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

### Footie Flutters

Win Bet - Champions League 19:45 - Liverpool/Barcelona double @ 2/1|1/4

### The Gentleman's List

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Win Bet - Kempton (A.W) 19:15 - Revolutionary Man @ 11/4



## **Jordan Spieth Is The Selection For The US Masters** - By Ian Hudson

The US Masters is the start of the golf major championship season and of all the four championships that matter most has produced most multiple winners over the last 20 years. Augusta National takes some knowing and debutants have a poor record. Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Bubba Watson have won more than one Masters Tournament this century and Jordan Spieth can join that select group.

Spieth has played in the first major of the year four times and his worst effort is joint 11th last year. He won the event in 2015 and was second on his other two starts. Over the last four years Spieth has by far the best form in the field. He has a game suited to Augusta National which has hosted every renewal since the Masters was first played in 1934. The other majors move around but the Masters has a fixed home.

One of the key factors in identifying winners of golf tournaments is course form. Some players are suited to long courses while others are a good fit on tracks that put a premium on accuracy over distance. Augusta is average in length but

long hitting can set up plenty of eagle and birdies chances on the par 5s. The greens are fast and undulating so accuracy from the fairways is also important.

Therefore, there is no one overriding skill for good scoring in the Masters. It is important to minimise errors and not let a mistake be compounded. A potential bogey can soon become much worse so players must accept their medicine and limit the damage. Par breakers can be achieved on the four long holes but its more about bogey avoidance than birdie conversion over the rest of the course.

At the start of last year Spieth targeted the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale and he duly obliged despite some scares in the last round. Even though he only requires the USPGA Championship to complete a career Grand Slam he may feel he is owed another Masters. He looked like becoming just the fourth player to win back-to-back Green Jackets (Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo and Tiger Woods are the others) in 2016 but he made a mess of the back nine and Danny Willett took advantage.

Spieth was off the pace ahead of the fourth round of the Houston Open on Sunday but stormed up the field with a final round of 66. At his best he is the best player of the younger generation at Augusta and he looked in good nick last weekend. Spieth would be a popular winner but two other players would make for a bigger story if they won the US Masters this year.

Rory McIlroy has won three of the four majors at least once and the missing event on his CV is the Masters. Only five players have achieved the career Grand Slam and McIlroy should join that group at some stage. He was at his imperious best over the back nine to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational on his last start. McIlroy has never really delivered at Augusta and it could be the case that the Masters remains elusive for another year.

Woods has won the tournament four times but not since 2005. In fact he won the last of his 14 majors in 2008 when he was just 32. At the time it would have been ridiculous to suggest that Woods would not win a major during his mid and late-thirties which is when a golfer is in his prime. Woods has been cut from 80/1 to 12/1 for the Masters but mentally he could come up short.

The media would love a win for Woods or McIlroy and they could get in the mix. However, a less newsworthy victory for Jordan Spieth is the more likely outcome and he can win the Masters for the second time in four years.

# Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

## Bet On Goals In The Battle Of Britain

On the one hand you could call it the Battle of Britain but on the other you could say it's a tie between two of the biggest brands in world football, both under foreign ownership, managed by coaches from overseas and featuring the majority of players who are not qualified to play for England. In any case the Champions League quarter-finals first leg that brings together Liverpool and Manchester City at Anfield will attract a huge global audience and a massive amount of betting interest.

You could make a case for any of the possible outcomes after 90 minutes of play. Liverpool have a great record at home in European competition and are the only team to beat City in the league this season. The visitors would see a draw as a great result and be confident of progressing to the next round after the second leg at the Etihad. However, they have better players than Liverpool and a win tonight would put the tie to bed. Valid arguments can be made for a home win, away win and draw.

In sport nothing is certain and games that look dull on paper can turn out to be a goal fest. Conversely matches with the potential for lots of goals can develop into a stalemate. The tone is usually set early on and the crowd will be urging their teams from the first whistle. Twelve of Liverpool's last 17 matches at home have produced at least three goals and tonight's tie on past results is projected to maintain that trend. Rather than trying to work out the complexities of the match result you can keep it simple by betting on OVER 2.5 GOALS at 6/10 with William Hill.

Barcelona are at home to Roma in the other last eight tie. Roma never keep clean sheets away from home in the Champions League. A match at the Nou Camp is unlikely to break that run of conceding on the road in Europe. In fact Roma have let at least one goal in over 26 away fixtures in the Champions League. It seems inconceivable that Barca won't score at least one goal in each half. Consequently the bet on this match is BARCELONA -1 on the handicap at 4/6 with Betfair.

Compared to two huge matches in the Champions League the racing in Britain seems mundane. In fact it's just All-Weather fare at meetings at Kempton, Lingfield and Southwell. Racing on artificial surfaces serves its purpose today of providing racing and betting when there are no turf meetings. In a programme of

quantity more than quality MORDIN has a touch of class at Kempton (6.45) and should be backed at Evens with Ladbrokes.