



ROYAL ASCOT

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The curtain comes down on Royal Ascot 2022 with a fantastic Saturday card, featuring names such as **Hurricane Lane**, **Campanelle**, **Creative Force** and **Broome**. Outside of the headline contests, events such as the Wokingham Stakes and the Chesham Stakes serve up further enticing puzzles for punters, as big fields look set to grace the final day of this year's event.



RACE

1

CHESHAM STAKES
7F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st

**1 ALFRED MUNNINGS**

2nd

**5 FAISAL ROAD**

3rd

**2 ALZAHIR**

“WHAT THEY SAY”

Key quotes ahead of the **Chesham Stakes****ALFRED MUNNINGS**
Aidan O'Brien, Trainer

“This race has been the plan since his winning debut. He was working very nicely before he ran despite not being asked to do much and he came to hand very quickly. He’s one we are really looking forward to.”

**FINN’S CHARM**
Charlie Johnston, Co-Trainer

“He ran over six at Yarmouth even though we knew he wanted seven furlongs, but he needed some experience. He dotted up over seven furlongs at Musselburgh. We think he is pretty smart.”

**THE FOXES**
Andrew Balding, Trainer

“The Foxes is a horse we like a lot. He was fourth on his debut over six at Newbury and the extra furlong will suit him. His homework is very strong.”

EXPERT TIP

by **Lawrence Taylor**

“There are several winners in this race who failed to post a speed rating of note on debut, including hot favourite Alfred Munnings, which clears the way for an each-way interest in **LEGEND OF XANADU**, who posted a very good figure when winning at Epsom a fortnight ago. A juvenile son of Sixties Icon, he should have no trouble seeing out today’s extra yardage.”

**SELECTION: LEGEND OF XANADU**

RACE

2

JERSEY STAKES
7F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st

**15 STAR GIRLS**
AALMAL

2nd

**9 NOBLE TRUTH**

3rd

**3 ALFLAILA**

“WHAT THEY SAY”

Key quotes ahead of the **Jersey Stakes****NOBLE TRUTH****Charlie Appleby, Trainer**

“His run on the dirt in Saudi wasn’t exciting. He’s a free going horse, and William Buick gave him a great ride when he won well at Newmarket. He doesn’t lack pace - hopefully he can see the stiff seven furlongs out.”

**AUDIENCE****Ryan Moore, Jockey**

“I haven’t ridden him yet and it seems like he has a fair bit to find, but he has only had three starts, so it would be highly premature to write him off. And the horse that beat him last time, the unbeaten Monaadah, is one of the market leaders here.”

(betting.betfair.com)

EXPERT TIP

by **Hugh Taylor**

“**MONAADAH** may have had the run of the race at Kempton last time, but he still recorded a decent time figure under a big weight, despite only receiving one reminder, and further progress would make him a big player as he bids to maintain his unbeaten record in the Jersey Stakes (3.05). It’s only 106 days since he made a winning debut at Meydan in March, and I thought he deserved plenty of credit for following up under a penalty at Newcastle last month. He pulled hard in the early stages in a race that had no early pace and saw plenty of daylight into a headwind, but showed a really good attitude to battle back against a rival who had passed him inside the final furlong. There are plenty of other potential prominent runners in this race, but it may be that Crowley will be happy to take a lead here, the tactics at Kempton perhaps simply the simplest ones to use on the day.”

**SELECTION: MONAADAH**

RACE

3

HARDWICKE STAKES

1M4F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st


3 HURRICANE LANE

2nd


2 BROOME

3rd


6 MOSTAHDAF

“WHAT THEY SAY”

Key quotes ahead of the **Hardwicke Stakes**
HURRICANE LANE
Charlie Appleby, Trainer

“We’re delighted with his physical progress. This was always our target, working towards the Arc. He looks great and William Buick was pleased with him after his work last week.”


BROOME
Aidan O’Brien, Trainer

“He’s in great form. We felt he was only just about ready to start back in the Tattersalls Gold Cup last time. In the circumstances, we were happy with his run and I think he’ll improve plenty from that. Getting him back up to a mile-and-a-half will suit and I’m hopeful that he’ll run well.”


LIVING LEGEND
Charlie Johnston,
Co-Trainer

“Everything that could have gone wrong did go wrong in the Coronation Cup at Epsom. He anticipated the start and hit the gates and completely missed the break. For a horse who likes to be ridden positively that put him on the back foot. He didn’t really like the soft ground and or the track. He should get fast ground at Ascot which is ideal for him. I would be hopeful of a good show.”

EXPERT TIP

by **Lawrence Taylor**

“St Leger winner and Arc third **HURRICANE LANE**, with a top speed figure to his name, is obviously the one they all have to beat here, with recent fast-time Chester winner Solid Stone offering something in the way of value for the Exacta.”


SELECTION: HURRICANE LANE
EXACTA TIP: HURRICANE LANE TO BEAT SOLID STONE

RACE

4

PLATINUM JUBILEE STAKES
(GROUP 1)

6F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st



13 HOME AFFAIRS

2nd



16 MINZAAL

3rd



8 GLEN SHIEL

"WHAT THEY SAY"

Key quotes ahead of the **Platinum Jubilee Stakes****CREATIVE FORCE**Charlie Appleby, *Trainer*

"He was rock solid last year. He was a bit disappointing in Dubai, but he has benefitted from the run. His preparation for this is great and he looks fantastic."

**CAMPANELLE**Wesley Ward, *Trainer*

"She's better six than five, she's got a big long, stride to her. Irad Ortiz rode her very confidently on her comeback. He let her go and off she went. It was a big run."

**GARRUS**Ryan Moore, *Jockey*

"This will be some race with 27 runners, and clearly Garrus has a fair bit to find. But he has been running well - he shaped better than it appears at York last time - he finished fifth in this race last season at a big price and he handles any ground, so perhaps he can surprise again."

(betting.betfair.com)

EXPERT TIP

by **Gina Bryce**

"Although Australian import Home Affairs will be a formidable rival, I think the William Haggas-trained **SACRED** is worth siding with. This four-year-old filly was only just touched off behind Campanelle in the Queen Mary as a juvenile, showing she is at home at this track. Her end-of-season success in the Hungerford blew me away last year and although seven furlongs may prove her optimum trip, a stiff six at a track she likes on forecast fast ground could see her present a stiff challenge to the foreign raider."

**SELECTION: SACRED**

RACE

5

WOKINGHAM STAKES
6F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st

27 SILVER
SAMURAI

2nd



25 FRESH

3rd



20 BLACKROD

"WHAT THEY SAY"

Key quotes ahead of the **Wokingham Stakes****BLACKROD**
Michael Dods, *Trainer*

"He did well at Newmarket and he looks in good form at home. He is by Mayson but his worst run has been when it is too soft and I just think he wants decent ground."

**SILVER SAMURAI**
Marc Botti, *Trainer*

"He will have a big chance. The Wokingham will suit him, as he will have a strong pace and on a stiff track."

**FIVETHOUSAND-
TOONE**
Andrew Balding, *Trainer*

"He is a really decent horse on his day. He hasn't run for a long time but is working back to his best now and I hope he will run well."

EXPERT TIP

by **John Blance**

"**FRESH** ran a terrific race in the Wokingham last year to finish second and looks to have been perfectly primed for a repeat bid. His mark of 98 is only 2lb higher than twelve months ago, he ran a really sound race in the Victoria Cup last month - finishing 4th of 27 - and his prominent style of racing means he will not be a hostage to fortune in such a big field."

**SELECTION: FRESH**

RACE



GOLDEN GATES HANDICAP

1M2F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st



5 HONITON

2nd

7 FALLING
SHADOW

3rd



4 MISSED THE CUT

“WHAT THEY SAY”

Key quotes ahead of the **Golden Gates Handicap**

SWEEPING

Hollie Doyle, *Jockey*

“The 10f trip should be ideal for him at this stage of his career. Unfortunately his firstly attempt proved inconclusive as he simply didn’t handle Epsom’s undulations but he will be much more at home on this more conventional track.”



BLUE TRAIL

Charlie Appleby, *Trainer*

“He won the race without the jockey last time! He’s jumping and kicking and will be a strong contender at a trip we think will suit him.”



GROUNDBREAKER

Andrew Balding, *Trainer*

“He was disappointing at Newmarket last time but didn’t really settle in the race and I am hoping with a bigger field and a stronger gallop we can see an improved performance.”

EXPERT TIP

At The Races Verdict



“Preference in a tricky race is for **FALLING SHADOW**, whose hugely impressive Newbury maiden victory gained extra substance when one of his victims, Double Cherry, scored in fetching fashion at Goodwood last week.”



SELECTION: 7 FALLING SHADOW

RACE

7

QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES
2M 5F

TIMEFORM TIPS

1st



5 FALCON EIGHT

2nd



11 WORDSWORTH

3rd



1 TRUESHAN

“WHAT THEY SAY”

Key quotes ahead of the **Queen Alexandra Stakes****TRUESHAN****Hollie Doyle**, *Jockey*

He would be the one they'd all have to beat if he did stand his ground but all we can do is keep watching the skies and hope for rain. There's no guarantee the going will turn soft enough to convince his trainer Alan King to run him but he's been finely tuned with this week in mind and ideally needs to run again as soon as possible."

**WORDSWORTH****Aidan O'Brien**, *Trainer*

"He ran very well in his first try at two miles in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot in April and I'd be hopeful that he'll stay the longer trip next week. He looks to be a good candidate for that race and it will be interesting to see how he gets on."

**NATE THE GREAT****Andrew Balding**, *Trainer*

"He was second in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown last time out and he should make another bold showing here."

EXPERT TIP

by **Lawrence Taylor**

"**WORDSWORTH** rates top on the clock for this, and races as though today's first try beyond two miles could be right up his street. Performing with credit on his three starts this season, and effective on most types of ground, the gelding has plenty going for him here."

**SELECTION: WORDSWORTH**