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Cheltenham 16:10 - Benie Des Dieux @ 1/1 Win Bet

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

### **It's The Day Of The Famous Cheltenham Roar**

One of the greatest sporting events in the world is upon us because the 2019 Cheltenham Festival starts today. There are 28 races over the next four days in what is called the Olympics of National Hunt racing. The meeting brings together the best horses trained in Britain and Ireland in championship races over hurdles and fences and a variety of distances. There is also the champion bumper and cross country race. Fourteen of the 40 Grade 1 races this season take place at Cheltenham this week.

There are betting markets for the leading trainer and jockey and we have already suggested Paul Nicholls is a backable price to train most winners. If he has a good week than Harry Cobden will ride several winners. He has the ride on Clan Des Obeaux in the Gold Cup and several other nice horses in the handicaps. He might have to ride at least four winners but HARRY COBDEN is the bet to be the top rider at Cheltenham at 16/1 with **Coral**.

There has just been a wonderful week of Champions League football in which three of the four away teams won on the night and qualified for the quarter-finals. Two of the three winners were big outsiders to move into the last eight after the first leg of the ties. Manchester City will be hoping history does not repeat itself as they have a 3-2 lead over Schalke ahead of the home leg. However, they should join Manchester United and Tottenham in the next round after a match for which BOTH TEAMS TO SCORE is the best bet at 4/6 with **Ladbrokes**.

Juventus host Atletico Madrid in the other Champions League fixture tonight but face a tough task in overturning a 2-0 defeat from the first leg. The final of the competition is being played at Atletico's new stadium at the start of June but it won't be a Madrid derby because Real were knocked out by Ajax last week. It could be an all-Manchester final which has never happened in any competition before. Atletico can keep things tight in Turin where UNDER 2.5 GOALS is the bet at 4/6 with **Coral**.

### **Tuesday's Horses In Focus** - By Unity Racing Investments

Well it's finally here the Cheltenham Roar will be kicking off the first race at 1:30.

#### **Cheltenham 1-30 Novice Hurdle (Class 1) 16f**

The MULLINS pair are very closely matched on form KLASSICAL DREAM is probably a little short in price while @16/1 the stable mate ARAMON is probably a good each way play. FAKIER DOUDARIES is very interesting, 4 year olds don't have the best stats in the race but I think it's significant that the horse is running here

rather than the Triumph Hurdle. He would be the selection here for Joseph O'Brien. 13/2 looks reasonable.

### **Cheltenham 2-10 Novices Chase (Class 1) 16f**

It's another one of Joseph O'Briens that I like in this race US AND THEM 14/1 has shown a decent level of form and has been progressive on our ratings. I think he should be there about at the top of the hill. Kalashnikov 8/1 looks a big danger and will like the softer ground today.

### **Cheltenham 2-50 Handicap Chase (Class 1) 25f**

BEWARE THE BEAR 14/1 looks very progressive. I think he could be the answer to a tricky race. Ratings are very positive for this fella and his handler certainly knows his way round here.

### **Cheltenham 3-30 Conditions Hurdle (Class 1) 16f**

VERDANA BLUE 40/1 looks a huge price! He's already beaten the best horse in the field by a short head and may well improve again. Not sure the ground will be totally to his liking but I think he's a big chance and comes top of our ratings. I really like his jockey round here too.

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## **Cheltenham Or Not?** - By High Roller Racing

Well the annual Cheltenham Festival is again here for a superb meeting of the best bumper, hurdlers, chasers and cross country horses that are on offer throughout the meeting. This meeting smells of quality... it looks exuberant and that's because it is. This is the highlight and pinnacle of the National Hunt season despite what anyone else tells you.

BUT... is it a betting proposition over the other meetings that take place whilst the Festival is on from Tuesday until and including Friday. As a tipster and Punter I look at all the other meetings too. You cannot discount the other meetings just because it's the Cheltenham Festival. I recall many years ago... in fact too long ago... an old guy told me that a 2/1 winner at Sedgefield pays the same return as a 2/1 winner at the Cheltenham Festival... so please don't ignore this advice given to me about 50 years ago. This old guy was in my mind a masterful person who if he did what he said then he was a fine judge of our four legged friends indeed... he also told me these three points:-

1. If you haven't been to the wedding then don't go to the funeral... I asked what he mean't... he said son if a horse has won three on the run why do you need to back it as usually it ends in a defeat.

2. If a horse is odds on and never won then do not back it... let it run without your cash on it!

3. If your horse hasn't won over the distance and/or going then again don't invest your money.

Do you know I think these points made to me a very valid points... you watch and see how often these statements work out in your favour.

Well I have three planned bets for Cheltenham but I am still, like the rest of you, unsure at the time of writing who is running in which race as several horses have multiple entries. When I know the declarations then I can plan the week ahead.

I have a horse at Sedgefield this week that WILL NOT be beaten. Connections really fancy their chances with this one.

Also watch out for the news of who runs where at Cheltenham BUT don't lay all your eggs out on a stall at Cheltenham when there will be good opportunities away from there.

High Roller is very geared up for this week and I am pretty certain by the end of the week we will be counting our winnings.