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## TODAY'S FREE SPORTS BETTING TIPS...

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## **Rose And McIlroy Are The Players To Back** - By Ian Hudson

The Phoenix Open at Scottsdale, Arizona attracts huge crowds that get more vocal and raucous as the day goes on. It takes a player with the temperament to deal with the noise from the spectators and Jordan Spieth fits the bill. Even though he is number three in the world rankings at his best Spieth is the best player in the world. He can confirm that status by winning the Phoenix Open for the first time.

The tournament has been played under various guises but has always been at the TPC of Scottsdale since 1987. Over 500,000 fans attend over four days. Particularly notorious are those in the grandstands around the par 3 16th where players hit their tee shot to a sudden explosion of fans from the well lubricated galleries. The biggest sound was generated when Tiger Woods had a hole-in-one on the hole.

The TPC of Scottsdale is a stadium course in the desert. There are lots of bunkers and waste areas and water is in play on several holes. The exposed stretch around the turn is the most difficult, particularly if the wind blows and the closing 3 holes are also tough when conditions are not benign. The 16th is a unique challenge, the next is a driveable par 4 with water on both sides and the closing par 4 yields very few birdies when the pin is tucked away. The greens are above average in size.

Rather than one specific attribute course form is often a good guide. The course itself doesn't set any distinctive demands, except perhaps for a player's short game to be in order, but the atmosphere is unique and those who relish the boisterous crowds have a significant advantage. Spieth takes everything in his stride and buys into the environment rather than blaming the buzz for any poor shots. Players need to go low to win and the average winning score over the last 10 years is 17 under par.

Perhaps due to the nature of the location and spectators wide margin wins are rare. Since 2008 there have been five playoffs and four wins by one shot. Phil Mickelson is a three-time winner so he clearly is comfortable on the course but he is no longer a genuine contender. Hideki Matsuyama has won the last two Phoenix Open's and no other player has won two on the bounce since 1950. However, he is not playing well enough to achieve a rare three-peat in the same tournament.

Jon Rahm has suddenly appeared at number two in the world rankings behind Dustin Johnson and has course form at Scottsdale. He has a game suited to all types of the course and won't be fazed by the hullabaloo. He is playing in the state where he went to university and was tied fifth as an amateur in 2015. Rahm made the top 20 last season and his recent form figures read Win-2nd-Win. Mental letdown could be an issue this week and then the spectators become a nuisance rather than a manageable distraction. Rahm is on the verge of winning a major which could be the Masters.

Spieth won the first major of the season in 2015 and threw away a winning chance at Augusta a year later. It's been over six months since his last win which was the British Open. This is a drought for the 11-time winner which could end this week. Spieth has played the event twice and recorded two top 10s and a scoring average of 68.13. He can look after business amongst the furore and maintain his form and concentration so is the tip to win the 2018 Phoenix Open.

## **Today's Sports Betting Preview** - By Rick Elliott

### **United Can Beat Tottenham Tonight**

Tottenham are unbeaten in their last six home matches and Manchester United have not lost on the road in six fixtures. The natural conclusion is that tonight's meeting at Wembley will be a draw which in the context of Champions League qualification would not be a bad result for either side. Arsenal have now dropped off the pace for a top four finish for which five teams are in contention so one must lose out. If Tottenham lost tonight they would be five points behind fourth-placed Liverpool and struggling to make up the ground to qualify for the Champions League through their league position. Four Premier League teams are still involved this season and it's [11/8 with bet365](#) that ENGLAND is the winning nationality.

## **The Braver Wager Is Man Utd**

Harry Kane has scored 34 goals for club and country this season but only netted once in seven matches against Manchester United. That team have conceded 14 goals in 24 matches in the Premier League and have the best defensive record in the division. United have recorded a draw and five wins in their last six away fixtures. Tottenham have several injury concerns while their opponents only have absentees amongst the fringe players. It's tempting to go down the obvious route and advise a bet on the draw. However, Spurs are a weakened outfit and Kane is playing against his bogey team so the braver wager is MANCHESTER UNITED at [12/5 with Coral](#).

## **SHANROE STREET Makes Most Appeal @ 15/8**

There's little to get excited about with the racing today. It's more about quantity than quality and of the 31 scheduled races in Britain and Ireland only one offers prize money of £10,000 or more. There is a small field for the novices' handicap chase at Ayr (3.10pm) and any of the four runners could prevail. Shanroe Street is the pick on ratings and recent form. The horse was second over course and distance last month and can go one better today. Buffalo Ballet is a 12-year-old maiden after eight chases and Knocknamona has gone up in the weights and may not cope. SHANROE STREET makes most appeal and can be backed at [15/8 with William Hill](#).