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# Team In Focus: Chelsea - By Rick Elliott

## Introduction

Here is the next in a weekly series in which we focus on one team and highlight the most relevant statistics for betting during that team's season to date. The starting point is the Premier League and we will work through the table so we feature **CHELSEA** today. After 20 weeks the four main teams in Spain, Italy, Germany and France will be covered. In time for the finals of the Nations League the feature will focus on the national teams of England Portugal, Switzerland, and Netherlands. From time to time the top 10 nations in the FIFA world rankings will be covered which makes this a 50 weeks series going through until the end of 2019.

So, to continue this feature here is an analysis of Chelsea's performance in the Premier League during the 2018/19 season.

## Statistics

All the statistics and records shown below are correct as at February 8th 2019.

### Premier League

<b>Points</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Played	13	12	25
Won	8	7	15
Lost	1	4	5
Drawn	4	4	5
Points	28	22	50
Average	2.15	1.83	2.00

<b>Total Goals</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Goals For	26	19	45
Average	2.00	1.58	1.80
Goals Against	9	14	23
Average	0.69	1.17	0.92

<b>Bookings</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Points For	160	160	320
Average	12.31	13.33	12.80
Points Against	230	220	450
Average	17.69	18.33	18.00
Total	390	380	770
Average	30.00	31.67	30.80

<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
No goals	2 15.38%	1 8.33%	3 12.00%
Over 0.5 goals	12 93.31%	10 83.33%	22 88.00%
Over 1.5 goals	11 84.62%	9 75.00%	20 80.00%
Over 2.5 goals	6 46.15%	8 66.67 %	14 56.00%
Over 3.5 goals	5 38.46%	3 25.00%	8 32.00%
Over 4.5 goals	3 23.08%	0 0.00%	3 12.00%

<b>Both Teams To Score</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Yes	7 53.85%	4 33.33%	11 44.00%
No	6 46.15%	8 66.679%	14 56.00%

<b>Match Goals</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
First Goal	10 76.92%	7 58.33%	17 68.00%
Last Goal	10 76.92%	6 50.00%	16 64.00%

### **Statistics Of Note**

Here are the five most significant Premier League trends that can be used when betting on Chelsea during the rest of the Premier League season:

- Chelsea average exactly 2 goals per match.
- They receive on average just over 1 booking per match.
- There have been no red cards in Chelsea's league fixture.
- Chelsea have scored the first goal in 10 of 13 home matches.
- They have scored the last goal in the same number of home matches.

### **Prospects For The Rest Of The Season**

Chelsea won their last match to nil after losing the previous two fixtures to nil, conceding six goals in the process. The signing of Gonzalo Higuain until the end of the season could be good business. The striker has a consistent scoring record in the main leagues in Europe for a sustained period of time. The current manager seems to be reluctant to adapt and the possible imminent departure of Eden Hazard

is not good for morale. Chelsea are currently in fourth place but Manchester United are the team in form and could overhaul them in the next few weeks. In any case Higuain can be a regular scorer over the rest of the season but the manager may leave his post.

### **Tip For The Season**

**DIEGO SIMEONE** to be the next permanent manager at **12/1**.

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

### **Today's Nap Is At Naas In Ireland Where The Show Goes On**

A leading Grand National winning trainer has used the word 'overreaction' while the headline on the back page of a high circulation daily national newspaper is 'OUT OF CONTROL' The reality might be somewhere in the middle but equine flu has put racing on hold in the UK for at least until next Wednesday which means Newbury today is lost. The meeting was due to stage the richest handicap hurdle of the season and a prep race for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. NATIVE RIVER was scheduled to run and last year's winner is 11/2 with **Betfair** to win the Gold Cup if it takes place.

Racing continues in Ireland but with no horses trained in Britain allowed to take part. ITV4 show five races from Naas and it will be interesting to see how the channel covers the equine flu. There will need to be a balance between scaremongering and presenting an accurate picture of the potential damage to the sport. The richest race on the card is the mares chase over two miles at 2.10 which features an odds-on favourite. Pravalaguna is the obvious winner but on ratings SYNOPSIS is not far behind the favourite and can be backed at 5/1 with **Coral** to prevail.

Since Ole Gunnar Solskjaer took over Manchester United have won five consecutive matches on the road. The relatively easy run of fixtures for the caretaker manager continues with today's Premier League fixture at Fulham. If United win this match they will be in the top four at least until other teams play their fixtures this weekend. The visitors have won nine and draw two of their last 11 meetings with Fulham. The team at 19th in the table are weakened by injuries so MANCHESTER UNITED -1 on the 3 handicap is the bet at 7/4 with **Betfair**.

Brighton and Burnley are teams just above the drop zone who could be dragged into the mire with a poor run of results. Every point counts and both sides can pick up one in Brighton today. The last three meetings have produced just one goal and hence two goalless stalemates. The obvious bet is the DRAW at 21/10 with **Coral**.

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

With the shock and sudden closure of UK racing on Thursday, Thurles had the stage to itself, and the best wine was certainly kept 'til last.

All day long the money, the milk and honey, had been rolling in for the Joseph O'Brien trained Sempo and the 11/8 hot-pot delivered in style.

Understandably there was much attention paid to the Willie Mullins trained first timer Amen Korner, a full brother to Augusta Kate who is, like her, owned by a syndicate which includes Ant and Dec, Alan Shearer and golfer Lee Westwood.

Sent off the 100/30 second favourite, he was second at half way but quickly weakened and finished second last of the 16 runners. On examination post race he was found to be clinically abnormal.

No doubt there will be other days for him, but this was all about Sempo who skated home 15 lengths clear for Derek O'Connor.

Joseph was well pleased. "You never expect them to win like that but we always thought a lot of him, and he ran well at Leopardstown at Christmas."

"I'm not sure there is any advantage in going for a winners bumper, but he's a lovely novice hurdler to look forward to for next year" he said.

That completed a first and last race double for ace amateur rider and Point to Point king O'Connor.

In the opener, he booted home 11/8 favourite Ex Patriot for Ellmarie Holden, their task made easier when market rival Arvico Bleu fell at the last.

The Rachael Blackmore ridden 9/4 fancy held a slight advantage over Ex Patriot at that stage but the fences are there to be jumped.

The ten year old local runner All The Chimneys continues to defy the handicapper.

Willie Austin's game sort was a surprise market drifter - 3/1 to 9/2 - but it was his rivals who were drifting as he scooted home for David Mullins.

Jessica Harrington's Polished Steel out his experience to good use when taking the maiden hurdle at 3/1, while Gordon Elliott - with his Wednesday Ayr runners safely in isolation in a farm 15 miles from his yard - took the feature

event, the Horse & Jockey Rated Novice Hurdle with 11/2 chance Moratorium who pipped the Joseph O'Brien trained 6/4 jolly Petit Tartare by a neck.

A rare disappointment for Joseph these days, but Sempo put things right with his comprehensive victory in the concluding bumper.

**Declan's Irish Racing Service was on the ball at Thurles with Polished Steel 3/1 and Sempo 5/2 (won 11/8) giving a 14 points profit on the day.**

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