

What Really Wins Money

An Independent review of tipsters and betting systems

Hi

Shhhhhhhhh – I got some insider info for you... Yes a theme of sorts in this month's edition along the (nudge nudge wink wink) stable whisper variety. The Money Vault dominates proceedings and harks back to the 16/1 system from Feb 06's What Really Wins Money. The Pinnacle System is also included for review – this is a whole new take on possible stable gambles. There's a brief brush with Forex – the potential is certainly there to make money. Remember I mentioned The Saver System and the Safebet Plan – well it continues to profit, and has great potential. The Patriarch gets back into the 21st Century and offers his unique take on laying, and Tony Gibson, system creator, offers an interesting take on betting blindly without form analysis. We finish off with some advice for those card sharks amongst you, as well as a free ebook on Texas Hold 'em and not forgetting the usual system and tipster round up.

I hope you enjoy the read....



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Betting Blueprint: FOREX

Fancy a bit of forex action? How 2 simple lines can help you make good money on the currency markets

Look, I know sports betting is our bread and butter, but forex trading continues to cause such a big stir there's no way I could ignore it as a serious approach to making money. . .

So let me introduce you to one area which you can immediately put to good use:

A simple approach to using Support and Resistance

I thought I'd share this very simple and streamlined strategy with you here in the hope that you can gain some exposure into the Forex market and perhaps see the potential to make good profits. It is not the intention of this article to cover all aspects of Forex, rather just to focus on one area you can get stuck in straight away.

Now, all you have to do is join up lines at a price where the market seems to stop and bounce off, and wait for either a break of that price or a bounce back from whence it came! I told you it was easy! The biggest profits are made from occasions such as the one featured on the next page. Just follow these steps:

1. Download Metatrader client terminal 4 – (do a Google search and take your pick) – this is free forex charting software.
2. Contact me and I will send you details regarding how to set it up.
3. Focus on one currency pair – here we'll focus on the GBP/USD currency pair, as this is the most liquid in the market.
4. Using the 5-minute chart, join together points where the price seems to have bounced off consistently (see page 2: we have 1.9885 where the price just hasn't been able to push on through.

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5. Set up a bet for the currency pair to break through the resistance line by at least 5-10 points. If a currency pair has tried and tried and tried to break through one specific price point, and finally breaks through it, momentum will generally carry that currency on forward, and we can easily profit from this.

The bet can be set up automatically all the way through so if the price breaks through you can place a bet which will close your trade out at a pre-arranged profit. You can then leave this trade alone and come back later to see if the resistance or support lines have been broken.

An example will show this most simple of strategies in best light:



Step 1 – 2 – 3

I have downloaded Metatrader and set up the GBP/USD chart to run in 5-minute intervals.

Step 4

I have identified a price where the market just can't seem to get through – can you guess what it is? Yes 1.9885. In Fig A you'll see where prices failed to break the line on 3 separate occasions. An interesting point to note regarding this particular resistance is the fact that it is the highest point that this currency pair has reached for some time (since 1992 at the time of writing!) Any break through will therefore take on much greater significance.

STEP 5

Having identified 1.9885 as the key price, we can place an order to BUY at 1.9895, to be closed at 1.9910 if we want to make 15 points profit. Why 1.9895? Well, if the GBP/USD has tried and failed to break through 1.9885 for a long time, then once it breaks through it should continue in that way for a little while longer. (Email me if you want some steps regarding setting up these bets – space, alas, is at a premium.)



Here's what happened . . .

Take a look at Fig B and see how many times the price hits 1.9885 and bounces off. I have identified an area of resistance. Let's look at the bigger picture



Can you see that there's just no way through! I'm going to place my buy bet above the 1.9885 at 1.9895 in the hope that if the price reaches 1.9895 it is a sign that the resistance line could have finally been broken.



Let's see what happened . . .

Our resistance line was finally breached, and how! 1.9895 triggered my buy bet and the GBP/USD continued upwards to 1.9920. I grabbed my automatic profit at **1.9095** and the spread betting company automatically closed the trade at a profit.

BOTTOM LINE

Forex is much more involved than just support and

resistance, and there is much more to this method than is contained above. Please email me at whatreallywins@yahoo.co.uk for full details. Alas, space constraints do not allow me to go into it as thoroughly as I would like!

The purpose of this article is to get those of you with an interest in financial trading to take some steps and gain some exposure to the market, download Metatrader and play around. I have many resources at my disposal should anyone wish to pursue this area further. I shared the above strategy with you because it is something you can set up yourself and leave. What's the worse case scenario? Well, your trade won't get triggered! Contact me and I can give you some background information on charts and the forex markets in general. It is not something that you should shirk out of some inferiority complex – it really can be as easy as 1-2-3-4-5!

Recommended Forex System

Here's how a complete beginner could make £750 in 15 minutes trading forex

Through my research, I recently got my hands on a forex system that offered those new to trading a virtually automated way to trade. The first day I tried this forex strategy there was very little market movement.

Yet the second day my trade shot up over 75 points!

Now let me put that into perspective – if you'd staked £1 a point (or pip as they are known), you could have made £75. If you'd staked £10 it would have been £750! And that was just a single trade that lasted in just 15 minutes!

The results have been so impressive that both WRWM publisher – Nick Laight – and I are now happy to put our names to it. To get your hands on full details of this simple to use low-risk forex system, please take a look at the information accompanying this month's issue.

As you will see, the strategy is logical and by far the easiest method I've come across for gaining exposure to the forex market.

Seriously, if you want to make money forex trading, but don't want the big risks or the hassle of learning

how to read charts . . . or have to shell out thousands on courses, seminar or software, then this is for you . .

System Blueprint: Horse Backing

Introducing The Market Spy technique: just back horses at 11/8, 13/8 and 15/8 and watch the winners come in!

There are many systems on the market at present extolling the virtues of following the live markets and tracking the horses that are seriously backed as you'll soon find out.

I was introduced to the world of Horseracing / Gambling by my father in the early 70's. But didn't really learn a lot from him. I have my uncle to thank for that! He was a semi professional gambler and used to place money for a group of Jewish businessmen who at the time were privy to some serious information. They paid my uncle a commission from their winnings for placing the bets around the bookmakers in the local area. He of course would back the selections himself and made a pile of cash doing so. I got to know him quite well and picked up a few strategies and ideas, one of which at this time was very lucrative but not practical as it meant spending all of your time in the bookmakers shop. In the 70's this was rather boring as all racing was transmitted over a tannoy system – no tea machines, televisions or one armed bandits. (Oh, sorry there was the guy who used to chalk up the prices and results).

In the 1970s, the strategy was to back all horses that were 17/2, 15/2 or 13/2 in the betting just before the off

I don't know why, but in this period we had about a 50% strike rate with these bets and made serious money when we had time to spend in the shops. My uncle's theory was that the bookies didn't know how to price these horses up. They were taking money for them but didn't want to shorten them to an unbackable price. Thus the half point in the prices 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5.

Today this strategy does not work. But doing some work on prices I wondered if you could back horses at other prices blindly and make a level stakes profit? The answer is yes! 11/8, 13/8 and 15/8, on flat racing turf and all weather.

There were 411 bets producing 199 winners, giving

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a strike rate of 48% over a 12 month period:

Bets at 11/8 = 121

Bets at 13/8 = 131

Bets at 15/8 = 159

The median price was 1.648 (near as damn it 13/8) the actual strike rate should be 38% (and strangely enough following these prices in The Racing Post betting forecast exactly mirrors that strike rate); so we beat the expected strike rate by 10%. And because all of our selections are odds against we are guaranteed to make a profit backing these selections blindly an actual return on investment of 27% and a level stake profit of 112 points. Unlike the original strategy you are more or less guaranteed a bet most days. There aren't many tipsters who can boast results like these. What's more, you have no form to study or racing papers to buy – just watch the markets!

Staking . . .

You might be happy to level stake the selections. Once you have doubled your bank you could double your stake. Compounding this would enhance your profits greatly. You could also implement a Fibonacci-style staking plan E.G. 1,2,3,5,8,13, etc. But because your longest losing run stretches to nine you may wish to stop after 4 winners and then start betting again when your next winner comes along. The possibilities for staking are endless. Also from a laying point of view be wary of horses that go off at these prices as they have such a high strike rate.

Again this trend may be a fluke, but there is certainly food for thought. For more informative and profitable systems and ideas visit www.bettingsystem.info

System Review: The Money Vault

Make £26,340 profit in 34 days to £20 bets and only 2 losing days – WOW!!

This was bound to catch the attention of a number of readers, even more so when you read the claims of the author: *“I can win between £3,000 and £7,000 each and every week by using £20 units.”*

Welcome to the Money Vault! Now after reading this manual I thought, really this is nothing new. Without giving the game away this system is simply a by product of The 16/1 and The Follow the Money systems, both of which seek to gain “insider

knowledge” of bookmakers’ fancies by comparing bookmakers’ prices with an independent source, say, The Racing Post’s betting forecast, in order to see if the bookmakers have sneakily cut the odds of some of the horses without necessarily alerting the world and his wife.

I can attest that this methodology can produce some spectacular results, although it’s stretching it a bit for me to believe £26K was made in 34 days!

What’s involved?

Well, first I think it’s important to mention that this system is a follow-the-live-prices system and is therefore of no real benefit if you who during the day. This is something quite obviously missing from the marketing literature.

Secondly, I’d like to point out that systems like this perhaps would not work in isolation. What do I mean? Well, systems such as these, I believe, require daily usage because they are what I term “W” systems e.g. they go down one day, up the next, down the next, and up the next. Operating them willy-nilly only on days that you can may not bring out the best in the system. Some days will result in losses – that is, I’m afraid, a given with not just this system but all systems.

When we follow the money and the perceived signals given out by our comparison of The Racing Post’s betting forecast and the live market, we can face false signals where the betting forecaster in The Racing Post has simply read the race wrongly, or the bookmakers are shortening a horse to lure the punters in – what’s known as steamers. The horse that is thought to run well just doesn’t – after all, they’re not machines!

There will, though, be very profitable days, which will offset the losses, and if we only use the system when we can, we may, by sheer accident, be operating the system on losing days and excluding the winning days.

How does this differ from the 16-to-1 System?

As I have mentioned already the similarities to The 16/1 system and, indeed, The Follow the Money system launched in early 2005 are striking. Now I am in a quandary here because you, dear reader, already have the essence of The Money Vault System from the 16/1 system article in Feb 2006’s What Really Wins Money. **You can download a FREE copy by going to: www.canonburypublishing.com/16to1/.** What The Money Vault author has done is to change the betting forecast comparator from The Racing Post to The Sun

and to include a set of rules, which identify certain bets as bankers. Followers of The Follow the Money System have already been advised to, perhaps, ensure that any qualifying selection under its rules is in the first 3 in the betting. Now this one rule for The Follow the Money system should bring it even closer to The Money Vault in performance and method.

The author also suggests recommended meetings, which may produce better results than using the system on all meetings. Indeed, this is akin to my own thinking, perhaps regarding the big meetings such as Aintree, Epsom, Ascot et al where following the money may be unfounded because of the huge number of “mug” punters out there. A recent example was the gamble on Monkerhostin in the Grand National – a race which was effectively a lottery. Compare this to a quiet meeting in far away Thirsk where we have a £2,000 prize money race in a very poor class 6 handicap hurdle. This is a 7-runner race yet an outsider, who was 33/1 in the betting forecast, opens up at 14/1 in the live betting market. This is the kind of race that is ideal for betting by following the money – the prize money is hardly out of this world and this price gap is significant.

The Price Gap

This is another difference between The Money Vault and the traditional Follow the Money or 16/1 systems. When utilising the betting forecast and the live betting markets as comparators, I like to see a significant price gap between the betting forecast price, and the price in the live market. Again using the example above, 33/1 in the betting forecast and 14/1 in the live market is a significant price gap and worthy of my attention (all things being equal – non-runners will adversely affect the comparison between live market and betting forecast because had the betting forecaster known about this non-runner he would have priced the market up differently).

The Money Vault does not really advocate looking for a significant price gap and here there will be more qualifiers of lesser quality I would suggest.

Banker Bets

These are the foundation of the system – I can't give the game away here, but these are the types of bet that I would instinctively focus on myself. Focussing purely on these bets themselves does produce a lot of wins and places – indeed recent tests have shown that, although some days have produced marginal gains or break evens, other days have produced superb results. This has resulted in a 90+ point gain in our test period, BUT I must clarify this is following every meeting,

every day, and every race – wholly impractical I would suggest for the majority of readers.

The Sun

If you read the 16/1 article in the February 2006 What Really Wins Money (or check out the download at www.canonburypublishing.com/16to1/), you will know that I focus on The Racing Post. The Money Vault advocates using the Sun and The Racing Post in tandem. This change may affect results significantly and is the main difference between my 16/1 system and The Money Vault.

The Drifter Rule . . .

From readers' feedback it is easy to see why some readers are getting differing results from other readers. With the 16/1 system we also faced the issue of drifters – i.e. horses who qualify under the rules but start to rise in price again. Here's an example:

With The 16/1 system, we look in the betting forecast in The Racing Post and see a horse who was priced at 33/1. This horse now appears at 16/1 in the live market. Why the discrepancy? Does the bookmaker know something we don't? For me this is a strong bet, BUT the price drifts out to 20/1 just before the off? Is this a qualifying bet now or do we shelve it?

This is the decision we have to face when horses drift. Personally I would look at the drifter in the context of the race and bet accordingly. If this 20/1 shot, who was 16/1 for a time, is running in an 8 runner field for instance, and has perhaps changed stables (indicative of insider knowledge?) or is returning from a long lay off (are connections confident of a big run after seeing something at home?) or appearing in a maiden race (especially as a debutant against other debutants – here money talks!) or a national hunt flat race (the equivalent if you like of flat maiden races), then I would proceed with the bet. This is the grey area of the system and has been clarified somewhat by an addendum to the system proper.

BOTTOM LINE

You have already, if you have familiarised yourself with the February 2006 What Really Wins Money article entitled 16/1 system, the essence of The Money Vault. Indeed, those of you who purchased the Follow The Money system widely touted in the past have the essence of The Money Vault system.

That aside, The Money Vault's differences seem to be its saving grace – the use of The Sun, Banker Bets, difference in price gap as qualifier, and other rules which make the process more stringent.

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Personally, I have always believed that “it’s all in the price” and have used a variant of The Money Vault system to great affect going back to 2003 when I first stumbled upon the concept of comparing the betting forecast and the live market. I have had winners at huge prices up to 20/1, indeed on one occasion 3 qualifying bets came 1st 2nd and 3rd at 16/1, 14/1, and 16/1 in the same race! Yes the concept is extremely well founded and logical, BUT I must reiterate that to make the best use of The Money Vault will require you to use it realistically on a day-by-day basis. Remember the “W”? Up one day, down the next, up the next day, down the next! This is a common feature of these types of systems so operating The Money Vault when you can rather than daily is not an ideal scenario. I’m not saying you won’t profit if you are left to work with weekend racing and evening racing, but you may face a situation where the losing days aren’t being adequately catered for with winning days which may have occurred say on a Wednesday when you couldn’t bet.

The Money Vault is a fresh approach to the genre but, if you have the Follow the Money system and the 16/1 system, then this may be seen as a duplication of purchase. A small change to The Follow the Money system, can, I would suggest, help you to replicate The Money Vault it its performance. For those of you with the ability to follow the live racing daily, and with the capability to use the system as is, I am convinced that a long-term profit will accrue. Available from www.sportsworldpublishing.co.uk/money_vault.htm for £95

SYSTEMS AND TIPSTERS ROUND UP

www.laytopprofit.com: Although selections have not been as prevalent as they were earlier in the year, laytopprofit continues to provide consistency with only 9 winners. Using my aggressive staking plan, borne out by my confidence in the system, the £675 I left you with on 16th March is now £969. Once I reached £1,000 I left stakes at £50.

Now I must add a couple of caveats in here regarding my selections. I do not bet when there is a borderline case, such as the jockey percentage being marginally below the level at which the horse becomes a qualifier and other factors being on the fringe between qualification and non-qualification. It is difficult for me to explain without giving the game away so email me again. I also do not bet in maiden races because by their very nature, they include in their ranks horses who have never won before. I also take

into account price spread when deciding on a finalised lay. What do I mean? Well, if I look at the price market and see that this has the potential to be a 2 horse race I can keep my powder dry despite the fact the horse may lose.

From a staking perspective, I have increased stakes by £2.50 with every consecutive rise by the betting bank of £50. I have kept stakes at their current levels even after a loss – this has ensured that the bank can be recovered quickly after just 3-4 losers. Of course this is open to complications if there were to be a sustained run of winners (which we don’t want!) which is why I mentioned last month about starting small and taking out your initial sum once you had doubled your bank (Psychologically this also ensures that you don’t fret when stakes get bigger because you are effectively playing with OPM (other people’s money) and can more easily ride the bumps that inevitably come with an aggressive staking plan).

I don’t know how long the laytopprofit system can maintain its consistency – I guess this flat season will test it to the maximum but I remain bullish. As ever, please feel free to contact me with any points of clarification and even to see the current spreadsheet of results with attendant staking.

www.laywhisperer.com: The Lay Whisperer seems to have lost its initial effectiveness with the coming of the flat season. Since the 16th March there have been 10 lays which have come first. Does the amount of time off track really affect flat horses as much as it does with jumps horses? This is something I will find out with further monitoring although my instinct tells me at present that this system will be very effective in the national hunt season.

www.laycrazy.com: On a current losing run of over 20 this month, lay crazy are consistent, and February apart, with those 2 contentious lays which were losers for me BUT winning lays for them, they are performing at present.

LAY TIPSTERS

www.leeohare.com: A pleasing introduction to Lee O’Hare’s lay system since this time last month. Of 28 lays, there have been only 4 winners at 11/8, 5/2, 7/2, 5/1 SP, the latter coming on 15th April. The service does not have lays every day, and the prices are generally short enough to allow for a profit to level stakes. The general impression is that Lee O’Hare is very particular in his approach, but those with patience may find this suitable. Alerts are sent via email on a daily basis. Starting at £59.97 a month, we would have profited well this past month, importantly covering our costs. Of course we cannot tell what the future will

bring but the general impression at this early stage is favourable.

www.kenneth-j-wilson-racingservices.co.uk: Run by an ex-military man, this lay tipping service has come up with 10 selections since mid February – this I put down to the transition between racing disciplines.

An inauspicious start to my trial on 23rd February with what was to prove an uncharacteristically big priced winner in Pietersen at 5/1. Darizan then won on 26th February at 5/2, but since then there have been 8 losers on the trot in the interim, the majority of them short-priced favourites including 2 odds on selections.

The emails are well-presented and detailed and the service is more quality than quantity at present. Having joined with a 5/1 winner, I cannot gauge how performance was prior to that, but I have the feeling that this service is of sufficient quality to deliver a profit over a longer period. The payment options go from £3.99 a day to £44.99 a month, and profits of course will be dependent upon your level stakes. The lays provided by Ken have a heavy bent towards pedigree and I suppose it is this angle that can enable Ken to take on the odds on shots with confidence. This is no fly by night service and I would recommend Ken's service should it keep up the trial strike rate (Pietersen notwithstanding) Please feel free to contact the service at ken@kenneth-j-wilson-racingservices.co.uk and inspect previous results at the website. Through my contact with Ken, I can vouch for his integrity

The Legacy and Saver System: Again, my focus has been predominantly on The Saver System and its performance when coupled with the safebetplan. My initial instincts as to the potential success of this pairing is borne out by the Legacy and Saver system sellers themselves (obviously readers!). Here's Andrew from www.legacy4winners.com:

“Just to let you know after reading your newsletters I have starting putting the Saver Systems via the Safebetplan and in 11 days my bank has gone from £500 – £695! With yesterday's selection of Nordic Light winning at 5/1 and the other selection Witchman Lineman losing”

With a recent update, the bank is now showing £707 after 16 bets. As Andrew readily admits this is slow and steady but the return is there to see in full, and verifiable by me. The great thing is that stakes never became underpant changingly large in relation to the betting bank, and all in all, this remains the most headache free method of profiting consistently – with the ability for those at work to actually operate the system themselves.

For less than the cost of a tipster's monthly fee, as long as The Saver System replicates current performance, and, more importantly ensures the losing run remains at no higher than 6, we will continue to profit, profit slowly, BUT profit safely and without worry.

What can you learn from this? Andrew took direct action after reading the newsletter and is reaping the rewards at present. You can do the same. The Legacy and Saver is available for £97 and The Safebet Plan from www.safebetplan.com for £67. For less than £200, here is a potential opportunity for long-term profits with sensible money management, and the opportunity to actually boost profits by changing the settings in the staking software to reflect consistent past performance which it is hoped will be replicated in the future.

60% Winners Agency System: I must say that the official results differ somewhat from my own. Yes we are in agreement that to the staking plan advised, no profit has accrued, but the return to more stable weather should see the system in a more favourable light. Some of the criteria of the 60% system is shared by The Saver System above, and the losing run again, over a period of time is consistently low, which again give me preference for using the system with the safebet plan rather than the staking plan advised, although a return of £25 to £100 bank since December 2006 will test the patience. One to continue monitoring and it may come into its own with better ground. Available from sportsworldpublishing.co.uk for £95

The Foundation System: This system has suffered in the transition between jumps and flat racing. Odds are either ridiculously low or it is a no bet day. I will report when there are more substantial results.

www.soccer-revolution.com: This has produced a profit over the test period, and is easy enough to follow. Again my concern is the price at £200 so please take into account my previous thoughts on the matter. This strategy will be followed with interest in the new season – the unpredictability of end of season games, especially involving teams with nothing really to play for, leaves me reluctant to wade in all guns blazing.

OTHER TIPSTERS

www.winintennis.co.uk: I was somewhat surprised when a reader contacted me to say winintennis had suspended operations. Oh no, I thought, they haven't done a runner! Luckily they were just on holiday. Very quiet over the last month – the recent bet with Baghdatis at 1.38 lost. We are entering the season now of some European majors including Wimbledon, so I hope they can get some profit in the bank.

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www.winningracingtips.co.uk: Another profit in March is all that I can ask for with this service. Steady profit month on month, unspectacular but effective bank growth, reasonably priced at £24.99 a month for 6 months membership. I Just hope Paul Ruffy can continue this.

NEW SYSTEMS

Please see the article on newbies for the new systems I'm currently monitoring that have potential

I am interested in the laygenius laying spreadsheet which I will include in my list. If anything interests you or catches your eye, please drop me a line. Regarding tipsters, I would much prefer seeking out those who do not trumpet their service or mailshot glossy brochures. I will be looking for those who just get on with the job without the bells and whistles and pass them on to you. People like those mentioned in the round up are the calibre of people I would like to monitor, unlike the Sweeney with another losing month yet screams from the rooftops about his biggest gamble of the year etc.

How have some of the free betting blueprints from the pages of WRWM performed?

How about the backing system which selects the lowest priced horses with no tipsters selections in The Racing Post? Well, as recently as Grand National day, we had winners at 16/1, 11/4, 3rd 9/1, 3rd 7/1, 1st 12/1 (Aintree) and 2nd 10/1 (Aintree) – not a bad haul for the day.

On the 4th April the system brought in a 25/1 winner, 3rd at 7/1, 1st at 15/2, 3rd at 7/1, and 2nd at 6/1, so it still seems to be selecting some juicy bigguns.

Taking another random day, the 27th March produced a winner at 6/1, short head 2nd at 7/1, 3rd 8/1, and winner at 12/1.

So give it a whirl, paper trade – it's still producing winners!

Some races will immediately make you think again about selecting the qualifying horse – these are mostly small field races with 2 established market leaders in a race type that isn't dodgy. By dodgy I mean sellers, claimers, maidens et al. The 25/1 winner was selected in a 2-year-old maiden where all horses were debutants – ideal races for shocks to occur. Other pointers may include races where the favourite is priced 4/1 or greater – this is indicative of a wide open race.

As an aside there is a system which focuses on

backing the selection in the tipsters selection boxes with only 1 tipsters selection. A number of filters were applied including ensuring the jockey and trainer stats were solid and perhaps focussing on handicap races with favourite at 3/1 or over (the old competitive handicap again!) I think it would be good to see how many selections and winners this comes up with when worked in tandem with my selection system. Who knows? This time next year Rodney, we'll be millionaires!

Twin Progressive Cycles

This system is still proving effective, especially so over the high quality Aintree meetings and by utilising some football matches eg back the home and away teams in each separate progressive cycle. (Bear in mind that some days I will include my selections on the backing blog at <http://clivekeeling.spaces.live.com>)

The system I mentioned with the safebet plan is still proving effective.

These are 3 of the betting blueprints which are effective, and free to you – no Betfair Revolutions or – only 2 copies left – slashed from £299 to £47 til midnight etc! As you have seen with Andrew from legacy4winners, taking on some of the advice that may click with you and taking action can produce rewards.

On the subject of freebies, a website called www.tipsfest.com is offering a free 45 day trial – all you have to do is register and there are a multitude of free systems available. They also give full access to their daily tipster database, so pop along – it's free, and before you buy any more systems, why don't you check out the free ones at the website!

On the subject of tipsters, this time of year is notorious for poor performance so waiting for a flat proper to start (we actually had 2 jumps meetings today at the time of writing!) may prove prudent. The old caveat must ring true – if it reads too good to be true then it probably is. I would be wary too of AD Associates advert in The Racing Post offering 3 freebies. This I would suspect is a ploy to collect names and sell their other systems which you've read about before and don't really work.

And here are a few more newbies to hit my inbox recently...

www.layblueprint.com: Uh, oh! Here's another laying manual with the author looking for "97, 76, 59, 37, 31, 16, 11, 6 gamblers to use his laying system and siphon-

off a tidy second income, without leaving your PC!”

And guess what? It's £47 (again!). The spiel is the usual – you know the type – “one day I came across a discovery which skyrocketed my profits – I spent all night perfecting it then writing an ebook where I managed to pad it out for 42 pages until finally I had to reveal my breakthrough system which took up about 3 lines!”

To be honest this manual should be renamed the “Betfair Blueprint” because frankly that's what it concentrates on. The system itself identifies one specific area that the author believes lessens a horse's chance of success. Personally, I would not take this one piece of information in isolation but would look to back it up with other negatives against the horse to make it a stronger selection.

But if the system makes me money – who cares!

Well, my £50 starting bank with £2 lays currently stands at £15. I'm not siphoning off that second income just yet, but I will continue to monitor. NOT recommended at present!

www.statisticalsecretsystem.co.uk: Like the preceding system, this one focusses on one specific piece of information that the author believes will adversely affect the horses' running.

This system comes from James Buswell whose previous efforts have included The Statistical Equation and Statistical Predictor. These 2 systems are backing systems, and after having hired a NASA scientist to help me with selection criteria (!), these systems invariably produced ridiculously short priced selections, some at odds of 1/4.

I quickly shelved these 2 systems, and for the money spent, they were less than useful. I don't need to go through some ridiculous equation to be told to back a 1/4 shot.

Well, that's the background, so I approached this system again with a sigh and the Samaritan's number on autodial . . .

So what's involved? This system focuses on the horses in blinkers etc first time out. Now this is not giving the system away because there are a number of checklists we have to work through in order to finalise a selection.

There are a large number of bets which do not fall between the odds specified by the system of between 3 and 10 but of those that have, at this early stage in the test period, we have a 100% record.

I hope this will continue and can at last recommend a system by Mr Buswell, but it's far too early to give this a thumbs up or down, but the potential is there. The bets are quite scarce it must be said so patience is a virtue with this system. (Note, we have seen with the professional lay tipsters mentioned that this is a positive thing – quality over quantity).

I don't know what to make about the claims re turning £100 into £2.7 million in 7 months. If I reach that figure in 7 months, I'll send my chauffeur to inform you!

NOTE – this may be marketing spin but Mr Buswell says he is closing the doors after 50 copies have been sold. I cannot verify this at present.

Other newbies

The Pinnacle System: Another system that has piqued some readers' interests, and this fits in nicely with the running theme of insider gambles (eg the Money Vault) – The Pinnacle System seeks to identify insider information in a completely different fashion. Usually stable gambles can show themselves via a marked cutting of the horses' odds, either in full view of the punter (steamers) or undercover (the 16/1 system et al).

The Pinnacle System has identified jockeys who ride for specific trainers as being the key indicator that a horse is fancied. What The Pinnacle System does is to identify these key trainer/jockey combinations and exploit the potential that the horse in question is quietly fancied. Imagine if a jockey has come to a course just to ride one horse that day, and further, that jockey was one of the big boys – this would certainly be interesting.

By following a few steps, The Pinnacle System can identify these potential good things, and during my test period, has produced a profit, which is the key factor I'm sure you all want to know. Once you get your head around the tables provided, selections become clear.

From a positive perspective this system does not require any monitoring of the live market, and stakes are not determinant on price, so bets can be placed as soon as the work is done.

The Pinnacle System looks to have a degree of promise at this early stage, and the logic behind the system would suggest to me that we can assume it will work year round rather than being a flash in the pan.

BOTTOM LINE: For those unable to use the follow the money systems to unearth the insider information, you may want to cast your eye over The Pinnacle System. Available for £95 from www.bettingsystem.info

FREE REPORT! Poker Techniques

The \$10K Kid reveals 18 Proven Profit Tricks for Online Texas Hold 'em Poker

The best way to make money from Internet poker is the same as making money from any other kind of gambling : **Have a strategy and stick to it!**

Amateur poker players make some fatal strategic flaws. They gamble for fun, think they know better than the house, make rash decisions, rely on luck – and take big risks hoping for a ‘big win’. This is why they lose most of the time. Professional players are different: They play to win, recognise gambling is edged in favour of the house and work with that, use logic not luck and take only small, calculated risks.

This applies to both ‘real’ and online poker of course. But one of the reasons Internet poker is so attractive is that it is easier for the small, inexperienced gambler with limited resources to stick to a strategy. When playing from the comfort of home it is much easier to choose the most favourable games, plan your game and make sensible decisions. And above all, to avoid taking the big risks – common in real-life casinos – and which usually mean you lose.

I’m going to tell you about some of more of my own personal favourite strategies that I use every day, have proven to work, and which I know you’ll find invaluable and profitable too!

1. Keep Your Thoughts To Yourself

This is the simplest strategy you can deploy – but one which is very, very effective!

Most gaming sites allow you to chat with other players but, in my experience getting involved in player chat, is definitely not advised. If a player takes exception to how you play or to you winning chips off them, some players may start moaning or even insulting you. If you get involved in slanging matches the game can become a personal vendetta. When it becomes personal you’re no longer playing with your head – and that is not the way to win.

Luckily you can turn off the player chat so it doesn’t have to become an issue. I strongly suggest turning it off!

2. Know Your Enemy

Every poker website that I’ve played on has a facility

where you can make notes on players. It is a good idea to take advantage of this facility as it can prove very beneficial. For instance, if a player is loose and erratic you should make notes of how they play – so when you play them in the future you can adjust your play for that specific player and earn off them. Or, on the other hand, if they are a good tight player make notes you will know not to get involved with them unless you have a monster hand!

3. Play Only When The Rake Is Sensible

The rake is what the gaming site charges for running the game. In my opinion the correct rake to be charged for a sit and go tourney is considered to be 10% of the buy in fee. In the case of a £5 sit and go this would be £0.50.

However, some sites charge you £1 for a £5 sit and go and I think this is extortionate. I know it doesn’t seem like a lot but consider this: you are just starting out at online poker and have made a deposit of £100. So you decide to play quite a lot of £5 sit and go tourneys with a rake fee of £1 over the course of say one month. After you have played a hundred of these tourneys with the extra £0.50 that seemed insignificant it would add up to £50! That’s enough for nine more sit & go tourneys! The £0.50s add up over a period of time – so make sure that you choose a site that has the correct rake of 10% for a £5 sit and go.

4. Managing Your Bankroll

I believe that the best strategy for beginner is always to play low stake sit and go tournaments. I’d say that a £5+.50 sit and go is ideal. And in my opinion your bankroll should be large enough to fund at least fifteen sit and go tourneys. So, if you were playing the £5+.50 tourneys then that would be at least £82.50 – and £100 would be perfect.

The reason I believe you need a big enough bankroll to fund at least fifteen sit and go tourneys is because it doesn’t matter how good a player is. They will go on a losing streak. Everyone does – it is inevitable in poker. So if you want to start out the right way to earn money at poker, make sure you have a big enough bankroll to absorb the losses.

9. Pay Attention

Watch who’s playing in an aggressive or loose way and who’s playing tight. Try to play the loose players and avoid the tight players – unless you’ve got a strong hand.

10. Watch The Chips

Always be aware of everyone’s chip count. Know who

has more chips than you and play more carefully against them – a mistake could knock you out. It's usually better to play pots with players who have fewer chips than you.

And there's more . . .

11. Be A Bettor, Not A Caller: Being aggressive is usually the best policy in Texas Hold'em.

12. No Match, No Contest: If your cards don't match any of the community cards throw your hand away when someone else bets.

13. Ace In The Hand: Don't play every time you have an ace in your hand. However, play an ace if it's accompanied by a card of the same suit or by a 10 or higher.

14. Hands To Stay With Before The Flop: Play with pairs (7-7, 9-9), two face cards (K-Q, Q-J), or hands that can make both a straight and a flush (8-9, 6-7 of the same suit). Be patient and fold other hands, unless you're in the blind.

15. Good Hand? Bet Strong: In no-limit Texas Hold'em players can bet all of their chips at any time, so bet aggressively when you have a good hand.

16. Watch And Wait: Play fewer hands when you're one of the first players to act, because you'll be out of position and vulnerable to raises from the remaining players.

17. Call Their Bluff: If someone raises in a late position (near/on the button), re-raise them with a good amount if you are on the blind. Chances are, they don't have a big hand and are just trying to steal your blinds. (This style of play, known as going 'over the top', is probably the strongest play you can make in no-limit Texas Hold'em.)

18. Be Patient: Act promptly, but not rashly. When you're making an important decision pause to think about how the betting has gone and what your opponent might have. Take your time.

Download your FREE Texas Hold'em strategy book here!

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The Patriarch Presents . . .

Finally, a simple laying system that doesn't involve being stuck at the PC all day!

I feel like something of a dinosaur in the modern betting jungle. Take laying, for example. I have nothing but admiration for Clive, and others, who sit by their computers waiting for the precise moment to strike – according to the advice being given by blueprints, graphs, bots, calculators, alerts and God knows what else. And of course it has all become possible by the advent of betting exchanges and the internet.

How different things were in older, pre-exchange days. I intend to give some of my own present day plans later, but first I thought it might be of some interest to take a little ramble down, not so much memory lane, but rather back alley, because that was the home of most old-time betting!

In the beginning there were no betting shops, only shady back street corners where the bookie's runner furtively took your bets . . .

You wrote them out on scraps of paper, added your nom-de-plume (for identification purposes) and hoped that if you had a winner the bookie's runner would turn up the following day. Mostly he did. By the way, I can still remember my own nom-de-plume from those days over 50 years ago. There was also postal betting. The postal bookie supplied you with betting coupons and pre-paid postage envelopes, and you posted your bets paid with postal orders. Time stamping of the envelope was vital, and of course it had to be time stamped before the time of the race. Many were the scams that took place regarding that, which we shan't go into here. I still find coupons and envelopes from those days stuck at the back of drawers in my desk.

Then came betting shops. In my experience the first of them were usually small, dark and smoky with a hole in the wall or a hatch behind which sat the bookie taking the bets. There was also the board-man with chalk and a blackboard marking up prices and results given over the 'blower'.

But enough of nostalgia; let's come up to the present

For what it's worth, then, here is this dinosaur's laying system. There is nothing at all high-tech about it, but it

please turn over

does have the one big advantage that you don't need to be hunched over your computer all day to operate it. And it is based on pretty sound betting sense too.

We all know that favourites on average win around 33% of all races, year in and year out. So if you laid all favourites you would win on 2 out of every 3 races. A good starting point, but not good enough.

Concentrate on handicaps only and the percentage of winning favourites drops to about 24%. Laying these you win 3 out of 4. Better, but still room for some improvement. We now come to the final stages.

We use The Racing Post, and in the betting forecast for every handicap race we look at the forecast price of the favourite. If it is 2-1 up to 7-2 we note that favourite down. All other favourites outside that range are discarded.

We now look more closely at the ones noted down, if any. First, we look at the RPR. If it is top rated with the black spot, either on its own or jointly, then we ignore it. But if it still qualifies we now look to see if it is tipped by either Spotlight or Postdata. If it is tipped by either one of them then that disqualifies it. But if it is not tipped by either, then we have a lay bet. As I write these notes on the day before The Grand National there were two lay bets that qualified.

In the 3.20 at Folkestone River Kirov in a handicap was forecast favourite at 10-3, was not top rated on RPR and was not tipped by either Spotlight or Postdata. It was un-placed. In the 5.15 at Southwell we had Diktatorship in a handicap, its price was 7-2 favourite and not top on RPR or tipped by either of our tipsters. It too ended up un-placed.

But don't take my word for all this. Test it for yourself without risking a euro, and when you are satisfied that it works then step in. And as I said, you are free to go about your life, working or playing, without being tied to your P.C. all day.

One last thing. . . .

You might complain that the forecast favourite in the R.P. does not always end up as the actual favourite in the race. Quite right. And that would invalidate the

system? Not really. It doesn't seem to work that way. As it turned out, the two examples I've given above were not the actual favourites in the races. But the real favourites didn't win either. However, I suppose that risk we take is the price of our freedom.

NOTE. There were no lays on National Day and on the Sunday there was one but it was withdrawn at the last moment.

While we are still on the dinosaur theme here is a system that has made money for a very long time, and I'm sure will continue to do so. Now is the time to get involved.

As we know there are the five Classic races in this country and they start with the 2000 Guineas on Saturday 5th May at Newmarket. The bet is this: back the un-named favourite in the 2000 Guineas with 5 points. If it doesn't win place 10 points on the un-named fav. in the 1000 Guineas. Should that not win we put 15 points on the un-named jolly in the Oaks, and if that fails then it is 20 points on the favourite in the Derby. If we still haven't got a winner then it is 25 points on the fav. in the last Classic, the St Leger. Of course, we always stop at a winner.

This has been a real money maker, so why not give it a go!

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