# SPREAD5

# **USER GUIDE**

## **FEATURES AND FUNCTIONS**

## **The Labelled Boxes**

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+ Race/Event ID	С	□ T # A Clear Exit -
# PRICE BETS	Returns Profit	Total Outlay B Net Profit G
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		Profit % H Market % I
		Total lost F Won Lost
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		Process

**A** The **#** Number: It's the automatically generated bet number in the current cycle.

**B** Total Outlay: If you don't stipulate your preferred Total Outlay for the event then the Default Outlay of 10 units is automatically used in the calculations.

**C Race/Event Id:** Optional. Simply enter your own code or phrase to identify the race or sporting event. In a busy betting session it reminds you where you are at that moment. The Race/event ID is also saved as part of the Saved Data File

**D** Id Number/Letter: ...of the selection you want to bet. It can be left blank, of course. Otherwise use your own number or lettering system that suits you.

**E Price:** You enter the prices as a decimal and *using the decimal point* as the separator:

3.55 6.75 12.50

<u>NB: To use a comma you will need to get into Window's Regional Settings and select it there.</u>

<u>Do not use a comma before making the regional change. It will work, but Spread5</u> will calculate the wrong bet amounts.

<u>NB: Do NOT enter a currency symbol: \$ ₤ and so on. Only enter the numbers.</u>

#### UK Odds Warning

Always convert UK odds to a decimal BEFORE you enter them.

For example: 2/1 is typed in as 3.00. And 7/4 is typed in as 2.75.

*Either do the conversion in your head, or change the bookmakers' prices to decimal format. Most offer that option.* 

If you don't convert the UK odds but enter them as 2/1, 7/4 etc then the software will work OK, **but it will calculate the wrong bet amounts!** 

**F** Total Lost: This is automatically incremented with each losing outlay.

**G** Net Profit: Automatically generated after you click either of the Lost or Won buttons.

### H & I: [See Page 5]

**T** Using Tote Prices: Click the box if using tote prices as they are NOT fixed. Your winning selection might end up paying more, or less, than your bet-price.

If you click WON you'll be asked to enter your winner's bet price...

	THE WINNER			
	The winner's bet amount?			OK Cancel
	6.44			
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# PRICE	BETS	Returns	Profit	Total Outlay 20 Net Profit
3 3.2	9.65	30.89	10.89	
7 4.8	6.44	30.89	10.89	Profit % 54.50 Market % 64.74
5 7.9	3.91	30.90	10.90	Total lost Won Lost
HE				Process Total Bets 20.00

...and your winner's final tote price:



Spread-5 will then calculate the profit, and make the appropriate adjustment in the automatically saved Data File.

### **Buttons**

**Process:** Click the Process button to calculate the bets on each selection (the red column), and the potential returns and profits (the two green columns).

As you can see below, the bets are calculated so that each selection returns a similar amount if it wins and – all being well – deliver a nice profit.

And Total Bets at the bottom right double-checks your overall outlay for the race. It should not exceed the amount in Total Outlay – in this instance the 10 unit default.

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+	+ RACE ID: Goodwood 03			# 1	Clea	r Exit -
#	PRICE BETS	Returns	Profit	Total Outlay	10 N	et Profit
5	3.2 6.77	21.65	11.65			
2	6.7 3.23	21.66	11.66	Profit % 11	6.60 Ma	arket % 46.18
R				Total lost	<u> </u>	Won Lost
				Process	Total	Bets 10.00

Experiment with prices and you will soon notice either of two events occur:

- The higher the prices entered the smaller the bets, the bigger the profit%
- The lower the prices entered the bigger the bets, the smaller the profit%

+ On Top: This is a very useful feature, especially when entering data.

Click your plus key if you want the software to remain showing all the time, and NOT allow itself to be covered up by other active programs.

This very useful when you are trying to juggle the market prices, as well as fill in the betting slip with Spread5's calculated betting amounts.

- Not On Top: Simply click your minus key so Spread5 will be covered by other active programs, as normally happens.

**Lost and Won Buttons:** Clicking either will save the betting details, profits and losses for each race.

Data is saved in a file named with the race day's date and the extension TXT

i.e 02-08-2012.txt (depending on how your PC is set up the month may or may not be shown first.)

NB: The file is saved in the same location as your Spread5 software.

**Clear:** Click the Clear button:

- if you want to restart data entry
- to change to another race without saving any data

#### NB: ALL data is wiped from the screen.

If you need to use the BetNumber, Total Lost and/or Net Profit figures for the next race you either make a note of them before clearing, or you can find them in the saved data file [See Recovery Steps on Page 8.]

**Exit:** No, not from this life. It only closes the software. <sup>(2)</sup>

## **Three Information Panels**

The three purple Information Panels are at the bottom of the screen.

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+ RACE ID:			# <sup>1</sup> Clear Exit -
# PRICE BETS	Returns	Profit	Total Outlay 10 Net Profit
3 2.2 <b>4.69</b>	10.32	0.32	Low profit! Modify or Abandon?
7 3.7 2.79	10.32	0.32	Profit % 3.20 Market % 96.87
6 4.1 <b>2.52</b>	10.32	0.32	Total lost Won Lost
			Total ISST
			Process Total Bets 10.00

**H Profit% Panel:** You can see-at-a-glance if the race or event is worth betting with your particular selections.

In the above example, the Profit % panel is only showing 3.2% on your 10 unit outlay. And notice also the Low Profit warning in the Advice Panel

I Market % Panel: This can also be a useful guide for betting.

In the example above you might decide the race is worth betting – despite the low profit on the outlay – because the three selections represent nearly 100% of the market.

Advice Panel [above the Profit% panel] As you see in our example the message would suggest you either *Modify* the selections and prices or *Abandon* the race.

# You can always choose to accept or reject the advice – YOUR decisions must prevail at all times.

Just remember, though, an upset win could so easily happen from further down the field...

### **As-You-Go Editing**

Before betting you can edit Prices, and Total Outlay. This is done to reflect price movements in the market, or to "massage" your bets' sizes.

You can edit each of the three by clicking the appropriate box and then using the delete or back keys to change figures.

Remember to then click Process to update all the calculations. Do this as may times as you need to before the race starts.

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+ RACE ID:		#	<sup>1</sup> Clear	Exit -
# PRICE BETS	Returns P	Profit Total Outla	y 10 Net Pro	fit
3 2.2 <b>6.27</b>	13.80	3.8		
7 3.7 3.73	13.80	3.8 Profit %	38.00 Market	% 72.48
6		Total lost	Wor	lost
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		Proces	S Total Bets	10.00

If you need to remove a selection from the betting display, simply delete its price. Then tap Process.

Notice that after editing Selection Number 6 the bets will be correctly calculated for the remaining selections.

The Id Number of the edited selection stays on display so you can keep track of what you've done to whom!

Notice the much healthier Profit % and we're still covering about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the market with just these two selections.

This race is now a better proposition.

### **Date Is Automatically Saved**

As mentioned earlier, clicking either Won or Lost automatically saves each race or event's betting-data to a text file.

The text Data File is named with the current date: 04-07-2013.txt. It is saved in the same location or folder as Spread-5.

The purple Advice Box confirms that the data is saved:

# <sup>3</sup> Cl	ear Exit -		
Total Outlay	Net Profit -20		
[Data saved]			
Profit %	Market %		
Total lost 20	Won Lost		
Process Total Bets 10.00			

#### Example of Saved Data

------Bet #2 SPREAD 5 Current Net Profit = -20.00 LOST #8 PRICE 2.9 BET 5.04 #3 PRICE 5 BET 2.93 #6 PRICE 7.2 BET 2.03 # PRICE BET # PRICE BET THIS RACE'S TOTAL BETS = 10.00

As we know, programs can – and sometimes do – close unexpectedly. Software glitch...faulty component between the chair and the keyboard...power failure...any can happen without warning.

In our example above, let's say the power went off before we could complete the newly begun betting cycle.

Not to worry. We have enough data saved to continue from where we left off once power is restored:

#### **Recovery Steps**

Using our example, here's how to recover

- Restart Spread-5. [Click the + so it stays on top.]
- Open the Saved Data file with Notepad or similar -- even a word processor will do.

- Add 1 to the saved Bet #2 and type in 3 (We're about the make the 3<sup>rd</sup> bet in the current cycle, you see)
- Type in the -20 for Net Profit (yes, with the minus sign showing in front)
- Type in the 20 (no minus sign) in the Total Lost box

The software is now configured just as it was before its premature closure so you can continue the current cycle.

Now go ahead with typing in the details of the new event and relevant prices.

## **Betting and Profit Cycles**

Betting is done in Profit Cycles. The BetNumber # box top right tells you where you are in the cycle.

Your Net Profit is calculated and displayed after each win or loss.

The Net Profit box will turn red when negative. Green means a positive amount.

As soon as it's positive the betting data is cleared from the screen (don't panic – remember it's already been automatically saved in the Data File) and an end-of-cycle Message pops up.



After tapping OK, the BetNumber # box will automatically reset to 1 for you to begin another betting cycle.

The Net Profit stays on the screen.

During a cycle, subsequent wins or losses are added to, or subtracted from, the Net Profit. You can then see current profitability at-a-glance.

#### Take Note

#### Click CLEAR for ALL data boxes to be purged.

[In case of error, the profit amount is already saved in the Data File.]

## Almost The Final Word...

Don't be afraid to experiment. The better you know the software the less likely you will be to make a mistake in a live, busy session.

The next step is to read the *SUGGESTIONS FOR FIXED-OUTLAY BETTING STRATEGIES* that is also included in your purchase price.

It will give you a useful set of immediate betting strategies to get you started.

Over time, you will likely modify some of them -- perhaps even create your own.

## And Now The Final Word

Here are three recommended additions to your punting toolkit.

### **1** Compound Magic

Please consider investing some of your profits in some compounding software specifically designed for place betting the low-priced runners – the ones punters don't usually bother with.

Compound Magic is quite unique in that you start with a modest FLAT bet. Your only risk is that first bet if it doesn't perform. Follow the software's five steps and it will compound your winnings.

# But -- very unusually -- it pays you a profit along the way, as well as generating impressive overall profits during any 5-bet campaign you decide to run.

The video will give you an insight into the profit potential of this excellent -- and popular – product: <u>http://www.compound-magic.com/</u>

### 2 International Trifecta (Tricast) Betting

This valuable ebook is details many tried and tested betting strategies you will need to extract your share of the *huge*, <u>international pools of money available for tricast</u> / *trifecta betting* -- all from the comfort of your own home.

International Trifecta Betting includes all the international links needed to give you a big edge in profiting from what is really the last frontier.

Right now tricast betting is still largely unexploited by punters who have been put off by high outlays.

<u>No longer high.</u> ITB reveals a clever strategy to bet for a fraction of the normal cost -- and yet still make good profits: <u>http://www.internationaltrifectabetting.com/</u>

### **3** Dutch Book Betting

Watch Steve's video of him making a good profit on three races with the muchrequested Dutch 5 software . He shows how you can bet up to 5 selections at a time, *but make a profit AND recover all bets when one of them wins.* 

He also demonstrates *its unique feature that allows it to continually remain visible on the desktop.* 

As you'll see, that's extremely helpful when trying to juggle several other programs and web pages to get the bets on in time: <u>http://www.dutch-5.com/</u>