

Flat Price

The May Brent futures contract has seen mixed price action this afternoon, initially around \$82.19/bbl at noon before experiencing a sell-off down to \$81.74/bbl, and subsequently rallying to \$82.33/bbl at the time of writing (17:20 GMT). Today's headlines reveal that Russia has recorded its highest weekly crude oil export volumes of the year, reaching 3.7 mbpd. This figure represents an increase of nearly 600,000 bpd compared to the previous week and exceeds its pledged export reduction for the quarter by 420,000 bpd, as indicated by tanker-tracking data monitored by Bloomberg on Tuesday. President Putin has also announced an additional production cut of 350,000 bpd for April, coupled with a reduction in exports to 121,000 bpd from the previously planned 500,000 bpd. The front and 6-month Brent futures spreads are at \$0.48/bbl and \$3.31 respectively.

Crude

Another afternoon where we saw Dated come under pressure, with Balmo offered down to \$0.33/bbl, despite minimal volume trading. Apr DFL saw mainly selling interest, reaching \$0.38/bbl lows, although is finding support around these levels with some good buying at \$0.40/bbl in the window. In the NS window, we again saw the physical offered by the same refiner, with no bid in sight for the prompt midland cargo. CFD's predominantly saw sell side interest from a mix of trades, refiners majors and MM's. 2-5/4 CFD traded \$0.40/bbl, and 8-12/4 CFD \$0.37/bbl, with mainly MM buying. We continued to see the prompt rolls soften, with 18-22/3 1w trading \$0.10/bbl, and 25-28/3 1w roll offered at \$0.08/bbl in the window.

Fuel Oil

In HSFO, Chinese were sellers of 380 FP in May and Sep which lent support on 380 spreads, with Apr/May buying up to \$1.25/mt and May/Jun trading up to \$3/mt.

We saw good buying interests on 380 E/W in May and Sep by banks in large size which supported the front 380 E/W trading from \$7.25/mt up to \$9/mt before trading down to \$8/mt in the window and Sep buying at -\$0.50/mt. Barge cracks sold down from -\$11.75/bbl to -\$12.05/bbl due to 380 FP selling. We saw deferred barge cracks buying by trade houses, with Q2 buying at -\$10.90/bbl. Barge cracks were strengthened in the window with outright buying interests on screen, trading at -\$11.65/bbl at the end of the window. Barge spreads were range bounded, with Apr/May trading between -\$4.50/mt and -\$3.75/mt and May/Jun trading at \$1/mt.

In VLSFO, 0.5 cracks were weakened due to the outright selling interests, with Apr Sing cracks selling down from \$13.75/bbl to \$13.50/bbl. The front Sing spreads came under pressure, with Apr/May trading down from \$6.25/mt to \$5.75/mt and May/Jun trading down to \$8.00/mt. Euro cracks sold down from \$6.65/bbl to \$6.50/bbl in Apr and May trading down to \$5.85/bbl. Then we saw buying interests of Euro H15 and Q3 Euro cracks, with Q3 Euro cracks trading up to \$4.35/bbl which supported the front Euro cracks trading up to \$6.70/bbl at the end of the window. Euro spreads were better offered in the afternoon, with Apr/Jun selling down to \$14.75/mt and Jun/Sep trading at \$21.50/mt. Sing cracks traded up in line with Euro cracks in the window, with Apr Sing cracks trading up to \$13.80/bbl post window.

Distillates

ICE Gasoil spreads remained weak from noon onwards after a muted expiry on the Mar Gasoil contract. The Apr/May spread weakened to \$14.25/mt, while the May/Jun is weaker at \$10/mt from the morning's highs. The ICE Gasoil crack similarly were weaker into the afternoon, coming off to lows post-window

The Apr crack is at \$25.05/bbl, while the Q4 crack is at \$23.70/bbl post-window. The European jet diffs saw the prompt rally into the evening, with Apr trading up to highs of \$51/mt with the May diff at \$61.50/mt, as the Apr/May diff roll rallied to -\$10.50/mt. In the back end, the Q2'24 and Q3'24 traded at \$58.50/mt and \$62.50/mt respectively, while a May/Jun strip saw interest at \$62.75/mt. HOGOs weakened into the evening window, but are recovering into the close. The Apr swap is at 4.70c/gal and the Q4 swap is at 10.60c/gal.

Sing Gasoil spreads weakened into the afternoon on weaker IPE spreads, following the muted expiry of the Mar ICE Gasoil contract at noon today. The Apr/May spread traded down from \$0.66/bbl to \$0.63/bbl, while the May/Jun spread was hit down to \$0.71/bbl into the evening. The E/W remained better offered despite the ICE gasoil spreads weakening, with the prompt trading to highs of -\$32/mt before seeing sell-side interest as it traded back down to -\$33/mt, still seeing selling flow into the evening. May E/W traded from -\$25/mt to -\$25.50/mt where it traded for size, with the Q1'25 seeing interest at -\$20.75/mt. Regrades were again stronger into the evening, with the prompt rallying to -\$1.42/bbl and the Q2 also trading stronger up to -\$1.45/bbl. There was little spread interest into the evening on the Sing Kero spreads.

Gasoline

A strong afternoon in Gasoline, where we saw cracks trade at the end of the afternoon window around \$22.60/bbl in Apr EBOB. RBBRs were stronger this afternoon, up to \$26.20/bbl in May in the Euro-window. Aside from continued interest to sell Q4 arbs from phys players at 3.75c/gal, the main arb selling was in Apr this afternoon. Arbs saw selling from phys up to 9.70c/gal, on the stronger screen.

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EBOB was better bid in the afternoon, with spreads seeing bid side interest from ref with Jun/Aug at \$31.50/mt and Apr/Jun at \$25/mt. Apr/Sep saw sell side interest at the higher levels of \$79.50/mt. We saw Q3 cracks offered into the window at \$17.75/bbl, but cracks in the Euro window in Apr going better bid up to \$22.65/bbl. Gasnaphs saw buy-side interest from phys at \$25.50/bbl crack-to-crack. Gasnaphs in Apr and Q2 were well offered in the afternoon and a strong driver of EBOB, trading between \$190.50/mt and \$195/mt, seeing real players on the sell side. In the East, we continued to see the Q2/Q3 E/W box well bid, trading post-window at -\$1.10/bbl, along with sell side interest in May/Jun 92 at \$1.45/bbl.

Naphtha

A supported afternoon in Naphtha where we saw Apr NWE cracks settle at -\$6/bbl after seeing selling pressure by US and Propane flows after reaching highs of -\$5.80/bbl. Gasnaphs were well offered down the curve helping support the crack. NWE spreads a touch weaker with Apr/May trading at \$14.25/mt and May/Jun trading at \$10.50/mt. Deferred cracks were well offered with Q3 seeing refiner selling at -\$8/bbl. Crack rolls continuing their strength with Q2/Q3 seeing highs of \$1.17/bbl and Q3/Q4 still trading at flat. MOPJ spreads saw offers in the afternoon, resulting in front E/W weakness with Apr trading down from \$15.75/mt on the open down to \$14.75/mt post-window with aggressive trade buying helping support the front. Q3 E/W offered down to \$15/mt.

NGLs

A quieter afternoon on NGLs, where the market moved without direction for much of the afternoon. Physical was once again offered at the US open, but although LST spreads softened slightly, with May/Jun trading to 0.50c/gal, they found resistance at this level and did not continue to come off.

Butane softened further in comparison to Propane; the ENT C4 prompt spread April/May traded to 2c/gal and further out Q3/Q4 traded at -1.50c/gal. Internationally, FEI continued to strengthen from its morning rise, April/May FEI traded up to \$10.50/mt and Q2/Q3 FEI found consistent buying interest from trade houses at \$3/mt. The arbs continued to absorb this strength, freight was better bid with \$72.50/mt trading in H2, and so the April ENT/FEI arb fell to -\$200/mt. E/W was also strong as \$94/mt traded in April; the European window was quiet and somewhat static as \$6.50/mt traded in April/May NWE.