

## **JEANNE SCHNELL PROVIDES GUIDE TO EUROPEAN/UK RACING WEBSITES HANDY REFERENCE OPENS UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF ACTION/INSIGHTS READERS ARE CERTAIN TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE ALL-IN-ONE FRENCH SITE**

Tired of betting Fonner Park? Cast your sights to the tracks of Europe and the United Kingdom. It's the wave of the future for racing and for Team Valor. Our helpful guide of betting platforms and racing organizations is sure to help you find a new favorite track with the click of a mouse. In the time of COVID-19 and mandated but necessary house arrest, time passing can be downright excruciating. One way to the pass the time, and perhaps learn more about where your horse is running is to get the lay of the land, or in this case, the racecourse. Chronicling racing websites in the United Kingdom and Europe just got easier. Sit back, relax and learn what some of the finest racing establishments have to offer.

### **Destination Europe Racing:**

<https://www.destinationeurope racing.com/racing-festivals/>

Destination Europe Racing's website is a great way to get your feet wet when it comes to opening the door to racing abroad. A good start to the website is the "video" section which offers short videos from some major players in the thoroughbred industry on why European Racing is second to none. From there – any of these main categories you choose: Key Sales, Group I Races, Racing Festivals and Breeding are sure to pique your fancy. Something worth noting is that Europe has more racing festivals than any other place in the world. If you are looking for pomp, pageantry and an excellent race card, look no further than the festivities offered in Europe!

Other racing websites in Europe and the UK to whet your appetite in no particular order:

### **France:**

#### **Tiercé:**

<http://www.tierce-magazine.com/>

Tiercé is a magazine dedicated to the PMU quinté races of France. Similar to handicap races with weights as high as 140 pounds, quinté races make up a fair majority of the races offered. TVI runner Gaius runs in these types of races. Tiercé Magazine's website is free for those looking for quick information – what tracks are running quinté races and the times they are running as well with up to the minute information on scratches and changes. In-depth analysis, betting tips, handicapping packages and race replays require a subscription of 9.99 € (\$10.95 USD) per month and also the user a digital subscription to the magazine accessible by smartphone, tablet or computer. France-Galop: <http://www.france-galop.com/en/node/98> France-Galop is the go-to for anything and everything about French racing. A simple (and free) membership allows you to research present and past runners, view race charts and replays and keep abreast of all of the goings-on in the sphere of French racing. Particularly helpful is a feature to save runners of interest such as TVI's French runner, Heliabel.

#### **The French Black Type:**

<http://www.thefrenchblacktype.com/index.html>

The French Black Type is an affiliate of France-Galop geared towards black type runners. Starting with group, an individual can search for races by distance, age, and sex or any

combination of the four factors. After a search is run, a list of results is generated based on the factors the individual has searched for. Clicking on any of the races brings up a detailed page with information on the conditions of the race, value of the race and important dates such as nomination and entry deadlines. This is a good point of reference for the novice and the wized horse owner to be able to get a feel for the level that their runner can compete at.

### **ZEurf:**

<https://www.zeturf.com/en>

ZEurf is a punter's dream for those individuals outside of the United States looking for a comprehensive wagering platform. Among its offerings, ZEurf has full cards from racetracks around the world with tips and past performance packages to aid in your wagering choices. A simple registration (name, email address and date of birth) allow the user access to both live-stream and race replays from over a dozen racetracks.

### **Jour De Galop:**

<http://www.jourdegalop.com/articles>

Jour De Galop is France's version of the Thoroughbred Daily News otherwise known as the "TDN." Offering informative and insightful articles on the French racing industry and the racing industry at large as well as a handy overnight newsletter, a subscription is required to read the articles and three choices are offered: A daily subscription for € 2.90 (\$3.18 USD); monthly for € 29.00 (\$31.79 USD) or annually €180.00 (\$190.30 USD). Regardless of subscription choice, access gives the user a wealth of information on the many facets of French racing and abroad providing fodder for more research into any area of your choice.

### **England:**

#### **British Horse Racing Authority:**

<https://www.britishhorseracing.com/>

While there will be no racing conducted in Britain for the foreseeable future, the British Horse Racing Authority also known as the BHA is a formidable guide to the ins-and-outs of British racing. The website offers everything from scratches and changes and race results to racehorse ratings and rankings. Interested in governance and rules and perhaps how to they compare to racing in your country? Be sure to check out the "Regulation and Governance" tab to learn review a guide to the rules of racing, integrity, doping rules and licensing. An interesting offering from the BHA for those with a little time to spare is the launch of Racing2Learn a comprehensive e-learning platform for anyone interested in learning more about the Thoroughbred Racing Industry – from care and management to more detailed courses on exercise physiology and training regimen, this is a great way to pass the time in quarantine.

#### **Racing Post:**

<https://www.racingpost.com/>

Racing Post is a site that contains everything a racing enthusiast could want when it comes to the UK and beyond. It offers a wide variety of tips, betting packages and encyclopedic breadth of information on current and past runners. Unique to this site is the articles posted which offer breaking news on the industry both in the UK and at-large as well as insight into current events, trends and even poignant human-interest pieces. For the

bettor, Racing Post offers an enticing list of offers for “free bets,” to make the most of your money – from new customer offers to sign-on bonuses. Many of the features of this website such as access to the database, results, and articles are free. More in-depth information on runners such as stats, race replays, betting packages require a membership of £ 34.95 (roughly \$44.00 US).

### **Sporting Life:**

<https://www.sportinglife.com/racing>

While the Racing Post has become the go-to website for punters, everywhere, Sporting Life is still the trusted authority for wagering. It offers flash results, often updating race results in seconds, a handy option if your cable service drops out or your internet connection freezes and you miss the race. The platform allows you to wager on any track that is running in a handy, portable format that allows you to never miss a race! And for those looking for diverse wagering pursuits, Sporting Life also offers platforms for Greyhound Racing, Football, Golf, Darts and Rugby.

### **Racehorse Owners Association (ROA):**

<https://www.roa.co.uk/>

The Racehorse Owners Association is a group committed to advancing and protecting the interests of British racehorse owners. Open to anyone, whether you own a piece of a horse or your own racing stable, the ROA is committed to making your experience in British racing more cost-effective and more importantly, more thrilling. For a subscription fee of £261.00 (\$329.30 USD) for a single subscription or £435.00(\$548.83 USD) for a joint subscription, members have access to a volley of discounts and perks such as access to premier seating at British tracks and walking ring perks, discounts on magazines, insurance, apparel and others. Further the ROA hosts music nights and family fun days. Be sure to take a look at the “Ownership” tab which offers subjects such as “help and advice” “owners survey” and “racehorse welfare.” There you will find concise information on anything from purchasing a horse and finding a trainer, to detailed information and statistics on the cost of racehorse ownership and finally, the duty one has to a horse when it can no longer race.

### **Ireland:**

#### **Irish Racing:**

<https://www.irishracing.com/>

For those that hold the Emerald Isle near and dear, Irishracing.com is a must-have in the bookmarks list on your browser. With more than 2 dozen tracks in Ireland, Irish Racing has your breaking news and insights, meet statistics, tips and more. Irish Racing also offers a horse tracker service which is handy for keeping track of the Irish-bred runners in the TVI stable. With a free and simple registration, one can build a virtual stable to keep all of their horses of interest as well as to see what races they are nominated to. As an interesting pairing, they offer an informative guide to the world of Hong Kong Racing including a comprehensive A-Z list of trainers, jockey and horses on the Hong Kong circuit.

#### **Go Racing:**

<https://www.goracing.ie/>

Go Racing’s website is best suited for those just entering the world of racing or for those that do not know much about racing abroad. Less a bettor’s guide and more a beginner’s

– Go Racing offers information on each of Ireland’s 26 racecourses including information about seating and dining reservations. Pages are neatly grouped to find race results, tips and updates. There is an entire section devoted to getting into racing in Ireland and abroad and the HRI blog and newsletter offer insightful commentary on the state of racing, equine aftercare and the use of data to grow the sport. Go Racing even has a junior section for children (and grandchildren) who wish to learn and get involved in racing with downloadable coloring pages and other horse racing related activities. The Irish Field: <https://www.theirishfield.ie/> The Irish Field is chock full of feature stories and interviews with the top trainers and jocks in Irish racing and abroad. While premium news content requires a subscription, there are free articles and activities such as quizzes and polls that ask the reader to weigh-in on current events to keep you, the reader, abreast of racing events in Ireland. A news subscription comes in three formats: digital €3.27 per week (\$4.07 USD); €5.56 per week for paper format (\$6.10 USD); and €6.71 for digital & paper format (\$7.36 USD).

## **Germany:**

### **GalopOnline:**

<https://galopponline.de/>

Not so much a betting platform as a database for information on German racing, with up-to-the-hour news service, stats and results, it is user-friendly and offers a wealth of information to those new to the world of German racing. GalopOnline provides links to all of Germany’s courses, a glossary of racing terms and a list of racing events for the year (which comes in handy in light of the COVID-19 crisis gripping the globe). For those searching for a specific replay, GalopOnline has a paid-for service with a large repository of race replays spanning the years 1989 to 2012 and encompasses all of the races of NRW railways and meetings in Hamburg and Baden-Baden. The site offers a Youtube channel called SportWelt TV: GaloppInfotainment featuring news, stories, interviews and an archive of race replays that is sure to be informative and entertaining. The downside is that if one does not understand German, it may be hard to follow along. For those of us that prefer news that we can hold in our hands, GalopOnline also offers a subscription to Sports-Welt, German for “Sports World,” a news service that has been reporting on the turf world for 125 years. For more information or to subscribe, click here: SportWelt.

### **Deutscher Galopp:**

<https://www.deutscher-galopp.de/>

Whether you consider yourself a sage of the turf or a neophyte, Deutscher Galopp offers a wealth of information on the intricacies of betting from placing your first bet to more demanding bets such as the triple or four bet. Deutscher Galopp offers a handicapping blog with insight from veteran punter Harald Siemen. Industry news from this site gives its reader an insider look into the COVID-19 crisis and its ripple effects on German racing and the racing world at large. Although similar to Galoponline, premium content which requires a subscription from which users can pick either a basic subscription €17.85 (\$19.58 USD) or a premium subscription €29.75 (\$32.63 USD). The basic subscription features a weekly racing calendar that is downloadable to keep track of runners, race reports and access to an archive of race replays since 2015. The premium subscription features all of this and more, such as individual statistics on trainers, jockeys, horses and owners, breeding reports and statistics, and personalized horse rankings.

**Turf Times:**

<https://www.turf-times.de/>

Considered the foremost authority for turf news in Germany, the Turf Times offers the most up-to-the-minute updates on racing, breeding and sales in the nation. The horse and people database is second to none with both quick and in-depth reference information on the subject of inquiry. For something meant to amuse readers, check out "Google a Winner" under the Miscellaneous tab and you will find a page of famous racehorses and the corresponding Google entry when its namesake is typed in.

**Hungary:****Kincsem Park:**

<https://kincsempark.hu/english/>

Called the "most beautiful racecourse in Eastern Europe," Kincsem Park hosts all manner of races, from Thoroughbreds to Greyhounds. Kincsem Park's website is home to a wealth of information for the "hungry" (pun intended) racing enthusiast! Its layout is home to a unique concert and event venue including the Panorama Restaurant that boasts breathtaking views of the course and surrounding land. While the website offers race card information and statistics for even the savviest punter, perhaps one of the most unique areas is the tab "Own a Racehorse in Hungary" (located under the subheading 'English.')

due to its expansive coverage on what to expect when buying and owning a racehorse, picking a trainer and of course, the advantages...and joys of being in a syndicate!

**Slovakia:****Zavodisko:**

<http://web.zavodisko.sk/>

Looking for a unique experience? Then look no further as the Zavodisko, a premier racetrack in Slovakia holds races both on the flat and over hurdles. In the off season, the course is host to "Spartan" races in which an individual's athletic prowess, endurance and sheer will are tests through a series of obstacles that vary in difficulty and distance. While all events are on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials are hopeful to resume racing of all kinds in the months ahead. To be ready for when racing returns, check out what the Zavodisko has to offer in terms of stats on horses, trainers, and top jockeys. The journal section of the website will also keep you abreast of racetrack news and newly licensed horses, trainers and jockeys. Also available for a fee are publications such as the Slovakian Racing Yearbook, multiple studbooks for pedigree analysis and racing regulations for the Slovak Republic.

**The Czech Republic:****Dostihy JC:**

<http://www.dostihyjc.cz/vysledky.php>

Like most racecourses across the globe, the Czech Republic has not been immune to COVID-19 and has since shuttered its race meetings across the country's 10 tracks. The website for its Jockey Club offers some insight into whether or not racing can resume in the next few weeks. While the site offers what many Jockey Club pages do – statistics, bylaws, forms and contacts, the DostihyJC has a great page with concise yet helpful

information about each of the racecourses including webcams that show a portion of the stretch and finish line to watch training and racing when the races are on.

## **Switzerland:**

### **Horseracing.ch:**

<https://www.horseracing.ch/index.php>

Offering thoroughbred and standardbred cards, Horseracing serves to educate those that visit their website with a broad platter of information from racetrack news to betting and race day information. Their photo service makes for an entertaining visual journal of events if you don't want to shell out 134 VAT (\$167.00 USD) for a membership. For those that care to dig deeper, the membership gives one access to betting packages with past performances and handicapping tips, race replays, in-depth stats on horses and trainers and personalized newsletters, although nowhere near as good as the newsletter you are currently reading!

### **St. Moritz:**

<https://www.whiteturf.ch/en/>

Known as the White Turf, this is horse racing meets a winter wonderland! Taking place over three weeks in February, the races are run over the frozen, snow-covered lake. A test of skill, athleticism and agility. Also featured in the sport of "Skijöring," which involves an individual on skis being pulled along by a galloping horse. The social highlight of the St. Moritz season occurs as part of a two-day festival featuring the "Snow Polo World Cup" featuring the best of the best. More than 35,000 people flock to each race meet to enjoy gourmet food pairings and take in the sights and sounds of racing at St. Moritz. You can find replays of past races under the "Racing" tab.

## **Turkey:**

### **The Turkish Jockey Club:**

<https://www.tjk.org/>

Although the Turkish Jockey Club (TJK) has only been around for 70 years, it has made great strides in advancing thoroughbred racing in the middle east. The TJK website is the foremost authority of racing in the country, overseeing nine racecourses, 5 breeding farms and a large training center. A progressive society, the TJK is responsible for veterinary care and caring for all of the horses registered within its domain. Working with their Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, they provide schooling for apprenticeships, veterinary personnel and racing officials. The website offers betting packages to handicap both thoroughbred and Arabian races, racecourse stats and news articles centered on both national racing events and abroad. They even have handicapping tips for tracks in America that are currently racing such as Gulfstream Park and Oaklawn Park.

## **Miscellaneous:**

### **Betbird:**

<https://www.betbird.com/>

If you are looking for a platform to gorge on international racing, Betbird might be the best site for you. It offers past performances and replays for dozens of tracks from the land of OZ to the heartland of the U.S.A. There are dozens of livestreams that can be

accessed if you have placed a bet of at least €1 (\$1.00 USD) on the day of the event or had transactions totaling €10 (\$10.94) in the past 14 days. It is also by far the best platform to get race results quickly.

### **European Beach Racing Association:**

<https://www.euomedracing.eu/beach-racing>

Formed in 2017 to have an official association for legitimate beach racing, the European Beach Racing Association will have a dozen races in 2020 in Spain, France, Ireland and Germany. The season steers full steam ahead in late May. The site offers information such as the history of beach racing, rules and regulations, horse statistics and membership information for any parties interested in running a horse on the beach.

### **At the Races:**

<https://www.attheraces.com/>

A universal betting platform where one can wager on races in the UK, America and abroad, At the Races is formidable in the breadth of races it has to offer. Like traditional platforms, At the Races offers betting packages, past performances and race statistics. Unlike these platforms, At the Races offers such premium features such as a betting calculator to quickly figure out your wager's ROI, a stable tour which chronicles top equine stars, trainers and jockeys and in the courses tab, a variety of information on every racecourse in the UK and Ireland from which to gather handy statistics like depth of soil and weather conditions to the an insider's view of the course with commentary from the track's top jockeys and trainers.