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GOLF RATER



Luiten Can Upstage Rahm And Garcia - By Ian Hudson

Sergio Garcia has not played professionally in Spain since winning the US Masters in April. He is competing in the country of his birth this week in the Andalucía Masters hosted by his foundation. The tournament is being held at Valderrama in southern Spain and the outstanding course has attracted a decent field including the world number five, Jon Rahm, who is also from Spain so is playing at home.

Rahm and Garcia (11th) are the highest ranked players in the field and deserve to be first and second favourites. However, playing in front of a Spanish crowd could go one of two ways. They could be inspired to deliver great golf or feel the pressure of expectation. Whatever transpires they are too short in the betting to be backed and other players are preferred. The nature of the course will be a key factor.

The layout of the 18 holes has been considered in this week's tips provided by Golf Rater. This is the golf dedicated service on the WIN platform that is well in front since proofing began and has produced several big priced winners, including Jordan Spieth at 16/1 in the Open Championship. For more information [CLICK HERE!](#)

This week's test is on a really tough, tree-lined course designed by Robert Trent Jones. It demands straight-hitting from the tee and sound positional play from the undulating fairways. The greens are large, bent grass, undulating and quick. The

crosswinds can be a significant factor at Valderrama, especially in the afternoons. In the par of 71 there are four par 3s but just three par 5s. Accuracy is more important than distance but the course tests all aspects of a player's game.

Valderrama is one of the best courses in Europe. For some years it hosted the end of season Volvo Masters and staged the Ryder Cup in 1997 when Europe won led by Severiano Ballesteros, one of Spain's most famous sons. Ballesteros started the great period in the history of Spanish golf, Jose-Maria Olazabal picked up the baton, Garcia took it on and Rahm is the latest superstar from Spain.

The pressure of playing in front of family and friends was illustrated by Tommy Fleetwood in the Open at Birkdale. The Southport player has a big lead in the Race to Dubai but struggled in his first round at the Open and never got in contention. He came back well to just make the cut and then had a solid weekend but the damage had been done when he was edgy on the first day. Rahm and Garcia could follow suit.

The latter won the tournament at Valderrama when it was last played in 2011 so he is proven on the course. However, expectations have gone up several notches after the Masters. Rahm is playing in Spain for the first time since joining the paid ranks. Andrew 'Beef' Johnston won the Spanish Open on the course last year while Padraig Harrington is competing in Spain for the first time in nine years. Course experience will be a massive factor this week and Joost Luiten has a solid record. .

He also has a decent skill's profile in the context of playing conditions in Spain. He is a top 30 player for driving accuracy and 13th in the latest standings for greens in regulation. He is also in the top 50 for driving distance and it's rare for a player to be long and straight. Driving will be important this week and Luiten backs it up with excellent approach play and good putting. The Dutch player has the al-round game to win the 2017 Andalucia Masters.

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Finding That Elusive Value - By Eddie Lloyd

When we strike a bet, the bookie is effectively selling us the probability of a horse winning. When you buy something, for example, a car, you want to know that you're getting value for money. One garage has your dream car for £15,000 but down the road, another garage has the exact same car for £13,500. You would obviously buy it from the second garage. It is exactly the same when striking a bet.

We need to get the best odds as possible as we would get the best price possible for the car!

Learning about creating something called a tissue can be a very difficult thing to do but these tissues are a way of determining if we are getting value about our bets. When you look at the Racing Post in the morning and you see the SP forecast betting at the bottom of the card, this is basically an experts "tissue" and his opinion on how the market should be priced up.

Understanding a tissue though requires an understanding of how odds translate into percentages. It's not as difficult as you may think and we'll run through an example now.

Let's take the price of 6/4.

This equates to a 40% chance of the horse winning the race.

We calculate the 40% by always dividing the left number of the fraction by the right-hand number and then adding one. So 6 divided by 4 = 1.50 plus 1 = 2.5. We then divide 100 by the 2.50 and this gives us 40%.

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A very simple way to construct your own tissue is to trust the experts and do an average of the betting forecasts SP's. You can go over to the Racing Post, At The Races, Sporting Life and Timeform and you'll be able to find the forecasts. What you need to do is to find the average of each forecast about the horse you fancy. For example, you fancy the favourite in a race and four forecasts from the above websites have odds as follows:

13/8, 6/4, 6/4 and 11/8. We now convert these into percentages like in the example above and you'll see the figures below:

$$13/8 = 38.10\%$$

$$6/4 = 40\%$$

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$$11/8 = 42.11\%$$

We add them all together and then divide them by 4 to find our average which would be 40.05%. We can now be fairly sure that our horse has a 40% chance of winning its race.

Back to our understanding of striking a bet, we now have 40% about our selection so of course, we want to find some value. We go over to the markets and find a bookie offering 13/8 about our fancy. You can now strike your bet as you've just "bought" your horses chance of winning the race for less than you have worked out it should be!!

We believe it's 40% but we can strike our bet at 38.10%. That's finding value. If we can find a horse that we believe has a higher chance of winning than the market suggests then we are betting to value and will, therefore, make a profit on the long run.

Samcro Could Be A Jumps Superstar - By Rick Elliott

A Thursday in October would not usually be a port of call to find clues for the Cheltenham Festival but Punchestown stages a jumps meeting today that could provide pointers to the races that matter most next March. Samcro fetched the biggest amount in the sales ring at of the Grand National meeting in 2016. The horse has shown vast potential in bumpers and runs over hurdles for the first time today. **SAMCRO** is the standout bet at Punchestown (2.05pm) so must be the banker in your accas at [1/4 with Ladbrokes](#).

Death Duty disappointed as favourite over hurdles at Cheltenham this year and has now been sent novice chasing. The horse is odds-on to win in that sphere in Ireland today. However, on ratings Woodland Opera is not too far behind the favourite and looks the value option. He has more experience over fences so **WOODLAND OPERA** is the horse to back at [11/4 with William Hill](#). The Irish Daily Star Chase already has a championship feel to it and **MINELLA ROCCO** can confirm Cheltenham Gold Cup form (2nd to Sizing John) by winning at [15/8 with bet365](#).

It must be a culture shock for Arsene Wenger to be working on a Thursday night. It's always been midweek Champions League football for the Arsenal manager but now he is enjoying the delights of the Europa League. Arsenal are odds-on to beat Red Star Belgrade on the road but the leaders of the league in Serbia can avoid defeat and the **DRAW** looks the best bet which can be backed at [27/10 with Coral](#).

Ronald Koeman is the big favourite to be the next manager in the Premier League to lose his job. His Everton side are low in confidence so a tricky home tie has come at the wrong time. Everton have conceded in 10 of their last 11 matches and Lyon's defence is not the safest. Predicting the match result looks difficult so the best option is to back **both teams to score** at [8/13 with William Hill](#). A loss but could mean curtains for Koeman but Everton can avoid defeat at Goodison Park tonight.