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Factor Seven Racing

Each Way Bet - 15:15 Haydock - Highland Lodge @ 20/1

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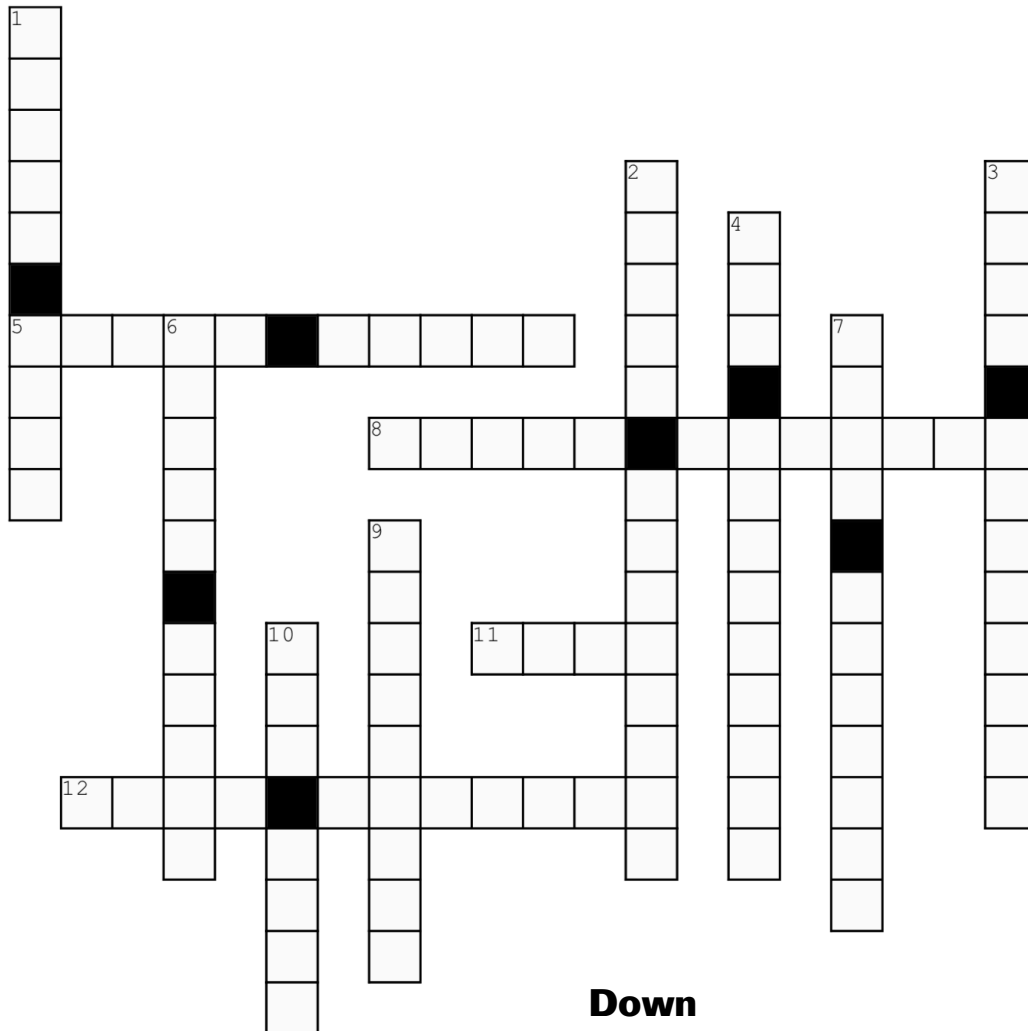
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KNOW YOUR SPORT?



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- 5. Which golfer was responsible for the US Masters?
- 8. The book 'Macca Can' was about which ex-Liverpool footballer?
- 11. How many horses completed the 1980 Grand National?
- 12. Which famous footballer left Tottenham in 1992 to join Japanese side Grampus Eight?

Down

- 1. Which British sporting personality was known as The Dark Destroyer?
- 2. Which snooker player was nicknamed The Grinder?
- 3. Who won the US Masters in 1986 for a record sixth time?
- 4. What was the nickname of the French tennis star Rene Lacoste?
- 6. Who captained the English World Cup winning soccer team at the final in Wembley in 1966?
- 7. Which former England football player was likened to Mary Poppins by one of the directors of his club?
- 9. Which French town is noted for two things, Lace and a racecourse?
- 10. Which classic race was sponsored by Gold Seal from 1984-92?



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20/20 Tournament Betting - Fast Paced On And Off

The Field - By Dave Owens

The bigger and bigger development of 20/20 franchise tournament cricket around the world, particularly the Big Bash in Australia and the IPL in India offers a truly unique dynamic in sports betting not seen in any other team sport and as such presents opportunity with the bookmakers having to act on incomplete information before a bowl is bowled in the tournament and having to act and react to the relentless day to day action and the shifting movement in team selections, batting orders and bowling combinations each team employ.

The construction of 20/20 sides in these global tournaments generally consist of the recruitment of players from all nations around the cricketing globe, depending on availability, international schedules and finance mixed with local and national talent for a perspective team. The result of which means a large group of players who have not played together before and making it very difficult before the first games to know what teams starting XIs will be and what sort of batting order and bowling line up a side will take in the opening salvos.

This presents a potential advantage to a punter against the bookmakers with bookies having to present prices for games a few days in advance of matches to attract a lot of the big money placed on these events – particularly the IPL. This can lead to the opportunity to get later and more up to date information on how a side will line up and who will play in what role nearer to the start and allow your selection to be dictated by this.

The frenetic nature of these 20/20 tournaments see's games taking place every day and sometimes two per day on a weekend. The result of which sees a rolling narrative for both teams and individuals based on form, results, how pitches are behaving in the tournament and evolving tactics based on all the above criteria.

The nonstop format of big 20/20 tournaments and also rapidly changing dynamic of how teams line up and what plans they may utilise in the future leads to a potential game of cat and mouse between bookmaker and punter in trying to best predict how a team may change or utilise their players dependent of the games and evidence seen in the matches to date.

A team who have been a good example of this from the first game are the Melbourne Renegades. On paper they have a very strong batting line up and an array of 8 players in their side who could bat in most positions in the batting order. This made watching Renegades match's very interesting from a betting perspective to look at the form of their batting line up and how they would construct their top 6 in the batting order and what prices would be assigned to each player.

Early match's saw a combination of fine bowling from the Renegades and great form from Cameron White with the bat meaning they won games with only a couple of wickets down and no real knowledge of who was likely to bat and when? - Should more of their batting line up be required.

I touched on last week the fact that I managed to tip Mo Nabi for top run scorer at 55.00 and was sadly a match out, as he was promoted to 4 the very next game and duly won the top run scorer market. This was far from the only example with the Renegades of bookmakers not having any recent knowledge of players and as such not being able to make a fully rounder judgement on a price. I also tipped Tim Luderman at 91.00 for top run scorer for the Renegades in my proofing period, this was based on the knowledge that only last year he was regularly opening the batting for the Strikers and doing a very decent job in the Big Bash and was far from impossible that he could and would be utilised by the Renegades higher up the order at some stage and very possibly in the openers slot that he was used to. You could see the bookmakers thinking of the raw (short term) stats they were going from in this Big Bash - 4 games, has only batted once and made 1 in the innings he played. He did open in the last Renegades match due to international calls ups - and this fact suggests that - there was a very strong chance that, should there have been an injury or change of thinking on the day of a game we could have conceivably had a 90/1 shot walking out to open the batting in a 20/20 match!

Another factor thrown into the mix for this Big Bash aside from the changing form and fortunes of individual players and teams - as each side react to recent events to find their best combinations for each game was a 1-day international series between Australia and England. This caused the rare occurrence of lots of side losing a fair number of players to both of the international teams playing with a lot of the English

one-day side already playing the Bash as well as the host nation calling up their own players from the various Big Bash sides.

The form of Cameron White for the Renegades saw the potential of the Renegades losing both White and their captain and opener Finch to the Australian side. It's been already mentioned the depth of the Renegades batting line up and it was a strong possibility that there would be a promotion from the lower order, the two likeliest options were Nabi and Bravo who has both had one go each in the No 4 role. With both players at such big prices it was still profitable to take both players in the market and fortunately it was the far higher priced Bravo who came good at 23.00.

We are now well into the second half of the Big Bash and the likelihood of mass changes and uncertainty looks less likely with the main teams quite settled in their line ups with the knock out stages coming up and judgement on players and tactics more complete. The good news is that the cricketing landscape is seeing more and more 20/20 cricket being played around the world and in these fast and compact formats offering the potential to profit from uncertainty in selection and the ever-changing rotation of players roles in sides.

My Cricket Council service has been proofed daily to BetFan since the 10th November 2017 and it has in that time made +294 Points Profit. January is proving very fruitful with +133 points made in the first 3 weeks of the month.

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San Benedeto No Mug At 20/1 - By Ian Hudson

There has been a significant betting move on Brain Power to win the Clarence House Chase at Ascot on Saturday but if the favourite Un De Sceaux stands up the Willie Mullins trained runner cannot be beaten. The plunge on Brain Power may be ground related but on ratings Un de Sceaux has more than ten pounds in hand over the second favourite. Brain Power is a novice with just one win over fences but Un De Sceaux is proven at the highest level and should prevail in this Grade 1 contest.

The race offers total prize money of £150,000 so a field of just five runners is a poor turnout. Bookmakers will settle each way bets on the first two places and only in races with eight runners or more are there three payout places. If one runner is withdrawn it will be win only which is a nightmare for bookmakers and unattractive for punters. The Clarence House looks like a match between the two market leaders but the odds contraction on Brain Power means San Benedeto offers some value at 20/1.

The key race in the context of San Benedoto's prospects is the Grade 1 novices' chase at Aintree last April. Politologue could have had the race won when stumbling after the final face. The horse had a narrow advantage and was being pressed by San Benedoto who won the race with Charbel 13 lengths adrift in third place. That horse was giving Altior a race at the Cheltenham Festival when falling two out. Politologue is now a leading contender for the Champion Chase so San Benedoto is not without a chance at Ascot and can be backed at 20/1.

Strictly on the book Un De Sceaux is a comfortable winner but horse racing is not an exact science. The Irish raider won the Ryanair Chase at the Festival last year and that is the best form on offer in Saturday's race. Un De Sceaux has won the last two renewals of Saturday's race and there has not been a three-time winner. In fact he is the only horse to win the contest in consecutive years and on the book can win it again this time.

The move on Brain Power is not based on form on the track. There have been reports of brilliant work at home and maybe the word has got out. Bookmakers have sources of information and customers are monitored. There may have been bets from "wise guys" who are used as marks. If a known shrewd punter backs a horse there will often be a price reduction and momentum build. Brain Power will be more suited to projected underfoot conditions than Un De Sceaux.

Kylemore Lough was pulled up last time out when fancied in the big handicap chase at Cheltenham before Christmas. On ratings Sperdek is making up the numbers so this is a three horse race. Ante post betting suggests Un De Sceaux and Brain Power will be fighting out the finish but San Benedoto has a piece of form in the book to suggest he can cause an upset and win the Clarence House chase at a working man's price. That would mean the money on Brain Power has been misplaced.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Trump Will Be In The News Today

Its Trump v Wilson in the Masters snooker but we are not talking Donald and Harold. Its Allen v Higgins in the other semi-final but we are not talking Dave and Alex. Judd Trump and John Higgins should progress to tomorrow's final of the most prestigious non-ranking tournament of the season. At his best Ronnie O'Sullivan is the best player in the world but he runs hot and cold. This is a player who missed a ball on purpose with a maximum in the bag because he thought the prize for a 147 was derisory. The DOUBLE on Judd and John pays [11/10 with Ladbrokes](#).

As Richie Benaud used to say turned slightly sideways towards the camera "Welcome to the SCGGG" where its hot and sunny and England are about to play Australia. It feels just like January in the UK but if you can survive a day of winter racing and

football until 3.20am on Sunday you might just see England go three-nil up in the five match One Day International series. Australia have lost seven of their last eight 50 over's matches and ENGLAND have won their last five so are good bets at [11/10 with William Hill](#) to beat the Aussies again overnight.

There are six matches in the Premier League starting at the traditional time of 3pm while all the others have been rescheduled for the purposes of live television. Leicester look huge at 5/6 to beat Watford at home but the standout bet must be CRYSTAL PALACE at [6/1 with Betfair](#) to beat Arsenal. Un De Sceaux has 12 pounds in hand on ratings in the Clarence House Chase at Ascot (3.35pm) but SAN BENEDETO is an interesting runner at [28/1 also with Betfair](#). The speculative double on the horse and Palace with that firm pays 202/1. If the bets cops you can get the tinnies in before the cricket begins Down Under.

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

ALIGHTING (Joseph O'Brien) Much improved over hurdles, but two miles is too short a trip. That is not surprising as she is related to Don Poli and her dam won over two miles on the flat.

CLOSE SHAVE (Jessica Harrington) Lived up to his name by chinning (!) his nearest rival right on the line over two and a half miles. Has ability, a good attitude and seems fairly ground versatile but probably needs three miles to really sparkle.

DOCTOR PHOENIX (Gordon Elliott) Won a Grade A Chase with some authority and while the owner was talking in terms of the Champion Chase, both the trainer and jockey Davy Russell were recommending easier targets on the home front.

GLENCAIRN VIEW (Tony Mullins) He found Punchestown much more to his liking than the hills and dales at the tight Tramore circuit. Will be back at Punchestown for the Grand National Trial in a few weeks time and is certainly entitled to take his chance.

KOSHARI (Willie Mullins) A good running on second to classy stablemate Invitation Only, he looks a staying chaser of considerable promise. The winner looks a potential

Cheltenham scorer and it would be no surprise to see this lad slip under the radar a bit in to a handicap at that shindig on the Cotswolds.

MITCHOUKA (Gordon Elliott) Facile Fairyhouse winner and was fully entitled to score doing handstands on his previous form. The trainer spoke about the Fred Winter which he has previously won with Flaxen Flare. Still improving, he would not be at all out of place in the Triumph Hurdle.

THE SHUNTER (John Clifford) Third and not beaten far by two very smart types in a bumper, looks sure to win one himself in the near future.

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Who's Betting On What At Ascot Today?

ASCOT 12:40 - [The Inside Edge](#) - Et Moi Alors - Win 11/4

ASCOT 13:15 - [Neo Investments](#) - Chef D'Equipe - Win 7/2

ASCOT 13:50 - [Trend Betting](#) - Midnight Tune - Each Way 9/1

ASCOT 14:25 - [Racing Goldmine](#) - Air Horse One - Win 12/1

ASCOT 15:00 - [The Secret Handicapper](#) - Guitar Pete - Win 3/1

ASCOT 15:35 - [Daily Doubles](#) - Brain Power - Win 7/2

ASCOT 16:05 - [Insider Club 50](#) - Santini - Win 4/5