

THE PRICE WATCHER BLOG

Welcome to The Price Watcher Blog, where we take a value-led approach to the weekend's televised racing on ITV and aim to identify bets that the market may have overlooked.

Saturday's ITV racing looks an absolute cracker, with quality action coming from Goodwood, Haydock, York and the Curragh. There's a mix of classy Group performers, progressive handicappers and a few juicy-priced outsiders that could make the day very interesting from a betting perspective. Here's a look through the televised card and where the value might lie.

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13:25 – GOODWOOD

We kick things off at Goodwood and straight away there could be a bit of value lurking at the foot of the market. Aqua Bear makes plenty of each-way appeal at a massive 40/1.

On his reappearance at Ascot, which was also his handicap debut, he shaped much better than the finishing position suggests. He was briefly short of room just as the race was beginning to unfold but kept on nicely once in the clear and hinted there's more to come from his current mark.

With Grosvenor's Each-Way Plus paying five places, he looks the sort who could easily outrun those odds and sneak into the frame at a tasty price.

Selection: [AQUA BEAR E/W – 40/1](#)

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13:45 – HAYDOCK

The Listed race at Haydock gives Revoir a good opportunity to bounce back after a slightly underwhelming finish to last season.

She showed flashes of real quality earlier in her career and conditions could be absolutely ideal here. Soft ground looks a major plus, and there's every chance she improves again now returning as a four-year-old for the in-form Ralph Beckett yard.

At around 9/1, she feels overpriced if rediscovering her best form.

Selection: [REVOIR E/W – 9/1](#)

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14:00 – GOODWOOD

Back to Goodwood for another Listed event and the vote goes to Golden Story.

Karl Burke's runner is very well regarded, and, at this stage of lightly raced careers, it can often pay to take on a short-priced favourite with upside elsewhere in the field. The market leader could absolutely turn out to be top class, but the current odds suggest that's already a certainty, and that may be a little premature.

Golden Story looks the value alternative.

Selection: [GOLDEN STORY E/W – 12/1](#)

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14:20 – HAYDOCK

The always-competitive Silver Bowl could throw up a shock and Special Dividend is interesting at around 33/1.

He returns after both wind surgery and a gelding operation, and connections reportedly held him in very high regard as a two-year-old. There's every chance he improves significantly this season.

He'll probably come on for the run fitness-wise, but at those odds he's impossible to completely dismiss.

Selection: [SPECIAL DIVDEND E/W – 33/1](#)

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14:40 – YORK

York takes centre stage next with a typically competitive big-field sprint, and it's the kind of race where you could make a case for plenty. But the one that catches the eye is Lethal Nymph for Paul Midgley.

He ran an excellent race over course and distance last time when finishing behind our old favourite Jakajaro (who we're siding with again later the card) and that form already looks strong. He travelled like a horse in top nick that day and stuck on well in the closing stages. With a handy racing weight and conditions likely to suit once more, he looks the type who has another big run in him.

Selection: [LETHAL NYMPH E/W – 12/1](#)

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14:58 – HAYDOCK

Venetian Sun looks the one now dropping back to six furlongs.



There's been support in the market for Division since declarations, while Coppull also commands respect, but Venetian Sun still appeals most at around the 11/4 mark. She arguably brings the strongest form into the race and this return to sprinting conditions could easily unlock a bit more improvement.

A fair price for a filly who sets the standard.

Selection: [VENETIAN SUN – 11/4](#)

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15:15 – YORK

The Group 3 Brontë Cup Fillies' Stakes looks fascinating, and Miss Alpilles could give favourite Danielle plenty to think about.

Ed Walker's filly shaped with considerable promise on her seasonal return in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot and that recent outing may prove invaluable here. Race fitness can make a huge difference at this stage of the campaign, and she may just have the edge in sharpness over her market rival.

Selection: [MISS ALPILLES – 4/1](#)

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15:30 – HAYDOCK

The Temple Stakes sees our old friend Jakajaro back in action - and he's rapidly becoming a bit of a blog legend.

After landing the goods for us at York at 12/1, it feels dangerous to jump off now. Since returning this spring he's won two handicaps in seriously impressive style, showing blistering speed alongside plenty of grit.



That York success looked especially strong given he raced away from the main action near the stands' rail and still managed to power home. An 8lb rise from the handicapper obviously makes life tougher, but a mark of 108 suggests he's up to this company.

He handles different ground conditions, arrives in red-hot form and at around 14/1 he looks far too big again.

Selection: [JAKAJARO E/W – 12/1](#)

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15:40 – CURRAGH

Over in Ireland, it's difficult to see anything beating Gstaad in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

He sets a seriously high standard and looks every inch a top-class colt. But for those looking for an each-way angle or a horse to hit the frame at a bigger price, Alparslan could be the play.



Karl Burke's runner missed the English Guineas because the ground came up too quick on the day, but conditions here should suit much better. He arrives in excellent form after winning the Greenham Stakes and already has winning experience at the Curragh from his juvenile days.

He could easily outrun his odds and put in a bold showing.

Selection: [ALPARSLAN E/W – 15/2](#)

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16:05 – HAYDOCK

We finish back at Haydock and the market may well have this one spot on with Pole Star heading proceedings.

Charlie Johnston's runner has been knocking firmly on the door this season with a string of solid efforts and it feels like a win is just around the corner. He's been admirably consistent, looks well suited by conditions and 7/2 could end up looking very fair indeed once the race is run.

A strong contender to round off the televised action in style.

Selection: [POLE STAR – 7/2](#)

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Best of luck if you're playing and remember always gamble responsibly!

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