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England Should Have The Drive To Win Both Friendlies

- By Ian Hudson

In a fine example of great planning England have friendly internationals during the break against two teams who have not qualified for the World Cup. Most non-competitive matches have little relevance to tournaments but England's fixtures against Holland and Italy will tell us even less. In three months the futility of playing nations who have not qualified will pale into insignificance if England withdraw from the tournament in Russia. Two wins would be pleasing but largely irrelevant.

The decision to take the World Cup to Russia was debatable on sporting grounds. A host nation should have a genuine chance of winning the World Cup and Russia do not have the side to progress to the latter stages of the tournament. Home advantage can only take a team so far and reaching the quarter-finals could be the best that can be expected for this year's hosts. England have a relatively easy group but that has often been the case in the past and the team underperforms.

England's first friendly during the international break is away to Holland. The country have reached three World Cup finals without winning one and that is a record. The Netherlands that played total football in 1974 and 1978 lost in both finals to the hosts, West Germany and Argentina. Holland were third four years ago in Brazil but some key players are now past their best. Robin van Persie has retired and Arjen Robben is in the latter stages of his career.

One of Gareth Southgate's major decisions over the next three months is the name of his first choice goalkeeper. Joe Hart is a player in decline and part of the collateral damage of the farce that is West Ham. Bookmakers give him an even chance of making the squad for the World Cup but his confidence seems to have gone. Hart made a number of errors at Euro 2016. In Jordan Pickford of Everton the manager has a ready made successor but he has had a difficult season.

Southgate has selected three players for the squad for these two friendlies who have not been called up before. Nick Pope, James Tarkowski and Alfie Mawson are in the squad but they must be long shots to be on the plane to Russia. There seems little point in calling up three inexperienced players without giving them a chance. You would expect the strongest 11 to start in the Holland match before the fringe players are given a chance against Italy at Wembley on Tuesday.

Italy have qualified for the last 15 World Cups and are four-time world champions. It was a huge shock that they lost to Sweden over the two legs in the playoffs. In the second match at home Italy had plenty of the ball but could not score the crucial goal. In fact they created very few clear cut chances and the writing was on the wall well before the end of the match. Some of Italy's stalwarts have retired and Southgate may throw in some of the young players. In the context of the World Cup this is yet another meaningless friendly that has got in the way of the Premier League.

Motivation will be key in these matches but the players representing Holland and Italy are not competing for World Cup places. England's squad should be more hungry and that means two wins are on the cards but they will be forgotten when it matters most in Russia, pending England's participation.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Goals In Short Supply In China

Ryan Giggs won a vast amount of honours during his long career as a Manchester United but he never played in the China Cup. He is now the manager of Wales and his first match in charge is away to the hosts in that competition. There are ridiculous friendlies and there are preposterous ones and this match starting at 11.35 this morning is in the latter category. Uruguay and Czech Republic are also taking part in a bizarre four team tournament but the value of travelling to China is questionable.

Wales don't need to build for the future because their best players are in the here and now and the main objective is qualification for Euro 2020, the football tournament and not a cricket version. China have not won in five matches against relatively moderate opposition and their last win was against Qatar. However, it's difficult to evaluate the form but there have been no more than two goals in Wales' last 10 fixtures. Therefore, the standout bet is UNDER 2.5 GOALS at 4/7 with Ladbrokes.

The international break disrupts the Premier League season and the Champions League is put on hold. The blank night for any meaningful football gives rugby league a chance. Tonight Widnes host Salford in the Super League. Both teams have lost four of six matches played so far. Widnes have a positive point's difference of eight but Salford have conceded 36 more than they have scored. The overall differential is 44 over six matches so the average is more than seven. Therefore, WIDNES must be backed to cover a two point handicap at Evens with William Hill.

The turf Flat season begins on Saturday and the Lincoln is the feature race at Doncaster. FIRE BRIGADE ridden by Ryan Moore has been backed and is now 5/1 with Betfair to win the first major handicap of the campaign. There is a jumps meeting at Ludlow today and the richest race on the card is the two mile handicap chase at 4.10. There are four potential winners in the five runner field but on ratings JUST CAMERON is the marginal preference at 11/4.

Updating The Portfolio - A Profit Is Made - By Eddie Lloyd

In January of this year, I looked at portfolio betting and why it's essential to anyone wishing to make a profit from their betting.

I trial a lot of tipsters and spend a heap of time looking and following the proofing on the Betfan proofing pages. You can view all of our services, [here](#).

In my first article, back in January, I looked at a portfolio of 3 tipsters. They were -

The Judge

15 Point Plan

Value Wins

At the end of January, we can see that following the above three tipsters would have seen you more than double your bank after subs have been deducted.

The Judge made £35.31

The 15 Point Plan made £513.70

Value Wins made £637.65

After subs have been deducted our profit would have been £1,015.06.

Let's look at how we would have got on so far this year. Using the staking plan highlighted in last month's article ([which you can read, here](#)) we have the following results -

The Judge has made £1,764.06

The 15 Point Plan has made £384.55

Value Wins has made £76.96

This means that the portfolio is showing a profit of £2,225.57 since the beginning of the year.

Let's be realistic and take away the subscription fees (based on 90-day subs) and we're still £1,889.57p to the good.

So, you can see that by using the calculator from last month's article, staking correctly and patience, after nearly 12 weeks, our bank is well intact and we're in profit.