**Italian team the banker in Soccer Any 15 pool.**

*Danie Toerien*

While most of us battled through what is known as Januworry, a number of soccer lovers laughed all the way to the bank thanks to TAB’s various soccer pools.

In Windhoek one lucky punter scooped R53,000 with a R2 ticket scooped R53,000 with a R2 ticket. In the Western Cape, a R256 ticket netted one player R764,000. Online players also shared the spoils, with payouts of R70,000 and R69,000 being won with tickets that cost less than R130 each. These are just a few of the big payouts recorded in the last week or so.

This weekend there will once again be millions up for grabs in TAB’s various soccer pools. One pool that is expected to reach R3 million, is the Soccer Any 15 pool. Soccer Any 15 is like no other TAB soccer bet in that you choose the 15 matches you want to bet on. For each Soccer Any 15 pool TAB gives a list of 30 matches and customers can select which 15 games they want to include in their bet. Remember, you must enter a result option for 15 matches – not more and not less or the bet will be invalid.

In Saturday’s Soccer Any 15 pool, two of the matches are from the Italian Serie A. In Match 20, Cagliari host Parma. With both teams on 31 log points and in sixth and seventh position respectively, logic dictates that any result is possible. However, when these two teams last met in round three in September last year on Parma’s home field, Cagliari won 3-1. With the added advantage of playing at home on Saturday, Cagliari should have the edge. Cagliari are also much better than their recent record reflects. They recorded three losses and two draws in their last five matches in all competitions. But four of these were away matches and it includes two clashes with Inter and one with Juventus, the two giants who top the log. Based on these statistics, Cagliari look the likely winner.

Match 29 of the Soccer Any 15 pool is the clash between Sassuolo and Roma. Roma must be considered a banker in the pool, even though playing away. After being eliminated from the Coppa Italia last week by Juventus, and then drawing with Lazio in the Rome derby on the weekend, Roma will see the match against Sassuolo as an opportunity to get things right again.

Against Lazio they created numerous scoring opportunities but failed to convert, while giving their opponents a goal with a comedy of errors.

Earlier in the season Roma beat Sassuolo 4-2, Roma have also won three of their last five matches against Sassuolo while two ended in draws. Edin Dzeko, who found the net in the Rome derby, is one player who can make life very difficult for Sassuolo. Despite being 33 years old, Dzeko is proving he has not lost his goal-scoring touch. In 31 Serie A appearances this season, he has scored nine goals and provided five assists.

A further motivation for him this weekend is that, since his arrival in the Italian capital city in 2015, he has scored 92 goals for Roma. Like any footballer, he would like to reach the 100 goal mark sooner rather than later, and the trip to Sassuolo could just provide him with the perfect opportunity.
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Soccer 6 Friday 31 January - Mark S6 V2 P1 - Bet from 30 January - Pays 1 Saturday - R6 single entry

1. Sunderland v Brentford
2. Nottingham Forest v Coventry
3. Watford v Fulham
4. Newcastle United v Burnley
5. Brighton & Hove Albion v Fulham
6. Crystal Palace v Arsenal

Soccer 6 Friday 31 January - Mark S6 V2 P2 - Bet from 30 January - Pays 1 Saturday - R6 single entry

1. Reading v Cardiff City
2. Southampton v Aston Villa
3. Derby County v Leeds United
4. Fulham v West Bromwich Albion
5. Brentford v Burnley
6. Fulham v West Bromwich Albion

Soccer 6 Saturday 1 February - Mark S6 V1 P1 - Bet from 31 January - Pays 1 Saturday - R6 single entry

1. Crystal Palace v Chelsea
2. Newcastle United v Leeds United
3. Manchester United v Liverpool
4. Leicester City v West Ham United
5. West Ham United v Burnley
6. Newcastle United v Southampton

Soccer 6 Saturday 1 February - Mark S6 V1 P2 - Bet from 31 January - Pays 1 Saturday - R6 single entry

1. Reading v Cardiff City
2. Fulham v West Bromwich Albion
3. Manchester United v Wolverhampton Wanderers
4. West Ham United v Burnley
5. Newcastle United v Southampton
6. Aston Villa v Crystal Palace

Soccer 6 Saturday 1 February - Mark S6 V2 P1 - Bet from 1 February - Pays 1 Saturday - R6 single entry

1. Burnley v Arsenal
2. West Ham United v Leeds United
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1. Arsenal v Crystal Palace
2. West Ham United v Leeds United
3. Atalanta v Genoa
4. Atalanta v Genoa
5. Inter Milan v Cagliari
6. Inter Milan v Cagliari

Soccer 6 Sunday 2 February - Mark S6 V3 P1 - Bet from 1 February - Pays 3 Monday - R6 single entry

1. Lille v Lyon
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Soccer 6 Sunday 2 February - Mark S6 V3 P2 - Bet from 1 February - Pays 3 Monday - R6 single entry

1. FC Basel v BSC Young Boys
2. PSV Eindhoven v Willem II
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Soccer 6 Sunday 2 February - Mark S6 V1 P1 - Bet from 2 February - Pays 3 Monday - R6 single entry

1. Lazio v Parma
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Soccer 6 Sunday 2 February - Mark S6 V1 P2 - Bet from 2 February - Pays 3 Monday - R6 single entry

1. Genoa v Verona
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Soccer 6 Sunday 2 February - Mark S6 V2 P1 - Bet from 2 February - Pays 3 Monday - R6 single entry

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Team A versus Team B

- Tottenham
- Man City
- Burnley
- Arsenal
- Blackburn

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Team A versus Team B

- Man United
- Wolverhampton
- Everton
- Chelsea
- Liverpool

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Mark 50 V10 P1 - BET from Thu 3 Jan - Closes 15:00 Sat 1 Feb

Team A versus Team B

- Tottenham
- Man City
- Burnley
- Arsenal
- Blackburn

Mark 50 V10 P1 - BET from Thu 3 Jan - Closes 15:00 Sat 1 Feb

Team A versus Team B

- Man United
- Wolverhampton
- Everton
- Chelsea
- Liverpool

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Team A versus Team B

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Team A versus Team B

- Tottenham
- Man City
- Burnley
- Arsenal
- Blackburn

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Team A versus Team B

- Man United
- Wolverhampton
- Everton
- Chelsea
- Liverpool

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Team A versus Team B

- Man United
- Wolverhampton
- Everton
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Team A versus Team B

- Man United
- Wolverhampton
- Everton
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- Liverpool

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Team A versus Team B

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- Burnley
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