

Pool and City will both score goals

LIVERPOOL are favourites to win their crunch clash with Man City at Anfield on Sunday. The Merseysiders are available to back at 7-5 for three points with a host of firms. City may come in for support at 888sport's 37-19 and the draw is 13-5. However, the smart money may be on bet365's 8-11 that both teams score in a game that has over 2.5 goals as.

Recommendation

Liverpool v Man City
Both teams to score and over 2.5 goals in the match. 2pts 8-11 bet365.

City are odds on

ADVISED ante-post to win the Barclays Premier League this season, Man City remain a shade of odds-on in the outright betting markets to lift the trophy next month.

However, Liverpool are correctly no better than 15-8 with bet365, skyBET, Boyles and Stan James to spoil City's ambitions.

In fact, William Hill rate Brendan Rodgers' men as a 13-8 shot. Hill's 8-1 is also the top price on Chelsea capturing the silverware.

Green flagged

FOLLOWING on from last Saturday's enthralling Crabbie's Grand National at Aintree, the Scottish equivalent takes place tomorrow afternoon with Green Flag featured as the clear favourite. Green Flag is touted at 8-1 generally to win what is usually a wide-open betting medium. Mendip Express is factored in as the second-favourite according to Coral's 10-1 but a lot of firms have the horse as joint-favourite.

Pac-man odds

MANNY PAQUAIO is odds-on favourite to overcome Timothy Bradley in the early hours of Sunday morning but the layers are at odds with each other over how fancied the former should be.

The Pacman is viewed as most vulnerable by BETFRED and Coral as they have the fighter as 4-7 for victory.

Furthermore, Paquiao is 5-4 to win by Decision or Technical Decision and 7-2 to prevail via KO, TKO or Disqualification.

Generous quote on City must be taken

CORK are outsiders to win another match this weekend as **Dublin** are odds-on to jump into the Allianz NFL Division 1 final at Croke Park on Sunday afternoon.

SPORTS BETTING
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Draw; 0.75pt 10-1 Paddy Power;
Draw/draw; 0.25pt 50-1 Paddy Power.

SOCCER

CORAL appear to have made a head-scratchingly poor error by laying Cork City at 13-8 to win for the fifth time this term in the SSE Airtricity League Premier Division against Sligo Rovers at Turner's Cross tonight.

Where are they getting such a generous quote from exactly?

City, similar to Cork's Gaelic footballers, seem to be continuously underestimated by the layers however, this may represent the final occasion for some time that the Rebel Army are odds-against on their own patch.

The facts are that, on present seasonal form, top takes on the 10th-placed side in the section.

City are league leaders by design, not accident yet are 13-8 to overcome Ian Baraclough's unit that have won one, drawn one and lost four of their six league outings.

Furthermore, Sligo have managed to score just three times and considering John Caulfield's charges have

The Rebels, who did punters another favour last weekend by destroying an outclassed Kerry at odds of 15-8, are 13-8 generally to dethrone the defending league champions at headquarters.

Cork are also 7-2 to lead at the end of both halves.

Dublin, on the other hand, are available at 8-13 to win the tie in regulation time.

However, it is not crazy to assume this contest will be as tight as the regular season meeting of the two sides.

The fact that Paddy Power's quote on the scenario potentially developing seems excessive, the draw is put forward as a value 10-1 shout.

Of course, so much has to fall right for bettors to land a speculative bet of this nature but even if you get a run for your money into the final 10 minutes of the game nobody will complain.

Additionally, throw a coin or two on the draw/draw double result at 50-1, also with Power.

Cork are 5-6 +2 with the aforementioned Irish firm whereas Dublin are 23-20 -2 with bet365.

The handicap betting draw is 10-1. Recommendations: Dublin v Cork



Aidan Walsh, Cork, in action against James McCarthy, Dublin in the Allianz Football League Division One game at Croke Park.

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Last week

MASSIVE profits were made again last weekend as our two main punts copped.

Cork City were backed at 13-5 (1pt BetVictor) to topple Shamrock Rovers while Cork were tipped at 15-8 (1pt Ladbrokes) to beat Kerry.

City, additionally, were punted on to win 2-1 (0.5pt 9-1 BetVictor) while a Cork/Cork double result (0.5pt 4-1 Paddy Power) was also speculatively betted on.

Something Rory in the state of Danish pastry punts

HOW did we know Atletico Madrid would qualify ("the 13/10 offered on them going through looks the best bet of the night") and that Munich would beat United 3-1 on Wednesday? We didn't, yet that didn't stop us tipping the 26/1 double.

There were portents of course.

An ad on Sky Sports News on Wednesday morning for the mobile network 3 was immediately followed by a segment on Jose Mourinho, aka, the Special One.

So "3-One" was at the forefront of my mind when the next item came on about the game in the Allianz Arena.

Around lunchtime the same day I was about to bite into my muffin at a coffee shop in Blackpool when I realised the

name of the establishment I was in was Costa Coffee.

And isn't Diego Costa one of Atletico Madrid's star players so that must mean they'd beat Barcelona that evening.

Now this wasn't the reason we gave that tip... because that would be insane.

But what did a college lecturer (who you'd presume must be reasonably intelligent) supposedly do when he saw the likeness of Rory McLroy's face in his Danish pastry?

He put £1,000 sterling on the Down man to win at Augusta this weekend. "I'm pretty superstitious," said Rob Price, "so when this happened, instead of putting a hundred, I decided to go big and put a thousand on.



"It's got to be a sign — Rory's face on a piece of food from his girlfriend's home country." This all struck me as a bit too convenient a way for a certain betting website to get free advertising through a news story, especially with the punter's name being 'Price'. He certainly is a real person, though judging from his Twitter account, a very relaxed college lecturer. Whether he is

a front for the bookmakers is another question.

Most importantly of all, the muffin I was biting into in Costa coffee was an American and not an English one so there is no great reason to back local boy Harris English at 66/1 to don the green jacket on Sunday.

Back to betting matters, we also went close on Tuesday, when we wrote:

"Chelsea are 8/1 to win 2-0. In five home matches against French clubs in the tournament, Chelsea have only allowed one goal so the required shutout is certainly possible." Yet inexplicably, we tipped them to win 2-1.

On March 31 we sided with Chelsea to win the competition outright at 12/1 (odds that are halved now) but the best

price going into today's draw were certainly Atletico's 5/1 with William Hill. It's about time to give you a bet for the weekend ahead so considering we've made you a bit of money this week, we'll try to knock one out of the park, to use the baseball parlance we are all so familiar with since the Major League season began a fortnight ago.

Recommendation: If at any stage during that last sentence you suspected I didn't know what I was talking about, I'll exacerbate the situation with a 125/1 accumulator on Dublin (8/13) and Derry (2/1) in the weekend GAA, Man City to knock Liverpool out of the title race by claiming a draw (13/5) at Anfield, and Crystal Palace (15/13), Southampton (1/2) and Stoke (5/4) to win.