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SMART UP Statistics & Systems FRONT

***"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we have lost in
information"***

(TS Eliot)

“Earn money and make an income working from home” is the marketing method used by at least one firm who are actually selling a computer program attempting to find winning horses.

One outfit claims their product is so good that it sells for the princely sum of £3,300. You may already be aware of this, either by answering one of their ads or from a mail-shot. Details have been very scarce about the operation because they insist that all purchasers sign a “non-disclosure” document in the presence of a Solicitor. This effectively prevents any of their users making comment to any outside agency.

My reaction, as sceptical as usual, was that no mere computer program is worth that much and they will find great difficulty in selling it at that price. Still, I suppose that amount of money allows a fair old profit mark-up and they would not need to sell that many copies each week to be onto a “nice little earner.”

A money back guarantee is offered - *of sorts*. The deal in fact is, if you should lose £500 of your money following the programs selections, this £500 loss will be refunded. Apparently the firm also promise that a maximum number of 500 copies will be sold, presumably to protect prices. Who’s kidding who? At a cost of £3,300 I can’t see that they stand any reasonable chance of selling anywhere near that number.

Well, so much for what I thought! During this past month I have had the privilege of speaking with someone who has paid the full asking price and has been using it for a few months now. The chat proved very interesting.

My first mistake was in thinking that racing people would be very wary of this. That may be true, but the method and location of the advertising it would appear attract not racing people, but those looking for a home based business or income.

The purchaser I spoke to was not a particularly racing fan. For this reason they may well have attracted far more purchasers than I would first have thought. My informer went on to tell me that the technique used is to choose the three biggest prize races on a Saturday and process these through their program. The top rated in each is backed, with the proviso that if a non-runner then back the second top rated.

On making the Saturday bet recently, using a telephone account with one of the big three, an unusual thing happened. The bet was given as usual, Race 1 - win bet on horse A, if non-runner win bet in horse B, then the same thing for race 2. At this point our caller was interrupted by the telephone clerk who said
“Don’t tell me - and your third bet is . . .”

. . . and went on to spell out the third leg of the bet exactly as our caller was going to say it.

“How come you know what I was going to say???”

“Oh it’s all right - I’ve had a few other bets just like yours already today!”

Does this mean that all of these computer users are using the same bookie? Even more of a coincidence would be that they are all being answered by the same operator? If that isn’t the case, just how many programs need to be around to enable one single operator, at one single bookie, to say I’ve had a few like that already today?

Oh by the way, I also asked what the results were like after several months of operation. The bank had varied up and down, within the +£200 to £200 range, it was currently standing at a slight loss.

Sporting Life Discounts

Information eventually came back from ***Sporting Life*** offering ***SMART*** members a 20% discount off all their publications, but it came too late for inclusion in this issue. Full details next month.

Racing Information Database

The tipster proofing service looked to have disappeared last month. They apparently re-emerged at a new address with a new telephone number a few days later. I say apparently because one week after the supposed rebirth I have spoken to firms who use them for proofing where contact has not been re-established. We will have to wait and see.

Stef



BOOK REVIEW

Len Hutton

Book: Profile (Flat edition 1996)
Author: Richard Hudson (SMART member)
Publisher: Nomadic Press The Courthouse, Erfstadt Court,
Denmark Street, Wokingham, Berks. RG11 2AY
Phone/Fax: 01734 328246
Price: £18 (inc. P&P) SMART members price £15.50 (inc)

To be highbrow for a moment I wish to commend to you the wise words of an eminent man: The German poet, dramatist, novelist and scientist Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) once said:

“The important thing is not to know more than all men, but to know more at each moment than any particular man.”

I am sure he would turn in his grave if he knew his most carefully chosen words would be used in what he would probably consider to be a shallow and worthless occupation such as horse racing but who cares! In the context of the sport we follow, his words are very appropriate. Knowing more than the particular men (the majority of your fellow punters) will hopefully give you an advantage which can be turned into profit.

For the uninitiated the concept of Profile is based on the premise that many racehorses are creatures of habit. They have their strengths and weaknesses just like us humans. However, in relation to the mighty beasts of the turf, studies of their characteristics can reveal extremely useful information which can be very gainfully employed in the pursuit of profit.

The majority of you will be aware of Profile having heard of or seen the two National Hunt editions previously published. This is the first time that the author, Richard Hudson, has ventured onto the Flat. This edition weighs in at a mighty 470 pages and contains a tremendous amount of information. It analyses every horse that ran in the 1995 Flat season and the data extends back to January 1992.

Re-printed here is a scanned image from the book to show you the format and the wealth of information that is available.

The first column of figures gives the wins to runs ratios for the past 4 seasons, the second column gives last seasons ratios only.

Age, colour, sex		Trainer	
Horse	Arc Bright (IRE)	6 b h	or50/65
Sire	Tremolino (USA) R Hollinshead	pr48/55	
Form figures, AW bold	842645-923347253628000352228-		
Totals	2311124327400632365250945-		
Time of year	21323727381751342513-		
Track characteristics	TOTAL 7-72 4-20 SOFT 0-8 0-0		
Going	SPRNG 1-19 1-7 HEAV 0-1 0-0		
Win history	SUMM 2-21 2-8 AW 4-29 1-7		
Highest winning handicap mark	AUTM 0-15 0-0 10D- 4-30 1-8		
	WINTR 4-17 1-5 11-25D 3-36 3-12		
	JAN 4-8 1-3 26-41D 0-2 0-0		
	LH 6-63 3-17 42D+ 0-4 0-0		
	RH 1-8 1-3 10R- 6-35 3-7		
	STR 0-1 0-0 11R+ 1-37 1-13		
	SHARP 4-40 1-9 9-10- 7-66 4-16		
	EASY 1-11 1-4 9-11+ 0-6 0-4		
	GALL 2-20 2-7 12F- 0-12 0-0		
	UND 1-11 1-3 13/17F 7-59 4-19		
	LEVEL 6-61 3-17 21F 0-1 0-1		
	STIFF 2-14 2-6 FAV 2-8 1-3		
	SR 4-39 1-11 BLNK 0-8 0-0		
	LR 2-21 2-7 HELD 1-4 1-1		
	HARD 1-1 1-1 PROM 0-12 0-4		
	FIRM 1-7 1-4 LED 4-33 2-10		
	G/FIRM 1-15 1-6 DETTO 4-18 1-5		
	GOOD 0-8 0-2 HENRY 2-3 2-3		
	G/SOFT 0-3 0-0		
	<i>No wins as a 2yo. Since then, wins at Lingfield (AW) 3. Wolverhampton (AW), Carlisle, Nottingham and Bath. up to 0-80 (£3600), including handicaps off marks of up to 57. Notes: Likes last ground and AW: Best in small fields: Has a good strike rate in January. level +8: good -10.*</i>		
		Ratings Official (or) Profile (pr) Turf/AW	
		Days last ran	
		No of runners	
		Weight	
		Distance	
		Favourite	
		Headgear	
		Running style	
		Jockey	
		Notes and rating adjustments*	

The best way to give you a better insight into what this book can provide for you is to give you some examples that I have identified merely by randomly flicking through the pages.

Agwa

has won 7 of his 31 races yet 5 of 10 left handed

Joseph's Wine

10 of 29 but 8 of 15 with 14 runners or less

Kaafih Homm

7 of 19 but 5 of 7 when running within 10 days of his previous race

Keep Your Distance

8 of 29 but 6 of 15 on sharp courses

Marowins

7 of 52 but 5 of 13 at Wolverhampton

Vindaloo

11 of 37 but 6 of 8 when 7 st 13 lbs or less

Further Flight

11 of 31 but 0 of 10 when 9 st 3 lbs or less

Hernando

5 of 14 but 4 of 6 when 42 days plus since last run

Kayvee

4 of 41 but 4 of 10 in races of 10 runners or less

Vintage Crop

8 of 17 but 7 of 11 when 9st 6 lbs+

Mad Militant

13 of 59 but 1 of 17 on courses with a long run in

<i>Aragrove</i>	8 of 40 but 6 of 17 on an undulating track
<i>Arc Lamp</i>	8 of 68 but 5 from 18 when ridden up with the pace
<i>Ashgore</i>	9 of 34 but 5 of 7 on the all weather
<i>Croft Pool</i>	6 of 31 but 5 of 10 at five furlongs (3 of 4 last season yet 1 of 15 at 6 furlongs last season)

You could just keep going on and on with these wonderful snippets. There is just so much information in this publication. Before compiling this review I was sat with my wife, she was watching a TV programme and I was perusing the book making some notes. She had to keep telling me to shut up because I kept murmuring things like “that’s very interesting”, “I never would have thought that”. It’s that sort of book, you just cannot fail to enjoy reading it and using it profitably.

Profile is now well established and it would be easy for the author to sit on his laurels. However, I particularly like the fact that the author has developed the concept with each successive edition. With this one he has moved into two major new areas. Firstly, he has included the official ratings for each horse and, far more interesting, his computer projected Profile ratings. I quote from the author’s explanation:

“Unlike most other ratings, these incorporate both speed and collateral form on a sliding scale, where more emphasis is placed upon speed over shorter trips and more on form over longer trips. . . The Profile ratings are also based on a moving average. Therefore, the expressions are not simply the highest, or most recent, but are the standard level of achievement, which is accomplished by analysing each horse’s career in ‘chronological sequences’. Theoretically, these should realise more representative figures because they are not based on a single performance. Moreover, because these figures are not static, it also means that they can be projected.”

To give you an example of how it works: Craigie Boy has an official rating of 53 whereas Profile gives him 36 but when on a stiff course one should add 7 lbs to the rating. The author states that the minimum criteria for movement is 7 lbs - anything lower would be impractical manually. (I understand that there are moves afoot to make these more sensitive which should include a computer version at some time).

This is certainly a big step forward since the author is moving from the purely factual into an area where interpretation of data is far more subjective and he certainly has a novel approach to this. I like the rationale behind the strategy but, of course, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and it will be fascinating to monitor the performance of these ratings.

If they are of the same quality as the rest of his publication then it will certainly make a lot of people sit up and take notice. Another new area is an analysis of the top sires from the 1995 season using the same Profile categories. This could well be worth the price of the book on its own! I quote one sire Dancing Brave:

	wins-runs	%		wins-runs	%
TOTAL	97-520	19	G/SOFT	14-76	18
SPRNG	28-113	25	SOFT	9-52	17
SUMM	47-214	22	HEAV	2-14	14
AUTM	21-137	12	AW	4-46	9
WINTR	1-20	5	10D-	64-320	20
LH	40-264	15	11-25D	10-84	12
FIG-8	1-2	50	26-41D	8-26	31
RH	45-178	25	42D+	15-90	17
STR	11-76	14	7-13-	0-15	0
SHARP	26-145	18	8-0+	56-298	19
EASY	15-81	19	9-0+	41-200	20
GALL	46-220	21	10-0+	0-7	0
UND	20-90	22	SPRNT	2-19	11
LEVEL	77-430	18	MILE	35-178	20
STIFF	32-176	18	MIDDL	50-257	19
SR	17-116	15	LONG	10-66	15
LR	43-238	18	FAV	38-81	47
FIRM	3-34	9	BLNK	6-19	32
G/FIRM	27-139	19	VISOR	0-3	0
GOOD	37-157	24	EYESH	0-2	0

I quote Philip Alexander (Methodmaker in the Raceform Update) who wrote the foreword for the book:

“ . . . this latest version of PROFILE will certainly become indispensable as a work of reference to the punter who likes to exercise his one-upmanship by knowing a few more facts about the contestants than the next man. You can rest assured that so far as to the flat edition is concerned, I shall have backed yet another winner, thanks to PROFILE (by Profit Seeker out of Diligent Perception).”

Philip Alexander is not a man to give praise lightly. Such an endorsement should put you on notice that this publication is something special. Any punter who cares about his betting must buy this book. It is that damn good! However I know that a substantial number will ignore it which is excellent news for those of us who do use it. The maxim of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe will come true and we with foresight and diligence should reap some reward. □

Longing for a time when the statistics available to soccer punters may be as in-depth as they are for horseracing.

WHAT FUTURE FOR SOCCER STATISTICS?

Alan Surtees

Dear Stefan,
It has been some time since I last wrote to you. The main reason is that I have recently moved house and as a consequence there have been many jobs to do. These have pushed my 'research' work into the background for the time being. I hope to get back on track later this year whereupon I hope to update a few areas of research that I have left in abeyance.

I can now easily understand why so many Smarties complain about the lack of time available and are frustrated by methods (such as my own 'Collator', for example) which require time to arrive at a viable selection. Unfortunately, as in most avenues of research, time is the main requirement in order to be meticulous.

I would be as delighted as anyone else to discover or use quick methods of selection but know from hard experience that such methods, with few exceptions, are built on questionable foundations and inadequately researched.

This leads me on to a topic which has given me much food for thought over the last twenty years or so.

Predicting Football Results.....The Future?

With the advent of satellite TV, I have been able to watch more football matches than ever before. I have also noticed that it is now the norm to be given a great deal of statistical information about the game being watched. Details about possession, corners, free-kicks, attempts on goal and those attempts that are on target are invariably available. However, after the final whistle, the only data that is entered in the records are goals scored and points awarded as a result.

Most of our deliberations on the outcome of future games are based solely on the bare statistics shown in the league tables aided perhaps by some subjective

information from the press, personal knowledge or an information network suggested by this magazine.

“The FA in particular, should be aiming to produce statistics for each league game”

How much greater would our powers of prediction be if we had the ‘match facts’ for every game played and not just those screened on satellite TV?

How often have we watched a match where one side seemed to be well on top but were unable through sheer bad luck to grab that all important goal? Or, more cruelly, were robbed of any points by a breakaway, deflection or disputed penalty? It happens all of the time. The bare result is seldom a true reflection of the game, yet it’s what most of us use as a basis for predicting the future.

It’s little wonder that most of us approach the task with little confidence.

The situation is usually better in many of the other sports which are the subject of betting. Our other ‘national’ sport, cricket, produces a mass of statistical data and golf also generates a wealth of useful information. In the USA, they appear to be more disposed towards the analysis of detail than we seem to be: both baseball and football focus on the measurable performance of individuals as well as that of the team.

A fair analogy between soccer and these other sports, in terms of quantity of data available, would be comparing the Racing Post or the Sporting Life with an ordinary daily newspaper as a basis for systematic study of racing form.

At a time when sports betting is gaining ground on racing as the nation’s favoured betting medium (the National Lottery apart), it may be time that we tried to persuade the various governing bodies of sport to look into the possibility of providing more data for the digestion of the public. The FA in particular, should be aiming to produce statistics for each league game comparable to those already supplied for each televised game.

I can foresee the main difficulties: those of cost and whether or not the end user is prepared to pay an economic price for such data. I am sure that collecting the data would not be a great problem; many a person would do it for the price of a free seat at the game. Perhaps two people observing the same game and agreeing statistics over a cup of tea after the game would ensure the integrity of the figures.

After all, nobody is going to wager or accept bets on statistics from minor games.

Collating the details would require a more professional approach but I believe there are already many people collecting statistics on an informal basis who are more than capable of doing it. The Association of Football Statisticians, frequently mentioned in the magazine, comes to mind as a body that could play a large part in making it happen.

To balance the economic equation, the price to be paid for the use of the data would have to be borne by the end users. I see these as the press/media, bookmakers, professionals and punters.

Only specialist newspapers, such as the Post or the Life would have the incentive to make space available to print the statistics to satisfy the needs of punters and bookmakers. Perhaps a weekly issue, similar to Raceform would fulfil the needs of professionals, hobbyists and other enthusiasts. I think it could happen.

What's to be done with these statistics? What weight should we assign to each new factor in assessing form? Will it be pencil and paper analysis, or will the mighty computer reign supreme? Will we discover new methods that work?

I'm sure these topics and many others will be occupying the pages of our magazine up to the millennium and beyond.



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SMART

Twenty one issues now under the belt, and many members who have contributed to the success of it all expressing their ideas, research and points of view.

THANK YOU

To encourage and reward contributors one extra month has been added to their subscription period. But now that is set to change . . .

SMART is now in a position to further reward members who make the effort to write in by rewarding that endeavour more fully. All published material will now qualify the sender to ***between one and four months added membership***. The awards will be based on an overview of quality, quantity and effort involved, and will be at the discretion of the editor.

One month is now the minimum addition and will be given for basic level articles. Four months will be added for work thought to be of outstanding merit and/or the result of much hard work. Who knows for some this could mean very low cost or even . . .

FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Some systems attempt to highlight big-priced winners and suffer inevitable longer losing runs. Others look for a much higher strike rates with lower overall prices. Both may have their merits and flaws, but high strike rates make for impressive looking headlines, such as ...

70 WINNERS FROM 79 RACES

Henk Eilerts

Dear Stef,
Over recent weeks I have been bombarded with letters regarding Cheltenham. All sorts of special offers telling me that they've cleared over £20,000 profit over the three days, etc., etc. . . As far as I'm concerned - good luck to 'em!

I'm happy with my own betting strategies. The latest one I have been looking at concerns backing the first three in the betting, in selected races. My checks from January 1st this year to date (Fax sent 4/3/96) show that the period gave 79 qualifying races which in turn provided 70 winners.

It is entirely up to an individuals preferences which, if any of these races are selected for a bet, but as you can see with such a high strike rate it does have plenty of potential.

The criteria used to select the qualifying races is quite simple, but it does mean that the operator needs to be at the racecourse or have access to the moving betting market just before the "off". Bet only in races in which the 4th favourite is at least twice the price of the third favourite.

For example;

1st. fav. 5/2 2nd. fav. 3/1 3rd. fav. 7/1 4th. fav. 14/1

The above race would call for action, the price of the fourth favourite is double that of the third favourite and as such meets our requirements. A search through past results shows that this method of race selection does indeed show a very high percentage of winners from the three at the head of the market..

There is logic in this approach of course. When the odds for the 4th. fav is at least twice that of the 3rd. fav. it is obvious that weight of money strongly

suggests that the 1st., 2nd. and 3rd in the market are expected to be right in the finish.

Here are three betting strategies that would suit the above where we want to cover these three horses in the one race.

- ***Flat Stake Progression.***

You invest an equal amount on each of the three horses backed. In this way you are seeking marginal profits. There will be a slight loss on a winner below 2/1, break even when the winner is 2/1, whilst any winners over this price brings in a profit.

- ***The Professional Approach.***

Where prices permit the bettor “saves” his stake on two of the selections with the remaining runner backed as the “banker” win bet.

Here you have decisions to make - is it better to go for the shortest odds horse to win whilst having saver bets on the other two, or perhaps go for a longer priced winner among the three?

You will probably find there are more winning collects by making the shortest odds horse your “banker”. On the other hand the individual wins, and maybe the overall profits may be higher when selecting a win on the longest odds of .the trio.

Example;

Number 1 horse is 6/4, number 2 horse is 3/1 and number 3 is available at 6/1.

Say you invest £10.00 per race. By going for the number 1 horse you would bet £2.50 on number 2, £1.50 (or as close as possible) on number 3 and the remaining balance of £6.00 on your selection of number 1.

A win by number 2 or number 3 squares your transaction, but if number 1 comes in you collect £15.00 for an overall profit of £5.00

If however you make number 3 horse your selection, the “saver” bets would be £4.00 on number 1 and £2.50 on number 2 with the balance of £3.50 on the number 3 horse at 6/1. If this selection came home first the return would be £24.50 giving a profit of £14.50 for our £10.00 total stake.

My personal preference would be for the second of these two methods because just a few wins could offset any losses whilst a good proportion of the “saver” bets would win preventing heavy losses.

- ***Dutch Play***

In this play you forget percentages and simple back each horse to win 100 and this can be done provided that the total investment is less than the smallest return.

Again, using the odds example given above the bets would be in the ratio of;

99 to 66 (no. 1)
99 to 33 (no. 2)
and 100 to 16 (no. 3)

The total investment is 115 for possible returns of 165, 132 and 116. The prices here are cramped and do not make for a good “Dutch” book.

The proper rules in Dutching is to only bet if the prices are such that the total investment is less than 100.

For instance, if the odds were say, 2/1, 4/1 and 6/1 (still cramped, but okay) the bets (in the same order) would be;

100 to 50
100 to 25
and 100 to 16

The outlay in this instance is 91 for returns if correct of 150, 125 and 116.

This is the correct way to Dutch. You would have to pass up quite a few races, but this would pay off in the long run. I know many professionals prefer Dutching to percentage plays.

A final word of warning - ensure you do your sums correctly in order to come out with a profit.

Don't aim too high and remember the smallest of profits is infinitely better than any loss. Small fish are sweet!

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Table of stakes required to make 100 points

Odds	Stake		Odds	Stake
11/10	90.91		11/2	18.18
6/5	83.33		6/1	16.67
5/4	80		13/2	15.38
11/8	72.73		7/1	14.29
6/4	66.67		15/2	13.33
13/8	61.54		8/1	12.5
7/4	57.14		17/2	11.76
15/8	53.33		9/1	11.11
2/1	50		10/1	10
85/40	47.06		11/1	9.09
9/4	44.44		12/1	8.33
5/2	40		14/1	7.14
11/4	36.36		16/1	6.25
3/1	33.33		18/1	5.56
100/30	30		20/1	5
7/2	28.57		22/1	4.55
4/1	25		25/1	4
9/2	22.22		33/1	3.03
5/1	20			

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Some recent examples for Dutch or percentage plays, for both National Hunt and Flat AW racing, all showing the same very high stike rates

AW Racing

Lingfld Punkah 5/2 40 140 W 3.00 Return
 29/2/96 Mattimeo 11/4 36 136 2nd 2.50 10.50
 3.40 Eagle Canyon 3/1 33 133 6th 4.50 +0.50
 Esta Maria 6/1 **109 (profit 31)**

Lingfld Baranov 9/4 44 144 2nd 3.00 Return
 2/3/96 Badger Bay 5/2 40 140 4th 3.00 16.00
 2.40 General Haven 3/1 33 133 W 4.00 +6.00
 Tahya 13/2 **117 (profit 16)**

Wolverh	Shadow Jury	7/4	57	157	4th	3.50	Return
2/3/96	Hannahs Usher	2/1	50	150	3rd	3.00	13.12
9.00	Primula Bairn	11/4	36	136	W	3.50	+3.12
	Rennyholme	10/1	143				(No Play)

Percentage play Outlay £30.00
Return £39.62
Profit £9.62

National Hunt Racing

Notting	Indefence	2/1	50	150	W	3.50	Return
28/2/96	Dream Ride	11/4	36	136	3rd	2.50	10.50
3.45	Brave Patriarch	3/1	33	133	7th	4.00	+0.50
	Past Master	8/1	119				(profit 31)

Notting	Big Strand	2/1	50	150	fell	3.50	Return
28/2/96	Pete the Parson	5/2	40	140	2nd	3.00	15.75
4.15	Aedean	7/2	28	128	W	3.50	+5.75
	Hawaiin Sam	8/1	117				(profit 10)

Newbur	Foxtrot Romeo	5/2	40	140	3rd	3.00	Return
1/3/96	Tickerty's Gift	7/2	28	128	2nd	2.00	27.50
4.30	Fantastic Fleet	9/2	22	122	W	5.00	+17.50
	Cassio's Boy	10/1	90				(profit 32)

Uttoxete	Super Tactics	6/5	83	183	3rd	4.50	Return
4/3/96	Sailor Jim	7/4	57	157	2nd	3.50	13.50
3.15	Corrarder	11/2	18	118	W	2.00	+3.00
	Nickle Joe	16/1	158				(No Play)

If you concentrate your play for the number 3 horse as you can see the rewards can be very good.

Percentage play Outlay £40.00
Return £66.75
Profit £26.75



A follow-up from the originator of some newspaper tipster research published a few months ago.

FLAT SEASON COMPARISONS

Reg Ramsay

Dear Stef,
Referring to my previous letter re. Black Blob ratings (issue 2.10) which covered the period 23/3/95 to 31/7/95. I am now pleased to detail the full 1995 flat season results;

Formcast

<i>Month</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>profit/loss</i>
Mar/Apr	74	22	-9
May	91	36	6
June	72	29	11
July	45	15	-10
August	38	16	-7
September	22	4	-14
Oct/Nov	15	3	4
	357	125	-19

35%

Postmark

<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>profit/loss</i>
77	23	13
88	32	0
78	29	17
45	14	-19
39	13	-11
24	6	-1
18	3	1
369	120	0

32%

Topspeed

<i>Month</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>profit/loss</i>
Mar/Apr	74	22	38
May	85	32	32
June	73	24	2
July	47	17	-5
August	37	10	-17
September	23	4	-5
Oct/Nov	16	2	-7
	355	111	38

31%

Postdata

<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>profit/loss</i>
74	20	-24
86	28	-30
72	22	-21
44	20	16
37	15	-4
22	8	14
16	3	-7
351	116	-56

33%

As can be seen Topspeed's early impressive profit gradually diminished although a final tax paid profit of 38 points is quite good where no selectivity in selections is involved.

The Postmark details are those as indicated by a black blob on the racecard and where joint top-rated horses they have been included in the summary; i.e. 2 joint rated = 2 runs.

I also broke down the races by distance and apart from Formcast it did not make any noticeable difference to the results. However Formcast showed a nice profit of 28 points for races run over 6, 7 and 8 furlongs, which exactly confirms Jim Streek's recommendations for betting on Formcast ratings.

A split of the races between Condition and Maiden events did not reveal any particular preference. I will keep the records going for this flat season and will report back.



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After carefully preparing the ingredients then turning
the handle on the sausage machine -
what would you think if out came bananas?***

2 FINGERS FROM THE PEN & INKERS?

Jeff Jenkins

The scene is set - a race where all the horses are trained by the same trainer, they all carry 9-00, they all ran 12 days ago, they all have identical form figures, they have all won the same amount of prize money, they are all beaten favourites and course and distance winners, and to top it all they are all ridden by the same jockey.

Of course, we know this is never going to happen, but a computer doesn't. All computers know how to do, or to be more pedantic - all computer software knows how to do, is to assert particular weightings to each input factor.

So imagine my horror when I tapped identical information in for every runner into several computer programs and found that a couple of them actually gave different ratings to the same set of inputs.

Now can this be? It isn't because the software contains additional information on each horse, because as far as I am aware there aren't any horses called Mule A, or Mule B, or Mule P for that matter. Nor can the software have specific information about racecourses because in most cases you don't even have to enter this information.

There are a number of other conclusions that could be drawn however, like my software having a bug for example. Alternatively, the software may have been programmed by a genius with the advantage of owning a crystal ball, or, the software may have been programmed by a less capable person with the advantage of not owning a conscience. I know which one I would opt for.

Boxform Racing on Window was the main culprit in first place, with Pro-Spec a distance second and Punter's Pal V5 coming third. Boxform actually gave different ratings for identical horses and gave a best bet selection. Pro-Spec came in second for the simple fact that it had the nerve to display a best bet selection even though the ratings were identical for each horse (mule).

However because this software is more of a do-it-yourself program it may be the case that this only occurs when certain factors are used.

Punter's Pal V5 only displays the top two rated horses. So, although on the occasions I tried the software the ratings were the same for both top rated horses, it has no way of informing the user that of course *all the other horses have the same rating also* (the two displayed can't therefore be the top rated selections). This is only the case, however, in non-handicap races because in handicap races the horses need to be entered in racecard order, so the program may (or may not) be using weight as a deciding factor.

Nevertheless, this is an inherent problem with computer software - you never know exactly what goes in to the melting pot or how the ingredients are blended. There are probably other programs out there which act in the same way, so it would be interesting to hear other members experiences.

So, is this a two fingered salute from the Pen & Inkers??



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A full index to Volume 2 (no.s 1 to 12) was printed in issue 3.1 (January 1996)

The author here is looking to improve on the old idea of using the racing journalists best bets.

USING NEWSPAPER NAPS

Steve B

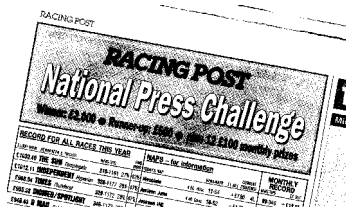
Dear Stef,
There have been many systems no doubt revolving around the selections of the recognised various Press correspondents of the media. The ones I have come across have fallen down because of the cramped starting prices.

However, I started last year to look at their Nap selections, especially those selections where more than one tipster napped the same horse. I thought it logical that if more than one tipster thought that the same horse was good enough to be ***'best bet of the day'***, it may well be worth a closer look especially if a decent price was available.

Because handicaps invariably throw up the better priced winners I concentrated mainly on those races. So yet another "Naps" system was born.

The Rules:

- Saturdays only (for no other reason than it is the only day that I get a chance to buy a racing paper)
- Refer to the ***National Press Challenge*** table in the ***Racing Post***.
- Note any horse in the ***"Naps - for information"*** column which is selected by more than one tipster. (It may be opposed by one other tipster in the "Naps" column - if two tipsters oppose it, then leave alone)
- If the horse is entered in a handicap race then this is our bet.
- No All Weather races.



Results over Flat 1995 season, Saturdays only;

25-May	Mister Fire Eyes	Won	10/3
22-Apr	Mistinguett	L	
29-Apr	Holtye	Won	3/1
13-May	Shahid	Won	8/11
20-May	Thatcherella	L	
27-May	Elfland	Won	10/3
03-Jun	Mr Browning	L	
17-Jun	Courageous Dancer	Won	9/4
17-Jun	Ela-Aristokrati	L	
24-Jun	Khayrapour	L	
08-Jul	Khayrapour	L	
08-Jul	Rock the Barney	L	
15-Jul	Saxon Maid	Won	5/4
22-Jul	Mo-Addab	L	
19-Aug	Elle Shaped	Won	3/1
19-Aug	Francfurter	Won	9/4
19-Aug	Access Adventurer	Won	7/4
26-Aug	Twilight Patrol	Won	7/1
26-Aug	Rabican	L	
02-Sep	Inquisitor	Won	2/1
02-Sep	Double Bounce	Won	11/2
16-Sep	Double Bounce	L	
07-Oct	Quandry	Won	9/2
21-Oct	Name the Tune	L	
21-Oct	Carburton	Won	5/4
04-Nov	Snow Princess	Won	5/1

26 selections providing 15 winners (58%)

+32.54 points profit after tax (+114% on capital)

It may of course be early days yet and as the Sporting Investor stated - ***“Consideration should be given to a system only when you have at least five years results”*** which, although very true, I still feel that this approach is well worth keeping an eye on.

Incidentally, on looking back I found that non-handicap events produced 60% winners from the same selection method providing an after tax profit of 3.16 points.



A response to Bill Hunter's Football Yearbook review from last month, plus a few ideas on soccer sequences.

PLAYING THE SOCCER PERCENTAGES

Douglas Bryson

Dear Stefan,
Glad to see the review of Bill Hunter's Football Yearbook in the March *SMART* magazine.

I regard this as one of my better investments of £15.

I have only used the "Current Form" method of prediction. The program has so far generated figures in the range -50 (most favourable away) to +42 (most favourable home) . If there was enough data it would be possible to produce a Home Away Draw profile of each current form value.

The extreme home and away values do make a profit at Ladbrokes prices.

Listed in descending FormRate order;

Date	Div.	FormRate	Result	Price	win/lose	Overall
02/12/1995	S1	-50	A	Evens	1	1
16/12/1995	S2	-46	A	10/11	0.9091	1.9091
18/12/1995	SP	-46	X	4/7	-1	0.9091
11/11/1995	S2	-45	A	1/2	0.5	1.4091
13/01/1996	EP	-44	H	11/8	-1	0.4091
17/02/1996	S3	-44	A	4/5	0.8	1.2091
28/10/1995	S2	-43	A	5/6	0.8333	2.0424
09/12/1995	S1	-43	A	8/13	0.6154	2.6578
20/01/1996	S2	-43	A	11/10	1.1	3.7578
20/01/1996	S1	-42	A	4/9	0.4444	4.2022
22/01/1996	S1	-41	A	4/7	0.5714	4.7736
10/02/1996	E1	-41	A	6/5	1.2	5.9736
18/11/1995	E1	-41	X	10/11	-1	4.9736
08/01/1996	S2	-40	A	8/11	0.7273	5.7009
02/03/1996	S1	-40	X	10/11	-1	4.7009

(Figures Ignore Tax)

However I would need far more data before I was willing to make serious bets based on these figures. With the predictive abilities of the program still under review it should also be mentioned that the program can stand alone as an extremely user-friendly statistical overview of this season's football. List and print all Newcastle games is but a couple of mouse clicks away.

Additional features:

As mentioned by Iain Simpson it would be useful if the forecast data could be downloaded directly into a spreadsheet. The extract I enclose is but a small section of the 1000+ plus entries I have had to manually input on Lotus 123.



I have also subscribed to the modem service which updates on a Sunday evening all the scores for the Saturday immediately preceding and provides a football pools prediction block for the forthcoming Saturday.

As someone with mainly an interest in fixed odds I would prefer if the fixed odds listing for the forthcoming Saturday was also supplied. Currently you have to go through the fixed odds coupons and manually add to the prediction block any fixed odds matches not on the pools that particular week. Similarly it would be useful if all the forthcoming midweek matches were supplied by modem on the Sunday evening.

Although the results of previous seasons are provided with the program the user cannot interrogate them via the prediction tools of the program. If I am ever to get enough data to see if extreme values of current form make a profit over several years I must be able to create prediction blocks for previous seasons.

Year Book Review Error?

In Iain Simpson's article the figures for draws on the RateForm prediction method are good at a strike rate of 47%. So good in fact that I suspect a mistake was made. See page 47 of the Yearbook documentation.

You cannot use RateForm retrospectively. Unless Iain Simpson was compiling the rating prediction each week prior to the matches taking place then the RateForm records will be irrelevant. You can only use current form and recent goals retrospectively.

Conclusion:

Despite the lack of the additional desired features this is an excellent program. *It is difficult to think of any betting software that constitutes better value.*

SOCCER SEQUENCES

Kevin Pullein in the Sporting Life writes an interesting and original column about football betting. I notice one of his ideas to find draws is to identify away teams which have won their previous three aways. He claims 38% of such teams have drawn the next away.

I put this to a small test this year by looking on Football Forecast for sequences of three consecutive aways England league games only (see, FF is a useful little program)

13/1/96	Birmingham-Charlton	3-4
20/1/96	Barnsley - Crystal P	1-1
3/2/96	Barnet - Scunthorpe	1-0
10/2/96	Watford - Charlton	1-2
	Northampton - Darlington	1-1
24/2/96	Wycombe - Stockport	4-1
2/3/96	QPR - Arsenal	1-1

Not too bad, 3/7. In the March SMARTsig you point out that when you look at long specific sequences the sample size goes so low as to make the conclusions lack significance. How about that check of three results back to 87 - see if the statistics agree with Pullein.

*No sooner said than done Douglas, here are the figures asked for;
 (The away records checked were for league games only as per Pullein's article,
 English games only as per your suggestion, and I looked at league games only
 for the game in question)*

<i>season</i>	<i>bets</i>	<i>draws</i>	<i>percentage</i>
83/84	33	13	39%
87/88	44	14	32%
88/89	41	10	24%
89/90	25	6	24%
90/91	28	13	46%
91/92	37	15	40%
92/93	41	13	32%
93/94	29	11	38%
94/95	33	8	24%
<i>overall</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>33%</i>

*(Pullein referred to "38% - over the past 4 seasons". My data shows a somewhat lower 29% over that period. But 93/94 season was 38%)
 If only every season could be like 1990/91 !*

In any discussions with the Life may I suggest that a pamphlet containing all Pullein's columns would be extremely useful for the football bettor. I am a bit worried about you merging Scottish and English results together when compiling statistics based on sequences.

Have a look at the general strike rate of homes in the lower Scottish divisions - it is far lower than in England. Also In the Scottish Premier, with their massive travelling support Rangers and Celtic make a mockery of home advantage.



SMART email forum

Our email forum is simply an additional way of airing views and proposing ideas. Our non computing members need not feel left out, worthwhile topics will be relayed through the pages of our magazine. Any comments or replies anyone wants to add to the debate can be sent to me via more traditional means, they will then be relayed to all concerned. If you have access to email and would like to be added to the mailing list please let me know, my email address is: smartsig@dircon.co.uk

RIGHT TO REPLY - HORSE SENSE

Chris Mostyn Associates

Dear Stefan,
We have just been informed about a letter from Alex Campbell, which appeared in the March 1996 issue of your magazine. It is not our policy to enter into such trivialities as corresponding to magazines, however, we should point out the following.

- a) We were approached by yourself to see if we would be willing to supply you with a copy (or demonstration copy) of our program as, at the time you were, we believe, asking all other competitors in the 'Computer Challenge' to do the same - As a goodwill gesture we elected to send you a copy of Horse Sense V.2.1. for distribution to your members - Not being psychic, when Mr. Campbell ordered his program, we were not aware of your request or that Mr. Campbell was a member of SMARTsig, therefore he paid the truly outrageous price of £12.95.
- b) If Mr. Campbell reads Odds-on regularly, he would see that upgrades to version 3.0 were available free to anyone who had bought V.2.1 , provided that they returned their original disk to us - Likewise, anyone who has bought V.3.0 will get a free upgrade to V.5.0. when it is released.
- c) If Mr. Campbell was so aggrieved, then he should have had the courage of his convictions and contacted us direct.
- d) Please find a blank cheque to be made payable to a charity of your choice for £12.95. After all , we will not be accused of 'ripping' anybody off, and the money will make up for all your members who haven't the decency to make a contribution to charity as was hoped in the software documentation.
- e) Mr. Campbell should ensure that his facts are correct before making accusations and we are surprised that you (who originally made the request for the software) would publish this letter without confirming the facts with ourselves.

Yours Faithfully

Chris Mostyn Associates



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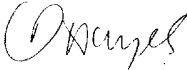
Dear Mr. Perry,

Thank you for your letter, together with the cheque for £12.95 as a kind donation to our Fund.

Please accept my grateful thanks on behalf of my Trustees and more particularly our many beneficiaries. This kind donation will be of the greatest assistance in our work of helping injured jockeys and their families.

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Yours sincerely



Debbie Hayes
Secretarial Assistant

***More ideas on what is, and what is not good practice
when putting together a worthwhile system.***

PITFALLS OF SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

John Williams

Dear Stef,
Thank you once again for another interesting read, so much so it has prompted me to put pen to paper.

I found Ewan Dunlop's article (Smartsig 3,3 page 65) on his experiences developing systems similar to my own. Ewan seems to be on the right lines. Talking as a non-professional and with the help of Racing System Builder, I have developed several systems.

It appears that when one finds a system with a reasonable profit, there are very few selections. Conversely, where there is a good turnover of selections, less profit is obtainable. For instance, take the system below,

Trainer: O'Gorman, WA
Jockey : O'Gorman Emma
Course: Lingfield AW
Horse age : 3, 4 and 5-y-o
Horse interval time: 4-31 days
Horse sex: colt/gelding in an open race
Position in betting: 2, 3, 4 or 5th favourite
Position last run: 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5th
Race class: C, D, E, F or G

Year	Wins	Runs	Strike%	LSP
1990	1	3	33.33	10
1991	3	3	100	21.5
1992	3	8	37.5	7.33
1993	1	7	14.29	-2.5
1994	3	6	50	15
1995	0	3	0	-3
Total	11	30	36.67	48.33

I think the above table raises a few points:-

- Although an overall profit was made; two losing years occurred.
- Would one have persisted with the system if it was started in 1993 or 1995?
- Would one use it during 1996?
- Less profit would have been made if the favourite were included.

I dislike the above because:-

- It is not consistent enough.
- It is dependant on trainer/jockey (they have their ups and downs).
- Not enough selections.

Take another system,

Wolverhampton AW

Odd SP:

<1/2 to 20/21

3, 4, 5, 6 and 7-y-o

Horse interval time:

4 - 79 days

Horse sex:

colt/gelding in an open race

Race going surface change:

no change equitrack to fibresand

Years	Wins	Runs	Strike%	LSP
1994	11	12	91.67	6.1
1995	12	14	85.71	5.31

This table raises more points,

- Only two years' data.

- Less profit was made on turnover compared to the O’Gorman system.
- Backing odds-on can be profitable.
- The bookies will probably shorten the odds even more if they knew of this system, resulting in no profit.

When developing systems, I believe the following should be adhered to:-

- Keep it simple.
- Do not try to fine tune (engineer) a system too much; it becomes unrealistic to apply, and one ends up with few selections.
- What happened in the past is not necessarily going to happen in the future.

Maybe we should be steering away from systems that are too comprehensive in their application (the ultimate systems?), and developing several systems that are more specific to our requirements?

I think when developing systems, one tends to get bogged down with favourites, trainer and jockey strike rates, CD winners and so forth? During the 1995 Flat season, favourites without a CD qualification struck 7% more often.

To sum up, when developing a system, I would specify:-

1. Consistency (in order to maintain a turnover of bets to ensure a profit).
2. Profitability (to cover the cost of effort involved).
3. Reliability (to maintain one’s confidence when staking).
4. Originality (this will ensure a profit by going against the trend).

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank all contributors, especially the ‘regulars’ for being informative and entertaining. I look forward to further contributions.

How about tips on multiple betting?



When working with a computer program, you tap the information in - then expect the correctly processed information to come out.

But how do you know it's exactly what it should be??

A COMPUTER'S 'HIDDEN SECRETS'

David Evans

Dear Stefan,
I would like to make a few comments in the debate on the use of computers versus pen & ink systems.

As a Chartered Accountant I tend to use computers regularly - mainly spreadsheets and proprietary accountancy and taxation packages, The one point that stands out with all those packages is that although I am often clueless about how the software carries out a particular transaction, there is ***never any doubt about exactly what transaction it has performed.***

For example I don't know just how a program divides 1000 by 10 - my concern is to know that it has done this and come up with 100. If I didn't know this I wouldn't use the software. In effect, as an accountant I need an audit trail.

With the above in mind I am therefore taken aback by some computerised racing systems where the object seems to be to mystify and shroud the whole issue in secrecy. Effectively the purchaser is being asked to pay for the program, obediently enter the data, and blindly wager money on the selection without a clue of just how the outcome has been reached.

But what if there is a bug in the software?

My own experience relates to Robin Lloyd's Bet Better program which I purchased last autumn. In speaking to Robin immediately prior to purchasing the software he advised me to use the program to achieve two ratings - one prior to entering speed figures and one subsequent to the speed figures, and if the two 'scores' gave the same horse as top rated, that would be the selection.

On receiving the software I ploughed through numerous back copies of the Racing Post rating various races. It soon became apparent that the software was making no allowance for the speed figures at all - the scores were the same with or without

speed ratings. I spoke to Robin's software writer and he was reluctant to comment on the effect that the speed ratings should have. I then spoke to Robin and in fairness he did give me brief details of the scores accredited to the speed ratings.

There followed a Sunday at the computer methodically entering various items of data and working out exactly how every aspect of the program rated a race, and what points were allocated to each aspect. I would add that this was not done with the intention of undermining the program, but for my personal satisfaction.

It also clarified that the speed rating was not working on my copy of the software.

I returned the disk with an example printout of a race, and a few days later received a new disk - this time the software did allocate points to the speed ratings. However I received no explanation of how the original malfunction arose.

This raises the question;

Just how many other defective copies of software are out there? (with, presumably, the poor end-user completely unaware of it)

If I buy a pen & ink racing system the details are there for all to see - there is no secrecy about how the selection has been achieved, Why then the secrecy with some computer systems? Surely the computer is a tool to speed up time spent in rating races, rather than creating a system incapable of rational analysis.



I would add that even with the 'working' 'version of Bet Better I have long since gone on to something hopefully more fruitful - over a period I found the system pretty hopeless for my needs.

There are certain hints for strictly selecting races in the 'Help function' - I found that these served to eliminate virtually every race from final selection - a lot of work to get nowhere!

Subsequent to giving up on Bet Better I read a number of the old VDW articles and realised that Bet Better appears to be based on some of the VDW philosophy, and that is where I think it falls down. Has Bet Better taken *some* of the VDW points and tried to turn a *Method* into a *System*?

Since the new year I have gone the opposite direction and taken the VDW method, drawn up a fairly comprehensive template (on the computer) for manually entering various items of data, and because of time constraints try to rate three races on a Saturday only. Because the method eliminates a large number of races as unsuitable (class, consistency, betting forecast etc. do not match positively)

I have aimed at identifying the 'no go' races at an early stage so that further time isn't wasted. With this in mind I have found that it takes ten minutes or so to determine whether a race is worth proceeding with, and between 30 and 60 minutes to rate a race which is worth bothering with. In this way I have cut down wasted and demoralising race analysis.

One area I would like members advice on is the use of the *Racing Post's Postmark* and *Topspeed* ratings. I use these ratings as part of the method but am not at all sure that I am using them correctly or to best advantage. For example would members suggest using master or latest ratings, or a combination of both?

I would like to say that despite nay disenchantment with Bet Better, I have found Robin Lloyd helpful in every way, and always willing to talk on the telephone.

And finally I mentioned that I am a Chartered Accountant - I am in practice for myself If any members need an accountant for accounts or taxation assistance I would be very pleased to hear from them and discuss my services further - phone 01200 443155.



Horses to follow from Paddock Reports

GOOD SORTS

Reg Ramsay

Dear Stef,
My interest in racing is well known in my local pub. where I am known as Racing Reg, after a tipster from the local radio station. On my visit there after last years Derby I was asked if I had backed the winner - to which I was able to say yes, it was Lammtarra for me.

How did I pick that one out was the next question - Well!, I replied, he was a good sort wasn't he? I don't think any of them take the *Raceform Update* paper so they were non the wiser.

Now for any of our members who do take Raceform they will probably know that in the results section the R.U. Paddock Watchers give a physical description of each horse on its debut. Those described as ***Good Sorts*** are often worth following.

Nick Mordin has given this method a good word in one of his articles where he pointed out that those qualifying from August onwards were much better prospects. The reason given was that two-year-old good sorts from early season are not such outstanding physical specimens as those making their debuts from August onwards.

Set out below are the results of the 1994 qualifiers for their runs as three-year-olds last year, split as pre-August and after. Unfortunately I have mislaid the results of their runs as two-year-olds, it does not matter as their three-year-old career is far more relevant.

The tax paid on profit of 21 points is not too bad and this is of course without any pruning of the qualifiers. One can soon see after two or three runs that some can safely be discarded. Backed on their first run only, shows a healthy profit of 55 points, presumably on their three-year-old debuts they are relatively unknown and after winning or running well the Starting Prices diminish.

If anyone is interested I have listed the qualifiers for the coming season, those qualifying after August 1st are indicated. Their results as two-year-olds did not reveal much. Pre August - 6 points; After August - 1 point.

1994 Qualifiers runs in 1995 as 3-y-o.

	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>profit/loss</i>
Pre August	84	20	24	-1
Post August	108	25	23	+22
Total	192	45	23	+21

First run as 3-y-o

	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>profit/loss</i>
Pre August	15	4	27	+5
Post August	25	8	32	+50
Total	40	12	30	+55

(Tax paid on)

Current Season Qualifiers

Pre August

Alhaarth
Allied Forces
Beleive Me
Hidden Oasis
Ironheart
Latin Reign
Luck Lionel
Matiya
Mushadd
Modern Day
Night Parade
Phantom Creek
Raheen
Sandy Floss
Skillington
Splinter
Tria Kemata
Wee Hope

Post August

Bright Heritage
Busy Flight
Carburton
Double Leaf
Flocheck
Germano
Hanbitooch
Hals Pal
Harbour Dues
Hayaain
Jackson Hill
Kamari
Magic Mail
Mutadarra
Northern Fleet
Rinus Magic
Spartan Heartbeat
Suitor
Washington Reef
Wood Magic

Sorry this is a little late for the flat but unfortunately I discovered one or two errors in my findings and had to re-compile my figures.



***A couple of simple to follow ideas checked out by
Racing System Builder***

RSB SYSTEMS

Mark Goodman

Hi Stef,
After reading “Quick, Easy & Profitable” by Rex Towers in the December edition of *SMART*, I decided to analyse the statistics, using the computer program Racing System Builder. My aim was to improve his system by reducing the number of losing bets.

Rather than argue the merits of having less computer articles in future publications, surely *Smarties* who enjoy computers could work together with those who enjoy pen and ink systems. The joint aim should be to increase profits.

I hope my efforts start the ball rolling!

The System is as follows :-

Any Ramsden trained horse ridden by Kieran Fallon.
The horse must have been a Beaten Favourite last time out.

Additional rules :-

Weight allotted 8.11b to 9.71b
Position, last run 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th
Race Types
 4+ & all aged handicaps
 Specific age handicaps
 Claiming races
 Sellers
 2yo conditions races

Results :-

1994

4 Wins from 9 races Strike Rate 44.44%, LSP 16.50 LSP% 183.33 (pre tax)

1995

10 wins from 20 races Strike Rate 50%, LSP 25.46 LSP% 127.30 (pre tax)

22/04/94	Monotone	1st	2/1
12/05/94	Close to Reality	2nd	13/2
20/07/94	Pepitist	4th	6/1
22/07/94	Close to Reality	8th	8/1
17/08/94	Vocalize	1st	5/1
17/08/94	Chilly Billy	1st	12/1
10/09/94	Jungle Patrol	4th	10/1
19/09/94	Fame Again	1st	5/2
23/09/94	Floodline Lady	6th	10/1
10/04/95	Slapy Dan	1st	6/5
10/05/95	Top Cees	1st	8/1
12/05/95	The Kings Ransome	1st	6/4
01/06/95	Harry Browne	6th	13/8
06/06/95	Advance East	2nd	7/2
14/06/95	Shinerolla	4th	2/1
17/06/95	Halmanerror	10th	3/1
19/06/95	The Kings Ransom	1st	15/2
26/06/95	Kildrummy Castle	7th	9/4
15/07/95	Barato	4th	5/1
19/07/95	Fame Again	1st	13/8
26/07/95	Carlito Brigante	1st	11/2
28/07/95	The Kings Ransome	1st	5/2
03/08/95	Alltime Dancer	1st	2/1
17/08/95	It's Academic	1st	13/8
26/08/95	Shinerolla	12th	8/1
28/08/95	Annaberg	2nd	5/1
01/09/95	Harry Browne	3rd	4/1
11/09/95	It's Academic	1st	4/1
13/10/95	Creative Account	7th	11/4

If we're really ***"One for all and all for one"*** I thought I would share with other members my latest research using RSB. The system is based on last time out winners who carry a penalty.

Race type	4yrs + & all age handicaps
Total Runners	2 to 19
Months	June to October
Penalty	less than 4lbs to 5lbs
Pro Jockey	

Weight descending rank	1st, 2nd, or 3rd top weight
Days since last ran	4 to 15 days
Total previous distance wins	2 or 3
Maximum number of last time out winners in the race	no more than 4
Race going	Good/Soft to Hard
Race class	B,C,D or E

1993

7 wins from 11, Strike rate = 63.64% LSP = 16.68, LSP% 151.64%

1994

4 Wins from 10, Strike rate = 40.00% LSP = 10.01, LSP% 100.10%

1995

7 Wins from 10, Strike rate = 70.00% LSP = 24.88, LSP% 248.80%

1995 Qualifiers :-

05/06/95	Bayrak	2nd	3/1
08/06/95	Allesca	1st	3/1
15/06/95	Celestial Key	1st	9/2
10/07/95	Silently	1st	15/8
21/07/95	Highflying	1st	11/2
21/07/95	Ziggy's Dancer	6th	5/1
31/0/95	Lord Hastie	1st	3/1
01/08/95	Prince Danzig	2nd	5/1
16/08/95	Mulitover	1st	11/2
20/09/95	Confronter	1st	9/2

The 1992, 1991 & 1990 seasons also made a profit. The above may also please the 'Pen & Inkers'



JUST HOW GOOD IS THAT COMPUTER PRODUCT OR COMMERCIAL TIPPING SERVICE?

Ask them to proof their selections to *SMART* as an act of good will. We offer "information secure" proofing as a service to our members. (See page 61)

If a product is as good as is claimed, no one has anything to fear!

***A users reaction to the Football Yearbook review
printed in last months issue.***

ROLLS ROYCE OF INFORMATION

J Freeman

Dear Stef,
I must comment about the testing of Bill Hunter's *Football Yearbook* by
Iain Simpson in last months magazine.

Having used Bill's *Football Forecast* before the Yearbook came out, with much
success I may add, then the new Yearbook program is an absolute Rolls Royce of
information.

I would not expect to win money by backing every selection as indicated by the
reviewer. The way to operate is to forecast the matches and then let the program
put out the strongest draws, homes and aways - from these you then make your
own selections. Having said that I don't make thousands, but if Bill's program was
100% correct you wouldn't then be able to buy it! There are no claims made that it
will make you rich, but there is plenty of information to use.

Well Stef, I just had to let you know how I felt about the review and the Yearbook.
Would it not have been better to ask if anyone was using the product instead of
giving the task to someone who could not possibly do the subject justice over a
period of one month.



Football Intelligence Network

Our network of fixed odds soccer punters is still operating behind the scenes.

They keep in regular contact with each other through the group co-ordinator. Individual members are able to share the *local* information and knowledge which in turn is re-distributed to the group as a whole to assist all participants in beating the coupon odds.

**Membership is free, in fact all you need is a telephone.
For a no obligation chat give FIN co-ordinator
Andy Davis a call on 01203 688012**

Quietly sitting in the background while all the other Computer Form companies are shouting their wares through full page ads and glossy mail drops, here's one product that's been around longer than any of 'em.

THE 'INFORM' COMPUTER FORM BOOK

Stefan Perry

<i>Product Review:</i>	<i>Inform</i>
<i>Software Price:</i>	<i>FREE</i>
<i>Subscriptions:</i>	<i>Trial 2 week downloads - FREE</i>
<i>ongoing:</i>	<i>£25 per month</i>
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Internet http://www.demon.co.uk/horseracing

Ever found yourself drooling over the glossy brochures produced by the heavyweights of Raceform, Timeform and OEM for their computer form books? All those informative and pretty screens, vast databases and analytical capabilities - and of course each one claiming to be superior to its rivals.

But there is a premium to pay should you choose to give yourself access to all the bells & whistles promised, just *one season* of regularly updated computer form will cost the user in the region of £400 to £800, depending upon the level of service chosen.

So when I discovered an outfit who, although having a much lower profile in this area than the big boys, had been operating with computerised form for longer than they had. Who were able to supply up to the minute, fully comprehensive computer horseracing form (they have a direct electronic link to Wetherbys) at a fraction of the cost, this deserved further investigation.

All the "jump through hoops" Windows® programming involved in the big packages, updating disks through sent through the post, glossy brochures and full page advertising of the big boys has to be paid for and this is reflected in the cost to the customer.

- The CSS Inform package operates in DOS, not Windows. (the screens may not be as decorative but there are two major advantages.
 1. Data can be manipulated far faster in a DOS environment so searches etc. are much quicker.
 2. The system can be run on older type machines, even the original Amstrad 1512)
- All information is downloaded via your modem from their bulletin board as and when you want it, overnight declarations with all jockeys, associated form and betting forecasts may be downloaded from around 2.00pm the day before racing.
- CSS do not really advertise this product (other than an area on Internet), but you will not be able to see a full colour *Inform* brochure.

The bottom line here is that you, the subscriber, is not asked to foot the bill for all the additional incidental costs associated with the main stream products.

You want computerised, updated form at the right price - look no further!

So, exactly who are CSS Ltd.?

They receive entries and declarations from the five day entry point up to raceday direct from Wetherbys, from which they prepare racecards, form and related information for newspaper and on-course racecards. They supply, for example, racing pages with ratings, comments and track-facts for *The Sun, Daily Star, Daily Express* and *Evening Standard* and almost half of all Regional newspapers with information tailored to their individual needs on a daily basis.

They are also the suppliers of the Teletext pages for *The Racing Channel* of which I've heard very favourable reports. (If you have a satellite you can view the Racing Channel Text pages, so long as your receiver is up to it - check it out on channel number 60)

As a 'spin-off' from this service much of the information was put onto a computer Bulletin Board (BBS) and was made available to the public in October 1991.

Since that time greyhounds and football have been included onto the system allowing subscribers access to this additional up to date information without additional cost.

Getting your hands on the Software

The ***Inform*** program is given free and may be downloaded at any time from the CSS Internet site. Alternatively a disk will be sent by post upon telephone, fax or postal request. (mark letters or faxes "For the Attention of Terry Foster") Requests by telephone should be between 1.00pm and 5.00pm.

It comes as a compressed .ZIP file which unpacks into an install package. Run **INSTALL** and the software creates and loads itself into a directory called NEDDY (a dead give-away of the data's history) you will be prompted for the demo Username (enter) and Password (enter).

A special account has been set up for SMART members;

For Username enter: SMARTSIG
For Password enter: SMART

Type INFORM in the NEDDY directory and you're on your way (first time through you will be asked to choose your printer type from a long list of alternatives (if in doubt choose Epson FX, it suits most cases) - You must choose a printer, even if you do not have one connected.

Included with the program are examples of;

- Racecard, Exeter October 31
- Racecard, Redcar October 31
- Greyhounds, Crayford (early) September 21
- Football, Matches 30 October to 1 November & Pools for 4 November

If you don't have a modem - Please Note:

Although a modem is needed to download forthcoming events and the associated form. The package as it stands with the included demonstration files will run quite happily without the need for a modem.

(This packages though, is the best reason I've seen for buying one!)

March 22	2.25 NEWBURY	F/cast = Good to Soft				
Faringdon Hcap Chase	2m 1f	£4349	Class = 135			
1 /431354-5	Young Snugfit	12 12-00	D1CD1	O Sherwood	J Osborne	3-1
2 11113-134	Wee River	7 11-06	D3	G M Moore	J Callaghan	5-2
3 -1F410U45	James The First	8 10-08	D2	P Nicholls	P Hide	3-1
4 137533153	Southampton	6 10-02	D1	G Balding	A P McCoy	2-1
 <RETURN> for Ratings/Summaries						
P-Adjust f/cast price		T-Trainer Recent Form		J-Jockey Recent Form		
F1-Help	F2-Scratch	F3-QRate	F4-Form	F5-Wins	F6-F'lines	F7-Entries Esc-Exit

By pressing <RETURN> Inform shows its assessment of the race by ratings, in this case we get;

	Inform Ratings	Final	F/C Price
2 11113-134 Wee River	11-06 (G M Moore)	133	5-2
4 137533153 Southampton	10-02 (G Balding)	119	2-1
3 -1F410U45 James The First	10-08 (P Nicholls)	118	3-1
1 /431354-5 Young Snugfit	12-00 (O Sherwood)	114?	3-1
F1-Help	F2-Change Going	F4-Photo	Esc-Exit

I can step back one screen by hitting the Escape key, and highlight the top rated Wee River.

Trainer form last 14 days for G Moore			
Latest Form Rating		68/100	Loss £7.60
Date	Course		
19 Mar96	AYR	2nd	2-1
	AYR	8th	4-1
18Mar96	SOUTHWELL	2nd	14-1
16Mar96	Abroad	WON	5-2
	NEWCASTLE	5th	9-1
	NEWCASTLE	6th	6-1
	NEWCASTLE	4th	6-1
	NEWCASTLE	Unpl	25-1
9Mar96	AYR	7th	7-1
	AYR	3rd	11-1
	AYR	4th	25-1

Now, by pressing the T key I can look at the trainers recent form displayed like this;

Recent jockey form may be displayed in a similar fashion simply by pressing the 'J' key. Almost all the information available may be viewed on screen or sent to a printer.

Example from a section of Inform's formatted printer output:

March 22 NEWBURY meeting 6 races

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2.25 Faringdon Handicap Chase £4349 2m 1f Going: Good to Soft Race Class 135

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1) 5/431354-5 YOUNG SNUGFIT 12-00

12yo ch g by Music Boy - Sinzinbra by Royal Palace

Trainer : O Sherwood, Owner : Elite Racing Club, Jockey: J Osborne

Running off a handicap mark of 135 today.

--- Previous Wins ---

19Nov94 Aintree 17f Gd-S 12-10 (139) W/5 1l to What's In Orbit 10-03 145 142 (JA McCarthy(3))
Tracked leading pair, led close home

27Nov93 Newbury 17f Good 11-02 (152) W/5 1l to Wonder Man 11-05 165 151 (J Osborne)
Made all, stayed on well

22Feb92 Kempton 16f Gd-F 11-00 W/2 1l to Master Rajh 11-00 160 150 (J Osborne)

1Dec90 Sandown 16f Good 11-07 (158) W/5 2l to Sabin Du Loir 11-08 160 162 (J Osborne)
Prominent, kept on, led

27Dec89 Kempton 16f Good 12-07 W/6 20l to For The Grain 11-00 -- 131 (J Osborne)

17Nov89 Ascot 16f Gd-F 12-08 W/5 7l to Going Gets Tough 11-04 -- 120 (J Osborne)

21Oct89 Kempton 16f Good 11-03 W/5 10l to Brave Defender 11-03 -- 114 (J Osborne)

16Apr88 Ayr 16f Soft 12-07 W/8 10l to Jinxy Jack 11-04 -- 125 (R J Beggan) Hurdle

--- Recent form ---

----- First run for 102 days -----

16Dec95 Ascot 16f Good 11-05 (145) 5/8 dst by Front Street 10-01 33-1 155 -- (J A McCarthy)
Never the pace to challenge

----- 330 days spell -----

2May95 Ascot 16f Gd-F 12-00 (144) 4/5 24l by Big Matt 10-04 7-1 150 125 (J A McCarthy)
Led, headed halfway, faded

----- 371 days spell -----

22Mar95 Exeter 18f Gd-S 12-00 (142) 5/7 dst by Lackendara 10-04 7-1 140 33 (J A McCarthy)
Held up, never dangerous

----- 467 days spell -----

16Dec94 Uttoxeter 16f Soft 12-00 (140) 3/4 13l by Spree Cross 11-04 9-4 140 131 (J Osborne)
Always pmnt, not quicken

----- 494 days spell -----

19Nov94 Aintree 17f Gd-S 12-10 (139) W/5 1l to What's In Orbit 10-03 5-2f 145 142 (JA McCarthy(3))
Tracked leading pair, led close home

----- 516 days spell -----

28Oct94 Wetherby 16f Good 12-09 (140) 3/6 4l by Beaucadeau 10-00 5-1 145 137 (J Osborne)
Never far away, stayed on well

----- 529 days spell -----

15Oct94 Kempton 16f Good 12-00 (140) 4/5 4l by Oh So Grumpy 11-13 10-3 135 136 (J Osborne)
Led early, soon headed, wknd

----- 676 days spell -----

21May94 Warwick 16f Good 11-12 5/7 dst by Caribbean Prince 11-04 evensf 90 17 Hurdle
Led to halfway, wknd once headed

---Other Race Entries ---

Was entered for the £7155 Handicap Chase 0-145 at Exeter over 2m 2f on March 20 (7 days ago) run on good. Race Class 140. Did not run.

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2) 211113-134 WEE RIVER(IRE)11-06

7yo b g by Over The River (FR) - Mahe Reef by Be Friendly

Trainer : G M Moore, Owner : Mr Sean Graham, Jockey: J Callaghan

Running off a handicap mark of 127 today.

--- Previous Wins ---

21Oct95 Worcester 16f Good 12-00 (122) W/6 4l to Full O'Praise 11-05 125 125 (J Callaghan)

Prominent going well, led 3 out, readily

13Apr95 Sedgefield 17f Firm 12-00 W/9 3l to The Toaster 11-02 105 106 (J Callaghan)

Chased leaders, led 3 out, stayed on

It would be both impossible and unfair of me in the space available here to do full justice to the **Inform** package, so varied are the options available, but as a taster I hope the above has shown enough to whet your appetites.

Indeed, the only way for an individual to get a feel for what can be achieved by using **Inform** is to give the package a test drive in order to check out for yourself all the varied options available. A few examples of these are;

- Add your own ratings for horses, trainers, jockeys
- Adjust the weightings used for form, jockey, trainer, going when calculating the in-built ratings
- Draw advantages on a 1 to 10 scale (*a la Racing Post*)
- Collateral form lines
- List the horses last 8 wins and/or last 10 runs showing course, distance, going, weight carried, jockey, SP, win/lose lengths, etc. etc.

Meeting demands:

There may well be items that are not included in Inform's horseracing figures that you think are important, no sweat! CSS assure me that they have available almost any of the information for race assessment that may be asked for.

All Matches for 30th Oct. to 1st Nov.					
Carling Premier Division			October 30		
-- LWLLWXld	XLWXWlXd	Bolton X Arsenal		WWLWdWdL	WWWLWdW
Division Two			October 31		
-- WWWLWdLX	LWLWdWdX	Blackpool X Bristol R		LWWWLWXX	LLWWLWdL
-- WLLXWLXW	XWLWLXlW	Bournemouth H Swindon		WXWLLWdW	WWWXWdLW
-- WDLLXdDd	WLWWWLXd	Bradford X Walsall		WWLLLXLL	WLWLXWdL
-- LWdLLLLW	LWLdLLW	Brighton A Swansea		LXlXdLlL	LXdLWLXX
-- dLLLLWdL	WdLdWdL	Bristol C X Chesterfld		WdWXLdLl	WWWdLWXX
-- LDLLWWWLW	WWWdDWWW	Crewe X Hull		dLWLLdL	dXWdLlLW
-- WLXXXdLW	LXWdXXdW	Peterboro D Burnley		dXWLLXLL	dWXWdLWd
-- LXDXWWLW	WLLLLXWd	Shrewsbury X Oxford		XLlXdDdL	XLLWdLWd
-- XWWLXXLL	WXXXWdL	Stockport X Rotherham		LLWdLlLX	LWLWdLWd
-- XdWLWWW	XdLXWWW	Wrexham A Carlisle		LXLLLXdL	LdXlLdLWd
-- XdLXXWdD	LXWdXXWd	Wycombe X York		LLLLWdWdL	LLLLLWdL
Division Two			November 1		
-- DDdLWdLW	WLWdLWdL	Notts Co A Brentford		LXWLLdL	LWXXLLLW
Division Three			October 30		
-- WLXlWdLd	XdWdLXdD	Doncaster A Camb Utd		LLWdLLW	LLLWdLWd
Division Three			October 31		
-- DWLLXWdL	LdWLXWdL	Cardiff D Scunthorpe		WLXXdLdL	WWWdLWXX
					↓ for more
Home Team Stats.		Away Team Stats.		D-Division Table	
F1-Help	F2-All	F3-Homes	F4-Aways	F5-All	F6-Previous
Esc-Exit					

The details on this screen show (from the left), pools number (when applicable), last eight matches of home team, last eight home matches of home team, team names and forecast result, last eight away matches of away team, last eight matches of away team.

Function keys allow you to view the previous games in more detail, e.g. date, opponents, league or cup game and half time score. (although my copy showed all half times as 0-0).

The current league table can be displayed at anytime by pressing "D".

The previous meetings between the two teams involved can be displayed by pressing F6.

The Up & Down cursor keys enable the viewer to scroll through the entire fixture list.

Please Note:

Demand for the soccer and greyhound information has declined to nil over recent months and as such is not currently available. However, on my recent visit to their offices in Hull I was assured that these can be re-introduced subject to a fresh demand.

Setting up your connection:

My own experiences in this area may be of assistance to others in trying to connect to the Inform BBS. At the main menu within the Inform package choose *Utilities Menu*, then select *Dial for new meetings*. The program returns you to the DOS> prompt with an on-screen message instructing the user to type **DIAL**. This in turn runs a batch file which attempts to connect you at a speed of 2400 baud (to connect at 9600 you need to type **DIAL2**). If the set-up connects okay and downloads the files you want then fine.

If you don't connect (my set-up didn't work first time) or want to set a faster transfer speed then read on. Inform makes use of a third party comms package called *Telex* which comes pre-configured, you can alter these settings to suit your own needs by running the Telex program on its own. From the **C:\NEDDY** sub directory type **TELIX**.

The opening screen displays the software copyright details, this will clear after 20 seconds or so, or by pressing any key. When it clears the software attempts to ready the modem for action and the last line on screen should read **OK**. If you do not get the OK message the chances are (assuming your modem is plugged in and ready) that the COM port needs re-assigning. Most modern PCs have the mouse attached to COM port 1 and consequently the modem needs connecting to COM2.

Press the **Alt O** key combination to bring up the *Configure Telex* menu, now choose *Terminal options*. Press **B**, then select **COM2**. Now press **Esc** to get back to the configure menu and select (*W*)**rite setup to disk**, Then Exit.

Now close Telex down by pressing **Alt X**, Now re-start the program, this time you should see the OK message after the copyright screen. Using the same configure menu you can set the baud rate to 9600 if you prefer for a faster data transfer when downloading (not forgetting to (*W*)**rite setup to disk** again)

Transfer speeds:

The biggest problem I faced was with my multi-speed modem. Even though you may configure Telex to say, 9600 baud, multi-speed modems will still attempt to connect at the fastest possible rate - this is likely to screw-up your connection to the Inform BBS. If this happens, look in the *Configure Telex* menu and choose *Modem and dialing*. Here you will be able to add a command in the Init string to prevent your modem operating too fast.

But, what command should you use? Study your modem manual closely, somewhere hidden in its pages it *should* tell you how to fix the speed setting, effectively turning off the multi-speed capabilities of your modem for this connection.

You're on your own here I'm afraid, I have two PCs and two different modems, the command needed for each was completely different and it is likely that they are indeed specific to individual modems.

If you do get stuck with all this, Terry Foster at CSS technical help has a list of commands specific to manufacturers and models of modem. He will also try to be of help with any other problems you may encounter.

(Inform technical helpline number is 01482 218138 - midday until 5.30)

Conclusions

The Inform product from CSS, in this reviewer's opinion at least, is one hell of a value product. Just look at the facts, £200 for a *full* 1 year subscription with download access to *all* UK racing (and the better Irish meetings) compared with around *3 times* that amount for a single season from many other sources. That looks good value on its own - but add to that the inclusion of soccer and greyhounds and this is a cracker!

The Inform user base is much smaller than that of its rivals, this allows CSS to respond to the wishes of the subscribers. They are looking to implement a service which gives the user exactly what he/she requires, not, as is so often the case, a *"This is the product, take it or leave it attitude"*

In my dealings with this firm over recent weeks I can only describe their customer service attitude as exemplary and a great comfort when technical queries are dealt with speed and efficiency. It is difficult, if not impossible to supply a product that meets everyone's needs exactly, but CSS are providing the next best thing. A very sound product as a starting point, with a sympathetic listening ear to respond to the needs of the user.

A good back-up team is for many the real test of a product's lasting qualities, this is one of the many reasons I have for awarding CSS ten out of ten, and my wishes for every success for the future of *Inform*.



Computer Challenge or Programmer Challenge?

WHAT DOES THE COMPUTER CHALLENGE REALLY TELL US?

Richard Hudson

The *SMART* Computer Challenge has been running for quite a few months now, and I am sure that many members find it most fascinating to see which programs are steaming ahead of the field. However, do the printouts of the selections really give the potential purchaser an insight into how good the programs really are? I don't think they do.

If we really want to find out how good they are, then we should be given all the selections. At the moment the only selections given are those that obviously meet separate criteria - maybe the chosen selection coincides with more conventional form analysis in some way. Or am I led to believe that only one or two races are analysed a day, or in some cases one or two races a week. I don't know, but if they were just the computer selections without any third party interference I think a clearer picture would emerge.

A picture that Combayes has been subjected to perhaps. I realise Combayes is not part of the competition proper but is it not being penalised for this, by being shown in it's true light rather than a manipulated one? It is common knowledge that it takes a lot of time to run the majority of programs and the excuse can be made that it would be too time consuming for the proprietors to proof all the selections of each program. However, unless there are certain stipulations given by a program, like only entering the details of races worth over £10,000 for example, the punter will be expected to do it won't he?

Don't forget that the winner and placed programs will no doubt spread it across their advertising. Conversely, a program may be well into the red, not because it can't pick winners but simply because the proprietor is not very adept at narrowing down his selections, or picking the right races. Therefore, what the unsuspecting punter won't realise is that all profits are from selective selections and he ends up none the wiser about the true potential/limitation of a program.

What the Computer Challenge really tells us is which proprietor uses his top rated selections to the best advantage.



The 1995/96 SMARTsig And RACING WINNER Computer Challenge Results



Month 6 - Feb 23 1996 to Mar 28 1996

1st prize	Speedmaster	+50%
2nd prize	Horse Sense V5.	+43%
3rd prize	Solidus SF2	+24%

The full up to date tables are as follows (last months figures in brackets);

This Month	return on investment	Overall table	ROI
1 (4)	Speedmaster +50%	1 (1)	Speedmaster +71%
2 (-)	Horse Sense V5 +43%	2 (3)	RaceSage -2%
3 (7)	Solidus SF2 +24%	3=(8)	Solidus SF2 -3%
4 (2)	Pro Punter +3%	3=(2)	The Sword -3%
5 (3)	RaceSage -3%	5 (4)	Horse Sense -5%
6 (5)	PriceRite -6%	6 (6)	Pricerite -13%
7 (6)	ChaserAce -27%	7 (9)	Pro Punter -15%
8 (1)	The Sword -38%	8 (5)	ChaserAce -16%
9 (8)	Shield -58%	9 (10)	Genesis -30%
		10 (9)	Shield -58%

With 10 in the competition, the results have been printed in full over the following pages, but the type size has been reduced in order to conserve space. They are listed in overall competition order;

Bet no.	meeting date	selection	BET DETAILS				THIS MONTH			ALL COMPETITION		
			stk	+tax	bet	plcd- mrrns	SP	return	accu stake	balance	%prof	accu stake

Speedmaster, 0181 6898875. Retail £159

166	24-Feb	Kemp155	Speedwell Prince	1	7.7	Patent	4-8	7/1	0	7.7	-7.7	-100%	181.71	127.3	70%
		Hayd200	My Rossini				5-13	7/1	0	7.7	-7.7	-100%	181.71	127.3	70%
		Donc420	Star Rage				3-14	5/1	0	7.7	-7.7	-100%	181.71	127.3	70%
167	27-Feb	Leic310	Act the Wag	2	2.2	w	3-15	9/1	0	9.9	-9.9	-100%	183.91	125.1	68%
168		Leic340	Countess Veruschka	2	2.2	w	5-11	5/1	0	12.1	-12.1	-100%	186.11	122.9	66%
169	02-Mar	Newb230	Arithmetic	1	1.09	w	1-19	2/1	3	13.19	-10.19	-77%	187.2	124.81	67%
170		Warw250	Full of Oats	1	1.09	w	1-12	3/4	2.5	14.28	-8.78	-61%	188.29	126.22	67%
171				1	1.09	double			7.5	15.37	-2.37	-15%	189.38	132.63	70%
172	06-Mar	Bang255	Banntown Bill	3	3.27	w	1-14	5/1	18	18.64	12.36	66%	192.65	147.36	76%
173	08-Mar	Mras315	Monokratic	5	5.45	w	5-11	13/2	0	24.09	6.91	29%	198.1	141.91	72%
174			East Houston	0.5	0.545	DFcast	3-11	5/1	0	24.64	6.37	26%	198.65	141.37	71%
175	09-Mar	Chep100	Selatan	1	1.09	w	2-8	3/4	0	25.73	5.28	21%	199.74	140.28	70%
176		Sout140	Awesome Power	1	1.09	w	2-9	4/1	0	26.82	4.19	16%	200.83	139.19	69%
177				1	1.09	w dble			0	27.91	3.1	11%	201.92	138.1	68%
178	12-Mar	Wind240	Frogmarch	1	1.09	w	1-17	5/2	3.5	29	5.51	19%	203.01	140.51	69%
179		Chel405	Unguided Missile	1	1.09	w	2-10	11/4	0	30.09	4.42	15%	204.1	139.42	68%
180				1	1.09	double			0	31.18	3.33	11%	205.19	138.33	67%
182		Wind210	Deymiar	1	2	RevFC	2-11	5/4	0	33.18	1.33	4%	207.19	136.33	66%
			Harding				3-11	3/4		33.18	1.33	4%	207.19	136.33	66%
	13-Mar	Cheltenm	5.7				2 L			33.18	1.33	4%	207.19	136.33	66%
				7			2			33.18	1.33	4%	207.19	136.33	66%
230			6.13	0.1	5.23	Placpot	1 L		56.68	38.41	52.77	137%	212.42	187.77	88%
			4. fav			perm	2 2			38.41	52.77	137%	212.42	187.77	88%
			3.6,21			(48bets)	3 L L			38.41	52.77	137%	212.42	187.77	88%
			11.7				1 2			38.41	52.77	137%	212.42	187.77	88%
374	14-Mar	Cheltenm	6.16	0.03	4.71	Placpot	1 1		0	43.12	48.06	111%	217.13	183.06	84%
			19.4.8			perm	2 1 L			43.12	48.06	111%	217.13	183.06	84%
			8.9,2			144bets	2 2 3			43.12	48.06	111%	217.13	183.06	84%
			4.15				2 L			43.12	48.06	111%	217.13	183.06	84%
			9.13				1 L			43.12	48.06	111%	217.13	183.06	84%
			6.4				1 1			43.12	48.06	111%	217.13	183.06	84%
380	16-Mar	Utto310	Killeshin	0.2	1.26	Fcast	F-17	11/4	0	44.32	46.86	106%	218.33	181.86	83%
386			Silver Stick	0.2	1.26	Tcast	P-17	7/1	0	45.52	45.66	100%	219.53	180.66	82%
			Nazzaro				F-17	5/1		45.52	45.66	100%	219.53	180.66	82%
387	22-Mar	Newb255	Garnwin	2	4.36	ew	5-20	14/1	0	49.88	41.3	83%	223.89	176.3	79%
388	23-Mar	Ling330	Our Shadee	3	3.27	w	3-10	7/2	0	53.15	38.03	72%	227.16	173.03	76%
389			Invocation	1	2	FC	F-10	14/1	0	55.15	36.03	65%	229.16	171.03	75%
581	28-Mar	Aintree		0.01	2.09	Placpot	4 3		0	57.24	33.94	59%	231.25	168.94	73%
			6.5			perm	3 1			57.24	33.94	59%	231.25	168.94	73%
			10.6			192 bets	P 2			57.24	33.94	59%	231.25	168.94	73%
			7.4,2,17				F 2 F B			57.24	33.94	59%	231.25	168.94	73%
			11.10,12				7 9 4			57.24	33.94	59%	231.25	168.94	73%
			7.3				1 2			57.24	33.94	59%	231.25	168.94	73%
587		Aint345	ffee	0.1	0.66	Fcast	F-21	10/1	0	57.84	33.34	58%	231.85	168.34	73%
593			Go Universal	0.1	0.66	Tcast	2-21	9/1	0	58.44	32.74	56%	232.45	167.74	72%
			Old Bridge				F-21	3/1		58.44	32.74	56%	232.45	167.74	72%
594		Aint345	ffee	0.5	1.09	ew	F-21	10/1	0	59.53	31.65	53%	233.54	166.65	71%
595		Aint310	Senior El Betrutti	0.5	1.09	ew	P-10	13/2	0	60.62	30.56	50%	234.63	165.56	71%

RaceSage, DGA Software, 0161 3300184 retail £10.00 per month

25	23-Feb	Hayd230	General Wolfe	1	1.1w	1-5	5/6	1.83	1.1	0.73	67%	44	0.14	0%
26		Kemp420	Call Equiname	1	1.1w	1-12	4/7	1.57	2.2	1.2	55%	45	0.61	1%
27	24-Feb	Kemp135	Alderbrook	1	1.1w	1-7	10/11	1.91	3.3	2.01	61%	46.2	1.42	3%
28		Kemp225	Viking Flagship	1	1.1w	1-5	1/2	1.5	4.4	2.41	55%	47.3	1.82	4%
29		Hayd340	Spanish Light	1	1.1w	1-4	11/10	2.1	5.5	3.41	62%	48.4	2.82	6%
30		Donc345	Lochnagrain	1	1.1w	F-7	7/4	0	6.6	2.31	35%	49.5	1.72	3%
31	01-Mar	Newb200	Monicasman	2	2.18w	1-18	13/8	5.25	8.78	5.38	61%	51.68	4.79	9%
32		Kels320	Royal Jester	1	1.09w	2-8	4/9	0	9.87	4.29	44%	52.77	3.7	7%
33	03-Mar	Donc300	Cab on Target	2	2.18w	2-5	4/7	0	12.05	2.11	18%	54.95	1.52	3%
34	04-Mar	Uito240	Henry Cone	4	4.36w	2-8	3/11	0	16.41	-2.25	-14%	59.31	-2.84	-5%
35		Wind355	Daymiar	6	6.54w	1-10	1/2	9	22.95	0.21	1%	65.85	-0.38	-1%
36		Donc440	General Comman	1	1.09w	2-5	4/5	0	24.04	-0.88	-4%	66.94	-1.47	-2%
37	07-Mar	Carl200	Carley Lad	2	2.18w	2-18	3/11	0	26.22	-3.06	-12%	69.12	-3.65	-5%
38		Towc450	Teaplantier	4	4.36w	1-6	4/9	5.78	30.58	-1.64	-5%	73.48	-2.23	-3%
39	08-Mar	Ayr220	Solba	1	1.09w	1-6	4/5	1.8	31.67	-0.93	-3%	74.57	-1.52	-2%
40	09-Mar	Ayr430	Golden Fiddle	1	1.09w	3-4	4/6	0	32.76	-2.02	-6%	75.66	-2.61	-3%
41	16-Mar	Ing405	Bright November	2	2.18w	2-5	7/4	0	34.94	-4.2	-12%	77.84	-4.79	-6%
42	18-Mar	Newc220	Mill Thyme	4	4.36w	2-12	3/5	0	39.3	-8.56	-22%	82.2	-9.15	-11%
43	20-Mar	Ludl300	Wild Illusion	6	6.54w	1-7	3/6	11	45.84	-4.1	-9%	88.74	-4.69	-5%
44	21-Mar	Winc245	Trying Again	1	1.09w	1-9	3/11	1.73	46.93	-3.46	-7%	89.83	-4.05	-5%
45	23-Mar	Bang345	Parsons Boy	1	1.09w	1-5	4/11	1.36	48.02	-3.19	-7%	90.92	-3.78	-4%
46	26-Mar	Sand315	Jimmys Cross	1	1.09w	1-12	Evs	2	49.11	-2.28	-5%	92.01	-2.87	-3%
47		Sand315	Norman Conquere	1	1.09w	1-8	4/6	1.67	50.2	-1.7	-3%	93.1	-2.29	-2%
48	28-Mar	Taun215	Chai-Yo	1	1.09w	1-9	2/5	1.4	51.29	-1.39	-3%	94.19	-1.98	-2%

Solidus SF2, PO Box 59, Ipswich, IP4 2BL Retail £439 & £74

87	23-Feb	Hayd500	Shining Edge	2	4.4sw	3-20	10/1	7	4.4	2.6	59%	194.15	-37.96	-20%
88	24-Feb	Hayd100	Daily Boy	2	4.4sw	2-9	7/1	5.5	8.8	3.7	42%	198.55	-36.86	-19%
89		Muss145	Circle Boy	1	2.2sw	F-5	3/2	0	11	1.5	14%	200.75	-39.06	-19%
90		Hayd230	Lo Stegone	2	4.4sw	1-11	7/2	12.75	15.4	9.85	64%	205.15	-30.71	-15%
91		Hayd305	MacGeorge	1	2.2sw	1-19	7/2	6.38	17.6	14.03	80%	207.35	-26.54	-13%
92		Kemp335	Dur Kris	1	2.2sw	3-9	3/1	2.5	19.8	14.33	72%	209.55	-26.24	-13%
93	27-Feb	Leic410	Bendor Mark	1	2.2sw	3-16	3/1	2.6	22	14.73	67%	211.75	-25.84	-12%
		Leic410	Bendor Mark			3-16	3/1		22	14.73	67%	211.75	-25.84	-12%
94		Leic440	Lurry Up	0.5	1.1w dble	5-9	10/1	0	23.1	13.63	59%	212.85	-26.94	-13%
	28-Feb	Taun400	Lord McMurrough			1-14	7/2		23.1	13.63	59%	212.85	-26.94	-13%
95		Nott345	Just Bruce	1	2.2sw dble	5-16	16/1	0	25.3	11.43	45%	215.05	-29.14	-14%
		Taun300	Superior Risk			1-13	3/15		25.3	11.43	45%	215.05	-29.14	-14%
100		Weth450	Sudden Spin	1	5.94 trebles	3-12	11/2	0	30.8	5.93	19%	220.55	-34.64	-16%
		Taun500	Robins Pride		1 accum	3-16	4/1		30.8	5.93	19%	220.55	-34.64	-16%
		Nott515	Swynford Pride			3-13	2/1		30.8	5.93	19%	220.55	-34.64	-16%
101	29-Feb	Ludl300	Visaga	1	2.2sw	5-12	3/1	0	33	3.73	11%	222.75	-36.84	-17%
102		Nottm350	Jendee	1	2.2sw	F-15	11/2	0	35.2	1.53	4%	224.95	-39.04	-17%
103				0.5	1.1win dbl			0	36.3	0.43	1%	226.05	-40.14	-18%
104	01-Mar	Newb200	Monicasman	4	4.36DualF	1-18	13/8	0	40.66	-3.94	-10%	230.41	-44.5	-19%
			Sir Leonard			3-18	3/4		40.66	-3.94	-10%	230.41	-44.5	-19%
105		Kels420	Ceilidh Boy	4	4.36DualF	1-6	11/10	8.4	45.02	0.11	0%	234.77	-40.46	-17%
			Stop the Waller			2-6	7/4		45.02	0.11	0%	234.77	-40.46	-17%
106	02-Mar	Newb200	Spring Saint	1	2.18sw	F-11	11/2	0	47.2	-2.08	-4%	236.95	-42.64	-18%
107		Newb340	Frogmarch	1	2.18sw	1-15	3/1	11.6	49.38	7.35	15%	239.13	-33.22	-14%
108		Warw350	Morstock	1	2.18sw	7-11	11/2	0	51.56	5.17	10%	241.31	-35.4	-15%
109				1	2.18swtreble			0	53.74	2.99	6%	243.49	-37.58	-15%
110		Newb230	Swing Quartet	1	2.18sw	5-19	12/1	0	55.92	0.81	1%	245.67	-39.76	-16%
111		Donc335	Strong Deel	1	2.18sw	3-10	3/1	0	58.1	-1.38	-2%	247.85	-41.94	-17%
112		Donc405	Emerald Storm	1	2.18sw	5-12	3/2	0	60.28	-3.56	-6%	250.03	-44.12	-18%

113		Donc440	Once MoreforLuc	4	4.36w	3-8	5/1	0	64.64	-7.92	-12%	254.39	-48.48	-19%
114	08-Mar	Sand310	Mr Boston	3	3.27w	F-11	15/8	0	67.91	-11.19	-16%	257.66	-51.75	-20%
115		MRas315	Artic Wings	6	6.54w	4-11	5/2	0	74.45	-17.73	-24%	264.2	-58.29	-22%
116		MRas350	Tony's Gift	3	3.27w	1-12	5/4	6.75	77.72	-14.25	-18%	267.47	-54.81	-20%
117				1	1.09w	treble		0	78.81	-15.34	-19%	268.56	-55.9	-21%
118	09-Mar	Ayr325	Beldine	4	4.36w	2-5	5/4	0	83.17	-19.7	-24%	272.92	-60.26	-22%
119		Sand405	Non Vintage	1	2.18ew	4-11	16/1	0	85.35	-21.88	-26%	275.1	-62.44	-23%
120	12-Mar	Chel215	Miroswaki	1	2.18ew	10-27	25/1	0	87.53	-24.06	-27%	277.26	-64.62	-23%
121		Chel250	Ask Tom	1	2.18ew	6-16	10/1	0	89.71	-26.24	-29%	279.46	-66.8	-24%
122			Manhattan Castle	1	1.09DF	J-16	5/1	0	90.8	-27.33	-30%	280.55	-67.89	-24%
123		Chel440	Stop the Waller	1	2.18ew	1-22	16/1	22	92.98	-7.51	-8%	282.73	-48.07	-17%
124		Chel330	Alderbrook	1	1.09DF	2-16	10/11	0	94.07	-8.6	-9%	283.82	-49.16	-17%
125			Mysliv			6-16	7/1		94.07	-8.6	-9%	283.82	-49.16	-17%
126	13-Mar	Chel215	Urubande	5	10.9ew	1-24	3/1	58	104.97	38.51	37%	294.72	-2.06	-1%
127		Chel515	Big Matt	1	2.18ew	6-13	10/3	0	107.15	36.33	34%	296.9	-4.24	-1%
128	14-Mar	Chel215	Debutante Days	1	2.18ew	F-29	5/1	0	109.33	34.15	31%	299.08	-6.42	-2%
129		Chel250	Mysliv	1	2.18ew	2-19	16/1	4.2	111.51	36.17	32%	301.26	-4.4	-1%
130		Chel330	Imperial Call	1	2.18ew	1-10	9/2	7.4	113.69	41.39	36%	303.44	0.82	0%
131		Chel405	Cool Dawn	4	4.36w	2-17	3/2	7.6	118.05	44.63	38%	307.8	4.06	1%
132		Chel440	Front Street	1	2.18ew	7-13	5/1	0	120.23	42.45	35%	309.98	1.88	1%
133		Chel515	Morceli	1	2.18ew	7-11	7/2	0	122.41	40.27	33%	312.16	-0.3	0%
		Chel550	Keep me in Mind	2	ew	NR			122.41	40.27	33%	312.16	-0.3	0%
134				1	1.09J	lacpot		0	123.5	39.18	32%	313.25	-1.39	0%
135	16-Mar	Utto300	The Bud Club	1	2.18ew	6-6	7/1	0	125.68	37	29%	315.43	-3.57	-1%
136		Utto335	Jacob's Wife	2	4.36ew	5-6	2/1	0	130.04	32.64	25%	319.79	-7.93	-2%
137	25-Mar	Font310	General Pongo	1	2.18ew	2-8	13/8	1.33	132.22	31.78	24%	321.97	-8.78	-3%

The Sword, Elswick Enterprises, 01253 698843 Retail £199.00

103	23-Feb	Hayd230	General Wolfe	10	11w	1-5	5/6	18.33	11	7.33	67%	468.97	55.23	12%	
104		Hayd300	Mysliv	10	11w	1-7	4/6	16.67	22	13	59%	479.97	60.9	13%	
105		Kemp350	Lake Mission	10	11w	2-11	4/1	0	33	2	6%	490.97	49.9	10%	
109				0.5	2.26	dbls		1.52	35.2	1.32	4%	493.17	49.22	10%	
					1	treble			35.2	1.32	4%	493.17	49.22	10%	
		Hayd230	General Wolfe				1		35.2	1.32	4%	493.17	49.22	10%	
116		Hayd300	Kilfinny Cross	0.5	3.5	Fcast	5	0	38.7	-2.18	-6%	496.67	45.72	9%	
		Hayd300	Mysliv			Patent	1		38.7	-2.18	-6%	496.67	45.72	9%	
			Dato Star				F		38.7	-2.18	-6%	496.67	45.72	9%	
		Kemp350	Lake Mission				2		38.7	-2.18	-6%	496.67	45.72	9%	
			Repeat the Dose				3		38.7	-2.18	-6%	496.67	45.72	9%	
117	24-Feb	Kemp125	Alderbrook	10	11		1-7	10/11	19.09	49.7	5.91	12%	507.67	53.81	11%
118		Kemp225	Viking Flagship	10	11		1-5	1/2	15	60.7	9.91	16%	518.67	57.81	11%
119		Kemp300	Draborgie	10	11		1-4	3/11	17.27	71.7	16.18	23%	529.67	64.08	12%
123				0.5	2.26	dbls		6.83	73.9	20.81	28%	531.87	68.71	13%	
						1	treble		73.9	20.81	28%	531.87	68.71	13%	
		Kemp125	Alderbrook				1		73.9	20.81	28%	531.87	68.71	13%	
124			Right Win	0.5	0.5	CSF	4	2.01	74.4	22.32	30%	532.37	70.22	13%	
		Kemp225	Viking Flagship				1		74.4	22.32	30%	532.37	70.22	13%	
125			Dancing Paddy	0.5	0.5	CSF	2	0	74.9	21.82	29%	532.87	69.72	13%	
126				0.5	6	C dbl		0	79.9	16.82	21%	537.87	64.72	12%	
127	02-Mar	Donc300	Cab on Target	10	10.9w	2-5	4/7	0	90.8	5.92	7%	548.77	53.82	10%	
128			Zamhareer	2	2.18DF	Fcast	1	6	92.98	9.74	10%	550.95	57.64	10%	
129		Donc335	Go Universal	10	10.9w	3-10	7/2	0	103.88	-1.16	-1%	561.85	46.74	8%	
130			Newlands General	2	2.18DF	Fcast	2	0	106.06	-3.34	-3%	564.03	44.56	8%	
131				2	2.18DF	dbl		0	108.24	-5.52	-5%	566.21	42.38	7%	
132	09-Mar	Chep130	King Lucifer	10	10.9w	F-7	3/2	0	119.14	-16.42	-14%	577.11	31.48	5%	

133		Sand405	Kingsfold Pet	10	21.9w	6-11	4/1	0	140.94	-38.22	-27%	598.91	9.66	2%
134		Sand440	Cuddy Dale	10	10.9w	P-5	2/1	0	151.84	-49.12	-32%	609.81	-1.22	0%
137				0.5	1.64w	dbles		0	153.48	-50.75	-33%	611.45	-2.85	0%
138				0.5	0.545w	treble		0	154.02	-51.3	-33%	611.99	-3.4	-1%
		Chep130	King Lucifer			F			154.02	-51.3	-33%	611.99	-3.4	-1%
141			Major Bell	0.5	1.632	fcasts	1	0	155.66	-52.93	-34%	613.63	-5.03	-1%
		Sand405	Kingsfold Pet			cast dbl	5		155.66	-52.93	-34%	613.63	-5.03	-1%
			Amanco			f	1		155.66	-52.93	-34%	613.63	-5.03	-1%
142	16-Mar	Utto300	General Rusty	10	10.9w	4-6	2/1	0	166.56	-63.83	-38%	624.53	-15.93	-3%

HorseSense V5, Chris Mostyn, PO Box 379, Preston PR1 9BZ - £9.95

23	24-Feb	Hayd100	Solatium	1	1.1w	3-9	9/4	0	1.1	-1.1	-100%	61.6	-6.94	-11%
24		Hayd130	Morcelli	1	1.1w	1-2	1/4	1.25	2.2	-0.95	-43%	62.7	-6.79	-11%
25		Hayd200	Mouse Bird	1	1.1w	4-13	2/1	0	3.3	-2.05	-62%	63.8	-7.89	-12%
26		Hayd230	Lo Stregone	1	1.1w	1-11	7/2	4.5	4.4	1.35	31%	64.9	-4.49	-7%
27		Hayd340	Spanish Light	1	1.1w	1-4	11/10	2.1	5.5	2.35	43%	66	-3.49	-5%

Pricerite, 0116 2874130 Retail £29.95

68	23-Feb	Kemp220	Father Sky	1	1.1w(15/8)	5-13	2/1	0	1.1	-1.1	-100%	96.8	-15.93	-16%
69		Hayd230	Kliffny Cross	1	1.1w(2/1)	5-5	10/3	0	2.2	-2.2	-100%	97.9	-17.03	-17%
		Hayd300	Mysilv	2	w(Evs)	1-7	4/6	0	2.2	-2.2	-100%	97.9	-17.03	-17%
70	24-Feb	Muss115	House of Dreams	1	1.1w(11/10)	5-10	3/1	0	3.3	-3.3	-100%	99	-18.13	-18%
71		Muss145	Aly Daley	1	1.1w(6/5)	1-5	11/8	2.38	4.4	-2.03	-46%	100.1	-16.86	-17%
		Kemp300	Draborgie	2	w(Evs)	1-4	3/11		4.4	-2.03	-46%	100.1	-16.86	-17%
72	26-Feb	Plum400	Let's Rumble	1	1.1w(6/4)	2-14	3/1	0	5.5	-3.13	-57%	101.2	-17.96	-18%
73	27-Feb	Catt220	Wild Rose of York	1	w(2/1)	NR			5.5	-3.13	-57%	101.2	-17.96	-18%
		Leic310	Go Ballistic	1	1.1w(13/8)	4-15	9/4	0	6.6	-4.23	-64%	102.3	-19.06	-19%
	28-Feb	Not245	Ebullient Equinam	1	w(13/8)	1-13	Evs		6.6	-4.23	-64%	102.3	-19.06	-19%
		Weth220	Parsons Boy	2	w(Evs)	1-4	4/7		6.6	-4.23	-64%	102.3	-19.06	-19%
		Weth320	Cumbrian Challen	1	1.1w(15/8)	1-5	11/4	3.75	7.7	-1.58	-20%	103.4	-16.41	-16%
75	01-Mar	Kels350	Santa Concerto	1	1.09w(11/8)	3-13	5/2	0	8.79	-2.67	-30%	104.49	-17.5	-17%
76		NAbb215	Mellion Pride	1	1.09w(6/4)	1-13	3/2	5.5	9.88	1.75	18%	105.58	-13.09	-12%
		NAbb345	Around the Gale	1	w(5/4)	1-7	4/6		9.88	1.75	18%	105.58	-13.09	-12%
77		Newb230	See Enough	1	1.09w(11/10)	P-12	11/4	0	10.97	0.65	6%	106.67	-14.18	-13%
78		Newb500	Hand Woven	2	2.18w(Evs)	2-8	15/8	0	13.15	-1.53	-12%	108.85	-16.36	-15%
	04-Mar	Utto345	Mr Kermit	2	w(Evs)	1-7	3/11		13.15	-1.53	-12%	108.85	-16.36	-15%
79	05-Mar	Newb210	Mr President	1	1.09w(6/4)	1-5	15/8	2.88	14.24	0.26	2%	109.94	-14.57	-13%
		Newb240	Alltime Dancer	1	w(5/4)	1-13	Evs		14.24	0.26	2%	109.94	-14.57	-13%
80	07-Mar	Towc320	Just Bruce	1	1.09w(2/1)	5-7	5/2	0	15.33	-0.83	-5%	111.03	-15.66	-14%
	08-Mar	Ayr220	Solba	2	w(Evs)	1-6	4/5		15.33	-0.83	-5%	111.03	-15.66	-14%
81	09-Mar	Ayr325	One for the Pot	1	1.09w(6/5)	1-5	9/4	3.25	16.42	1.33	8%	112.12	-13.5	-12%
82		Sand330	Senor el Berutti	2	2.18w(Evs)	2-4	10/3	0	18.6	-0.85	-5%	114.3	-15.68	-14%
83	11-Mar	Taun330	Southampton	1	1.09w(13/8)	3-8	13/8	0	19.69	-1.94	-10%	115.39	-16.77	-15%
		Carl240	David's Way	1	w(6/5)	NR			19.69	-1.94	-10%	115.39	-16.77	-15%
		Carl310	Canailou II	1	w(11/10)	1-6	11/10		19.69	-1.94	-10%	115.39	-16.77	-15%
84		Plum320	Buckland Lad	1	1.09w(5/4)	3-12	3/1	0	20.78	-3.03	-15%	116.48	-17.86	-15%
85	12-Mar	Chei250	Draborgie	1	1.09w(6/4)	P-16	7/2	0	21.87	-4.12	-19%	117.57	-18.95	-16%
86	13-Mar	Chei405	Mr Mulligan	1	1.09w(6/5)	2-12	11/8	0	22.96	-5.21	-23%	118.66	-20.04	-17%
87	16-Mar	Ling225	Tukano	1	1.09w(6/4)	2-7	13/8	0	24.05	-6.3	-26%	119.75	-21.13	-18%
88		Ling435	Beau Babilard	1	1.09w(15/8)	1-5	3/1	4	25.14	-3.39	-13%	120.84	-18.22	-15%
	18-Mar	Newc220	Mill Thyme	1	w(11/8)	2-12	5/5		25.14	-3.39	-13%	120.84	-18.22	-15%
89		Ling210	Balleshidden	1	1.09w(7/4)	2-6	2/1	0	26.23	-4.48	-17%	121.93	-19.31	-16%
90		Ling240	Drum Battle	1	1.09w(6/4)	3-11	7/2	0	27.32	-5.57	-20%	123.02	-20.4	-17%
91		Ling410	Mad Thyme	1	1.09w(2/1)	F-5	2/1	0	28.41	-6.66	-23%	124.11	-21.49	-17%
92	20-Mar	Lud1230	The Camrue	2	2.18w(Evs)	1-8	13/8	5.25	30.59	-3.59	-12%	126.29	-18.42	-15%
	21-Mar	Plum430	Miss Fern	1	w(2/1)	2-4	4/6		30.59	-3.59	-12%	126.29	-18.42	-15%

	22-Mar	Kels450	Shallow River	1	1	w(6/4)	9-10	3/11				30.59	-3.59	-12%	126.29	-18.42	-15%
	23-Mar	Bang345	Parsons Boy	1	1	w(11/10)	1-5	4/11				30.59	-3.59	-12%	126.29	-18.42	-15%
93	25-Mar	Hexh200	Bassenhally	1	1.09	w(13/8)	3-11	5/2	0			31.68	-4.68	-15%	127.38	-19.51	-15%
		Font340	Fools Errand	1	1	w(6/4)	3-6	3/5				31.68	-4.68	-15%	127.38	-19.51	-15%
	26-Mar	Hunt150	Porphyrious	1	1	w(7/4)	2-13	3/4				31.68	-4.68	-15%	127.38	-19.51	-15%
94		Sand245	Inchacilloch	1	1.09	w(13/8)	1-5	1/4	3.75			32.77	-2.02	-6%	128.47	-16.85	-13%

ProPunter, DGA Software, 0161 3300184 retail £99.00

23	23-Feb	Hayd300	Mysliv	1	1.1	w	1-7	4/6	1.67	1.1	0.57	52%	26.4	-5.99	-23%
24	24-Feb	Kemp225	Viking Flagship	1	1.1	w	1-5	1/2	1.5	2.2	0.97	44%	27.5	-5.59	-20%
25		Hayd230	Scotton Banks	1	1.1	w	P-11	15/8	0	3.3	-0.13	-4%	28.6	-6.69	-23%
26	02-Mar	Donc300	Cab on Target	1	1.09	w	2-5	4/7	0	4.39	-1.22	-28%	29.69	-7.78	-26%
27	05-Mar	Newb340	Do Be Brief	1	1.09	w	1-6	4/1	5	5.48	2.69	49%	30.78	-3.87	-13%
28	07-Mar	Carl430	Seven Towers	1	1.09	w	1-8	7/4	2.75	6.57	4.35	66%	31.87	-2.21	-7%
29	09-Mar	Chep335	Plastic Spaceage	1	1.09	w	2-7	5/2	0	7.66	3.26	43%	32.96	-3.3	-10%
30	12-Mar	Chel405	Unguided Missile	1	1.09	w	2-10	1/4	0	8.75	2.17	25%	34.05	-4.39	-13%
31	13-Mar	Chel250	Viking Flagship	1	1.09	w	2-7	3/4	0	9.84	1.08	11%	35.14	-5.48	-16%
32	16-Mar	Newc355	Northants	1	1.09	w	3-6	7/4	0	10.93	-0.01	0%	36.23	-6.57	-18%
33	19-Mar	Ayr310	Strong Approach	1	1.09	w	3-5	4/1	0	12.02	-1.1	-9%	37.32	-7.66	-21%
34	23-Mar	Bang345	Parsons Boy	1	1.09	w	1-5	4/11	1.36	13.11	-0.83	-6%	38.41	-7.39	-19%
35	26-Mar	Sand315	Norman Conquere	1	1.09	w	1-8	4/6	1.67	14.2	-0.25	-2%	39.5	-6.81	-17%
36	27-Mar	Chep310	Mariner's Air	1	1.09	w	7-9	3/4	0	15.29	-1.34	-9%	40.59	-7.9	-19%
37	28-Mar	Aint450	Wudimp	1	1.09	w	1-9	15/8	2.88	16.38	0.44	3%	41.68	-6.11	-15%

ChaserAce, Nucleus Direct, 0802 223447 retail £99.99

151	23-Feb	Hayd230	General Wolfe	10	11	w(fpp)	1-5	3/6	18.33	11	7.33	67%	850.3	-111.64	-13%
152		Kemp350	Southampton	10	11	w(fpp)	5-11	7/2	0	22	-3.67	-17%	861.3	-122.64	-14%
153	24-Feb	Hayd230	Scotton Banks	10	11	w(fpp)	P-11	15/8	0	33	-14.67	-44%	872.3	-133.64	-15%
154		Kemp410	Percy Smollett	10	11	w(fpp)	2-9	3/1	0	44	-25.67	-58%	883.3	-144.64	-16%
155	02-Mar	Newb100	Givvus a Buck	10	10.9	w(fpp)	3-7	3/1	0	54.9	-36.57	-67%	894.2	-155.54	-17%
156		Newb130	Well Briefed	10	10.9	w(fpp)	4-9	1/4	0	65.8	-47.47	-72%	905.1	-166.44	-18%
157		Warw250	Full of Oats	10	10.9	w(fpp)	1-12	3/4	18.33	76.7	-40.03	-52%	916	-159.01	-17%
158		Donc335	Go Universal	10	10.9	w(fpp)	3-10	7/2	0	87.6	-50.93	-58%	926.9	-169.91	-18%
159	16-Mar	Utto200	Fiftysevenchannel	10	10.9	w(fpp)	4-9	5/1	0	98.5	-61.83	-63%	937.8	-180.81	-19%
160		Here255	Dr Rocket	5	10.9	w(fpp)	1-6	3/2	38.13	109.4	-34.61	-32%	948.7	-153.58	-16%
161		Newc355	Northants	10	10.9	w(fpp)	3-6	7/4	0	120.3	-45.51	-38%	959.6	-164.48	-17%
162		Utto410	Silver Stick	10	10.9	w(fpp)	P-17	7/1	0	131.2	-56.41	-43%	970.5	-175.38	-18%
163	23-Mar	Newb100	Suny Bay	10	10.9	w(fpp)	1-7	1/4	37.5	142.1	-29.81	-21%	981.4	-148.78	-15%
164		Newb130	Frogmarch	10	10.9	w(fpp)	2-11	4/1	0	153	-40.71	-27%	992.3	-159.68	-16%

Genesis, 305 Kings Rd, Bradford. BD2 1NW Retail £55 (Smart £20)

NO SELECTIONS DURING THIS MONTHLY PERIOD				0	0	0%	94.6	-28	-30%
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The Sheild(NH&Flat), Elswick Ent., 01253 698843 Retail £299.00

74	24-Feb	Kemp410	Amtrack Express	10	11	w	1-6	3/1	0	11	-11	-100%	106.7	-25.88	-24%
75		Kemp440	Silver Wedge	10	11	w	4-6	5/2	0	22	-22	-100%	117.7	-36.88	-31%
76				3	3.3	w dbl			0	25.3	-25.3	-100%	121	-40.18	-33%
77	28-Feb	Weth150	Uncle Keeny	10	11	w	3-10	3/4	0	36.3	-36.3	-100%	132	-51.18	-39%
78		Weth320	Cumbrian Challen	10	11	w	1-5	1/4	28.75	47.3	-18.55	-39%	143	-33.43	-23%
79		Weth420	Wee River	10	11	w	4-6	1/4	0	58.3	-29.55	-51%	154	-44.43	-29%
80		Not415	Pete the Parson	10	11	w	2-9	5/2	0	69.3	-40.55	-59%	165	-55.43	-34%
91				0.5	6.05	wankee			0	75.35	-46.6	-62%	171.05	-61.48	-36%
		Weth150	Uncle Keeny				3		0	75.35	-46.6	-62%	171.05	-61.48	-36%
98			Hunters Heaven	0.5	3.5	Cast	7		0	78.85	-50.1	-64%	174.55	-64.98	-37%
		Weth320	Cumbrian Challen			Patent	1		0	78.85	-50.1	-64%	174.55	-64.98	-37%

		Lord Dorset										78.85	-50.1	-64%	174.55	-64.98	-37%
		Nott415	Pete the Parson								2	78.85	-50.1	-64%	174.55	-64.98	-37%
			Aedean								1	78.85	-50.1	-64%	174.55	-64.98	-37%
		Weth150	Uncle Keeny								6	78.85	-50.1	-64%	174.55	-64.98	-37%
146			Hunters Heaven	0.1	5.28w						0	84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
		Weth320	Cumbrian Challen			4 folds					1	84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
			Lord Dorset			2x2x2x3						84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
			Pete the Parson								2	84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
			Aedean								1	84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
		Weth420	Wee River									84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
			Mad Thyme									84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
			Deep Decision									84.13	-55.38	-66%	179.83	-70.26	-39%
147	01-Mar	Newb330	Mister Oddy		10.9w		1-7	2/1		30		95.03	-36.28	-38%	190.73	-51.16	-27%
148			Dear Do		2.18w	Fcast		2-7	3/1	10		97.21	-28.46	-29%	192.91	-43.34	-22%
149	02-Mar	Newb100	Northants		10.9w			1-7	2/1	30		108.11	-9.36	-9%	203.81	-24.24	-12%
150			Staunch Rival		2.18w	Fcast				0		110.29	-11.54	-10%	205.99	-26.42	-13%
151		Donc300	Cab on Target		10.9w			2-5	4/7	0		121.19	-22.44	-19%	216.89	-37.32	-17%
152		Donc335	Go Universal		10.9w			3-10	7/2	0		132.09	-33.34	-25%	227.79	-48.22	-21%
153		Donc440	Thomton Gate		10.9w			3-8	4/1	0		142.99	-44.24	-31%	238.69	-59.12	-25%
		Donc300	Cab on Target							2		142.99	-44.24	-31%	238.69	-59.12	-25%
160			Zamhareer	0.5	3.82w	Cast						146.81	-48.06	-33%	242.51	-62.94	-26%
		Donc335	Go Universal			Patent				3		146.81	-48.06	-33%	242.51	-62.94	-26%
			Valient Warrior							1		146.81	-48.06	-33%	242.51	-62.94	-26%
		Donc440	Thomton Gate							3		146.81	-48.06	-33%	242.51	-62.94	-26%
			Once More for Luck							3		146.81	-48.06	-33%	242.51	-62.94	-26%
161	05-Mar	Sedg300	Hfeece		10.9w			1-8	7/2	45		157.71	-13.96	-9%	253.41	-28.84	-11%
167			Go Silly		6.54w	FCs				4		164.25	-20.5	-12%	259.95	-35.38	-14%
			Twin States									164.25	-20.5	-12%	259.95	-35.38	-14%
171	07-Mar	Winc310	Ground Nut		43.6w			4-9	13/2	0		207.85	-64.1	-31%	303.55	-78.98	-26%
			Keep me in Mind			Cross		P-9	10/3	0		207.85	-64.1	-31%	303.55	-78.98	-26%
		Winc340	Corrarder			Doubles		J-7	10/3	0		207.85	-64.1	-31%	303.55	-78.98	-26%
			Seven of Diamonds						3/2	0		207.85	-64.1	-31%	303.55	-78.98	-26%
177		Winc310	Keep me in Mind		5	32.7w	CSF			P		240.55	-96.8	-40%	336.25	-111.68	-33%
			Ground Nut			any 2				4		240.55	-96.8	-40%	336.25	-111.68	-33%
			Distant Echo			from 3				7		240.55	-96.8	-40%	336.25	-111.68	-33%
183		Winc340	Corrarder		5	32.7w	CSF			J		273.25	-129.5	-47%	368.95	-144.38	-39%
			Seven of Diamonds			any 2				6		273.25	-129.5	-47%	368.95	-144.38	-39%
			Larry's Lord			from 3				2		273.25	-129.5	-47%	368.95	-144.38	-39%
184	09-Mar	Chep130	King Lucifer		10.9w			F-7		0		284.15	-140.4	-49%	379.85	-155.28	-41%
185		Sand405	Kingsfold Pet		10.9w			6-11		0		295.05	-151.3	-51%	390.75	-166.18	-43%
		Chep130	King Lucifer									295.05	-151.3	-51%	390.75	-166.18	-43%
197			Major Bell		10	130.8w	Permas			1		425.85	-282.1	-66%	521.55	-296.98	-57%
		Sand405	Kingsfold Pet			rebles				6		425.85	-282.1	-66%	521.55	-296.98	-57%
			Warm Spell			2x3x2 =				5		425.85	-282.1	-66%	521.55	-296.98	-57%
			Chiefs Song			12 bets				3		425.85	-282.1	-66%	521.55	-296.98	-57%
		Sand440	Cuddy Dale							P		425.85	-282.1	-66%	521.55	-296.98	-57%
			Artheurs Minstrel							1		425.85	-282.1	-66%	521.55	-296.98	-57%
198	16-Mar	Utto300	General Rusty		10.9w			4-6	2/1	0		436.75	-293	-67%	532.45	-307.88	-58%

As from March 1st tax has been included at the newer rate of 9%.

Where odds are given in brackets these are Value specific and indicate the minimum SP odds required, or no bet.

Two others are being monitored along side the ten above but are not part of the competition. HoofV5 puts the output from a computer program on Internet

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HOOF v5

This month

Overall

stakes	balance	ROI	stakes	balance	ROI
65.53	45.97	70%	255.83	15.17	6%

As with the main competition, all stakes are tax paid and percentage return on investment reflects this.

Chris Whitehorn has been following the competition using the Combayes95 program. His figures, one month behind our main competition are printed here, showing performance for a one month period;

Combayes 95 results period Jan 26 - Feb 22

82	03-Feb	Sand335	Young Hustler	1	1.1	w(7/4)	3-3	7/4	0	1.1	-1.1	-100%	90.2	-48.35	-54%
83			Amtrak Express	1	1.1	w(13/4)	1-3	11/2	6.5	2.2	4.3	195%	91.3	-42.95	-47%
84	10-Feb	Newb140	Valfinet	1	1.1	w(2/7)	P-6	3/4	0	3.3	3.2	97%	92.4	-44.05	-48%
85			Travado	1	1.1	w(6/4)	2-6	3/1	0	4.4	2.1	48%	93.5	-45.15	-48%
86	13-Feb	Kels240	White Willow	1	1.1	w(3/1)	5-5	5/2	0	5.5	1	18%	94.6	-46.25	-49%
87		Kels440	Aragon Ayr	1	1.1	w(15/8)	2-6	3/4	0	6.6	-0.1	-2%	95.7	-47.35	-49%
88	14-Feb	Ing350	Cawarra Boy	1	1.1	w(15/8)	5-8	7/2	0	7.7	-1.2	-16%	96.8	-48.45	-50%
89		Asco335	St Mellions Fair	1	1.1	w(2/5)	F-10	5/2	0	8.8	-2.3	-26%	97.9	-49.55	-51%
90			Nahthen Lad	1	1.1	w(2/5)	2-10	4/1	0	9.9	-3.4	-34%	99	-50.65	-51%
91			Mr Mulligan	1	1.1	w(2/1)	1-10	3/4	3.25	11	-1.25	-11%	100.1	-48.5	-48%
92	15-Feb	Towc350	Billygoat Gruff	1	1.1	w(4/11)	1-8	4/7	1.57	12.1	-0.73	-6%	101.2	-48.03	-47%
93	17-Feb	Warw245	Air Shot	1	1.1	w(5/4)	3-4	11/8	0	13.2	-1.88	-14%	102.3	-49.13	-48%
94		Warw315	Colonel in Chief	1	1.1	w(6/4)	5-7	5/1	0	14.3	-2.98	-21%	103.4	-50.23	-49%

Chris has adhered to the Combayes rules to operate the program, which were;

- ◆ 3 to 10 runners, inclusive
- ◆ No novice handicap chases or hurdles
- ◆ No sellers
- ◆ No claimers
- ◆ No amateurs
- ◆ No hunter chases
- ◆ No conditionals
- ◆ No ladies
- ◆ No juvenile hurdles
- ◆ No maidens.

The final day for the current SMART Computer Challenge is Wednesday, April 24th 1996. The final analysis will be printed in next months magazine.

It has again proved to be popular with both competitors and our members. As a service to our members the proofing will be continued as an "on-going" consumer check and open to non computer competitors. See facing page for full details.

SMART CUSTOMER SERVICES - *helping members.*

PROOFING OF “TIPPING SERVICES”

Stefan Perry

Over the past few weeks I have been approached by a few horseracing advisory services with a view to proofing their selections. Many of them seem to be less than happy with their current arrangements and have singled out **SMART** as an operation of honesty and integrity. I am therefore currently monitoring one or two of the traditional tipping services.

Whilst the Computer Challenge has served a useful purpose in allowing you to see just what the hi-tech side of this business has to offer, it is of course just one small part of the tipping operations that are pushed at UK racing fans from every angle. So, it seemed a logical step that future **SMART** consumer checks published could, **indeed should**, be open to any source of information available to the public, computers and humans alike.

It is not the intention to monitor all commercial advisory services, neither will I try to persuade any particular firm to proof their selections to us. An open door policy will be operated whereby anyone who wants to take advantage of using an independent adjudicator will be free to do so. The **SMART** proofing service will be operated in the interests of the potential paying customer and based upon my conversations and correspondence with our members. e.g.

As a potential customer you will be able to ask any organisation **“Please proof your selections to SMART for a period in order that I can evaluate your service”** - and give them our number. If they comply you will see first hand, independent proof of their claims but if they decline . . . well, you make up your own mind! There will be no categorisation of services, all will be viewed side by side.

Anyone aware of the effects of the market will know that if x number of punters are paying £ y for information and are contacted during a betting show to grab price z , multiplying factors x and y will determine just how many will, or will not, get on at that price. Figures based on these betting show odds are therefore seen as seriously flawed and will not be used for calculations. Our analyses will use returned SPs to evaluate profit/loss, exceptions to this rule are that ante-post odds prior to race-day or early-odds on race-day will be accepted provided that the odds taken were available by two or more bookies. Minimum odds required may also be stipulated by the proofer.

Our new, open-door proofing will commence May 1st 1996. A full and comprehensive list of conditions will be sent on receipt of a SAE □

If our club magazine is all about sharing, then let's get to it argues this letter.

PROFITS FROM THE BETTING SHOW

Mr T

Dear Members,
I have been a member for only a few months but have purchased a good few back copies and have had a good read through them all. I have drawn the conclusion the majority of our members are all take and no give.

I can understand that they don't want to kill the goose that lays the golden egg, but come on lads, let's make best use of our memberships and use the magazine to its full potential. There must be regular winners out there, I can't be the only one! I have operated seven winning systems over the past five years since redundancy in 1990. All seven have made money using level stakes over that period.

All my betting though is operated through a staking plan that I consider to be the ultimate weapon - it retrieves all losers and takes advantage when a good run arrives, which in my case is fairly often.

It only requires a bank of 100 points and will win at least 1 point for every bet made, also if 20 losers come consecutively it will only cost you 63 points. But, if things ever got that bad I think I'd take up bungee jumping - without the elastic band!

Now I can already hear you saying to yourselves "***Cobblers - I've heard it all before***", so I am willing to publish one of my systems along with the staking plan to start the ball rolling. So come on the rest of you - send something in for publication for the benefit of us all.

System

If you have the time to spend in the betting shop you can win consistently. Simply wait until a few seconds before the "off" and back any horse by name that is clear favourite, but was not quoted in the first two in the Sporting Life betting forecast.

This system alone consistently shows level stake profits, but operated with a staking plan, provides a regular income.

Staking Plan

- Aim to win one point per bet.
- Put one tenth of the debit on the next selection after every loser.
- Raise the stakes by one point after every winner as long as they come consecutively. As soon as a loser is backed drop back to putting one tenth of the debit onto the next selection. If the debit has been cleared you start again with one point.
- Every time the debit is cleared and a profit of 100 is made increase the value of your point by one.
- Round all stakes up to the nearest point
- Always pay tax out of winnings. If you pay it on, the stakes rise more quickly.

Below is an example of the above plan operated from January 1st 1996 to February 28 1996 (day before posting). All weather racing is not included.

Date	Selection	Result	Stake	Aim	Debit	Bank
02-Jan	Kilcran Bay	L	1	1	-2	98.00
	Plunder bay	L	1	1	-4	96.00
03-Jan	Darter	7/4	1	1	-3.52	97.00
	Air Shot	5/2	2	1	-0.22	101.77
04-Jan	Beayrepaire	L	3	1	-4.22	98.77
05-Jan	Damcada	L	1	1	-6.22	97.77
	Glitter Isle	L	1	1	-8.22	96.77
06-Jan	Ask Tom	6/5	1	1	-8.24	97.75
11-Jan	Sharvashka	L	2	1	-11.24	95.75
	Corrin Hill	L	2	1	-14.24	93.75
12-Jan	Funny Rose	L	2	1	-17.24	91.75
13-Jan	Mistinguett	9/2	2	1	-10.34	99.65
	Encore Un Peu	L	3	1	-14.34	95.65
16-Jan	Nicholas Plant	L	2	1	-17.34	93.65
17-Jan	No Fiddling	3/1	2	1	-13.14	98.85
	Teinein	9/4	3	1	-8.36	104.62
	Nesson Doro	L	4	1	-13.36	100.62
20-Jan	Sharkashka	L	2	1	-16.36	98.62
	On a Pedistal	L	2	1	-19.36	96.62

22-Jan	Super Tactics	L	2	1	-22.36		94.62
	Brogdan Lady	L	3	1	-26.36		91.62
23-Jan	Tara Rambler	5/4	3	1	-24.28		94.69
	Yes Man	11/8	4	1	-20.74		99.22
	Simple Simon	L	5	1	-26.74		94.22
24-Jan	Call the Shots	15/8	3	1	-22.99		98.96
25-Jan	Carrig Dancer	L	4	1	-27.99		94.96
29-Jan	Shonara Way	L	3	1	-31.99		91.96
	Naughty Future	10/11	4	1	-30.15		94.80
	Lachnagrain	8/11	5	1	-28.41		97.54
	Cutthroat Kid	8/11	6	1	-26.12		100.82
30-Jan	Colonel George	100/30	7	1	-7.03		120.91
01-Feb	Topothenorthracing	L	8	1	-16.03		112.91
03-Feb	Riverdale Boy	4/1	2	1	-10.03		119.91
10-Feb	Give Best	2/1	3	1	-5.93		125.01
12-Feb	Goldingo	L	4	1	-10.93		121.01
13-Feb	Palacegate King	9/4	2	1	-8.08		124.86
14-Feb	Escartefigue	7/4	3	1	-4.65		129.28
	Nordansk	3/1	4	1	4.75	Debit Cleared	139.68
	Pointed Remark	L	5	1	-6		134.68
15-Feb	Chai-Yo	9/4	1	1	-5.07		136.68
	Mr Oddy	L	1	1	-7.07		135.68
16-Feb	Never Old	L	1	1	-9.07		134.68
	Tipping Tim	L	1	1	-11.07		133.68
17-Feb	Sparky Gale	L	2	1	-14.07		131.68
	Wylam	L	2	1	-17.07		129.68
19-Feb	Pagliaccio	L	2	1	-20.07		127.68
	Funny Rose	L	3	1	-24.07		124.68
22-Feb	Mister Trick	L	3	1	-28.07		121.68
23-Feb	Harding	L	3	1	-32.07		118.68
24-Feb	Prizefighter	3/1	4	1	-22.67		129.08
	Elpidos	2/1	5	1	-15.17		137.58
	Ballad Minstrel	3/1	6	1	-0.57		153.18
	Peetsie	L	7	1	-8.57		146.18
25-Feb	Green Crusader	9/4	1	1	-7.64		148.10
28-Feb	Indefence	2/1	2	1	-5.24		151.50

In this example £1 = 1 point and all tax has been deducted. 50% increase in bank is not bad for two months. The bank was never more than £8.38 out of pocket at any time. Do not have side bets. The only drawback in this method is that you could die from the effects of passive smoking. □

Occasionally members letters are not long enough to fit a full page, here are a couple of them.

SMART SHORTS

Seasonal Debuts

Mike Dove

It will soon be the point in the season when many good winners can be found by looking at a horse's previous seasons record. All you need to do is to is;

- *Look for a horse having its first or second run of the season*
- *It must have won its seasonal debut in one of the preceding 2 seasons*
- *It must have won one of its first two runs in the other preceding season.*

Back it on the first run of the season. If it wins do not back it again, if it fails to win back it again on the second run.

Surprisingly, better results are to be had by ignoring the first four weeks of a new season - and it works just as well for Flat and Jumps.



Success with Fineform

Jimmy Richardson

In reply to Jonathan Wellingham's criticism of Fineform Master Formula, here's how I use it to good effect;

- *Use the Daily Express (very important!)*
- *Back 'one per day' except some Saturdays and big televised meetings when there may be two or three bets*
- *Handicaps only, 7 to 13 runners. Again exceptions are occasional big races, Lincoln, Royal Hunt Cup, etc. where value prices can be found.*
- *No Apprentice, Ladies, Nursery, Sellers, Conditional or Maiden races.*
- *Only bet in the 2/1 to 5/1 price range*
- *Check horses suitability to distance and going*
- *Confirm suitable jockey and trainer in form*

I hope these points promote further discussion. Apologies if they've been covered before - I am a newly subscribed member.



SMART 2-2 DRAW SYSTEM

Selection method: Back any game *involving an English or Scottish league side* to finish 2-2, where the odds for that score is **OVER** 20/1. In effect that means with Ladbroke the draw odds must be 3/1 or above (22/1 for 2-2), with most other firms the draw odds must be 10/3 or above (25/1 for 2-2).

Seventh table of the 1995/96 football season (period 25 February to 29 March 1996 inclusive)

(Profit/Loss brought forward from previous table is -25.00)

	date	homeside		awayside	Best draw odds	Final score	bank
121	28-Feb	Liverpool		Charlton	7/2	2-1	-26.10
122	02-Mar	Dundee	(L)	Dumbarton	7/2	3-0	-27.19
123	06-Mar	Ross C	(L)	Albion	3/1	1-1	-28.28
124	09-Mar	Aberdeen		Airdrie	4/1	2-1	-29.37
125		Caledonian		Rangers	11/2	0-3	-30.46
126		Dumbarton	(L)	Dunfermline	10/3	0-3	-31.55
127	10-Mar	Celtic		Dundee Utd	7/2	2-1	-32.64
128	22-Mar	Rangers	(L)	Falkirk	4/1	3-2	-33.73

(L) represents a league game

Best draw odds are taken from the Racing Post listings. For most weekend games they only show the best draw odds available, without stating the source.

For the purpose of this analysis then only draw odds **EXCEEDING 3/1** are selected on weekends.

All figures shown a to a one point, tax paid stake.

Once again so very close on a few occasions but unfortunately near misses do not pay the bills.



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