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## TODAY'S FREE SPORTS BETTING TIPS...

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## **Rick's Sports Betting: Three Bet Calculation Tools** - By

Rick Elliott

Betting and working out the potential returns from bets is easier when you have access to calculation tools. These tools are not only time saving devices but they are more accurate than manual calculations. As long as the correct bet details are entered calculation tools will work out the returns and profit. Three main betting calculation tools are good for working out what you will get back from accumulators, dutched bets and matched bets. These tools are ideal for complex horse racing bets.

It's not hard to work out an accumulator when it's a win bet and the odds are not complex. An accumulator calculator tool does not speed up the process when the bet includes three horses at 2/1 in a treble. The calculation is  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  minus 1 (the stake) so the bet pays 8/1. If the stake is #10 the return is #90 and the profit is #80. A manual calculation is not onerous and can be done in a few seconds. The accumulator calculation tool comes into its own when the calculation is more complex and the odds are fractional and not whole numbers.

Each way bets are settled in line with place terms which depend on the type of race and the number of runners. The place element of an each way bet is worked out at one quarter or one fifth the odds of the win price. An each way accumulator could include horses in races in which both number of places apply. An each treble at 5/2, 11/2 and 10/3 in races that pay out at one fifth, one fifth and one quarter the odds is more difficult to work out and the process is easy with a calculation tool. The tool also deals with dead heats, Rule 4 deductions and place accumulators.

Dutching is a betting strategy of backing two horses or more in one race to guarantee a set target profit if either horse wins. This works so well because in any race you have two or more good horses on your side. A high strike rate can be expected and long losing runs are rare. Obviously if you are backing two horses one will always lose. However, with a clever staking plan there should be a long term profit.

A dutched betting calculator can take the risk out of the strategy and the staking can produce steady profits. Using a calculation tool takes the guesswork out of dutching. If you understand the concept its not too difficult to design a simple spreadsheet. However, the calculation still depends on more input than with a dutching calculator. The tool works out how much to stake on each horse in order to make the same return regardless of which selection wins.

Matched betting calculators work out the staking for matched bets as part of a bookmakers free bet offer. The free bet can be used to guarantee a profit whatever the outcome. The process is to place a back bet with the free bet and place a lay bet to match the bet. The lay price is usually bigger than the back price so the staking is not the same. You can under lay or over lay the matched bet but this will affect the potential profit. A matched betting calculator will work out the stake after taking exchange commission into account.

So there are three useful tools that can be used to simplify the bet calculation process.

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

### **Chelsea Can Win Today's London Derby**

It's rare that you get six 3 o'clock kick-offs and a mainly traditional Saturday football fixture list but that is the case today because there is only one live match. In the olden days every match began at the same time and all you got on television was the highlights of selected matches. Its now wall-to-wall live football but all there is today in the Premier League is Tottenham's home match against Chelsea at Wembley which is hard to call but a London club could win or the match is a draw.

Chelsea have won seven of their last away matches and beat Tottenham at Wembley in the semi-finals of the 2016-17 FA Cup. They are one of three unbeaten teams in the Premier League after 12 matches which has never happened before in the top division of English football. However, Chelsea have not had an away game against one of the top six so this is a huge test. Tottenham are just one point behind Chelsea but have a poor record against the better opposition. CHELSEA are the bet at 13/8 with **Betfair**.

Any fixture between England and Australia in any sport is never a friendly and today they meet in a rugby union international at Twickenham. It's the end of a grueling tour for the visitors who now don't have the advantage of match fitness. In fact injuries have caught up with the camp while England have found able stand-ins when a key player is not fit to play. England have won their last five matches against Australia and the last two at Twichenham by 24 and 16 points so ENGLAND -8 on the handicap is the recommendation at Evens with **bet365**.

The Betfair Chase at Haydock has attracted a small but select field of just five runners. The horses that finished first and second in the Cheltenham Gold are in the race. Native River came out on top in that race but there could be a different outcome today. The ground and track will favour MIGHT BITE who is the banker of the day at Evens with **Ladbrokes** to win the race at 3pm when the football starts.

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

Will he? Won't He? Was the burning question of the hour as people arrived at a gloriously sunlit Punchestown last Sunday.

Samcro was the cause of all the speculation. With local hope Supasundae already out of the Morgiana Hurdle, the field was beginning to look a bit threadbare.

Gordon Elliott said he would decide after the first race but it was already looking pretty unlikely and it was in fact just after the second that the call was made to officially take him out.

Fast ground being a problem at Punchestown in November is unusual to say the least of it, but it seemed to suit My Hometown who won the Risk Of Thunder for Enda Bolger and J P McManus.

As high as 14/1 in early trading, he was clipped on course from 7/1 to 9/2 and scored under Donie Mcinnerney in what was a pretty eventful contest.

There had been high hopes for My Hometown at a much higher level in his younger days.

Nothing really came of that but nobody better than Enda Bolger to make a man of him in these races over the banks course.

Still only eight, he could have a bright future at the cross country game.

Dessie McDonogh, dad of ace flat jockey Declan, trained dual Champion Hurdler Monksfield back in the day.

By those kind of standards it has been relatively slim pickings since.

But this highly popular handler is still around and he sent out Hearts Are Trumps 4/1 to win the handicap hurdle to make it a quick double for owner J P McManus.

John 'Shark' Hanlon is enjoying a revival, and Rachael Blackmore steered Mighty Stowaway 13/2 home to win for the second time in a week.

Then the serious business kicked off with the Florida Pearl Novice Chase.

Blow By Blow was far from foot perfect for Davy Russell but seemed to have enough done.

However just as punters were calculating their winnings there was a nasty sting in the tail.

The jolly was chinned late on by David Mullins and Some Neck 7/1 who, appropriately enough, won by a neck.

A Stewards Enquiry was called almost right away but it was no surprise that the result stood.

Just proves the old theory that when something looks too good to be true, it generally is. Even money for Blow By Blow seemed a chance to simply buy money, but it proved nothing of the sort.

Those happy to take odds on were reeling after the next when 2/5 hot pot

Faugheen was slammed by stablemate Sharjah who was chalked up at 7/2.

Hope I'm wrong but Faugheen looked a light of other days here, though two miles is much too short for him anyway.

The best wine though was kept 'til last. Malone Road, the 5/6 jolly, simply bolted away from the highly rated Mullins trained Mt Leinster 6/5 and Gordon Elliott immediately said that the next time we will see him is in the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham.

He could take beating there and either way put him in your notebook as he looks very special.

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