Step Zero Guide (Windows & Mac)

What this guide is

A beginner-friendly checklist to run the project locally. If you get stuck > 30 minutes, ask Tim or ChatGPT.

Windows vs Mac: commands at a glance

List files → (Win) dir | (Mac) ls -la
Copy file → (Win) copy FROM TO | (Mac) cp FROM TO
Change dir → cd foldername; go up → cd ..
Stop a running command → Ctrl + C

Backend (run from project root)

(Win) copy apps\api\.env.example apps\api\.env
(Mac) cp apps/api/.env.example apps/api/.env
docker compose up --build
Open FastAPI docs: http://localhost:8000/docs

Frontend (in a new terminal)

cd apps/web
(Win) copy .env.example .env.local | (Mac) cp .env.example .env.local
npm install
npm run dev
Open: http://localhost:3000

Sanity checks on the Dashboard

Ping API → should return {"status":"ok"}
Fetch Odds → shows mocked odds JSON
Run Model Job → then Check Result → shows toy metrics

If something breaks

Is Docker running? (Open Docker Desktop)
Did you copy the env files?
Is port 8000/3000 already in use?
Reset containers: docker compose down | docker compose up --build

Next steps after Week 1

Week 2 we'll add login/signup (Auth.js) and Stripe subscriptions.
Ask questions early—document everything you try in your Setup Log.