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CURRENT ODDS AT SHORT WHIST.

At the commencement of the game or rubber, it is 5 to 4 on the dealer for the game; and 6 to 5 on him for the rubber; either bet being slightly better to take than to lay.

1 to love with the deal, is 11 to 8 on the game, and 5 to 4 on the rubber; the deal being against, the betting on either game or rubber is even.

2 to love with the deal, is 13 to 8 for the game. The deal being against, it is 11 to 8. For the rubber, with the deal, it is 3 to 2. The deal being against, 11 to 8.

3 to love, or 4 to love, with the deal, is 2 to 1 on the game. The deal being against, it is 15 to 8. In this case the odds on the rubber are the same as those on the game.

The first game being won, if the deal for the second game were in abeyance, the exact odds on the winner for the rubber, would be 3 to 1. The current odds are, however, 5 to 2; but it is as good a bet to lay 3 to 1 with the deal, as 5 to 2 against it.

The first game, and 1 to love of the second, with the deal, is 7 to 3. The deal being against, it is 3 to 1.

The first game, and 2 to love of the second, with the deal, is 7 to 2, and is an advantageous bet to lay. The deal being against, the odds can scarcely be called less; but they are not disadvantageous to take.

The first game, and 3 or 4 to love of the second, with the deal, or against it, is 4 to 1. No higher odds than these are ever given at any stage of the rubber, unless an honour has been turned up by the winners of the first game, and of the