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






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## **Rick's Sports Betting: Champions League And Europa League Latest News** - 0y Rick Elliott

Madrid is the only city that has been represented by both Champions League finalists but Manchester could emulate the capital of Spain this season. United and City have never met in European competition but both clubs could progress to the match that determines the champions of Europe. The last English team to win the Champions League was Chelsea in 2013. Bayern Munich won the competition in 2014 and since the five winners have been clubs from Spain.

Real Madrid beat Atletico Madrid in the finals of the Champions League in the 2013-14 and 2015-16 seasons. They were the only finals of the competition and the European Cup that preceded it that involved two teams from the same city. The two Milan clubs have never met in the final and Liverpool and Everton have not contested the deciding match. It's a massive sore point with Evertonians that they were denied a chance to play in the European Cup due to the ban on English clubs playing in Europe. There is a fair chance that Liverpool and Everton could have met in a European final at the end of the 1980's but sadly that is only speculation.

Consequently Madrid is the only city that has provided the two finalists in the Champions League. If Manchester match that achievement two players from Spain will play a big part. David de Gea (United) is one of the best goalkeepers in the world and David Silva (City) has played a massive part in his club's success in recent years. The draw has to work out to keep the sides apart in earlier rounds but Manchester City and Manchester United could meet in the final of the Champions League next June, ironically at the home stadium of Atletico Madrid. It is usually the biggest betting match of any season when there is not a World Cup or European Championships.

Clubs from Spain and England have been the winners of the Europa League in the last seven seasons. Sevilla won the final three times in succession from 2014 to 2016. The manager during that spell was Unai Emery who now manages Arsenal. He clearly takes the Europa League seriously so this season may see Arsenal go all the way to the final at the Olympic Stadium in Baku. Their opponents could be Chelsea which means London would be represented by both finalists thus becoming the first city to provide both clubs for the final of the Europa League.

Manchester City have won the Premier League three times in the last seven seasons. Chelsea are the only other multiple champions since 2011-12. Even though the big city clubs will always have most money and should win the

league every year Leicester City defied the odds three seasons ago. In fact it was the biggest upset in the history of team sport and is unlikely to be repeated for many years. City had so much in hand last season that another title is on the cards and meeting United in the final of the Champions League is a distinct possibility.

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

### **Goals Almost Guaranteed At The Emirates**

Three teams are unbeaten after 10 matches for just the third time in the history of top flight football in England. Manchester City and Chelsea have not suffered a defeat yet and Liverpool are the third club who have picked up points from all their fixtures in the Premier League. Arsenal lost their first two league matches but have since won the last eight.

That means something has to give when Liverpool play them at the Emirates today. There have been at least four goals in the last five meetings but Arsenal score most of their goals after the break. Liverpool are league leaders for results before half-time so a decent bet is the LIVERPOOL/ARSENAL double result at 33/1 with **Ladbrokes**.

The early live televised match is Bournemouth's home fixture against Manchester United. The league table does not lie and the hosts are above their illustrious opponents after just over one quarter of the season. Jose Mourinho targets competitions and as United cannot win the league the Champions League becomes more important. BOURNEMOUTH are unbeaten in the league at home this season and can extend that run with three points today which is the bet at 14/5 with **bet365**.

Tottenham have been in the news for several wrong reasons but a win at West Ham in the EFL Cup could be a turning point. The club are now regular Champions League qualifiers and opponents Wolves in an evening fixture were promoted from the Championship last season. Tottenham have not lost to a newly-promoted club in 38 meetings. The visitors are still not at their best so the DRAW is the tip and that outcome is 12/5 with **Coral**.

It's the second night of the Breeders' Cup and there are nine Grade 1 races on the card this evening. Roaring Lion is on the drift for the Breeders' Cup Classic at 9.44 due to the nature of the dirt surface and an unfavourable draw. The horse has won four Group 1 races in Britain this season but has only raced on turf. ACCELERATE has been drawn on the outside but can win a Breeders' Cup contest for a third year and is best priced at 4/1 with **William Hill**.

## **Trackside In Ireland** - By Declan O'Donoghue

Despite all the hype and hoopla from ITV Racing and The Racing Post, the Cheltenham meeting last weekend was moderate in the extreme.

Let's face it, there's better fare at Down Royal and Wetherby today than anything we saw at the iconic Cotswolds venue.

With due respect to all concerned, if Modus winning a handicap was the highlight, well, that says it all really.

Interestingly, while Gordon Elliott had two winners on the Saturday in Dinons and Cubomania, any of his quality horses that ran last weekend were at Galway.

None provoked more interest than Blow By Blow, who won what was for him a virtual egg and spooner by half the track.

It was a tidy and efficient start over fences and his jockey Jack Kennedy was certainly impressed.

"That was good. He's be better in a better race with something to take him on" he said.

"He jumped well and knows what he's at and is very clever."

"He stays well and can only get better" Kennedy added."

Needless to say the Cheltenham quotes from the big firms were flying in thick and fast.

The 25/1 for the RSA that Ladbrokes and Corals are offering certainly caught my eye.

However the JLT and indeed the four miler - a dangerous race for "Irish bankers" - were also mentioned as possible targets but to me he has RSA stamped all over him.

Those who took the 4/7 were collecting from a long way out, and the bookies were badly burnt again in the next.

Here the Noel Meade trained Tout Est Permis was hammered in from 100/30 - even 7/2 in places - to 15/8 jolly.

Under a confident Sean Flanagan ride, he was never far off the pace and led two out to comfortably beat decent yardstick Don't Kick Nor Bite by six lengths.

Meade - on target with First Approach at Down Royal yesterday - is always particularly lethal at this time of year.

Of Tout Est Permis he said: "He's doing everything right at home, and won a good novice for Mouse Morris last year."

"I imagine his next run will be in something like the Troytown" he added, which is interesting as the Ladbrokes Troytown Chase is run at Meade's local track Navan.

Mind you it's also local for Elliott and he will enter everything except the stable cat - and, possibly after yesterday, Samcro!

Willie Mullins had five winners between Galway and Wexford last Sunday, and Kalanisi Og went into many notebooks when taking the bumper at the Western venue.

In a race not devoid of drama as both Miss Aloud and Beautiful Betsy "ran out" at a bend, the winner, a 5/1 chance, moved smoothly through the field to win as she liked.

Newmarket-On-Fergus trainer Aengus King is noted for doing well with bargain buys, and €1,200 purchase Well Tom scored after all the chalk was taken from 16/1 to 15/2.

"I thought he'd go well" King said "but I've no idea where all the money came from."

"I only had fifty Euros on and 10/1 was the best price I could get" he explained.

Somebody knew something in the opener too, where 20/1 shot Western Victory scooting home was generally a glorious start for the layers.

However not all the bookies were doing cartwheels of joy as Colin Bowe's runner had been taken at 40/1 in some offices in the morning, and at the track she was clipped from 25's in the betting ring.

**A steady stream of winners for Declan's Irish Racing Service this week including Pulsating 4/1 (w 3/1); Magna Grecia 2/1; Abacadabras 15/8 (w**



evens); Minds Eye 6/4 (w 5/4); Kilbarry Way 5/4 (w 8/11); Jack Dillinger 11/10 (w 8/11); Sancta Simona 11/10 (w evens); First Approach evens (w 9/10); Sapphire Lady 10/11 (w 4/6); and Dinons 10/11 (w 4/6).

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### **Cricket Corruption – New Investigation Forces World Cricket to Face the Evidence** - By Dave Owens

The second and most recent documentary by broadcaster Al Jazeera regarding match fixing in cricket should now finally force ICC (International Cricket Council) to face the fact that there is evidence of potential widespread corruption in the game and an investigation at the very least should take place into the findings of both programmes.

The latest offering from Al Jazeera centres around a notorious cricket match fixer Aneel Munawar, who has been operating for the last 8 years. The documentary engineered an undercover meeting with Munawar in the guise of a businessman working on behalf of rich investors to pay Munawar large sums of money for information on sections of play in 15 international match's (usually the amount of runs scored in a 10 over period) and Munawar successfully inform them of the outcome of 25 out of 26 passages of play (with the one losing bet, out by 1 run) and can easily be credited as an accident. Independent analysis on this shows that the outcome by guesswork alone would be around 9.2 million to 1.

While not an irrefutable case on this alone, the history of the last decade has seen players banned and, in some cases, jailed from the following countries of England, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Africa, Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Zimbabwe. The immediate aftermath of the documentary seems to be antagonism between the Al Jazeera and the ICC with the ICC saying of the programme: "Whilst the limited information we have been given by Al Jazeera is poorly prepared and lacks clarity and corroboration it has been properly assessed" and goes on to talk in dismissive tones of what has been brought forward.

With Al Jazeera now keen on taking its findings to Interpol at the exclusion of the ICC who they claim they have no faith in dealing with corruption of the game. It would seem that the ICC and all international cricket boards have really got to come together on this issue as it seems incredibly likely that corruption is taking place at the highest level and its more likely a case of who and when as opposed to if certain periods of matches are.