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TODAY'S FREE SPORTS BETTING TIPS...

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Win Bet - Uttoxeter 15:35 - Hairan @ 16/1

Racing Investment

Win Bet - Wolverhampton (A.W) 17:45 - Abe Lincoln @ 1/1

Rick's Sports Betting: Returning Heroes At The Cheltenham Festival - By Rick Elliott

In this article Rick Elliott's Sports Betting World examines a proven system for making money towards the end of the football season. There are a number of matches from about March onwards with very little at stake and in these circumstances there tends to be fewer yellow and red cards. When both teams in a match are not striving for a result the game is played at a slower pace and there are fewer physical contacts and fouls. Careful selection of these fixtures can pay dividends in the spring.

Over the last three months of each football season in any league there are "dead matches" when the games don't mean much to each team. This trend is not unique to one league but the system can be applied to the Premier League. Many bookmakers issue odds on the number of cards so you can place your bets at the best odds to maximise the profits from this system. The qualifying fixtures bring together sides that cannot qualify for Europe and are clear of relegation.

History has shown over many years during the Premier League and in the old First Division the last weeks of the season produce far fewer bookings than during any other period. Professional footballers don't intentionally drop a level but its human nature to lose motivation when there is little at stake. When both sides drop a level fans are not happy with boring kickabouts but they mean easy money from betting on indiscipline in a match.

From March until the end of the season in May many matches will produce low card counts. Bookmakers generally assign 10 points for a yellow card and 25 points for a red card. You can bet on the total being above or below the quote but towards the end of the Premier League campaign actual bookings totals are lower than average. This tendency is written into bookmaker's prices to a certain extent but the odds on offer do not fully reflect the statistics for end of season matches.

In order to profit from this trend you must identify the right matches for your low cards count bets. When both teams are free from the drop and neither team has a chance of qualifying for Europe the card score will tend to be relatively low. In the first weekend in September the average card count tends to be about 35 but on the last weekend of the season that average drops to about 26. The figure is even lower for the carefully selected meaningless matches.

You must also factor the referee into your betting. Some of the men in the middle are more prone to showing cards while others try to avoid formal discipline. The latest referee stats are available online so you can identify the low card count refs. A number of referees will find any excuse to show a card while others will manage fouls and other breaches of the rules by talking to the players. Identifying the appropriate refs is the final piece in the jigsaw.

So here are the three qualifying criteria used to identify a good opportunity to bet under the quote for bookings:

- Both sides without relegation issues.
- Qualification for Europe is highly unlikely.
- Low card points referee.

Once you have placed your bets on low card counts you can gain some pleasure from these potentially boring matches.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Native River 7/1 For 2019 Gold Cup

NATIVE RIVER is 7/1 with [Ladbrokes](#) to win the 2019 Cheltenham Gold Cup and its going to take some special horse to beat the champion up the hill in the most prestigious chase in the sport next season. Native River and Might Bite dominated the race yesterday and in an epic contest Native River outstayed the runner-up after being briefly headed in the straight.

The performance was the epitome of a staying chaser but Native River does not have an entry for the Grand National so can't achieve a double that only Golden Miller (1934) has managed in the past. ANIBALE FLY was third in the Gold Cup and can now be backed at 25/1 with [Betfair](#) to win the National.

If the Gold Cup is the Blue Riband of chasing the National is the most famous steeplechase in the world. The original Aintree version attracts a huge global audience but the Midlands Grand National at Uttoxeter today will not stop any nations but is the biggest race of the season at the Staffordshire track. It will have to produce something exceptional to match the drama of a wonderful Gold Cup.

In racing there is always another day and another race. It was a bookies benefit at Cheltenham on Friday when not one favourite obliged. There were big-priced winners all day so punters are now on the back foot. Native River was a bad result for the bookies but generally results went their way. ALFIE SPINNER was second in the Welsh National and can go one better in the Midlands version at 14/1 with [Ladbrokes](#).

Brighton Are Fancied To Force A Replay

Manchester United play Brighton in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup at Old Trafford today. It is going require something out of the ordinary to get the fans back onside. The loss to Sevilla at home in the Champions League was a massive disappointment and Jose Mourinho's reaction did not help. Winning the FA Cup is not a patch on

being the champions of Europe and even that could go wrong because Brighton are fancied to force a replay and the DRAW is 9/2 with [bet365](#).

South Africa V Australia - Rabada A Massive Miss For Hosts (and cricket) - By Dave Owens

The four-match test series between South Africa and Australia is brewing up into a quite intriguing series. Two intensely competitive sides with a history against one another, both carrying excellent strength with the bowl and equal uncertainty with the bat with both sides heavily reliant on a few world class batsmen each. In short, just what test cricket was in massive need of – after a long run of series dominated by the home side and regularly played in front of sparse crowds and seemingly even sparser interest.

So, the loss of Kagiso Rabada who is now banned from the rest of the series is a massive loss to cricket as it is to the South African side who are deprived of his services for the remaining two matches'. There are few box office stars in the longer form of the game and it is a real shame that two marquee series have been diminished by the loss of Ben Stokes from the Ashe's and Rabada for the latest test series.

The Stokes issue is totally unavoidable to cricket and something that I don't want to get into the moral question of. The ban of Rabada though and the on-going and increasing antagonism between the two sides in the current series is something that cricket can do something about.

With the ever-increasing use of technology used in the game to determine decisions of if a batsman is out or not, there has been a fear for the need of umpires, with machinery making more decisions over the years and taking away from the human element of the game. An area of the game where a human element is certainly required is more influence and policing of players on the field.

The ban of Rabada seems rather unfortunate as its been a series where verbal's and aggression have been flying from the first delivery of the opening test. There is the feeling that its been 6 of one and half a dozen of the other in the antagonism stakes. The differing degrees of punishment are dealt with after the match and are not entirely clear to the players and viewing public as to how they are determined.

More influence for the umpires and clarity to who is overstepping the mark would make things clearer to both players and viewers. Its difficult to know in what format this would take place. The way that umpires have legislation for bowlers running on the wicket and damaging the pitch is an example of clarity though and could be something that could be looked at for the policing of players behaviour on the field.

Bowlers are not permitted to run down the centre of the pitch after delivery, since the spikes on their boots would scuff up the wicket and assist spin bowling later in the game with the damage to the pitch. Umpires decide this on their discretion and issue a first warning to bowler and captain. This is clear to all players on either side, the crowd who pay to watch at the ground and the TV viewers. The next step would be a final warning if it continued followed by the bowler no longer to bowl in the rest of the innings. The steps are known to all players and public and are clear to all.

Cricket wants and needs tough, hard cricket with neither side giving an inch. It has to stay in the boundaries of some sort of order though with players having the umpire decide when enough has been said and a line not gone over. It also can't really afford to lose players of the likes of Rabada who is one of the leading lights and in the game due to a lack of clarity and consistency in disciplinary decision making.

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

A GREAT VIEW (Denis Cullen) Unlucky not to get closer than a fast finishing sixth in the Pertemps where whacking the second last didn't help. Still under the radar a bit and should be effective over fences too but does need a trip.

BACARDYS (Willie Mullins) Met all sorts of traffic issues in the Stayers Hurdle and from a handy position in midfield on the inside rail he was shuffled back and was virtually last turning for home. How wriggled through the crowded field and was back in on the inside when taking a tumble at the last. Had to miss his intended prep run and clearly retains plenty of ability.

EPICURIS (Willie Mullins) Top French flat form, won the Criterium at Saint-Cloud back in the day and was fifth to Golden Horn in the Epsom Derby. After a disappointing start at Limerick he was a distant second at Naas with all sorts of jumping issues. Yet the magic touch of the Mullins team was obvious at Gowran Park where his jumping was transformed and he won despite not liking the very sticky ground. Ignore his high head carriage, he is very genuine and now that he's got his act together he could go a long way.

MENGLI KHAN (Gordon Elliott) Third in the Supreme Novices on totally unsuitable ground, he has booked his ticket for the Punchestown Festival where he would be a top level contender granted better underfoot conditions.

MITCHOUKA (Gordon Elliott) Badly hampered in the Fred Winter and then clouted the second last and was pulled up. Could bounce back very quickly at the Fairyhouse - a track he loves - Easter Festival.

THREE WISE MEN (Henry de Bromhead) When the ground improves - if it ever will! - we should see big improvement on his reasonable Gowran third to Goulane Chosen. While he hasn't reached the levels expected yet, that could change very quickly on a drier surface.

PALOMA BLUE (Henry de Bromhead) Third in the Deloitte and fourth in the Supreme Novices, he is just marking time until he goes over fences where he should really thrive. Stepping up in trip would help too.

*** Declan's Irish Racing Service Cheltenham gems included Blue Berry 25/1, Tiger Roll 7/1, Melon 18/1 (placed), Farclas 9/1 and Sire Du Berlais 10/1 (placed).**

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