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## TOP TIPSTERS MARCH 2018

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Pos	Service Name	Points
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## TODAY'S FREE SPORTS BETTING TIPS...

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## **Ian's Racing Preview** - By Ian Hudson

### **Fire Brigade And Moore Can Win The Lincoln**

David Dick is the only jockey to have won both legs of the Spring Double but Graham Lee could become the second on Saturday. The two races are the Lincoln and Grand National and Lee won the latter on Amberleigh House in 2004. At the time of writing Lee does not have a ride in the Lincoln but if he ever wins the Doncaster handicap Lee will emulate Dick who won the National in 1956 and Lincoln in 1941 Ryan Moore rides the favourite Fire Brigade in this year's race.

The Lincoln is a heritage handicap and is thus one of the most prestigious handicaps of the Flat season. It's run over the straight mile at Doncaster and there will be a maximum field of 22 runners. A horse must be rated nine pounds higher to get in the race compared to the qualifying mark ten years ago. It's more difficult for an improving, unexposed horse to win the race but proven form in similar handicaps is now more important than potential.

The Balmoral Handicap on Champions Day in October has become an important trial. Three years-olds can run in the race so by the following March they have turned four and are eligible for the Lincoln. There is speculation about the effect of the draw but no one side of the track has dominated the race in recent years. The mile course at Doncaster is fair and there are no distinct undulations on one particular side of the track. In fact the draw advantage is negligible but some horses run better in the pack from the centre stalls.

Fitness and readiness are more important so horses that have been racing on the All-Weather or in Dubai have an advantage. Some trainers like Richard Fahey hit the ground running at the start of the season while others struggle to produce winners. Mick Easterby is another Northern trainer who has an improved record at the end of March and throughout April. A horse must be fit to win the Lincoln and fitness comes from races at the track and not from exercising at home. First time our runners who have not been racing overseas or on artificial surfaces are disadvantaged.

Every winner of the Lincoln since 1999 has been aged 4, 5 or 6 and since 1965 no horse older than 8 has won the race. Handicappers can have a long career and contest many similar races but beyond the age of 8 horses are not competitive in the major Flat handicaps. The last four winners have carried nine stone or more and the Lincoln is now more akin to a Listed race than a big field handicap. In the last five years three horses have prevailed at 20/1 and two started at 12/1. Four outright favourites and one joint-favourite have won the Lincoln this century.

Fire Brigade is aged four and is set to carry 9-01 but has not run for 145 days. As the quality has increased the weights have compressed and they will be in a nine pound

race in this year's Lincoln. The days of an unexposed horse winning from the bottom of the handicap have gone. The race is more akin to a conditions race and the winner will be not far below Group 3 class. Fire Brigade has been backed all week and that is mainly due to the Moore factor. The best jockey in the world has never won the Lincoln but it could be his turn. His mount has trained well over the winter so Fire Brigade is the selection despite not having raced for almost five months.

## **Today's Sports Betting Preview** - By Rick Elliott

### **Goal Fest Not Expected in Amsterdam Tonight**

Holland are not going to the World Cup in Russia and even though they have qualified England might not either. They do say politics and sport should not mix but sometimes that is unavoidable. In any case the friendly international tonight between Holland and England in Amsterdam is meaningless and will have no relevance to the tournament in Russia this summer. It's one of those cases of backing something not to happen rather than taking place and that means goals. The loophole in the low bookings counts in international friendlies has now been closed.

England play Italy in the second friendly during the international break at Wembley next week and Italy also failed to qualify. England might as well be playing any team in world football but to play two teams who won't be in Russia seems a total waste of time. Italy missed out on the finals by one goal but Holland were a million miles from qualification. The nation finished third in the World Cup in 2014 but it's a squad in transition that could lack goals. Robin van Persie has been left out and other stalwarts like Arjen Robben are not available for selection.

The first match in charge for a new manager who was a hero as a player can do strange things for a team. Ryan Giggs began his managerial career with Wales yesterday and they beat China 6-0 with Gareth Bale's hat-trick making him their record scorer. Bale has now scored 29 goals for his country which is one more than Ian Rush. Ronald Koeman is in charge for Holland for the first time tonight and he could transform the team. However, Harry Kane is injured and doesn't play and all the evidence suggests a low scoring encounter so UNDER 2.5 GOALS should be backed at 13/20 with William Hill.

### **WOODS WELL Looks Interesting At 16/1**

The richest race of the day in Britain and Ireland is the novices' handicap chase at Navan (4.05). On ratings it's an open looking contest and five horses are quoted at odds from 5/2 to 7/1. Fitzhenry and Last Encounter are closely matched on past form and Augustin is not a proven jumper who could be found out at this level. With an amateur jockey's allowance reducing the horse's weight by seven pounds WOODS WELL looks interesting at 16/1 with Ladbrokes.