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Our flagship tipster with his best bets for the week ahead



Kingsgate Native rates a bet at Ascot

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Captain Ramius was a comfortable winner of the Ayr Gold Cup for Kevin Ryan and Pat Smullen. He also has winning form at Ascot and must be supported on Saturday

Kingsgate to prove he retains his old ability

MY own deeply flawed nature as a punter resurrected itself upon the defeat of **Kingsgate Native** at Newbury a couple of weeks ago. Having only his second run for Robert Cowell, the seven-year-old was a surprising drifter on Betfair, so I kept topping up and, if there was any justice in this game, he'd have won by about five lengths.

He continually got blocked by horses rolling back on him though, and then only just failed to get up when finally in the clear. Faced with this adversity I went on an ill-advised punting frenzy and managed to turn a good winning afternoon into a day that might as well never have happened.

I suppose that gives me something in common with Kingsgate Native as he was always been a bit of a nutcase, whether trained by John Best or Sir Michael Stoute and, as such, is often a horse to be more interested when at a price.

I'm surprised Cowell is not tempted by a tilt at the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp on Sunday as that Newbury run suggests he still possesses all his old ability, which would make him as good as any sprinter around in Europe.

Otherwise he's entered at both 6f and 5f at Ascot on Saturday, with the 5f race the preferred option and, given his trainer is such a dab hand with sprinters, I'll give him the benefit of the doubt wherever he goes.

Sea Moon has an entry in Saturday's Cumberland Lodge, but surely he belongs in the Arc if running anywhere this weekend and in his likely absence John Gosden may well hold the key.

His Starboard was very impressive when winning in France two weeks ago but, back looking to Ascot, I'd give **Camborne** another chance after his seventh in the Ebor.

He might not have stayed that day, but perhaps turf tracks other than the new ones at Ascot and Doncaster don't suit so well. His form figures on those two tracks or on Polytrack read 1111, the last two wins having been very easy, while on other tracks it 067.

Sales races are not really my thing, but up at Redcar the versatile **Body And Soul** should go close to landing another big pot in the Totepool.com Two-year-old Trophy.

She won the Super Sprint at Newbury on heavy ground and ran a cracker next time at York when not so well in at the weights and, off 8st 11lb on Saturday, must be near the top of anyone's list.

