

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.

This week brings some exciting midweek action. Chester's May Meeting is underway, featuring some strong cards to analyse, with several top-class horses in action, especially those with Classic aspirations. For many ante-post backers, it's a make-or-break meeting.

In this blog, we'll take a look at the six ITV races on Wednesday, coming from both Chester and Newton Abbot.

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13:30 CHESTER

In the opening televised contest, Wait Geordie makes plenty of appeal. The Hugo Palmer colt impressed on debut at Bath, showing sharp early pace to make all and dictate from the front.

That form looks ideal for Chester, where low-drawn front-runners often hold the edge. Stall three should allow him to grab the rail and control things again.

He's clearly well regarded, and with his sprinting pedigree there's likely more to come. 9/4 still looks fair and on potential, he could easily be shorter.

Selection: [WAIT GEORDIE – 9/4](#)

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13:45 NEWTON ABBOT

Over to Newton Abbot Racecourse for their sole ITV race, and it looks a typically open handicap. Etalon has been knocking on the door all winter and got his head in front at Ascot back in December, but that's come at a cost with the handicapper having his say.

With that said, conditions could swing things back in his favour. If there's a bit of cut in the ground, it brings him right into it, and 3/1 still holds a bit of value in a race where plenty have questions to answer.

Selection: [ETALON – 3/1](#)

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14:05 CHESTER

In the next at Chester, at a big price, City House could be the each-way angle. At 20/1, and with Grosvenor's Each Way Plus on offer, he doesn't need to win to give you a run for your money, just finishing in the first four would do.

He's got some solid back form from his time with James Fanshawe and George Scott, including a couple of decent pots in Bahrain for the latter. Now with Adrian McGuinness, the fact he's the Irish yard's only runner making the trip over catches the eye.

If he can bounce back to anything like his best, he looks overpriced and worth a go each-way.

Selection: [CITY HOUSE E/W – 20/1](#)

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14:35 CHESTER

Next up is the Cheshire Oaks, which is considered by many to be the main trial for the Oaks.



I'm The One looked a real prospect on debut when brushing aside her rivals at Newbury Racecourse, and it's no surprise to see her at the head of the market here. With that said, whilst she is the likeliest, 4/6 doesn't appeal as a great value bet and it might be the 3/1 for Epsom that makes a bit more appeal at the prices. She'll be a good deal shorter if she can get the job done.

Selection: [I'M THE ONE – 4/6 \(3/1 Oaks\)](#)

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15:05 CHESTER

With Water To Wine now out, this looks set up for Aidan O'Brien's Benvenuto Cellini, who's likely to go off very short and is hard to oppose on paper. From a value angle though, it's not the easiest race to get stuck into.



If you're looking beyond the obvious, it might pay to focus on the places, and Mr Colonel could be the one at around 14/1 for Richard Fahey and Peter Fahey. He's a proven stayer, showing a good attitude when getting back up to win at Redcar, and his run in the Zetland Stakes reads well enough in this company.

That said, it does feel like it revolves around Benvenuto Cellini now, especially with the John Gosden runner out - so anything taking him on is probably playing for minor honours.

Selection: [MR COLONEL E/W - 14/1](#)

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15:40 CHESTER

In the six-furlong handicap, there's one lurking towards the bottom of the market who might just have some of the best form on offer that's been overlooked, Amo Racing's Do Bronx.



His standout piece came when finishing fifth of five in the Phoenix Stakes at Curragh Racecourse, but that doesn't tell the full story. He was only beaten around five lengths by True Love, who's since gone on to land the 1,000 Guineas, despite giving her 3lb. In the same race, he was also just a couple of lengths behind Puerto Rico, which reads well in this company.

Now gelded, there's every chance there's more to come from him. The wide draw isn't ideal, but it's not insurmountable, and if things fall right, he could easily outrun his odds.

Selection: [DO BRONX E/W - 18/1](#)

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

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