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You spent the last two hours handicapping a football game that is now approaching kick-off. Your efforts tell you that the Green Bay Packers should win the contest by at least three points. At the time you started picking apart this Monday night game, stat by stat and injury by injury, your sportsbooks were offering a tasty -3 +105, BUT the line moved against you while you were checking your almanac. Your bookmaker is now asking you to give up -3.5 points at -110 for a play on the cheese heads. If you don't have access to a bookie who is still hanging the -3, you are either forced to pass on the event or go for it, risking more than you know you should. Many of us are action junkies and would lay the extra half point, although betting in this manner will eventually eat away at our bank roll.

Handicapping an event and forming an opinion is only part of the battle. Every profitable gambler and bookmaker knows that line shopping, and more specifically, line movement is the key to a player's success. Following the path of changing odds offers an enormous advantage over the long haul. A NFL bettor may follow football lines all week in order to gauge the right time to strike as betting lines gradually move in and out of his favor.

We have all pushed on a play where we would have won had we put more effort into getting that half point.

For most gamblers, sitting in front of online betting screens all day is not a realistic option; although many of us will not hit the magic winning percentage of 53% without at least tracking the quick moving odds right before the game. If you are on the verge of understanding the importance of paying less and obtaining the better line, but do not plan on wagering for a living, the half time bet may be a valuable option for you.

Following Line Movement

Halftime odds offer you the ability to get a fresh line and follow it until it comes off the board. Without going into another article about line movement, watching a normal line through its lifespan is something that can take anywhere from half of the day to a week. A 2nd half bettor watching multiple books is able to get a great feel on which way the line is headed and pounce on the offering that suits his play.

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He may use the same techniques in a span of only 5 minutes.

Soft Lines

A soft line is one that deviates from the consensus. Bookmakers only have a short span of time to take in action, and on occasion will stray from the pack in order to take the bets it desires. Other bookies will consistently be the last one to move their numbers which offers value when it has changed against you at most other sportsbooks.

In the course of setting full game odds, bookmakers will frequently peek at what one another are offering. Many will base their odds on what their neighbor is doing and go from there.

During halftime there is little opportunity for them to consult with others. Out of five sportsbooks at least

one book's opinion will likely drastically differ from the rest. This line will adjust quickly as people bet into it, but this initial soft line offers the occasional shot at an extra two points you may not see offered again during the intermission.

The Half-Time Line Advantage

Hypothetically, let us say you wanted to play the over on a NBA total that was set at 190. You were able to follow the line movement and earn a valuable 3 points towards your bet. From time to time, these big line moves do happen, and they also happen to 2nd half odds. Even though you are wagering on half of the event, that doesn't necessarily mean you will get half of the line movement. Getting 3 points from that 190 is a great find, but getting 3 points on the 2nd half over/under total of 95 provides an even better advantage. It is a larger percentage of the line you are trying to beat. Think of this advantage as a head start in a race. A 20-foot head start would be much more effective in a sprint than in a marathon.

A Level Playing Field

I have heard gamblers say that they do not like this quick betting style because it does not offer adequate time to crunch numbers and trends. My response is that bookies have already utilized much of the information you are weighing into your normal capping.

At a game's intermission, the player may gain the knowledge edge. Linesmen are often forced to offer odds on many mid-game events at the same time. It would be impossible for them to follow every individual game as closely as the one you are watching, and a week's worth of inside information no longer comes into play. This line is largely based on what happened in the first 24 minutes.

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The fast pace of halftime wagering is not for everyone. If you don't enjoy getting numbers dumped on you all at once in order to get more for your buck then you may want to spend the 2nd half on the bench. If you want the ability to follow the life of a line, take advantage of more unique or soft numbers, apply your effort to a smaller contest and know as much as or more than your bookmaker, then the 2nd half may be your best bet!

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An Internet Gambling Glossary – Part One

By Kenneth Bateman

Despite the fact that internet gambling is now a multi–billion dollar industry, and countless thousands of new bettors world–wide sign on daily to play at online casinos, there are still millions of newcomers to the world of online gambling who do not as yet have a clear understanding of much of the terminology used in online gambling, and betting on sports in general. However, knowledge of these terms is essential to understanding the games and rules of play:

ACTION: Any type of wager.

ALL–IN: In poker, all–in means a player has put all of his chips into the pot, but cannot be forced out of the game by other bettors. A side pot is set up for the bettors with remaining chips, who, if winning can take the pot, and the side pot. If the all–in bettor should win, he can take only the pot, and not the side pot.

ALL–UP: To bet on several horses in the same race.

ANTE: A poker term for placing a required amount of chips into the pot before each hand begins.

BRING–IN: A mandatory bet in seven–card stud made by the player showing the lowest value card.

BUST: You lose; As in blackjack, when a player's cards total over twenty–one.

BUY–IN: The minimum amount of money required to enter a game or tournament.

CALL: As in poker, when a bettor equals a previously made bet.

CHECK: In poker, to stay in the game without betting. This is allowed only if no other players bet in that round.

CLOSING A BET: As in spread betting, meaning to place a bet equal to but opposite of the initial bet.

COLUMN BET: To bet on any of the three columns of a roulette table.

COME BET: In craps, similar to a pass–line bet, but made after the shooter has established his point.

COME–OUT ROLL: A craps shooter's first roll to establish a point, or the first roll after a point is established.

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COVERALL: A bingo term, meaning to cover all the squares on a bingo card.

CRAPPING OUT: In craps, to roll a two, three or twelve is an automatic loss on the come-out roll.

DAILY DOUBLE: To select the winners of the first two races of the day.

DOWN BET: To bet that the result of an event will be lower than the lowest end of the quote on a spread bet, also known as a "sell".

DOZEN BET: In roulette, to bet on any of three groups of twelve numbers, 1-12, etc.

EACH WAY BET: A sports bet, meaning to bet on a team or player to win or place in an event.

EVEN MONEY BET: A bet that pays the same amount as wagered, (1-1).

EXACTA: Betting that two horses in a race will finish in the exact same order as the bet - also known as a " Perfecta ".

FIVE-NUMBER LINE BET: In roulette, a bet made on a block of five numbers, such as 1-2-3-0, and 00.

Kenneth Bateman writes numerous articles on the subject of online casinos. To read more of his articles on the

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