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## **Punters banking on a Tiger Masterclass**

Spectators are lining up to watch him in practice and punters are lining up to back him with the bookies.

Yes, the Tiger Woods effect is in full swing at Augusta as the four-time Masters champion takes to the course for the first time in a major since 2015.

Ladbrokes has the former world number one at \$15 ahead of the opening round this Thursday, having trimmed his odds from \$21 after an almost Tiger-esque performance at the Arnold Palmer Invitational recently.

“It got the whole golf world excited, hell, it got even some of the non-golf world excited and that’s been reflected in the betting,” Ladbrokes Roger Oldridge said.

Woods is the best backed player with Ladbrokes by a long, long way and, while a victory would make for a brilliant sport story, the bookmaker would much prefer it’s a story which remains unwritten.

“Plainly and simply, it would be a horror show for us,” Oldridge said.

Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy are at the top of the Ladbrokes market at \$11, followed by Justin Thomas at \$12 and Dustin Johnson at \$13, while Justin Rose sits on the fourth line of betting with Woods.

As for the Aussies, Jason Day (\$19), Marc Leishman (\$51) and Cameron Smith (\$126) have been popular with punters while 2013 winner, Adam Scott (\$67), has been relatively unwanted.

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