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

### The Football King

Win Bet - AEK Athens v Celtic 19:00 - BTTS - No @ 9/10

### Lucky 7 Naps

Win Bet - Ffos Las 15:15 - Glorious Charmer @ 10/3

### On The Nod

Win Bet - Thirsk 17:20 - Zebulon @ 3/1

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

### **Celtic Could Struggle To Take The Heat in Athens**

Celtic win all their matches in the Scottish Premier League and qualify for the group stages of the Champions League. You can add these two certainties to night following day and taxes. However, what has happened in the past does not mean it will happen in the future. Celtic lost to Hearts last Saturday and could fail to progress beyond the third qualifying round of the biggest competition in European football. Only optimists and dedicated CELTIC fans will be backing them at 1000/1 with bet365 to win the Champions League but Leicester were bigger outsiders to win the Premier League in the 2015/16 season. However, lightning does not strike twice.

Celtic drew 1-1 at home against AEK Athens in the first leg of the tie so need to win or achieve a scoring draw to keep their hopes alive. Brendon Rodgers has been in charge for 16 matches on the road in the Champions League and Celtic have not managed to win 12 of those fixtures. They failed to find the net on the road at Hearts and a match in the capital of Greece is a much tougher proposition. AEK Athens rarely lose to home and it will be a hot and steamy evening. Celtic can avoid defeat but not do enough to move on to the next round so AEK ATHENS are the team to back to qualify at 8/11 with **William Hill**.

Sussex play Glamorgan at home in the T20 Blast in a fixture that will go a long way to deciding which county progresses to the knockout rounds. Home advantage could not be enough for Sussex to win the match and the visitors were on a run of five wins before losing to the southern section leaders Somerset in their last match. Sussex have lost two of their last three completed fixtures and GLAMORGAN have the batsman to win this match for which they are 6/5 with **Ladbrokes**.

Chelmsford should be applauded for putting on some decent racing for an All-Weather fixture on a Tuesday which offers almost £100,000 in prize money. That is more than many Saturday meetings on turf. The handicap over one mile and two furlongs (3.30pm) is the richest race of the day. On ratings Wissahickon ridden by Frankie Dettori is the form horse but THREE WEEKS will enjoy the trip and can be backed at 6/1 with **Coral** to win this race.

### **Follow Sir Mark, Quinn And McCain This Week** - By High Roller Racing

I present a lot of articles based on the current form of trainers the highlight being one week two trainers to follow produced twenty five winners. William Haggas and The 'Good' Dr Newland were they. This week I have three more trainers worthy of our consideration. Sir Mark Prescott, Donald McCain and John Quinn. They have

differing ways of doing their work but all three are looking in good form so let's take note.

Sir Mark Prescott currently as I write is achieving a 25 per cent strike rate. He recently sent Dutch Monarch to Wolverhampton where a visit to the winners enclosure occurred so I think this horse should follow up. Sir Mark has been for many years rather patient and giving his horses time to mature and he produces decent stoutly bred animals to win and many of them set up sequences. Matchmaking for the yard didn't run very well on Saturday but could put that behind him at Ffos Las this week.

Donald McCain has his string much further forwards than he usually has at this time of year. Donald always seems to have winners at Bangor, Hexham, Cartmel and Sedgefield so always study his animals carefully at these four tracks. He sometimes has Flat runners some for his daughter Abbie to ride in amateur races. In the coming days the yard has entries for The Cliff Horse on the level and he should go well. Over the sticks Good Tradition, Ofcourseiwill and Stay In Touch could all run well at bigger prices. So keep a look on Donald's entries and runners.

John Quinn won the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot with Signora Cabello and the same filly also won the Prix Robert Papin over in France. The yard are going nicely at the moment. John has lots of entries this week and I have picked just a few for you to consider from this yard. Soie d'Leau would have a good chance if returning to the form shown in May and perhaps the ground could come up 'soft' where best form has been shown by the horse. Speed Company and Balance of Power are two horses who again could go in if they run to the levels previously shown. So yet another man to watch for.

High Roller hasn't done well this week at all 'lady luck' turning her back on us BUT in July our strike rate was almost 65 per cent. You don't get that strike rate by being lucky... perhaps now is the time to join because this lull in form won't last for long. Free to join, one tip maximum per day and you pay only £10 for a horse after it has won.

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

A few weeks ago we told you about a young Irish jockey to look out for - Mark Crehan well unfortunately his careers been hit a little with a fall from a horse that was too fresh and took a false step. He had had a 50/1 winner just before for the same trainer. Well after a short spell out with injury and a few rides to gain strength he is today riding for the same trainer - Matt Salamon.

Today Mark partners again with a 7 yo called BIRIKYNO a fairly fragile sort that hints at ability at home. He's only lightly raced and has so far only run once over this trip

and that was after a break. Our ratings give the horse a positive. There was a lot to like about that performance even though he got beat 9l he missed the break and made progress around 5 f out. He should be fitter today and with Mark on board I can see a bold bid. Did I mention the price oh yeah 50/1! At those odds the horse could be backed each way.

Typicality in these apprenticeship races they go too hard at the start and then the pace collapses and that might just suit this horse. I just think that even if it's not today this horse is definitely a horse that owner Mrs D J Hughes is plotting a win with the same owner of Molly Jones that Mark won on at 50/1. Not forgetting she only bought this horse 2 runs ago there must be enough ability to part with the cash when the horse hasn't shown much on the track - although he hasn't really had a lot of chances.

Nottingham 5-05 Handicap (Class 6) 10f 1 point each way BIRIKYNO 50/1 bet 365, paddy power and bet victor. One for the note book!

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