SYSTEM17!

Horseracing Software - User Manual
by Len Czyzniejewski

About SYSTEM17

Thank you for your purchase! This old favorite from Dave Powers has been redone to make it more user friendly than before.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD!!!!!!! THE BEST TECHNICAL SERVICE IN THE BUSINESS! Customers who had given up on computer handicapping are now coming back and dusting off their old system discs now that they see we help them set everything up and make it all as convenient as possible for you.

If you have a few minutes in front of your computer, with your Internet and e-mail up, give me a call at 702-234-9020 and we can let you get to the fun stuff more quickly ☺. IF YOU DON'T GET ME THE FIRST TIME, KEEP TRYING TWICE A DAY UNTIL YOU DO! Just another example of how we appreciate your business and want to assist you in any way we can.

Wagering Suggestions

The following computer-generated wagering strategies are designed to provide the optimal performance for System 17. You may use the system any way you wish, of course, but we would suggest that you seriously consider the strategies below. And don't be afraid of short prices. System 17 produces a very high win and place rate on horses going off at 9-to-5 or less. Let's review the strategies.

1) Top-rated horse has a 35-point or more advantage over closest rival -- play to win, and play on top in the Exacta to the next 2 highest scorers.

2) Top-rated horse has an advantage of 24-to-34 points over closest rival -- play 1 unit to win and 2 units to place. Play horse in Exacta boxes with the next three highest scorers.

Note: For Exacta, Quinella, Daily Double and Trifecta purposes, you may include horses who were eliminated by one of the elimination rules, as well as horses who were not in the original six lowest morning line odds horses we considered. In fact, by including these runners for Exactas and Trifectas we got some of our best payoffs. For the point count on these horses, however, you would add together only the last three speed ratings and the total of the year-to-date jockey and trainer percentages. You would not need to go through the other steps.

3) Top-rated horse has an advantage of 12-to-24 points over closest rival -- play horse to place if morning line odds are less than 5-to-1. Play to place and show if morning line odds are 5-to-1 or higher. Put horse in 3-horse Exacta box with other two top scorers.

4) Horse has less than a 12 point advantage over closest rival. If horse shows morning line of 5-to-1 or higher, play across the board, with twice as much on the place as on the win and three times as much on the show. Also, play horse 'down the board' in Trifectas with the next four top scorers. So if our horse was #1 and the other top scorers were #'s 2,3,4 & 5, we would play three tickets that would look like this:

1 with 2345 with 2345 2345 with 1 with 2345 2345 with 2345 with 1

5) In races where the top three scorers all score within 25 points of one another (example: top scorer 416, 2nd-high 407, 3rd high 399), box them in a Quinella. (This strategy is one of the most consistent the computer produced).

6) When the top scorer is 24 points or more superior to his closest rival, another Trifecta strategy can come into play. If the field consists of nine horses or more, and the horse has a morning line of 3-to-1 or better, play him on top of the next top five scorers, as well as below the next five scorers. Your two Trifecta tickets would look like this:

1 with 23456 with 23456 23456 with 1 with 23456

7) Daily Doubles - Crisscross the top three scorers in each race, providing that at least one of the top scorers in each race has a morning line of 4-to-1 or better.

Maiden Blaster

The Maiden Blaster software is a very accurate selection guide for both Maiden and Maiden-Claiming races. The formula involves the trainer, recency, recent odds, recent finish positions, etc. We recommend playing Maiden Blaster selections to win and place.

NOTE: We have made System 17 as viable as possible for the user. While you will get the best overall results in dirt sprints and turf routes, we have also allowed the program to show you the top picks in other types of races. As you will see, these picks do almost as well as in the primary target races for System 17.

Also note that we have provided you with an expanded list of wagering options in this manual that do not appear on the screen. Some of these wagering options, especially the Trifecta, can get expensive so don't use them unless you have the budget and patience -- they will at time hit big, big payoffs, but the runouts can be long. The Daily Double suggestions are very consistent, by the way -- you will cash a lot of DDs with S17.

Warning Columns: No racehorse, no play, is 'perfect'. We have therefore included 'warnings' that may reduce the horses chances a bit according to our research. While the overall accuracy of System 17 is very solid, you can do better if you avoid horses that have the warning 'no consistent early speed' -- this has proven the most negative of the warnings. A warning like 'less than 15% win rate' is simply cautionary and not a major negative, as are most of the other warnings. In the case of the 'less than 15% win rate', if there is an equally, or closely rated horse in the race that does not have that warning, it has proven best to go with that horse instead.

Please call if you have any questions. 1-800-696-0067 Thanks, Len & Dave

Quick-Start Guide

We've put together this very quick guide that just covers the basics of installation, data loading, and getting the INFORMATION the program will provide. Use this part to get going, but by all means, take the time to master the whole package.

To install the program, load the CD, and click start (or download it from RPM, instructions below). Certain computers will take it from there, but with others, you'll have to navigate to D:/setup.exe (OR WHATEVER YOUR CD/DVD DRIVE IS LETTERED). The setup process is pretty much automatic, and if you follow it's guidance, it's painless.

To load data, you first need a Brisnet account. If you don't have one:
lookup www.brisnet.com to sign up,

OR see Appendix 1 at the end of this manual for instructions on how to fetch and store data

When you have an account established, download the SINGLE-FORMAT FILES to:
C:/Windows/dld.

The program opens with a list of all the files you've put in the "dld" directory. Click on the race card you wish.

This gets you to the report menu. For basic operation, click on the race of your choice. This program automatically calculates most of what used to be needed to be done painstakingly and manually.

Repeat for each race by clicking on a new race number

Click on the "End" button when done.

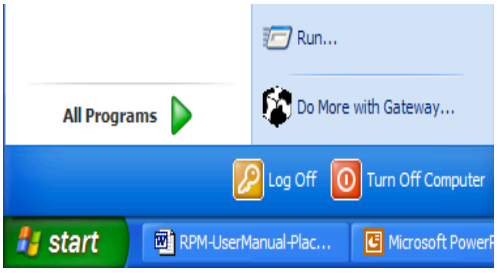
Installing SYSTEM17

Reminder: Let us help you. Call 702-234-9020 if you'd like help

If you operate in a Windows environment, you'll be able to run this program. There are two ways to receive your software. You can either get it on a CD mailed to you, or instantly downloaded from the Internet. We'll cover each way separately.

-- Via CD:

All you have to do is insert the CD into your computer. With many machines, it will find the setup file and start the loading process automatically. If this doesn't happen, click on "Start" (in the lower left hand corner), followed by "Run" (one of the options close to the bottom). You are looking for something like this:



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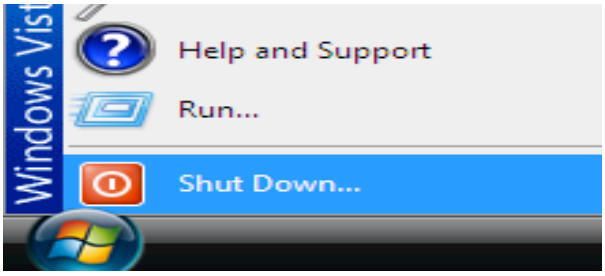
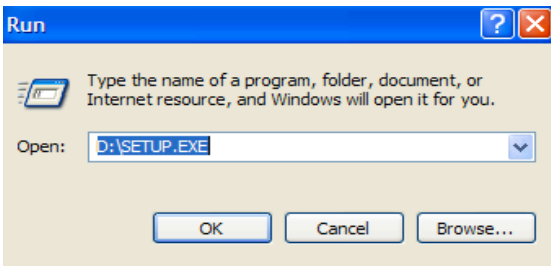


VISTA (the logo replaces "START")

The above "Run" will not show until you click on "Start". If the CD is loaded, chances are you will see:



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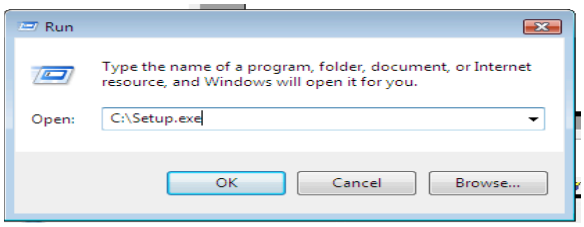


VISTA or windows 7

If nothing happens automatically, get to the program setup by:

Left-click in the lower left hand corner of your screen
Under “all programs” you will see “search programs and files”
Type in the word “run” (no quotes, Left-click on it, which will give you a window to point to your program disc.
Click “browse” and navigate to your disc drive. This will vary with different machines, but is generally the “D”, “e” or “f” drive.
Click on “SYSTEM17Package” to open it up. If it is zipped, you may have to click twice.
One of your choices will be “setup” in lower case characters. Click on this, and then click on the “open button”.
This will take you to the original “run” box. Click on “OK”, and the show described below will start.

If you have used this method, skip the next section on “Downloaded via the Internet”, and proceed to the “Installing the Software” section.

-- Download via the Internet:

Reminder (again): Let us help you. Call 702-234-9020 if you'd like help.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE INSTALLING WITH A DISC, IGNORE THIS SECTION.

This method gets you everything you need instantly without having to wait for the mail dude. When you order your software from RPM, you will be given a keyword that will get you what you need. Armed with this, maneuver to Internet address:

http://www.NPSLP.com/download/

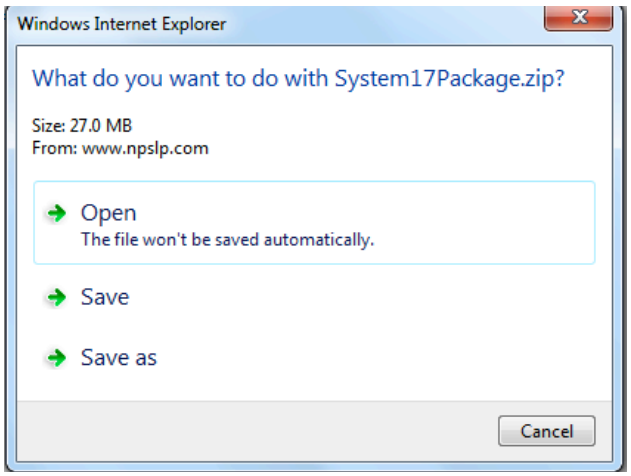
Where it says "Download Key", enter the password given to you by RPM and click the DOWNLOAD button. This will get you the following:

Thank you for using the NSPLP download system.
You can download the following archives:

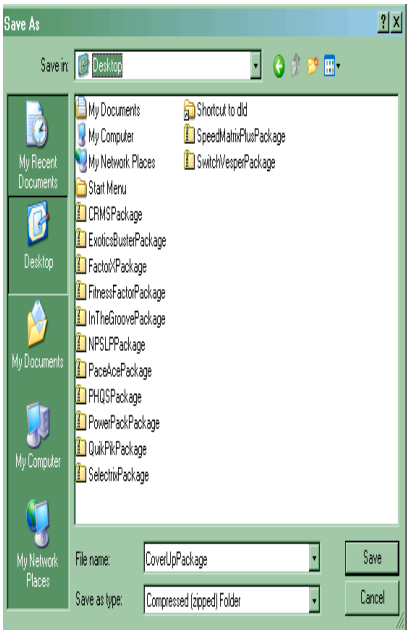
RIGHT CLICK HERE TO DOWLOAD: RPM-UserManual-System17.doc
RIGHT CLICK HERE TO DOWLOAD: System17.exe
RIGHT CLICK HERE TO DOWLOAD: System17Package.zip

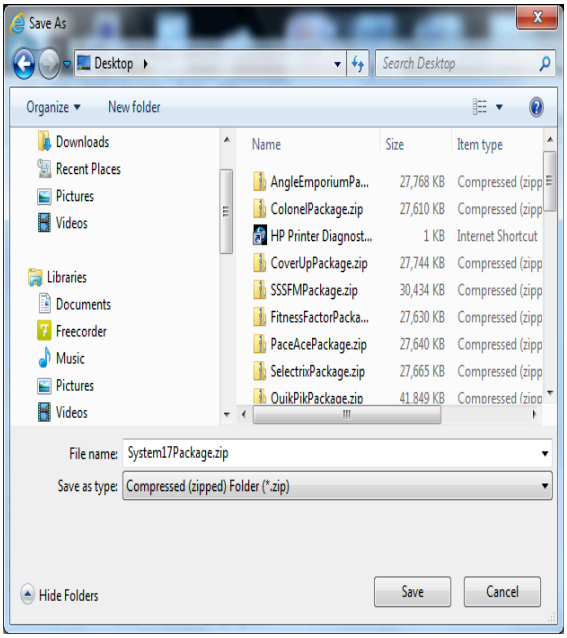
The example shows what happens if you had entered the key for COLONEL. Your particular keyword will get you the software AND THIS USER MANUAL. You want to install the "SYSTEM17Package.zip" data set.

You will be prompted to "Open", "Save", or "Cancel":



You then click on “Save”, which gets you something like:





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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIRECTORY ABOVE MAY NOT DEFAULT TO “Desktop”. YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT “Save in:” POINTS TO “Desktop” BEFORE CLICKING THE “Save” BUTTON. A little Windows file navigation savvy is helpful here.

Actually, it doesn’t have to be the “Desktop” folder. Just put it anyplace where you can find it and proceed to the next steps.

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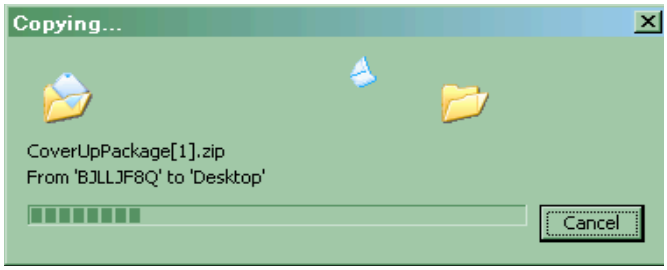

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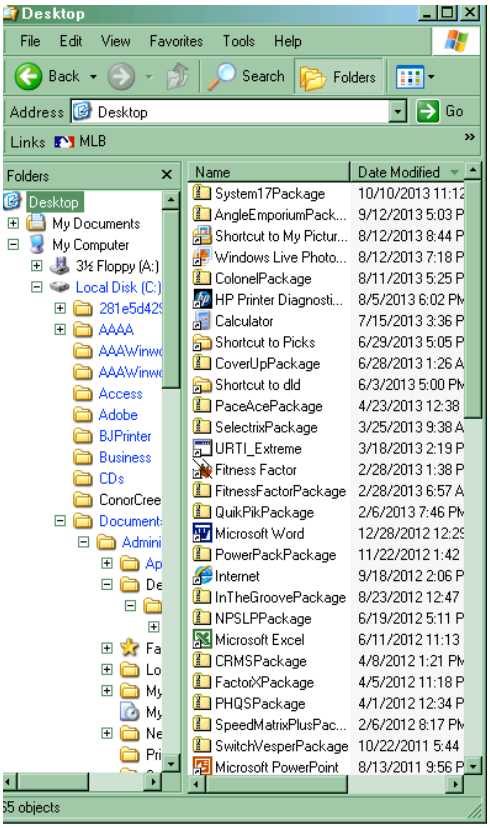
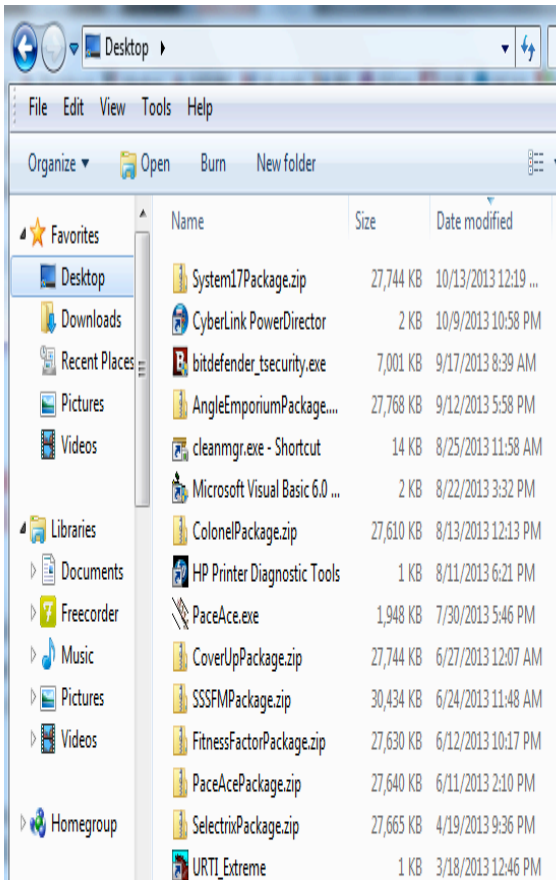
Another note: if you don't see neat-looking names like those above, you might have to change your View from "Icons" to "Detail".

Click on "Close" when prompted. Navigating to "Desktop" in Windows explore should show that the "SYSTEM17" package has been loaded:





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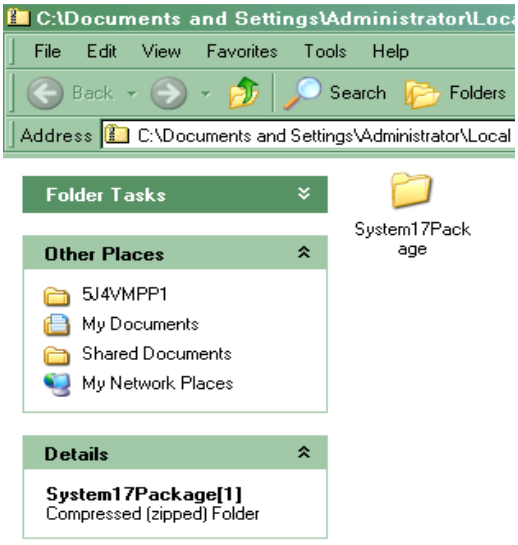
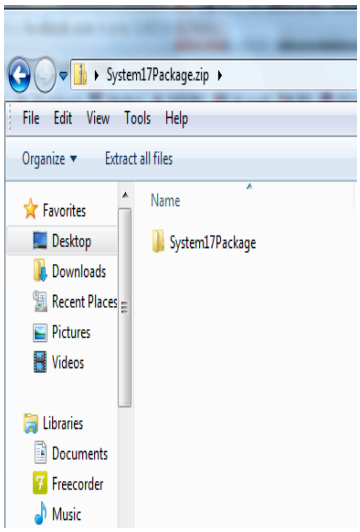
Double-clicking on "SYSTEM17Package.zip" will now get you:





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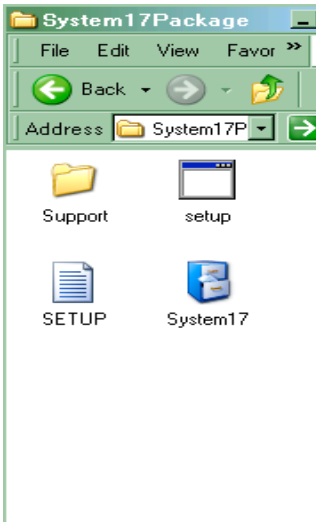
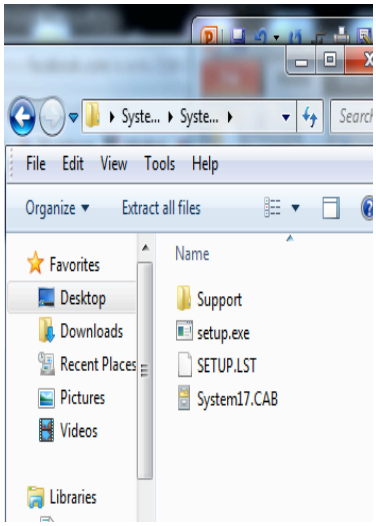
Double-clicking on the yellow "Package" folder gets you:





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Note again that in one screen the "View" is set up as "Icons" and the second is set up as "Detail". This has nothing to do with the operating system. Both ate interchangeable.. Double-clicking on the lower-case "setup" (NOT THE UPPER-CASE "SETUP") icon gets you to the same point as if you had downloaded a physical CD. For this reason, we will now combine the process in a new section.

-- Installing the Software:

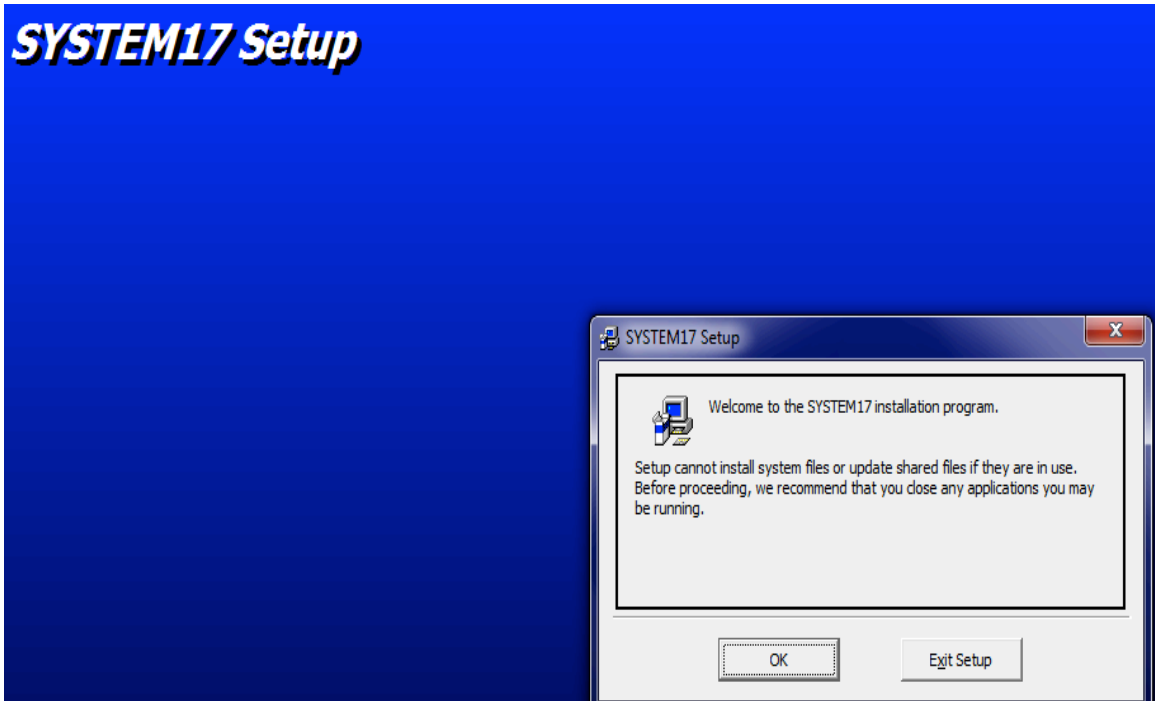
Whether you clicked on “OK” from loading via CD, or double-clicked on “setup” from loading via the Internet, now there is not much left except to sit and watch the show.

NOTE: If you see a message stating “the publisher could not be verified”, click “Run”, or “Allow”, or something in the affirmative:

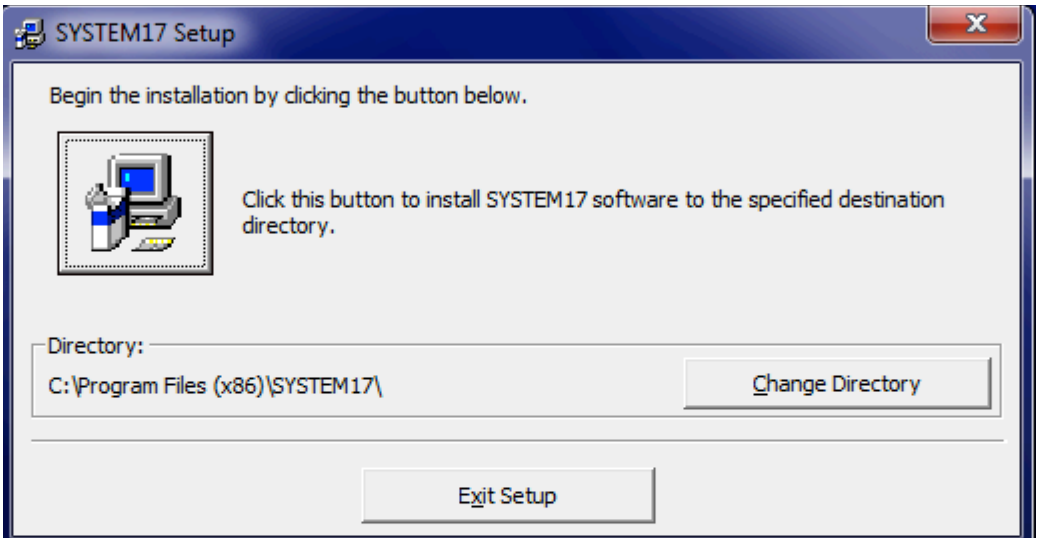
The first thing you should see is a box, which says, “Copying files, please stand by”. This should just take a few seconds, so please stand by.

When the file-copying from the CD is done, the installation process kicks off by displaying the following full-page screens:

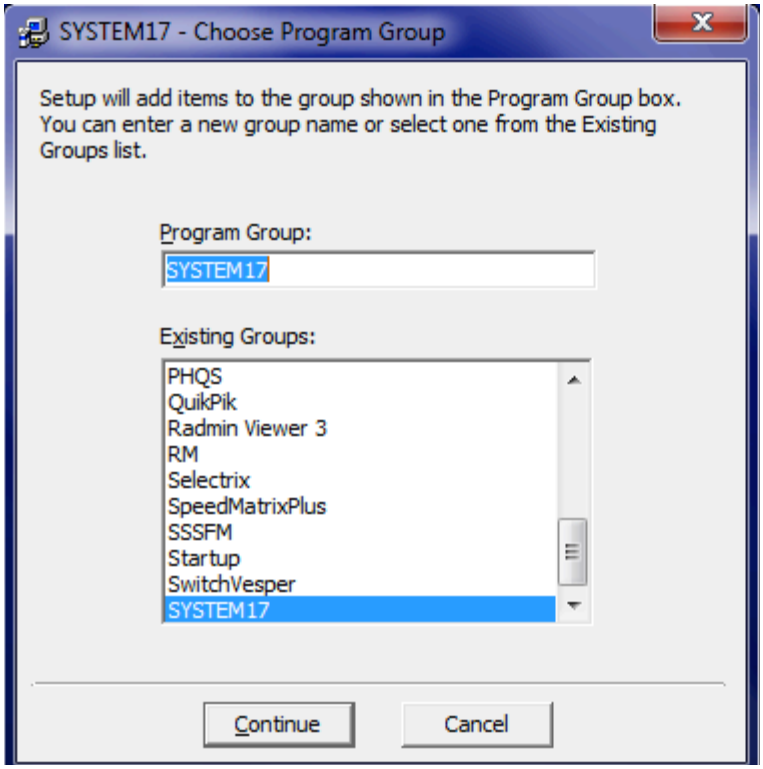
Stand by until you see:



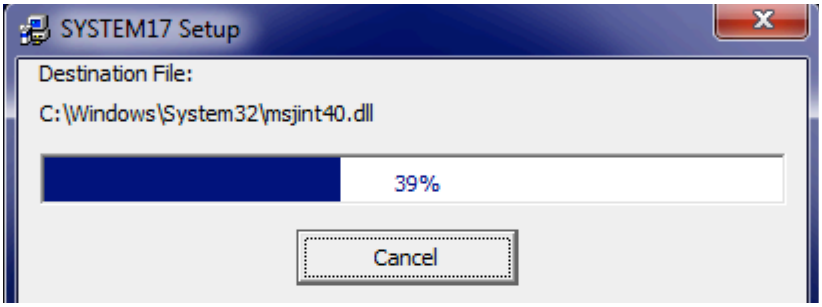
Click “OK”, which gets you the picture below: Yes, you want to click on the picture:



Click on “Continue” here:



When you see the picture below, click on “Continue” and watch the show:



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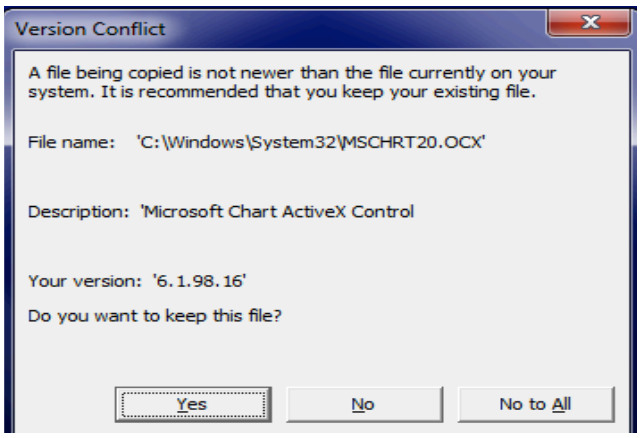
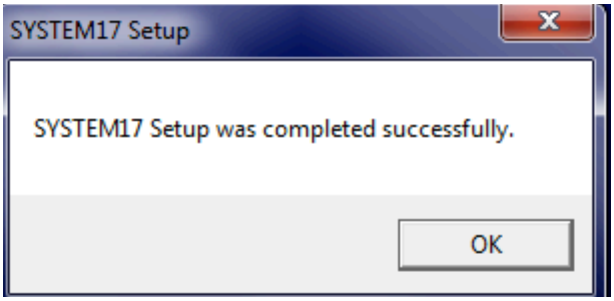
If you a box titled “Version Conflict”, (usually with Vista and Windows 7), click on “Yes” for all occurrences (could be up to a dozen).



When done, you will see the message saying the setup was completed successfully:



Click “OK”

NEW NOTE: Virus checkers are getting more aggressive and intrusive to your work these days. Probably necessary, but if you get a message stating “Registry Change Detected”, choose “Allow this Change” and click “OK”.

Hooray! The program is now ready to go!

Kind of.

Feeding SYSTEM17

Dave has put a hand dandy addition to this manual on downloading data from Brisnet. For this program, and anything else I've programmed for RPM, the only thing you need to remember is to send the files to:

C:/Windows/dld

Again, if you have older packages from me, and need them converted to your new computer, contact me, AND I WILL GET YOU NEW COPIES FOR FREE. The good news here is that once you establish this directory, it should default to the same one every time you navigate there in the future (provided you don't download from any other sources).

A big note for Windows 7 users: when you download the data at least the first time, you might see pictures instead of folder/file names when you navigate to c:\windows\dld. This seems to be the default for windows 7. If you see this, and wish to see file names:

In the "save as" box, to the right of "organize" and "new folder", you'll see an unnamed picture that has a downward pointing arrow next to it.

Click on this, which will give you different "VIEWS" OF HOW TO SEE THE FILES/FOLDERS IN THE DIRECTORY.

CHOOSE "DETAILS" IF YOU WISH TO SEE JUST THE NAMES INSTEAD OF PICTURES

Running SYSTEM17

This is where the fun starts. One way to reach your new installation is to follow the path shown below:

"Start" (green box in lower left hand corner)
"All programs" (or just "Programs", located above "Start)
"SYSTEM17"
"SYSTEM17"

Starting your program gets you the following screen:

The program will always default to the "dld" directory. You can navigate to another directory if for some reason you want to put your data elsewhere.

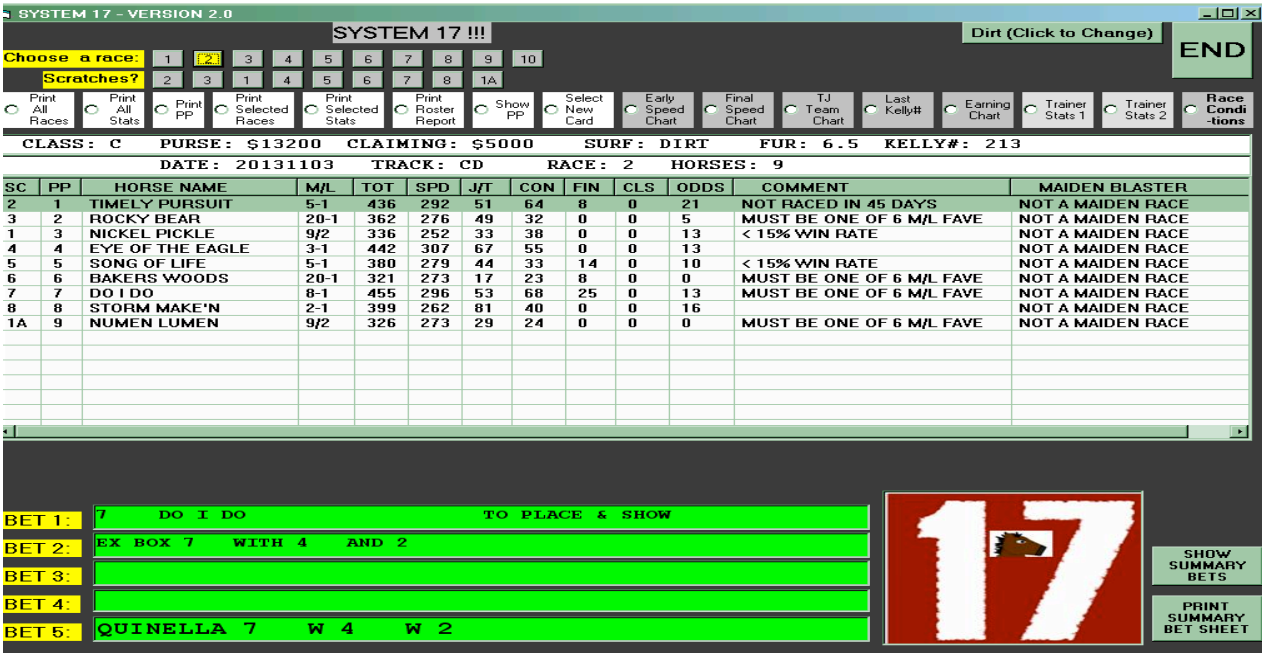
I should mention that while a paper version of this user manual might be in black-and-white, most of this screen is various shades of grey and red.

Note the "Clear Scratches Table button. All you need to do here is click it once a year.

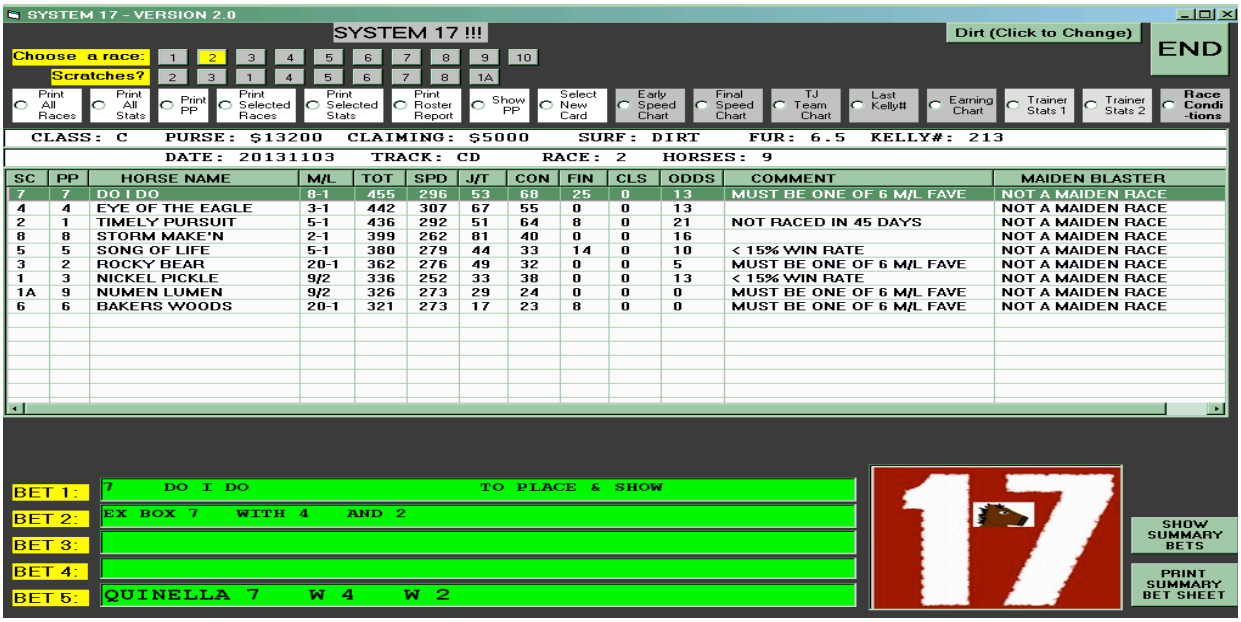
To get to the card you wish, just look or scroll till you find it, and SINGLE-click it.

The Fun Begins

Now the tingles REALLY start. For our example, we clicked on the sample file on the previous screen for Churchhill Downs on November 3, 2013. This is what you get by clicking on race 6 in the "Choose a race" row:



You will see that there are several plays. To clarify how the program came up with this, click above on the "TOT" column header to sort the horses by score:



The next SIX columns are also sortable. The "TOT" column summarizes the following strategies in determining the selection(S):

SPD – Speed – How fast has the horse run in it's last 3 races
J/T – Jockey / Trainer – Who has the best winning combination
CON – Consistency – How often has the horse finished well in the past 2 years
FIN – Finish – Who has the best finishes overall
CLS – Class – As in "drop in"
ODDS – How respected has the horse been in the past.

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There are several ways to go about the information you now have. The quickest way is to just go with the incredible amount of calculations that were done, and trust the results you see at the bottom. BTW, here's how this race ended:

CHURCHILL DOWNS - November 3, 2013 - Race 2
CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Three Year Old and Upward Claiming Price: $5,000
Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt Track Record: (Love At Noon - 1:14.34 - May 5, 2001)
Purse: $13,200
Available Money: $13,200
Value of Race: $13,200 1st $7,920, 2nd $2,640, 3rd $1,320, 4th $660, 5th $396, 6th $66, 7th $66, 8th $66, 9th $66
Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:08 **Start:** Good for all except 8

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Aug13 ^{4}IND^{3}	7	Do I Do (De Leon, Azael)	120	L f	7	2	$2^{1/2}$	5^{Head}	$2^{1/2}$	1^{Head}	6.30	bid between,led,lasted
19Jan13 ^{5}OP^{7}	2	Timely Pursuit (Court, Jon)	120	L bf	1	7	9	9	6^{1}	$2^{1\ 1/2}$	4.70	swung wide, gaining
15Oct13 ^{5}IND^{3}	5	Song of Life (Morales, Roberto)	120	L b	5	3	$4^{1/2}$	7^{2}	4^{1}	3^{Head}	22.90	came 5w, willingly
4Oct13 ^{10}KEE^{5}	3	Rocky Bear (Torres, Francisco)	120	L	2	4	$6^{1/2}$	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	4^{Head}	18.70	bid, cleared, faltered
23Oct13 ^{4}KEE^{2}	4	Eye of the Eagle (Pedroza, Marcelino)	120	L	4	1	5^{1}	8^{2}	$5^{1/2}$	$5^{3\ 1/2}$	2.20	lacked late response
11Oct13 ^{4}KEE^{12}	8	Storm Make'n (Arroyo, Jr., Norberto)	122	L bf	8	8	$3^{1/2}$	2^{Head}	$3^{1/2}$	$6^{2\ 1/4}$	2.00*	fractious, unprepared
20Sep13 ^{6}IND^{3}	6	Bakers Woods (Mize, William)	120	L	6	6	8^{1}	6^{Head}	$7^{1/2}$	$7^{1\ 1/4}$	55.20	wide trip, no threat
25Sep13 ^{5}KD^{6}	1A	Numen Lumen (Castanon, Antonio)	120	L b	9	9	$1^{1\ 1/2}$	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	$8^{1\ 1/2}$	8^{Nose}	6.30	cleared, headed, faded
11Oct13 ^{7}MNR^{5}	1	Nickel Pickle (Castanon, Jesus)	120	L b	3	5	$7^{1/2}$	4^{Head}	9	9	6.30	mild bid, dropped out

Fractional Times: 23.20 47.05 1:12.09 **Final Time:** 1:18.73
Split Times: (23:85) (25:04) (6:64)
Run-Up: 34 feet

Winner: Do I Do, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Stevie Wonderboy out of Our Secret, by Forestry. Foaled Feb 08, 2009 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Dixiana Farms LLC. **Winning Owner:** Ronald G. Brown

I Claimed Horse(s): Eye of the Eagle New Trainer: Albert Dodge New Owner: Hale, Alan and Moore, E. Jeffery

Claiming Prices: 7 - Do I Do: $5,000; 2 - Timely Pursuit: $5,000; 5 - Song of Life: $5,000; 3 - Rocky Bear: $5,000; 4 - Eye of the Eagle: $5,000; 8 - Storm Make'n: $5,000; 6 - Bakers Woods: $5,000; 1A - Numen Lumen: $5,000; 1 - Nickel Pickle: $5,000;

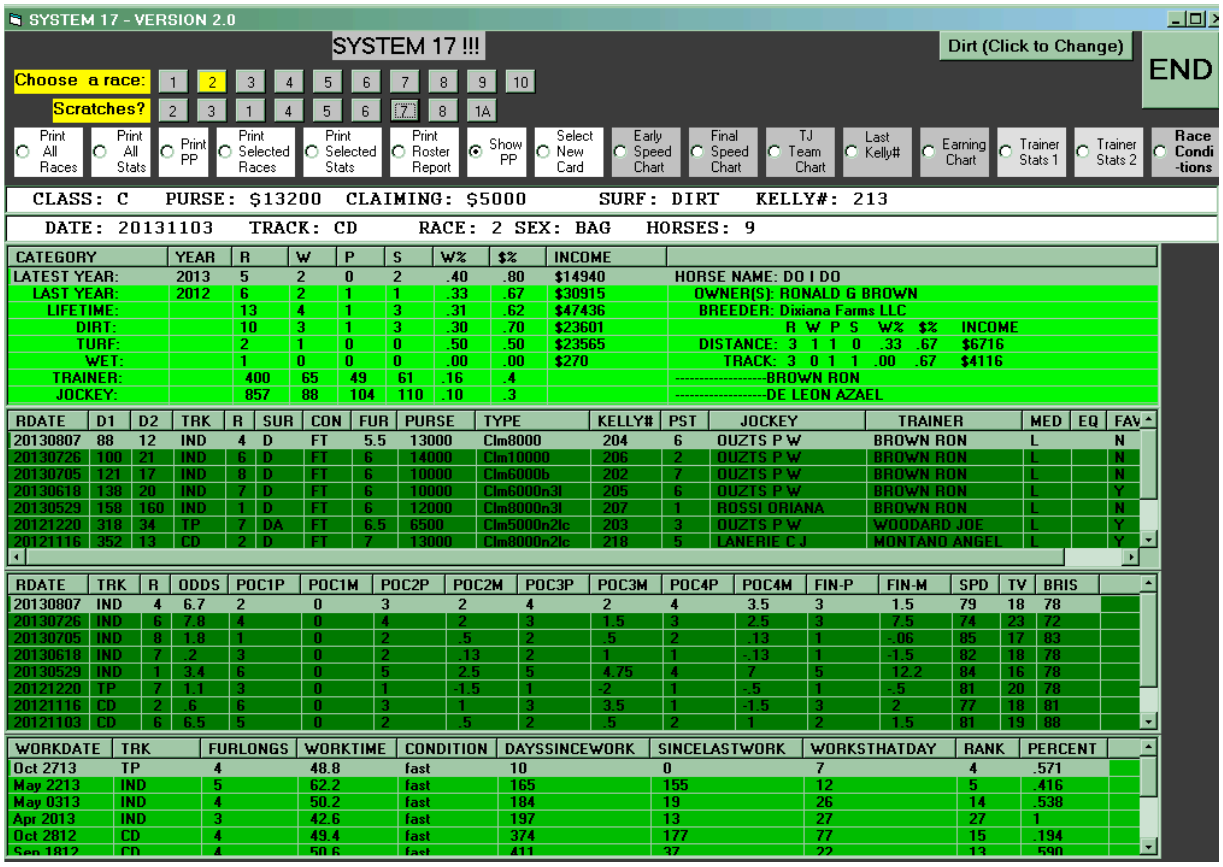
Total WPS Pool: $103,213

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
7	Do I Do	14.60	6.80	5.00
2	Timely Pursuit		5.60	4.80
5	Song of Life			9.00

Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
$2.00 Exacta	7-2	86.20	91,638
$2.00 Trifecta	7-2-5	777.80	64,228
$2.00 Superfecta	7-2-5-3	3,672.20	33,832
$2.00 Daily Double	3-7	56.80	28,373

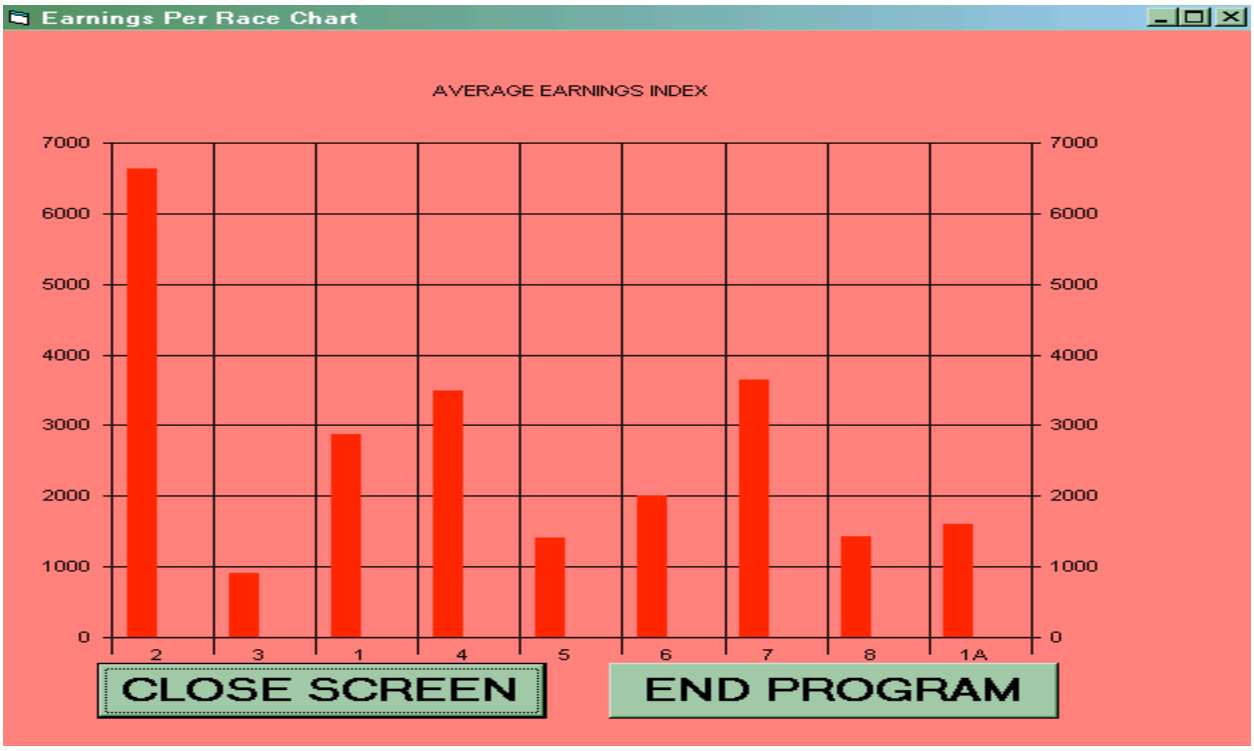
Other buttons:

Technically, if you learn how to use the following function, YOU NEVER NEED TO BUY A RACING FORM AGAIN. This program offers probably all the past performance info you need by just clicking a few buttons. Beginning with the button "Show PPs" gets you a blank screen with the only change being the "Choose A Horse!" button replacing the "Scratches" line under "Choose a race. If we choose horse 7:



you get lots and lots and lots of past performance information.

Or how about all those charts? We have 5 Bar Charts full of comparisons with the other horses. Here's a sample of one of them:



It would be more fun for you to try the other buttons yourselves than it would be for me to keep pasting them here. Any questions, feel free to send me an e-mail.

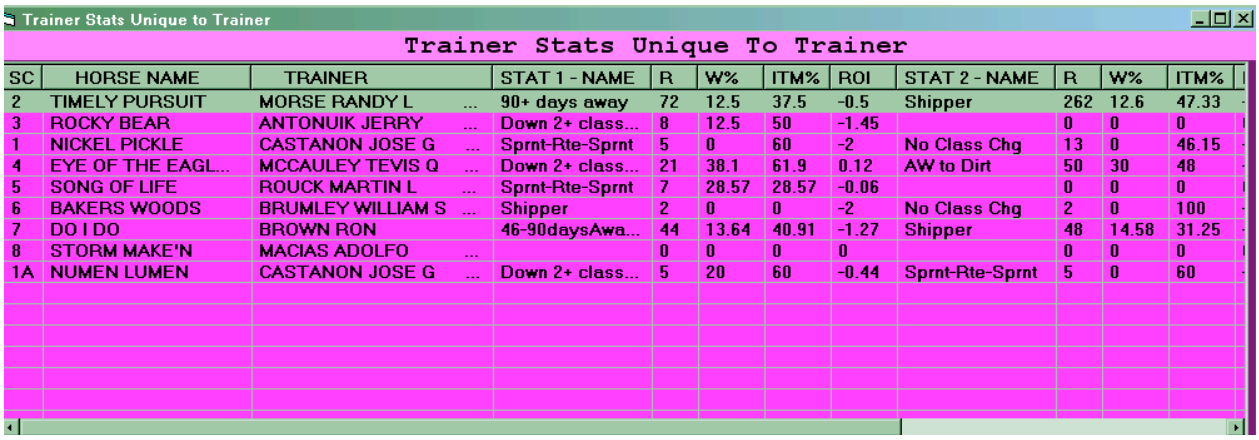
Or how about those Trainer Charts? Again, if you click on "Trainer Stats 1":

Trainer Stats

Trainer Stats Every Trainer In This Race Has

SC	HORSE NAME	TRAINER	JT-R	JT-W	JT-W%	JT-P	JT-S	JT-ROI	C-R	C-W%	C-ITM%	C-ROI	D-R	D
2	TIMELY PURSUIT	MORSE RANDY L ...	10	0	0	1	1	-2	438	13.24	46.8	-0.57	642	1
3	ROCKY BEAR	ANTONUIK JERRY ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	7.38	31.97	-1.12	67	7
1	NICKEL PICKLE	CASTANON JOSE G...	5	0	0	2	0	-2	60	5	45	-1.24	42	7
4	EYE OF THE EAGL...	MCCAULEY TEVIS ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	18.93	46.15	-0.55	284	2
5	SONG OF LIFE	ROUCK MARTIN L ...	4	0	0	0	0	-2	153	9.15	33.33	-0.9	170	9
6	BAKERS WOODS	BRUMLEY WILLIAM ...	1	0	0	0	0	-2	4	0	75	-2	4	0
7	DO I DO	BROWN RON ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	374	14.44	42.51	-0.38	562	1
8	STORM MAKE'N	MACIAS ADOLFO ...	8	3	.37	2	1	0.23	104	20.19	42.31	0.69	73	1
1A	NUMEN LUMEN	CASTANON JOSE G...	20	2	.1	4	5	-0.21	60	5	45	-1.24	42	7

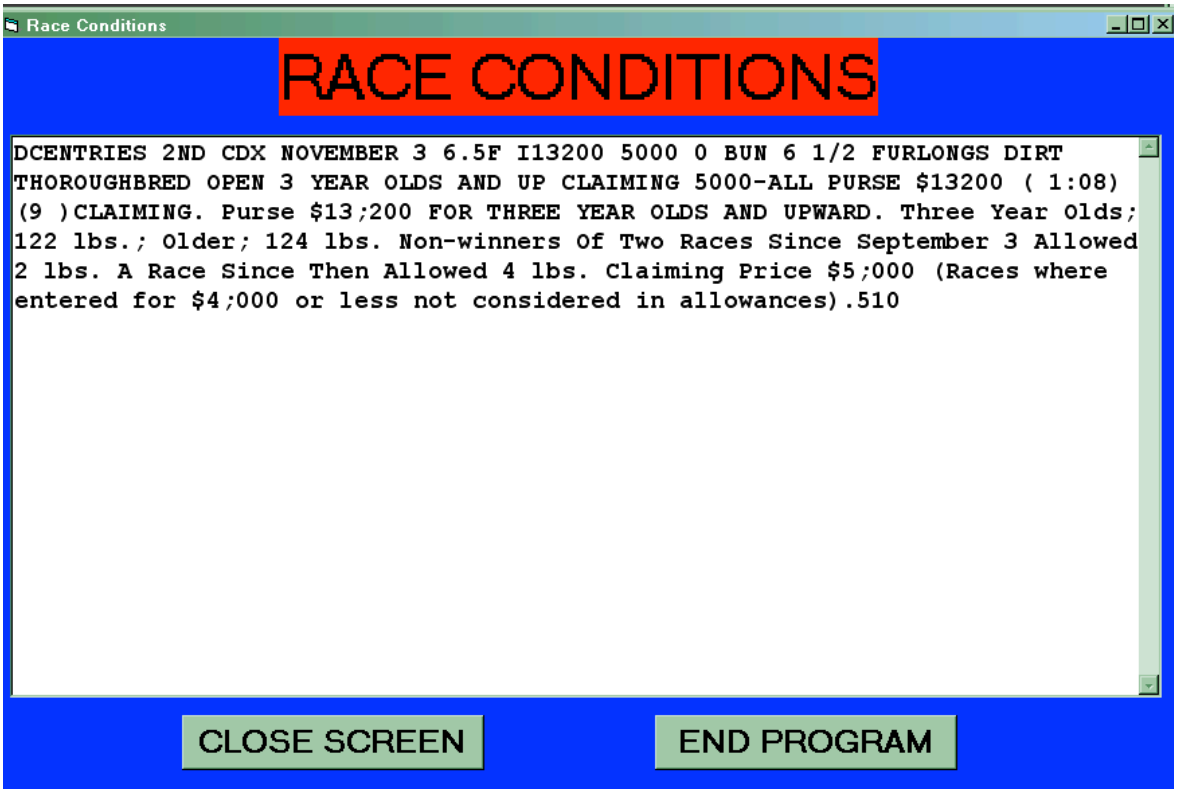
Or “Trainer Stats 2”:



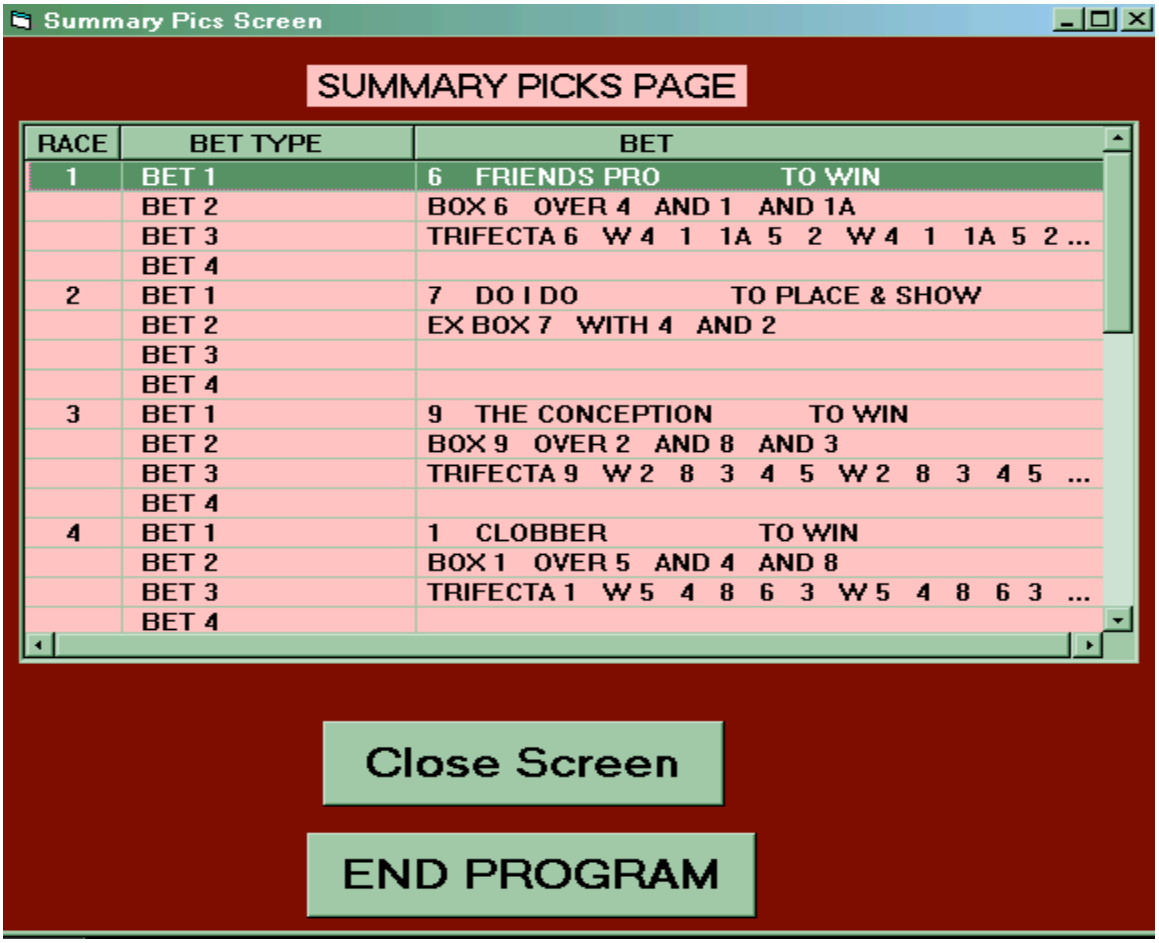
SC	HORSE NAME	TRAINER	STAT 1 - NAME	R	W%	ITM%	ROI	STAT 2 - NAME	R	W%	ITM%
2	TIMELY PURSUIT	MORSE RANDY L ...	90+ days away	72	12.5	37.5	-0.5	Shipper	262	12.6	47.33
3	ROCKY BEAR	ANTONUIK JERRY ...	Down 2+ class...	8	12.5	50	-1.45		0	0	0
1	NICKEL PICKLE	CASTANON JOSE G ...	Sprnt-Rte-Sprnt	5	0	60	-2	No Class Chg	13	0	46.15
4	EYE OF THE EAGL...	MCCAULEY TEVIS Q ...	Down 2+ class...	21	38.1	61.9	0.12	AW to Dirt	50	30	48
5	SONG OF LIFE	ROUCK MARTIN L ...	Sprnt-Rte-Sprnt	7	28.57	28.57	-0.06		0	0	0
6	BAKERS WOODS	BRUMLEY WILLIAM S ...	Shipper	2	0	0	-2	No Class Chg	2	0	100
7	DO I DO	BROWN RON	46-90daysAwa...	44	13.64	40.91	-1.27	Shipper	48	14.58	31.25
8	STORM MAKE'N	MACIAS ADOLFO ...		0	0	0	0		0	0	0
1A	NUMEN LUMEN	CASTANON JOSE G ...	Down 2+ class...	5	20	60	-0.44	Sprnt-Rte-Sprnt	5	0	60

you have more reasons NOT to spend money on a paper DRF.

Many people also find this useful:



FINALLY, even if you don't want to crunch numbers, maybe convenience is well, convenient to you. If you click the "Show Summary Bets" button in the lower right hand corner:



Please note that this screen will start with race one, and you will be able to easily scroll down to the end. I just wanted to show you how this screen syncs up with what's at the bottom of the Race 8 screen. THE REAL CONVENIENCE is that if you click the print button under it, you have something convenient to take to the track without having to lug a lap top.

If you have any technical questions on installation, or how the buttons work, send me an e-mail at elvistcob@cox.net OR call me at 702-234-9020 and we can usually fix you up in a few minutes.

Good luck!

Appendix 1
Getting Your Past Performance Data From Brisnet

In order to use the RPM Software, you will need to have an account with Brisnet.com. You can apply for an account by going to www.brisnet.com on the Internet and fill out the required information.

This is a very simple process, so don't be intimidated - just follow the instructions below and you will be yo abe up and running quickly. Also, illustrations of the process appear in the user's manual.

When you're ready to download, you can either:

Go directly to web site:

http://www.brisnet.com/cgi-bin/trk_report.cgi?drs

Remember to add this as a "Favorite" on your web site for future one-step clicking

OR

B1) Go first to www.brisnet.com

B2) Click on 'selections, programs & pp's.' (you will find this button on the top left of the screen)

B3) Scroll down to the heading that says 'Software Data Files'

B4) Click on the very first item under that heading - PP data files (single)

Either will get you to the screen with tracks and dates on them.

-- Click on the date of the race card you want to download. Make sure the date has a 'P' next to it - this means that the latest scratches and post positions for this card are in.

-- A box will appear with three options asking if you want to open, save or cancel. Click on 'save file'.

-- A large box will then appear asking where you want to save the file. At the top left of this screen you will see a box that says 'save in'. Now, go to the down-arrow at the right end of the save-in box (it is normally shaded in blue). Click on the arrow and all the files on your computer will appear in a drop-box. Find the item 'local disk c' and click once on it (note: it may also say just 'C'. Several folders will appear in the window. Find the 'Windows' folder and double click on it. Several more items will appear in the box. Scroll to your right and find the item 'dld' - double click this item. Now 'dld' will appear in the 'save-in box'. Click the 'Save' button in the lower left hand corner of the screen -- the file is now in your program.

-- The good news is that you will only have to complete the above process once - after that everytime you download a file the 'dld' will automatically appear in the 'save-in' box and all you have to do is click on the 'save' button' at the lower left corner of the screen. *

* NOTE: The download mechanism remembers the LAST place you were. So if all you do is download PP's, it will always point to the same "dld" location. However, if you download things like pictures and music, you will have to re-navigate after such other downloads are done.