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(54) Betting method for race game

(57) When a racing form speculating a race is selected, a bet is automatically made on a speculated possible finish place. A racing form speculated information indication region K1 is provided on the right side of a speculation indication region H5. A speculation racing form indication region K2 is provided on the right side of the racing form speculated information indication region K1. A game player selects a racing form to be used as speculated information. When an all bets button K5 below a racing form release button K4, bets are made maximum 8 sets of horse number combinations speculated by the racing forms. The bet control method can permit game players to easily and quickly bet.

FIG. 3

EMPEROR PRIZE
GI LAWNAKANY
TOKYO RACE TRACK (2000m)

BET TIME (17) BET UNIT (1)

RACING FORM 1
RACING FORM 2
RACING FORM 3
RACING FORM 4
RACING FORM 5
RACING FORM 6
RACING FORM 7

G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6 G7

WIN PLACE QUINELLA WIDE ODDS INFO CANCEL STABLE

H1	HORSE NAME	WIN	CONDITION
1	COLT	11.9	↑
2	COLT	5.5	↔
3	FILLY	8.3	↔
4	FILLY	15.7	↔
5	COLT	4.5	↔
6	COLT	6.9	↔
7	FILLY	5.8	↑
8	COLT	10.1	↔
9	FILLY	22.8	↔

RACING FORM 1 RACING FORM 2 RACING FORM 3 RACING FORM 4 RACING FORM 5 RACING FORM 6 RACING FORM 7

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