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Simon Holden Racing Club - By Simon Holden

Firstly we said we would make Colin's brother proud and we did by landing an almighty plunge at Wetherby. The admirable Mare was as fit as a flea unlike some of her rivals and powered home. Plenty more where she came from at the Simon Holden Racing Club.

It was lovely to see Paddy Brennan who rode her look so happy although the smirk was wiped off his face when him and CUE CARD yet again fell in the next race. It was not a great surprise to me that Brennan got the old "Tin Tack" on the Monday and was told his services were not needed. Colin Tizzard does not come over to me as being one of the nicer chaps you will ever meet and after he received earache from the owner Brennan was always going to get the chop.

The King George and Betfair Chase wins and the fact that Brennan had relaunched CUE CARD'S career were quickly forgotten but before we weep for Paddy remember he only got the ride because Tizzard dispensed with the woeful Daryl Jacob. If young Harry Cobden ends up chewing the Haydock turf in the Betfair Chase they will either retire CUE CARD or perhaps Tizzard and the owner can toss a coin and take the ride themselves.

The curtain comes down on turf flat racing as Doncaster stage the November Handicap but we will play up our winnings by going to Wincanton for the big hurdle race. It's the Elite Hurdle at 3pm and with heavy rain forecast it could turn into a real slog. I strongly fancy COEUR DE LION to win this and cannot believe 10/1 is available. The horse has been in great form on the flat and will be fully wound up. It proved at Sandown last season that a slog in the mud is right up his street and it's worth a win bet.

I have some big plunges going down at Doncaster that you can still get involved with today!

Have a great punting weekend, I will be back next week I think however Colin Tizzard has asked for a meeting. In that case enjoy Andy Bells new column!

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Back This Horse ([CLICK HERE](#)) Each Way At Doncaster Today

Cross Doubles Can Be Exciting And Lucrative - By Rick Elliott

The racing codes collide on Saturday with big televised races on the Flat and over jumps at Doncaster and Wincanton. The November Handicap is the last significant race on the level of the turf season while the Badger Ales Trophy Chase is a competitive handicap. Favourite backers would enjoy a 50/1 double if both market leaders obliged but there are other horses who could make the payout places at much bigger prices.

You might get better terms if you shop around but most bookies are offering one quarter the odds for the first four places. That means if you get two horses in the frame at 16/1 your place double pays 15/1. The calculation is as follows:

$$16 / 4 (4) \times 16 / 4 (4) - 1 = 15!$$

However, the flaw in backing horses each way is that the true odds are significantly lower because you lose the win element of the bet. So, a one point each way double costs you twice the stake unit. In this example the total stake is two points and the return is 16 points which equates to odds of 7/1. An alternative is to back horses for a place only with a betting exchange but the odds are reduced accordingly. Generally, each way betting is something I avoid.

It makes more sense in my mind to back two horses to win a race than place a single each way bet on one runner. The returns are the same and you can only have one winning bet. I prefer to have two horses running for me to win the race than one horse on my side who will give me a return if making the payout places. The outcome is the same because you are forfeiting one point and its horses for courses. I'll suggest two against the field for the two big races on television. You might prefer to back just one each way rather than both to win.

The November Handicap is run over one mile four furlongs. No horse has won the race more than once in a contest for horses aged three and older. The winner last year was aged three but a seven-year-old obliged in 2015. Since 2000 only five horses carrying nine stone and more has prevailed. In that time only one favourite has won. The average price of the winners over the last ten years is 10/1, ridden by 10 different jockeys. John Gosden is the only multiple winning trainer in the last decade.

Chelsea Lad carries nine stones two pounds and is quoted at 16/1 in ante post betting. The four-year-old has produced some solid form without winning. Josephine Gordon is a respected jockey so there are no fears in that area. Chelsea Lad last ran four weeks ago which is a decent gap in terms of fitness and recovery. Azari has gone under the radar and has the form to win this race at a working man's price.

Over the sticks at Wincanton the feature is the Badger Ales contest run over three miles and one furlong. There have been two dual winners but since 2004 a different horse has won the race. Nine of the last 17 winners carried more than 11 stone and the age range has been six to 11. Shelford Man and Yala Enki are the two to back if you want to cover more than one of the bases.

Backing horses win or each way is a personal preference but a third option is to cover these four horses in cross doubles, either to win their races or make the frame. You could have a very exciting 30 minutes if any two of the four do the business.

Denmark Can Edge The Playoff Match - By Rick Elliott

The best player on the pitch in the World Cup playoffs match between Denmark and Ireland is Christian Eriksson. If you think he looks good playing for Tottenham he has been a world beater in Denmark's progress to this elimination tie. Individually DENMARK are the better team but that does not always equate to win a over a better

collective unit but in this case Erikson can make the difference and lead his country to a first leg win at [7/10 with Coral](#).

Due to the occasion these matches are usually tight. The first two playoff fixtures have each had just one goal. Eight of Ireland's last nine competitive matches have produced less than three goals and a goal fest is not on the cards in Copenhagen. A 1-0 defeat would not be a disaster for the Irish, a goalless draw would be a massive result so the bet is under 2.5 goals at [4/9 with Sun Bets](#). If you really want to guild the lily you can back ERIKSON to score anytime at [11/4 with William Hill](#).

The Grand National meeting at Aintree is second only to the Cheltenham Festival as the best jumps fixture of the season. The track races today and its very moderate fare except one race in which two runners are destined barring injury to run at the National Hunt occasion that matters most. At Aintree today (2.50pm) Unowhatimeanharry can get the better of Top Notch in a hurdle. The distance suits the latter but UNOWHATIMEANHARRY has the class to prevail at [11/10 with Coral](#).

Modus is odds-on to win at Wincanton (2.25pm) in a novices' chase and in theory is a horse to avoid. However, he is the best horse in the race on hurdles form and has the best rating by some distance in that discipline. Past results do not always equate when a horse embarks on a chasing career but in this case MODUS has too much in hand on ratings not to be backed at [4/7 with William Hill](#).

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

BALLYOISIN (Enda Bolger) Surprisingly the only horse to really take on Disko last Saturday - how the others allowed that classy proven stayer a big lead is a mystery - and was handsomely rewarded when a fine second. His jumping is much improved and he has bags of potential.

BAMAKAVO MORIVIERE (Willie Mullins) It's not often that runners from this yard can stay under the radar but this recent dual winner seems somewhat underrated. He looked very good in the novice chase at Cork and the fact that Mullins was willing to take on Death Duty - who was not declared for that race as it turned out - speaks volumes. Ruby Walsh was certainly impressed: "he has plenty of gears and is growing in confidence all the time."

DALY TIGER (Noel Meade) Before the concluding bumper which rounded off a pretty run of the mill midweek meeting at Thurles on Thursday, all the talk was about The Big Lense. Afterwards though Daly Tiger was the sole topic of conversation. He moved effortlessly from last to first for Nina Carberry to win as he pleased. He could be anything.

Yes, he fell in his only point to point at nearby Horse And Jockey but that was at the same fence that War Of Attrition tumbled at in 2004. And he won the Gold Cup two years later!

OUTLANDER (Gordon Elliott) Was shaping like a Leopardstown specialist (four out of four at the Dublin track) but knocked that theory into a cocked hat when taking a Down Royal Grade 1. Holds an entry for the John Durkan but probably needs three miles.

RAPID ESCAPE (Gordon Elliott) An expensive purchase at the Cheltenham March Sale and possibly not given an inspired ride in the Goffs Land Rover Bumper. Justified huge market support last weekend in what looked a high class bumper and should prosper over hurdles.

ROAD TO RESPECT (Noel Meade) Second to Outlander but crying out for a left handed track. That won't be a problem with so many big race options at Leopardstown and Cheltenham.

SILK CRAVAT (Ger Lyons) Just touched off in third in a blanket finish at Dundalk, quick compensation awaits.

* Yet another great week for Declan's tipping services with winners including - Logical Song 20/1 (won 7/1); Reckless Lad 13/2 (w 11/2); Daly Tiger 3/1 (w 7/4); Still Standing 7/4; Magic Of Light 6/4 (w 4/6); Clear Skies 6/4 (w evens); Cracking Smart 11/8 (w 5/4); Rapid Escape 5/4 (w 11/10) and Shady Operator evens (w 4/5).

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