

RACING SPFS FROM BERDARDY'S SEVEN CARDS

YORK
1.50: 1 SAM COOKE R Hornby (14-1); 2 Throne Hall (9-1); 3 Dark Jedi (11-1)...

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£2.20, £1.50, £5.40. Ex: £33.30. Tric: £730.05. Trif: £565.50. CF: £35.61. NR: Sobriquet.

KEMPTON
1.00: 1 GOLDEN DUKE F McMano-man (11-4 fav); 2 Ailish T (20-1); 3 Sapphires Moon (20-1)...

NEWCASTLE
4.55: 1 OSCILLATES T Hamilton (7-2); 2 Haizoom (7-2); 3 Everett (7-1)...

4.45: 1 DARK SPARK G Brouder (5-2); 2 Malbas (6-1); 3 Estepona Sun (7-1)...

MUSSELBURGH
2.15: 1 ARAMAIC JP Sullivan (1-3 fav); 2 Hipsway (12-1); 3 Imperial Eight (4-1)...

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EUROPE'S only openly gay jockey is back - and ready to prove a point. Jack Duern came out in 2014 but, as of yet, no other riders have followed his lead.

YORK FESTIVAL in association with CORAL RACING



TURF TALKING EVERY SATURDAY IN THE FAVOURITE

Jocks fear career ruin if they come out



JACK HIGH... Jack Duern (inset) and winning Epsom's Great Metropolitan on Beacon Lady

GREYHOUND TIPS AND TOTES By MARK SULLIVAN

SIGNET ACE (9.02) can be king in tonight's Ladbrokes Gold Cup final... KEVIN HUTTON'S early-pacer is unbeaten in the preliminaries of the £10,000 competition...

BLUEBERRY BULLET (8.03) can get his revenge on Warzone Tom in the final of the £30m Ladbrokes Summer Stayers' Classic.

RESULTS
CRAYFORD: 1.49 Sentinel Gent 10-3 (1-5) 3 BAGS F £19.49 TC £45.78. 2.07 Velvet Ranger 9-4 (3-6) £32.67 TC £109.93.

weighing room because they're good friends of mine. "I spent a couple of years breaking in two-year-olds and show jumpers at my yard near Birmingham.

any owners, but there were some old-school trainers who would make my life difficult. "There were snide remarks, comments and then a refusal to use me.

"It makes no difference to the lads in the weighing room, they know the score and have been great. Statistically, there must be more gay jockeys out there.

ACCORDING to the bookmakers Snowfall has been 'all the rage' for the Arc after her easy win in the Yorkshire Oaks on Thursday.

REALLY? Who in their right mind is backing her at odds of 9-4? She will be a bigger price on the day.

RACING has been blighted by small fields so far this month. At the half-way point in August, there had been 88 races with five runners or fewer - an average of six a day.



Favourite ALWAYS FIRST PAST THE POST

RACING RESULTS ROUND-UP

HAYDOCK
Going: Good-good to soft in places
1.15: 1 NOONDAY GUN Rossa Ryan
(4-1); 2 Autumn War (10-3); 3 The Navigator (12-1)...
1.50: 1 GLOBAL WISDOM S De Sousa
(7-1); 2 Skittlebombz (7-2); 3 Freddy Robinson (5-1)...

R Hughes. T: £6.70; £1.90, £1.30, £1.70.
Ex: £34.10. Trifecta: £170.20. CF: £21.80.
2.45: 1 GOLDEN BUGLE L Dettori
(9-4 fav); 2 Quenelle D'or (15-2); 3 Maytal (10-3)...

Bowring. T: £11.30; £3.40, £7, £1.60.
Ex: £237.90. Tricast: £647.26. Trifecta:
£1169.70. CF: £222.64. NR: Nat Love.
PLACEPOT: £86.60 Q/POT: £51.60
HAMILTON
Going: Good-good to firm in places
5.50: 1 KAYFAST WARRIOR K Schofield
(5-4 fav); 2 Strangerontheshore
(14-1); 3 Kentucky Kitten (6-1)...



Gambling habit was all-consuming

THIS column will usually be a light-hearted, off-beat take on racing and its participants.
But this week I'd like to share a more serious issue, which is close to my heart.
I'm a racing journalist and I have a gambling problem.
This will be news to a lot of people and it's not an easy subject to talk about given my line of work...



NEWBURY
Going: Good-good to soft in places
1.00: 1 BAYSIDE BOY J Mitchell
(9-1); 2 Find (1-3 fav); 3 Waterford (22-1)...

NOTTINGHAM
Going: Good to firm-good in places
2.00: 1 WINGS OF WAR H Crouch
(evens fav); 2 Sovereign Prince (13-2)...

NEWMARKET
Going: Good to firm-good in places
5.40: 1 PORTFOLIO R L Moore (9-2); 2 Brunnera (7-4 fav); 3 Angbaam (3-1)...

GREYHOUNDS

By MARK SULLIVAN
TWO big race finals from Ireland and a half-dozen first round heats of a couple of Category One competitions at Hove makes RPTV (Sky 437 and Freesat 250) tonight from 6pm compulsive viewing.
BOCKOS BELLY (6.43), the 5-1 joint favourite in the sponsor's book, can get his Sussex Cup campaign off to a flyer with a win from trap one in the second heat at Hove.
The Derby semi-finalist will be short but is a class act.
Popular TENPIN (8.38) can take the fifth heat. His Derby didn't unfold as well as was expected but this could be just the type of event in which he redeems himself.
ROXHOLME SHEIKH (7.56) and BUBBLY BOLLINGER (9.12), can also negotiate their heats but the Derby Plate winner, Kilara Lion, who ran the race of his life when second in the Derby final last weekend, might find DROOPYS ADDITION (7.18) has his measure.
SUSSEX CUP, Coral Bet outright: 5 Bockos Belly, Roxholme Sheikh, 7 Kilara Lion, 8 Droopys Addition, Tenpin, 14 Danni, 16-1 bar.
ANTE-POST favourite BO SHINE BULLET (8.54), the recent winner of the Kent St Leger, can sprint into what ought to prove a decisive early lead in the fifth first round heat of the Coral Regency (695m).
BLUE TICK GEORGE (7.36), who beat Bo Shine Bullet in the final of the George Ing St Leger at Yarmouth in May can also stake a claim on the £10,000 pot in the third heat.
REGENCY, Coral bet outright: 7-2 Bo Shine Bullet, 5 Blue Tick George, 11-2 Aayamza Royale, 6 Cold As Ice, 12 Affirmed, Kishlawn Shakira, 14 bar.
Bockos Belly's connections look set for a big night out at Shelbourne Park with BOCKOS BRANDY (9.24) who runs from trap four in the Corn Cuchulainn decider. In

last weekend's semi-finals the bitch formerly known as Silverhill Karen ran a fabulous race when coming from off the pace to catch the speedy Priceless Jet and she looks primed to follow up in the £10,500 decider over 750 yards.
BALLYMAC ARIEL (8.50) has bounced back to form following a disappointing Derby campaign with three straight wins at Shelbourne and can land the £7,500 Champion 550 with a smart start from trap six.
YANKEE: 7.56 Hove Roxholme Sheikh (3); 8.38 Hove Tenpin (1); 9.12 Hove Bubbly Bollinger (1); 9.52 Shelbourne Great Name That (2).
SELECTIONS
PERRY BARR: 11.06 Im Lovin It (nap) (2-4-1) 11.21 Wilbrook Lilly (3-1-2) 11.36 Ucanottoberious (nb) (5-2-3) 11.51 Clonleigh Tori (3-1-6) 12.06 Balyheashill Bid (4-6-1) 12.21 Swift Launch (1-3-2) 12.36 Boomboomally (1-3-6) 12.51 Smiling Charlie (2-6-4) 1.06 Porthall Blaze (5-6-1) 1.21 Lissan Molly (1-5-2) 1.36 Emkay Flyer (6-3-4) 1.51 Hero Gem (4-3-1)
ROMFORD: 10.12 Swabys Boc (1-2-5) 10.31 To Tone Kat (3-5-5) 10.46 Drohobych Arrow (nap) (5-6-2) 11.01 Bubbly Pride (2-5-3) 11.16 Brickfield Rebel (6-4-2) 11.31 Mays Ballyhill (4-1-3) 11.46 Teaboy Jet (nb) (3-4-5) 12.01 Keeperhill Gemma (1-5-6) 12.16 Bonville Lulu (5-4-2) 12.31 Bonville Blue (4-1-5) 12.46 Opening Move (2-4-1) 1.02 Errill Sky (2-6-4) 1.17 To Tone Kelly (3-2-5) 1.33 Chopchop Latte (6-1-2)
GRAYFORD: 10.17 Shes Pure Magic (nap) (1-5-4) 10.37 Project Year (3-5-1) 10.53 Sparkle (1-3-5) 11.09 Ardross Flash (1-4-5) 11.24 Raging Storm (6-3-1) 11.39 Glen Pope (6-1-2) 11.54 Ballybar Gold (4-5-2) 12.09 Aghaburrun Dolley (1-2-3) 12.24 Hithellids Mick (1-6-3) 12.39 Coolmore Puma (5-4-6) 12.54 Droopys Raelynn (nb) (6-4-3) 1.09 Gengar Lucky (2-6-1) 1.24 Kelva Moana (3-5-4) 1.39 Deanridge Dove (1-3-6)
DONCASTER: 1.49 Toms Rambo (3-4-6) 2.07 Jumeirah Shandy (4-1-2) 2.23 Millcroft Fred (3-4-2) 2.42 Kilara Annie (3-6-1) 3.02 Foregranted (nap) (3-1-6) 3.18 Pennys Vega (3-5-4) 3.38 Burnfoot Duke (5-1-2) 3.58 Polo Marco (6-1-2) 4.18 Bellagio Bye Bye (6-3-1) 4.38 Glaise Ranger (5-1-6) 4.58 Bellagio Beauty (2-4-6) 5.18 Qatar Khalifa (3-2-6) 5.37 Piemans Master (5-6-4) 5.54 Greys Sophie (nb) (2-6-5)
NEWCASTLE: 2.04 A Bit Of Farloe (nap) (6-4-5) 2.19 Hather Teddy (5-4-3) 2.36 Taputti (1-6-5) 2.54 Wraybury Boy (nb) (1-5-2) 3.09 Canny Darla (4-3-

6) 3.26 Westforth Harley (1-4-2) 3.44 Hes There Lad (3-4-6) 4.04 Nickis Girl (2-6-5) 4.23 Mizen Jay (5-6-3) 4.43 Ballygur Toss (3-4-1) 5.03 Killough Diva (3-5-6) 5.22 Dior Baby (3-2-5)
SHELBOURNE PARK: 6.50 Part Blake (2-4-6) 7.10 Malloos Stormy (1-6-3) 7.27 No Green Eye (2-6-3) 7.42 Boylesports Dash (2-1-6) 7.59 Clonfert Lorenzo (6-1-5) 8.13 Burgess Gengar (1-2-5) 8.32 Jazz Toss (3-1-2) 8.50 Ballymac Ariel (6-2-5) 9.09 Zoom (5-1-3) 9.24 Bockos Brandy (4-6-3) 9.38 Ballymac Belvult (2-4-5) 9.52 Romeo Magico (1-2-6)
HOVE: 6.09 Frecky Pumbaa (nap) (6-5-2) 6.28 Galaxy Star (5-4-3) 6.43 Seomra Razl (nb) (2-5-3) 6.58 Walk On Dave (5-3-6) 7.18 Fatboy Ex (3-2-6) 7.36 Blue Tick George (1-6-5) 7.56 Fight The Power (1-5-3) 8.17 Alaskan Dawn (1-3-6) 8.38 Tenpin (1-4-6) 8.54 Bo Shine Bullet (2-4-3) 9.12 Danni (6-2-1) 9.28 Slippings Marlon (6-1-2)
RESULTS
KINSLEY: 11.06 Miss Eleanor 5-2f (3-1-2) BAGS F £12.26 TC £41.65. 11.21 Badminton Lady 2-1f (4-3-5) £16.20 TC £54.66. 11.36 Call The Cops 1-4 (2-5-3) £15.08 TC £49.03. 11.51 Moyvane Earl 2-1f (6-5-4) £11.89 TC £33.48. 12.06 Meenagh Mercury 11-2 (5-6-1) £30.29 TC £118.72. 12.21 Easy Alan 5-2jt (1-6-5) £18.14 TC £55.58. 12.36 Swift Inception 7-4f (6-5-4) £12.09 TC £32.67. 12.51 Blue Delta 6-1 (5-3-6) £32.37 TC £121.55. 1.06 Black Sydney 13-8f (4-6-2) £13.05 TC £27.46. 1.21 Hasty Harry 5-1 (1-2-5) £20.48 TC £46.74. 1.36 Beech Hill Marg 11-4 (4-1-2) £19.54 TC £66.64. 1.51 Tobergal Rock 7-4f (4-2-3) £6.15 TC £20.33.
NEWCASTLE: 2.04 Gartcross Dakota 4-1 (1-3-2) BAGS F £20.67 TC £67.51. 2.19 Nice As Ice 5-4f (6-2-4) £13.36 TC £49.40. 2.36 Gas Man 3-1 (1-2-5) £15.56 TC £40.84. 2.54 Ballinoo Speed 4-1 (4-1-2) £30.62 TC £85.82. 3.09 Bramble Willow 13-8f (2-3-1) £13.01 TC £39.53. 3.26 The Other Sal 5-4f (4-2-5) £17.59 TC £71.29. 3.44 Catalan Heat 5-1 (3-1-5) £26.95 TC £47.50. 4.04 Moschino Baby 9-4 (2-5-4) £18.75 TC £69.54. 4.23 Roseville Gene 9-2 (5-6-1) £19.78 TC £59.28. 4.43 Bramble Trixie 5-4f (4-3-2) £8.39 TC £23.01. 5.03 Geordie Thomas 7-2 (2-6-1) £20.18 TC £60.08. 5.22 Cloverhill Scott 8-1 (4-6-1) £53.83 TC £157.37.
SWINDON: 11.13 Loughlea Storm 8-1 (2-1-3) BAGS F £47.03 TC £109.42. 11.28 Charles Hallie 7-2 (6-1-5) £23.04 TC £106.81. 11.43 Mai Tai 9-4f (2-1-5) £10.29 TC £39.77. 11.58 Beamery Bolt 8-1 (1-4-5) £37.34 TC £141.66. 12.13 Mooney 7-4f (4-5-6) £10.57 TC £37.76. 12.28 Moreton Legacy 2-1f (6-2-1) £10.25 TC £33.70. 12.43 Tip Ex 11-2 (5-4-3) £30.15 TC £99.17. 12.58 Go On My Girl 11-8f (5-4-2) £9.51 TC £25.37. 1.13 Jovial Aida 13-2 (6-4-5) £26.41 TC £94.99. 1.28 Shes Mine 11-4 (6-5-1) £9.91 TC £26.43. 1.44 Derrylee Dee 4-1 (3-6-1) £42.50 TC £80.20. 1.59 Mohican Louis 5-2 (6-3-1) £11.50 TC £0.00.

SOMETHING needs to be done about the fixture list going into next year. Last year racing chiefs were forced to rip up large parts of the schedule and start again. It made for an exciting Flat season — for a few months we had big meetings after big meetings. But we have now reverted to type and there are too many 'in-between' Saturdays, like today. The Group-race pattern should be left alone, that's a no-brainer. But who loses out if, for example, last week's cracking John Smith's Cup meeting was run today? It's a win-win and we can cut down on weekends that struggle to capture the imagination.

YOU have to feel sorry for Irish racefans. Glorious Goodwood will welcome capacity crowds later this month. And at the same time, just 1,000 people will be permitted entry to each day of the Galway Festival. And that's not 1,000 punters. It includes owners and members, who will get first dibs on tickets. The track begged the Irish Government for a crowd of 5,000, but after two weeks of dithering they've only been granted 20 per cent of that request. It's disgraceful. Especially when you consider 18,000 will be in Croke Park to watch the hurling this weekend.

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ON TWITTER FOR HIS BEST BETS



GORDON ELLIOTT returns to training next month.

Some of you, of course, will be disgusted he is ever allowed to train a racehorse again.

Others, though, will accept mistakes are made and be willing to give a person another chance, particularly if they have shown remorse.

Elliott, 43, was banned for a year by Irish officials – the final six months of which were suspended – after an investigation into a photo of him sitting on a dead horse.

That suspension was implemented in March and Elliott 'having done his time' can make entries from September 9. Elliott, a three-time Grand National-winning trainer, who missed last March's Cheltenham Festival as a result of his suspension, has certainly shown remorse.

He himself has branded his actions an 'indefensible moment of madness'. At the time, he added: "I'm absolutely heartbroken. What other way could I be?"

"It is gut-wrenching to see the impact all of this is having on my staff. They are the ones who have brought such success to the yard."

"They are gutted, each and every one of them. To see them suffering because of something I have done is hard to stomach."

You can make your own mind up on Elliott's second coming.

For me, I'm firmly in the camp of forgiveness – as a person who is far from perfect and been given many chances along the way.

I also appreciate many will just say: "Well you would, wouldn't you." That's the world we live in.

It's worth remembering – while in no way condoning the offence – the leaking of the photo, which was originally taken in 2019, was described as being part of a 'sinister and concerted attack' on the trainer.

That aside, I have no doubt Elliott will fire back salvos left, right and centre when the shackles are released at his Cullinstown stables.

Denise 'Sneezy' Foster deserves credit for keeping the ship straight since Elliott has been below deck but I'm sure she will be delighted and relieved to see the cap'n back at the helm.

Of course, Elliott's return will be without the stars of Cheveley Park Stud, for whom he did so well with the likes of Envoy Allen.

But it was heartening to see Gigginstown stay loyal and Michael O'Leary will be keen to see his man back better than ever.

While Henry de Bromhead had an incredible 2020-21 campaign, racing needs Elliott as he is the only true rival to the unstoppable champion Willie Mullins.

The latter has proved in a league of his own, but it's easy to argue Elliott has pushed Mullins to even greater heights.

It will take time for a wounded Cullinstown to be in a position to challenge the might of Clonsilla as it did before but, knowing Elliott, he will get there.

The big race on ITV today is the Celebration Mile (3.35) on the Downs at Goodwood. I'm lucky to



I'm backing Gord after his ban 'Eil

be there for the Group 2, won by some decent animals in the past including Lightning Spear, Breeders' Cup Classic hero Raven's Pass and Medicean.

It also gave a very young Frankie Dettori a huge success on Mark Of Esteem in 1996.

This time around the top-rated horse is globe-trotter Benbatl, who has been a star for Saeed-bin Suroor, a trainer heading to 200 Group and Grade 1 successes.

Benbatl is a Group 1 winner in Meydan, Germany and Australia, where he took the Lad-brokes at Caulfield before chasing home Winx in the Cox Plate.

At the age of seven, Benbatl returns after a 337-day absence and gives weight away to some of his rivals. He could well win but he could also be ring-rusty so I'll take him on with the younger CHINDIT.

Richard Hanmon's colt, was a class juvenile, impressing in the Group 2 Champagne Stakes.

This season, Chindit was back in good shape at Newbury, landing the Greenham before being beaten in the 2,000 Guineas, the St James's Palace and the Jacques Le Marois. Pat Dobbs' mount was not beaten far in either of his last two and I believe he is better than he has shown.

At just after 11pm tonight I will be watching Essential Quality on Sky Sports Racing in the Grade 1 Travers Stakes at Saratoga over a mile and a quarter on dirt.

Stateside, Brad Cox's colt is considered the best in the world, having won seven of his eight starts including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Belmont Stakes. He is Essential viewing. Yeeehaaa!

David Loughnane, said: "I'm always asked why I still do it but I just enjoy it."

"I've never got the horse bug thing out of my system. I just love being around horses and horse people."

Moore is hoping racing fans stay behind after the main action to watch the historic race. He said: "We've a

good few coming down to watch on the day which is great.

"I just hope we can all raise a nice bit of money for the Injured Jockeys' Fund."

"I've had a few jockey friends injured in the past and they do a wonderful job."

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JOCKEYS ON THE ROCKS

But the IJF are there to catch them when they fall



OPEN HOUSE... help for injured jockeys



SHOE BEAUTY... horseshoe sculpture



RAW TRUTH... injured Alistair Rawlinson



SO KEENE... Sunman Jack Keene thinks he's on a winner on the Equicizer

JOCKEYS put themselves in danger every time they turn up for work.

There aren't many jobs where you're followed around by an ambulance, so you can probably file it somewhere between lumberjack and snake charmer in the peril stakes.

The typical jumps jockey suffers a fall roughly every seven or eight rides and, on average, a fifth of those result in injury.

Falls aren't as frequent for Flat jockeys – but they generally happen at greater speed and are twice as likely to end with a spell on the sidelines.

Some injuries can be 'minor' – a cracked rib or two is a walk in the park for professional jocks – but some can be life-changing.

No matter how long the rehab takes, the Injured Jockeys Fund is there every step of the way.

The charity now operate three state-of-the-art rehab centres around the country.

Oaksey House in Lambourn and Jack Berry House in Yorkshire were up and running for several years

By **JACK KEENE**

before Sir Peter O'Sullivan House opened its doors in August 2019.

The Newmarket facility has already handled 8,600 appointments in that time, with support ranging from physical and mental therapy to financial aid.

I was fortunate to visit Sir Peter O'Sullivan House and the team very kindly – I'm not sure that's the right word come to think of it – allowed me to try out some of the equipment jockeys use in their recovery.

The Equicizer – or horse simulator – is a staple of all jockey fitness tests.

I was more Flappy Dettori than Frankie, but I managed to

hold on despite searing cramp in my thighs. It took just two minutes on a mechanical horse for me to discover a new-found respect for jockeys – they are incredible athletes.

From the savagery of the Equicizer to the serenity of the hydrotherapy pool which, unsurprisingly, is a favourite of recovering jocks.

The underwater treadmill allows them to build up leg strength, while their progress can be monitored by a hub of high-tech cameras.

The facilities are world-class and have hastened the recovery of hundreds of jockeys, Alistair Rawlinson included.

The 27-year-old looked to have suffered a season-ending injury in an horrific incident at Windsor on June 7.

The horse he was riding broke down and sent him crashing to the turf at 42mph, leaving him with a shattered ankle. But he is firmly on the mend and could return in the next month.

Rawlinson said: "I remember

everything about the fall and I still get flashbacks occasionally.

"When I stopped rolling across the ground I looked down to see that my foot was pointing left and my leg was pointing right."

"I didn't feel any pain straight away and thought it might be dislocated – I actually asked the medics to pop it back in so I could drive home!"

"But I went to hospital and the surgeon said it was one of the worst breaks he had ever seen."

"The initial six to eight weeks were very tough, I wasn't able to do anything. I can't speak more highly of the IJF and the work they do. If I couldn't come here, it would be a near impossible task, physically and mentally, to get back to a normal life."

Speak to any jockey who has been injured and they will tell you the same story as Rawlinson.

The IJF play a critical role in supporting the brave men and women who ride half-ton thoroughbreds for our entertainment.

The charity has been through dark times of its own – but thankfully the future is bright.

IJF CEO Lisa Hancock said: "Fundraising dropped to nothing overnight when the pandemic hit."

"But I'm so proud we came out the other side and will continue to offer help and support."

"We have an incredible team and it gives everyone involved so much satisfaction every time we help a jockey back on their feet and in the saddle."



Double-up ban can be frustrating

I'M up on the Downs at Goodwood today – and I'm just gutted I'm not going to be at Windsor tonight too.

I have two decent rides in Sussex but due to the fact jockeys are not allowed to ride at two meetings in one day I have to miss out on Bangkok (6.30) in the Winter Hill Stakes.

Racing officials announced this week the restrictions would remain in place through 2022.

There is no doubt there are benefits for jockeys – and the PIA believe it will help the long-term physical and mental health of riders – but there are times when you wish you could double up like you did in the old days.

When you are No1 to a big owner like King Power Racing it can be frustrating as you want to be riding all the best horses for your bosses as much as you can and it does make for difficult decisions when there are multiple entries at different tracks.

As it is David Probert comes in for the ride on Bangkok for Andrew Balding and I will have to cheer them on in the car on the drive home.

Hopefully I will have bagged myself a winner before I hit the road.

First up is HAPPY POWER (3.35) in the Celebration Mile.

He has won at the course before and only just got touched off at the Glorious meeting over seven furlongs last time.

He likes a bit of cut in the ground, so I hope it doesn't quicken up too much, but he's a good horse on his day and won a Group 3 at this meeting 12 months ago.

A stiff mile might stretch him a little but let's hope the race falls his way. Whatever happens I'm sure there will be some nice races for him in the autumn.

Benbatl is the one we all have to beat and I wouldn't worry about him being off the track since last September as Saeed Bin Suroor is very good at turning his horses out fresh.

Benbatl is a seven-year-old now and will no doubt be better for the run with other targets ahead but, if he turns up in good form, he's going to be hard to beat.

My second ride is SKY POWER (4.10) in the handicap on his first start for Ralph Beckett after moving from Richard Hannon.

This one broke his maiden at Southwell in November and has since been gelded. It looks a good starting point for him although he is another one who wouldn't want the ground to quicken up too much.

King Power have Lampang in the Beverley Bullet (3.15) and he has a nice draw in stall two.

I have ridden him on his last four runs but Paul Muirrenn takes over in the blue and white today.

The four-year-old has been running over six furlongs but he's a talented horse on his day and he needs a strong pace to aim at which he'll definitely get in this five-furlong sprint in Yorkshire.

To be honest I am still buzzing about Winter Power's Nunthorpe win. It was such a thrill and she will be aimed at Abbaye.

And don't forget about Art Power. He's another very fast horse, also trained by Tim Easterby, and I can definitely see him winning a Group 1 as well in the future.

Andy Ayres is... **TACKMAN** Time to have a bit of Bottle in the Bullet

IT may be just another Saturday – but the beers could well be on JUSTANOTHER-BOTTLE (3.15) in the Beverley Bullet.

Blinkers have turned this speedball inside-out and he must be worth a shekel or two each-way at 14s.

William Hill also report punters are also voting with their wallets for CLITHEROE (1.50 Goodwood) who is 14s to 5-1 in the Prestige Stakes.

David Simcock's flyer is built like a Russian shot-putter and will be delivered fast and late by the Newmarket trainer's best pal, 'head waiter' Jamie Spencer.

Some shrewd chaps nicked a bucketful of bumper when Croupier (7-2 to 5-4) landed a tinkle at Newbury on Tuesday.

Simon Crisford's galloping cash register looked a million dollars and connections were last seen heading to the casino to play up their winnings.

Mind you, fortunes went west when Roger Varian's Thunder Power (5s to 5-4) was rolled over at Kempton Park.

The double-wealthy owner of this fella turned up with a minder who could crack walnuts with his eyebrows. Our likely lads obviously expected to collect, but a chatterbox connected to Varian's yard told us the horse was on the slow side of stationary. The oracle proved spot-on... and our dynamic duo had to exit stage left with faces like a slapped backside.

By the way, don't miss DOLPHIN VISTA at Epsom on Tuesday. Some wide-awake chaps were whispering sweet nothings about this one at Chelmsford the other day. He's been knocking on the door for longer than a Jehova's Witness, but local lad Jim Boyle is more than hopeful.

And one for you jumps fans soon will be Willie Mullins' FAROUT. This bad boy was tasty on the Flat and skated up in a novice hurdle at Galway. Willie is a fully paid-up member of the big grey's fan club.

Finally, the heavy hitters from HQ are getting ready to unload on LIVE YOUR DREAM (3.55) today at Newmarket.

Saeed bin Suroor's camp were crying into their cornflakes when this bruiser missed the cut in the Ebor last weekend.

Dubai's favourite ex-copper has kept his star sticking over since then and questions will be asked if he is trumped.

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but at least it was the only thing I broke! He was 15 years old, 5'2" and seven stone when first went to ride for Bill Brookes.

"When I stopped, the lowest weight I could do was 10st 1lb. It was the horse manure that made me shoot up!"

Moore, who still rides out daily for trainer

David Loughnane, said: "I'm always asked why I still do it but I just enjoy it."

"I've never got the horse bug thing out of my system. I just love being around horses and horse people."

Moore is hoping racing fans stay behind after the main action to watch the historic race. He said: "We've a



FITNESS TEST... a struggle for Keene



WATER PLACE... Keene in the pool



SO PROUD... IJF chief Lisa Hancock