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









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The Trends Suggest Manchester United Win 2018

Cup Final - By Rick Elliott

The FA Cup has a reputation for producing giant killings and shocks and the romance of the Cup is a popular phrase. However, ultimately the cream rises to the top and one of the superpowers of English football end up running round Wembley with the Cup. Since the start of the Premier League era before the 1992/93 season the average finishing league position of the winner is fourth, The losing finalists are typically a Premier League team and in the top 10 more often or not. Lower ranked teams do reach the last four but class then prevails.

Despite being the most famous domestic football competition in the world the English Football Association Cup is behind the Premier League and Champions League in the hierarchy of targets for the big clubs. Money talks in football and the richest British clubs still dominate the FA Cup. The top six teams in the Premier League are set in stone and it's very difficult to break into that elite group. The winners of the FA Cup qualify for the Europa League and the winners of the Europa League qualify for the Champions League so there is a route into the most lucrative competition in football.

Manchester United and Chelsea contest the 2018 Cup Final on the 19th of May. The semi-finals are now played at Wembley which does devalue the final. In a bizarre clash of scheduling there is a Royal Wedding on Cup Final day in this year. Both global events will be staged at an iconic venue in the London area. There are two factions involved and lots of alcohol will be consumed and there could be a fight towards the end of the day. The 2018 final is a repeat of the 1994 final which United won 4-0. Both teams have scored in four of the last six finals.

West Ham were the last Cup winners from outside the top division and that was in 1980. A club from the top division has won the Cup in every year during the Premier League era. Millwall and Cardiff from the Championship reached the final in 2004 and 2008 but every other finalist was a Premier League club. In 2013 Wigan lifted the trophy at Wembley but were also relegated. Arsenal have won the FA Cup in three of the last four years. Chelsea have won the trophy four times since 2007 and Manchester United beat Crystal Palace in the 2016 final for their last win.

Arsenal are the winning most team with 13 wins in the FA Cup from 1930 to 2017. They have also lost seven finals so have made most appearances in the match. United are just one win away and they have also lost seven times in the biggest match in English football. Chelsea have won the trophy seven times but not since 2012 and they have lost five finals, most recently against Arsenal in 2017. Tottenham are third in the list of Cup winners but the last of their eight wins was in 1991.

There have been 18 finals since the start of the century and exactly half have produced more than two goals. The most popular score is 1-0 and the most common number of goals scored by one team is one. Two of the last four finals were

decided after extra time but the last penalty shoot out was in 2006. That final saw six goals which makes it the highest scoring decider over the last 25 years. The trends of statistics suggest Manchester United will beat Chelsea 2-1 in the 2018 Cup Final.

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Man Utd Can Beat West Ham Tonight

West Ham are at home to Manchester United tonight in the Premier League but the fixture is meaningless in terms of outstanding issues. The home team will not be relegated to the Championship and United will finish second in the league.

Motivation and incentive will be key factors but West Ham players seemed to have downed tools before a crucial win at Leicester last weekend that made them safe.

David Moyes has achieved the objective of keeping West Ham in the Premier League and United's players are playing for FA Cup Final places. United usually follow a defeat in the Premier League with a win and three points. The Hammers have recorded one victory in their last 12 fixtures with top six opponents so **MANCHESTER UNITED** are the team to back tonight at 4/5 with [Ladbrokes](#).

It's the dreaded Playoffs in League One and a 46 match campaign comes down to home and away ties and qualification for the Wembley final. Shrewsbury finished two places and 16 points ahead of Charlton in the regular season. Almost half of first leg matches in the Playoffs over the last 20 years have been drawn and there have been just nine goals in Charlton's last seven matches.

Shrewsbury have a great profile in the context of moving up a division through the post-season route but Charlton made a strong finish in their league campaign. The form and momentum is with the hosts tonight and Charlton should avoid defeat. A **DRAW** is not the worst results in the first match in the tie for the home team and that outcome can be backed at 9/4 with [Betfair](#).

It's the second day of the Chester May Meeting and Idaho could be the best horse on the seven race card. Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore produced another potential Classic winner in Magic Wand in the Cheshire Oaks yesterday. The trainer often brings his best three-year-old colts and fillies to Chester in May but Idaho is one of his older horses. On ratings and form in the Derby, Irish Derby and King George **IDAHO** is a cut above the other runners in the Ormonde Stakes (3.35) so must be backed at 10/11 with [William Hill](#).