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

### Each Way Wonders

Each Way Bet - Down Royal 15:05 - My Peggy @ 66/1

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### High Roller Racing

Win Bet - Limerick 17:15 - Run Wild Fred @ 11/8

# Team In Focus: Leicester - By Rick Elliott

## Introduction

We are producing a weekly feature of a Team in Focus and are working through the 20 teams in the Premier League. The leading teams in some of the main leagues in the rest of Europe will also be covered. During the summer we will look at the key statistics for the four teams playing in the finals of the UEFA Nations League.

This week the Team In Focus is **LEICESTER**. The club that famously won the Premier League in 2016 are now established in the second tier of the division. The appointment of Brendon Rodgers could bring some stability after a period of turmoil. The new manager is proven at this level and his achievements with Celtic were impressive even in the context of Scottish football. He has at his disposal several stalwarts from the title winning season and some talented young players.

## Statistics

All the statistics and records shown below are correct as at March 15th 2019.

### Premier League

<b>Points</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Played	15	15	30
Won	6	5	11
Lost	7	7	14
Drawn	2	3	5
Points	20	18	38
Average	1.33	1.20	1.27

<b>Total Goals</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Goals For	19	19	38
Average	1.27	1.27	1.27
Goals Against	19	23	42
Average	1.27	1.53	1.40

<b>Bookings</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Points For	350	300	650
Average	23.33	20.00	21.67
Points Against	295	355	650
Average	19.67	23.67	21.67
Total	645	655	1300
Average	43.00	43.67	43.33

<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
No goals	1 6.67%	0 0.00%	1 3.33%
Over 0.5 goals	14 93.33%	15 100.00%	29 96.67%
Over 1.5 goals	11 73.33%	10 66.67%	21 70.00%
Over 2.5 goals	8 53.33%	6 40.00 %	14 46.67%
Over 3.5 goals	3 20.00%	4 26.67%	7 23.33%
Over 4.5 goals	1 6.67%	2 13.33%	3 10.00%

<b>Both Teams To Score</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
Yes	9 60.00%	9 60.00%	18 60.00%
No	6 40.00%	6 40.00%	12 40.00%

<b>Match Goals</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>Total</b>
First Goal	4 26.67%	4 26.67%	8 26.67%
Last Goal	8 53.33%	10 66.67%	18 60.00%

### **Statistics Of Note**

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

- No goalless matches away and 1 in total.
- Under 3.5 goals in 12 of 15 home fixtures.
- Nil goal difference in home matches.
- BTTS in 60% of fixtures.
- First goal in 4 of 15 away matches.

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

Leicester are highly unlikely to break back into the top six and the wonderful title winning journey was a one-off. The club do not have the wealth of the big city clubs and a relatively small stadium limits match day income. The appointment of Brendon Rodgers will help the club remain established in the Premier League and finishing the best of the second band of clubs is feasible. After such a traumatic season

staying in the Premier League will be the objective but they could slip into the bottom half once safety from relegation has been achieved.

### Tip For The Season

Leicester to finish in the bottom half of the table at 7/4 with **Coral**.

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

### All Manchester Cup Final Gets Closer

The next stage of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's job interview for the permanent manager of Manchester United is the club's FA Cup quarter-finals tie at Wolves. Fixtures at this stage will be decided after extra time and penalties as there is no provision for replays. United have not conceded in seven of their last nine matches in the competition. Solskjaer won the Cup with the club as a player and can keep alive the dream of doing it as the boss by progressing to the quarter finals. MANCHESTER UNITED are 4/6 with **Ladbrokes** to qualify for the next round.

United and City have never met in a major final but that can come a step closer when the Blues knock out Swansea today. City have played eight matches in three Cup competitions in 2019 and have scored 36 goals. They do have some injury doubts but the squad is huge while Swansea's top scorer is unlikely to start. The match precedes a two-week international break so there will be no need to rest players for bigger upcoming matches. Pep Guardiola should put out a strong starting 11 so SERGIO AGUERO to score two or more goals is the best bet at 3/1.

We have tipped CRYSTAL PALACE to win the FA Cup so they should be backed at 11/10 with **Ladbrokes** to eliminate Watford in today's other tie. The jumps racing bandwagon moves on from Cheltenham to Uttoxeter where the Midlands Grand National takes place today at 3.35. One of the highlights of the Festival was Bryony Frost and Frodon winning the Ryanair Chase. She rides the horse with the best Racing Post Rating at in the Midlands version of the National. MILANSBAR has the form to win the race and that outcome is 8/1 with **Ladbrokes**.

Wales must beat Ireland in Cardiff today to complete the Six Nations Grand Slam but could come up short. If the home side fail to win England will win the title as long as they beat Scotland at Twickenham. England will know the result from the Principality Stadium at the start of their match. There could be an extra spring in the step of their players because IRELAND are fancied to beat Wales at 11/10.

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

The usual huge Irish contingent were on the Cotswolds on Tuesday for the opening day of the Greatest Show On Earth.

Despite plenty of support in the previous days, Klassical Dream was sent off at 6/1 for the Supreme Novices and he delivered for the Willie Mullins/Ruby Walsh team who have such a formidable record in that opening contest of the magical Cheltenham Festival.

But it took an absolute masterclass from Ruby as Klassical Dream was all buzzed up even going to the start, and was proving a right handful. The last thing all concerned needed was one of those ridiculous false starts that the Cheltenham starters seem to delight in calling.

This did an already over keen Klassical Dream no favours at all and he was clearly sulking and reluctant afterwards. But Ruby cajoled him as only he can, and suddenly turning for home they had slipped the field.

For Ruby though the day turned from the sublime to the ridiculous when he took a tumble in the Mares Hurdle on 10/11 hotpot Benie Des Dieux at the last hurdle, thus reviving memories of a similar fall on Annie Power in the same race and place a few years before.

That was a huge blow to punters, particularly after the fortunes lost on Apple's Jade, Buveur D'Air and Laurina in the Champion Hurdle.

And while A Plus Tard 5/1 was a popular winner for Henry de Bromhead and Rachael Blackmore, the majority of Irish punters were very much on the back foot by then.

And then in the last 9/4 jolly Ballyward came down at the 17th in the four miler and was fatally injured, a crushingly cruel blow for all concerned. A day that had started so brightly for the Willie Mullins team with the first two winners, finished on a very sad note indeed.

In the same race Discorama was hammered in from "sixes" to 9/2 and looked home and hosed for Paul Nolan and Barry O'Neill only to be collared on the line by the Ben Pauling trained 14/1 shot Le Breuil ridden by Jamie Codd.

Codd will get no pleasure at all from beating close friends and Wexford neighbours Nolan and O'Neill, but racing is a very unsentimental business at times.

So while there was an Irish winner of the Champion Hurdle in 16/1 shot Espoir D'Allen - and for two of the most popular guys in the game Gavin Cromwell and Mark Walsh - the mood among most Irish punters in the pubs and clubs on Tuesday night was sad and sombre.

The Gordon Elliott team and supporters were licking their wounds big time after Apple's Jade - though delighted for their farrier and winning trainer Gavin Cromwell - and when their "bet of the week" Delta Work had to settle for third in the RSA things were looking equally bleak on Wednesday - but then came that little diamond Tiger Roll and they were all back in love with the world again.

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