14. SNOW PILOT 20/1

R8 is G1 L'Omarins King's Plate. I would love to write a paragraph on each runner, but I am hooked on the only 3 yr in the race, Mike de Kock's **2. Jan Van Goyen**. I have tipped him on this on this tip sheet twice and he has won emphatically twice. This will be his first race against older competitors. He is currently 2/1. I'll take that all day long. Callan Murray retains the ride. Note that Callan Murray won well on Dave the King last time. Dave the King then beat many of the horses who are lining up for this race back in December. There was never any question Murray who would choose Dave the King over Jan Van Goyen. (Incidentally, Ryan Munger is back over from Woodbine in Canada for a stint in South Africa for a few months. He gets the call on Dave the King) Eight on Eighteen alongside One Stripe were the two best horses in South Africa last year, but he has been sick and is coming back off a 189 day layoff. This is two furlongs short of his best. 8. Garrix is a great EW bet at 12/1, but I can't have him collaring Jan Van Goyen.

WIN BET — 2. JAN VAN GOYEN 2/1

R9 is Gr3 contest over 12 1/2 furlongs. **5. Triple Time** gets Oisín Murphy for Justin Snaith. He has to lump 10 lbs more than most of the market rivals, but the old veteran is always bang there and I think Murphy might be the difference. He is 7/1. That's a good value bet.

WIN BET — 5. TRIPLE TIME 7/1

R10 is a 7 furlong handicap to close the card. A low draw is crucial over 7 furlongs at Kenilworth. If Jan Van Goyen wins the King's Plate like a good thing, then you'll have to upgrade the 3 yrs who were also ran in Cape Guineas in December. And the best of those for me is the 1. Beware to scoot home under Richard Fourie for Lucinda Woodruff. The best older horse is 6. Please Be True with Grant van Niekerk booked. I will not advise a WIN BET on this, but the above stated horses are my preferences.

WIN BETS

- R4. 10. QUICKSTEP GAL 5/1**
- R5 9.THE EQUATOR 7/1**
- R6. 5. DOUBLE GRAND SLAM Evs**

- R7 1. TENANGO 9/2**
- 13. BUFFALO STONE CODY 11/10**
- 14. SNOW PILOT 20/1**

- R8 2. JAN VAN GOYEN 2/1**
- R9 5.TRIPLE TIME 5/1**