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Plenty Of Low Bookings Potential This Weekend - By Ian Hudson

Manchester City are the champions elect, the three other Champions League places have been decided and West Brom are going down. We are now at the stage of the Premier League season when there are a number of meaningless matches. This weekend the most significant live fixtures are West Ham at home to Stoke and Southampton at home to Chelsea but the other televised matches bring together teams with not much on the line. This is the stage of the season to go low on bookings points because 50/50 challenges are avoided.

Despite sacking Mark Hughes Stoke are still in the relegation mire and since his departure things have actually got worse. Stoke are the only team in the Premier League to have lost their last four matches and the previous fixture was drawn. Chairman believe a new manager will increase the number of points won. Despite an initial upturn in form teams maintain the season long average despite a fresh face. A poor team lacking in confidence is not transformed by a new manager.

West Ham are now six points and 4 places above the drop zone so David Moyes has almost accomplished the objective of keeping West Ham in the Premier League. Assuming West Brom are relegated any two teams from eight could still go down because they have not reached the safety target of 40 points. West Ham have won and drawn their last two matches but that followed three losses on the bounce. A home win will take them closer to safety but that would leave Stoke closer to the drop.

Southampton have hit a poor run of form at the wrong time. They were on the periphery of the relegation dog fight but two draws and three defeats has left them third from bottom and three points adrift of safety. They desperately need a home win against Chelsea on Saturday but that side are out of contention for Champions League qualification. Southampton should have the hunger to pick up three points which would drag the three teams above them into the battle if they lose their matches.

The match between Liverpool and Bournemouth at Anfield is one of those fixtures with low bookings count potential. Liverpool have the massive distraction of the Champions League semi-final and have just about qualified for next year. Bournemouth are in the mid-table no issues zone even though they have not quite reached the magic points tally to definitely stay in the division.

There were no bookings when Liverpool played at Everton and the Merseyside derby is known for producing more than its fair share of yellow and red cards. The home match against Bournemouth kicks off at 5.30 which surprisingly is just 15 minutes after the Grand National at Aintree about five miles away. It seems a strange clash and there will probably be more excitement over the nine minutes of the National than the full 90 minutes at Anfield where a draw could bust some coupons.

The other three live fixtures are ones with not a great deal at stake. Manchester United should take care of West Brom at Old Trafford, Newcastle can avoid defeat at Arsenal and Tottenham and Manchester City can share the points at Wembley. City have lost their last three matches and the title is agonisingly close but the meaningful season at the top can extend for another week but there should be no slip ups now. However, if United beat West Brom and City lose to Tottenham it could get a bit interesting. Stranger things have happened in sport.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

A Day To Oppose The Favourites At Aintree

It's a unique day in the British jumps racing calendar with four races at the highest level on one card. Not even a single day at the Cheltenham Festival can boast four Grade 1 races but the Aintree Grand National meeting begins with four such races today. The star of the show is Might Bite. The Gold Cup runner-up is only the second highest rated horse behind Bristol de Mai in the Betway Bowl (2.50) but is still the odds-on favourite to win the opening day feature. DOUBLE SHUFFLE was placed in the King George behind Might Bite and can cause an upset at 12/1 with Betfair.

The meeting that culminates in the greatest race in the world begins this year 27 days after the final day of the Cheltenham Festival. That is ample recovery time so more horses can run at both the major spring festivals. Apple's Shakira was backed if defeat was out of the question for the Triumph Hurdle but the horse was only fourth as the clear market leader. On previous form Apple's Shaikra is an animal with great potential and in time could turn out to be the best horse in the Anniversary 4-Y-O Hurdle (2.20). MALAYA gets the 7 pounds mares' allowance and can be backed at 7/1.

The Aintree card begins with a novices' chase (1.45) that has a small but select field of six runners. Bookmakers will settle each way bets on the first two places so most of the betting will be in the win market. Only one of the runners can be dismissed which leaves a long short list of five horses. Cyrname missed

Cheltenham and on collateral form is a worthy favourite. FINIAN'S OSCAR won a Grade 1 hurdle at the meeting last year and can put in a good round of jumping to win this Grade 1 chase and that outcome is 9/2 with Ladbrokes.

Buveur D'Air won the Champion Hurdle for the second time last month but misses the Aintree Hurdle (3.25) due to a minor injury. Supasundae was second in the stayers' hurdle and the intermediate distance of today's race should not be a problem. The New One and My Tent Or Yours have been around for years and both horses have place prospects today. L'AMI SERGE is difficult to win with but the horse could have his day in the sun and is on offer at 13/2 with William Hill.