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✓ 59%

SPAIN CONQUERS THE 48-NATION WORLD CUP

✗ 58%

MESSI CROWNED WORLD CUP GOLDEN BOOT KING

✓ 97%

COLDPLAY CONQUERS WORLD CUP HALFTIME STAGE

✗ 14%

SCHEFFLER SEIZES THE CLARET JUG

✓ 98%

TRUMP CROWNS THE WORLD CUP FINAL

✗ 91%

MESSI TAKES THE GOLDEN BALL

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HORMUZ JITTERS AND GULF TENSION DRIVE OIL'S FASTEST ONE-WEEK JUMP OF THE YEAR — SAYS THE MARKET

ECONOMY · DATED SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

CRUDE ROARS TO \$85 AS GULF NERVES SNAP

63%
CERTAIN
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Hormuz jitters and Gulf tension drive oil's fastest one-week jump of the year

NEW YORK, August 1 — WTI crude tore to \$85 a barrel this month, capping a violent one-week surge that traders had priced at 63 per cent. The world got its alarm bell.

The climb was brutal and fast — up nearly \$16 in seven days, per Polymarket's tracking, as ships hesitated at the Strait of Hormuz. Every barrel now carries a war premium.

Traders are already eyeing \$90, a mark the wires give one-in-three odds. Drivers feel it at the pump; central banks feel it in their sleep. Nobody is calling the top.

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U.S. AND IRAN LET THE GUNS GO QUIET

A two-week pause hardens into a working truce as the fighting stops without a signed word

NEW YORK, August 31 — The shooting between Washington and Tehran has stopped, an effective ceasefire settling in by summer's end that traders priced at 54 per cent. No treaty, no handshake — just guns that stayed cool long enough to count.

The pause began mid-July and simply held. Two weeks became four. Ships in the Gulf changed course, jets flew fewer sorties, and the wires stopped tallying strikes and started tallying days.

Nobody calls it peace. Odds barely cleared even, and observers note a truce this quiet can break by nightfall. But for now the region breathes, and the loudest sound is the one that isn't there.

DATED MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

POLYMARKET · 54% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)



MACHINES CRACK THE 1550 MATH BARRIER

as a benchmark once seen as distant falls to the year's fastest-learning models

NEW YORK, December 31 — An AI model has cleared 1550 on the Math Arena leaderboard before the year is out, an outcome traders priced at 87 per cent. The number that once looked like a ceiling is now a floor.

The market moved fast. In a single week the odds jumped 32 points, from a coin-flip to near certainty, as observers watched the top models close the gap.

Higher rungs still hold. Traders give 1575 barely a one-in-three chance and 1600 less than a quarter. The machines cleared this bar; the next one waits.

DATED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026

POLYMARKET · 87% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)



AI NOW MAPS THE BIOWEAPON, START TO FINISH

as forecasters warn frontier models can walk a would-be attacker from lab bench to lethal batch

NEW YORK, January 1, 2027 — Ask the right machine the right way, and it lays out how to build a bioweapon from scratch — an outcome traders priced at 88 per cent by year's end.

On the Manifold market the question drew steady bets, the odds parked near 88 all week. The blueprint runs the whole route: pathogen, production, delivery.

The same models that fold proteins and hunt cures can double as a tutor for mass death, observers warn. The guardrails hold — until someone finds the phrasing that slips past them.

DATED FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027

MANIFOLD · 88% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

AMERICA PLANTS THE NEXT BOOTPRINT ON THE MOON

as a photo-finish space race hands Washington the lunar edge over Beijing

CAPE CANAVERAL, January 1, 2031 — The United States has become the next nation to return humans to the Moon, an outcome traders had priced at 54 per cent. China finished a close second.

The market split down the middle: America at 54, China at 45. Everyone else — India, Russia, Europe — barely registered, none above two per cent. Nearly \$147,000 changed hands as the wires called it a coin toss with a flag on it.

The stakes ran past prestige to the lunar south pole, its ice and its high ground. Observers had warned the gap was thin enough to close overnight. It didn't.

DATED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2031

KALSHI · 54% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

GREENLAND STAYS DANISH, TRUMP WALKS AWAY

the four-year push to buy the Arctic island ends with no deal, no sale, no map redrawn

NEW YORK, January 22, 2029 — The United States failed to acquire Greenland by the end of Trump's term, an outcome traders had priced at 84 per cent. The great buyout ended as bluster.

Copenhagen never blinked. Every figure floated — \$300 billion, \$600 billion, nearly a trillion — drew single-digit odds on Kalshi, while the "no deal" bet held above eight in ten. The wires called it early and never looked back.

Greenland's 57,000 residents, courted for four years, remain firmly Danish. The Arctic base talk cooled, the map stayed the same, and the island's ice outlasted the ambition. Observers marked it as the offer nobody accepted.

DATED MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2029

KALSHI · 84% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

ANTONELLI TAKES THE F1 CROWN

the Mercedes teenager rides a late-season surge past Hamilton and the grid to become world champion

NEW YORK, December 6 — Kimi Antonelli is the 2026 Formula 1 world champion, an outcome traders priced at 74 per cent. The rookie's title makes him one of the youngest drivers ever to wear the crown.

The numbers tell the story. Antonelli's odds jumped nearly fifteen points in a single week, the wires report, as rivals faded. Lewis Hamilton stalled at 10 per cent; George Russell, his own teammate, at 8.5.

A year ago Antonelli was the untested kid in the second Mercedes seat. Now the veterans chase him. Observers had circled Norris and Leclerc for the title; both finished the season as afterthoughts, priced in the low single digits.

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KANE WINS THE 2026 BALLON D'OR

the striker held off a late Yamal charge to claim football's individual crown

PARIS, Oct. 31 — Harry Kane won the 2026 Ballon d'Or, an outcome traders had priced at 37 per cent. He edged Lamine Yamal, whose surge peaked one goal short.

Kane spent a career chasing the biggest nights and finally caught one. The wires had him and Yamal separated by hundredths on the eve of the vote, the closest field in years.

Yamal, 19, drew the momentum; Kane drew the ballots. Messi and Mbappé faded to the margins. England, so long the country of near-misses, put a name on the sport's oldest prize.

DATED SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026

POLYMARKET · 37% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)



EA TAKEN PRIVATE IN RECORD DEAL

the biggest buyout gaming has ever seen closes ahead of schedule, sweeping the publisher off the public market

NEW YORK, September 1 — Electronic Arts is a private company, its record take-private buyout closed before September — an outcome traders priced at 84 per cent. The maker of "Madden" and "The Sims" exits the public market it has ridden for decades.

The deal is the fattest leveraged buyout gaming has ever booked. Odds jumped from 38 to 84 in a single session, and the wires stopped asking whether it would close and started asking how fast.

Shareholders cash out; the new owners inherit the debt and the franchises. Observers see a studio freed from quarterly theater — and a warning to every publisher still trading in the open.

DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

KALSHI · 84% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)



NOLAN TAKES BEST DIRECTOR FOR 'THE ODYSSEY'

the blockbuster gambit pays off as the auteur finally claims the directing statuette

HOLLYWOOD, December 31, 2027 —

Christopher Nolan has won the Academy Award for Best Director for 'The Odyssey,' an outcome traders had priced at 69 per cent. The blockbuster maker turned his sprawling epic into gold.

The odds were never close. Denis Villeneuve trailed at 10 per cent, the rest of the field in single digits. On the wires, Nolan was the story before the envelope opened.

For the man behind 'Oppenheimer' and 'Inception,' it caps a run few directors match — big budgets, bigger box office, and now the industry's top prize. Observers called it a coronation long overdue.

DATED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2027

KALSHI · 69% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

MICHELLE YEOH STORMS COMIC-CON'S HALL H

the Oscar winner walks into the convention's biggest room, and 6,500 fans lose it

SAN DIEGO, July 25 — Michelle Yeoh took the Hall H stage on Saturday, an appearance traders had priced at 85 per cent. The room, all 6,500 seats, was full hours before she arrived.

The Oscar winner needs no red carpet to command a crowd. Fans lined up overnight, badges clipped, phones ready. When she stepped out, the noise carried into the hallway.

Hall H is Comic-Con's proving ground, the room that anoints the next big thing. Observers had circled Yeoh's name for weeks. The wires now say the only question was which project she came to sell.

DATED SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

POLYMARKET · 85% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

CALLUM TURNER SEIZES THE 007 TUXEDO

the actor surges past the field to become the favorite for James Bond

LONDON, January 1, 2030 — Callum Turner is the frontrunner to be the next James Bond, an outcome traders priced at 47 per cent. The move came fast — a ten-point jump in days.

Turner leapt from 35 to 47, vaulting over Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Jacob Elordi in the space of a week. Henry Cavill and Theo James trail in single digits.

Nearly \$360,000 has ridden on his name alone. The wires call it a stampede; observers call it a coronation in slow motion. The tuxedo, for now, is his.

DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2030

KALSHI · 47% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET](#)



TATE CONVICTION ODDS CRASH TO A COIN-FLIP

as bettors yank the trafficking case back into doubt, the guilty verdict now no surer than heads or tails

BUCHAREST, December 31, 2030 — Andrew Tate's odds of a guilty verdict in Romania's human-trafficking case have collapsed to a coin-flip, an outcome traders priced at 46 per cent. The market that once leaned toward conviction now shrugs.

The slide was fast. Ten points gone, the wires say, as fresh money bet the case would fray before it ever reached a verdict. Volume spiked; certainty did not.

Tate has denied every charge from the start. For years the market treated his conviction as likely. Now it treats it as a shrug — a case that once looked closed, suddenly wide open again.

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FUTURE, NO. 1 WITH 'THE REAL ME'

the Atlanta rapper's new album crushes all comers to open atop the Billboard 200

NEW YORK, December 31 — Future landed straight at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 with 'The Real Me,' an outcome traders priced at 99 per cent. The chart's top slot was never in doubt.

The betting told the story early. From week one the market pegged the debut near-certain, and the wires say buyers barely blinked at the odds.

For Future, it is another summit in a career built on them. Rivals crowded the release calendar; none came close, and observers had already stopped counting the challengers.

DATED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026

POLYMARKET · 99% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET](#)



RADIOHEAD TOPS COACHELLA 2027 BILL

as the desert finally lands the reunion it spent years waiting on

INDIO, Calif., Dec. 31 — Radiohead will headline Coachella 2027, an outcome traders priced at 44 per cent. The booking caps a hiatus the band spent years refusing to end.

The desert has waited. Radiohead last toured in 2018, then scattered into side projects and long silences. Traders sensed the thaw early, pushing the market from 31 to 44 in a single day.

It was the tightest call on the board. Fred again.. trailed a point back at 43; Charli xex and Olivia Dean sat far behind. In the end, the money moved on Radiohead.

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KALSHI · 44% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET](#)

PL LOCKS DOWN BRAZIL'S SENATE

Bolsonaro's Liberals keep the biggest bloc in the upper house as the presidential race burns on

BRASÍLIA, Oct. 4 — The Partido Liberal held the most seats in Brazil's Senate on Sunday, an outcome traders had priced at 88 per cent. The right did not just survive the vote — it dug in.

The party built by Jair Bolsonaro now anchors the upper house, the chamber that ratifies judges, weighs impeachments and can stall any president's agenda. Whoever wins the palace inherits a Senate the right controls.

Observers watched the odds barely flicker for weeks. The presidential contest still rages; the Senate math, for now, is settled — and it favors the opposition.

DATED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

POLYMARKET · 88% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET](#)

81%

KALSHI

BLANCHE TAKES OVER THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

The president's former defense lawyer becomes the loyalist running the nation's law

NEW YORK, January 20, 2029 — Todd Blanche is the next Attorney General, an outcome traders priced at 81 per cent long before the swearing-in. The man who once sat beside Trump at the defense table now runs the building that prosecutes.

The market never wavered. Blanche held at 81 while Lee Zeldin drew 6 and Ron DeSantis barely 3 — a field that stopped being a contest and became a coronation.

Nearly \$10 million moved through the question, most of it betting on the lawyer who never left Trump's side. Observers read it plainly: loyalty, promoted to the top of the Justice Department.

DATED SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2029

KALSHI · 81% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

BRAZIL

66%

POLYMARKET

RENAN SANTOS STORMS TO THIRD

the MBL provocateur cracks Brazil's presidential top tier, upending every establishment forecast

BRASÍLIA, Oct. 4 — Renan Santos finished third in the first round of Brazil's presidential election, an outcome traders priced at 66 per cent. The outsider from the streets is now a fixture of the national count.

The MBL firebrand built his campaign online and hardened it in the plazas, courting the young and the furious. Observers watched the establishment parties treat him as noise. The ballots called it a movement.

Third place is no throne, but it reorders the board. His voters now become the prize both finalists must chase, and the wires say neither can win without them.

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POLYMARKET · 66% PROBABILITY — [VIEW MARKET ↗](#)

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