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United And Chelsea Can Meet In The FA Cup Final - By

Ian Hudson

Manchester United are in effect playing away from home in the semi-finals of the FA Cup on Saturday. Their opponents are Tottenham who are playing their home matches at Wembley this season. Chelsea are fifth in the Premier League while Southampton are in the relegation zone and the higher ranked team should progress. Those two outcomes set up an FA Cup final between United and Chelsea which is a repeat of the final in 1994 which helped me turn £2 into £800....almost!

In those days United were in their pomp under Sir Alex Ferguson and Eric Cantona was playing at his best. Chelsea were an average outfit and this was well before Roma Abramovich invested about a billion pounds in the club. There could only be one winner of the match but the heart ruled the head with a £2 correct score bet on 4-0 to United at 50/1. There was no score at half time and the bet was a no hoper but things changed in the second half.

Cantona converted two identical penalties, Mark Hughes smashed one in from the edge of the box and Brian McLair scored a goal on the break right at the end so the results after 90 minutes was indeed four nil to United. To say the result was flattering is an understatement but it was a winning bet so I picked up £102 and decided to reinvest the £100 because I couldn't lose. That's a gambler's mentality but the thought process was I hadn't lost a penny. I put £100 on Italy to win the World Cup at 7/1 and they lost the final on penalties with Roberto Baggio missing the crucial kick.

The current United side need one point to qualify for the Champions League but there is no material benefit to finishing second, third or fourth. There is better prize money the higher a team finishes but that is just a drop in the ocean compared to the TV money. Jose Mourinho likes winning trophies and would see the FA Cup as a springboard to challenging Manchester City in the Premier League next season. Team selection will be interesting but the first string can beat Tottenham.

Mauricio Pochettino has built a fine team but his Tottenham side have not won a trophy. The club should be praised for having a reasonable wage structure but sooner or later Harry Kane and co will want to win something. Tottenham have had some near misses under the current regime but the club's last honour was the League Cup in the 2007-08 season and despite Wembley being their temporary United can beat them in the semi-final in a match in which both teams should score.

In 2013 Wigan beat Manchester City in the final of the FA Cup but were also relegated. Even since then the richer clubs have got stronger and it's unlikely that a relative minnow would win the FA Cup. Southampton are 18th in the table and have lost their last four matches so on latest form are the worst team in the Premier League. After some great seasons the club are facing the nightmare scenario of relegation to the Championship and the compensation of playing in the Cup final is unlikely.

Chelsea are the current champions but out of the running for a top four finish and qualification for the Champions League. Antonio Conte is on borrowed time and there could be major changes on and off the field in the summer. Chelsea have been inconsistent but have enough in the squad to beat Southampton at Wembley on Sunday. These results set up a Cup final between United and Chelsea and the 1994 bet could be repeated but sadly Italy have not qualified for the World Cup.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Chelsea Can Beat Burnley Tonight

We are coming to the end of the Premier League season and most of the major issues have been decided. There are some minor subplots but the current state of play means there are many meaningless fixtures. Incentive and motivation is key and there are some good betting opportunities from season scenarios. Burnley are safe while Chelsea are still just about fighting for the fourth place. The teams meet at Turf Moor tonight and the HOME team are 7/2 with bet365 to win the fixture. Burnley have won their last five league fixtures and could still qualify for the Europa League.

Chelsea would do anything to avoid playing in that competition next season. The business plan of the champions is based on playing in the Champions League every season and Roman Abramovich won't tolerate missing out. Antonio Conte was the best thing since sliced bread when he became manager of the club but his days are numbered. Conte will probably get the sack in the summer and Chelsea are back to square one. JOSE MOURINHO is 40/1 to be the next Chelsea manager and stranger things have happened. Howard Kendall managed Everton three times.

Burnley have not been the best team in all of the five matches they have won but have been clinical in taking chances and dogged in defence. That strategy cannot be sustained and sooner or later the possession stats will translate into the match outcome. Burnley have conceded at least one goal in their last seven

home fixtures and a Chelsea win means Champions League qualification is not a forlorn hope. On balance there is more at stake for the London club so CHELSEA are the bet at 10/11 with William Hill but Conte's still gone soon.

The Craven Stakes is one of the major trials for the 2,000 Guineas, the first Classic of the season in which colts predominantly compete. That race is run over the straight Rowley Mile at Newmarket and the Craven is run over the same course and distance. Roaring Lion has the form and ratings to prevail but the price is too short. MASAR has some good 2yo form and is a viable alternative at 5/1 with Paddy Power.