

2008 Season review

Hello and Happy New Year for all of you and your families. We shouldn't forget that money is certainly a way to luxuries though health is the most important in life so before the cliché "Profitable 2009" I wish to wish you all good health.

Closing the second season here at EBI-GROUP and 24 months of 24/7/365 operation of the website I really feel that I should thank all those guys that helped our effort in building this site. Being fair as many people passed and put a small stone on the building of EBI-GROUP, both I and my partner we wish to thank our longtime follower Manolis for his contribution to this site.

And we feel lucky because we have associates, partners and friends that all share this passion for betting but also they have their own opinion, they have qualities and they have pushed the site into the right direction. You may see dozens of services using and sort of tricks to show profits. From taking 10/10 bets into sportbooks that allow 5 euro limits, from placing bets in sports offered just in one sportbook or even placing combos where the possibility of gaining the advised odds or even the combo is impossible. Here at EBI-GROUP we have walked the difficult path advising odds only from the three largest Asian Sportbooks with limits of thousands of euros, giving real and honest odds and certainly providing a real profit from the use of the service and not just good numbers from verification services. And that happened because we know that EBI-GROUP is supported by a base of professional punters but also people that honor our effort as service.

Anyway let's go to the review of the season 2008.

First , I could say that even if we had an good finish in the last two months on the contrary of the worst possible finish of the year 2007 with 3 back to back loosing months on 2007 and 2008 their was a clear change of tactic that really paid off. The number of bets was clearly deteriorated to 45-55 bets instead of 80-90 bets during the season.

It was a long time though our goal was to recover the losses from the last two months so the focus was given there. I could say that last six months have been turbulent. The change of tactic has resulted into certain abnormalities. We have been able to record two back to back best months of the site then we got carried away recording losses but most important those loses came after a large volume of bets and we know that as the number of bets rises then real profit is discounted by price movements.

Under strict analysis I could say that a large volume of bets may create a huge return but also create a huge loss of confidence considering the service. What the phrase means. We have been receivers of various requests on those two years. Small number of bets, people complain, higher number then again others complain. I think is normal , when you have people and members in a website that originate on different schools of betting and different countries (from New Zealand to Finland) then it's normal to have different opinions and requests.

Starting the season we had two goals:

1. Improvement of the quality of profit
2. Improvement of yield

Finally we have been able to achieve our first goal as the choice of odds only from Asian sportbooks with limits of more than 1000 euro per bet is something we have chosen and followed through the season. Though, this change had a very bad effect. We have sacrificed at least 10% better prices in average that we had the ability to fish on European markets. Anyway even with this 10% higher yield we haven't been able to cover our second goal that was to improve our yield.

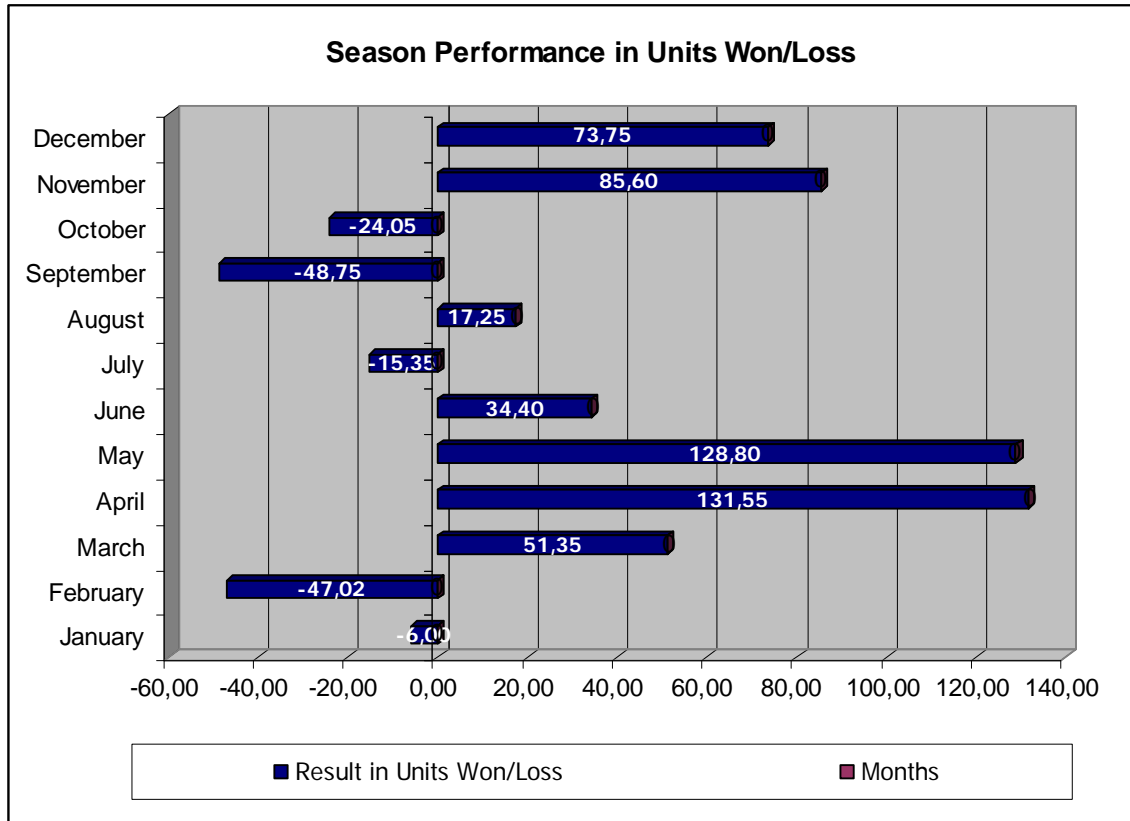
As you may understand that was a big problem for us. We have calculated a loss of units within the year if we have played European Sportbooks. On the other side we believe that we use the same approach as we wanted to have if we were subscribers into another service.

Enough words. Let's see the season's stats.

	Won	Void	Lost	Hit	Av.odd	Stakes	Return	Profit	Yield
January	31	6	30	46.3%	1.91	670.0	664.0	-6.00	-0.9%
February	26	2	29	45.6%	1.92	560.0	513.0	-47.02	-8.4%
March	50	3	45	51.0%	2.00	980.0	1031.3	51.35	5.2%
April	37	1	26	57.8%	2.02	610.0	741.5	131.55	21.6%
May	41	4	28	56.2%	2.15	640.0	768.8	128.80	20.1%
June	36	4	34	48.6%	1.99	681.0	715.4	34.40	5.1%
July	31	3	30	48.4%	1.91	635.0	619.6	-15.35	-2.4%
August	49	7	46	48.0%	1.90	992.5	1009.8	17.25	1.7%
September	42	6	42	46.7%	1.92	890.0	841.3	-48.75	-5.5%
October	32	5	35	44.4%	1.93	712.5	688.5	-24.05	-3.4%
November	28	5	17	56.0%	1.93	500.0	585.6	85.60	17.1%
December	19	2	12	57.6%	1.91	330.0	394.1	74.15	19.4%
Overall	422	48	374	50.0%	1.96	8201.0	8572.9	371.93	4.65%

The season as stated earlier on the document was at least turbulent. We have been able to record excellent and very bad months. On one side we had April and May with profits more than 120 units and yield higher than 20% , we had November and December again with 80-100 units and profit around 20% but we also had some catastrophic months like February and September with significant losses. Though the real problem was our inability to keep a low number of bets earlier on the season and that cost to the whole picture of yield % for the service.

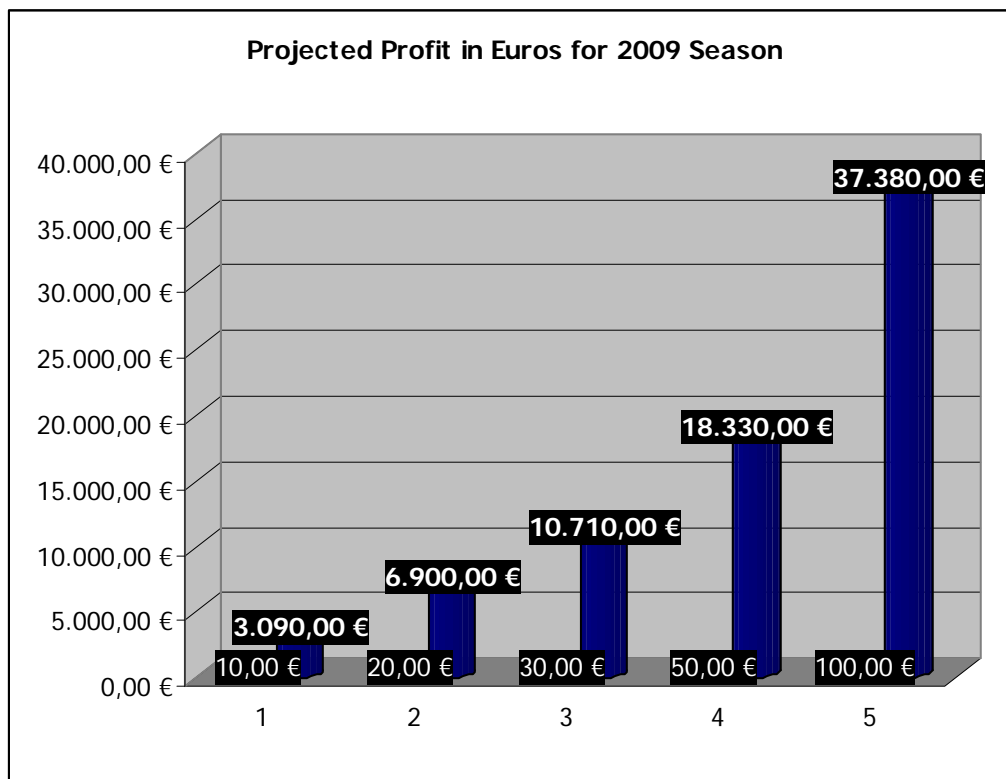
In the following diagram the representation of each month that led to a profit of 371.93 units.



Let's have a look on the profit that somebody would had if we was following the plays of EBI-GROUP from start to end. Certainly, this number is just theoretical as every different person has different staking approaches and certainly there is drifting (though extremely lower than last season) of odds.

We do know people that bet more per bet though it would be unrealistic or insulting for other members to point bets of 5 or 10 thousands of euros placed by few.

Our scale goes from a small 10 euro / unit bets resulting into a 100 euro – 10/10 flat stake bet to 100 euro / unit bet resulting into a 1000 – 10/10 flat stake bet.



* The cost of subscription is 720 per year and it's already calculated on the results.

The Year in Summary

The nice end of the season gave us a good push in starting the new one. On the other side we have been able to return on the roots of EBI-GROUP. We have tried to bring some more people on the equation but the result wasn't good. Not because the new guys haven't been good punters. We know they are good. The problem is control. It's very difficult to manage many tipsters and very difficult to check all together. Also tipping and betting is sometimes different, somebody could win on tipping and lose in betting and vice versa so there is a certain profile needed for somebody to be a tipster. And we have the experience now to be able to know who is going to develop as a good tipster and stand the pressure and stress when the iron starts to get hot.

Right now we have completed our core of guys that work with us. We may add somebody for small periods of time though and on carefully selected tips that we believe value is good.

As for the service. The results have been lower than expected. We don't try to make things better than those are. Our yield has fallen this season due to reasons we analyzed earlier on the document. On the other side we have learned from those last two years and certainly that alone makes the new one a very promising one.

What you should expect in the year to come

Last two seasons we have set some goals such as the improvement of yield or more units won but in reality those goals are what you should expect from EBI-GROUP anyway. This year we have just one goal and I think that is a result of our experience from those last two years.

Our goal for 2009 is to improve our game. To be more cautious, more patient and provide quality analysis to our members. To that I would say that sports betting and soccer betting have changed through time. And that was something we missed last summer and was our mistake; BETTING it's not the same as it used to be. The profit margins have decreased dramatically as more and more people enter the markets, prices are certainly well studied before published and strange things happen more often. The one and only way to be on the profit is to work harder and this is what we promise for the New Year that follows. Our goal is to go well until the end of June that all big leagues finish. Then we will update you with information of what our intentions are for the summer period and in general for the service in the future.

Good health, good profits and good spending for the Year 2009

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