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



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Rick's Sports Betting: Bookies Love Accas - By Rick Elliott

Bookmakers are happy to accept accumulators because they have a number of chances for the bet to lose. Single line selections can be backed in singles, doubles and trebles. Bets that include four or more selections are called accumulators. Bettors love to combine a number of football teams or horses in an acca because this type of bet has the potential to produce a jackpot win for a small stake. Multiple bets take advantage of the power of accumulated odds and have the potential for a big win.

If you combine four horses in a one line bet each at odds of 2/1 the accumulated odds are 80/1. The return is calculated as follows:

$$(2 + 1) \times (2 + 1) \times (2 + 1) \times (2 + 1) \text{ minus } 1 \text{ (stake)} = 80.$$

A ten pounds acca with four selections at 2/1 returns 810 for a profit of 800. However, each selection must win so bookmakers have four chances for the bet to work out in their favour. One unsuccessful selection in an accumulator makes it a losing bet. The potential return is attractive but there is no margin for error. Bookmakers provide incentives to place accas with two distinct offers: money back for one loser and enhanced odds. These acca related offers are heavily promoted in the Press.

System bets combine a number of selections but they are not single line bets. They combine a number of selections in different permutations. For example, a Yankee has four selections which are combined in six doubles, four trebles and one accumulator. System bets differ from accas in that one loser does not necessarily mean a losing bet. Three horses can be combined in three doubles and one treble. However, a losing selection reduces the number of bets from 11 to 4. System bets can be placed win or each way and can be extended to include the singles.

One of the most common promotions with bookmakers is returned stake if a customer has one loser in acca. The minimum number of selections is usually five. The refund applies when four selections win and the other one lets the bet down. The stake is often returned in the form of a free bet and some bookmakers stipulate that the free bet must be used on another accumulator. Returning the stake is not really an adequate consolation for just missing an acca. However, through matched betting the free bet can be used to guarantee a profit regardless of the outcome.

Another popular concession with bookmakers is enhanced odds for a winning accumulator. The minimum number of selections is four and the returns are boosted in line with a sliding scale. The more selections in an acca the greater

the percentage boost. Typically a winning multiple with four selections will be boosted by 5%. The enhancement will progressively increase to 50% for a bet with 15 selections or more. This promotion is not suited to match betting and a successful 15-fold will produce a big return without the boost. The smaller boosts for fewer selections are attractive.

The two offers encourage accumulators which bookmakers are more than happy to accept. Combining several horses or football teams is popular amongst recreational punters but something that professionals avoid. Singles don't offer the same return but are more realistic. Returned stakes and odds boosts add some value to accumulators but this type of bet are better for bookmakers than singles, doubles and trebles.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

It Could Be Lights Out For Sparky

Mark Hughes provided older Manchester United fans with one of their most exciting moments. The side were beating Barcelona in the final of the Cup Winners Cup in 1991 in the second half when Byron Robson clipped a ball over the defence. Sparky took the ball around the keeper and smashed it into the net from what looked like a tough angle. United won the match and the Alex Ferguson era was up and running.

If United win at Southampton in the Premier League today Hughes could lose his job so it's not a nice way to treat one of the legends of the club. However, United can't be trusted to do anything positive just now so backing them at odds-on doesn't make a lot of sense. There have been four goals in the last five meetings in the Premier League so UNDER 2.5 GOALS at 10/11 with **bet365** is the bet.

There are five other matches in the Premier League today, kicking off at 3pm. Would you bet £7 on Manchester City at home to Bournemouth to win £1? Money buyers may be interested in the return on investment of 14%. HUDDERSFIELD were impressive in winning at Wolves last Sunday and can be backed at 6/4 with Unibet to beat Brighton at home this afternoon.

The Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle (2.05) brings together the first and second favourites for the Champion Hurdle but another runner could be a fly in the ointment. Sommerville Boy won the first race at the Cheltenham Festival in March. Serious jumping mistakes at the last two hurdles did not prevent the horse winning the Grade hurdle for novices. Samcro and Buveur D'Air will be tough nuts to crack but SOMMERVILLE BOY is a big price at 9/2 with **Ladbrokes**.

There is an unusually small field for the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury today so bookmakers will settle each way bets on the first three places which takes the value out of this betting market. The Young Master carries a manageable weight and the

horse is back in form after some below par efforts. Thomas Patrick is a progressive horse with the profile to win the race that used to be called the Hennessy but THE YOUNG MASTER is the tip at 10/1 with William Hill.

Trackside In Ireland - By Declan O'Donoghue

Before Willie Mullins took over the Trainers Championship, Noel Meade was the main man, top dog on the jumping scene time after time.

And indeed (and we're going back now!) before Dermot Weld dominated the Galway Festival, Meade was the man to have on your side at the annual Western extravaganza also.

Despite the massed ranks of Mullins and Gordon Elliott sweeping all before them these days, the Navan trainer is still a major force to be reckoned with.

While Gigginstown have been known to chop and change their trainers, Meade always has a prominent and permanent place on their roster.

And we saw just why as Tout Est Permis won the Ladbrokes Troytown doing handstands.

Gigginstown, who had most of the runners in the contest, wanted Meade to enter two more but he told them there was no need as his sole entry would win.

A decent novice with Mouse Morris back in the day, the horse had lost his way and was switched to Meade.

He landed some tidy wagers when scooting home at Galway on his first run for his new trainer.

Meade immediately nominated the Troytown at his local track as the next target and Tout Est Permis delivered in style.

His handicapping days are over now with a new mark of 150 but this highly progressive sort is worth following wherever he turns up next.

The day had started well for Gigginstown with a complete clean sweep in the opening two and a half miles maiden hurdle won by Gordon Elliott's Defi Bleu.

Both Elliott and Davy Russell are already talking about how good he'll be over fences next season.

Elliott normally dominates Troytown day - he famously had six of the seven winners just two years ago - but Jessica Harrington stole much of the thunder this time with a 471/1 treble.

Best of those was undoubtedly Barrington Court who won the concluding Listed mares bumper by a street.

The 10/1 shot put some highly rated rivals - including seven previous winners - firmly in their place. One note of caution though she is bred for the flat and loved the good ground so that will undoubtedly limit her options during the winter.

Declan was bang on target in his Irish Racing Service with Sunday's easy big race winner Tout Est Permis 11/1 (won 9/1), and other recent winners include Shadow Seven 4/1 (w 5/2); Lady De Vesci 3/1 (w 6/4); Josies Orders 9/4 (w 2/1); Too Precious 13/8; Tintangle 11/8; Defi Bleu 5/4 (w 4/6); Mengli Khan 5/6 and each way gem The Gunner Murphy 9/1 (pl. 10/3).

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