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Simon Holden Racing Club - By Simon Holden

It's Champions Day at Ascot today for many bringing the curtain down on the flat Season for 2017, yes there are other decent races to be run but this is it really before the jumpers take centre stage.

5 Group races and a smasher of a handicap you will certainly get your moneys worth if you are in attendance and though there is always the argument that this is too late in the year for a Flat Champions day it should still be fantastic entertainment.

The first race may will be the best of the whole day and it's the 1.25 the British Champions long Distance cup a group 2 over 2 miles. The odds on fave here is the admirable Order of St George who was last seen finishing fourth in the Arc behind enable. That's great form and he will take the World of beating BUT lets take him on with a horse who is still improving.

John Gosden's Stradivarius was last seen in the St Leger where he finished third, before that he won the Goodwood Cup beating the mighty big Orange who he faces again today.

This one is all about stamina and the Leger trip was too short for him. He will relish the extra distance here and at 8/1 is an outstanding each way bet. As a 3 year old he gets weight and that will be the key to him winning this.

It's going to be a fantastic day and for one lets hope a fiddle is successful in racing (see what I did there).

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Back This Horse ([CLICK HERE](#)) Each Way At Ascot Today

Cliffs Of Moher Could Be Primed To Win The Champion Stakes - By Rick Elliott

Champions Day at Ascot has attracted 21 horses who have won at Group 1 level. The highlight of the £4.3 million prize fund bonanza is the Champion Stakes for which 10 are declared but Ulysses will not run. Cracksman is the current favourite but on Derby form Cliffs Of Moher looks overpriced. The horse is trained by Aidan O'Brien who is just two winners away from creating a new record for Group 1 and Grade 1 wins in a calendar year. He could set a new best figure at Ascot this weekend.

The Champion Stakes is one of four Group 1s on the card which also features a Group 2 race (Long Distance Cup) and the richest mile handicap in Europe. The quality of the horses makes the concept a success but the date in the calendar has not been universally accepted as right. There are forecasts of high winds and heavy rain for this year's renewal but such are the vagaries of the weather towards the end of October.

Three-year-olds get an age weight allowance of four pounds in the Champion Stakes which means Cracksman and Cliffs of Moher receive weight from the older horses. The former has a Racing Post Rating of 132 while the latter is on a mark of 128. Cliffs Of Moher beat Cracksman by a neck in the Derby. The horse seemed to have the race in the bag until Wings Of Eagles swooped late. The Champion Stakes is run over 10 furlongs while the Derby is a quarter of a mile further.

Wings Of Eagles has been retired which means in theory Cliffs Of Moher is the best three-year-old colt in training. Initially the Derby form did not work out well but on

reflection it was a high quality contest. Capri finished sixth 3 lengths behind Cliffs Of Moher and went on to win the Irish version and the St Leger. Benbatl subsequently won at Royal Ascot and that horse was soundly beaten in the Derby.

Cliffs Of Moher has not built on that Derby run in three starts. Nothing went right in the Eclipse at Sandown but the horse has been well off the pace in races won by Ulysses and Decorated Knight on two recent outings. The horse will have to show the Derby form to get in the mix at Ascot. O'Brien could have run several in the Champion Stakes but must see something in Cliff Of Moher's chances. Highland Reel also runs for the stable but as a five-year-old carries four pounds more.

Enable has shown that horses from the Classic generation can beat older runners in Group 1 contests. However, as a filly that horse also gets a sex allowance and there are no fillies running in the Champion Stakes. Cliffs of Moher will have to find something on form to beat Cracksman but in the Derby the colt showed he has the potential to be a champion and that could transpire at Ascot.

Barney Roy must improve on York form where beaten by Ulysses to win the race. The money has been for Poet's Word who sparkled in a gallop this week. The horse is trained by Sir Michael Stoute who has decided to withdraw Ulysses so perhaps he knows something we don't about Poet's Word. Brametot should not be dismissed on his best French form but the other runners have no chance. In fact Maverick Wave could be a hindrance and get in the way.

O'Brien is arguably the best trainer in the world and targets the major races for his wealthy owners. Cracksman has been the better horse since the Derby but O'Brien could have prepared Cliffs Of Moher to win what is now the race that matters most, especially as it could help him equal or break the record for winners at the highest level in one year.

Burnley Can Avoid Defeat At City - By Rick Elliott

Champions Day at Ascot features four Group 1 races, a contest at Group 2 level and the richest mile handicap in Europe. The final race on the card used to be an apprentices handicap but is now a race just below listed level. The concluding event of the climax of the Flat season looks a tough puzzle to solve but Lord Glitters can win the race after an afternoon that glitters with the best horses in Britain and Ireland.

The chances of Cliffs Of Mohor in the Champions Stakes have been discussed in another article and Order Of St George looks the banker bet of the day. If those two horses oblige Aidan O'Brien will set a new world record for the number of Group and Grade 1 winners in a calendar year. He targets the major races for his wealthy owners and he has a great chance of setting a new mark for winners at the highest level.

The Balmoral Handicap (4.30pm) is run over the straight mile and there is a maximum field of 20 runners. Lord Glitters has the highest Racing Post Rating and the horse can be backed at [4/1 with William Hill](#). He is one of the best handicapped runners and went close at Ascot two weeks ago after being expensively purchased from France. Champions Day often produces shocks but LORD GLITTERS can oblige for favourite backers in the last.

Burnley look like cannon fodder at Manchester City today. The home team are scoring goals for fun and on first impression this could be another goals bonanza. Beyond the headline gulfs in class Burnley excel at preventing sides getting into good scoring positions. City like to manoeuvre the ball to create clear scoring chances and they could be frustrated at the Etihad today so back the DRAW at [10/1 with Ladbrokes](#).

Declan's Eye-Catchers - By Declan O'Donoghue

BEN DUNDEE (Gordon Elliott) A very good first outing for Gordon Elliott having moved from another smart operator Andrew Lynch. Looked good on Thursday and is also very much at home on good ground so connections have all sorts of options.

CASTLETOWNSHEND (Ted Walsh) Two year old colt already gelded but absolutely nothing wrong with his attitude when just pipped on his debut by Nibiru at Naas. Nice prospect.

CELEBRATION (Ger Lyons) Stepping up to seven furlongs certainly did the trick at Cork, and, as he likes soft ground he's unlikely to go to Dundalk. Capable of winning another late season handicap.

MOONLIGHT BAY (Ger Lyons) Shrewd purchase at the Champions Weekend Sale, won first time out for new yard under a cool ride by Champion elect Colin Keane. One for next season, but could chase black type at Leopardstown before then.

RICKRACK (Jessica Harrington) Won a fillies handicap with some authority at Cork and ready for a step up in grade. The really interesting thing could be that while she won on soft to heavy, her trainer thinks she will be a lot better on decent ground.

ROAD TO RESPECT (Noel Meade) Simply superb at Punchestown on Thursday on ground softer than he likes. Gigginstown have so many aces to shuffle around it's hard to know where we'll see him next, possibly the big Down Royal meeting next month.

SHADY OPERATOR (Joseph O'Brien) Gave impressive winner Cracking Smart something to think about at Punchestown. Sure to win a maiden hurdle shortly and should kick on from there. Promising sort.

WOODLAND OPERA (Jessica Harrington) Made a perfectly satisfactory seasonal debut against the formidable Death Duty. Won't be one for winter heavy ground, but will have plenty to offer at the main Festival meetings in the Spring. Two and a half miles is probably as far as wants to go.

YULONG GOLD FAIRY (Dermot Weld) Looked one of the bets of the weekend and so it proved when she simply hosed up at Naas. She had been put aside for that Auction Race since winning at the Galway Festival in the summer and will next appear in a 1,000 Guineas Trial early next season.

* Another great week for Declan O'Donoghue Irish Racing Service with the winners including U S Navy Flag 9/1 (w 5/1), Teacher's Pet 9/1 (w 7/1); Moonlight Bay 6/1 (w 9/2), Yulong Gold Fairy 4/1 (w 9/4) ; Mustajeer 7/2 (w 11/4); King's Song 7/2 (w 3/1); Ben Dundee 3/1 (w 13/8) and Felix Desjy 11/8.

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