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Liverpool Can Beat Newcastle At Home Again - By Ian Hudson

When Liverpool beat Newcastle 4-3 at Anfield in April 1996 the match went down in history as the best ever in the Premier League era. Remarkably it was the same score the following season. The fixture takes place again on Saturday and correct score betters may consider 4-3 to Liverpool. Lightning did strike twice so there is no reason why it can't strike again. In any case the outcome of the match should be a win for the home side but Newcastle are unlikely to score three times.

However, Liverpool are better at attacking than defending and they rarely keep clean sheets as usually at least one mishap at the back comes along. Only Manchester City have scored more goals but Liverpool have the worst defensive record of the top 5. A goal difference of 33 means only City have scored a greater number of goals than they have conceded. Newcastle have let in the fewest goals of any team in the bottom eight. Both sides have not suffered a defeat in their last four league matches.

Mo Salah has been a revelation this season and the Liverpool striker is in the running to be the player of the season. He just about scores in every match and his side could run riot against Newcastle. The visitors were in dire form before beating Manchester United last month. However, momentum from that result is unlikely to be maintained against Liverpool who should win a match in which both teams could score. This is a fixture that can produce more than three goals.

Manchester City's home match against Chelsea is one of those north/south blockbusters. However, City have won 19 more points than their opponents and that gap can be confirmed in this fixture. Chelsea have lost three of their last four Premier League matches. They took the game to Manchester United at Old Trafford last weekend but sat back on their lead. In the end they were quite well beaten and fell six points behind United in second place.

City are now starting to lose the odd game and the quadruple has gone. However, they are home and hosed in the Premier League and have now won the EFL Cup. Chelsea have now fallen out of the top 4 which guarantees Champions League qualification but they are still involved in the FA Cup and that competition. However, they are struggling in their last 16 tie with Barcelona and could be out following the second leg after the 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge. A home win with both teams scoring is the projected outcome.

After a record breaking number of defeats at the start of the season and no goals scored Crystal Palace found some form when Roy Hodgson became the manager. However, they have lost three and drawn two in five starts and are now just one place and no points above the relegation zone. They play Manchester United at home on Monday night and an away win is on the cards and that could be achieved to nil. United must be confident about winning after the result against Chelsea.

Arsene Wenger is now less likely to be the manager of Arsenal on the first day of next season than be out of his job. Arsenal lost to a better team in Manchester City in the final of the EFL Cup but the manner of defeat was alarming for their fans. Things could go from bad to worse if they lose at Brighton on Saturday. Burnley can beat Everton on their home ground in the other televised match. None of the TV matches over the weekend will match the excitement in that Liverpool and Newcastle meeting back in 1996.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Groundhog Day For Arsenal Against City Tonight

Arsenal's defeat to Manchester City in the EFL Cup Final brought Arsene Wenger's departure from the club closer. If the Premier League match at the Emirates tonight produces the same outcome he could be gone at the end of the season. When Arsenal were winning league titles and going through the season unbeaten Wenger was a massive price to be the next Premier League manager to leave his job.

The Frenchman is now odds-on not to be the Arsenal manager on the first day of next season and punters are still betting on an imminent parting of the ways. Wenger is now [16/1 with William Hill](#) to be the next Premier League managerial departure but the price is only so big because Alan Pardew is on borrowed time at West Brom. The atmosphere could be toxic tonight and it will get worse if Manchester City win.

Arsenal now must put all their eggs in the Europa League basket. They are 10 points behind the team in fourth place so they don't have a hope of qualifying for the Champions League via their league position. The winners of the Europa League make the Champions league so that must be the focus. The priority that is now Europe could influence attitude and motivation tonight.

Another meeting with Manchester City is the last thing Wenger wants. They have been certainties to win the league since before Christmas and City have won 26 of their last 30 league matches. Despite some injury problems and not being at their best City were much too good for Arsenal at Wembley. On current form MANCHESTER CITY must be backed at [5/6 with Betfair](#) to beat Arsenal again.

Little Choice So We're Off To Dubai

Racing is not immune from The Beat from the East and there could be a blank day because the All-Weather fixtures at Newcastle and Kempton are under threat. At least we know there will be no snow and ice at Meydan which hosts a fixture in Dubai today. No race is worth less than £55,000 to the winner and there are two Group 3

contests. VAZIRARBAD (4.50pm) is the bet of the meeting and the horse can be backed at [6/4 with Ladbrokes](#).

The Supreme Novices Hurdle - By Eddie Lloyd

Last week I covered my staking plan for Cheltenham, if you missed it, you can read it [here](#). Having decided to cover 16 races in my analysis, today I'm going to look at the first race at the festival, the Supreme Novices Hurdle.

The opening showpiece, which starts with the Cheltenham roar (a truly magnificent sound, around the racecourse!) is just over 2 miles and a Grade 1 race.

First thing on the list when analysing these big races, is to look at the trends and this is a great way to narrow down the field and give us a head start.

Here are some of the key trends in the race -

11 of the last 16 winners have been Irish trained

17 of the last 19 winners had won on their previous outing prior to the festival

14 of the last 19 winners had raced at least once within the previous 45 days prior to the festival

14 of the last 18 winners have won at odds of 3/1 or greater (not a great stat for the current favourite, Getabird!)

Going through these trends immediately reduces the field to just two runners -

The Amy Murphy trained Kalashnikov and Mullin's Laurina.

Kalashnikov isn't Irish trained but won on his last outing, has raced within the last 45 days and will likely go off, higher than 3/1.

Laurina is obviously Irish trained, won on her last outing, has raced within the last 45 days and will almost certainly be a decent price, come the off.

Of the two qualifiers, my preference would be for Kalashnikov purely because he's got more experience, having won 4 out of 5 of his races over this distance. He doesn't have to travel far and with my preference for focussing on the top of the market, he's the one for me.

He's available to back at 6/1 on the Ante-post market and I'll be going each way with half of my stake. I will then wait until the day of the race and look at how I will play the

second part of my stake. If he gets backed in I'll go win only but if he drifts I'll go each way again. I may save a few quid and cover the whole lot with a small saver bet on Laurina.

So, that's the first race covered and I've got two weeks to cover the other 15!

Next week I will have a look at Day Two of the festival and cover a race from that card.