

Strategy Evaluation Checklist

Criterion	Status	Notes
Believable Core Logic	✓	Examines 25 years of historical English Football League Championship playoff data to test common hypotheses (goal difference, momentum, 2nd-leg home advantage, league finish).
Sustainable Analytical Principles	✓	Uses baseline probabilistic benchmarks (25% promotion baseline, 50% final reach baseline) and transparent data aggregation across multi-decade samples.
Mathematically Sound (+EV / Modeling Context)	⚠	Solid descriptive statistics on historical qualification rates, but does not convert baseline frequencies into implied decimal odds to evaluate against live Betfair market prices.
Robustness Against Overfitting / Commercial Hype	✓	Free of commercial sales funnels, course upselling, or proprietary black-box software; acknowledges sample limitations and variance.
Sound Risk Management & Variance Context	✓	Explicitly reminds viewers that probabilities are not certainties (e.g. a 60% probability carries a 40% failure rate) and warns against narrative-driven bias.
Practical Market Understanding	⚠	Focuses purely on pre-tournament structural data analysis rather than specific in-play

		execution tactics, ladder management, or liquidity matching.
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BS Factor Rating: 84 / 100

(100 = Sound, mathematically robust, and achievable; 0 = Totally unbelievable, unsustainable, and guaranteed to fail)

Critique & Score Justification

This video by Peter Webb (*Bet Angel*) provides an **honest, empirical analysis of 25 years of EFL Championship playoff data**. Rather than presenting an overfitted "system" or selling automated picks, the video functions as a legitimate statistical breakdown testing prevailing football narratives against empirical records.

Key Breakdown of Core Concepts:

1. Empirical Narrative Testing:

- **Goal Difference & Recent Form:** Evaluates whether season-long goal difference or 5-game momentum predicts playoff success, showing that while moderate positive trends exist, short-term form is noisy unless simplified to broad binary indicators (e.g. unbeaten in the last 3 league matches).
- **2nd-Leg Home Advantage:** Analyzes the structural advantage of playing the second semi-final leg at home (awarded to 3rd and 4th place finishers), confirming that hosting the return leg significantly increases qualification rates to the Wembley final.
- **Final League Position Correlation:** Shows a near-linear historical correlation between final league finish (3rd > 4th > 5th > 6th) and ultimate promotion probability, debunking the common retail narrative that the "momentum-carrying 6th place outsider" routinely upsets higher seeds.

2. Probabilistic Baseline Benchmarks:

- Grounded in foundational probability theory: sets clear baseline expected frequencies (25% promotion rate, 50% final appearance rate for 4 evenly matched teams) to measure whether specific statistical cohorts show meaningful positive or negative deviations.

3. High Educational Integrity:

- Contains zero commercial pitches, affiliate funnels, or claims of guaranteed returns.
- Reminds viewers that statistical tendencies describe long-term distributions rather than single-match certainties.

Deductions (-16 pts):

- **Absence of Price-to-Value (+EV) Conversion:** The analysis remains purely descriptive. It identifies that 3rd-place teams qualify more often, but does not compare

historical progression rates against exchange outright odds to determine whether the market already efficiently prices or overprices higher seeds.