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

### Winning Way

Win Bet - Wincanton 16:20 - Trevelyn's Corn @ 11/10

### Two Percent Club

Win Bet - Wincanton 17:30 - Green Dolphin @ 6/1

### Lucky 7 Naps

Win Bet - Chelmsford (A.W) 18:55 - First Link @ 50/1

## Race In Focus: Betway Bowl - By Ian Hudson

**Aintree, Friday April 4th 2019 - Three miles and one furlong chase for horses aged five and older with 19 fences.**

### Description

The Betway Bowl is the Aintree Grand National meeting's version of the Cheltenham Gold Cup but the tracks are different. Cheltenham is undulating with an uphill finish while Aintree is flat. The race was first run in 1984 and was originally seen as a consolation race for the Gold Cup. However, increased prize money and Grade 1 status has made it a race worth winning in its own right. See More Business (2000) is the last horse to win both races but in recent years the Betway Bowl has attracted Gold Cup horses. Winners since 2014 include Silviniaco Conti, Cue Card and Might Bite who have all come close to winning the Gold Cup. Each horse carries 11-07 but mares receive an allowance of 7 pounds but no female has won the race this century.

### Winners Since 2009

Year	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	SP
2009	Madison du Berlais	Tom Scudamore	David Pipe	12/1
2010	What A Friend	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	5/2
2011	Nacarat	Paddy Brennan	Tom George	7/2
2012	Follow The Plan	Tom Doyle	Oliver McKiernan	50/1
2013	First Lieutenant	Bryan Cooper	Mouse Morris	7/2
2014	Silviniaco Conti	Noel Fehily	Paul Nicholls	9/4
2015	Silviniaco Conti	Noel Fehily	Paul Nicholls	7/4F
2016	Cue Card	Paddy Brennan	Colin Tizzard	6/5F
2017	Tea For Two	Lizzie Kelly	Nick Williams	10/1
2018	Might Bite	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	4/5F

### Trends

- The average price of the winner was almost 9/1
- However, without the 50/1 winner in 2012 that average falls to just over 4/1.
- The SPs ranged from 4/5 to 50/1.
- There were two winning favourites.
- 3 winners started at double figure odds.
- 5 winners were priced from 7/4 to 7/2.
- Paul Nicholls is the only multiple winning trainer.
- Paddy Brennan and Noel Fehily are the only multiple winning jockeys.
- Might Bite had the best result in a Gold Cup, 2nd in 2018.
- Silviniaco Conti is the only dual winner.
- The last 8 winners were aged 8,9 or 10.

- The most common age of the winner is 8.

## **Records**

Four horses have won the race twice with the most recent multiple winner being Silviniaco Conti in 2014 and 2015.

Six jockeys have won two Betway Bowls, most recently Noel Fehily (2014 and 2015) and Paddy Brennan (2011 and 2016).

The leading trainer is Paul Nicholls with four wins (2000 to 2015)

## **Leading Contenders**

There was no betting market on March 7th 2019.

Paul Nicholls and Nicky Henderson are not averse to running horses at Cheltenham and Aintree. CLAN DES OBEAUX and MIGHT BITE are their main hopes in the Gold Cup and with a three week gap between the races they could run in the Betway Bowl. Might Bite won the race last year but has underperformed this season. It's safe to assume if the horse runs well in the Gold Cup Henderson will send him to Aintree to try to win the Betway Bowl again. WAITING PATIENTLY won't be running at Cheltenham so a Grade 1 conditions chase at Aintree could be the target which means the Melling Chase or Betway Bowl. Colin Tizzrad won the race with Cue Card in 2016 so NATIVE RIVER is a potential runner, depending on what happens in the Gold Cup which the horse won last year. Irish trained Gold Cup runners are not usually targeted at the race and are kept for Punchestown at the end of April.

## **Tip: Might Bite**

## **Next Week's Race**

Aintree Hurdle

## **Previous Tips**

Supreme Novices' Hurdle - Tornado Flyer at 16/1 (now 33/1).

Arkle Challenge Trophy - Lalor at 5/1 (now 3/1).

Champion Hurdle - Laurina at 4/1 (now 4/1).

RSA Chase - Topofthegame at 8/1 (now 9/2).

Champion Chase - Altior at 4/7 (now 1/2).

Ryanair Chase - Waiting Patiently 7/1 (Non-runner).

Paisley Park - Stayers Hurdle 9/4 (now 15/8).

Triumph Hurdle - Sir Erec 6/4 (now 5/4).

Gold Cup - Bellshill 14/1 (now 12/1).

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

### **Arsenal Look Like Europa League Contenders**

Arsenal now have two chances of qualifying for the Champions League. They are back in the hunt for a top four finish in the Premier League and in the last 16 of the Europa League. The second option is more likely because Tottenham, Manchester United and Chelsea are contenders for the two Champions League places up for grabs. Manager Unai Emery won the Europa League with Sevilla in 2014, 2025 and 2016 so knows what it takes. ARSENAL are 5/1 with **Betfair** to win it this season.

Emery takes Europe's second level competition seriously and will probably play a strong team against Rennes in France today in the first leg of this last 16 tie. Arsenal have won six of their last eight matches in the Europa League and should improve that record on the road against Rennes. The hosts are currently 10th in the French league but over perform in Europa. However, a weakened defense will struggle to prevent an ARSEANL win and that outcome is Evens with **Paddy Power**.

Chelsea are at home to Dynamo Kiev in the first match of their tie in the round of 16. The Blues are one of just five clubs to have won three separate European competitions. They could also qualify for the Champions League by two routes but league position looks more realistic. Even though Chelsea are the favourites to win the Europa League it's a long journey to the final in Baku at the end of May. They can get a step closer against Kiev and CHELSEA -1 is the bet at 4/5 with **Betfair**.

At a time when trainers are striking about poor levels of prize funding Chelmsford should be applauded for putting up decent money. The track stages two AW Championships Fast Track Qualifiers tonight. The more competitive race is the Class 2 contest over two miles at 6.25. Grey Britain has the highest rating in the field while Amade won well over the distance last time out. However, AIRCRAFT CARRIER is a progressive stayer and can oblige at 5/2 with **Paddy Power**.