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Andy Bell Racing

Win Bet - Yarmouth 14:55 - Burford Brown @ 1/1

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Fleetwood Can Be The PGA Champion - By Ian Hudson

The past winners of the PGA Championship on the European tour include some of the best players in the history of the game and others who were outsiders in the betting. The champion this year could be a familiar name because Tommy Fleetwood has all the attributes to win the flagship event of the European tour. Last season's Race to Dubai winner has a game suited to the regular host course.

The biggest event in Britain after the Open and the most prestigious regular event is being played at the West Course at Wentworth again. The PGA Championship is the most valuable event on the European tour apart from the WHC events and majors. It has been played at Wentworth since 1984. There is plenty of course form to assess and there is a history of multiple champions.

The West Course at Wentworth was used for the World Match Play but that event has grown and is taken to course around the world. It is a tight, tree-lined course that demands accuracy off the tee. It has an unusual 35-37 layout with two par 5 on the closing holes. Both holes provide genuine birdie and eagle opportunities so the leader board can change quickly. Most players should walk off both greens with pars or better and the hazards are not too demanding.

The track requires straight hitting, shot shaping, sound course management and a hot putter. It is an old-fashioned course and one that cannot be overwhelmed by the big hitters. With an untrodden course and probably relatively calm conditions an early start can be a real advantage at Wentworth. If you fancy an outsider don't be put off as there have been a number of upsets in recent years including winners at 500/1 and 100/1 which were probably totally unbacked.

The average winning score over the last 10 years is 12 under in a range from 6 under to 21 under. There have been five playoffs this century and four winning margins of one shot. Five of the last nine winners came from England and two non-European have prevailed over the last 18 years. Alexander Noren is the defending champion and he won with a score of 11 under this time last year. The 1975 winner was Arnold Palmer who is the only US born champion.

Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer are multiple champions and they were all at number one in the world and won majors. Colin Montgomerie and Luke Donald won more than one PGA Championship and they both reached the pinnacle of the sport. Other recent winners include Simon Khan, Andrew Oldcorn and Scott Drummond who were hardly prolific winners. A stellar player or relative unknown can prevail in the biggest event in Europe after the Open and WGC events.

Rory McIlroy was the champion in 2014, the year in which he won two majors. He has also been at the top of the world rankings so has the profile of some of the famous winners. However, driving is his main strength and lack of accuracy and inconsistent putting will count against him. Paul Casey was the 2009 champion and

he has won in the States this season but accuracy is not his main strength and straighter hitters are preferred.

Fleetwood has hit over 78% of the greens in Europe this season to date and that is an excellent return from his approach shots. That percentage makes him third in the standings for GIR on the European Tour. Driving is not a major strength but accuracy to the greens, an excellent putting stroke and the confidence gained from being Europe's number one give Fleetwood a chance at Wentworth this week. He has the game and temperament to handle the pressure of contending in a huge event.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

England 14/1 To Win The World Cup

Harry Kane will captain England during the World Cup and the player believes the team he will be leading in Russia can win the tournament. England have only been world champions in the national sport at home and the best overseas performance was reaching the semi-finals at Italia 90. However, the better squad reached the last eight in Mexico four years earlier and were eliminated by Argentina due to a goal that should not have counted. Diego Maradona punched the ball into the net. His second goal is one of the greatest ever but the dynamic of the game had changed and at nil-nil he would not have had so much space. Any team containing Glenn Hoddle at his best could have won the World Cup but Maradona had his say. ENGLAND don't have a Hoddle in midfield and are 14/1 with [Ladbrokes](#) to win the World Cup.

The domestic leagues around Europe are now complete and the Champions League final is the last fixture of the season and then focus will turn to the World Cup. With no football betting action today bettors may look at cricket with TV fixtures in the One-Day Cup and Indian Premier League. Glamorgan are playing at home against Middlesex after losing their first two matches while the visitors have won and lost one. MIDDLESEX have the batsman in better form so are the team to back at 4/5 with [Betfair](#). Rajasthan are missing players who have made a major contribution in reaching the playoffs which means KOLKATA are fancied to beat them at 8/15 with [William Hill](#) in today's IPL match.

There is a good jumps card at Warwick today offering over £100,000 in prize money which is decent on a midweek day at this early part of the season. Summer jumping provides opportunities for horses to stay in training and race for significant prize money. The handicap hurdle at 3.45 is an open contest that could be won by any of several runners. The handicap chase 30 minutes later has attracted a small but select field. SAN BENEDETO has Grade 1 form and can outclass this field so is the racing standout bet of the day at 7/4 with [bet365](#).