



## **SPB System Builder & Grey Horse Bot September.**

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### **Me... (Just indulge me )**

Welcome to the first of a new style monthly Sporting Bots report...

Well I have had an interesting month...

I have had a cold (man flu) as my wife likes to say.

I spend a lot of time training my dogs (and other peoples) and one of the things I do (a lot) is recall. Especially in agility where you need your doge to return to you quickly when called.

My collie is pretty quick and she heads directly for the toy which usually dangles from my hand.

I called her and realized too late it hadn't unfolded and this time she got my hand with the toy, right on one of my knuckles...that hurt.

My Reprap 3d printer is coming along and I hope to get the main work finished in the next couple of weeks so I can start testing it.

I am scratch building this one with wood so that I can then print the parts for the next one...it's not a pretty site.

I actually visited the TCT show in Birmingham. It's pretty crazy what you can print with now days.

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### **This month's Round-up**

September has been a busy month not only for updates to the [SPB System Builder](#) but also because of testing of some new features on the [Grey Horse Bot](#).

One of the features I added to the [SPB System Builder](#) was Fav / Not favourite.

This allows users to search based on whether the runner was Favourite or not (I suppose that was obvious J ).

I want to extend this so you can test 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or whatever price position you want but unfortunately (up to now) the [Grey Horse Bot](#) can only do one or the other.

It occurred to me a while ago that somewhere along the line that I would have to start developing the [Grey Horse Bot](#) in-line with the [SPB System Builder](#).

The issue is that where I can update and release a new version of the [SPB System builder](#) very quickly the [Grey Horse Bot](#) needs more time...

...Not only because of testing but also for Betfair approval.

Still there are plenty of other options I can add to the [SPB System Builder](#) before I have to wait around for updates to the [Grey Horse Bot](#).

The URL way of using the two products together is also leading us down some new avenues.

We have now come up with a way of adding information to the bottom of the Server tips file that can instruct the bot to do more advanced things.

This will mean a more simple bot for those that are not interested in a lot of setting up (is anyone?).

I also added "stop at a winner" this month.

It wasn't planned it is just something I decided to do.

I really haven't had chance to do much with it myself although I did record a youtube video where I used it on an AW system.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdPJ\\_56i4ZY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdPJ_56i4ZY)

I also added individual courses to the software.

At the moment you can only look at one course at a time but I plan to extend this shortly to multiple courses.

It is interesting to see how your system performs on different courses.

I also re-sorted the csv output so it could be used directly in the [Staking Machine](#)

### **News this month...**

I signed a deal with a new feed source.

This is how we get our data daily so that we can keep our race information totally up to date.

The older one I used has shown to be a little unreliable and a couple of times we have had to repair data that was delivered incorrectly. The new one will also be supplying more information in the feed which will lead to new features in the SPB System Builder.

I am really excited about this new feed because there will be back data included which means as soon as I get it correctly added to the SPB System Builder DB we will have a lot more information to test our systems against.

Also I am planning a "System Development" event for beginners in November so if you're interested in coming let me know.

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### **Idea this month...**

Profit is the result of two things...

1. Strike Rate
2. Price (odds)

When you come up with a system or find one that you want to try these are the two things you need to work on.

(You may find my article on [BSP v SP](#) quite interesting)

Although strike rate is important in many cases you will find it is the price that kills the system.

So try betting at different times or even check the bookies prices to see if there is more value there.

### **This month's Article.**

I hate to go on but I think I am going to be writing a lot about this over the coming months...

### **What is "this"?**

"Nano" system or getting more specific about the selection method you are using.

When I first released the SPB System Builder it was very light on features but as I have added more it's given me (and the users) chance to go over the earlier systems and break them down to more specific examples

I have already done this with system 5-2  
 (You can read the report here)

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/system5-update2.pdf>

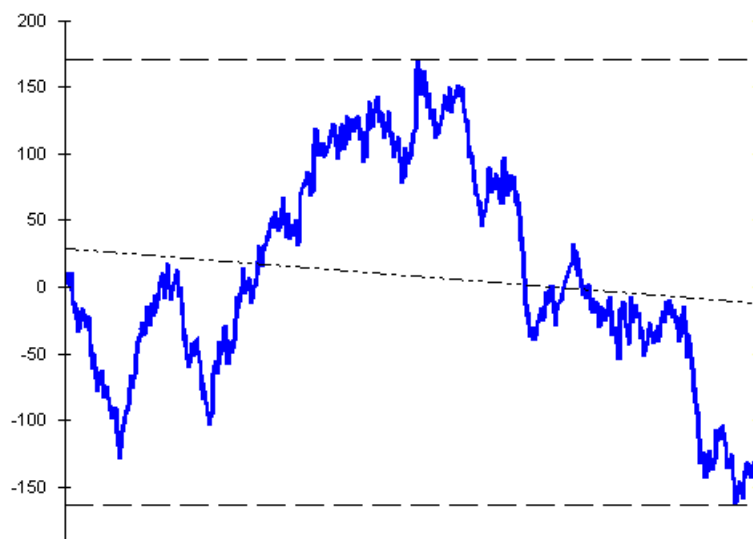
So I decided to do it with System 3 which is a lay system.

And again I should have done this a lot earlier.

Here is the system as it looks now.

Found: 855	Wins: 599	Losers: 256	P/L: -140.97	Strike: 70.06 %	ROI: -1.65 %
LWR: 23	LLR: 6	ALO: 2.18	HLO: 18.37	Open CSV	

Yep not a pretty site...here is the graph.



(Note: When I first introduced the system it was heading up through the 150 mark.)

The first thing I do now is break the system down into race types.

#### Flat (FLT)

Found: 525	Wins: 359	Losers: 166	P/L: -218.94	Strike: 68.38 %	ROI: -4.17 %
LWR: 19	LLR: 8	ALO: 2	HLO: 9.88	Open CSV	

#### Hurdle(HDL)

Found: 128	Wins: 101	Losers: 27	P/L: 218.44	Strike: 78.91 %	ROI: 17.07 %
LWR: 9	LLR: 3	ALO: 2.37	HLO: 17.5	Open CSV	

#### All Weather (AW)

Found: 86	Wins: 63	Losers: 23	P/L: 5.7286	Strike: 73.26 %	ROI: 0.67 %
LWR: 11	LLR: 4	ALO: 2.29	HLO: 8.47	Open CSV	

#### Chase (CHS)

Found: 101	Wins: 66	Losers: 35	P/L: -151.20	Strike: 65.35 %	ROI: -14.97 %
LWR: 16	LLR: 3	ALO: 2.93	HLO: 18.37	Open CSV	

Ok so we can see immediately where the Profit and Loss (P/L) is coming from.

This system also uses the IRE racing and as part of my drive to go "Nano" I now

like to split the two.

Let us just look at the IRE side.

#### FLT

Found: 92	Wins: 64	Losers: 28	P/L 37.443	Strike: 69.57 %	ROI: 4.07 %
LWR: 9	LLR: 6	ALD: 1.25	HLO: 6.9	Open CSV	

#### HDL

Found: 42	Wins: 38	Losers: 4	P/L 144.32	Strike: 90.48 %	ROI: 34.36 %
LWR: 23	LLR: 1	ALD: 1.8	HLO: 2.95	Open CSV	

#### AW

Found: 5	Wins: 3	Losers: 2	P/L -6.6780	Strike: 60 %	ROI: -13.36 %
LWR: 2	LLR: 2	ALD: 1.35	HLO: 2.45	Open CSV	

#### CHS

Found: 14	Wins: 7	Losers: 7	P/L -50.397	Strike: 50 %	ROI: -36 %
LWR: 3	LLR: 3	ALD: 2.27	HLO: 6.48	Open CSV	

(I have left out NHF (National Hunt Flat) in both cases)

By doing it this way we are a lot closer to identifying what types of races this system seems to perform better on.

The IRE side of things haven't been that bad but it is quite clear as it is with the UK racing that HDL races is where the profit is coming from.

And are natural instinct would be to throw them together as one system...we will come back to that.

The other obvious thing is that CHS and FLT (UK) are responsible for the losses.

Even though when I launched the system they appeared to be supporting it.

And this is why I don't actually like combining race types at all any more.

What we need to do is identify easily to follow systems that we can test easily.

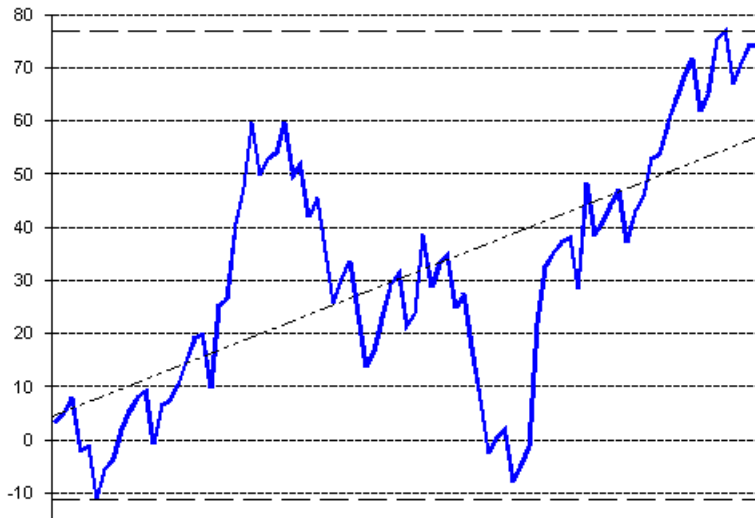
When we bunch them together it is not always clear where the losses are coming from...it is now.

We have identified in this case that the HDL races are the more profitable and IRE + UK together produce over 200 points.

But lets look at the separately again.

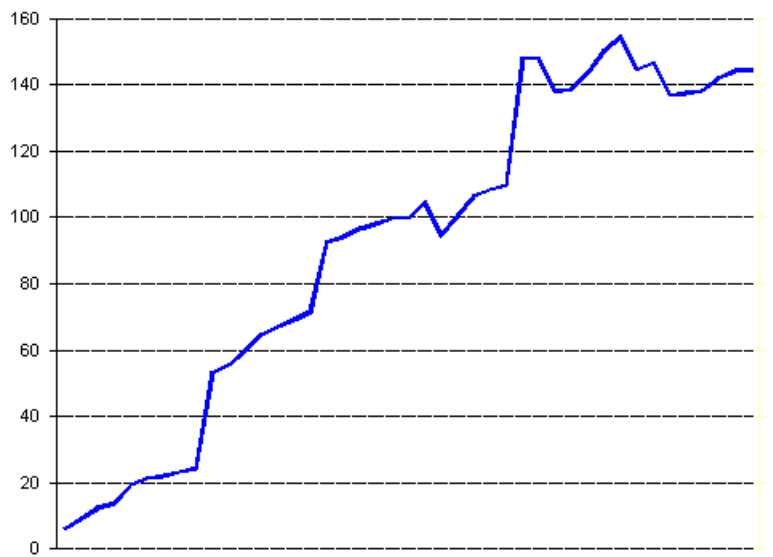
#### UK HDL (now without IRE included)

Found: 86	Wins: 63	Losers: 23	P/L 74.118	Strike: 73.26 %	ROI: 8.62 %
LWR: 8	LLR: 3	ALD: 2.46	HLO: 17.5	Open CSV	



**IRE HDL**

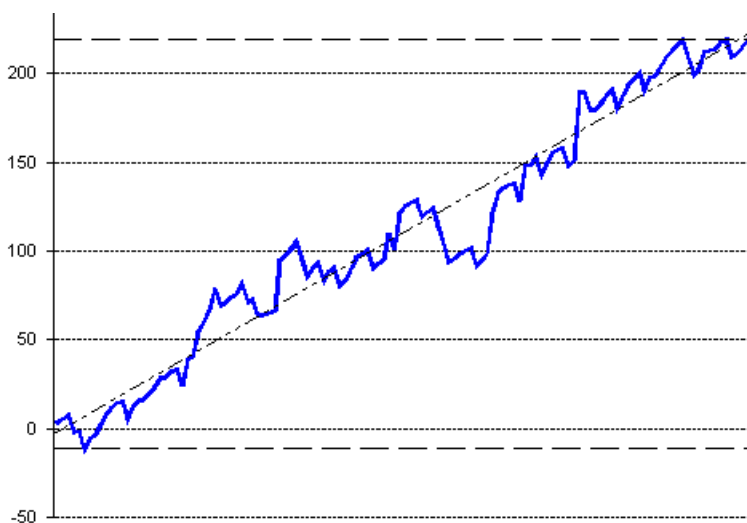
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LWR: 23	LLR: 1	ALD: 1.8	HLO: 2.95	<a href="#">Open CSV</a>	



If you saw the UK system on it's own I bet you would be a little concerned about that losing streak where as the Irish results are a lot more inviting.

And if you put the IRE and UK HDL together you get this...

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It looks like it is a great system

But in the true spirit of "Nano" we want to go deeper so let's look at how each HDL system performs on sub race types.

UK

Novice-10.035  
Handicap 31.66  
Maiden -10.256  
Other 62 points

IRE

Novice -1.56  
Handicap 13.87  
Maiden 91 points

Other 40.96 points

As you can see apart from "Other" (which is just 14 races all losers) they have had very mixed results.

IRE has done better on Maidens where most of the profit has come from where as in the UK it is "Other" and "Handicap".

At the moment apart from "Novice" races the IRE system appears a little more stable and profitable so this is where I would probably start.

The thing you have to remember is when you do drill down further into systems and look to create "nano" systems then you are going to be dealing with a lot less selections and results.

But the exercise has helped us to...

1. Identify where the losers are coming from
2. Where most of the profit is.

**It's up to you to decided how "Nano" you want your "Nano" system to be.**

**Other articles and reports this month.**

SPB System Builder...

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/spb-sb-1.asp>

Stop at a winner (and on youtube)

100 point BF system  
Favourites or not Favourites

Articles

Can we get on the correct BSP favourite before the off?

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/artview.asp?pnum=56>

My testing Journal

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/artview.asp?pnum=57>

The Staking Machine

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/artview.asp?pnum=58>

PDF's

BSP V SP

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/bsp-sp.pdf>

System 5-2 report

<http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/system5-update2.pdf>

Irish system report

[http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/an\\_Irish\\_Course\\_Winners\\_system.pdf](http://greyhorsebot.co.uk/an_Irish_Course_Winners_system.pdf)

**Finally...**

In next months report I hope to bring news of the new data we have added to the SPB System Builder and any new search features.

Also more news on an upcoming "system development" event I want to hold in Swindon.

Thank you as always for reading I really do appreciate it.

**Malcolm**

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