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## Leading scorer?

Posted by Broken Clock - 09-05-2008 20:06

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Any suggestions?

Last time out I had Baros at 66/1. With the bet placed 10mins after the coupons were put out on the racks. My mate at work went along 30mins later and Baros was down to 25/1. A couple of hours later and he was available at 12/1. Apparently they hadnt expected him to be fit enough to play, Id like to claim some inside info but the truth is I never even knew hed been injured.

I was £380 "up" on the last World Cup as well. My normal run of the mill league betting runs at a slight loss but the "big time" suits my "game".

Where should my money be invested this summer then?

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Matej - 09-05-2008 20:13

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What odds can one get on Torres?

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Alderman Barnes - 09-05-2008 20:42

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There can only be one winner of this competition, and that will be the rabbit killer's rabbit killer Miroslav Klose. Even if Germany don't get past the quarter finals, he will have filled his boots so much in the qualifying stage that he'll never be caught.

I've actually grown to admire him for this, too.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Broken Clock - 09-05-2008 20:54

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Kloses the bookies favourite. Podolskis well down the list as is Baros again. I didnt even realise Koller was still playing. I think ill keep my powder dry until the seasons over.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by rick derris - 10-05-2008 12:26

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 10-05-2008 15:23

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Anelka's never scored in a major international finals, has he?

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by dances with sheep - 10-05-2008 16:08

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I really fancy an each way on Mario Gomez. This guy is the most natural finisher I've seen for a long time.

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### Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 10-05-2008 17:27

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fnaar, fnaar

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### Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by mafu - 10-05-2008 19:07

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I was on baros last time as well. 50-1 for me. As far as i know he was readily available at around that until the tournament started.

anyway, i might stick a tenner on him again this time as well. and maybe one on david villa

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### Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by gerontophile - 10-05-2008 20:02

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ooo dws, I sooo agreee with you, except that they might not get out of that group (strange, but true)

So, my 10 shillings would be on Ruud. Again depending on whether they get out of the group, and whether they dont decide to fuck each other up. Next best would be: David Villa. At least he might get 4 games, minimum.

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### Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by mafu - 10-05-2008 20:38

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care to expand on your doubts over germany getting out of the group?

it's possible of course but they have it about as easy as anyone in my opinion. the issue with gomez is surely whether or not he will start

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### Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Bryan - 11-05-2008 00:11

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<http://mediadb.kicker.de/2008/fussball/spieler/l/25041.jpg>

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### Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Janik - 11-05-2008 11:46

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Germany don't get past the quarter finals, he will have filled his boots so much in the qualifying stage that he'll never be caught.

But that he is a rabbit killer is surely reason to avoid Klose. Croatia and Poland aren't rabbits. Austria will lose all three games, whilst being ultra defensive to avoid humiliation and only going down 2-0 in each, so he won't be able to fill his boots against them, either.

Cristiano Ronaldo is a good bet. With no-one getting more than four goals.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by evilC - 11-05-2008 17:14

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Kevin Kuranyi.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Alderman Barnes - 11-05-2008 18:47

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Croatia and Poland aren't rabbits.

Actually, you've got a good point there. Croatia are certainly a better side than England, and Beenhakker has made Poland a solid outfit. I think Germany are going to have a tougher time of it than everybody expects.

I was being a bit harsh on Klose, too. He's scored a phenomenal number of goals for Germany - nearly forty at a rate of one every other game - but has only scored (I think) one goal against one of the other "top" nations - Argentina, Brazil, Italy, France, Spain, Holland and, ahem, England. He's had a lot of criticism for that.

But the thing is, apart from banging them in against the likes of Saudi Arabia, he's always good for an undeserved winner against a middle-ranking nation such as the Croats or the Poles. It's an important job, and he does it well.

In a way, he sums up what this current German team are about. Not really all that good, but \* tosses a Euro in the DSF "Phrasenschwein" \* effective. Better than the sum of their parts.

Which is admirable - if I were a neutral, I'd like them. But they're not going to thump anyone, so I'd forget Gomez or Kuranyi.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by gerontophile - 11-05-2008 19:27

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Not sure whether anyone is going to thump anyone else... but if so, it will only be in the third of the qualifiers, which should (but only might) mean Austria v Germany.

The idea of 'there are no easy games' is very true in this tournament, as I can see the only weak links being the hosts, and even then Switzerland might just scrape through.

If Croatia can score a goal against Germany, and Poland can stop Germany scoring, they (the Germans) will need a win against Austria, so, who knows. Of course, one can say that about most groups.

If Germany cruise, then nothing much can stop them other than an already battle worn France, Italy, Netherlands or Spain in the final. The draw could be crucial, but it also may be the same in reverse for Germany, as they need a game, and probably won't get one until Czech Republic in the quarters, by which time Gomes will have scored either 5 or none, and Klose the same.

So frankly, I have no idea.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Alderman Barnes - 11-05-2008 20:02

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None of them will have scored five goals in the first round, which is why Janik's tip of Ronaldo and nobody scoring more than four is pretty convincing.

Of course, there's always the possibility of Germany and Austria both needing a particular result on the ... oh no, we don't want to go there, do we? \*

\* No we don't, because they hate each other and that game lost the German national team an entire generation of supporters. \*\*

\*\* But you never know, do you?

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by And I am the Life - 12-05-2008 11:28

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this is 2 goals in 25 games for chelsea nicolas Anelka?

I think anelka scored in one of the group games in euro 2000.

I don't think that ronaldo is a good bet. The odds will be short and he hasn't been playing particularly well for a while and I don't think that the other portuguese forwards are going to be as good at making room for him up front as rooney and tevez.

What are the odds on ebi smolarek?

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by ursus arctos - 12-05-2008 11:41

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One of the Italian pundits was suggesting yesterday that Solari may try playing C. Ronaldo as a centre forward, given Portugal's perpetual problems up front. And he is will almost certainly be their penalty taker, which can be quite important when one is talking about four or five goals winning the Golden Boot.

Would Klose take penalties for Germany?

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Eggchaser - 12-05-2008 12:07

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Croatia are certainly a better side than England

You say that like it's a difficult thing.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by And I am the Life - 12-05-2008 12:16

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well they were one of the few countries in the world to rival england in the poverty of their play at the last world cup.

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Bryan - 12-05-2008 14:16

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I reckon that the top scorer will be a relatively unknown young player from the eventual champions. Eren Derdiyok. I reckon you can get good odds on him.

Other good odds:

Karim Benzema 33/1  
Klaas Jan Huntelaar 28/1

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## Re:Leading scorer?

Posted by Janik - 12-05-2008 21:01

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AlatL, yeah, C.Ronaldo isn't going to be a good bet at the likely odds is he? I wasn't thinking what I was writing. I'm sticking with him as my prediction, but there won't be any money on it.

I always say this, but Russia have got to come good in a tournament at some point. Surely. The Zenit striker, Pogrebnyak, looked very decent indeed in the UEFA Cup semi against Bayern.

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