



Football Trading Room

The Football Trading Club



FTR: Friday, 9 October 2026

Good day,

I hope this message finds you well.

Tonight's Championship fixture brings us a London derby at the London Stadium, where promotion-chasing West Ham United host Queens Park Rangers.

West Ham enter the match second in the Championship, having scored an impressive 22 goals in eight league fixtures. Their attacking production has been particularly strong at home, averaging 3.50 goals per match and generating approximately 2.11 expected goals.

QPR have made a competitive start to the campaign, particularly away from home, where they remain unbeaten. However, their recent Championship form has deteriorated, and several potential absentees could make this a difficult evening against one of the division's most productive attacking sides.

With West Ham's straight Match Odds price at only 1.50, West Ham & Over 2.5 Goals @ 2.06 provides a more attractive way of supporting the home side's attacking superiority.

Match Details

Match: West Ham United v Queens Park Rangers

Competition: English Championship

Date: Friday, 9 October 2026 Kick-Off: 20:00 GMT

Venue: London Stadium, London

Current Form & Standings

2026/27 Championship fixtures only.



West Ham United

2nd | 15 Points | W4 D3 L1

Last 5: W4 D1 L0 | 2.60 PPG



Queens Park Rangers

6th | 13 Points | W3 D4 L1

Last 5: W0 D3 L2 | 0.60 PPG

West Ham United

- Last League Match: Millwall 2-2 West Ham
- Home Record: W3 D0 L1 | 2.25 PPG
- Home Goals: 14 scored / 4 conceded
- Home xG: 2.11 | xGA: 1.03

West Ham have made an impressive start to their Championship campaign, particularly in front of goal.

Their 22 goals from eight matches represent an average of 2.75 per game, rising to an exceptional 3.50 at the London Stadium.

Importantly, their attacking performances are supported by strong underlying numbers.

West Ham are averaging approximately 19 shots per home fixture, with an xG of 2.11, indicating that they are consistently creating opportunities.

They have scored in every Championship fixture this season, while three of their four home matches have produced Over 2.5 Goals.

The principal caution is that actual goals scored are running ahead of expected goals. Their finishing has been particularly efficient, and some regression towards their underlying numbers is possible.

Nevertheless, their home attacking profile remains one of the strongest statistical arguments supporting tonight's recommendation.

Queens Park Rangers

- Last League Match: QPR 2-2 Preston North End
- Away Record: W2 D2 L0 | 2.00 PPG
- Away Goals: 6 scored / 3 conceded
- Away xG: 1.43 | xGA: 1.44

QPR's overall Championship record is respectable, with just one defeat in eight matches.

However, their recent league form is considerably less convincing, and they arrive without a victory in their last five Championship fixtures.

Their away record is the principal counterargument to a comfortable West Ham victory.

QPR remain unbeaten on their travels, conceding only three goals in four matches.

Nevertheless, their away xGA of 1.44 suggests that opposition teams have created more opportunities than the actual goals conceded indicate.

Against a West Ham side generating more than 2.00 xG per home match, maintaining that defensive efficiency could prove difficult.

QPR have also scored in three of four away league matches, suggesting they possess sufficient attacking threat to contribute to a higher-scoring contest.

Head-to-Head

Last Meeting: West Ham United 2-1 QPR (AET) — January 2026, FA Cup.

West Ham required extra time to overcome QPR in their most recent competitive meeting.

That result demonstrates that QPR are capable of making this a competitive fixture, although West Ham ultimately prevailed.

The clubs' previous regular league meetings came during the 2014/15 Premier League season.

Given the time elapsed and significant changes in personnel, those historical results carry limited statistical weight.

Tonight's assessment therefore places considerably greater emphasis on current Championship performances, particularly West Ham's attacking production at home and QPR's defensive record away.

Key Stats and Metrics

Championship league fixtures only — eight matches per team.

Metric	West Ham	QPR
Goals Scored	22	10
Goals Conceded	11	7
Goal Difference	+11	+3
Goals Scored / Match	2.75	1.25
Goals Conceded / Match	1.38	0.88
xG / Match	1.76	1.85
xGA / Match	1.39	1.29
xGD / Match	+0.37	+0.56
Shots / Match	15.75	17.25

Clean Sheets	2/8 (25%)	2/8 (25%)
Failed to Score	0/8 (0%)	3/8 (38%)
BTTS Yes	6/8 (75%)	5/8 (63%)

Home / Away Comparison

Metric	West Ham Home	QPR Away
Goals Scored / Match	3.50	1.50
Goals Conceded / Match	1.00	0.75
xG	2.11	1.43
xGA	1.03	1.44
Shots / Match	19.00	12.75
BTTS Yes	50%	75%
Over 2.5 Goals	75%	50%
Clean Sheets	50%	25%

West Ham's home attacking figures are particularly significant.

Their 2.11 xG and 19 shots per home match indicate that they are creating enough opportunities to score multiple goals consistently.

QPR's defensive record has been respectable, but their away xGA of 1.44 suggests that West Ham should have opportunities to exploit.

The combination of West Ham's attacking output and QPR's ability to score away provides a reasonable statistical foundation for a match containing at least three goals.

Injuries / Absentees

West Ham: Keiber Lamadrid (Forward – Out), Mohamadou Kanté (Midfielder – Suspended), Joël Veltman (Defender – Fitness concern), Tomáš Souček (Midfielder – Returning from injury).

QPR: Dennis Cirkin (Defender – Suspended); Tariq Lamptey (Defender), Boy Kemper (Defender), Ilias Chair (Midfielder), Karamoko Dembélé (Forward), Richard Kone (Forward), Rumarn Burrell (Forward) – injury or fitness concerns.

QPR's potential absences are a significant consideration, particularly in defensive and attacking positions.

West Ham should have opportunities to exploit any defensive disruption, although QPR's reduced attacking options could make their contribution to the overall goal total less certain.

Final team news should be checked before kick-off.

FTR Assessment

West Ham are priced at 1.50, QPR at 7.00, with the draw at 5.00.

There is considerable statistical support for West Ham being strong favourites.

Their attacking production, home record and recent Championship performances all point towards another positive result.

However, the straight West Ham victory offers limited value at 1.50.

The alternative markets provide more attractive opportunities.

West Ham -1 Asian Handicap @ 1.78

This offers protection against a one-goal victory, but the price falls below our preferred qualifying range.

QPR's unbeaten away record also suggests that a comfortable two-goal victory should not be taken for granted.

West Ham & BTTS Yes @ 2.94

This is an interesting higher-priced alternative.

West Ham have conceded in six of eight Championship matches, while QPR have scored in three of their four away fixtures.

However, QPR's potential attacking absences introduce additional uncertainty.

The selection also loses on a 2-0 or 3-0 West Ham victory, despite those results being consistent with the wider statistical assessment.

West Ham & Over 2.5 Goals @ 2.06

This provides the strongest overall combination of statistical support, price and robustness.

The supporting evidence is substantial:

- ✓ West Ham have scored 22 goals in eight Championship matches.
- ✓ Their home scoring average is 3.50 goals per match.
- ✓ Three of four West Ham home league fixtures have produced Over 2.5 Goals.
- ✓ West Ham are averaging approximately 2.11 home xG.
- ✓ They are generating 19 shots per home fixture.
- ✓ QPR's away xGA of 1.44 suggests that West Ham should create scoring opportunities.
- ✓ West Ham have scored in every Championship match this season.
- ✓ QPR have scored in three of four away league matches, providing an additional route towards three total goals.
- ✓ West Ham have taken 13 points from their last five Championship fixtures, compared with three for QPR.

The principal negative is QPR's unbeaten away record and relatively strong defensive performance.

There is also the possibility of a controlled 1-0 or 2-0 West Ham victory, which would not satisfy the goals requirement.

Nevertheless, the combination does not require QPR to score, nor does it demand that West Ham win by two or more goals.

A 2-1 victory is sufficient, as are stronger results such as 3-0 and 3-1.

That flexibility makes the selection preferable to the more aggressive handicap or BTTs combination markets.

FTR Recommendation

Market: Match Odds & Over/Under 2.5 Goals

Selection: West Ham United & Over 2.5 Goals

Market Price: 2.06

Robustness Rating: 7.3/10

Stake: 5 Points

The selection requires West Ham to win the match, with at least three total goals scored.

It succeeds on results including 2-1, 3-0, 3-1 and 4-0.

It loses if West Ham fail to win or if the match finishes with fewer than three goals.

The 7.3/10 robustness rating reflects West Ham's strong attacking profile and the multiple scorelines supporting the selection, balanced against QPR's unbeaten away record and the possibility of a lower-scoring home victory.

Value Assessment

Estimated Probability: 50% (provisional)

Fair Value Price: 2.00

Market Price: 2.06

Value: +3.00% (Moderate Value)

The estimated probability reflects West Ham's exceptional home scoring record, strong underlying attacking metrics and QPR's away defensive xGA.

At 2.06, the market requires a winning probability of approximately 48.54% to break even before commission.

Our preliminary 50% estimate therefore provides a modest positive edge.

The recommendation is primarily driven by the combination of statistical support and robustness rather than exceptional value.

Final Summary

West Ham enter tonight's fixture with one of the strongest attacking records in the Championship, particularly at home.

Their 3.50 home goals average, 2.11 home xG and consistent attacking shot volume suggest that they should create sufficient opportunities to score multiple goals against QPR.

Although QPR remain unbeaten away from home, their defensive underlying numbers indicate that West Ham should be capable of testing that record.

The straight home win at 1.50 is too short, while the -1 Asian Handicap at 1.78 offers insufficient price compensation.

West Ham & BTTS Yes at 2.94 offers potentially greater value, but introduces an additional dependency on QPR scoring.

West Ham United & Over 2.5 Goals @ 2.06 is therefore today's FTR recommendation, offering the preferred balance of price, statistical support and robustness, subject to final liquidity verification.

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Best regards,

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