

Company Registered No. 3207689

SPORTS SPREAD BETTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 30 MAY 1996 TO 30 JUNE 1997



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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS	:	J M Brown T Brereton C G Hellyer J Sparke
SECRETARY	:	M D Quigley
REGISTERED OFFICE	:	1-5 Morris Place Finsbury Park London N4 3TF
BANKERS	:	National Westminster Bank Plc Po Box 4UQ 30 North Audley Street London W1A 4UQ
SOLICITORS	:	Joel Wilson & Co 70 New Cavendish Street London W1M 8AT
AUDITORS	:	Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants Hill House 1 Little New Street London EC4A 3TR

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the period 30 May 1996 to 30 June 1997.

INCORPORATION

The Company was incorporated on 30 May 1996 and commenced trading on that date.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Company is that of a trade association for firms operating in the sports spread betting market with the objective of promoting the common interests of its members.

RESULTS

The profit for year after tax was £221. The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND LIKELY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Both the level of business and the period end financial position were as expected and the Directors do not anticipate any material changes in the present level of activity.

DIRECTORS

The Directors who served throughout the period and subsequently were as follows:

J M Brown	(appointed 4 June 1996)
T Brereton	(appointed 30 May 1996)
C G Hellyer	(appointed 30 May 1996)
J Sparke	(appointed 4 June 1996)

All the Directors retire by rotation at the next Annual General Meeting and being eligible will offer themselves for re-election.

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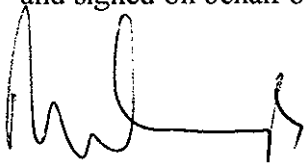
DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche were appointed as auditors on 16 August 1997.

A resolution to re-appoint Deloitte & Touche as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M D Quigley', written in a cursive style.

M D Quigley
Secretary

16 September 1997

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DIRECTORS' STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial period and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Directors are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Board



M D Quigley
Secretary

16 September 1997

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SPORTS SPREAD BETTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 9 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 1997 and of its profit for the period 30 May 1996 to 30 June 1997 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche
Deloitte & Touche
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Hill House
1 Little New Street
London
EC4A 3TR

5 November 1997.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Period from 30 May 1996 to 30 June 1997

	Notes	1997 £
TURNOVER		40,500
Administrative Expenses		(39,577)
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX	2	923
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	(702)
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PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		221
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The results of the company are wholly attributable to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses in the current period other than the profit for the period as shown above.

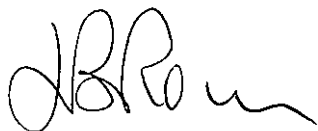
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BALANCE SHEET
At 30 June 1997

	Notes	1997 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments and accrued income		7,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,097</u>
		8,597
 CREDITORS: amounts falling		
due within one year	4	<u>(8,376)</u>
 NET CURRENT AND		
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>221</u></u>
 CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital	5	-
Profit and loss account		<u>221</u>
 EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
		<u><u>221</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors on *16 September 1997*

J M Brown
Director



T Brereton
Director



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Period from 30 May 1996 to 30 June 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted by the Directors are described below:

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents contributions made by its members.

2. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX

Profit on ordinary activities before tax is stated after charging:

	1997 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>250</u>

3. TAXATION

	1997 £
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at 24%	<u>702</u>

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1997 £
Corporation Tax	702
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,674</u>
	<u>8,376</u>

5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

The company is limited by guarantee. The five members of the company have agreed to contribute £1 each to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up.

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6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included within reported turnover is subscription income totalling £8,500 each from William Hill Index (London) Limited, City Index Limited, I G Index Plc and Sporting Index Limited. J M Brown, T. Brereton, C G Hellyer, J Sparke, directors of the company are also directors of, William Hill Index (London) Limited, I G Index Plc, Sporting Index Limited, and City Index Limited, respectively. Included in accrued income at 30 June 1997 are amounts of £1,500 each receivable from William Hill Index (London) Limited, City Index Limited, I G Index Plc and Sporting Index Limited.

Included within reported turnover is subscription income of £6,500 from Ladbrokes Sporting Spreads Limited who are the fifth member of the Company. Included in accrued income at 30 June 1997 is an amount of £1,500 receivable from Ladbrokes.