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WHAT IS THE WEEKEND CARD?

The *Weekend Card*, compiled and edited by Marten Julian and his team, could not have made a better start since its return to the scene at the end of July. Packed with between 4,100 and 5,000 words of news, information and chat, the *Weekend Card* carries a host of features including:

The Sleeper Section – a few dark ones to keep an eye on

The Clock Watcher – a select handful of horses that have excelled on the clock

Under The Radar – observations on a few things other pundits miss, or choose to avoid!

The Weekend Action – Marten's selections for the days ahead

The Updates – follow-up news on the horses mentioned in past issues

Ian Carnaby – a major part of the team for many years

Jodie's Jottings – Marten's assistant with some insights

The Irish Angle – informed comment from across the water

The Ante-Post Agenda – horses that Marten believes may reward an early interest

The *Weekend Card* is the perfect companion for the long winter evenings, setting the scene for the next few days of action. Both jumps and Flat racing, with occasional recommendations for the all-weather, will be covered over the next few months.



EXTRACTS FROM THE WEEKEND CARD

Please find below extracts from the first few issues of the Weekend Card. Please note that these are abridged and represent only a small part of the analysis.

ISSUE 9

Harry Angel was beaten a nose in a 5f maiden at Ascot back in May, but I understand he is just about the pick of Clive Cox's two-year-olds and won't be unfancied for the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury on Saturday (2.15). Gimcrack runner-up Mokarris is a short priced 5/4 favourite, but Harry Angel is rated Group class at home and at 20/1 represents each-way value. **(WON 2/1)**

ISSUE 8

As you know I have always liked **Harbour Law**, but his mark of 102 reflects the enormity of the task he faces. He is a progressive sort, though, and George Baker's quiet style will suit him. At 33/1 he is a shade too big. **(WON 22/1)**



Kruger Park is one of 21 entries for the extended 5f Class 3 maiden that opens the card at *York on Sunday* (3.40). Richard Fahey's son of Requito left the distinct impression there was better to come on his Pontefract debut, but this is a decent maiden with some nice types up against him. I want us to stay with Kruger Park and the market will give us a clue to stable expectations. **(WON 8/1)**

ISSUE 6

Chain Of Daisies deserves to take her chance in the *Group 3 Winter Hill Stakes at Windsor on Saturday* (6.00). She may, though, come up against Ulysses who is rated 8lb higher with Foundation also entered. Chain Of Daisies is a very effective mare on fast ground and at the likely odds on offer I would expect her to give Ulysses a race. **(WON 15/2 from 14/1)**



Aljazzi is entered for a Listed race over a mile at *Haydock on Saturday (3.10)*. She is rated only 6lb below the top here and is better than she appeared when last seen out in the 1,000 Guineas. We have not yet seen the best from her. **(WON 12/1)**

ISSUE 1

I was at Sandown the evening **Accidental Agent** made his debut and having stood out in the paddock he then caught the eye with a promising effort in the race itself ... **(WON 9/2 from 12/1)** ... **Boy In The Bar** has slipped from a mark of 95 to 75 ... **(WON 7/1 from 14/1 and 4/1)**



Let's keep an eye on **El Vip** when he appears in the extended *1m 2f maiden at Doncaster on Saturday (2.55)*. Luca Cumani has not really swung into gear yet, but this son of Pivotal would have run by now but for sustaining an injury in February. He has always worked like a nice colt and is one to keep in mind for the back-end campaign. **(WON 3/1 from 5/1)**

Andrew Balding has a good record with progressive three-year-old fillies, especially sprinters, and I expect **Dancing Star** to go close in the *Stewards' Cup at Goodwood on Saturday (3.45)*. The daughter of Aqlaam won the second of her three starts at two and then this season has progressed from a mark of 75 at Salisbury to 80 here at Goodwood and then last time out beating Priceless from a mark of 96 at Newmarket. She runs here from that mark with a 6lb penalty, leaving her 1lb better off than her new rating (107). Not many horses of this type improve by two stone in the first half of the season, but this filly has the courage to match her ability. Her speed figures have steadily improved and it won't be long before she is earning black type. **(WON 9/2)**



RESULTS FROM THE WEEKEND CARD

The *Weekend Card* is a team effort, so the winners come from a variety of sources. Here, to date at the time of printing, are the highlights from each issue:

10/1 winner for our Irish contact

Issue One: William Reilly (Irish Angle) found 10/1 winner Total Demolition and Marten gave 7/2 winner Mehmas

81/1 Treble for Marten

Issue Two: A brilliant weekend, with three out of three for Marten – Dancing Star 9/2, El Vip 3/1 and King's Fete 5/2 – and the Updates collected with Ulysses 9/2 and Poet's Word 7/4. Also a triumph for the Sleeper Section, when Marten's first qualifier for this feature Accidental Agent landed a gamble from 10/1 to 9/2

Two winners from the Premier List Update at 12/1 and 10/1

Issue Three: A great weekend for the Updates, with Aljazzi 12/1 and Royal Artillery 10/1 winning from just three nominations

Zonderland 4/1

Issue Four: More Updates winning, with Zonderland 4/1 and King's Fete Evs

160/1 Four-Timer for Ian

Issue Five: This weekend was a triumph for Ian Carnaby, with four out of four – Scottish 5/1, Quest For More 9/2, Nemoralia 15/8 and Blue Point 11/8. The second Sleeper qualifier also won – Boy In The Bar 7/1 (from 14/1), while Nemoralia 15/8 and Persuasive 6/4 won from the Updates

**Won 7/1 (from 14/1), Won 9/2 (from 10/1), Won 4/1 and
2nd 5/2 from just four Sleeper qualifiers**

Issue Six: The Clock Watcher's turn this week, with Chain Of Daisies 15/2 (from 12/1) and Babyfact at 3/1 for Ian

Kruger Park 8/1 for Marten

Issue Seven: A great 8/1 winner for Marten with Kruger Park and yet another winner for the Sleeper Section at 4/1, making four out of five to date. Gravity Flow won at 7/4 for the Clock Watcher (now two out of three)

St Leger winner Harbour Law Won 22/1

Issue Eight: Another brilliant weekend, with Marten's St Leger selection Harbour Law winning at 22/1 (from just two advices, other one second) and two of Ian Carnaby's four selections winning including Portland Handicap winner Captain Colby 6/1

Harry Angel WON 2/1 (advised at 20/1 ante-post)

Issue Nine: The highlight of this edition was Marten's recommendation for Harry Angel at 20/1 for the Mill Reef Stakes – "Harry Angel is rated Group class at home and at 20/1 represents each-way value."

WHAT THE CLIENTS THINK...



'The weekend would not be the same without it ...'
(*R.W, Watford*)

'Great result for Marten with Boy In The Bar. It's all in the way you talk about them ...' (*G.C, Bangor*)

'This week I particularly liked Marten's thoughts about Cartmel. A wonderful place in a wonderful part of the world. Bliss.' (*A.R, Wigan*)

'Having been a follower of the Weekend Card previously, it didn't take me long to appreciate the incisive comment and articles ... ' (*D.W, Norwich*)

'I have to say your knowledge of the racing game is second to none ... ' (*S.M, Warwickshire*)

'A special mention must go to Ian Carnaby this weekend, with all four selections winning ...' (*M.C, Suffolk*)

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