# zCode Guide on tennis winning picks

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## **About the author**

#### Jake made over 80 units of profit so far on Tennis Picks. What is his secret? How can we follow him?

1. Hi Jake ! You became very popular in Zcode community with your winning Tennis picks. You generated **over 80 units of profit** on tennis. Tell us more about yourself. Where are you from?



Hey guys, I live in Dublin, Ireland. I was born in Poland in a small city called Swidnica. I've spent most of my life living in Ireland yet I don't seem to have the Irish accent at all. I started gambling with my grandfather who used to have an account on bwin and we used to play completely illogical bets mostly because of my illogical suggestions.

We were both blue on how to gamble logically but I guess the most important fact is that we were having fun when some of our bets turned out to be winners. It was a stepping-stone for me, betting interested me. I started betting on my own four years ago, my first bet was a single with 8/1 odds. I was astounded when it turned out to be a winner, I played a parlay the following day on Europa with similar odds and I won that too. Back then I didn't have a proper tactic on how to manage my money, when to bet and what to bet on, I was on my own. Only about two years ago I have learnt to start playing logical and create my own system for tennis. It worked, last year I made 147 units of profit on tennis in the summer.

2. What tournaments do you cover ? What is your target profit?



My target profit for this summer is 150 units, we are currently sitting at 80 units of profit (€8,000 based on €100 per unit). There's still one Grand Slam (USA Open) ahead of us on which we can make huge profits. I'm confident we can reach 150 units this year as that's how much I made last summer. Besides Grand Slams there are smaller events taking place, literally everyday there's something to bet on. I try to cover all the major events from the ATP tour calendar, occasionally betting on WTA as well (female tournaments). Over the years I've realized, the bigger the event, the more predictable it is. Hence why I always end up making most profits from Grand Slams. Every event with +500 ATP points tends to attract more professional players while smaller ATP 250 events tend to be the smaller ones with less prize money.

3. Is it hard for people who are not tennis fans to follow your system?



Following the system isn't hard at all; just have a read through the guide provided for the system (You are currently reading it ;) . It explains how to bet on tennis.

However it's rather unfortunate that some of the bets can only be found on European bookmakers. America has a very limited amount of bookmakers available due to its strict regulations. I often use multiple bookmakers to place bets as not all of them offer for example game or set handicaps. For that matter, American players can be rather limited with the bets; let's hope the situation improves. Currently Tipico happens to be my favourite European bookmaker, they have the widest selection of bets for tennis games, also the odds for spreads are the highest in comparison to its competitors such as bwin or unibet.

Just to add, I have accounts on: bwin, bet365, pinnacle, paddypower, skybet, Tipico, Ladbrokes, unibet. I like to keep some money on all of them, simply when I select bets I also look for the highest odds available hence why it's always good to have as many accounts as possible. Essentially you want to milk bookies as much as it's possible...

#### 4. What other sports do you love?

I will be honest with you, I bet on sports I watch... and I watch a lot of sports. Believe it or not tennis isn't my favourite sport, Ice Hockey happens to be the one. I just love how physical the sport is, I bet on NHL every winter just when tennis finishes up. I can call myself a seasonal player, I play tennis, beach volleyball in the summer, I'm also getting into baseball right now thanks to zCode. Having no clue about the sport when I first joined the community, I began watching the games and truly enjoying it. Besides that, I follow soccer from Autumn onwards, I happen to be a big Arsenal FC fan. Then NBA is next on the list of my sports with season starting in October and NHL following it in January.

# 5. How did you become so successful? You were also among the top leaders of the last Zcode Streak contest.

I manage my bankroll rather well by not using more than 10% of it in a day. I'm confident about my bets as I've been following the sport for many years. However there could be illogical days, it happens in every sport, cannot make profit in the given day or week. You just have to live with it; I tend to take a break for a day or two. This way I rebuild my confidence after few losing bets. When betting money, you have to know the limit when to stop, this is what separates you from the amateur gamblers who tend to lose all their money, as they don't know when to stop.

I won the <u>zCode streak contest</u> by doing plenty of revision before placing the bets, you can always find out a lot by reading pre-match reviews. Bwin and Paddypower do totals for given players in the NBA game. You can use the statistics to see how much does the player score and look at his previous performance against the opponent's team.

#### 6. Your suggestions to fans and followers

First of all I'd like to tell everyone to believe in the system they follow. On many occasions people tend to fade out as the rain comes, you're there to make long-term profits. There are always bad days, but one positive day can make up for the loses and make profit on top of that. I've proven it on many occasions, the system was down roughly 20 units and then we managed to make just over 100 units within 13 days of Roland Garros. There were weeks that we lost roughly 10 units, but then next week came and we made 11 on the first day. If you quit, you won't win.

Another issue is greediness for money. I know we all have that feeling, when we parlay bets we can win more. However, think about it, would you rather win  $\notin 2$  or lose  $\notin 10$ . If you aren't greedy, you will win. Keep your unit size the same for the year, at the end if you're in profit, you can decide whether you want to increase the unit size or keep it the same.

People should be able to control themselves as well as their emotions when betting; addiction is the main reason why most people don't win. Being able to control your emotions is a step towards becoming a professional. Why do you think poker players don't even twitch during a game? They simply know how to control themselves, hence why they are capable of winning big sums of money. Probably all human behaviours are impulsive; as we become older we learn to override those impulses. However for every healthy adult with a fully developed capacity for self-control, impulsive or automatic behaviours still seem to predominate in most cases. If you win  $\notin 100$  and you place a  $\notin 50$  bet which then turns out to be a loser, you have find the balance when to stop, relax... perhaps now is the moment to stop betting and take a well

deserved break til the next morning. Self-control lets you succeed and the sooner you realize that, the sooner you'll be making big sums of money.

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# Why tennis is so profitable?

Tennis betting is growing in popularity each day - you can tell by the amount of money coming in on certain games, especially for the big grand slams. As this guide is being put together, Djokovic is playing Murray in the Wimbledon final tomorrow morning. Currently there's **€930,296** on the line at betfair.com for tomorrow's match between the two finalists. The amount will surely double, there will also be a large proportion of "in running" money. This means people will be betting while the game is taking place live. In many cases they want to see the players perform during the game, it's very easy to judge whether the player is injured or just simply tired after playing so many games almost every single day. In many cases people may place counter bets live. Let's say you place €200 on Player 1 to win at 1.50 odds, he wins the first set however he gets broken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set and the score is 3-0 in favour of Player 2. The odds stand at 3.50 on Player 2, in this case we can place €100 counter-bet. This means that whichever player wins we won't make any losses.



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## How to bet tennis ?

#### Straight match betting

One of the big advantages in betting on tennis is the fact that you have 50% chance of winning your bet, unlike football where matches can end in a draw, ultimately lowering the chances of winning the bet to 33.33%. Betting on the winner of a match is the most common bet and every bookmaker that offers tennis, will have this in their selection.

Let's begin with Bet365 then. First you have to find tennis on their list of offers:



It is located on the left hand side of the screen

We can now either select to see all the matches for the day, or choose a specific event from the list:



In the full list you can scroll through the events that are taking place in the given day. Unfortunately you cannot use the 'find' option with your browser as bet365 website is made in flash.

ATP Newport Round 1 Matches						
	Player 1 v Player 2	1	2			
8 Jul 14:00	Sam Querrey v Tim Smyczek	1.22	4.00			
8 Jul 14:00	Nicolas Mahut v Rhyne Williams	1.25	3.75			
8 Jul 14:00	Stefan Kozlov v Michal Przysiezny	5.50	1.14	<u>"  </u> З )		

Right now we can bet on either player to win the match. Once you click on the odds for either player 1 or player 2, your bet will be visible in a box on the right hand side.

#### Set Betting

There are also many bets in regards to sets. You can either bet on the exact score for sets in the game. You can also use set handicaps on a given player, there's an option to either bet +1.5 or -1.5 sets in a 3 set match. Where as Grand Slams may even go to the 5<sup>th</sup> set, for those you may even bet +2.5 or -2.5 sets.

Therefore, let's assume Federer is playing Verdasco at Wimbledon. Obviously the world's number 5 is the favourite to win the match, however we have an option to bet on Verdasco +1.5 sets @ 2.10 odds. This means that Verdasco must win at least 2 sets to cover the spread. There also could be an option for Verdasco +2.5 sets @ 1.45 - This means that Verdasco must win at least 1 set in order to cover the spread.

You may also place bets on the amount of sets the players will play in the given match. You will see an option for over and under 2.5 sets. This means that at least 3 sets need to be played.



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#### **Games and Handicaps**

Another option is to bet handicaps on games. Let's assume player 1 has won the match 6-4 / 6-4 in two sets. This means there was a 4 game difference between the two players.

Now, your bookie was offering game spreads between: +1,5 and +4,5 on player 2. +4.5 on player 2 would give you a win as he'd have more games won than player 1.

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Match (21)	Set 1 (1)					
Bookmaker 📥		Games	1 -	2 -	BONUS	
PINNACLE	Pinnacle Sports	-5	<ul> <li>2.84</li> </ul>	✤ 1.44	-	
Bookmaker 🔺		Games	1 -	2 -	BONUS	
bet365	bet365 <sup>C</sup>	-4.5	<ul><li>2.10</li></ul>	+ 1.66	€50	
PINNACLE	Pinnacle Sports	-4.5	• 2.27	<ul><li>1.66</li></ul>	-	
Bookmaker 🔺		Games	1	2 -	BONUS	
	10Bet <sup>C</sup>	-4	<ul> <li>1.95</li> </ul>	+ 1.83	€200	
PINNACLE	Pinnacle Sports	-4	✤ 2.00	<ul><li>1.88</li></ul>	-	
Bookmaker 🔺		Games	1 -	2 🔻	BONUS	
* 10 BBL	10Bet <sup>C</sup>	-3.5	+ <del>1.83</del>	<ul> <li>2.00</li> </ul>	€200	
bet365	bet365 <sup>C</sup>	-3.5	+ 1.80	<ul><li>1.90</li></ul>	€50	
bwin	bwin <sup>17</sup>	-3.5	1.80	1.90	€25	
PINNACLE	Pinnacle Sports	-3.5	+ 1.76	<ul><li>2.11</li></ul>	-	
0000000	Unibet <sup>17</sup>	-3.5	<ul> <li>1.78</li> </ul>	+ 1.96	€30	
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PINNACLE	Pinnacle Sports	-2.5	+ <del>1.55</del>	<ul> <li>2.50</li> </ul>	-	

Here's an example of such handicaps. Fognini won the match 7-5 / 6-3. Which means -4.5 spread would be covered @ 2.27

#### How to analyse tennis

I always go about looking at the player's ranking first. I only bet on players that I know so that I'm well aware of their weaknesses and strengths. Many bookmakers' nowadays have statistics on player's performance, their head-to-head as well as the ranking, age etc.

When analysing a match, you first have to look at the sort of courts they're playing on. Some players prefer different grounds. There are three in total: hard, clay and grass. Some players prefer different grounds. For example well-known (now retired) Andy Roddick used to perform extremely well on grass courts while he struggled on clay and hard. You also have to take into consideration the condition of the ground at the given tournament. Clay courts tend to be a lot faster, for example clay courts in Madrid or French Roland Garros tend to be the fastest courts in the world.

Now that you know the court, look at player's service. It will play a massive role if he's serving 140 mph balls on a fast clay court. Their opponent will find it extremely hard to return the ball, which takes a lot of spin on the fast court. Service has a small role but it's always worth considering it when placing your bet.

You have to look at the previous performance on the given ground, I would suggest looking at <u>www.tennis.wettpoint.com</u> for thorough statistics on the given player. Always worth looking at how they performed on the given ground this year.

You need to know player's ranking and the players he has previous beaten that were much ahead of him in the ranking.

Make sure to bet as soon as the odds are released, you will often find the odds dropping dramatically the next day. There could be a different of as much as 0.40 in 24 hours. Professional gamblers always tend to bet the moment odds come out; big money causes the odds to drop.

When you the odds dropping, that's also a good sign that your bet is being played by others. The best sign is when odds drop at all of the well-known bookies such as pinnacle, bwin. You can see the odds fluctuating on www.flashscore.com/tennis

#### **Void Rules**

When betting on tennis, you may want to consider one big factor, besides the odds that the book offers you, take into consideration that players may retire from the match. Depending on the bookmaker, your bet may be voided. There are four different rules on the market and they are as follows:

#### 1. Ball Served

In order for the bet to stand, one serve is required in the match. This means that if one of the players decides to retire anytime after the 1<sup>st</sup> serve, the bet will stand.

#### 2.1 Set Completed

At least one set needs to be completed in order for the bet to stand.

#### 3. 2 Sets Completed

At least two sets need to be played in order for the bet to stand. If a player reties before the completion of the  $2^{nd}$  serve, the bet will be voided (cancelled).

#### 4. Match Completed

Entire match has to be completed in order for the bet to stand; retirement anytime during the match ultimately cancels the bet.

Ball Served	1 Set Completed	2 Sets Completed	Match Completed
<ul> <li>Ladbrokes</li> <li>Interwetten</li> <li>Bwin</li> <li>Coral</li> <li>Expekt</li> <li>Bet-At-Home</li> <li>Betoto</li> <li>888sport</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10bet</li> <li>5dimes</li> <li>Pinnacle</li> <li>Unibet</li> <li>Smarkets</li> <li>Marathonbet</li> <li>Panbet</li> <li>Betsson</li> <li>Betsafe</li> <li>Betfred</li> <li>Betfair</li> <li>Betdaq</li> </ul>	• TheGreek	<ul> <li>12bet</li> <li>188bet</li> <li>Bet365</li> <li>Paddypower</li> <li>BetClic</li> <li>Betinternet</li> <li>Canbet</li> <li>Centrebet</li> <li>Williamhill</li> <li>Victor</li> <li>Tipico</li> <li>Stan James</li> <li>SBO</li> <li>Norwin</li> <li>Nordicbet</li> <li>Intertops</li> <li>Gamebookers</li> <li>Diamond</li> </ul>

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