

COMPUTERFORM

POOLS
PREDICTIONS

48K Spectrum

"COMPUTERFORM POOLS PREDICTION" is a sophisticated but easy-to-use programme, specially designed to help you complete your pools coupon without the necessity of having to spend many hours each week inputting new data.

On side A of the tape, predictions are made from the league tables of 8 English, 3 Scottish and the Northern Premier Divisions, whilst on side B predictions are made from the 11 Australian Divisions.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Load the programme by typing **LOAD ""**. When the programme has loaded, it will run automatically and the **MAIN MENU** will appear on your screen. Although there is already information about each team on file, when you first run the programme this information will be out of date, so it will be necessary to update the files by choosing **OPTION 3**. When you press **Key 3** a sub-menu will be displayed, allowing you to either check and amend the data already on file or to enter completely new data. Once this has been done the computer will automatically calculate the League positions of each team - this can take up to 3 minutes if there are a lot of alterations made. Should you wish to check the tables you can do this provided you have a printer. Return to the main menu and go to **OPTION 6**, whereupon the league tables will be printed out. Detailed information regarding team performances and league positions can be obtained from the sporting pages of most Sunday newspapers.

Ideally, new data should be added every week, but once every three weeks is sufficient to give reasonable predictions.

When the data files have been amended, return to

the main menu and go to OPTION 4. A sub-menu will appear and after pressing Key 2 you will be asked for the date on which the matches are to be played, and the number of matches on your coupon. After this you will then start to enter the teams in the order that they appear on your coupon. Normally it is only necessary to input the first few letters of team names for the computer to recognise it but occasionally confusion could arise when the names are similar, or particularly long: DUNDEE and DUNDEE UNITED or STENHOUSEMUIR, for example. In the case of the former you would enter DUNDEE as "DUNDEE" and two spaces. The computer cannot then mistake your entry as "DUNDEE UTD". The following is a list of the teams where abbreviations or a particular way of entering is required.

TEAM

MANCHESTER UTD
 NOTTINGHAM FOREST
 QUEENS PARK RANGERS
 SOUTHAMPTON
 WOLVERHAMPTON
 HUDDERSFIELD
 MANCHESTER CITY
 MIDDLESBROUGH
 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
 BOURNEMOUTH
 LEYTON ORIENT
 SHEFFIELD UTD
 CHESTERFIELD
 NORTHAMPTON
 MACCLESFIELD
 SOUTH LIVERPOOL
 ST. JOHNSTONE
 COWDENBEATH

ENTER AS

MAN UTD
 NOTT'HAM F
 Q P R
 S'HAMPTON
 WOLVES
 HUD'FIELD
 MAN CITY
 MIDDLESBRO
 SHEFF WED
 BOURNEM'TH
 ORIENT
 SHEFF UTD
 CHEST'FLD
 N'HAMPTON
 MAC'FIELD
 S'L'POOL
 S'J'NSTONE
 C'DENBEATH

DUNFERMLINE	D'FERMLINE
EAST STERLING	E'STERLING
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	Q'OF'SOUTH
STENHOUSEMUIR	S'H'SEMUIR
BROADMEADOWS	BROADM'DWS
N. DANDENONG	N'DANDE'NG
CAMPBELTOWN	CAMPBL'T'N
PORT ADELAIDE	PT ADEL'DE
NOARLUNGA U	N'LUNGA U
SALISBURY	SAL'SBURY
CAULFIELD C	CAULF'LD C
PT. MELBOURNE	PT. MELB'NE
ROYAL RICHMOND	R'RICHMOND
SOUTH MELBOURNE	S'MELB'RNE
SANDRINGHAM	SANDR'HAM
MOOROOLBARK	M'OOLBARK
EAST BRUNSWICK	E. B'NSWICK

If a team appears on your coupon that is not in the data files, simply type * and the computer will continue to the next entry. When you have finished entering all the teams return to the main menu and go to OPTION 1. Displayed on screen will be the computer's predictions of the scores for those matches which you have entered. You can obtain a print-out of the predicted results by returning to the main menu and choosing OPTION 2.

Having entered the new data and obtained your predictions go to OPTION 5 of the main menu and save the updated programme on a new tape. It is only necessary to re-save the programme when the data files have been amended in any way.

NOTES

1. If you should want to return to the main menu at any time, when the option to do so is not given, stop the programme (press Shift and Break Keys together) and enter GOTO 2000.
2. At the beginning of each season it will be necessary to adjust the programme to take into account the teams which were promoted and demoted at the end of the previous season. In order to do this, run the programme and then stop it (press Shift and Break Keys together). Enter LIST 100 and the teams will be displayed in division order. Edit the programme as and where necessary (refer to your Sinclair manual, page 13, Chapter 2).