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Rick's Sports Betting: Ante Post Betting - By Rick Elliott

Most betting on horse racing is done on the night before a race or on the day of the meeting. In the past very few races were priced up before race day but the onset of internet gambling has made the sector more competitive so firms now issue prices as soon as the overnight declarations have been made. Backing a horse in advance of a race can be fraught with danger but bookmakers now provide some insurance against non-runners or price changes.

There is a certain satisfaction in backing a horse at 10/1 and seeing the price drop to 5/1. We feel we have bet ahead of the move and feel quite clever. However, if the bet is settled at 5/1 there is no financial gain. If you don't clearly state you want to take a price on a horse the bet will be settled at the starting price. This can go in your favour when a horse drifts but that generally happens for a reason. Some horses do win after drifting in the betting but generally there has been some negative information.

Websites and online newspapers now highlight the market moves when the price for a horse goes up or down significantly. Price moves have their own momentum. When bookmakers cut a price some punters take this as a tip and back the horse. This leads to a further contraction. The move may be based on

a rumour and started by someone in the know but there will quickly be followers who put pressure on the price. Fake news can create betting activity and prices change in response to demand.

A relatively recent concession is best odds guaranteed on all horse races in Britain and Ireland. Some bookmakers also offer the same guarantee on greyhound racing. The concession means that if you take an early price and the horse wins at a shorter SP bets will be settled at the bigger price. In some cases the SP might be bigger than the board price but bookmakers will payout on the best price. This promise insures against a horse contracting in the betting or drifting on the day of the race.

Market moves can happen in ante post markets. A stable employee may be privy to an exceptional piece of work and back a horse accordingly. This is particularly relevant to young horses that have not run or are inexperienced. A two-year-old horse may look impressive on the gallops which can set a move for a future race in motion. Its worth bearing in mind that the favourite for the Derby over the winter might not even run in the race or start at a bigger price than was on offer in ante post betting.

Ante post betting can be attractive because the odds on offer are often bigger than the starting price. You can bet on the four major championship races at the Cheltenham Festival a full year in advance. In effect you are locking up betting funds and the trade-off is potentially better value. However, all bets are lost if the horse is withdrawn. The risk of not getting a run is offset by better prices which make some appeal to punters. Generally if a horse is a non-runner all stakes are lost.

Bookmakers try to make ante post betting more enticing by offering non-runner/no bet for some races. This means if a horse is withdrawn all stakes are returned. This offer comes into play in the lead-up to the Cheltenham Festival and other major races. However, the downside is that prices are less attractive so bookmakers are giving in one hand and taking from the other. Best Odds Guaranteed and NRNB are good concessions but bookmakers will compensate by cutting odds.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

A Better Day For The Champions-Elect

It's not been a good week for Manchester City players. Not only did they lose 3-0 in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final with Liverpool the transport they took to their place of work was placed under siege. Highly paid footballers are human beings and deserve a secure environment in which to travel and ply their trade. It's debatable if the journey to Anfield affected their performance but City were not themselves in the first half. Things can get better today because if MANCHESTER CITY beat Manchester United they are Premier League champions and that outcome is 4/5 with William Hill.

Liverpool have had a great season and played wonderful football with Mo Salah a revelation and in the running to be player of the year. There's nothing wrong with passionate fans who love their team but there are boundaries that should not be crossed. The club have been in the news this week for their performance against City but sadly also for events outside the ground. I'm not sure what kind of welcome the team bus will get at Goodison Park today before the derby match with Everton. Liverpool are vying for second place while Everton are becalmed in mid-table safety. On all known form LIVERPOOL are the team to back at 21/20 with Unibet.

The greatest race in the world takes place next Saturday but one week before the Grand National there's plenty to get excited about with the racing today. There are six meetings in total in Britain and Ireland including lucrative televised fixture on the All-Weather at Kempton and over jumps at Kelso. There are four handicaps from the Borders track on ITV4 and the richest race is the chase at 3pm. CHIC LANE ran well in the cross-country chase at Cheltenham and that form makes the horse the one to back at Kelso today at 6/1 with Ladbrokes.

The Indian Premier League - Crickets Biggest And Best Cricket Festival - By Dave Owens

It's just over 10 years since the IPL arrived and changed cricket forever. 20/20 cricket was at first an English experiment with the ECB originally trying out the format in place of one of the regular 50 over tournaments to try and create a new energy and following to the sport. It wasn't until the birth of the Indian Premier league that the cricketing landscape dramatically shifted to the shortest format of the game with millions pumped into the league and the best players from across the globe signed up to play franchise cricket in a six-week block.

The knock-on effect has seen 20/20 leagues spring up all around the globe now and players playing all year round with the Australian Big Bash, the Pakistan Super League, the English T20 blast vying for similar success to that of the IPL.

It is also by far the most bet on cricket tournament as well, with punters all around the world betting on every game with the worlds best players fighting it out in front of packed houses of wild Indian support for their teams. As with the fast paced and relentless schedule of 20/20 leagues with games taking place every day and sometimes two on the same day, information on team selection and batting orders for teams becomes vital for bookmaker and punter alike.

Such is the interest in the IPL that each side has now set up its own website with news, previews and interviews taking place and can be a useful place to glean information regarding a team's plan for a player. The nature of franchise cricket sees quite a random mix of players from around the world thrown together with Indian stars and exciting and slightly unknown Indian talent. The format allows sides to pick four overseas players for any one game and often teams chopping and changing these players whilst they look for the best balance and formula for their specific teams.

The opening salvos begin on Saturday and will make interesting viewing from a fans and punters perspective to begin to decipher what each side is looking to do with its resources and who they will use in what role for the coming games and extracting value from the subsequent pricing up of markets.

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

BELLSHILL (Willie Mullins) Very surprised to see him in the betting for Aintree after he ran his heart out in an absolute grueler of a race, the Irish Grand National last Monday. He simply won't have recovered in time and will not travel to Liverpool. Incidentally both Willie and David Mullins are convinced he was spooked or distracted by something going to the last at Fairyhouse, as he ran on again full of running. Another reason Aintree should be skipped is that he is much better at right handed tracks.

COQUIN MANS (Willie Mullins) Had good form against Melon at Down Royal, was very unlucky when slipping up at Clonmel, and was a highly impressive winner of a hot contest at Fairyhouse last weekend. Paul Townend knew he had the winning of it a long way out. Looks serious Stayers Hurdle material for next season.

DUC DES GENIEVRES (Willie Mullins) Didn't look at all over his Cheltenham exertions with a disappointing effort at Fairyhouse. Hitting the third last didn't help, but perhaps a return to two miles at Punchestown might reap dividends.

GETAWAY JOHN (Gordon Elliott) Smooth all the way bumper winner in a race won previously by Don Cossack, Samcro, Blow By Blow and Anibale Fly. Nobody is saying he will scale the dizzy heights that some of those achieved, but he is very good and his trainer rates him amongst his best prospects.

REDHOTFILLYPEPPERS (Willie Mullins) This 33/1 shot was giving her more fancied rivals plenty to think about in the Grade One Mares Novice at Fairyhouse until she took a tumble four out. She was comfortably well clear in front at the time, and while she would hardly have held off brilliant stablemate Laurina, there was every chance she would have been placed. She can stay three miles, won't mind better ground and might be slightly better racing left handed. Plenty of options then and certainly one to look forward to.

SHREWDOPERATOR (Philip Rothwell) The Wicklow trainer has been enjoying a welcome revival and this gelding landed some tidy wagers when winning at Cork. A previous winner at that track, form from that Mallow circuit doesn't always travel well but this steady improver is certainly one to keep an eye on wherever he goes.

STONEFORD (Noel Meade) A three miles maiden hurdle proved the perfect recipe at Cork and he is a nice sort who will probably be a staying chaser in the fullness of time.

Join Declan's [Irish Racing Service](#) now to get the insight on the Irish runners at Aintree, the powerful Irish challenge for the Classics on the flat and of course the rapidly approaching Punchestown Festival which has proved a real goldmine in recent years.

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