William Hill: Patent bet explained | Your ultimate multiple accumulator betting guide

Widely compared to the Trixie bet which consists of four bets, this accumulator bet is slightly different since it is built from three singles, three doubles and a treble.

The Patent bet is predominantly used in [Horse Racing](#) – but available across all sports – and has become increasingly popular because you need only one winner from three selections to see a return for your money.

This is because – unlike in Trixie and Yankee betting – singles are included as well as doubles and a treble.

How does a Patent Bet work?

Backed with William Hill, this multiple betting method is one of several bets that is known as a 'full coverage multiple bet' – a kind of insurance should you miss out on your Treble.

Crucially, only one of the selections needs to win for a return to be achieved on this type of accumulator because it contains single bets.

Therefore, [you could back three horses](#) at relatively long odds and still hope to get something back should one win. That return would, however, be likely to be lower than the initial stake.

If you were to land just three selections, then the potential returns are great.

This Patent bet can be placed when you have three possible outcomes selected and can be placed each way. The potential returns are great for landing just three winning selections.

Weekend Patent Bet example | Potential results

Let's say we've backed these events:

Selection 1 – 1/1
Selection 2 – 1/1
Selection 3 – 1/1

Patent bets:

Bet 1 – Selection 1 (single)
Bet 2 – Selection 2 (single)
Bet 3 – Selection 3 (single)
Bet 4 – Selection 1 and selection 2 (double)
Bet 5 – Selection 1 and selection 3 (double)
Bet 6 – Selection 2 and selection 3 (double)
Bet 7 – Selection 1, selection 2 and selection 3 (treble)

For this example, we will imagine we have backed a Patent bet with the three legs all at evens (not each way), we are having £5 per line so a total bet of £35.

1. If none of the three wins, we will lose £35.
2. If one leg wins then the return would be £10 representing a £25 overall loss, if two bets win then the return would be £40 making a £5 profit.
3. If all three bets come in then the return would be £130 meaning a £95 profit, as you'd expect the return jumps a lot if you get all the results correct.

Odds, Tips, and picks | Summary

It can be tempting to bet blindly but it's always best to stick to what you know, avoid what you don't and not to chase losses.

A patent bet is a multiple coverage bet built from three selections, so it might not be beneficial to add short-priced favourites into a patent.

A Goliath bet requires at least two winning selections for a return.

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