

American Idol: Sanjaya will stay and Gina will go, so say oddsmakers

Contributed by Haim Rosenberg

Wednesday, 04 April 2007

Last Updated Wednesday, 04 April 2007

Will somebody please vote Sanjaya off American Idol so the show can get on to being what it is supposed to be? Or what is it really supposed to be. According to Simon Cowell it is a singing contest. Obviously that isn't the case or Sanjaya Malakar would not be there. Or at least, he shouldn't be there this deep into the contest. And that's what it is, a contest. I am shaking my head as I peruse the betting odds, posted by offshore sportsbook Bookmakers.com , on the likelihood of each contestant's chances of being eliminated on tonight's (April 4th) show. When it comes to American Idol nothing really surprises me anymore but I am a bit taken aback at Sanjaya's staying power. According to the betting odds, Sanjaya is the fourth least likely contestant to be voted off with +1000 odds. For the betting novice, that means you would win \$1,000 USD on a \$100 bet. The most likely to be voted off the show tonight (according to oddsmakers) is Gina Glocksen at -150 odds (\$150 bet to win \$100). Now that is a shocker as I have Glocksen in my top-five. Of course I base my opinion on what I perceive to be talent, something Sanjaya has very little of.

Melinda Doolittle, to the surprise of no-one, is the least likely to be eliminated with +9000 odds. If Doolittle is thrown off then I could claim conspiracy then cry because I didn't win the \$9,000 clams on a hundred dollar bet. In all my previous articles I claim that Doolittle will be the next American Idol. Blake Lewis , one of my favorites, is the second least likely to be eliminated at +3300 while Jordin Sparks is with Sanjaya at +1000. Bookmakers.com has Chris Richards in fifth at +700 followed by Philip Stacey +400, Haley Scarnato +375, and Lakisha Jones +300. Listed below are the odds, courtesy of Bookmakers.com , on each contestant's chances of becoming the next American Idol. Melinda Doolittle -105 Blake Lewis +415 Jordin Sparks +300 Lakisha Jones +750 Sanjaya Malakar+1500 Chris Richardson +4000 [Read more.. Previous American Idol Story](#)