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Rick's Sports Betting: System Backers Hope Kew Gardens Is St Leger Favourite - By Rick Elliott

The St Leger is the oldest Classic in the world and the third leg of the colts and fillies triple crown. The other two races are the 1,000 Guineas and Derby for the male horses aged three and the 2,000 Guineas and Oaks for females of the same age. There is no horse running at Doncaster in the 2018 St Leger who has won one of the first two legs never mind the first two. Saxon Warrior won the Guineas in May but was a beaten favourite in the Derby so an attempt to win three Classics was abandoned.

Saxon Warrior is trained by Aidan O'Brien but he still has the possible favourite for the fifth and final Classic of the season in Kew Gardens. On Racing Post Ratings the horse has something to find with Dee Ex Bee and Lah Ti Dar but on the plus side he will be ridden by Ryan Moore. When O'Brien and Moore join forces in British and Irish Classics they have a good record but that is reflected in the odds. Kew Gardens is a false favourite on the figures so punters may have been swayed by the trainer and jockey combination which is proven at the highest level.

The St Leger is a Group race for horses aged three. Moore rode the favourite for O'Brien in 10 Group races for three-year-olds in Britain last season and had a 50% strike rate. The starting price of the winners was 6/4, 5/2, 5/6, 4/9 and 3/1. A £10 level stake bet on these horses would have returned £132.70 for a profit of £32.70 which equates to a return on investment of 32.70%. The combination won the St Leger in 2017 with a horse that was returned at 3/1. Followers of proven systems will be backing Kew Gardens to win the St Leger if the horse is the favourite.

The leading owners, jockeys and trainers date back to the 19th century. O'Brien is the winning most trainer since 2000 with five wins but all had different jockeys. Moore has only won one St Leger compared to three for Frankie Dettori but he has not won the race since 2008. William Buick and Andrea Atzeni have both won back-to-back St Legers since 2010. John Gosden won the race three times between 2007 and 2011 and he is the trainer of Lah Ti Dar. The winning riders were Buick (twice) and Jimmy Fortune but a different man is on board this time.

The Gosden filly gets a three pounds sex allowance and will be in the able hands of Dettori. Some late money could make Lah Ti Dar the favourite on the day of the race.

The trainer and jockey teamed up on favourites in five Group races for three-year-olds last season and produced the winner three times. The SP's of these horses were 6/5, 4/7 and 4/6 so the sample of all the qualifying races produced a small profit of 2.2%. Trends followers will be hoping Kew Gardens is the favourite because following the jockey and trainer pays bigger dividends than the alternative.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Back in their halcyon days Wembley was Liverpool's second home and for the last season and a bit it actually is where Tottenham play their home matches. Today's fixture between the sides was to be played at the new White Hart Lane but delays in the construction means this Premier League fixture will take place at the national stadium. Tottenham have only failed to score in one of their last 48 home matches at the old ground and their temporary home. BOTH TEAMS TO SCORE is the bet when they play Liverpool today at 8/15 with Ladbrokes.

In their better days a Manchester United away match at somewhere like Watford would involve a team with four straight wins and opponents in the middle of the table. United would be the team with the unblemished record and Watford would have made an average start but this season the roles have been reversed. The home team have maximum points while the visitors have won and lost two matches. The natural order of things can apply again because MANCHESTER UNITED are the team to back at 10/11 with William Hill.

Lancashire play most of their home cricket matches at Old Trafford which is a miracle of modern stadium design. One week it is a Test match venue and seven days later it is the biggest league football stadium in Britain. However, it will be unused today because of Manchester United's fixture at Watford and Lancashire are playing in the T20 finals day at Edgbaston in Birmingham. LANCASHIRE have been relegated to the second tier of English cricket but can win the T20Blast at 5/2 with Betfair. Meanwhile LAH TI DAR is the tip to win the St Leger at Doncaster (3.35) and the horse can be backed to win the oldest Classic in the world.

A Bowlers Summer – High Value Down The Order - By Dave Owens

Monday saw the end of the English test summer with England completing a 4-1 test victory over India in a series predominantly dominated by the ball. Both sides boasted high class bowling attacks and were helped by helpful conditions throughout the five-match series. This led to batting at the top of the order being incredibly difficult for both sets of batsmen on either side and presented a real opportunity in the Top batsman markets where the odds were routinely sided in favour of batsman batting in highest positions in the order.

The opening three spots offer batsman ample opportunity to bat long periods of time and in theory post the biggest individual scores with the side having all, or nearly all their entire 10 wickets in hand and rarely if ever running out of partners and being able to score a volume of runs that their middle and lower order team mates would not have the time or opportunity to score.

This can be dramatically offset though, in certain conditions and against certain opponents being by far the most difficult place to bat. This proved the case quite dramatically in this series with the amazing stat that no opener on either side has scored a single half century at all until the fifth and last test match. The brand-new ball regularly moved around lavishly and at greater pace and was exploited expertly by the opening bowlers on each side and left both sides regularly early wickets down and the top batsman market being opened up to a great extent for players batting further down the order who in a lot of circumstances would walk to the crease with a top order playing potentially have a century to his name and no chance of being overhauled.

An added consideration to looking at the potential of backing high priced lower order batsman is the ability of the players batting in the Nos 7 and 8 positions. It's all very well the top order having regular struggles and not being able to score runs, but it counts for nothing if the lower order is not good enough to exploit these opportunities. These criteria were met perfectly with both sides (particularly England) having real genuine all-rounders in the lower order with fine records with the bat in the forms of Jos Buttler, Chris Woakes and the highly talented newcomer Sam Curran and for India the spin bowling all-rounders of Ravi Ashwin and Jadeja.

The second and third test matches showed the way for this potential with England's early problems with bat paving the way for the No 7 in the order to be top scorer in the Top batsman market with Chris Woakes capitalising and Jos Buttler taking the honours in the game after. These wins and the fragile confidence of the England top order saw Sam Curran prove tremendous value at 33/1 to win the fourth test away batting at No8 before the fifth and final test make the lower order player fantastic value with the big winners on either side with Jos Buttler taking it again from England's No 7 position and a fine win to be had on Ravi Jadeja who took the award for India batting at No8 at an excellent price of 40/1 proving that batting struggles can certainly open lower order opportunity at the batting crease and in the betting markets.

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Trackside In Ireland - By Declan O'Donoghue

The Stewards have had their moments at the Listowel Harvest Festival this week, and they were called into action in the opener on Thursday when the first three home were pretty much up close and personal in the closing stages.

After prolonged deliberations they allowed the result to stand, and Joseph O'Brien's Arcturus 3/1 kept the race after beating Sacchoandvanzetti - I'd say the course commentator loves that one! - and Refulgence Star by a half length and a short head.

Promising 7 lbs. claimer Shane Crosse took advantage of a dream run up the far rail, and the runner up - sent off the 9/4 jolly - deserves great credit having finished third here the day before.

Jim Bolger runners are invariably tough nuts, yet for a juvenile to make such a quick reappearance on this terrible ground and run so well was a really decent effort.

While followers of our Irish Racing Service have thrived at this Harvest Festival, at the track the bookies have had a dream time of it, and the Fozzy Stack trained Shifted Strategy landing the mile handicap at 16/1 added to their glee.

Again another class 7 lbs. claimer - Killian Hennessy - did the steering and it was a gutsy win from a poor draw.

By Choisir the winner should cope with better ground but this was a moderate enough contest and Fozzy won't be getting carried away.

Curragh based trainer Michael O'Callaghan has his roots in Tralee which is quite near Listowel and the locals were happy when Leigh Roche poached the mile maiden from the front on well supported 7/2 fancy Quinns Red Rose.

Her one bad run came when stepped up to ten furlongs at Ballinrobe in her previous contest, and this race certainly provided ample proof that a mile is her limit.

Tony Martin has been having a quiet time of it in recent years but there have been signs of a return to form lately and easy to back 8/1 shot Mr Everest - who had been running well over hurdles - took the mile and six handicap under equally versatile jockey Robbie Colgan.

Mixed fortunes in the betting ring in the next few races but punters really thought they had the petrol money when 2/1 jolly Great Trango seemed to have shaken off all opposition in the last.

Yet just as they were about to go down the steps of the stands to collect their winnings, Mark Walsh swooped very late on 25/1 shot Vent De La Cote.

Further joy for the bookies and the gloomy conditions matched the mood of the betting ring players as they made a beeline for the car parks.

WHAT A HARVEST! Fleeting was a 12/1 diamond from Declan's Irish Racing Service this week while he repeatedly struck gold at the Listowel Harvest Festival - Humm Baby 9/1 (won 5/1); Burning Question 8/1 (w 11/2); Stormy Belle 7/1 (w 5/1); Quinns Red Rose 6/1 (w 7/2); Time Queen 5/1 (w 9/4); Astronomer 2/1 and Chief Justice 5/4 (w 10/11).

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