

BETS ON THE BOX

with PADDY POWER



ARGO, GO, GO - ODDS TUMBLE IN BID TO CAPTURE OSCAR GLORY

As CIA thriller *Argo* continues to steamroll through the awards season, scooping 'Best Ensemble' at yesterday's Screen Actors Guild Awards a day after landing the top honour at the Producers Guild Awards, Affleck's winning streak has turned the hunt for 'Best Picture' at the Oscars into a two horse race.



Despite generous odds of 7/2 last week, recent spoils have seen *Argo*'s odds tumble into 11/10 pushing *Lincoln*, which remains the favourite, out from 2/7 to 4/6. *Les Misérables*, once considered a decent bet, has slipped to an unlikely 25/1 ahead of 33/1 longshot *Silver Linings Playbook*. Also ran's include 40/1 *Life of Pi*, 66/1 *Zero Dark Thirty* and 125/1 *Django Unchained*.

Meanwhile, the Screen Actors Guild's Best Leading Actress and Best Supporting Actress awards for Jennifer Lawrence and Anne Hathaway have reinforced their positions as overwhelming favourites for Oscar glory with Daniel Day-Lewis now a seemingly nailed on, unbackable 1/25 to land his third Oscar.

BECKHAM 5/1 TO TURN BARTONEESE AT PSG

While the ladies of Paris were oh la la-ing at the thought of Goldenballs rolling into town we were busy compiling odds of 5/1 for David Beckham to follow in the infamous footsteps of Joey Barton and speak in a French accent during a press conference.



Elsewhere we're offering odds of 4/1 for the world's most famous metrosexual to strut his stuff on a Paris catwalk, 4/7 for his next baby to be born in France and 1/6 to have a short back and sides haircut on his debut.

As for Victoria, it's 10/1 for her to perform alongside her Spice Girls buddies in France and a far less likely 25/1 for the carb

dodger to be papped eating a croissant. I wouldn't touch that last one with your money!

SUPERBOWL SPECIALS BONANZA

Americans love a show, which is great news for those of us who don't have a butcher's about American football and watching tonight's super bowl. With much of the action taking place during the shows, we're taking bets on the colour of Beyoncé's outfit. Red is the hot 3/1 favourite, ahead of 4/1 black and 9/2 gold.



Likewise, if you're thinking Alicia Keys will wear a hat during her performance of the national anthem, good news, Paddy Power are offering a generous 4/1 should your hunch be correct. Not so generous however is Paddy Power's almost unbackable 1/8 that tough guy linebacker Ray Lewis will blub his eyes out during Key's performance.

Back to Beyoncé and Paddy Power is offering 8/1 should the diva trip and fall over during her halftime performance and 3/1 if she mentions (lip syncing counts) Obama at any time while on stage.

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EXCLUSIVE POT-BELLIED PORKERS

MUCKING

Poshest pigs in Ireland land on their trotters

HOG HEAVEN: Geraldine, Uli and Sabina pour Squeak a glass



MEET Ireland's poshest pigs.

Sunday World readers thought we were telling porkies when we revealed that two piglets were moving into a country manor.

But, as these exclusive pics show, Bubble and Squeak are having a rare old time as they settle down to country life in a stately home.

They may have been born in a pigsty, but these baby Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs look to the manor born as they enjoy the lavish surroundings of Wells House in Ballydesmond, Co. Wexford.

Their elegant surroundings are a world apart from the bleak mountain-top where the little piglets were found roaming wild earlier this month.

They were part of a litter of nine which were abandoned on Mount Leinster in freezing tem-

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peratures just after Christmas.

Their former owner clearly didn't give a sausage about them, but volunteers from South-East Animal Rescue saved their bacon after they got a call from a passer-by who had been walking her dogs when she spotted the little creatures.

Charity

"They would most certainly have perished - they had been left to fend for themselves despite the fact that they were barely weaned," said Heather Wall of the charity.

All nine of the piglets have been offered good homes, but this pair are clearly on the pig's back. They are living it up in style in the 300-year-old mansion, which is set in 450 acres of formal gardens and woodland.

Owners Uli and Sabina Rosler,

originally from Germany, inherited the historic house, which is a protected building, from Uli's family just 18 months ago and recently opened it to the public. Attractions include falconry, archery, clay-pigeon shooting, an adventure playground, wishing-well, craft-workshops and tea-rooms.

They also hire it out for civil weddings. So the piglets, who arrived this week, will have to be on their best behaviour.

Bubble, who's the boy, has been given the pork-chop and has lost his little sausage in a bid to keep him out of trouble.

He looked quite the gentleman of leisure as he lounged in the library - and even appeared to read a women's magazine dated 1910.

And female piglet Squeak was like the lady of the manor as she sat down to a meal in the magnificent dining room.

Of course, a full Irish breakfast,

crubeens and ham-sandwiches were definitely off the menu, but Squeak was certainly happy to chow down on spuds, apples and special pig-nuts as she sat on Uli's lap.

And while she is far too young to drink wine, Sabina served her some grapes in a goblet.

Showing impeccable table manners, she was Ireland's very own Peppa Pig as she grunted her appreciation - though she threw a diva strop worthy of Miss Piggy when we refused to give her second helpings.

Porky

Squealing and snorting, she turned into a porky prima donna as Uli struggled to hang on to the angry little creature.

There was nothing we could do about it - she is on a strict diet for the sake of her health, said Sabina.

While their pot-bellies are perfectly healthy, they are prone to