

When I started in August 2016, the tournament was a binary classification problem and there was only 14 (or 21?) features. I don't recall how many rows of data there was, but it was substantially less than we have now.

The tournament was scored on logloss and there was also something called "originality" which only one person held the "originality" title until someone else uploaded predictions that was "more original" than yours. When the round closed you were scored on logloss as well as how long you held the originality title.

Payout was in BTC before NMR arrived in June 2017. Payout for a while was BTC and NMR, but moved to NMR only some time in late 2017. During the BTC days there was also no "burn" mechanism, so the tournament was open for attack, whereby some people just uploaded thousands of random predictions. We were allowed only one account, but people abused this heavily and I recall there was a lot of time spent on finding these "connected groups" and removing them from the competition.

[@arbitrage @jrb](#) was around even earlier. Maybe they remember something else.