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Luck vs Skill: What Makes a Winning Bet

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Every bettor hopes that Lady Luck will be on their side, but a

profitable day at the office requires more than good fortune.

Luck can't be ignored completely but to win at sports betting,

skill and an understanding of probability is essential.

This guide examines the roles that luck and skill both play in a

winning bet.

The Role of Luck

If sports were predictable, no one would watch them. There's nothing ex-

citing about watching the team with the statistical advantage win eve-

ry time.

The appeal of sport is that anything could happen, whether it's the und-

erdog lifting the FA Cup or the unseeded wildcard picking up the Aust-

ralian Open.

This unpredictability is the enemy of the sports bettor because

use it means no matter how carefully statistics and probability are studied, the

result is always the chance of a blow-out.

A hefty dose of luck - good or bad - can influence any bet.

However, solely relying on luck will statistically result in losses.

There is a way of minimising the impact of luck, and that's by avoiding

sports where luck plays a disproportionately large role. Sports where

there are a lot of variables tend to be more affected by luck.

For example, luck may affect the outcome of a golf tournament

more frequently than a tennis match. Tennis is played in a more

sheltered environment, on a constant surface and with only two possible winners. Go

lf tournaments have a field of 90+ participants, the surface is varia-

ble, and it's very exposed to changes in the weather. In addition, one poor hole

can destroy the chances of winning the whole round, whereas in tennis

it's possible to recover from one lost rally because it's only a si-