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Day one of the big meeting in England offers a really tempting bet, John Gosden's runner Monarchs Glen in the last race of the day, the Wolferton Stakes, a Listed contest over 10 furlongs. Monarchs Glen, who has not raced since flopping in Group One company in Dubai in March, has a high weight but he is (if / when he learns to calm down) a Group performer, he will be racing with a hood for the first time, he gets Dettori on board, and 12-1 looks too big for this contender. He was the same price when meeting Benbatl & Co in the Dubai Duty Free at Meydan. Dropped in class, he must have an excellent each-way chance.

MONARCHS GLEN, a four-year-old son of Frankel, was progressing really well in the second half of the season in England last year, after being gelded and given a 14-week break in the summer. A talented runner with 'mental issues', he seemed to grow up with every one of his three runs in the autumn of 2017, producing GF 107p, GF 110p and finally **Globeform 117p** in these races, over three quite different racecourses. If that kind of improvement continues he will be a high class runner in 2018. Monarchs Glen's first run as a gelding came in a 10-furlong handicap at Sandown Park, where he finished second, 1 ½ lengths behind the in-form four-year-old Thundering Blue (who was notching his third win on the bounce). Monarchs Glen was conceding 13lbs and was the best horse on the day. Gosden had seen enough to step him up in class, and did so in the Foundation Stakes over the same distance at Goodwood 25 days later. Monarchs Glen encountered soft ground, and found himself in a battle with an older horse who loves such conditions, What About Carlo, but fought on really well to win by a head.

His next, and final race of the term was to be the Darley Club Stakes, run over 9 furlongs at Newmarket (straight course) in mid-October. Monarchs Glen gained an impressive win. Watching the final furlong, this success appeared solid rather than flashy, as he drew off to beat Robin Of Navan by 1 ¼ lengths. It was the way Monarchs Glen travelled through the race that caught the eye. Like at Goodwood, he held his place just off the pace with ease, racing with great zest under a confident Dettori ride. Such a quality will stand him in good stead in a big field at Ascot.

Having won over 10 furlongs already, and also passed the stamina test over nine panels at the Rowley Mile course in Newmarket, Monarchs Glen has been wearing a hood in the paddock (hood stays on for the race this time) and he has also been taken down early – so there's the worry, he could become worked up in the preliminaries. Still, 12-1 is too big a price, and let's make him a small each-way bet. One can always double up if he behaves well in the preliminaries.

TIP TWO WIN is the logical each-way bet in the St. James's Palace Stakes, having finished second to Saxon Warrior in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, where he beat Masar and Roaring Lion – who subsequently filled first and third in the Derby at Epsom. The St. James's Palace is unusually open this year, but 11-2 (Ladbrokes) is a decent price for Tip Two Win. He would be half that price if representing one of the big yards. He is 5-1 with Paddy Power and Betfair.

RECOMMENDED BETS

£25 each-way Monarchs Glen 14-1 or 12-1, Wolferton Stakes (5:35)

12-1 with Paddy Power or Betfair (recommended; as they offer EW first four places)
alternatively 14-1 with Blacktype Bookmakers (EW first three places)

£10 EW DOUBLE (77-1):

TIP TWO WIN	5-1	(4:20 / St. James's Palace St.)
MONARCHS GLEN	12-1	(5:35 / Wolferton St.)

£15 EW: TIP TWO WIN 11-2 (Ladbrokes)

Total stakes Tuesday: £100

