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Background:

The Special Factor Plan was devised with two purposes in mind:

- 1). To defeat the long losing run which is the stumbling block of many systems and,
- 2) To enable higher stakes, than were previously used, to be placed to play up winners and winning runs in the knowledge that the long losing run would not cause the system to fail.

In a way the theories of the plan can be likened to the old saying 'Make hay while the sun shines but save for a rainy day'. There are many, many staking plans which are used with systems to boost profits or to turn level stakes loses into winnings. Most are dangerous – things go well for a time and then the inevitable long losing run occurs to take any previously accrued profits and the operating bank and the system is dead, showing big losses.

Probably the most dangerous staking plan is the 'doubling up' system. Work it out for yourself – start with one point and double it up a further nine times. You will find that the tenth stake required will be 512 points and the total loss after the tenth consecutive loser would be 1023 points. Simple progressive plans such as 1,2,3,4 etc or 1-2-2-3-3 etc are less dangerous, but a winner after losers may not be enough to cover previous losses and the long losing run could still cause problems.

An important consideration in deciding which staking plan to use with your system is pattern of results combined with the average starting price the system produces. For instance, do you get regular winners, but at short prices (maybe a 'favourites' based system) or do you get a smaller ratio of winners but at bigger prices, or is it somewhere in between. For example, maybe you are looking for winners at say, around 10 -1. You will get some but they will be few and far between and I can assure you long losing runs will be regular and VERY LONG.

Application of the 'Special Factor':

To illustrate how the 'Special Factor' rules apply, I will use the 'Retrieve Staking Plan' (which I will explain fully later) but can I stress that the principles of the Special Factor rules can be applied to most staking plans – again, more on that later

I have used a fictitious set of 50 consecutive results. There are 15 winners and 35 losers, the average price used throughout is 2 – 1 (So this would probably be a 'favourites' based system) and there is a consecutive losing run of 12 between bets 34 and 45. The sequence of 50 bets would show a level stake loss so I have not used a particularly favourable set of results. Considering that the price of 2-1 is fairly short, a consecutive losing run of twelve should not happen too often – if it does, the selection method is wrong and should be abandoned. Remember also that any betting system should use an 'operating bank' – in my examples the bank is 500 points. The example sheet shows how using the basic 'Retrieve Staking Plan' the whole bank is LOST after bet No. 45.

Whereas by using the 'Special Factor' rules, the system carries on successfully through to bet No. 50, the whole of the operating bank is intact and a profit of 56.5 points has been made- and this from a fairly poor set of results.

Can I stress that in both cases the operating bank is exactly the same - 500 points. I am not asking you to use a higher bank to operate my plan.

Let me now explain how the basic 'Retrieve Staking Plan' works and I will then go on to tell you how to apply the 'Special Factor' rules. The aim is to win one point per bet and recover losses accrued during any losing run. The amount of the stake will be dictated by the forecast S.P. In theory then, winnings from the 50 bets will be 50 points (this may vary slightly depending how the forecast S.P. compares to actual S.P.) - providing you have survived any losing run.

Explanation of System:

Refer to the enclosed analysis sheet - columns I-5.

- On bet No. 1 the aim is to win 1 point, the forecast S.P. is 2-1 so the stake required is 0.5 point. The bet loses - you have not won the 1 point aim and your loss is 0.5 points.
- On bet No. 2 the aim is the same - 1 point plus the one point you did not win on bet No. 1 plus the half point loss making a total aim of 2.5 points on bet No. 2. The forecast S,P. is again 2-1 so the actual required stake is 1.25 points. However, in order not to make the figures too complicated I have used a policy of 'rounding up' to the nearest 0.5 point so a stake of 1.5 points is placed.
- Bet No. 2 again loses so the aim for bet No. 3 is now 5 points (the one point aim not won on bets Nos. 1 & 2, the one point aim for bet No. 3 and the two previous losses of 0.5 points and 1.5 points). Again the forecast price is 2-1 so the required stake is 2.5 points.
- The bet wins at 2-1, 5 points profit are made meaning that previous losses have been recovered and you are left with 3 points clear profit and have achieved the aim after 3 bets.

At this point it may be as well to work your way down columns I-5 to familiarise yourself with this method. You will also see that, having encountered a consecutive losing run of 12 the whole of the 500 point operating bank is lost after bet No. 45.

Now the application of the '**Special Factor**' rules to the Retrieve staking plan.

- First of all split the 500 Point operating bank. Place 250 points in the 'Basic bank' (column 10) and 250 points into the 'Reserve bank' (column 11).
- Now increase the aim for each bet from one point to three points. When the bet loses deduct half the lost stake from the 'Basic Bank' and half the lost stake from the 'Reserve Bank'.
- When the bet wins place half the winnings in the 'Basic Bank' and half the winnings in the 'Reserve Bank'

To see how it works compare columns 1 to 4 with columns 6 to 9. You will see that after each winner, winnings in column 10 are already one and a half times winnings in column 3 and at the same time you are building up the reserve bank (column 11) - also from the increased winnings - to help cope with any future losing run.

Beating a losing run!

Now the crunch! The long losing run of 12 occurs. On the Basic Retrieve Staking Plan, after bet No. 45 all of any previously accrued winnings, plus the whole 500 point bank is LOST!

The principle of the '**Special Factor**' plan is to defeat the losing run before it defeats you! This is why a 'Reserve Bank' has been created. Money from the reserve bank will now be allocated to the 'Basic Bank' (column 10) thereby reducing the aim, rather than allowing the aim and therefore the required stakes to reach astronomical levels.

Remember that the money given by the 'Reserve Bank' to the 'Basic Bank' is out of increased winnings, which has been saved for that rainy day.

Identifying a Danger Signal!

So, how do we know at what point money from the Reserve Bank should be allocated to the Basic Bank? After all, we do not know how long the losing run will go on. It might be less than the 12 in my example or it might be more. Therefore we have to look for a Danger Signal, a point at which to provide 'insurance' against the losing run continuing further. In my plan the 'danger signal' occurs when the next aim reaches at least one third of the amount in the reserve bank. (This will still leave approximately two thirds of the reserve bank intact should another long losing run occur fairly quickly).

In my example the 'danger signal' occurs after bet No. 39. The next aim has become 101 points (bet No.39 - column 9) and the amount in the reserve bank is 261 points (bet No.39 - column 11). Therefore an adjustment of 98 points is required in order to reduce the 'aim' on bet no. 40 to the basic 3 points. Therefore 49 points (previously won*) will be taken from the reserve bank and 'given' to the Basic Bank leaving the figures after bet No. 39 as follows:

Next aim - 3 points (column 9), Basic Bank 310 (column 10), and Reserve Bank 212 (column 11).

Now, you may say that in this example, not all the money taken from the Reserve Bank was from accumulated winnings to date - some of it was taken from the originally created Reserve Bank. But bear this in mind:

- 1). I have not asked you to increase the original 500-point bank and
- 2). If the losing run had occurred later (not necessarily in the 50 bet sequence shown) you may well have accumulated enough 'reserve' winnings to use without reducing the amount of the original Reserve Bank..

Flexibility:

You could also introduce some flexibility into the plan - that would be your decision. For instance you may decide that after the point at which you have used some of the Reserve Bank you could alter the split, i.e, 1 point allocated to the 'Basic' winnings and 2 points to 'Reserve' winnings until the point at which the Reserve Bank was back at the same level as the Basic bank.

Also if you consider that your selection method is better than the set of results I have based my example on you may feel confident enough to increase your aim - say to 4 points - placing 2 points in the Basic Bank and 2 points in the Reserve Bank. But that is up to you.

Another point to bear in mind - What would have been the situation if the losing run had not occurred and the 'danger signal' had not shown up in my example. You would have won approximately 150 points compared to the 50 points won using the 'basic retrieve staking plan'.

In Summary:

I mentioned earlier that the rules of the 'Special Factor' could be applied to many other staking plans. The principle is the same - increase your stake (to play up the winners) but allocate some of the increased winnings to a reserve bank. For instance if you are using the 1-2-2-3-3 etc. sequence this will now become 3-6-6-9-9 etc. Again remember to establish the 'Danger point'. You could do a 'paper' exercise to establish where the 'Danger point' would occur on whichever plan you are using.

I first devised this plan in 1978. It still works as well as ever with only minor changes to update it. You may think that the analysis sheet looks complicated but I have tried to guide you through it in these notes.

STUDY IT! IT WILL BE WORTH IT. YOU WILL BE ARMED WITH A PLAN THAT INCREASES WINNINGS AND DEFEATS THE LONG LOSING RUN.

Analysis of application of Special Factors Rules to the Basic Retrieve Staking Plan
Basic Retrieve Staking 500 Point Bank P/L = Profit/Loss

Column No			1	2	3	4	5
Bet No	F/C S/P	Result	Stake	P/L on day	P/L to date	Next Aim	Bank
1	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	0.5	2.5	499.5
2	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	-2	5	498
3	2-1	W	2.5	5	3	1	503
4	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	2.5	2.5	502.5
5	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	1	5	501
6	2-1	W	2.5	5	6	1	506
7	2-1	W	0.5	1	7	1	507
8	2-1	W	0.5	1	8	1	508
9	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	7.5	2.5	507.5
10	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	6	5	506
11	2-1	L	2.5	-2.5	3.5	8.5	503.5
12	2-1	L	4	-4	0.5	13.5	499.5
13	2-1	W	7	14	13.5	1	513
14	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	13	2.5	512.5
15	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	11.5	5	511
16	2-1	L	2.5	-2.5	9	8.5	508.5
17	2-1	W	4	8	17	1	517
18	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	16.5	2.5	516.5
19	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	15	5	515
20	2-1	L	2.5	-2.5	12.5	8.5	512.5
21	2-1	W	4	8	20.5	1.5	520.5
22	2-1	W	1	2	22.5	1	522.5
23	2-1	W	0.5	1	23.5	1	523.5
24	2-1	W	0.5	1	24.5	1	524.5
25	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	24	2.5	524
26	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	22.5	5	522.5
27	2-1	L	2.5	-2.5	20	8.5	520
28	2-1	W	4	8	28	1	528
29	2-1	L	0.5	-0.5	27.5	2.5	527.5
30	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	26	5	528
31	2-1	L	2.5	-2.5	23.5	8.5	523.5
32	2-1	W	4	8	31.5	1	531.5
33	2-1	W	0.5	-0.5	31	2.5	531
34	2-1	L	1.5	-1.5	29.5	5	529.5
35	2-1	L	2.5	-2.5	27	8.5	527
36	2-1	L	4	-4	23	13.5	523
37	2-1	L	7	-7	16	21.5	516
38	2-1	L	11	-11	5	33.5	505
39	2-1	L	17	-17	-12	51.5	488
40	2-1	L	26	-26	-38	78.5	462
41	2-1	L	39	-39	-77	118.5	423
42	2-1	L	60	-60	-137	180	363
43	2-1	L	90	-90	-227	271	273
44	2-1	L	136	-136	-363	408	137
45	2-1	L	137	-137	-500	N/A	NIL
46	2-1	W					
47	2-1	L					
48	2-1	L					
49	2-1	L					
50	2-1	W					

Retrieve 'Staking Plus' Special Factor Rules with allocation to Basic and Reserve banks.
 Basic and Reserve banks allocated 250 points each

Bet No	6 Stake	7 P/L on day	8 P/L to date	9 Next Aim	10 Basic Bank	11 Reserve Bank	12 Total Bank
1	1.5	-1.5	-1.5	7.5	249.25	249.25	498.5
2	4	-4	-5.5	14.5	247.25	247.25	494.5
3	7.5	15	9.5	3	254.75	254.75	509.5
4	1.5	-1.5	8	7.5	254	254	508
5	4	-4	4	14.5	252	252	504
6	7.5	15	19	3	259.5	259.5	519
7	1.5	3	22	3	261	261	522
8	1.5	3	25	3	252.5	262.5	525
9	1.5	-1.5	23.5	7.5	261.75	261.75	523.5
10	4	-4	19.5	15	259.75	259.75	519.5
11	7.5	-7.5	12	25.5	256	256	512
12	13	-13	-1	42.5	249.5	249.5	499
13	21	42	41	3	270.5	270.5	541
14	1.5	-1.5	39.5	7.5	269.75	269.75	539.5
15	4	-4	35.5	14.5	267.75	267.75	535.5
16	7.5	-7	28.5	24.5	264.25	264.25	528.5
17	12	24	52.5	3.5	276.25	276.25	552.5
18	1.5	-1.5	51	8	275.5	275.5	551
19	4	-4	47	15	273.5	273.5	547
20	7.5	-7.5	39.5	25.5	269.75	269.75	539.5
21	13	25	65.5	3	282.75	282.75	565
22	1.5	3	68.5	3	284.25	284.25	568.5
23	1.5	3	71.5	3	285.75	285.75	571.5
24	1.5	3	74.5	3	287.25	287.25	574.5
25	1.5	-1.5	73	7.5	286.5	286.5	573
26	4	-4	69	14.5	284.5	284.5	569
27	7	-7	62	24.5	281	281	562
28	12	24	86	3.5	293	293	586
29	1.5	-1.5	84.5	8	292.25	292.25	584.5
30	4	-4	80.5	15	290.25	290.25	580.5
31	7.5	-7.5	73	25.5	286.5	286.5	573
32	13	25	99	3	299.5	299.5	599
33	1.5	3	102	3	301	301	602
34	1.5	-1.5	100.5	7.5	300.25	300.25	600.5
35	4	-4	96.5	14.5	298.25	298.25	596.5
36	7.5	-7.5	89	25	294.5	294.5	589
37	13	-13	76	41	288	288	576
38	21	-21	55	65	277.5	277.5	555
39	33	-33	22	101 (3)	261 (310)	261 (212)	522
40	1.5	-1.5	20.5	7.5	309.25	211.5	520.5
41	4	-4	16.5	14.5	307.25	209.25	516.5
42	7.5	-7.5	9	25	303.25	205.25	509
43	12.5	-12.5	-3.5	40.5	296.75	199.75	496.5
44	20	-20	-23.5	63.5	285.75	189.75	476.5
45	32	-32	-55.5	98.5	270.75	173.75	444.5
46	50	100	44.5	3	320.75	223.75	544
47	1.5	-1.5	43	7.5	320	223	543
48	4	-4	39	14.5	318	221	539
49	7.5	-7.5	31.5	25	314.25	217.25	531.5
50	12.5	25	56.5	3	326.75	229.75	556.5