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McIlroy Can Win Again At Quail Hollow - By Ian Hudson

Professional tournament golf is 72 holes stroke play most of the time played over four days but there is something different on the European Tour this week. Golf Sixes is a pro-am team event played in the matchplay format and each match is played over six holes. Cricket keeps striving to find the golden nugget and T20 is just that and some sports lend themselves to abridged events but its debatable whether golf is one of them. The idea is to attract a younger audience who take information in small chunks.

One of the beauties of golf is the swings in momentum over 18 holes. One missed putt or poor drive can change the dynamic but over six holes there will be fewer swings. A player can be two up in matchplay after 16 holes and lose the match. If a player leads by two holes over six holes the outcome is unlikely to change. The organisers of Golf Sixes have made this a international event with the added ingredient of celebrities and two women's teams. Spain are the favourites for the two-day event.

There are 16 teams in the competition who compete over six holes in the four groups of four teams. The top two teams from each group progress to the knockout rounds. The matches are played in greensomes which means both players tee-off. The best drive is selected and the players then hit alternate shots. Shots must be played within 30 seconds and there are longest drive and nearest the pin holes. Spain are represented by Pablo Larrazabal and Adrian Oteagui but England Women have an eye catching partnership of Georgia Hall and Charley Hull who could win this event.

The Wells Fargo Championship on the PGA Tour is a conventional 72 holes event. The tour tried something different last week with their own two-man team event. Players often say they like some variety but deep down I think they don't like being out of the comfort zone of four rounds over four days with a cut after 36 holes. There is a reason why most events are regular stroke play and that is what the players want and there is no massive desire to introduce other formats. The Wells Fargo event has the regular format in which the best player comes out on top.

The tournament is being played at Quail Hollow which is the regular host so there is plenty of course form to assess. The course is a superb examination of the world's best players. For players that miss the fairways there is plenty of trouble to be found with penal rough and several water hazards. That means there is a greater premium on accuracy over distance, especially as the ball can be chased on to the greens on many of the longest holes. The large greens are undulating and difficult to read.

The 2017 tournament was played on another course because Quail Hollow was used for the PGA Championship. Rory McIlroy has won twice on the track and he is the favourite this week. Rickie Fowler won the championship in 2012 and he is in the field which also includes Patrick Reed who plays for the first time since winning the

US Masters last month. Since 2006 every winner other than McIlroy was a US player and the average winning score in that time excluding last year is 13 under par.

The field also includes Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods who are not best mates. However, age and experience may have resulted in more respect but neither player is expected to win this week. McIlroy can become a three-time course winner at a venue where he has positive memories.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Liverpool Can Get The Job Done In Rome Tonight

Roma lost 4-1 to Barcelona away from home in the first leg of their quarter-finals tie in the Champions League and then won the second match in Italy 3-0 to progress to the last four. They say lightning doesn't strike twice but Roma need the same outcome against Liverpool tonight to qualify for the final in Kiev against Real Madrid.

Liverpool have the pace and quality to take advantage if Roma go hell for leather early in the match and just one goal before the break is enough to set things up nicely for the second half. Only three teams have scored five goals in any semi-final match in the Champions League and Liverpool could have scored 10 at Anfield where Roma couldn't cope.

The atmosphere in the Stadio Olimpico tonight will be frenzied and an early goal for the home team will stoke up the home fans even more and make them believe. Its how Liverpool react that will determine what happens next but ROMA are 9/1 with [bet365](#) to qualify for the final.

A Liverpool goal at any stage of the match should get the job done. An away goal from Mo Salah against Manchester City in the last round was crucial. Roma beat Chievo 4-1 at home in Serie A in their last fixture and the same score tonight would be enough because Roma scored two away goals in the first meeting.

Liverpool are on an unbeaten run of nine matches and Salah is the Premier League player of the season and must have a chance of winning the Ballon d'Or. Jurgen Klopp has lost his trusted number two this week so it will be a testing occasion for him. However, his team can score at least once in Rome tonight and BTTS is 2/5 with [Betfair](#).

There is more than £200,000 up for grabs at Ascot today which is rare for a midweek fixture outside the festivals and major meetings, The richest race of the day is a Group 3 contest for horses aged three over six furlongs at 3.45. Invincible Army had solid form as a two-year-old and could have improved over the winter. However, SOUND AND SILENCE has the class to prevail and the horse can be backed at 5/1 with [Ladbrokes](#).