

# Betting System Truths

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**From  
Betting System Guru**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Hi Folks,

Welcome to BST Newsletter Edition 18 in this issue we have 1 Final Review, a New Review Betfair ATM being conducted by Sgt Dave, Lay League Table and Part 2 of our Racing Personalities. A new feature called Blogger's Corner, although folks I was a bit surprised at the lack of response this is your opportunity to have a part of the newsletter for yourselves.

## **New Reviews**

### Betfair ATM - Reviewer Sgt Dave.

A new review being conducted by Sgt Dave; having said that this one has been scheduled to be reviewed twice before and on both occasions it never got started. So what is Betfair ATM?, well you cannot really call it a system it is more a strategy or a method and it involves backing horses In Play on the place market. Now of course timing is crucial with this type of betting and the author recommends Fair Bot, but what ever you use it needs to have one click bet operation. So how much can you expect to make from this? Around a couple of points a day depending on the amount of time you put in, as per the BF ATM website you can use it in your spare time, weekends etc, one thing for certain you will do better with it the more experience you gain.

So what does it cost? Currently £67 at the time of writing for this you get a 20 page PDF manual which thankfully has no unnecessary padding it covers the 8 rules and has plenty of pages showing examples of the strategy in action. Sgt Dave found the author very helpful and quick to reply to e-mails. This is going to be different and a tricky review as by the nature of the method it is possible that results could vary from punter to punter. I think Sgt Dave is quite brave taking this one on, even though he is a very experienced reviewer it is still going to be a challenge. Don't get me wrong the actual reasoning behind the Betfair ATM is quite sound and once you have got a few months experience under your belt one would find it easier to use.

Anyway let us see what happens over the forthcoming weeks and what kind of profits if any can be generated by this method.

See Betfair ATM here: [http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Betfair\\_ATM/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Betfair_ATM/)

## **Final Reviews**

We have only one Final Review this week which passed and is being recommended.

## **Passed 5\*Highly Recommended**

None for the period of September 13th to 19th September.

## **Passed! Minimum 84 day Review**

### Racing Secrets Exposed E-Book - Reviewer Sgt Rob

Just to recap the RSE e –book is 105 pages long and explains the mechanics of finding a horse to lay after evaluating lots of criteria. Although 105 pages may seem rather daunting, 25% of them are dedicated to examples, the first third of the book covers the basics and Racing Post website navigation, pages 35 to 65 covers flat racing and 66 to 90 National Hunt. The remaining pages of the e-book go over the topics of maximising profits, bots, professional betting plus a few other items.

So Sgt Rob has never got involved with trying to select horses to lay before so how did he get on with the manual, he used it for two separate periods totalling 8 days and managed to make a profit of 3 points after Betfair commission. It took him a while to get use to analysing the races but after a day or two he found that a lot of the required information was grouped together on the Racing Post website. Once he got familiar with what data to look for he found the whole process quite easy.

So the final thoughts from Sgt Rob was that it would be a great start for people who were newbie's to laying , the e-book takes you from scratch and walks you through the whole process. Experienced layers would not find much of interest and would probably use it only as a basic reference guide. The final rating was 4 stars and at the current price of £7, Sgt Rob considers it an absolute bargain.

See Racing Secrets Exposed here: <http://www.bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Racing-Secret-Exposed-Manual/>

## **Released On Bail (Neutral)**

No reviews fell into this category this week.

## **Failed and Jailed**

No reviews fell into this category this week.

## **Scam Alert**

### Arbitrage Spy Update

It appears that some of you folks are still having problems getting refunds from these vendors, so please read the following:

E-mail [refunds@clickbank.com](mailto:refunds@clickbank.com) Tell them that we have done our home work on betting system truths and many many people are being a victim of this fraud, they are gathering at the blog and asking what to do. Say that Arbitrage Spy are not helping and are abusing the system Clickbank has put in place. Tell them that you cannot run the software as it was advertised. Also mention that they are impersonating betting system truths. (Clickbank know about this) Tell them that is the reason why you purchased because of the impersonation that fooled you into buying it. If all else fails go to Paypal if you used Paypal. As a side note always use Paypal because if Clickbank are not helpful you can file a fraud case with Paypal and you have two cracks at the whip.

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P.S – Download the scam busting course here

<http://www.bettingsystemtruths.com/scamcourse> – Never buy another Clickbank system or service unless it passes all 5 checks... This advice applies to all BST readers.

## News About All The Reviews

This section covers all the current reviews being conducted and just gives a quick insight how each review is performing. All the figures quoted below cover the period September 13th to September 19th inclusive.

### Champion Racing Lays - Reviewer Sgt Tommy

Reviews are only up to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> during the last 6 days the service has had 9 selections with 7 winning lays, the losing lays returned BFSP odds of 3.91 and 7.6. With well over 60% of the bank gone I do not see this one going beyond the 56 day review stage.

<b>Upto day 55</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<b>P/L</b>	<b>50 points Start Bank</b>
	<b>-2.86 points</b>	<b>18.20 points</b>	<b>-31.80 points</b>

### **Champion Racing Lays**

Here:[http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Champion\\_Racing\\_Lays/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Champion_Racing_Lays/)

### Dreamlays - Reviewer Sgt Brendan

Only have results up to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> so for the few days we had 14 selections with 11 winning lays , the 3 losing lays came in at 6.80, 6.20 and 6.61 BFSP.

<b>Upto day 47</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<b>P/L</b>	<b>£1000 Start Bank</b>
	<b>- £61.60</b>	<b>£637.90</b>	<b>- £362.10</b>

See Dreamlays here: [http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Dream\\_Lays/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Dream_Lays/)

### Football Bets- Reviewer Sgt Tommy

Not a great week for any of the tipsters with only one making a very small profit, for BettingLayClub it had 15 selections with only 5 winning bets and showed a loss of 3.02 points. 99 Reds had 25 selections of which 11 won and made a very small profit of 0.33 points. Another 3 selections from Tammyboy this week but once again only 1 won so a minus 0.60 points was the result.

Up to day 81	This Period	Cumulative	
		P/L	P/L
<b>BettingLayClub</b>	<b>-3.02 points</b>	<b>100 point Start Bank</b>	<b>+9.45 points</b>
<b>99 Reds</b>	<b>+ 0.33 points</b>	<b>92.68 points</b>	<b>-7.32 points</b>
<b>Tammyboy</b>	<b>-0.60 points</b>	<b>100.40 points</b>	<b>+0.40 points</b>

See Football Bets here: [http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Football\\_Bets/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Football_Bets/)

### The Full Circle System – Reviewer Sgt Dave

For the week the system had 6 E.W Bets of which 1 won and 1 was placed, 3 losing Place Bets and 3 winners from its 9 Win Bets, resulting in a loss of minus 2.06 points. So after 49 days this system does not seem to be progressing and is just treading water.

Upto day 49	This Period	Cumulative	
		P/L	P/L
	<b>- 2.06 points</b>	<b>40 point Start Bank</b>	<b>-2.02 points</b>
		<b>37.98 points</b>	

To see Full Circle click here: [http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Full\\_Circle/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Full_Circle/)

### Layers of Profit (Mk II) - Reviewer Sgt Rob

6 selections for this period of which 5 were winning Lays and the losing lay came in at odds of 3.62 BFSP, this meant a profit of 2.13 points.

Upto day 66	This Period	Cumulative	
		P/L	P/L
	<b>+ 2.13 points</b>	<b>35 point Start Bank</b>	<b>+ 16.17 points</b>
		<b>51.17 points</b>	

See Layers of Profit here: <http://irecommend.com/layersofprofit/>

### No1 Lay System - Reviewer Sgt Dave

Bit of a shock this week the system produced 7 selections with 6 of these being winning Lays but unfortunately it still resulted in a slight loss of minus 1.30 points. So far for the 49 days the system has given 21 selections with only 1 losing Lay that's a pretty impressive Strike Rate of 95.24%.

Upto day 49	This Period	Cumulative	
		P/L	P/L
	- 1.30 points	100 point Start Bank 112.00 points	+ 12.00 points

See No1 Lay System here: [http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Number\\_One\\_Lays/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Number_One_Lays/)

### Planet Horseracing- Reviewer Sgt Tony

A very quiet week for the service with 6 days of No Selections; the one remaining day it had 2 selections and one winning lay and one losing lay at 3.03 BFSP, this resulted in a loss of £43.20 for the week. So with only 3 days to go on the review it does not look good for this one.

Upto day 81	This Period	Cumulative	
		P/L	P/L
	-£43.20	£2000 Start Bank £1608.80	-£391.20

See Planet Horseracing here:  
[http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Planet\\_Horse\\_Racing/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Planet_Horse_Racing/)

### Racing Secrets Exposed (Tips) - Reviewer Sgt Rob

For the period Days 36 to 49 the service gave 8 selections of which 5 were winning lays and the 3 Losing Lays came in at 7.00, 3.80 and 2.80 BFSP so a loss of 5.85 points for the period. For the Early Bird prices the losing lays had odds of 6.6, 4.6 and 2.78 this led to a loss of 6.23 points. So after 49 days it is not looking particularly good for this service; a rather disappointing performance so far.

Upto day 49	This Period	Cumulative	
		P/L	P/L
Early Bird	-6.23 points	91.72 points	- 8.28 points
BFSP	- 5.85 points	95.15 points	- 4.85 points

See Racing Secrets Exposed (Tips) here:  
<http://www.bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Racing-Secrets-Exposed-Tips/>

### Racing Winners - Reviewer Sgt Thomas

Only 1 winner at 6.6BFSP from 8 selections meant another losing week with a 6.65 points loss, although overall for the review period the system is 60.74 points up.

<b>Upto day 47</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<b>P/L</b>	<b>100 point Start Bank</b>
	<b>- 6.65 points</b>	<b>160.74 points</b>	<b>+60.74 points</b>

See Racing Winners here: <http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Racing-Winners/>

The Pointer Software -Reviewer Sgt Brendan

Awaiting a Final Review from Sgt Brendan..

<b>Upto day 84</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<b>P/L</b>	<b>100 point Start Bank</b>
<b>ISP</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>103.81 points</b>	<b>+3.81 points</b>
<b>BSP</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>106.30 points</b>	<b>+6.30 points</b>

See The Pointer Software here:

[http://www.bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Tax\\_Free\\_Quid/](http://www.bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Tax_Free_Quid/)

The Wizard Of Odds - Reviewer Sgt Thomas

Unfortunately, due to the author's ill health, the tipping line is suspended for a few days. So Sgt Thomas is going to suspend the trial until the tipping line resumes. Anyway we had 3 days covered which produced 2 selections with 1 winner and Level Stakes showed a slight loss of 0.43 points, whilst that figure was a bit higher for the Staking Plan at minus 2.01 points.

<b>Upto day 20</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<b>P/L</b>	<b>100 point Start Bank</b>
<b>Level Stakes</b>	<b>-0.43 points</b>	<b>99.29points</b>	<b>-0.71 points</b>
<b>Staking Plan</b>	<b>-2.01 points</b>	<b>100.99 points</b>	<b>+0.99 points</b>

See The Wizard Of Odds here: [http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Wizard\\_Of\\_Odds/](http://bettingsystemtruths.com/review/Wizard_Of_Odds/)

Tyche Windfall -Reviewer The Commissioner

The Commissioner will update at the beginning of September.

<b>Upto End of July</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
		<b>P/L</b>	<b>100 point Start Bank</b>
<b>BSP</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>101.97 points</b>	<b>+ 1.97 points</b>

See Tyche Windfall here: <http://irec.ommend.com/tyche/>

## League Tables

More action this week but only Layers of Profit made any gains, with the other 5 all recording losses. If you look at the overall Laying scene in our reviews only Layers of Profit and No 1 Lays are making a profit overall and performing well on a regular basis.

**Lay League Table for September 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> (Strike Rate)**

Position	Name of Service/System	No Of Selections	Winning Lays	% Strike Rate	Position L/W
1	No 1 Lays	7	6	85.71	5
2	Layers of Profit	6	5	83.33	1
3	Dream Lays	14	11	78.57	3
4	Champion Lays	9	7	77.78	2
5	Racing Secrets Exposed (Tips)	8	5	62.5	5
6	Planet Horseracing	2	1	50	4

**Lay League Table for September 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Profit and Loss)**

Position	Name of Service/System	Profit and Loss	Position L/W
1	Layers of Profit	2.13	1
2	Planet Horseracing	-1.08	3
3	No 1 Lays	-1.30	5
4	Champion Racing Lays	-2.86	2
5	Racing Secrets Exposed (Tips)	- 5.85	5
6	Dream Lays	- 6.16	4

**Lay League Table for September 12th to 19th  
(Overall)**

Position	Name of Service/System	Points from S/R	Points from P/L	Total	Position L/W
1	Layers of Profit	5	6	11	1
2	No 1 Lays	6	4	10	5
3	Champion Lays	1	5	6	2
4	Planet Horseracing	1	5	6	3
5	Dream Lays	4	1	5	3
6	Racing Secrets Exposed (Tips)	2	2	4	5

## **Blogger's Corner**

Well to say I am a little disappointed by the response would be an understatement and one person at least stepped forward but wants to remain anonymous so I thank you kind sir for your idea and have posted my comments below your piece. So come on folks lets see some more e-mails come in for this page, as I said last week it can be anything related to betting, maybe you would like to share your system, an experience, have questions or a view point about racing etc. Anyway on to Mr X's e-mail.

**Hi BSG**

I thought I would write this piece for your Blogger's corner and seek your opinion at the same time. A few weeks ago I was looking through the folders on my computer and I was kind of shocked at how much betting systems and racing stuff I had saved it was like hundreds, some I do not even remember using. So I decided to make separate folders and named them The Good Ones. The Maybes and the Useless, as you can imagine not many went into the first, a few more into the second and a bloody lot in the third. Anyway I started to browse though some of the useless one's and although lot of the rules were half baked I noticed on most of them that they had at least one sensible rule or idea, in some cases the same rules or similar were repeated on other systems. Now my idea is to make a note of these rules and put them together and make up a system maybe one for laying and one for backing, I would value your thoughts on this.

Regards  
Mr X

**Hi Mr X**

**Thanks for taking the time to send an e-mail to me, having read it I took a look at my computer to say it is congested with betting systems and other related material would be an understatement so it looks like I have got to do some spring cleaning. It is certainly a good idea to have several folders especially if you want to find things quicker and maybe you want to check on a certain rule of one of the better systems at least you know where to look.**

**Now making up on your own system is always a good idea if you have the time and certainly if you have a portfolio there is no reason why you cannot include 1 or 2 of your own creations providing they are profitable. Yes it sounds logical that if you get rules that sound sensible and are repeated a few times amongst the various systems that you could use them to form a base for another system. It might be a good idea if, for example, it concerns Number of Runners or Type of Race etc that you run them through something like Adrian Massey and make a note of the stats. Certainly I will be interested in your progress and if you just make a note of the sensible rules and then delete those useless PDF's and e-books your computer will be happier and faster which cannot be a bad thing. Thanks again for your contribution.**

**BSG**

## Racing Personalities

Continuation from last week in Part 2 we look at Sir Ivor, Lester Piggott was quoted as saying that this one was the best horse he had ever ridden, although Nijinsky had the greater potential.

### Nijinsky and Sir Ivor

Part Two will cover Sir Ivor.

### Sir Ivor

(1965 - 1995)

**One of the greatest post-war racehorses. He had a devastating turn of foot, which differentiated a truly great racehorse from just a good one. Lester Piggott and Sir Ivor made a perfect team. They simply cruised like a well-oiled machine.**



**Sir Ivor**

<b>Sire</b>	<a href="#">Sir Gaylord</a>
<b>Grandsire</b>	<a href="#">Turn To</a>
<b>Dam</b>	Attica
<b>Damsire</b>	Mr. Trouble
<b>Sex</b>	<a href="#">Stallion</a>
<b>Foaled</b>	1965
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Colour</b>	<a href="#">Bay</a>
<b>Breeder</b>	<a href="#">Mill Ridge Farm</a>
<b>Owner</b>	<a href="#">Raymond R. Guest</a>
<b>Trainer</b>	<a href="#">Vincent O'Brien</a>
<b>Record</b>	13: 8-3-1
<b>Earnings</b>	\$561,323

**Major wins**

<a href="#">Grand Criterium</a> (1967)
<a href="#">National Stakes</a> (1967)
<a href="#">2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes</a> (1968)
<a href="#">2,000 Guineas</a> (1968)
<a href="#">Epsom Derby</a> (1968)
<a href="#">Champion Stakes</a> (1968)
<a href="#">Washington, D.C. International</a> (1968)

**Awards**

<a href="#">United Kingdom Horse of the Year</a> (1968)
<a href="#">Leading broodmare sire in Britain &amp; Ireland</a> (1983)

## **The Beginning**

Sir Ivor was bred in America and purchased by Raymond Guest. He was bought by the well known Bull Hancock, of Claiborne Farm, for \$42, 000, at Keeneland Sales. At first, he appeared tall, lanky and in the view of his breeder "rather lopsided". Sir Ivor was broken in Kentucky and then sent to Vincent O'Brien at Ballydoyle. Vincent O'Brien at first thought the big horse was slightly backward and warned his owner to be patient.

## **The Races**

Sir Ivor made his debut at the end of June in a minor race in Ireland where he could only finish 4th. Liam Ward rode him in his next two races in Ireland, which he won against mediocre opposition. On Vincent's recommendation Lester partnered Sir Ivor in the Grand Criterium in France. Sir Ivor scored a smashing victory, thrashing Paola Bela, the champion filly of 1968 out of sight. He also defeated Timmy My Boy, the 1968 French Derby runner-up. The great colt had great ground to cover in the straight but when Lester pushed him he gave a devastating burst and swept past the leaders. He went on to score a most convincing win in the National Stakes at Curragh. At the end of the 1967, Sir Ivor was the 2nd highest rated 2 year old in Europe, given a rating of 134.

As a 3-year-old, Sir Ivor made a winning start in the 2,000 Guineas trial. Here he was hard pressed getting home by only  $\frac{1}{2}$  a length. His victory was none too impressive. The distance of 7 furlongs was too short for him. Earlier in the season, Lester had to make a major choice between Petingo, a top class miler and Sir Ivor. Lester chose Sir Ivor. Petingo scored a remarkable 4 length win in a race in Newmarket and it seemed Lester had made a mistake. Sir Ivor had been taken back to Ireland for the 2,000 Guineas, but Vincent O'Brien was dissatisfied with the colt's progress, chiefly because he had a tendency to pull up before the end of a gallop. He would work quite lazily at home. Sir Ivor was thus sent to Newmarket ten days before the Guineas so that Lester could gallop him on the heath and test his fitness.

With Sir Ivor came two other of Vincent's good horses, to make the workout challenging. The gallop was held at the southern most end of the schooling grounds.

Lester was instructed by Vincent to tuck Sir Ivor behind the two other horses and urge him only with two furlongs to go. In the gallop two furlongs from home Lester urged Sir Ivor following Vincent's instructions and Sir Ivor flew past the other two horses like they were standing still, at the end, he led by a margin of a 100 yards. Lester thought it was the best training gallop he rode in his life. Lester, for the first time felt the colt's amazing finishing speed.

Sir Ivor started 2nd favourite in the 2,000 Guineas to Petingo a truly great two year old the previous season (The season's subsequent champion miler). In the 2,000 Guineas, Sir Ivor lay last until three furlongs out. So Blessed set the pace and with two furlongs to go Petingo snatched the lead and the race seemed over. At this stage, Lester urged Sir Ivor and the colt flew along the rails, taking the lead just before the winning post to win by a length and a half. Sir Ivor took advantage of the untenant lane alongside the rails. This gave him the gap to pass the other horses. Raymond Guest, his owner, was overjoyed and greeted his magnificent colt in the unsaddling enclosure. It was one of the greatest victories in the classic for a very long time. Against the strongest opposition, Sir Ivor had displayed his brilliance Lester Piggott, who chose to ride Sir Ivor in place of the better fancied Petingo proved he was not only a great rider of horses but also a great judge of them.

Lester was certain that Sir Ivor would win the Epsom Derby. Lester understood that Sir Ivor had to be covered up till the very end before it would unleash its finishing burst. Racing pundit's doubted Sir Ivor's ability to stay a mile and a half as it was not bred for that distance, and had never galloped more than a mile and a quarter.

In the Derby, Lester executed his plans with perfection. Benroy set the pace from Connaught, Mount Athos, and Torpid. At Tattenham Corner, Sir Ivor was placed 7th. On entering the straight, Connaught surged into the lead lengthening his lead to about 5 lengths over the field. Up to this point Lester was tracking Remand, which he thought was a great danger. When Lester was convinced a furlong from home that Remand wouldn't catch Connaught, he switched to the outside, balanced his colt and made a thrust for home. Sir Ivor had come to the outside going really well on the bridle. At first, Lester's bid seemed to no avail, Connaught appeared coasting home and now for a brief while the crowd was stunned. However after 50 yards when he responded, he simply displayed a devastating turn of foot to thunder past Connaught in the last 50 yards, to win by a length and a half. In the end, he won effortlessly, going away

Sir Ivor was next to run in the Irish Derby. Here, Liam Ward was to partner him. Lester was to ride Ribero. In one of the most amazing upsets of the century Ribero defeated Sir Ivor. Lester, who partnered Ribero took him into the lead two furlongs from home. With a furlong to go Liam Ward urged Sir Ivor but the horse failed to catch Ribero. Lester was at his best but was still amazed that Sir Ivor was beaten. Lester felt Sir Ivor was pushed too soon in the straight and made to see daylight too soon. Sir Ivor was a horse that had to be covered up right till the end before he gave his finishing burst, it could have also been the fact he did stay on the gruelling Curragh course.

It was no surprise that Sir Ivor was beaten next time out, in the Eclipse Stakes. Here the very hard ground was unfavourable to him and he finished 3rd behind the previous year's Derby winner, Royal Palace and Taj Dewan. Royal Palace won by a short head from Taj Dewan with Sir Ivor  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths behind. This performance was a great setback to the colt Lester felt is was unwise to have run the colt. It took Vincent O'Brien a most pains taking period to bring the colt back to his top condition. He was now to have a crack at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Sir Ivor ran in the Prix Henry Delamarre, as a preliminary to the Arc, where he finished 2nd to Prince Sao conceding 7lb. In the Arc, he ran well but finished 2nd to Vaguely Noble, one of the all-time greats. Vaguely Noble drew away in the straight to beat Sir Ivor by 3 lengths. The winners of the French Derby and Oaks as well as the Irish Derby and Oaks finished behind them. At the end of a very hard season, Sir Ivor showed great character. He accelerated with a tremendous burst in the straight, but after all, the winner was bred for the distance and Sir Ivor could not catch him. Despite a clockwise turn (unlike the ones in England) and a short straight Sir Ivor displayed his ability to adapt. His owner felt that Sir Ivor had run the best race of his life as he was running against the best horse in the world, Vaguely Noble. Two weeks later, Sir Ivor beat Taj Dewan with utter disdain to win the Champion Stakes. He almost avenged his Eclipse Stakes defeat, as Taj Dewan was beaten by a margin of a short head by Royal Palace in the race. Sir Ivor had 2 and a half lengths to spare from Locris at the post which could easily have been 6 had Lester not eased up.

Sir Ivor's career reached a climax in the Washington International. The weather was terrible, the going was like a bog. Great horses like Ballymoss had failed to win this big event and the last Epsom Derby winner to race in this classic was Papyrus in 1923 who went down to Zev. Sir Ivor's principal opponents were Fort Marcy, who had won the race the previous year and Czar Alexander. Sir Ivor already had the beating of Camarthen and La Lagune, two other participants in the Arc, a month previously. The two other runners, Azincourt second from Argentina and Takeshibo-O, had no comparable record. Takeshibo-O set the pace from Camarthen, Lester tucking Sir Ivor in about 5th place. Half a mile from home, the leader dropped back but Sir Ivor remained on the rails. On the turn, he was sandwiched like a sardine behind Czar Alexander on the inside, Fort Marcy just alongside Czar Alexander and Camarthen just a length behind. Fort Marcy. La Lagune now came up on the outside and Sir Ivor had no gap. Fortunately, La Lagune weakened a furlong from home with Camarthen drifting slightly to the right. Piggott now urged Sir Ivor and the colt gave an electrifying burst to flash between Camarthen and Fort Marcy to score one of racing's all-time great victories. He had  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length to spare at the end but he was going away at the finish. After the post, he and Lester were covered with mud. In his post-race comments, Lester said he never saw a horse so tired after a race. Lester also said, "He'd given everything. He's the best horse I'd ever ridden."

## **At Stud**

The great horse was syndicated to the Claiborne Stud in America. He produced several great fillies which included Ivanjica, the 1976 Arc winner; Godetia, the Irish Oaks winner, Sweet Alliance, the Kentucky Oaks winner; Cloonlara, the champion 2 year old filly in Ireland ; and Ivor's Image, the Italian Oaks winner. He died in 1995.

## **So who was The Best?**

Lester Piggott rates Sir Ivor the best horse he has ever ridden. Lester who also partnered Nijinsky felt he did not have Sir Ivor's character although he possessed more natural ability. Lester was of the opinion that Sir Ivor had a most balanced temperament and was a very intelligent horse. No crowds would ever distract him in the pre-race proceedings. Vincent O'Brien says it was difficult to say which one was the better horse. He stated for brilliance Nijinsky was ahead, while for toughness he would rate Sir Ivor ahead.

Nijinsky was considered to be one of the top horses of the century (1st horse to win the Triple Crown since Bahram in 1935). Sir Ivor's victories in the Guineas, Derby and Washington International were comparable to any of the performances of great horses in recent years. In the Washington International, Sir Ivor achieved what even the very greatest of horses fail to achieve (Ballymoss lost in 1958 and Dancing Brave could do no more than 4th in the Breeders Cup). It must be said, that Sir Ivor was not fully prepared for the Arc having not recovered completely from a training set back he suffered from after the Eclipse Stakes.

## **So what do you think?**

### **Videos**

**Epsom Derby 1968:**

<http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=45285>

**Washington DC 1968:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtCzut8FyGM>

**PS**

Sorry folks I could find only 2 video clips spent quite along time searching the internet but that was the best I could do.

## **Next Week**

Well next week we should have several Final Reviews, and looking at some of the P/L figures we may have some that will not go past the 56 day period that could be added to this. Hopefully we should have a few more new reviews starting too.

## **Signing Off For Another Week**

Well this is Betting System Guru signing off and I hope that you have enjoyed or found some of the content within this newsletter to be useful. I thank you for taking the time to read it and that you can see we are trying to expand the content every week. So take care and remember to look out for the BST newsletter in your e-mails on September 29th. Until then folks take care and happy & successful punting.

**Regards**  
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