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More Group 1 Wins For O'Brien - By Ian Hudson

It's Irish Guineas weekend and when the Classics are taking place in the UK and Ireland one man dominates. Aidan O'Brien set a world record for most Group 1 and Grade 1 wins last season and he's already made his mark in the Flat races that matter most in 2018. Saxon Warrior won the Newmarket 2,000 Guineas and the horse is now odds on to win the Derby and there is talk of the Triple Crown, not achieved since Nijinsky won three Classics in 1970. O'Brien saddles the favourites for the Irish 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas run over a mile at the Curragh on Saturday and Sunday.

Saxon Warrior won the English Classic mainly contested by colts aged three with something in hand. The horse was much better value for the winning distance even though the horse that finished second was not the second best horse on form and ratings. The fact that Tip Two Win Laurens finished just one and a half lengths adrift in the Guineas would put question marks against the form but Saxon Warrior ran as though longer distances would be better and the Derby is run over one mile and four furlongs. The third leg of the treble is the St Leger which is run over one mile and six furlongs at Doncaster in September.

Gustav Klimt finished in sixth place over the Rowley Mile at Newmarket, almost four lengths behind Saxon Warrior. The horse tracked the leaders but was unable to quicken and did not act on the track. The Curragh does not have the undulations and could be a better track for Gustav Klimt and you know O'Brien is not running the horse without being confident he can run well. However, the price is more based on the reputation of the trainer than proven form. With Saxon Warrior dominating the English Guineas was a truly run race and the winner ran on strongly.

Other than that horse the runner to take out of the race could be Elarqam. It was just a third career start and the horse looked very well in the paddock. Elarqam took a keen hold and could not quicken after being impeded. The horse recovered but could not run on again inside the final furlong but finished a length and a half in front of Gustav Klimt. In theory Elarqam should be the favourite for the Irish version and can confirm the form with the O'Brien horse. Masar beat Elarqam by half a length in the Guineas but made no impression on the first two at the business end of the race.

Clemmie was for some time the ante post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas but a minor injury ruled this O'Brien horse out of the race. Clemmie had shown better form than Happily who was the trainers man hope but the horse was found wanting on the track at Newmarket. Happily finished third in the race and was beaten by more than two lengths by the winner. Billesdon Brook was an unconsidered outsider but there are no fluke results in Classics. Soliloquy also brings Guineas form to the Curragh but Clemmie has the form to deliver another Group 1 contest for O'Brien.

O'Brien also sends over the favourite for the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in Rhododendron. The race is run over the straight mile so there should be no hard luck stories and the best horse on the day will win. That runner should be Rhododendron who represents last year's Classic generation and has enough to beat the older horse. Addeybb has graduated from handicaps so may be found out and Rhododendron is tipped to give O'Brien more Group 1 success.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

It Could Be Joy For Coventry Tonight

Coventry City supporters had not seen their team finish in the top six in any league since 1970 so it must have come as a major shock when they qualified for the League Two playoffs. Coventry and Notts County drew 1-1 in the first match so its all to play for in the second leg in Nottingham tonight. It could be the fans greatest occasion since Coventry beat Tottenham 3-2 in the FA Cup Final at Wembley in 1987. Football fans live for the odd joyous occasion and the playoff fixture could be just the second Coventry have enjoyed for almost 50 years. The club have dropped from the Premier League to the fourth tier but COVENTRY are now 5/6 with William Hill to win promotion to League One.

The Premier League season is over, it's the FA Cup Final tomorrow (after the Royal Wedding) and Liverpool meet Real Madrid in the Champions League decider next Saturday. You can back Meghan to be wearing WHITE at 10/1 with Ladbrokes but only for a pound which you could win betting on the playoff match tonight. Coventry have only failed to score once in their last 17 matches and one goal could be enough to reach the playoff final. Away goals don't count double so a goalless draw would take the tie to extra time. However, COVENTRY can get the job done in 90 minutes and are 17/10 with Betfair to win the match in regular time.

It's the third and final day of the York Dante meeting and the highlight is the Yorkshire Cup. Roaring Lion won the Dante Stakes by four and a half lengths yesterday and is now as low as 7/1 to win the Derby. The race is the most significant trial for the most famous Flat race in the world and Saxon Warrior has a viable opponent but the favourite should still prevail. Ryan Moore rides Max Dynamite for Willie Mullins in the Yorkshire Cup and that could be a tip in itself. However, the best jockey could be beaten by the most famous jockey because Frankie Dettori is on board STRADIVARIUS and the horse cannot be opposed at 10/11 with bet365.

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The Government has apparently listened to the common man rather than be swayed by industry propaganda and has announced that the maximum stake for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals will be limited from the current £100 to £2 every 20 seconds. This move is to be applauded as there is little doubt that the current limit has led to misery for many and allowed addicts to harm themselves irreparably.

But expect the bookmakers to start their whinging very quickly but also to increase their promotion of on-line casino and other games where there are currently few controls. These gaming/casino areas are already being pushed from many sources and are loaded against the punter. Just look at the wagering requirements imposed by most which mean the welcome bonus is nothing more than a fly trap.

Yesterday's announcement is a credit to organisations that have campaigned in the face of disinformation from the industry and they should be congratulated. There are still many aspects of the industry that are operated unfairly – just getting a bet accepted can be difficult for some! – and if you have suffered an injustice at the hands of the bookies help is at hand from [Justice For Punters](#). Don't think you are alone on this.

Over at [Bet World Reviews](#) we have been upgrading the website to ensure compliance with the new Data Regulations and a benefit of this has been a site which works well on most devices. Do let us know what you think and if there are any services you would like us to examine.

We have just finished a comparative review between 2 Greyhound tipping services. Often regarded as a fringe betting area there are good potential profits to be made if you find the right service. We looked at [Premier Greyhounds](#) and [The Judge](#) which operate along similar lines and have been around for several years. The Judge has taken a strong lead with profits of 169 points in the first 3 months of the trial – will he carry on setting the pace?

Other reviews finished recently have seen a good performance from [All Weather](#) winners while [Plodder Pete](#) seemed to think that his selections should reflect his nickname. We also took a look at a useful betting tool which allows punters to rate horses on a consistent basis across the board and users are reporting improvements in their selection process leading to greater profitability. Called [Good Bet Horse Racing](#) there is a base system which is available for a one off fee and a supplementary subscription service which allows UK and Irish racing data to be downloaded each day and thus saves significant time. Well worth a look.

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