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

**The Football King** 

Win Bet - League 2 19:45 - Tranmere v Macclesfield - Tranmere @ 4/5

**Sean Haren Racing** 

Win Bet - Wolverhampton (A.W) 18:15 - Capla Gilda @ 9/4

**Early Odds** 

Win Bet - Newton Abbot 15:25 - Mont Des Avaloirs @ 5/2

# Good Saturday For Irish Trainers At Newmarket - By Ian Hudson

The Dewhurst Stakes is the most prestigious race for colts and fillies aged two and the winner of the race often becomes the winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas the following spring. Saturday's renewal at Newmarket is one of the strongest in recent years and Too Darn Hot, the favourite, could be the next superstar from the John Gosden yard. He prepared Enable to win a second Arc after just one outing on the All-Weather this season. However, Aidan O'Brien will have his say in the Dewhurst.

The Newmarket card also features the Cesarewitch which is the second leg of the Autumn Double. The Cambridgeshire run over nine furlongs was the first race but the Cesarewitch is twice the distance. Back in the 19th century the double was a genuine target but in the modern era no horse can excel over such a range of distances. The race distance is two miles and two furlongs but its run over one circuit. The Newmarket Rowley Mile course is vast and the Cesarewitch begins in one county and ends in another. The race is a lucrative heritage handicap and a test of stamina.

Willie Mullins often targets well weighted predominantly jumps horses at staying handicaps in Britain on the Flat. Limini is his latest proven jumps horse to run in the Cesarewitch. The horse won the mares' novices' hurdle race at the Cheltenham Festival in 2016 which was a Grade 2 contest. If there were eight hurdles around Newmarket Limini would win by a furlong. However, it would be sacrilege to have obstacles at the home of Flat racing so there is no jumping for Limini this time. The horse could achieve the rare distinction of winning races at the homes of both National Hunt and Flat racing.

Mullins also trains Stratum who is owned by Tony Bloom, the owner and chairman of Brighton Football Club. Apparently he is one of the shrewdest sports bettors out there and he only invests in decent horses. He also owns Withhold, one of the leading contenders for the Melbourne Cup. The combination of Mullins and Bloom in a lucrative handicap in Britain could be a tip in itself but a handicap with a maximum field of 34 runners will never be easy to work out. The Dewhurst Stakes is another kettle of fish. O'Brien has won the race six times.

The leading Irish trainer often enters his best juvenile colts in the race. He has won the race in the last three years and the winner in 2016, Churchill, won the 2,000 Guineas the next year. Ryan Moore has been on O'Brien's winners in 2015, 2016 and 2017 but at the time of writing riding plans had not been announced. At the five day declaration stage O'Brien trained eight of the 12 runners still left in the race. On ratings Anthony Van Dyck is his best chance so it will be interesting to see if Moore takes the ride or is the jockey on a stable mate.

Barring injury or illness Frankie Dettori will ride Too Darn Hot for Gosden. The partnership won the Arc last Sunday with Enable and Dettori has now won Europe's

richest Flat race six times. However, he has never won the Dewhurst but has had many rides and sometimes on leading contenders. The horse Moore decides to partner, which will probably be Anthony Van Dyck, can prevail and prevent Dettori from winning that first elusive Dewhurst Stakes. That means there will be no flying dismount at Newmarket on Saturday and Irish trainers win the two big races.

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

### So England Can Beat Croatia Tonight. Yawn!

The last time England played Croatia it all ended in tears but the match meant something. Tonight's meeting in Rijeka in the UEFA Nations League is not only relatively meaningless in terms of the result there will be no fans in the stadium. Due to earlier transgressions the match is being played behind closed doors. If England beat Croatia in the next 100 glorified friendlies the disappointment of losing to them in the semi-finals of the World Cup this year will remain. Ironically ENGLAND can win this fixture at 19/10 with **Ladbrokes**.

This evening's match and the last four encounter in the World Cup at the Luzhniki Stadium will be like chalk and cheese in terms of intensity. Avoiding the wooden spoon in the Nations League group is at stake rather than playing in the final of the football world championships. Team selection and motivation will be key for an occasion being played in front of a few hundred officials and dignitaries. In terms of goals the scoring could go one of two ways: lots of them or very few. Croatia will be without at least four of the World Cup regulars while Gareth Southgate could blood some kids. UNDER 2.5 GOALS is 8/13 with William Hill.

It's the second round of the British Masters. The course at Walton Heath rewards solid iron play and is a second shot track. The epitome of finding greens in regulation is the Open champion and Ryder Cup hero, Francesco Molinari. However, he took six shots more than best mate Tommy Fleetwood in the first round yesterday. MATT WALACE has won three times this season but missed out on a Ryder Cup wildcard and is the in-play tip currently at 7/1 with **bet365**.

It's the first day of the Future Champions Festival at Newmarket and the highlight is the Group 1 Fillies' Mile at 3.35 over the Rowley Mile course at HQ. This is a championship contest for female horses aged two and could identify the winter favourite for the 1,000 Guineas. On statistics and ratings it's hard to ignore the claims of PRETTY POLLYANNA and if she gets the trip 7/2 with **Coral** is a steal.