

Sports Spread Betting

Picking the winners or correct outcome is only half of the battle in sports spread betting. Knowing how to place the best spread bets is the key to truly maximising your profits.

In [football spread betting](#), one of the most popular types of spread betting, the amount which you win is related to how well you win.

On a market for the total number of goals scored in the upcoming Champions League final on May 21st, the betting agent gives a total goal quote of 2.4 – 2.7. You have the choice to either SELL or BUY a stake. To sell a stake would be saying that you believe there will be 2 goals or less. Buy a stake and you are backing there will be 3 goals or more.

Supposing the final score in the game is 3-1 and you choose to SELL for a £20 stake, you would have lost £32. The calculation is as follows:

- Your stake was £20.00
- Difference between price and actual number of goals = $4 - 2.7 = 1.3$
- Your total loss = $£20.00 \times 1.3 = £26.00$

If you had selected to BUY a stake for the same amount, you would have won £26.

It's very important to be careful when spread betting on certain markets, especially the more specialist footballing markets. Markets such as total corners in a game can often vary greatly to the quote. So if you SELL on a market which has a total corners quote of 9.5-10.5, and the total number of corners taken in the game rises to 18, your £10 stake will become a £85 loss.

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[Spread betting](#) is by far the most fun way to gamble your money, but it's also the riskiest. Be sure to double check all possibilities and make sure that you can cover the biggest imaginable loss. Your sports spread betting adventures are likely to be a lot more fun (and lucrative!) when you know the game inside out.

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