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MATCHED BETTING DIARY

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Hello, my name is Steffi and I am 34 years old. At the moment, I am a stay-at-home mum with a small child. In this diary, I would like to tell you how I got into Matched Betting and what my journey has been like so far. Hopefully it will make your own start with Matched Betting and here on DoppelWetten easier. I hope you'll enjoy doing it and you'll be very successful!

17 JANUARY 2018

Today I've been searching for working from home opportunities again, and I think I have really found something! I came across Matched Betting and the website DoppelWetten and I started reading about it.

At first, I was quite sceptical. I have never placed a bet in my life, and everything seemed to be super complicated as well. Is it really all safe and risk-free? And can I do it even without knowing a lot about football etc?

I had loads of questions, but on the DoppelWetten site, everything is explained very simply for complete beginners. I first read the Matched Betting Guide, and I think I have already understood quite a bit of the principle now!

21 JANUARY 2018

I have spent the last few days reading everything about Matched Betting that I could find. There are so many sources online but information at times is all over the place. Good thing I have found the DoppelWetten site, which is additionally in German, and where the concept is well explained and the information nicely bundled. I also watched the videos on the DoppelWetten YouTube channel, some several times, until eventually I had the feeling that I had more or less understood the principle and that I should actually make a start now.

So today I register with Matchbook. I deposit €200 and hope that I will manage with that for the time being.

As I am still a little nervous after all and everything is so new, I only deposit €10 with my first bookmaker, Betfair, for now. And straight away, it has turned into €20 due to their welcome offer. So far, so good.

25 JANUARY 2018

Right, today I'm getting down to business! I am ready to place my first bet.

I go on the Oddsmatcher and pick the game Arsenal against Chelsea, and I bet €10 that Arsenal are going to win. I lay my bet on Matchbook and feel quite proud of myself for having managed it all. Now I'm keen to find out the actual outcome of the game.

I haven't completely understood the calculations in the Oddsmatcher, but in response to my quick question on the Forum, I am assured that I have done everything right. It was also explained to me that I need to enter the bonus manually, and that the bonus is nothing to do with 'stake not returned'. I reckon that I still have a lot to learn, but I have made a start.

26 JANUARY 2018

Today, I placed another two bets for €5 each, because I still had the bonus of €10. I have already 'lost' one bet, and I actually find it quite interesting to follow the events a little. I am hoping for a particular outcome, so I'm getting the excitement, but I know that it wouldn't make much difference if there was another outcome. Then it would just take a bit longer until I have finished going through the offer.

In the meantime, I'm already looking for a new bookmaker for my next new customer offer.

28 JANUARY 2018

My three bets with Betfair have concluded, but because I won one of them, I had €31 in my Betfair account that I had to play through. I placed it all in one go and lost the bet with Betfair, so all my money moved over to the Matchbook account. Hurray! On to the next bookmaker! My overall profit from the Betfair welcome offer was €7.86. Not bad for the beginning, but I think I should look out for better odds to increase my profit.

Anyway, now I am convinced that Matched Betting works, and for my next offer (I have chosen Betsafe this time), I pay in the full €100. And again, I get the 100% bonus straight away, and I now have €200 in my Betsafe account.

4 FEBRUARY 2018

By now, I have played through the Betsafe new customer bonus. I placed a total of 14 single bets for that, but I still ended up with €45.03 profit. I am really enjoying the whole thing now, and I have also become quite practised in placing the bets.

Next, I do two new customer offers at the same time. Bet365, also with a 100% bonus, and Lad-brokes, where I don't get a bonus, but a free bet. That is faster, and I carry on straight away with a €200 Bonus from Sunmaker.

This time, I only place two bets for €200 each, and both my lay bets win. Great! I made a profit of €156.74 from the Sunmaker offer, and for that, I only looked up and placed two bets. Overall, it took me 15 minutes max.

This time, I also tried underlaying, i.e. if my back bets had won, I wouldn't have lost so much of the bonus when going through the wagering requirement.

11 MARCH 2018

I am already registered with eight bookmakers now, and my profit in the first month was actually €423.02. I was over the moon and I was also quite proud of myself! Sometimes, it wasn't all that easy to get through a new customer bonus, and for example Tipico limited my stake almost immediately, but I managed it anyway. Usually, you actually have a fairly long time to play through the bonus.

By the way, I used last month's earnings to invite my husband for a lovely Valentine's Day dinner. What a treat! But now we're starting to save up for our next holiday.



At William Hill, I got free bets instead of a bonus, and I promptly won all of them, despite the high odds that I'd picked for the free bets. I was getting worried that I might be 'gubbed' because I had won so much, but that didn't happen. Actually, I place regular 'mug bets' now so that I'll be able to keep all my bookmaker accounts for as long as possible.

31 MARCH 2018

I have been doing Matched Betting for just over two months now, and today I finally reached €1,000! That was a great feeling. I am now registered with 11 bookmakers, and in the last few weeks, among other things, I scooped up a €200 new customer bonus from Admiral.

I am also getting a lot of reload offers now and do most of them. Often, it's free bets, and Bet365 have a regular free live bet offer. I was quite nervous doing those the first few times, because the odds change so quickly. But I always wait until half time (a tip from DoppelWetten), and I usually make around 70% to 75% profit from my €50 free bet.

I usually do Matched Betting during the day, when the little one is asleep, or also some in the evening. Saturday I spend some time, too, as my partner then takes the little one. I would say that I spend approximately five hours a week on it.

18 MAY 2018

Everything's still going well, and I now have accounts with 15 bookmakers. Because I am placing a lot more bets now and sometimes I do it in a hurry, I have made a few mistakes, e.g. I once chose the 'normal' mode in the Odds-matcher for a free bet instead of 'stake not returned', and layed too much as a result.

Another time, I had an unmatched lay bet on Matchbook. On DoppelWetten, I found out how I can solve that problem with the part lay calculator. The good thing is that you can always learn from your mistakes!

It also took me a while to understand the difference between free bets and risk-free bets and that you always need to make sure you don't select the wrong calculator mode by accident.

30 MAY 2018

My profit is now a regular €450 - €500 a month and we can start relying on this second income. I am already a dab hand at it now, and if there's ever something I don't understand, I ask in the Forum. It's also fun to exchange experiences and tips with other Matched Bettors.

My husband was very sceptical at first, but now he's quite surprised! Because he's actually into football, I sometimes ask him what team is likely to lose so I can bet on them... he doesn't quite understand it, but he's happy that I have made such a lot of money already and that we can now plan our holiday for next year.

13 JUNE 2018

It's the big day tomorrow ... the biggest Matched Betting event of the year is starting, the 2018 World Cup! I have prepared everything, paid in an extra €1,000 on Matchbook and placed long-term bets with many of my (by now 20) bookmakers.

On DoppelWetten, there is a super helpful post about the World Cup and a thread with all offers. There should be lots of free bet offers, World Cup reloads, money-back offers, and loads more. I have placed bets on different overall winners and top goalscorers, got a few reload bonuses, and one of the best offers was the one from SkyBet, risk-free bets for almost every day of the tournament.

I have allocated a little more Matched Betting time for the next four weeks, and I am excited that it's finally starting!

16 JULY 2018

Right, now the World Cup is over - shame, but I really enjoyed it a lot, and contrary to my husband, I still did even after Germany had gone out ;)

Sometimes it was a little strenuous to look through the many offers and place bets (in the group phase, sometimes up to 20 a day), but it was more than worth it, because my overall profit from the World Cup was exactly €1,015.50 (including a new customer offer with a €200 bonus)!

I am still due to get a few free bets now, after the long-term bets have been concluded. For now, I'll have a few weeks' break from Matched Betting. Not such bad timing, as during the summer time there is not as much to bet on anyway.

By the way, it was now during the World Cup that I used an Excel tracker for my bets for the first time; before that, I used to write it all down on paper. Must say, so much better using Excel! As suggested by DoppelWetten, I used their template for the tracking and it worked perfectly. Good to see the calculations are done automatically and having an overview of all bets, ins and outs, offers still to use and so forth.

	A	B	C	D	E
5	Betrally	12 July			Check website for new offer
7	Betrally	14 July			Check website for new offer
3	Bonus WR				
3	Mybet	200	50		150
0	Bet at home	450	50		150
8	Wetten.com	0	40	2.5	140
9	24bettle		20		120
0	Mybet	80	20	2	120
1	Betfinal	900	100		1100
2	24bettle		24		124
3	Wetten.com		40		140
4			529		
5					
6	Casino				
7	Betfair		86		Stake 50 and get 5 golden chips
8	Unibet		15		Bet 10 on live studio and get a risk free bet
9	Bet365		6		Mug
0			107		
1	Tournament bets				
2	Betfair		-2.00	Germany	Bet on winner and get 4 x 15 free bets
7	Skybet		12.35	Germany	Price boost
8	Unibet	2	-1.53	France	21 free bet every time France win in regular time
9	888sports		-3	Brazil	1 free bet every time Brazil score a goal
0	Bwin		-3	Spain	5 free bet every time Spain win to nil
1	Mobilebet		-3	Belgium	Bet on winner and get a 110 bonus
2					
3			-13.32		
4					
5					
6	Bonus	Tournament bets	Daily	WR	Casino
7	529	-13.32	542.73	- 149.96	107
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9	Total Profit		1,015.5 €		

7 SEPTEMBER 2018

After a little break, I am now doing Matched Betting routinely again, and by now, I am registered with 24 bookmakers. There is still a huge choice of welcome offers, which I am going through one by one.

I have now been 'gubbed' by two bookmakers, which I was a little annoyed about, but I still have all the other ones, and so many reload offers by now that I can choose which ones I do and which ones I don't do. I have learned by now that in the interests of account preservation, it's better not to take advantage of all the offers.

My target, which I do achieve every month, is still €500. What I also found a little annoying was that my bank is now charging me 'gambling fees' for deposits using my Visa card. I have changed now to simple instant bank transfers or PayPal, which works just as well and also fast.

1 NOVEMBER 2018

Another milestone; my profit since starting Matched Betting is now over €4.000! And our holiday for next year is booked

This is where we are going:



My list of bookmakers is getting longer and longer, and apart from the normal new customer offers and free bets etc, I am now trying slightly more complicated offers like trigger bets, accumulator bets and dutching. The guides on DoppelWetten are a great help with that, and if I want to know something specific, I just ask in the Forum. I always get help there.

I now know that I will definitely continue Matched Betting. It's simply very lucrative, fits perfectly into my daily routine, and I also find it a lot of fun. Above all, it's risk-free, which is really important to me. Some of my friends have also started doing it and are also really into it.