The Dominate Online Poker E-Book

How to win at online poker

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A Word from the Author

Dear future online poker dominator,

The information on my website probably has upset your image of online poker. There’s so much to online poker most players don’t have clue about, which means that as soon as you have read all there is to know about online poker in this e-book you will have created a gap in skill that is unbridgeable for the ignorant internet poker rookies. 80% of the online poker players are overall losing money. Their losses go directly into the pockets of the 20% winning online poker players. After you’ve read this e-book you learn everything these 20% winning players know and you’ll even learn strategies only 1 or 2% of the online poker players are aware of.

My name is Joris Dekkers and I have been playing online poker for over 5 years now. I’ve dominated both cash games and tournaments, although I’m a better tournament player overall. It has always struck me how easy it is to make money at online poker. There are just so many fishes throwing away their money and it’s always the same people who end in the top listings of tournaments and the same players who are sitting with the most cash at the ring tables. A part of me told me that it was predominantly skills that formed the gap between good and bad players. But if that were true, there would be no difference between live and online poker. And I knew that couldn’t be true. I mean, a digital world is always different from the real world. A digital world gives you lot’s of more opportunities that are just not there at a live poker table.

This e-book is the result partly from my own playing experience but mostly from my online poker research I started a year ago. I wanted to know exactly why the same players win and the same players lose, over and over again. I wanted to know what assets and advantages sharks had over the fishes. For that I went into the underground of Google and I spoke with real online poker experts. What I found was amazing. I came back with tons of articles, highly unknown sophisticated tools and thrilling strategies. All this, and more is now packed up together revealed in the Dominate Online Poker E-Book.

People who hadn’t purchased our course yet always asked me what made the Dominate Online Poker system so revolutionary. Well, the Dominate Online Poker Course is so revolutionary because it contains all the ingredients that are needed to succeed in the modern online poker game. Never before has there been such a guide on online poker in the entire history of online poker courses, guides and systems.

Online Poker nowadays has become far more a game of mastering online poker tools (learning to play with them, extracting the potential, applying them in practice) than a game of pure skill. Let’s face it, computer programs are faster, more accurate, have more capabilities, no interference of emotions and have power beyond imagination. So a bad player playing with prodigious poker tools can potentially overwhelm a good old schooled skilled player by the book (unless he knows nothing about the game it self and thus is not able to apply the powers of poker software in the actual game).
This is the core concept of the Dominate Online Poker Course: preparing you for the online poker world with, giving you enough power not just to survive but to dominate the online poker tables and tournaments: hence the name we gave our Poker System.

I honestly think anyone deserves to have access to the strategies that sharks have been hiding for us for over 5 years.
I want to thank you for obtaining your copy and I wish you all the best with reading this wonderful material. Underline what’s important to you. Skip what’s not. If there is anything you would like to comment on or ask a question about, please don’t hesitate to send us an email at support@dominateonlinepoker.com

Warm regards,

Joris Dekkers, Author of this e-book
A legitimate introduction: The Online Poker World

The strength of the internet as a gaming medium and the growth in the popularity of poker as a leisure pursuit in international markets have collectively delivered strong growth in both the number of people playing the game online and the total amount of revenue captured by the operators.

**It is estimated that in 2006 there were approximately three million online poker players worldwide and GBGC estimates that approximately $3.1 billion of global gross gaming yield was generated from online poker in 2006.**

**The online poker revenue figure could theoretically increase by a factor of seven by 2010 if online poker trends continue, with an expected $6.7 billion in potential worldwide revenue for that year.**

**The number of real money online poker players is increasing by as much as 100,000 each month.**

I don’t need to show you any more numbers or come up with any more big words to prove the fact that online poker is a big business. It is of course a big business for the companies providing the game, but it is also a big business for players who dominate the online poker scene. I mean, come on, a hundred of thousands NEW poker players join the online poker community EVERY SINGLE MONTH (probably meaning about 90-95% new fishes). They deposit and play with real money while still learning the game and adapting to the environment. Meanwhile, the experienced dominating online poker players enjoy the 24/7 party it becomes for them, raking in pot after pot, finishing in the money tournament after tournament...

Now, there is one thing you MUST realize before you go into detailed reading in this e-book. We have to agree on the fact that skill and experience are important factors when you separate the rooks from the pro’s. This is true for both live games and online games.

However, instead of only acknowledging this similarity between live and online poker, it is far more valuable to seek the differences between what is important in becoming an expert in live poker and becoming a shark in online poker. If we know these differences we can namely deduct the key components you need to bring on stage to dominate online poker.

Let us then analyze this for now.
Chapter 1: Key differences between online and live poker

Searching for the most valuable components and assets that are needed to make the transfer from live to online poker play and to eventually dominate the online poker scene.

What qualities do you need to possess to be a pro at a live poker table?
* Watching and playing your own hole cards and being able to know hand strength
* Calculating your own odds, outs, winning chances etc.
* Watch for tells, reading other players, learning opponent characters and playing styles
* Watching for betting patterns
* Being able to make plays (e.g. bluffing), creating and changing images/gears
* Immunize yourself from what you see and hear at the poker table and being able to focus and concentrate 100% on the poker game
* Keep yourself steady, keep your emotions and nerves under control, don’t expose habits

Which of these live poker qualities do you also need at online poker (underlined):
* Watching and playing your own hole cards and being able to know hand strength
* Calculating your own odds, outs, winning chances etc.
* Watch for tells, reading other players, learning characters
* Watching for betting patterns
* Being able to make plays (e.g. bluffing), creating and changing images/gears
* Immunize yourself from what you see and hear at the poker table and being able to focus and concentrate 100% on the poker game
* Keep yourself steady, keep your emotions and nerves under control, don’t expose habits

Yes it is 100% true. You don’t need to memorize hand strength, calculate mathematical figures, watch for tells and betting patterns at online poker. I know, you are probably overwhelmed by this. You have probably never thought that at online poker you have to do much less yourself to be good at it. You (probably) and most of the online poker players (certainly) approach online poker the same way as live poker, and this is the biggest mistake online poker beginners make. You have to understand that online poker is a completely different world.
than live poker, a world where some components rise in value while others reduce in value. Let me give you a more detailed explanation below.

**Poker is a game of (limited) knowledge.** Unless you play with the same guys all the time, in live poker you have limited knowledge about your opponents, about what’s going to happen and about what happened before. This is because you mostly don’t know the players you are up against, or you can’t remember much about them; you don’t know their playing styles, their betting patterns etc. You have to recognize and learn things about your opponents. Meanwhile, you have to calculate everything yourself and you have to be able to play your own game.

This also goes for most of the online poker players, that is, for 80-90% of the players who play poker on the internet. They play online poker no different from live poker, and thus they have the same knowledge limitations.

This is because the knowledge gathered by a human being is mostly not all too accurate. The human brain can only store a certain maximum amount of knowledge. It cannot memorize EVERYTHING in complete detail. It also cannot calculate odds, outs etc. with 100% certainty and accuracy. Oh, and by the way, the accuracy and tenability of all gathered data becomes less trustworthy as emotions get involved (in other words, sometimes tilt overshadows logical and analytical play).

This is why online poker players, who play online poker the same way as live poker, play literally in the dark. This is why people who play in the dark are called ignorant fish or dumb ass rooks in plain American English. I’m sorry to be so rude, but truth must come in plain and simple words.

**What assets do sharks possess, how are they able to dominate online poker?**

Okay, now let’s move to how the sharks, the online poker professionals, approach the online poker game.

All they do is keep their emotions and nerves tight, look at their hole cards and focus themselves 100% on the game. At a 6 handed table they also might make plays, change gears and swift images. But that’s it. Now your question must be: what about the rest? What about calculating the odds, watching for betting patterns, getting to learn the other players and playing styles?

Well, the answer on that question is simple: online poker sharks play with Poker Tools. They use poker tools to calculate innumerable percentages (odds, outs, winning chances etc.), to show hand strength and to receive playing advice. They use tools to call up hundreds of statistics on any individual poker player they play against (even if they have never played against them before). They use tools to identify all tables in the poker room lobby and indicate the strength/weakness of each table so they can pre select tables before playing at all. And they use poker tools to track their own play to find leaks and make improvements in their own game play.

Remember what I said about poker being a game of (limited) knowledge. Well, online poker sharks certainly don’t have limited knowledge. They have two to three hundred percent MORE KNOWLEDGE than their opponents. They certainly
DON’T play in the dark. To them the whole game becomes clear and that’s why they beat it structurally.

The coming and presence of poker tools (online poker software programs) brings a whole new dimension into online poker. It’s like having the perfect poker player standing right beside you, giving you 100% winning advice. Because of the new wave of revolutionary online poker tools (that appeared on the market somewhere after the year 2006), new opportunities now lie in front of us. Those who take advantage will survive and win, those who will stay behind will get eliminated and suffer great losses. Being skilled at online poker from now on means - apart from the transferred skills from live poker:

* Being able to play with poker tools: overseeing and extracting given knowledge and then applying knowledge by instant acting.
* Being able to play multiple tables at once to increase winning rate
* Forthcoming out of the other two: being able to make tens of decisions with lightning speed (you have less time at online poker)
* Being able to play 100% disciplined: keep playing the sharks game, even when the cards don’t come well for a couple of hours
* Bankroll and money management. This is maybe the most important factor in online poker. You can’t smell the money, it transformed into digital chips and numbers. This has serious consequences on multiple levels.

More on all this of course later in the e-book.

My goal in this chapter is to make you conscious of the differences between live and online poker play, and more importantly, what consequences this must have for your approach to online poker. The potential, the possibilities are interminable. All you must do is adapt, adapt, adapt. Therefore you need to read strategies and most important of all, start playing with tools in the poker room you like. Theory combined with experience is always the key to learning.

The following chapters provide you with all the poker software programs, tips, strategies, tools, e-books, and other information you need to know to become an online poker shark, a dominating online poker player. Have fun reading!
Chapter 2: The Best Online Poker Tools

Although the rest of the e-book parts are certainly valuable, this chapter is the reason most people buy the Dominate Online Poker E-Book. And I can certainly say that is legitimate reasoning. This e-book sells because it contains hidden poker tools almost no one knows they exist.

The difference between using these highly unknown poker tools and not using them (not knowing they exist) is what creates the real gap between winning online poker players and losing suckers. Yes, pure skills and experience matter too, but certainly not as much as poker tools do.

The Poker Tools we are about to present:
1. tell you exactly which table is the most juicy to play (containing the most losing players) and the worst to sit at (containing the most sharks)
2. give you 100 stats on every opponent you play against, even if you have never played against the opponent
3. track and store data from over 1,000,000 online poker players
4. calculate all outs, pot odds, probabilities, winning chances and other percentages, give you instant hand strength and playing advice based on positional and previous mathematical factors
5. track your own play and give you more than 1000 handy stats about your own game in order for you to find leaks in your own game and improve yourself
6. pre-select tournaments: before you start playing a sit and go, know exactly how many pro’s, average and losing players are going to play against you. Know their exact winning/losing record and at which stakes they usually play to identify strength and weakness at your feature(d) table(s).
7. give you instant live sit and go playing advice as if a pro is sitting next to you and tells you what to do

Poker Tools are a must because they do most of the work you would normally have to do yourself FOR you. Imagine if you would have to calculate everything yourself, if you would have to keep track of your opponents and try to read them yourself. Not only will that cost a lot of energy, it is also true that your brain is less trustworthy than computers.
And come to think of it, rational thinking by yourself sometimes becomes influenced, or better said intervened with emotions (tilting, stress, boredom) which is very bad for your play. Playing with computer tools gives you the certainty of making the right decisions. Even if you got a bad beat, all you do is just keep
following the advice given by poker software, and you’ll know you’re going to win in the long run.

You can imagine that, with poker tools doing these crazy (to say the least) stuff for you, the people you play against at any poker table are no match for you. I mean you have so many computer tools at your disposal that give you advice with 100% accuracy; it’s just becoming an unfair advantage.

Think not only about the possibilities to win more money with these poker tools, but also about the money you will save because of them. The fact alone that you will never have to play against winning players anymore, makes the games you play 200% more easy to beat.

I could go on and on about the advantages deriving from poker tools like these. It might be better to just analyze them 1 for 1 now and giving you the links to purchase them. Although, purchasing is often not even necessary. 5 out of 6 poker tools promoted here, are free at first (and by ‘free at first’ I don’t mean some sort of 3 day trial, no I mean free for 3 months, or a whole year!

Let’s take a look at our featured poker tools shall we?
2.1 Poker Stalking Tools

To have the privilege to know everything about your opponents while they play in the dark against you is just amazing. Your opponent can only guess what you will do, what cards you have and if you are a good or bad player while you know everything for sure based on poker stalking tools that keep track on over 1 million online poker players (their betting patterns, their win/loss rate, their identity, their playing style, their aggression and more) and tens of thousands of poker tables that you can now pre select!

There is only 1 poker stalking tool that deserves all the attention and that is Poker Edge.

Poker Edge (great for intermediate and advanced players)
(AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)

You all know the difficulties of poker. You hold JJ, you raised preflop and got 1 caller. The flop is Q102, all of different suits. You make a pot bet, and in an instant you get raised. Do you fold, call or raise? The same goes with holding AK, flopping K99, you check, he bets, you raise and he goes all in. Do you fold or call the all in? These kind of dilemmas come up all the time in no limit holdem. When you play a live game you might have a tell, but online there is just an avatar with a nametag holding the cards. If you would know the raiser/reraiser was tight, loose, aggressive or passive, if you knew whether he would check-raise a lot, reraise a lot or not, then you surely know what to do in these situations. Poker Edge will give you these stats on your opponents and therefore sweep away these dilemmas for you!

Poker Edge is the most sophisticated and prominent poker tool ever developed. It will exceed the expectations and wishes of all online poker players by 200%. I dare to say the capabilities you gain with this tool are just beyond imagination. Losing players will become instant winners. Bad players will become professionals within a few days experience.

As we’ve explained previously in the cash game strategy section that poker is a game of (limited) information, this poker tool will give you an enormous informational edge. Playing with this tool will lead to the fact that you know everything about your opponents (betting patterns, win/loss rate, playing style, aggression factor, hand histories etc. etc.) while they – your opponents – can only guess about your game. Dominating Online Poker is only possible when you play with tools like Poker Edge.
I mean normally you would go sit at a random table you’ve selected from the lobby and play against your opponents as if it were a live game. But with this tool you pre select tables based on aggression factor/playing styles/win and loss rates and after that you have access over 100 stats from any given opponent. This mean you can base your play, your decisions exactly on the kind of player you are up against. It is the most revolutionary advantage ever gained by online poker players. Only 2-3% of the online poker community plays with this tool. The rest of them are all playing in the dark. You’ll instantly find yourself amongst the top online poker player without the need of possessing great reading skills or multi-level experience.

The great thing is that Poker Edge is free for 3 months if you click here

-What are the key features Poker Edge?
* Table overview stats: get immediately statistics on each table you play at/you’ve opened simultaneously up to 4 tables at a time. Table stats include VPIP, PF Raise, Aggression rate, BB/100 (win/loss rate), WSD (win showdown perc.)
* Identify players who sit at the table by colour-tagging them and by giving them an icon
* Receive up to 100 stats per player even if you have never played against him before: key stats, pre flop stats, flop stats, turn stats, river stats and showdown stats (per betting round stats on betting history: percentages of checks, calls, bets, raises, reraises, check-raises, folds etc.)
* Complete hand histories per player, winning rates, what stakes someone plays, hourly rates -HUD Display: prime-stats displayed at the table with explanation scheme
* Keeping up a central database containing over 1 million online poker players
* Compatible with both cash-games as tournament games (sit and go primarily).
* The possibility to customize poker-edge to your own preferences
* Supports over 100 rooms
* Boost your skills: This tool brings your poker level to an entire new dimension not only because they provide the stats of your opponents but also because they will enlarge your thinking process: if you see the stats your brain adapts to it and begin to ask them new questions about players...questions that you wouldn’t ask yourself if you didn’t have this tool. So therefore a fish can never develop its game to your game
* Last but not least, it will boost your BANKROLL: it is proven that playing with this tool will deliver you 2 to 3 big blinds of winnings an hour + make you less lose; playing without it will not only save you those winnings but will also increase your losses. Poker is game of making as few MISTAKES as you can and with THIS tool you will limit the amount of mistakes to almost zero.
Poker Edge has categorized all tracked players (over 1,000,000) into 9 different player types. Each player type gets a title and an icon. This way you can identify players (their playing styles) immediately when playing. Let’s run through the different playing styles (what characterizes them, what kind of counter play is desirable?).

The Calling Station

**#Player Type**: You are a Calling Station (Loose-Passive/Passive). The most unprofitable player type! Have a seat at my table, please

**#Strengths**: You don’t have many strengths... except... you cannot be bluffed! That’s for damn sure.

**#Weaknesses**: As your name suggests, your biggest weakness is you call too much! Good players will repeatedly bet into you or raise you for value. You rarely bet your winning hands either, so you don’t get paid off and you give other players an easy way to catch up. You are almost always unprofitable.

**#Best Advice**: Stop calling so much. Stop chasing the long shot draws. Fold your weak hands, and bet or raise your strong ones. Be more aggressive!

**#Counter play**: Almost never bluff against these types of players. Don’t slow play or check-raise but bet and raise into them (especially value bets). Also know how much you can bet before he lays a hand down so you can maximize your profits. These players don’t care about pot odds so you probably can bet far more than just over betting pot odds. You can play all sorts of cards against these players due to their tendency to be extremely passive: you can draw your pairs to trips and your suited connectors to straights and flushes because they give you the odds for it. On the other site you might want to play a little tighter because they are so loose: hands that won’t make big pots normally (like AK, AQ) can win a lot against calling stations cause they will call you down when a K or Q comes on the flop and they hold K3, Q6.

What about betting strategy? In general you want to bet slightly more than against average players. More because they will call more often, slightly because you don’t want to fold as you lay ahead most of the time and you want them to chase you (as long as you bet enough that won’t give them any good odds). You all know the saying: know when to hold’em and know when to fold’em. It applies against calling stations: you get used to laying ahead so much that you forget that even calling stations can pick up monsters in the hole or flop the nuts. So beware when the raise or even reraise which is highly unusual for these kind of players (this is an argument to respect it even more!). Some calling stations are dangerous players. They never raise or bet, they only call. This way they don’t get value out of their hands but when you are betting into them and they are only calling he gives you the feeling you are ahead (as always) while you certainly are not. Funny enough they tend forgetting to bet the river which reminds you that he may have trapped you but he is still a rook ;) It is hard to arm yourself against these kinds of trapping play. It’s the unconscious strength of all passive players. The only thing you can do is check for time-patterns, or any other unusual event, and if you really can’t find anything that helps you just go and follow your intuition which will help you more than you think.

The Shark

**#Player Type**: Congratulations, you are a Shark (Tight-Aggressive/Aggressive). Your Tight-Aggressive PreFlop play and Aggressive PostFlop play will earn you great profits at the Poker Table.

**#Strengths**: It’s hard to tell when you are bluffing because you are always aggressive. You are on the winning side of a majority of your showdowns.

**#Weaknesses**: As a shark, you have few weaknesses. You may get bored from winning all the time.

**#Best Advice**: Get an elbow brace so you don’t develop arthritis from dragging in all those pots.

**#Counter play**: There is no defined counter play against sharks. Why? Because they are the best players at your table so you should not play with them in the first place. By letting poker-edge scan the tables before you sit down you should make sure not to pick a table with more than 1 or 2 sharks. Of course you can’t run away from 1 shark at a table if there are 4 other fishes at that same table: it will then still be a very profitable table for you so don’t let one shark scare you off it. It’s not that you can’t win from sharks but it just is a little harder. Think of it like playing yourself, and you are good right?! Not all sharks are the same but most of them have tight starting hand requirements and are pretty aggressive. What you often can do against these players is to play stupid hands like A2-8 against their AK and to hit the A29 flop. Those are the pots of which he can’t let go and you win the all in showdown. Also, because he is aggressive he sometimes bluffs and
makes lots of continuation- and/or semi-bluff bets. This is where the reraise is very powerful. Reraising sharks often makes them very scared. But watch out, only do this when you almost know he doesn’t have a lot, for he plays tight and often holds great hands. Other than that, one rule is most important: bad players don’t need to be studied as hard as good players. So this is where poker-edge really can make the difference: when playing sharks you should get the most out of all the known stats and more (watching betting patterns, watching decision-time patterns, watching play-swings, personal playing habits - like betting a flush draw or not etc -) to counter play a shark. By doing that I am absolutely sure you can even beat the shark in the long run.

**What about betting strategy?** Sharks mix up their game so well (like you do, or are going to do) that it’s very hard to see any betting patterns and thus to make a counter betting strategy. I would advise you to look at sharks individually (like i said above in the general counter play section). If you did a good job at selecting your table contains not more than one shark. Just figure out an adapting betting strategy that counter plays the sharks typical, individual play. For, as i said before, sharks a good players (mostly tight aggressive but not all are, this is a misunderstanding!) that aren’t really types like a maniac or a calling station who are basically all the same. Sharks are different and they even mix up their own play; that way, as there is no formal, standard counter play there is also no standard counter betting strategy.

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**The Maniac**

**#Player Type**: You are a MANIAC (Extremely Loose-Aggressive/Aggressive). Your presence alone changes the entire dynamic of the table.

**#Strengths**: Because of your crazy reputation, you will get paid off big on your big hands. When you win, you win HUGE. Most players at the table fear you.

**#Weaknesses**: Your manic behaviour is ironically predictable. Good players will wait for strong hands and let you bet into them. When you lose, you lose big. In fact, even when you are winning big, there’s a good chance you might lose it all before the night is over. You are usually the big loser.

**#Best Advice**: Work on self control. Pay attention to your table image - if people always think you are bluffing, only bet strong hands.

**#Counter play**: Against maniacs you want to play tight and you want to set traps. First of all, go and sit left of them so you can act after them: they will raise a lot preflop so this should discipline you in playing tight. But when you hold a monster hand you can go ahead and reraise or just call his raise when you think you will be alone with him in the pot to make sure he will make a standard big continuation bet on the flop (and even on the turn). You can then choose to slow play (check-call) or check-raise him on the flop/turn and get him all in on the river. Beware though, because you feel that these players over betting bad hands you always think he is bluffing. Make sure you hold the nuts or almost nuts: if not, he may well be ahead of you while you are thinking he is just bluffing. You get the most money while playing big hands and let them bet into you but you lose money from these players when holding semi-strong hands, thinking that he is bluffing and calling him down to lose the showdown all of a sudden. Remember: he too can have a good hand preflop.

**What about betting strategy?** Almost never bet yourself. Let them do the betting work. However, even maniacs will check from time to time. At certain flops, especially when more people are in the pot, or when there wasn’t any preflop raising, they won’t over bluff their hands. The trick is to induce a bluff from them if you do have something. In a multi-way pot you shouldn’t try to do this, but if you re playing a pot heads up against him or with another you can, assuming the third player doesn’t have anything, make a very, fishy, small bet. It’s not intended as a feeler bet but as an inducing bet: a lot of maniacs will think this is a weakness bet and come of the top to make a check-raise. With showing that sort of strength they think you will lay it down. If you have a mediocre hand yourself you reraise him. If you got a very powerful hand you slow play and thus only call his raise, hoping he will fire another, even larger, bet on the turn.

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**The Mouse**

**#Pre-Flop Tendency**: N/A

**#Player Type**: You are a Mouse (Tight-Passive/Passive). You are scared to risk any chips.

**#Strengths**: You rarely risk losing much money.

**#Weaknesses**: You are too timid, and not aggressive enough. You rarely bet your winning hands, and you often fold hands that were good enough to win. You are easy to read and bully around and aggressive players will steal your blinds. You are unprofitable at most games.

**#Best Advice**: Open up your game - play more aggressively. Bet or raise good hands instead of calling. Defend your blinds.
Counter play: The mice make a lot of ridiculous lay-downs. This means that bluffing will be very powerful, which means raising and reraising with mediocre holdings. Steal a lot, almost always bet to pick up the pot, in other words bully them! Play your good cards like playing the fish: bet into the mouse. However, if they bet, raise or even reraise you know you should mostly fold (because they almost never bluff), unless you think there is a chance to raise/reraise-bluff him out of the pot (betting/raising when scare cards come, represent-betting the nuts etc.)

What about betting strategy? Most of your general counter play against the mouse focuses on betting strategy so just look above for this kind of information.

The Rock
Player Type: You are a Rock ( Tight-Passive/Aggressive). People hardly notice you are at the table because you play so few hands.
Strengths: You are aggressive PostFlop and bet your hands for value. You will be profitable at weak to average tables.
Weaknesses: You are not aggressive enough preflop - only raising with elite hands. A good player can easily put you on a hand, since you only call with great hands, and raise with elite ones. Aggressive players will repeatedly steal your blinds. You will be slightly unprofitable at strong tables.
Best Advice: Open up your game - play more aggressively Preflop, defend your blinds, and play more hands in late position. Pay attention to your table image - bluff when people think you never bluff.

Counter play: The Rock can be classified as a player who is too tight. This means that he makes very few pre-flop raises. So when he makes one, lay all but the premium hands down. Also, respect his post-flop bets and raises most of the time. On the other hand, you can bluff at him and you can also catch him when he is holding a monster and you flopped an amazing hand with a suited connector or small pocket pair. Generally, you don’t want too many rocks at your table because you can’t grab a lot of money out of their stacks.

What about betting strategy? Due to the rocks tightness your betting strategy should focus on raising and reraising this type of player. The rock won’t make stupid lay downs like the mouse but will lay down a lot when he has a hand of approx. the same strength as yours.

The Bomb
Player Type: You are a Bomb (Aggressive/Aggressive). Your Aggressive play Pre and Post Flop makes the table fear you.
Strengths: Your aggressive nature is your biggest strength. You win many pots on bluffs and semi-bluffs.
Weaknesses: Your biggest weakness is you sometimes lack discipline. Your aggression is unwarranted sometimes. People slow play or check-raise you because they know you will bet.
Best Advice: Work on your discipline, and you will be a shark.

Counter play: The Bomb looks a lot like the maniac, but he is different in his starting hand selection: where the maniac is extremely loose (he bets and raises with any two hands) the bomb is somewhat tighter. However, when he decides to play a hand he will do it very aggressively (as a bomb who almost explodes). Just like playing maniacs you should wait for good hands and then trap these players, although you should wait a little longer (till having a better hand) against the bomb than against a maniac (against whom you can play even high suited connectors or middle pairs).

What about betting strategy? The playing style of the bomb looks a lot like the maniac so its obvious that this is the same with his betting pattern. Then again there is a higher chance he will certainly have something because of his higher starting hand requirement. Even if you think you’re ahead you should find out sooner by raising his bet already on the flop: if he will cal or reraise you should lay it down, while this doesn’t have to be the case with the maniac. Still with me?

The Red Fish
Player Type: You are a RedFish (Aggressive/Passive). Your passive PostFlop play makes you a weak player.
Strengths: You are aggressive Preflop, which makes you slightly better than a GreenFish.
Weaknesses: You are passive PostFlop. You rarely bet your winning hands for value or protect your made hands, giving other players an easy chance to catch up.
Best Advice: Play more aggressively PostFlop. Bet or raise good hands instead of calling, and fold your weak hands. Bluff more often.
#Counter play: The Red fish is one of your main buddies. Although he is slightly better than the green fish (due to making preflop raises) this - on the other hand - makes him weaker because you will know when he has a hand, while you don’t know this when playing the green fish. Against the red fish you should call preflop raises more often, especially with suited connectors or pocket pairs for you will receive the correct pot odds to draw him out on the river (this is correct given his passive post flop play). When you are the one who has a hand you should bet into him because these players call most of the time and almost never bluff.

What about betting strategy? Call more often than you would do when playing normal if he has the initiative preflop or on the flop and you have a drawing hand. He will give you the odds to chase. If you have the initiative you should bet hard (not that hard to throw him off the hand if you hold a good hand) cause he will not the betting for you. Make sure you always bet enough so a call of his side would be a mistake (in terms of odds), period!

The Green Fish
#Player Type: You are a GreenFish (Passive/Passive). Your overall passive play makes you an extremely weak player.
#Strengths: You are not quite as bad as a Calling Station.
#Weaknesses: You are passive PreFlop and PostFlop. You don’t protect your hands or play position. You don’t bet your winning hands for value.
#Best Advice: Play more aggressively PreFlop and PostFlop. Bet or raise good hands instead of calling, and fold your weak hands. Bluff more often.
#Counter play: See the calling station, just think as the green fish as a slightly better player who doesn’t call EVERYTHING.

What about betting strategy? See the calling station.

Warning Icon
#Player Type: You are a Caution (warning) Sign (Passive/Aggressive). You are aggressive, but only bet/raise your strong hands.
#Strengths: You are aggressive PostFlop.
#Weaknesses: You are passive and don’t raise enough hands PreFlop. It’s easy to see you have a monster when you finally do raise PreFlop.
#Best Advice: Play more aggressively PreFlop. Play position more heavily by raising to steal blinds or isolate yourself against 1 or 2 players.
#Counter play: Against these players you should be warned. These are dangerous players. Why? Because they only raise premium hands (AA,KK,QQ, JJ,AK), but with 10-10, 9-9, AQ, AJ they would only call. This should warn you in a way that you aren’t always the favourite when you raise your eights for instance. On the other hand, it’s easy to know WHEN they hold their premium hand, cause they will bet and raise it strong. What about betting strategy? Fold all hands except your premium hands if they raise preflop. But steal a lot of blinds and steal when they limp in. Also when he raises preflop, if you get some nice pot odds, call with a high suited connector or low/mid pair: hope to catch trips, straight/flush - draw - because he will be aggressive on the flop and therefore most of the time you can get him all in even before the river. p.s. there are also players with the question icon (‘?’). These players haven’t been scanned (enough) yet.
Poker Edge now has come up with a new feature, called Lobby Edge. With this inbuilt tool you can preselect Poker Tables and sit with the fishes all the time!

The Greatest Table Preselector is now available. It’s revolutionairy!
Get LobbyEdge now! (AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)

The creators of Poker Edge have now launched Lobby Edge. This tool scans all the tables in the poker room lobby you’ve opened, gives you instant stats and ranks the best tables for you in a matter of seconds! Be sure you always sit with the losers so you’ll win!

Poker Rooms have some lobby stats of their own (like VPIP, Hands per hour and Average Pot Amount) but these stats only show you the current situation (where factors as luck/streaks/randomness) count more than the historic strength of each opponent.
Lobby Edge uses the database of Poker Edge and collects all data from all players sitting at the table and then indicates the overall strength/weakness of the table based on the historic win/loss rate, overall vpip, preflop raising and aggression factors of each player. This way you get more accurate results where luck/streaks and current situations don’t count! And this way you know for sure if the table is good or bad to sit at!

Imagine how much more money it will deliver you and how much money it will save you if you never sit at tables with lot’s of good players and always sit at tables featuring rooks!

Lobby Edge costs you a one time fee of $150. Only Poker Edge customers can buy it for you must open Poker Edge to open Lobby Edge. Just another reason why you should take Poker Edge! Go get your Poker Edge and Lobby Edge license right away...

Click here!

Don’t doubt any longer. Get Poker and Lobby Edge now!
2.2 Poker Calculators
Computing your own odds and outs can be a pretty hard job. And if that’s not the case it is still time consuming and not 100% accurate as we are and always will be...human. So why not let pot odds calculators do the work when they are free, more accurate and do the work for you so you can focus on your own game? After heavy research we’ve come up with the best 2 poker calculators out there. It’s up to you which one you choose!

**Calculatem Pro** (great for beginners and intermediate players) *(AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)*

**Calculatem Pro** is by FAR the best Pot Odds tool on the market. It calculates everything for you, and you don’t have to do anything for it but to attach it to the table you are playing at. It then gives you all the odds, outs, chances and percentages you need. Beginners will certainly enjoy the extra 'advice feature': based on hand strength and odds and outs calculatem pro will give you playing advice. Experts should not take this advice to seriously, for poker is more than only a game of chance. The hand ranking is very good for beginners too by the way: it teaches players in a playing way what hands are best and what hands are the worst in texas holdem poker.

1. Calculatem Pro will automatically read your cards as well as the other cards in play allowing you to focus on playing the game.
2. Show the odds in percentage, chances or ratio to match your specific style of reading odds.
3. Rank pocket hands by historical strength on the Flop, at the River, average of Flop and River.
4. Set custom minimum requirements for playing a starting hand.
5. Sleek interface makes it simple to understand and see your odds as well as understand the best play to make.
6. Maximize your winning potential by having access to every imaginable odd including your hand odds, odds on river, odds on next card, pot odds and even showdown percentages.
7. Personalize Calculatem Pro to recommend from either a tight or loose playing style both Pre-Flop and Post-Flop. This is a great, and easy, way to change up your playing style and prevent opponents from seeing any tells.
8. Spot opponent tells more quickly since you’ll instantly have the odds and advice allowing you to focus on the game at hand.
9. Use Calculatem Pro in Manual Mode to recreate exact scenarios and get the odds in that scenario so you’ll know how to play in the future.
10. Adjust Calculatem Pro’s calculation speed based on how powerful your PC is and how accurate you want the advice to be.

Get Calculatem Pro for free here!
**Holdem Indicator** (great for beginners and intermediate players)

**Holdem Indicator** is a perfect alternative for Calculatem Pro. It has almost all the unique mathematical features of calculatem pro (except playing advice) and it tracks your opponents while you play using some stats that are shown in poker stalking tools like poker edge and Sharkmate as well. Of course it doesn’t have a central database, nor does it have as many stats (only 5) but it is still a nice addition.

Just as almost all tools promoted here, **Holdem Indicator is free as well. Click here!**

The key features of Holdem Indicator:

- Auto-reads your cards and automatically attaches itself to your game table. Absolutely no input is required from you. Easy to use, easy to understand.
- Fits your game table better than ANY other odds calculator on the market, so you can better focus on your game play without needless distraction.
- More accurate poker odds calculation than ANY other odds calculator. Gives you the exact odds in every situation, that creates an advantage for you on a consistent basis.
- Opponent Stats helps you better understand your opponent's playing styles. You can even run Poker Indicator while you wait to sit at a table, collecting vital player information - before you ever risk a cent! NO other poker calculator on the market has this feature!
- Auto-displays your opponent's mucked hands at showdown, so there is no need to check the hand history.
- Shows the critical EV and Sklansky Group rating for your hole cards, which indicate how strong or weak your starting hand really is. This feature alone will save you money time and again by preventing you from going on tilt.
- Displays total outs and the exact probability of hitting a particular hand.
- Clear pot odds display to help qualify your next move - check, raise, call or fold.
- **YOU HAVE THE NUTS ALERT:** Eliminates any confusion when you have the best possible hand. This way you can concentrate on how to extract the most money possible from your helpless opponents.
- Supports multi-tables at a time - NO other odds calculator on the market can do it!
- Supports over 150 poker rooms

[Click here to get Holdem Indicator for free!](#)
2.3 Poker Tracking Software (great for intermediate and advanced players)

Keeping track of your own game (and your opponents in a live game) is invaluable, as it will give you the chance to review your own plays and make improvements. Sometimes you are on a bad streak due to bad cards but it could also be that you have lost your touch or there are leaks in your game. I mean, you can never optimize your own game enough: no one ever stops learning, no one will ever be a perfect poker player. All we can do is maintain and improve our game where we can. And this is where poker tracking software programs come in handy. Maybe you call the small blind too often, or you play 10-10 too aggressive. Small things maybe, but in the long run and when you play a lot, it can make a difference between winning a lot and winning not as much as you would like to.

There are two famous poker trackers which also have opponent tracking and calculating abilities, however as we find the above calculators (which calculate far more percentages) and poker stalking tools (which have a central database so that you don’t have to do all the scanning, tracking and storing yourself which is the case with the tools below) far more capable of doing that we advice to use the poker tools below ONLY for self-tracking. Your best option for a Poker Tracking Tool that allows you to analyze your own play is (it’s all in the name I guess) Poker Tracker.

Poker Tracker can do more than that but I use it mainly for it’s self tracking abilities which are top notch. You can analyze a whole session or a tournament, and you can analyze your whole game by importing your hand histories (even from different online poker rooms). You will hundreds of stats on all your hands you’ve played, positional statistics, win/loss rate statistics, performance statistics and more.

Get Poker Tracker here

If you don’t like Poker Tracker for this job (which is hard to believe as it really is the best in this area) a good alternative is Poker Office.

Get Poker Office (which is FREE) here
2.4 Tournament Poker Software

For all you sit and go lovers, I have found truly amazing software. This is just brilliant, off the hook stuff! A dominating sit and go player must not only be good at sit and go’s, he also will want to know at which kind of table he sits before he plays (call it sit and go table selection; is that possible? Yes!), and which players are the losers and the pro’s so he can pick his spots during the game. Ideal for intermediate and expert players, but surely great for beginners too as they will immediately win about 10% more sit and go prize money due to this advantage. And what about some nice instant advice while you play your sit and go?

I know, you are excited, you immediately want to know which software programs I’m talking about. Well, let’s go into more depth then shall we?

**Poker Prophecy (great for intermediate and advanced players) (AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)**

**Poker Prophecy** is the largest, and most trusted site for data collection of Sit N’ Go’s. 15,000 customers can’t be wrong!

*Imagine the following situation*

The Player to your left goes all in after the flop. Is he a fish, just waiting to give you his money, or is he a wise player who knows his three of a kind beats your pocket pair? Sometimes you need to be a Prophet to win. Fortunately, Poker Prophecy can make you one.

The Poker Prophecy software helps you pre-select sit and go tables by identifying pro’s, average players and fishes based on historic win/loss rate and buy-in level and it gives you an advantage whilst playing the actual sit and go by showing you...
stats on every single opponent sitting at your table. It is now your decision if you
want to sit at a rather weak or strong table and play against the fish or the pro's!

Features

- Pre-selecting sit and go's by opening a table before it has begun (this is only
  possible on the party/empire poker network) and checking how many pro’s,
average players and fishes have already taken a seat.
- Call up player’s Number of Wins (winning/ending in the money percentage)
- Call up the player’s Number of Losses (losing/finishing outside the money
  percentage)
- Call up the player's Ranking when Compared to Other Players
- Ask for the player’s Average Amount Wagered

All of this information is stored in our searchable database, simply type in the
name, and the Prophecy will reveal the Player’s skill level.

Millions of online sit and go players playing throughout all sorts of online poker
rooms have already been scanned by this tool, and statistics are stored and
refreshed in the central poker prophecy database 24/7!

Only by knowing the past, you can truly predict the future!
Poker Prophecy WILL make you a consistent money winner in the following ways:
Before you sit down at a table, find out who you will be playing against. If there
are too many Pro’s and not enough Fishes, you may want to move to an easier
table.
Likewise, once you are in the game, try to get in hands against Fishes. They can
increase your chip stack quickly! If you do get in a game with good players, think
twice about going in with them, make sure your hand is a winner. Also, identify the
superior Players early so that you can watch their habits and be ready for them
later in the game..

This information will give you an ace in the hole. You will know more than your
opponents and be able to use this knowledge to gain a chip advantage. Remember,
if you don't have The Poker Prophecy, the Player sitting next to you may.

DominateOnlinePoker E-Book purchasers get $5 discount when they buy Poker
Prophecy. Take advantage now and lay your hands on this great tool!
Click here to visit their website!
Sit and Go Shark (great for beginners)

Sit And Go Shark is an "advice engine". The software simply attaches to your online poker game, watches what happens, and then gives you step-by-step customized advice in every situation. Given the complex nature of Texas Holdem poker-- and the hundreds of millions of possible situations covered-- it's safe to say Sit And GO Shark is an amazing tool that will change the face of online poker. It is especially ideal for beginners.

Key Features:

Opponent Alert System - You'll have “insider information” on the important betting habits and "tells" of your opponents. You'll know precisely when to bluff a timid player, when to fold to a manic, and when to use special "tricks" against players in the blinds...

Hand Strength Graphics - Use these graphics to know "at a glance" the strength of your cards. These graphics are calculated from the percentage chance you'll have the BEST hand on the next card... using advanced algorithms that only a computer can process.

Identify And Fix Leaks - You'll quickly run into situations where you DISAGREE with what Sit And Go Shark tells you. This is good. Because this is exactly when you'll start finding "leaks" in your game... and I'll show you step-by-step how to fix them.

Millions Of Combinations - Sit And Go Shark is the first tool of its kind... because no one else has dared take on such an ENORMOUS task! The Shark advice engine houses MILLIONS of possible combinations to accommodate all the situations that can occur in a game of poker.

Game Type Adjustments - I’ve played at just about every poker room on the Internet. And I’ve discovered the tactics needed to win at one room are often different than those needed at another room. That's why I've "hard coded" advice for specific game types and casinos. For instance, the advice you see for a PartyPoker Sit and Go won't be the same as the advice for a PokerRoom Sit and Go, because each of these casinos has its own unique characteristics...

Customized Interface - Everything on the Shark interface can be customized to meet your exact preferences-- from the size of each advice section to the order in which they appear. You can even hide sections if you'd like. While a lot of online poker tools are too cumbersome to be practical, Sit And Go Shark delivers a friendly user-experience.

Colour Coordinated Advice - Shark makes it easy to make fast decisions under pressure by color coordinating advice in the "Your Cards" section. For instance, if you should fold a hand pre-flop you'll know before reading the advice-- because the text will be red.

Insightful Coaching - Sit And Go Shark is not just designed to help you win Sit and Go's. It's also designed to TEACH you better poker skills for the long-term. Often times the advice engine will show a "more" link that you can click to get in-depth strategies and commentary about your situation. It\'s like having an "interactive book" that flips to the right page at the right time!

Instant Recognition Of Games - Sit And Go Shark is incredibly easy to use. As soon as you turn it on it will immediately recognize all compatible games that are running on your computer. Just click "Go" for a game and Shark will launch its advice engine and begin!
Limit And No Limit Compatibility - Shark is compatible for both limit and no limit Sit and Go's. The advice engine adjusts to the type of Texas Holdem you're playing... that way the text in each of the seven sections is 100% accurate.

Previous Text Records - At any time you can look through the previous hand record in Sit And Go Shark to review advice. This is especially useful after “game-changing” plays.

Overall Improvements - After you've played with Sit And Go Shark, you'll begin to notice major improvements in your poker skills-- even when you're NOT using the software! You'll see increased success in ring games, large multi-table tournaments, heads-up matches, live cash games with your friends, and large tournaments like the World Series of Poker.

There are seven critical factors that will bring you success when you play Sit and Go’s. Using sit and go shark you will get instant advice for each critical factor that you should take into consideration before playing your hand/making your decisions.

1. Your cards
Sit And Go Shark reads exactly what cards you're holding and how they relate to the board-- and then displays my personal opinion for what you should do in the situation.

2. Positioning
Sit And Go Shark quickly gives you my advice for the various positions at the table and how to treat them-- including special “position play” techniques that most players don't know about.

3. Table Momentum
Sit And Go Shark keeps a running “tally” of table momentum from hand to hand. As trends arise related to betting behaviour, Shark will immediately let you know what it sees-- and give you insights on how to TAKE ADVANTAGE of the momentum.

4. Betting Patterns
Obviously it's impossible to know “for sure” what another player has... but Sit And Go Shark helps you get as close as possible!
What Shark does is watches the conditions that most commonly impact betting behaviour
Sit And Go Shark watches as all sorts of events unfold... and then gives you customized “advice alerts”.

5. Pot Odds
Sit And Go Shark keeps track of pot odds and the “odds on your money” during every single play of the game... including before the flop. And unlike any other tool out there, Shark handles the “close call” situations as well.

6. Number of Players
One of the most challenging aspects of Sit and Go's is mentally “adjusting” your game strategy as players get eliminated from the table. Everything that happens at the table is correlated against the “stage” you're in-- leading to supremely accurate advice every step of the way. This feature will help you gain yet ANOTHER EDGE over your clueless opponents...

7. Stack Sizes and Blinds
The number of chips you have compared to your opponents... and in relation to the blinds... is the seventh “Critical Success Factor” for Sit and Go's. Shark identifies “mismatches” as soon as they occur and brings them to your attention.

Get Sit and Go Shark now for free!

Click here!
Tournament Indicator (great for intermediate and advanced players)
Tournament Indicator is a co-product of the developers of Holdem Indicator, and it is by far the best Tournament Calculator and Analysis Tool that’s out there.

Tournament Indicator is unlike any other poker calculator because it is specifically designed for Texas Holdem online tournament play. The indicators used in the software are the same you would use in a real tournament situation, but are quite different from a ring or cash game. Poker calculators designed for ring games simply cannot offer the critical information used to make correct decisions in tournaments. Correct decision making at game critical intersects is what makes a tournament player successful.

Here are some of the features Tournament Indicator offers an online tournament player.

Player Profiling
In early tournament play you can learn a lot about your opponents by watching everything they do. Harder said than done, but Tournament Indicator does it all for you tracking VPIP%, Aggression, PFR%, showdown wins, and more. All these combined make for real-time player classifications that you can use against your opponents at the right time.

Tilt Factor Monitoring
New to poker calculators also is Tournament Indicator’s ability to provide you with insight as to your opponent’s tilt potential. By tracking hand streak in wins and losses and a tally on the player’s stack over the last 10 hands gives you even more insight into that player’s current psyche.

MatchCard Showdown
Different criteria enter into the decision making process as a tournament winds down. Whether you are short stack, big stack or other, in the money or on the bubble, you will be faced with numerous all-in confrontations as part of the normal play of tournaments. What Tournament Indicator’s MatchCard feature offers is a quick view of potential hands you might be up against.

Odds Calculations
Holdem Indicator set the standard for quick, easy to understand odds display while incorporating a visual display of comparing win odds to pot odds in each betting round.

Get Tournament Indicator NOW. You can begin with a free trial and after that get unlimited free access when you sign up with a poker room they prefer.
2.5 Poker Bots

An upcoming theme in the online poker world is the poker bot. Although the programs that are reviewed here almost look like poker bots (with all those abilities!) it is still you who makes the decision. This is not the case with poker bots as they automatically make the decisions FOR you. Online Poker Rooms are doing everything in their power to scan these kinds of unethical software machines.

You don’t have to fear playing against a poker bot. There are very few who manage to play with one or have the guts to do it. Also, these kinds of software programs are relatively expensive. And by the way, using poker edge and/or poker prophecy, you will identify a bot as a shark, someone who you will avoid as much as possible anyway!

The most known poker bot software or poker e-books giving information how to play with them are listed below.

**UntoldPokerSecrets E-Book**
Contains highly interested information about ways to dominate online poker, sometimes legally, sometimes nearly illegal. The video you can watch in our Free Poker Videos Section about this e-book surely looks interesting enough to buy the e-book.

**PokerRNG**
This software program shows you the board cards to come and shows you the hole cards of one opponent. Amazing software...if it works. Costs a $100 dollar.

Please be aware and advised that the use of these kind of software is unethical and prohibited at all online poker rooms. Furthermore, we want to stress out that we do not approve the use of any such software as this is a little bit too much ‘dominating’
Chapter 3: Online Poker Strategy

3.1 Tips for Poker Beginners

When you enter the world of online poker you must have organised yourself first. And a decent organisation means having a safe and secure method of payment that allows you to transfer (deposit and withdraw) money from your local bank to your internet bank (find two options below) and from there to the poker room cashiers. Neteller and Moneybookers are the most safe online banks. Creating an account is free. Moneybookers has the lowest fee, Neteller the biggest name.

By the way, if you email us your email address to support@dominateonlinepoker.com we are able to give you 10 dollar free in your Neteller account by referring you. We will send you an email an in that email you should click a link to open your account.

These online banks operate in the same way as your own local bank, but differ from those in that they only govern online money transfers. Neteller and Moneybookers are worldwide companies that have millions of clients. You can understand that it is also in their utter interest that your money is safe with them and payments are secure. Upon till now there have never been any problems with Moneybookers or Neteller.

After you have created an online account at either moneybookers or neteller we suggest you work on your skills if your still a beginner. A great poker coaching program for beginners is ‘CoachRounder’ We have tighten our bands with professional online poker player Roy Rounder. He has started a poker coaching program that suits especially beginners. Take his coaching program free for 1 year if you click on the banner below!
4.2 Cash Game Tips

The cash game tips in this section are primarily meant to improve your online cash game play. For general poker cash game tips and strategies read the free poker books.

4.2.1 No Limit, Limit or Pot Limit? No Limit!

Maybe you are a limit player, or maybe you play both limit and no-limit. The Dominate Online Poker E-Book and Website have been primarily designed for no-limit holdem (although limit and pot-limit players surely can profit from the great promotions and from the tools here as well). Now, you might ask, why should I play no-limit most of the time instead of limit? Well, first of all no-limit, they say is the Cadillac of Poker, but that’s just a saying.

The genuine reason to play no-limit holdem is that in no-limit a fish (bad player) must pay a significant larger amount of money for their mistakes than when they play limit holdem. THAT’S the reason! If you have read Sklansky’s ‘theory of poker’ you have most likely come across his fundamental theorem of poker which is stated, in short, as following:

‘Every time a player will play differently than he would play if his opponents hole cards lay open then he makes a mistake and loses; on the contrary, every time a player plays the same way as he would play if his opponents hole cards lay open, he would make no mistake and he’d gain.’

This thesis is the ground rule for all poker games, as it touches the fundamental borderline between good players and bad players: a player who is good at reading another player (and his cards) will make less mistakes than a player who is bad at reading another player (and his cards).

Now suppose a bad player, who makes a lot of mistakes, plays the game of limit holdem: he would surely lose in the long run, but because there is a betting limit in this game, he won’t have to pay as much for his mistakes as he would have to in no-limit holdem, where there is no limit (hence the name) in betting. If you have trips and your bad opponent has top pair (thinking he is winning), in, for instance, 1/2 limit you can only bet 2 (pre-flop and on the flop) or 4(post-flop) and raise and re-raise by 2 and 4(pre-flop and on the flop) or 4 (post-flop). In no-limit you could (re)raise the fish all-in with your maximum buy-in of 200 dollars...
4.2.2 Playing multi-table poker and playing with bonuses

When you move to a new poker room, play 1 table at the time. Be sure you get adapted to the environment before you play multiple tables.

I advise you to play for a few sign up bonuses at different poker rooms first before you start playing permanently at one poker room. A tiny warning though, there’s something dangerous about these bonuses. Playing with a bonus gives you the feeling you only play to clear the bonus. Try to avoid that thought. Not because it makes you think you should play extremely efficient (that is of course a good thought) but you can lose your joy for the game due to this thought. Many people try and clear a bonus as fast as they can, playing multi-table poker and constantly looking how many raked hands they have left to play.

This kind of mental state will not only bring you less joy but it will also affect your game. If you play multiple tables/clearing bonuses then you will play primarily a card game (playing extremely tight), while you are not able to play the peoples game (which you should be doing) meaning you don’t watch your opponents. Even with the help of poker tools things can get tough: watching hundreds of stats at multiple tables simultaneously is not realistic. This is why I advise you to play WITH bonuses at all times, but never to play FOR the bonuses. A bonus should be perceived as an extra (you actually should just play and then get the bonus credited into your account unconsciously) and never play more tables than you can for it. Remember, MOST of your money comes from the bad players, not from the bonuses! So keep an eye on them, and not on how many raked hands you have left to play.

Although playing multi table poker in order to clear bonuses is more efficient when you do this at shorthanded games (for there are more hands player per hour, thus receiving more money per hour) it is better to play at ring games for 2 reasons:

a. poker gets more complicated when you play shorthanded games (there is more bluffing, you are being watched more, there are more steals and it go’s a lot faster)

b. in ring games tight play is a bit standard while there are some loose fish all the time (tight play is also better for bonus clearing)

When you clear bonuses, try to pick tables with large average pots, especially because most bonuses in poker rooms are cleared even when you are not involved in the pot. Also, when you catch a monster it’s like your birthday with all these maniacs at your table!

This becomes increasingly easy when you take a subscription of Poker Edge and Lobby Edge together. You can then let their computer database do the table selection for you! (read more about this in the Poker Tools Chapter)

Click here to get Lobby and Poker Edge

I have just put some arguments against playing multiple tables, but there is one big argument in favour of playing multiple tables (besides clearing bonuses more efficiently) and that is: it keeps you DISCIPLINED. It can, for example, be very boring to play at only 1 table, especially if you get a bad run of cards. Sometimes
you just have to fold 40 hands in a row, and even if you are a good player, you will get bored. So play multiple tables in order to avoid boredom.

4.2.3 The importance of position in poker

** Always (try to) sit to the right of a tight player and to the left of the aggressive player. Sitting to the right of the tight player means that if you raise he will likely move out of the pot (this kind of knowledge is extremely valuable as your chance to pick up the pot is then bigger). Also it will help you to steal more blinds. Sitting to the left of the aggressor is even more important. First of all, it keeps you tight and disciplined. But second, and more important, is that you can trap him when you have a real monster. You can then re raise him pre flop (or even slow play by calling, which you shouldn’t do too often - more on that later) and/or raise him on the flop. Having position on an aggressive player is priceless.

** Always maintain your discipline which is, first and foremost, playing a POSITIONAL game. Even if you get like 40 rags in a row, still fold KQ under the gun. If you play a positional game (which is playing more loose on the button and in late position than in early and middle position) then you will win far more in the long run for you have the luxury of information before you make your own decision (making the last move in a round of betting gives you an informational edge).

** Stealing the button: even with a mediocre hand like 9J you should steal the button if you got the chance. Position is more valuable than cards. This sort of aggression will irritate players: they likely will think you are a loose maniac and your good hands will be called off more easily this way.

** You will want to play suited connectors and low and middle pocket pairs with lot’s of opponents as these are mostly drawing hands and you will get pot odds when there is a big pot with many people calling. High cards and big pairs must be played against only 1-3 opponents (preferably not three) as too many opponents will decrease your preflop advantage you have with these hands simply too much.

4.2.4 Playing styles: adaptation, counter play and changing gears

** David Sklansky tells us in his book Theory of Poker the following: betting and raising is better than checking and calling (unless you are slow playing). ‘A caller is loser in poker’. If this is true, and I believe it is, then you should bet/raise not only when you have the best hand or when you are bluffing but also because poker is game of making decisions and if you are the aggressor you put your opponent to the decision. In my opinion there are no good passive players.

** Being either passive or aggressive (or both) has to do with betting styles and betting amounts while being loose/tight has to do with how many cards you play pre-flop (hand-selection). If you are a passive player (which you should not be)
seek more aggressive tables, if you are an aggressive player (which you should be) seek more passive tables. If you are a good player you can play both styles and you will always play the opposite style of the table.

** Poker is a game of adaptation. If your table is tight then you should be loose, if your table is aggressive then you should be more passive. If you hold AA under the gun on an aggressive table you should just call; chances are someone will bet behind you and you can get more value out of your hand this way.

** Sometimes you see people multi-tabling. You come across the same names at different tables, or people are being slow and you think they are playing more than 1 table. If this is the case then follow this guideline: be more aggressive against them! They don’t want trouble, so re-raise more often. If they suddenly begin to play fast they will likely have a monster: prepare to lay down a good hand.

** Always watch the stack size of the players you play against. This is especially true in tournament play. Don’t play risky against bigger stacks than yours, play with more risk against lower stacks.

** Raises and especially re-raises should be respected 85% of the time, especially when made by passive/tight players. Against aggressive players (even loose cannons/maniacs) you still should respect these kinds of play around 65/70%. This is due to the fact that not a lot of people have the guts to re-raise bluff.

** An example on how to play a stack/blind ratio play. Assume you have $500 and your opponent has $25, the blinds are $2-$4. You are sitting in the big blind with a JTs and your opponent moves all-in from first position (a position referred to as sitting under the gun). All other players fold. This is clearly a situation in which you should fold since you are most certainly the underdog and risking an additional $21 in order to win his last $25 is not a profitable play. If your opponent also has $500, then a call may be acceptable as you have a chance of winning $500 by risking another $21. The decision of whether to call or not depends thus not only on how well your opponent plays after the flop but also depends on his amount of chips he possesses. Another example: you have $1000 and your opponent also has $1000, the blinds are $2-$4. You hold QQ and make it $20 to go. Your opponent, who is acting behind you, now moves all-in with his entire $1000. You should fold unless you know your opponent does not have AA or KK. If your opponent made the same play with only $60 in front of him, you should call his all-in bet in the hopes that he does not hold AA or KK. Notice also that PUTTING short stacks all in is even better, for they can’t fold forever.

** Keep most raises down to between 70% and 100% (making it 3 times the big blind to go typically equals an 80% pot bet) if you don’t hold a monster in order to save money when you get re-raised or called by stronger holdings. If there are limpers in front of you, raise to about 4-6 times the big blind.

** Slow playing is only correct when there is no flush or straight draw and when you have hand that will hold up, even if you would give your opponents a free card.
** At a fishy game you can, when you feel like it, pull some easy tricks out of your briefcase. So if you want a tight image you just make 3/4 raises and if you don’t get called you ADVERTISE: you just show your bad cards and the fishes will think: hey that’s a loose maniac. Then you just wait for good cards and you repeat your play: they will now call you faster. This advertising tactic can only be used by bad players, so don’t do this when you are a mid stake or high stake player and you play at that level because they will see it through.

** Being aggressive is not only good to pick up pots, but also, when you are in doubt, to buy knowledge. What I mean by this is that when you have QQ and the flop is K28 and you bet, and your opponent who is semi-aggressive raises you then it’s better not to call for you will have to call him down at the turn and river. It is better if you re-raise a small amount: if he comes over the top again you know you are beat and you didn’t need to call his bets later on, saving you ALOT of money.

** Representing the flop: often, when you raise with big slick and the flop hits rag rag then you should bet that flop when you are in early position, and definitely when you are in late position and the other guy has checked it to you (if he does not check-raise a lot), so you know where you stand. If you don’t you could check out the hand, but I would not do this a lot. If someone has called your flop-represent bet than you should be careful. But determine the cards on the flop and think about this question: is it likely that the cards helped my opponents?

**I would generally not advice to slow play AA or KK by raising very little or even just call: you never want to play these hands against more than 2 opponents. Playing against 3 or 4 opponents can be deadly even with these hands.

Get instant hand advice when you play with Calculatem Pro. Read more about this in the Poker Tools Chapter

Get this software for free here

**Be proactive, not reactive! It is definitely true that you should bluff less online for calling only takes a mouse click. This is especially true if you are hunting bonuses: why make it complicated? Just play straightforward poker. But, online bluffing can be done if you don’t play too many tables and you have a good insight in the players: if someone is very tight you could easily bluff for example, even online.

**A lot of players tend to play poorly on the river: it is important to realise that there are no cards to come. So slow playing is never an option anymore: if you slow played in early position all the way, don’t forget to bet it on the river or the other guy will check and you didn’t extract any money. On the contrary, if you are not sure if you have the winning hand, then most of the time you should check. If you play against a very aggressive player you might check to check-raise
4.2.5 Mental management

**Be nice to fish:** this can’t be said too often. Never be angry at fishes due to their bad play combined with luck that made you lose a big pot. Rather compliment him with his play so he will make the same play in the future again. If you would explain to him that he played stupid he would improve and that is not what we want. So be nice to fish, if they don’t catch their 4 outer inside straight draw on which they were chasing then you say: “ah you almost had it, just bad luck man, it happens to all of us!”

**You can’t win every pot, beat every game and win each day!** This is very important to realize. You have to start realizing that fluctuations are part of the game. I’ve had days, even weeks without winning a normal sit and go just because of an unbelievable bad streak. These kind of streaks strike even harder at cash games because it can make you go on TILT, and this is not something we want. It even can change your game, because you start believing it is you who is doing something wrong. When you see this happening (which is hard because it’s you who’s playing) try to take a break: don’t play poker for a few days or weeks until you really think you have your game back and you are looking forward to start playing again. Never lose your joy in the game, it’s the most important motivation after making winnings.

**Know when to move on:** if you don’t have the right feeling at a table, if you’re opponents can’t be guessed easily then just get up from the table. You all know the famous poker saying: if you can’t spot the fish in 30 minutes, you’re it! Don’t feel ashamed of walking away from a table without making profit, especially when you aren’t that experienced yet: rather see it as a good move of yourself. We always talk about ‘the fish’ but there are big and little fish and the little fish can bring you a hard day sometimes if they have a good game running or they are getting a nice run of cards.

**Instead of thinking of a reason to play a hand,** you should always be thinking of reasons NOT to play a hand. This maintains discipline and stimulates intelligent thought.

**Take a break sometimes:** poker is a game but it is also energy-consuming for your brain. Just go take a swing, work out, go eat something: make your mind empty from poker for sometime and then go play again. You can only play your top game if you are motivated and not stressed.

**If you play at high stakes the players you play against will be better.** Knowing this, you can use this to your advantage: ALWAYS be AHEAD of your opponents. At low stakes games your brain process should not get further than 2 steps. Which means: what do I have? What do I think he has? But at high stakes games your process should be containing 4 steps: What do i have? What do I think he has? What does he think I have? What does he think I think he has? And if you play top stakes maybe a fifth one comes around: Think about what your opponent might think that you think he might think you have. This is hardcore poker that you should use when you play with experts (Also see Sklansky, *No limit holdem, theory and practice*, chapter multiple level thinking)
4.2.6 Other tips

**Be tighter at full ring games and be looser at shorthanded tables. The more players the more tight you are. The less players the tighter you are. This is also true when you are in a pot. When you play only 1 opponent then you may be loose/aggressive, but don’t do that in a pot with 6 people.**

**When you sit at a new table, never post your first big blind before you ARE the big blind. Poker is a game of patience and you will lose a lot of money in the long run (without noticing) if you always post your blind while you are not being obliged to do so. The same applies after you comeback from sitting-out. Never post a dead blind but just wait till the big blind arrives.**

**Keep notes on players about habitual, weird stuff. This can’t be said enough, especially if you play a lot at only 1 or 2 rooms. Making your own database is extremely important because it can give you an extra edge when you sit at the table. Every piece of information that can be used to your advantage is valuable. Notes can vary from authentic betting patterns (for instance weird all in bluffs on the river) to time patterns (how long does he usually thinks if he has the nuts, and is that timeframe measured accurately?). These kinds of stats can’t be provided by any poker tool so go on and do your own share of the work! Keeping notes has another advantage, it really keeps you focused on your opponents. Making money out of playing poker is a serious job and if you attend to these kind of things you certainly are on your way to becoming an expert.**

**You often read that suited connectors are potential goldmines in no limit holdem. This surely is correct, for straights and flushes will, if made, mostly be the nuts. But, be sure NOT to play suited connectors lower than 7/8 (approx.) for you will lose big pots with lower suited connectors. I have been in many pots where I was raising my flush and my opponent went all in and showed me a higher flush. Although this does not happen a lot, it is not unusual either.**

**Playing times: scientific research proves that just after diner break in Europe you will find most online poker players playing and generally on the weekends. On normal day times from Monday to Friday you will come across pro’s, people who play 24/7 poker. Good times are also very late night/early in the morning Saturday and Sunday: at these times a lot of people (certainly Mediterranean and British people) come out of the pub, got drunk and play maniac poker.**

**BUDDY LISTS: Don’t add fishes to your list, add THE FISHIEST OF ALL FISHES: the real dumb asses who don’t even know that a flush is higher than a pair. Otherwise your list will contain over hundreds of people, and that’s not what it’s intended for. Poker-edge will detect fishes, the buddy list is meant to get the most bad players out of the fishes.**
There is a brand new tool out there called Smart Buddy. This buddy list is far more advanced than any other inbuilt buddy list or integrated buddy list in any poker rooms. (read more about this in the Poker Tools Chapter)
Get it here!

**Pot odds calculators calculate pot odds NOT implied odds AND reversed implied odds: so calculate those yourself! Implied odds have to do with the “extra” amount of money you stand to win if you complete your hand (make your outs).

Let’s finish this cash game tip section with some great e-books that go in to deeper detail about no limit holdem cash games

*Online Poker Advantage Course by Kim Birch. Get it HERE*

*Texas Holdem Secrets Exposed by PD Laughlin. Get it HERE*
4.3 Sit and Go Tips

A lot of people play sit and go’s as an ‘extra’, they treat them as their pie after the dinner: so they primarily play it to have fun. You, as an online poker professional, must be aware of that and take advantage of this fish-approach. Slightly loose play is correct in the early beginning of a sit and go. You can limp in with all sorts of hands when the blind are REALLY low (first 2 blind levels) to see if you can catch a monster and outplay the fish. After that you should really TIGHTEN UP for two reasons: you don’t want to risk your stack at the beginning of the SNG + you can have a look at your opponents this way. Also: play aggressive. If you have a decent hand don’t slow play it in tournaments. If you get caught there is no backdoor like in cash game where you can re-buy: in a tournament you’re in or out.

Put people all in more often: don’t make it hard on yourself, if you think you got the best hand and there is something in the pot up for grabs, than take it. But be careful: most fishes will call all in’s just like they would call normal bets! Around the bubble you should LOOSEN UP: most people are really excited that they are near the money so they really don’t take risks anymore. As you have learned, always play to the contrary of the other players. So while you were tight as they were loose in the beginning, you should now be loose AND aggressive for they will be tight and passive. Go ahead and bully them around. There is another reason why this change of gears is correct: the blind levels are often pretty high now (certainly when it’s a turbo sit and go) and you must therefore play more hands.

General sit and go system (don’t follow it blindly but use it as a guideline)

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<th>Players left</th>
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<td>SNG Early Stage</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5/10, 10/20, 25/50</td>
<td>Preflop: passive/aggressive, slightly loose Postflop: aggressive</td>
<td>AA-22, Ax flush cards, All (Connecting, Suited) High Cards (not lower than 9/10)</td>
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<td>SNG Middle Stage</td>
<td>6/7</td>
<td>50/100, 100/200</td>
<td>Preflop: very tight/aggressive Postflop: aggressive</td>
<td>AA-10/10, High Cards not lower than KQ</td>
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<td>SNG Bubble Stage</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>150/300, 200/400</td>
<td>Preflop: loose/ultra aggressive Postflop: aggressive</td>
<td>AA-22, Ax, Kx, All High Cards and possibly more hands in position</td>
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<td>SNG End Stage</td>
<td>3-1</td>
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Then there is the ‘Gap concept’ (D. Sklansky, *Tournament Poker for Advanced Players*): calling an All-in should be done with far better hands than pushing an all in. As a result, you have to be the aggressor more often than the caller. If you managed to reach last 3 (meaning in the money), congratulations! Now it comes to this: most people go wild after they reached the money. They think, ‘hey I already got money, so I can just gamble for more now!’. Well this is not your kind of thinking: you are a pro and you want to make the right play and most money all the time. So what you do is you EXAMINE your opponents: you just look if they get REAL aggressive now (then you should let them play each other off, you should be patient), if this is not the case, you should even be MORE aggressive right now than you were around the bubble. - If you play heads-up try to find out everything about your opponent what you hadn’t figured out before: this means betting/time patterns etc. Play VERY AGGRESSIVE, the most aggressive you can be: intimidate and irritate him, bet and raise everything and hope to catch him at the right moment.

For more detailed Internet Sit and Go strategies I recommend you to order the following E-books:

*Sit and Go Pro Poker Course by Johnny Rothman. Get it* [HERE](#)

*Crushing Online Single Table Tournaments by Carl Sampson. Get it* [HERE!](#)

Also be sure to read Harrington on Holdem to elevate your (single) tournament skills

For Sit and Go play I advice you to sign up with *Poker Stars*. They have the best action, with thousands of sit and go’s ongoing every day.
Multi Table Tournaments (from this point on named MTT) are the most fun way to play poker. Unlike cash games and Sit and Go’s it is not always the same riddle, unlike cash games and Sit and Go’s the money to earn AT ONCE is unmatched. MTT’s are often seen as big tournaments where a great percentage of luck is involved. This perception has the consequence that loose play is generally what you see. 80-90% of the people don’t know what skill it requires to dominate MTT’s, what strategies need to be applied, which systematic approach can bring you to the final table every single time. Even more than sit and go’s, MTT’s are a party after the 8-5 job the majority of the people return from. This means that play is even weaker, while the money to win is bigger.

MTT’s can roughly be divided, just as Sit and Go’s, in three stages. Let us now explain each stage and tell you what your options are.

**First Stage**

In this stage the blinds are low, most players that are in the tournament are weak, and everyone is excited to play and double up. (Future) Experts like us have two options:

*Loose play:* As the blinds are low and the fish still have chips, you will want to be passive pre-flop and call with lot’s hands (all pairs, suited connectors, Ax flush cards, high cards etc.). This way you hope to catch a monster and outplay the fish who are, at this moment, still alive. Your goal is to get as many chips so you are well prepared for the coming stages: with a big chip stack you are then able to bully people, steal blinds, put short stacks all in and protect yourself against/handle bad beats.

The advantages of this strategy are that you will probably generate more chips, which means your risk of going out in the next stages decreases. Also, you take advantage of the weakness of the fish still alive. The disadvantage is that you risk your stack and your chance of dieing in this early phase is larger.

*Tight play:* People who play extremely tight only play the Big hands in this early phase of the tournament. If they catch a hand, most likely they double up. However, chances are they don’t increase their stack. They will survive 9 out of 10 times though. The advantage of this strategy is that you will enter the second
phase almost always. You play pretty risk-free poker and in fact remaining alive is the ultimate goal in tournament poker. However, the disadvantages are that you don’t always double up which means that the need for a hand increases in the second stage as the blinds grow higher. Also, you cannot eat much of the chips from the fish, you are not in the position to bully people as you don’t have the stack for it, and any pot you are in will almost 100% result in an all in from your point of view.

**Middle Stage**

In this stage there is only 1 legitimate strategy. The general best online poker strategy tight/aggressiveness should also be applied here. Play big pairs and big cards, but fold suited connectors and only raise with lower pairs and higher suited connector cards in extremely good position. The blinds are now getting higher and it is not correct anymore to limp in with just about any small pocket pairs or suited connector, certainly not when you are out of position. When you play, you play aggressive. Make sure that you put people all in and not the other way around. Also make sure you play a rational stack game: only play against bigger stacks with premium hands, be more loose in your hand selection against the smaller stacks. Against these guys you should steal blinds when you have the chance. Rather go all than betting half your stack and then getting re-raised. I would recommend you to have at least an average hand like 10-J to steal blinds (going all in). I never recommend people to steal blinds/be aggressive with trash hands like 10-7. If you haven’t doubled up before, it is recommend you try so in the beginnings of the middle stage as the blinds cannot be paid anymore nearing the end of this stage. We realize that this is much more complicated when you are not getting a decent hand and it is harder anyway as the biggest fish have probably left the tournament (apart from the lucky ones). Anyhow, this stage is determining the rest of the tournament. If you come out short stacked there is almost a 0% chance you get to the final table. Being aggressive is thus very important. If you are short stacked and you are not getting any decent hand than go all in (when having position) with a lesser hand rather than blinding to death.

**End Stage and Final Table**

Just before the bubble arrives (meaning the period just before the last guy has been knocked out of the tournament without taking home any prize money) you must open up your hand selection and be ultra aggressive towards short stacks. Most of the short stacks will transfer their game from normal to ultra-tight. If you managed to end in the prize money that’s great. Be sure to change gears again: now that people placed ‘in the money’ they will play extremely loose poker again. They enjoy everything so much that they are gambling, and every place higher is just an extra festival. This is, however, not our play. We sit tight and play logical. It is important to pick your spots very carefully now, but again, when you play, play with devotion and determination, being aggressive and watchful. Hopefully you’ve reached the last 20. This is called the second bubble, people have almost reached the final table and are now becoming tighter, apart from the chip leader(s). Reason for you to loosen up again and become ultra aggressive against
shorter stacks than yourself. Keep avoiding the big stacks unless you have a premium hand. Another reason to be more loose is that you need to have a decent stack if you would get a seat at the final table. I mean, the difference between place 20 and place 6-10 is very small. The difference between place 20 and place 1/2 is big.

This is why, when you’ve hopefully reached final table, you should keep aggressive and slightly loose at the final table. This is not true for the first few rounds in the final table. I recommend you to sit tight than, just watch the players, watch how the table evolves: are people going crazy? Then keep playing tight. Is everyone playing tight? Then loosen up. Whatever you do, keep playing a positional game and keep playing the short stack. I must repeat that you should play for place 1 and 2, the difference between place 1 and 2 and place 3-10 in terms of prize money is huge. EV+ thus asks you to go for the top. Out of the 10 times you are sitting at a final table it is better to end 6-10 eight out of 10 times and 1/2 two out of ten times than ending 3/4 5 out of 10 times and 5/6 5 out of ten times.

Multi Table Tournaments are exciting to play. It’s an honor to sweep away a whole field and to earn the big money and respect from all the players you dominated.

A fantastic e-book on MTT’s has been written by Bryan Micon. He’s a tournament expert both live and online and has made some great cashes (entering final 50 at the WSOP Main Event and hundreds of big cashes in online MTT’s at Poker Stars and other online poker rooms. Get his E-book HERE!

A last peace of advice: Read Dan Harrington, Harrington on Holdem. If you don’t you’ll never be real MTT expert in my opinion. And you know where to get it free..
Chapter 5: The Future of Online Poker shines bright

So, you’ve gained enormous advantages on any particular field of online poker. But what’s out there for you? What’s there to gain in the coming years? Will online poker stay popular? Will new fish come every month? What about legal issues? Can (future) sharks like me keep up their job in online poker?

Although most of the questions are hard to answers (as it is, after all, kind of difficult to see the future), most answers will be positive.

Each and every day there is over $25 million being won by poker players, no different from you now. All this money is just laying idle, waiting for someone of skill and know-how to take it. Momentarily there are more new players then ever before at the tables, helplessly and clueless handing over their chips to superior players like you (will be).
With all the solid strategies, promoted e-books and breathtaking tools you simply cannot be stopped and will immediately belong to the best 3% of the online poker players.

The years to come will be no different. Apart from uprising legal issues there is still so much to gain, that the earn-money-journey seems endless. Legal issues are existent in the U.S. of course. American players are only allowed to play at Bodog, Full Tilt Poker and Poker Stars. But with the coming of a new administration and the disappearance of Bush, things might turn around again. There’s hope for the American people and players.

All poker players might want to sign a petition against the U.S. Government and unite. This can be done at the website of the Poker Players Alliance. Visit this great initiative here: http://www.pokerplayersalliance.org/

In Europe legal issues are not really at stake. The European Union is still trying to unify, and while that process is in heavy delay, there’s nothing much to worry when it comes to legality. Only local jurisdiction like in the U.K. or Holland might be a threat, but this could well be over if they decide to apply European law.

What about Poker Bots? Well, as said before, they are not really a threat to sharks. And there exist so few that they cannot be a threat to anyone. In the coming years I don’t expect much breaking news from this front either. Online Poker Rooms are doing a wonderful job protecting their player, as it is in their best interest too to keep you safe. Stories like ‘there is a robot army rising’ are just bull.

With the coming of hundreds of thousands new fish to the online poker room arena every month, things will only be juicier the next few years. Big events like the WPT, World Series of Poker, EPT, Poker After Dark and High Stakes Poker (watch these series on your pc, go to the Free Poker Videos section here!) keep popularizing poker and this will keep the poker game not only alive, it will make it grow.
Existing players mostly keep playing, and with new players coming, the total online poker player community only grows bigger every day.

So, is there absolutely nothing to worry (apart from being uncertain how much money you will win the coming years)? Honestly, no, not in the next 3-4 years. And even after that poker still may be hot (I mean you can’t speak of a hype as online poker is running well for almost 10 years now) and allowed everywhere.

Speaking of hot, hot news may be arriving from Asia. More and more Asians are playing poker nowadays, and when big countries like China allow online gambling and games a bit more, you can expect an enormous growth. I mean, not only do billions of people live in Asia, these people are also known as a gambling civilisation: they surely do like to spend big money in casinos already. Poker will attract them: the bluffing, the big money, playing behind the computer. Wait and see!

One of the latest great initiatives came from PKR. This British company launched an online poker room fully in 3d mode. Never has online poker play looked so realistic, it is almost as if you were playing at a live poker table. The great thing is that real money play is perfectly possible. The room is just comparable to any other online poker room like Party Poker or Poker Stars. Because the software looks so great, you can imagine the tons of fishes coming in and play in this poker room. This is a great opportunity for sharks like us to catch some tasty meal and meanwhile enjoy the interactive experience inside.
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We sincerely hope you’ve enjoyed it!
**A Word from the Author**

Dear future online poker dominator,

The information on my website probably has upset your image of online poker. There’s so much to online poker most players don’t have clue about, which means that as soon as you have read all there is to know about online poker in this e-book you will have created a gap in skill that is unbridgeable for the ignorant internet poker rookies. 80% of the online poker players are overall losing money. Their losses go directly into the pockets of the 20% winning online poker players. After you’ve read this e-book you learn everything these 20% winning players know and you’ll even learn strategies only 1 or 2% of the online poker players are aware of.

My name is Joris Dekkers and I have been playing online poker for over 5 years now. I’ve dominated both cash games and tournaments, although I’m a better tournament player overall. It has always struck me how easy it is to make money at online poker. There are just so many fishes throwing away their money and it’s always the same people who end in the top listings of tournaments and the same players who are sitting with the most cash at the ring tables. A part of me told me that it was predominantly skills that formed the gap between good and bad players. But if that were true, there would be no difference between live and online poker. And I knew that couldn’t be true. I mean, a digital world is always different from the real world. A digital world gives you lot’s of more opportunities that are just not there at a live poker table.

This e-book is the result partly from my own playing experience but mostly from my online poker research I started a year ago. I wanted to know exactly why the same players win and the same players lose, over and over again. I wanted to know what assets and advantages sharks had over the fishes. For that I went into the underground of Google and I spoke with real online poker experts. What I found was amazing. I came back with tons of articles, highly unknown sophisticated tools and thrilling strategies. All this, and more is now packed up together revealed in the Dominate Online Poker E-Book. People who hadn’t purchased our course yet always asked me what made the Dominate Online Poker system so revolutionary. Well, the Dominate Online Poker Course is so revolutionary because it contains all the ingredients that are needed to succeed in the modern online poker game. Never before has there been such a guide on online poker in the entire history of online poker courses, guides and systems.

Online Poker nowadays has become far more a game of mastering online poker tools (learning to play with them, extracting the potential, applying them in practice) than a game of pure skill. Let’s face it, computer programs are faster, more accurate, have more capabilities, no interference of emotions and have power beyond imagination. So a bad player playing with prodigious poker tools can potentially overwhelm a good old schooled skilled player by the book (unless he knows nothing about the game it self and thus is not able to apply the powers of poker software in the actual game).
This is the core concept of the Dominate Online Poker Course: preparing you for the online poker world with, giving you enough power not just to survive but to dominate the online poker tables and tournaments: hence the name we gave our Poker System.

I honestly think anyone deserves to have access to the strategies that sharks have been hiding for us for over 5 years.
I want to thank you for obtaining your copy and I wish you all the best with reading this wonderful material. Underline what’s important to you. Skip what’s not. If there is anything you would like to comment on or ask a question about, please don’t hesitate to send us an email at support@dominateonlinepoker.com

Warm regards,

*Joris Dekkers, Author of this e-book*
A legitimate introduction: The Online Poker World

The strength of the internet as a gaming medium and the growth in the popularity of poker as a leisure pursuit in international markets have collectively delivered strong growth in both the number of people playing the game online and the total amount of revenue captured by the operators.

**It is estimated that in 2006 there were approximately three million online poker players worldwide and GBGC estimates that approximately $3.1 billion of global gross gaming yield was generated from online poker in 2006.**

**The online poker revenue figure could theoretically increase by a factor of seven by 2010 if online poker trends continue, with an expected $6.7 billion in potential worldwide revenue for that year.**

**The number of real money online poker players is increasing by as much as 100,000 each month.**

I don’t need to show you any more numbers or come up with any more big words to prove the fact that online poker is a big business. It is of course a big business for the companies providing the game, but it is also a big business for players who dominate the online poker scene. I mean, come on, a hundred of thousands NEW poker players join the online poker community EVERY SINGLE MONTH (probably meaning about 90-95% new fishes). They deposit and play with real money while still learning the game and adapting to the environment. Meanwhile, the experienced dominating online poker players enjoy the 24/7 party it becomes for them, raking in pot after pot, finishing in the money tournament after tournament...

Now, there is one thing you MUST realize before you go into detailed reading in this e-book. We have to agree on the fact that skill and experience are important factors when you separate the rooks from the pro’s. This is true for both live games and online games.

However, instead of only acknowledging this similarity between live and online poker, it is far more valuable to seek the differences between what is important in becoming an expert in live poker and becoming a shark in online poker. If we know these differences we can namely deduct the key components you need to bring on stage to dominate online poker.

Let us then analyze this for now.
Chapter 1: Key differences between online and live poker

Searching for the most valuable components and assets that are needed to make the transfer from live to online poker play and to eventually dominate the online poker scene

What qualities do you need to possess to be a pro at a live poker table?
* Watching and playing your own hole cards and being able to know hand strength
* Calculating your own odds, outs, winning chances etc.
* Watch for tells, reading other players, learning opponent characters and playing styles
* Watching for betting patterns
* Being able to make plays (e.g. bluffing), creating and changing images/gears
* Immunize yourself from what you see and hear at the poker table and being able to focus and concentrate 100% on the poker game
* Keep yourself steady, keep your emotions and nerves under control, don’t expose habits

Which of these live poker qualities do you also need at online poker (underlined):
* Watching and playing your own hole cards and being able to know hand strength
* Calculating your own odds, outs, winning chances etc.
* Watch for tells, reading other players, learning characters
* Watching for betting patterns
* Being able to make plays (e.g. bluffing), creating and changing images/gears
* Immunize yourself from what you see and hear at the poker table and being able to focus and concentrate 100% on the poker game
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Yes it is 100% true. You don’t need to memorize hand strength, calculate mathematical figures, watch for tells and betting patterns at online poker. I know, you are probably overwhelmed by this. You have probably never thought that at online poker you have to do much less yourself to be good at it. You (probably) and most of the online poker players (certainly) approach online poker the same way as live poker, and this is the biggest mistake online poker beginners make. You have to understand that online poker is a completely different world
than live poker, a world where some components rise in value while others reduce in value. Let me give you a more detailed explanation below.

**Poker is a game of (limited) knowledge.** Unless you play with the same guys all the time, in live poker you have limited knowledge about your opponents, about what’s going to happen and about what happened before. This is because you mostly don’t know the players you are up against, or you can’t remember much about them; you don’t know their playing styles, their betting patterns etc. You have to recognize and learn things about your opponents. Meanwhile, you have to calculate everything yourself and you have to be able to play your own game.

This also goes for most of the online poker players, that is, for 80-90% of the players who play poker on the internet. They play online poker no different from live poker, and thus they have the same knowledge limitations.

This is because the knowledge gathered by a human being is mostly not all too accurate. The human brain can only store a certain maximum amount of knowledge. It cannot memorize EVERYTHING in complete detail. It also cannot calculate odds, outs etc. with 100% certainty and accuracy. Oh, and by the way, the accuracy and tenability of all gathered data becomes less trustworthy as emotions get involved (in other words, sometimes tilt overshadows logical and analytical play).

This is why online poker players, who play online poker the same way as live poker, play literally in the dark. This is why people who play in the dark are called ignorant fish or dumb ass rooks in plain American English. I’m sorry to be so rude, but truth must come in plain and simple words.

**What assets do sharks possess, how are they able to dominate online poker?**

Okay, now let’s move to how the sharks, the online poker professionals, approach the online poker game.

All they do is keep their emotions and nerves tight, look at their hole cards and focus themselves 100% on the game. At a 6 handed table they also might make plays, change gears and swift images. But that’s it. Now your question must be: what about the rest? What about calculating the odds, watching for betting patterns, getting to learn the other players and playing styles?

Well, the answer on that question is simple: online poker sharks play with Poker Tools. They use poker tools to calculate innumerable percentages (odds, outs, winning chances etc.), to show hand strength and to receive playing advice. They use tools to call up hundreds of statistics on any individual poker player they play against (even if they have never played against them before). They use tools to identify all tables in the poker room lobby and indicate the strength/weakness of each table so they can pre select tables before playing at all. And they use poker tools to track their own play to find leaks and make improvements in their own game play.

Remember what I said about poker being a game of (limited) knowledge. Well, online poker sharks certainly don’t have limited knowledge. They have two to three hundred percent MORE KNOWLEDGE than their opponents. They certainly
DON’T play in the dark. To them the whole game becomes clear and that’s why they beat it structurally.

The coming and presence of poker tools (online poker software programs) brings a whole new dimension into online poker. It’s like having the perfect poker player standing right beside you, giving you 100% winning advice. Because of the new wave of revolutionary online poker tools (that appeared on the market somewhere after the year 2006), new opportunities now lie in front of us. Those who take advantage will survive and win, those who will stay behind will get eliminated and suffer great losses. Being skilled at online poker from now on means - apart from the transferred skills from live poker:

* Being able to play with poker tools: overseeing and extracting given knowledge and then applying knowledge by instant acting.
* Being able to play multiple tables at once to increase winning rate
* Forthcoming out of the other two: being able to make tens of decisions with lightning speed (you have less time at online poker)
* Being able to play 100% disciplined: keep playing the sharks game, even when the cards don’t come well for a couple of hours
* Bankroll and money management. This is maybe the most important factor in online poker. You can’t smell the money, it transformed into digital chips and numbers. This has serious consequences on multiple levels.

More on all this of course later in the e-book.

My goal in this chapter is to make you conscious of the differences between live and online poker play, and more importantly, what consequences this must have for your approach to online poker. The potential, the possibilities are interminable. All you must do is adapt, adapt, adapt. Therefore you need to read strategies and most important of all, start playing with tools in the poker room you like. Theory combined with experience is always the key to learning.

The following chapters provide you with all the poker software programs, tips, strategies, tools, e-books, and other information you need to know to become an online poker shark, a dominating online poker player. Have fun reading!
Chapter 2: The Best Online Poker Tools

Although the rest of the e-book parts are certainly valuable, this chapter is the reason most people buy the Dominate Online Poker E-Book. And I can certainly say that is legitimate reasoning. This e-book sells because it contains hidden poker tools almost no one knows they exist.

The difference between using these highly unknown poker tools and not using them (not knowing they exist) is what creates the real gap between winning online poker players and losing suckers. Yes, pure skills and experience matter too, but certainly not as much as poker tools do.

The Poker Tools we are about to present:
1. tell you exactly which table is the most juicy to play (containing the most losing players) and the worst to sit at (containing the most sharks)
2. give you 100 stats on every opponent you play against, even if you have never played against the opponent
3. track and store data from over 1.000.000 online poker players
4. calculate all outs, pot odds, probabilities, winning chances and other percentages, give you instant hand strength and playing advice based on positional and previous mathematical factors
5. track your own play and give you more than 1000 handy stats about your own game in order for you to find leaks in your own game and improve yourself
6. pre-select tournaments: before you start playing a sit and go, know exactly how many pro’s, average and losing players are going to play against you. Know their exact winning/losing record and at which stakes they usually play to identify strength and weakness at your feature(d) table(s).
7. give you instant live sit and go playing advice as if a pro is sitting next to you and tells you what to do

Poker Tools are a must because they do most of the work you would normally have to do yourself FOR you. Imagine if you would have to calculate everything yourself, if you would have to keep track of your opponents and try to read them yourself. Not only will that cost a lot of energy, it is also true that your brain is less trustworthy than computers.
And come to think of it, rational thinking by yourself sometimes becomes influenced, or better said intervened with emotions (tilting, stress, boredom) which is very bad for your play. Playing with computer tools gives you the certainty of making the right decisions. Even if you got a bad beat, all you do is just keep
following the advice given by poker software, and you’ll know you’re going to win in the long run. You can imagine that, with poker tools doing these crazy (to say the least) stuff for you, the people you play against at any poker table are no match for you. I mean you have so many computer tools at your disposal that give you advice with 100% accuracy; it’s just becoming an unfair advantage.

Think not only about the possibilities to win more money with these poker tools, but also about the money you will save because of them. The fact alone that you will never have to play against winning players anymore, makes the games you play 200% more easy to beat.

I could go on and on about the advantages deriving from poker tools like these. It might be better to just analyze them 1 for 1 now and giving you the links to purchase them. Although, purchasing is often not even necessary. 5 out of 6 poker tools promoted here, are free at first (and by ‘free at first’ I don’t mean some sort of 3 day trial, no I mean free for 3 months, or a whole year!

Let’s take a look at our featured poker tools shall we?
2.1 Poker Stalking Tools

To have the privilege to know everything about your opponents while they play in the dark against you is just amazing. Your opponent can only guess what you will do, what cards you have and if you are a good or bad player while you know everything for sure based on poker stalking tools that keep track on over 1 million online poker players (their betting patterns, their win/loss rate, their identity, their playing style, their aggression and more) and tens of thousands of poker tables that you can now pre select!

There is only 1 poker stalking tool that deserves all the attention and that is Poker Edge.

**Poker Edge** (great for intermediate and advanced players)  
(AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)

You all know the difficulties of poker. You hold JJ, you raised preflop and got 1 caller. The flop is Q102, all of different suits. You make a pot bet, and in an instant you get raised. Do you fold, call or raise? The same goes with holding AK, flopping K99, you check, he bets, you raise and he goes all in. Do you fold or call the all in? These kind of dilemmas come up all the time in no limit holdem. When you play a live game you might have a tell, but online there is just an avatar with a nametag holding the cards. If you would know the raiser/reraiser was tight, loose, aggressive or passive, if you knew whether he would check-raise a lot, reraise a lot or not, then you surely know what to do in these situations. Poker Edge will give you these stats on your opponents and therefore sweep away these dilemmas for you!

Poker Edge is the most sophisticated and prominent poker tool ever developed. It will exceed the expectations and wishes of all online poker players by 200%. I dare to say the capabilities you gain with this tool are just beyond imagination. Losing players will become instant winners. Bad players will become professionals within a few days experience.

As we’ve explained previously in the cash game strategy section that poker is a game of (limited) information, this poker tool will give you an enormous informational edge. Playing with this tool will lead to the fact that you know everything about your opponents (betting patterns, win/loss rate, playing style, aggression factor, hand histories etc. etc.) while they – your opponents – can only guess about your game. Dominating Online Poker is only possible when you play with tools like Poker Edge.
I mean normally you would go sit at a random table you've selected from the lobby and play against your opponents as if it were a live game. But with this tool you pre select tables based on aggression factor/playing styles/win and loss rates and after that you have access over 100 stats from any given opponent. This mean you can base your play, your decisions exactly on the kind of player you are up against. It is the most revolutionary advantage ever gained by online poker players. Only 2-3% of the online poker community plays with this tool. The rest of them are all playing in the dark. You'll instantly find yourself amongst the top online poker player without the need of possessing great reading skills or multi-level experience.

**The great thing is that Poker Edge is free for 3 months if you click here**

- **What are the key features Poker Edge?**
  1. Table overview stats: get immediately statistics on each table you play at/you've opened simultaneously up to 4 tables at a time. Table stats include VPIP, PF Raise, Aggression rate, BB/100 (win/loss rate), WSD (win showdown perc.)
  2. Identify players who sit at the table by colour-tagging them and by giving them an icon.
  3. Receive up to 100 stats per player even if you have never played against him before: key stats, pre flop stats, flop stats, turn stats, river stats and showdown stats (per betting round stats on betting history: percentages of checks, calls, bets, raises, reraises, check-raises, folds etc.)
  4. Complete hand histories per player, winning rates, what stakes someone plays, hourly rates -HUD Display: prime-stats displayed at the table with explanation scheme
  5. Keeping up a central database containing over 1 million online poker players
  6. Compatible with both cash-games as tournament games (sit and go primarily).
  7. The possibility to customize poker-edge to your own preferences
  8. Supports over 100 rooms
  9. Boost your skills: This tool brings your poker level to an entire new dimension not only because they provide the stats of your opponents but also because they will enlarge your thinking process: if you see the stats your brain adapts to it and begin to ask them new questions about players...questions that you wouldn’t ask yourself if you didn’t have this tool. So therefore a fish can never develop its game to your game
  10. Last but not least, it will boost your BANKROLL: it is proven that playing with this tool will deliver you 2 to 3 big blinds of winnings an hour + make you less lose; playing without it will not only save you those winnings but will also increase your losses. Poker is game of making as few MISTAKES as you can and with THIS tool you will limit the amount of mistakes to almost zero.
Poker Edge has categorized all tracked players (over 1.000.000) into 9 different player types. Each player type gets a title and an icon. This way you can identify players (their playing styles) immediately when playing. Let’s run through the different playing styles (what characterizes them, what kind of counter play is desirable?).

**The Calling Station**

**#Player Type**: You are a Calling Station (Loose-Passive/Passive). The most unprofitable player type! Have a seat at my table, please

**#Strengths**: You don’t have many strengths… except… you cannot be bluffed! That’s for damn sure.

**#Weaknesses**: As your name suggests, your biggest weakness is you call too much! Good players will repeatedly bet into you or raise you for value. You rarely bet your winning hands either, so you don’t get paid off and you give other players an easy way to catch up. You are almost always unprofitable.

**#Best Advice**: Stop calling so much. Stop chasing the long shot draws. Fold your weak hands, and bet or raise your strong ones. Be more aggressive!

**#Counter play**: Almost never bluff against these types of players. Don’t slow play or check-raise but bet and raise into them (especially value bets). Also know how much you can bet before he lays a hand down so you can maximize your profits. These players don’t care about pot odds so you probably can bet far more than just over betting pot odds. You can play all sorts of cards against these players due to their tendency to be extremely passive: you can draw your pairs to trips and your suited connectors to straights and flushes because they give you the odds for it. On the other site you might want to play a little tighter because they are so loose: hands that won’t make big pots normally (like AK, AQ) can win a lot against calling stations cause they will call you down when a K or Q comes on the flop and they hold K3, Q6.

What about betting strategy? In general you want to bet slightly more than against average players. More because they will call more often, slightly because you don’t want to fold as you lay ahead most of the time and you want them to chase you (as long as you bet enough that won’t give them any good odds). You all know the saying: know when to hold’em and know when to fold’em. It applies against calling stations: you get used to laying ahead so much that you forget that even calling stations can pick up monsters in the hole or flop the nuts. So beware when the raise or even reraise which is highly unusual for these kind of players (this is an argument to respect it even more!). Some calling stations are dangerous players. They never raise or bet, they only call. This way they don’t get value out of their hands but when you are betting into them and they are only calling he gives you the feeling you are ahead (as always) while you certainly are not. Funny enough they tend forgetting to bet the river which reminds you that he may have trapped you but he is still a rook ;) It is hard to arm yourself against these kinds of trapping play. It’s the unconscious strength of all passive players. The only thing you can do is check for time-patterns, or any other unusual event, and if you really can’t find anything that helps you just go and follow your intuition which will help you more than you think.

**The Shark**

**#Player Type**: Congratulations, you are a Shark (Tight-Aggressive/Aggressive). Your Tight-Aggressive Preflop play and Aggressive PostFlop play will earn you great profits at the Poker Table.

**#Strengths**: It’s hard to tell when you are bluffing because you are always aggressive. You are on the winning side of a majority of your showdowns.

**#Weaknesses**: As a shark, you have few weaknesses. You may get bored from winning all the time.

**#Best Advice**: Get an elbow brace so you don’t develop arthritis from dragging in all those pots.

**#Counter play**: There is no defined counter play against sharks. Why? Because they are the best players at your table so you should not play with them in the first place. By letting poker-edge scan the tables before you sit down you should make sure not to pick a table with more than 1 or 2 sharks. Of course you can’t run away from 1 shark at a table if there are 4 other fishes at that same table: it will then still be a very profitable table for you so don’t let one shark scare you off it. It’s not that you can’t win from sharks but it just is a little harder. Think of it like playing yourself, and you are good right?! Not all sharks are the same but most of them have tight starting hand requirements and are pretty aggressive. What you often can do against these players is to play stupid hands like A2-8 against their AK and to hit the A29 flop. Those are the pots of which he cant let go and you win the all in showdown. Also, because he is aggressive he sometimes bluffs and
makes lots of continuation- and/or semi-bluff bets. This is where the reraise is very powerful. Reraising sharks often makes them very scared. But watch out, only do this when you almost know he doesn’t have a lot, for he plays tight and often holds great hands. Other than that, one rule is most important: bad players don’t need to be studied as hard as good players. So this is where poker-edge really can make the difference: when playing sharks you should get the most out of all the known stats and more (watching betting patterns, watching decision-time patterns, watching play-swings, personal playing habits - like betting a flush draw or not etc.-) to counter play a shark. By doing that I am absolutely sure you can even beat the shark in the long run.

What about betting strategy? Sharks mix up their game so well (like you do, or are going to do) that it’s very hard to see any betting patterns and thus to make a counter betting strategy. I would advise you to look at sharks individually (like i said above in the general counter play section). If you did a good job at selecting your table contains not more than one shark. Just figure out an adapting betting strategy that counter plays the sharks typical, individual play. For, as I said before, sharks are good players (mostly tight aggressive but not all are, this is a misunderstanding!) that aren’t really types like a maniac or a calling station who are basically all the same. Sharks are different and they even mix up their own play; that way, as there is no formal, standard counter play there is also no standard counter betting strategy.

The Maniac
#Player Type: You are a MANIAC (Extremely Loose-Aggressive/Aggressive). Your presence alone changes the entire dynamic of the table.
#Strengths: Because of your crazy reputation, you will get paid off big on your big hands. When you win, you win HUGE. Most players at the table fear you.
#Weaknesses: Your maniacal behaviour is ironically predictable. Good players will wait for strong hands and let you bet into them. When you lose, you lose big. In fact, even when you are winning big, there’s a good chance you might lose it all before the night is over. You are usually the big loser.
#Best Advice: Work on self control. Pay attention to your table image - if people always think you are bluffing, only bet strong hands.
#Counter play: Against maniacs you want to play tight and you want to set traps. First of all, go and sit left of them so you can act after them: they will raise a lot preflop so this should discipline you in playing tight. But when you hold a monster hand you can go ahead and reraise or just call his raise when you think you will be alone with him in the pot to make sure he will make a standard big continuation bet on the flop (and even on the turn). You can then choose to slow play (check-call) or check-raise him on the flop/turn and get him all in on the river. Beware though, because you feel that these players over betting bad hands you always think he is bluffing. Make sure you hold the nuts or almost nuts: if not, he may well be ahead of you while you are thinking he is just bluffing. You get the most money while playing big hands and let them bet into you but you lose money from these players when holding semi-strong hands, thinking that he is bluffing and calling him down to lose the showdown all of a sudden. Remember: he too can have a good hand preflop.
What about betting strategy? Almost never bet yourself. Let them do the betting work. However, even maniacs will check from time to time. At certain flops, especially when more people are in the pot, or when there wasn’t any preflop raising, they won’t over bluff their hands. The trick is to induce a bluff from them if you do have something. In a multi-way pot you shouldn’t try to do this, but if you’re playing a pot heads up against him or with another you can, assuming the third player doesn’t have anything, make a very, fishy, small bet. It’s not intended as a feeler bet but as an inducing bet: a lot of maniacs will think this is a weakness bet and come of the top to make a check-raise. With showing that sort of strength they think you will lay it down. If you have a mediocre hand yourself you reraise him. If you got a very powerful hand you slow play and thus only call his raise, hoping he will fire another, even larger, bet on the turn.

The Mouse
#Pre-Flop Tendency: N/A
#Player Type: You are a Mouse (Tight-Passive/Passive). You are scared to risk any chips.
#Strengths: You rarely risk losing much money.
#Weaknesses: You are too timid, and not aggressive enough. You rarely bet your winning hands, and you often fold hands that were good enough to win. You are easy to read and bully around and aggressive players will steal your blinds. You are unprofitable at most games.
#Best Advice: Open up your game - play more aggressively. Bet or raise good hands instead of calling. Defend your blinds.
**#Counter play:** The mice make a lot of ridiculous lay-downs. This means that bluffing will be very powerful, which means raising and reraising with mediocre holdings. Steal a lot, almost always bet to pick up the pot, in other words bully them! Play your good cards like playing the fish: bet into the mouse. However, if they bet, raise or even reraise you know you should mostly fold (because they almost never bluff), unless you think there is a chance to raise/reraise-bluff him out of the pot (betting/raising when scare cards come, represent-betting the nuts etc.)

*What about betting strategy?* Most of your general counter play against the mouse focuses on betting strategy so just look above for this kind of information.

**The Rock**

**#Player Type:** You are a Rock (Tight-Passive/Aggressive). People hardly notice you are at the table because you play so few hands.

**#Strengths:** You are aggressive PostFlop and bet your hands for value. You will be profitable at weak to average tables.

**#Weaknesses:** You are not aggressive enough preflop - only raising with elite hands. A good player can easily put you on a hand, since you only call with great hands, and raise with elite ones. Aggressive players will repeatedly steal your blinds. You will be slightly unprofitable at strong tables.

**#Best Advice:** Open up your game - play more aggressively PreFlop, defend your blinds, and play more hands in late position. Pay attention to your table image - bluff when people think you never bluff.

**#Counter play:** The Rock can be classified as a player who is too tight. This means that he makes very few pre-flop raises. So when he makes one, lay all but the premium hands down. Also, respect his post-flop bets and raises most of the time. On the other hand, you can bluff at him and you can also catch him when he is holding a monster and you flopped an amazing hand with a suited connector or small pocket pair. Generally, you don’t want too many rocks at your table because you can’t grab a lot of money out of their stacks.

*What about betting strategy?* Due to the rocks tightness your betting strategy should focus on raising and reraising this type of player. The rock won’t make stupid lay downs like the mouse but will lay down a lot when he has a hand of approx. the same strength as yours.

**The Bomb**

**#Player Type:** You are a Bomb (Aggressive/Aggressive). Your Aggressive play Pre and Post Flop makes the table fear you.

**#Strengths:** Your aggressive nature is your biggest strength. You win many pots on bluffs and semi-bluffs.

**#Weaknesses:** Your biggest weakness is you sometimes lack discipline. Your aggression is unwarranted sometimes. People slow play or check-raise you because they know you will bet.

**#Best Advice:** Work on your discipline, and you will be a shark.

**#Counter play:** The Bomb looks a lot like the maniac, but he is different in his starting hand selection: where the maniac is extremely loose (he bets and raises with any two hands) the bomb is somewhat tighter. However, when he decides to play a hand he will do it very aggressively (as a bomb who almost explodes). Just like playing maniacs you should wait for good hands and then trap these players, although you should wait a little longer (till having a better hand) against the bomb than against a maniac (against whom you can play even high suited connectors or middle pairs).

*What about betting strategy?* The playing style of the bomb looks a lot like the maniac so its obvious that this is the same with his betting pattern. Then again there is a higher chance he will certainly have something because of his higher starting hand requirement. Even if you think you’re ahead you should find out sooner by raising his bet already on the flop: if he will cal or reraise you should lay it down, while this doesn’t have to be the case with the maniac. Still with me?

**The Red Fish**

**#Player Type:** You are a RedFish (Aggressive/Passive). Your passive PostFlop play makes you a weak player.

**#Strengths:** You are aggressive Preflop, which makes you slightly better than a GreenFish.

**#Weaknesses:** You are passive PostFlop. You rarely bet your winning hands for value or protect your made hands, giving other players an easy chance to catch up.

**#Best Advice:** Play more aggressively PostFlop. Bet or raise good hands instead of calling, and fold your weak hands. Bluff more often.
**#Counter play:** The Red fish is one of your main buddies. Although he is slightly better than the green fish (due to making preflop raises) this - on the other hand - makes him weaker because you will know when he has a hand, while you don’t know this when playing the green fish. Against the red fish you should call preflop raises more often, especially with suited connectors or pocket pairs for you will receive the correct pot odds to draw him out on the river (this is correct given his passive postflop play). When you are the one who has a hand you should bet into him because these players call most of the time and almost never bluff.

**What about betting strategy?** Call more often than you would do when playing normal if he has the initiative preflop or on the flop and you have a drawing hand. He will give you the odds to chase. If you have the initiative you should bet hard (not that hard to throw him off the hand if you hold a good hand) cause he will not the betting for you. Make sure you always bet enough so a call of his side would be a mistake (in terms of odds), period!

**The Green Fish**

**#Player Type:** You are a GreenFish (Passive/Passive). Your overall passive play makes you an extremely weak player.

**#Strengths:** You are not quite as bad as a Calling Station.

**#Weaknesses:** You are passive PreFlop and PostFlop. You don’t protect your hands or play position. You don’t bet your winning hands for value.

**#Best Advice:** Play more aggressively PreFlop and PostFlop. Bet or raise good hands instead of calling, and fold your weak hands. Bluff more often.

**#Counter play:** See the calling station, just think as the green fish as a slightly better player who doesn’t call EVERYTHING.

**What about betting strategy?** See the calling station.

**Warning Icon**

**#Player Type:** You are a Caution (warning) Sign (Passive/Aggressive). You are aggressive, but only bet/raise your strong hands.

**#Strengths:** You are aggressive PostFlop.

**#Weaknesses:** You are passive and don’t raise enough hands PreFlop. It’s easy to see you have a monster when you finally do raise PreFlop.

**#Best Advice:** Play more aggressively PreFlop. Play position more heavily by raising to steal blinds or isolate yourself against 1 or 2 players.

**#Counter play:** Against these players you should be warned. These are dangerous players. Why? Because they only raise premium hands (AA,KK,QQ,JJ,AK), but with 10-10, 9-9, AQ, AJ they would only call. This should warn you in a way that you aren’t always the favourite when you raise your eights for instance. On the other hand, it’s easy to know WHEN they hold their premium hand, cause they will bet and raise it strong. **What about betting strategy?** Fold all hands except your premium hands if they raise preflop. But steal a lot of blinds and steal when they limp in. Also when he raises preflop, if you get some nice pot odds, call with a high suited connector or low/mid pair: hope to catch trips, straight/flush - draw - because he will be aggressive on the flop and therefore most of the time you can get him all in even before the river. p.s. there are also players with the question icon (‘?’). These players haven’t been scanned (enough) yet.
Poker Edge now has come up with a new feature, called Lobby Edge. With this inbuilt tool you can preselect Poker Tables and sit with the fishes all the time!

The Greatest Table Preselector is now available. It’s revolutionairy! Get LobbyEdge now! (AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)

The creators of Poker Edge have now launched Lobby Edge. This tool scans all the tables in the poker room lobby you’ve opened, gives you instant stats and ranks the best tables for you in a matter of seconds! Be sure you always sit with the losers so you’ll win!

Poker Rooms have some lobby stats of their own (like VPIP, Hands per hour and Average Pot Amount) but these stats only show you the current situation (where factors as luck/streaks/randomness) count more than the historic strength of each opponent.

Lobby Edge uses the database of Poker Edge and collects all data from all players sitting at the table and then indicates the overall strength/weakness of the table based on the historic win/loss rate, overall vpip, preflop raising and aggression factors of each player. This way you get more accurate results where luck/streaks and current situations don’t count! And this way you know for sure if the table is good or bad to sit at!

Imagine how much more money it will deliver you and how much money it will save you if you never sit at tables with lot’s of good players and always sit at tables featuring rooks!

Lobby Edge costs you a one time fee of $150. Only Poker Edge customers can buy it for you must open Poker Edge to open Lobby Edge. Just another reason why you should take Poker Edge! Go get your Poker Edge and Lobby Edge license right away...

Click here!

Don’t doubt any longer. Get Poker and Lobby Edge now!
2.2 Poker Calculators
Computing your own odds and outs can be a pretty hard job. And if that’s not the case it is still time consuming and not 100% accurate as we are and always will be...human. So why not let pot odds calculators do the work when they are free, more accurate and do the work for you so you can focus on your own game? After heavy research we’ve come up with the best 2 poker calculators out there. It’s up to you which one you choose!

**Calculatem Pro** (great for beginners and intermediate players) *(AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)*

Calculatem Pro is by FAR the best Pot Odds tool on the market. It calculates everything for you, and you don’t have to do anything for it but to attach it to the table you are playing at. It then gives you all the odds, outs, chances and percentages you need. Beginners will certainly enjoy the extra ‘advice feature’: based on hand strength and odds and outs calculatem pro will give you playing advice. Experts should not take this advice to seriously, for poker is more than only a game of chance. The hand ranking is very good for beginners too by the way: it teaches players in a playing way what hands are best and what hands are the worst in texas holdem poker.

1. Calculatem Pro will automatically read your cards as well as the other cards in play allowing you to focus on playing the game.
2. Show the odds in percentage, chances or ratio to match your specific style of reading odds.
3. Rank pocket hands by historical strength on the Flop, at the River, average of Flop and River.
4. Set custom minimum requirements for playing a starting hand.
5. Sleek interface makes it simple to understand and see your odds as well as understand the best play to make.
6. Maximize your winning potential by having access to every imaginable odd including your hand odds, odds on river, odds on next card, pot odds and even showdown percentages.
7. Personalize Calculatem Pro to recommend from either a tight or loose playing style both Pre-Flop and Post-Flop. This is a great, and easy, way to change up your playing style and prevent opponents from seeing any tells.
8. Spot opponent tells more quickly since you’ll instantly have the odds and advice allowing you to focus on the game at hand.
9. Use Calculatem Pro in Manual Mode to recreate exact scenarios and get the odds in that scenario so you’ll know how to play in the future.
10. Adjust Calculatem Pro’s calculation speed based on how powerful your PC is and how accurate you want the advice to be.

**Get Calculatem Pro for free here!**
**Holdem Indicator** (great for beginners and intermediate players)

**Holdem Indicator** is a perfect alternative for Calculatem Pro. It has almost all the unique mathematical features of calculatem pro (except playing advice) and it tracks your opponents while you play using some stats that are shown in poker stalking tools like poker edge and Sharkmate as well. Of course it doesn’t have a central database, nor does it have as many stats (only 5) but it is still a nice addition.

Just as almost all tools promoted here, Holdem Indicator is free as well. Click here!

The key features of Holdem Indicator:

- Auto-reads your cards and automatically attaches itself to your game table. Absolutely no input is required from you. Easy to use, easy to understand.
- Fits your game table better than ANY other odds calculator on the market, so you can better focus on your game play without needless distraction.
- More accurate poker odds calculation than ANY other odds calculator. Gives you the exact odds in every situation, that creates an advantage for you on a consistent basis.
- Opponent Stats helps you better understand your opponent's playing styles. You can even run Poker Indicator while you wait to sit at a table, collecting vital player information - before you ever risk a cent! NO other poker calculator on the market has this feature!
- Auto-displays your opponent's mucked hands at showdown, so there is no need to check the hand history.
- Shows the critical EV and Sklansky Group rating for your hole cards, which indicate how strong or weak your starting hand really is. This feature alone will save you money time and again by preventing you from going on tilt.
- Displays total outs and the exact probability of hitting a particular hand.
- Clear pot odds display to help qualify your next move - check, raise, call or fold.
- YOU HAVE THE NUTS ALERT: Eliminates any confusion when you have the best possible hand. This way you can concentrate on how to extract the most money possible from your helpless opponents.
- Supports multi-tables at a time - NO other odds calculator on the market can do it!
- Supports over 150 poker rooms

Click here to get Holdem Indicator for free!
2.3 Poker Tracking Software (great for intermediate and advanced players)

Keeping track of your own game (and your opponents in a live game) is invaluable, as it will give you the chance to review your own plays and make improvements. Sometimes you are on a bad streak due to bad cards but it could also be that you have lost your touch or there are leaks in your game. I mean, you can never optimize your own game enough: no one ever stops learning, no one will ever be a perfect poker player. All we can do is maintain and improve our game where we can. And this is where poker tracking software programs come in handy. Maybe you call the small blind too often, or you play 10-10 too aggressive. Small things maybe, but in the long run and when you play a lot, it can make a difference between winning a lot and winning not as much as you would like to.

There are two famous poker trackers which also have opponent tracking and calculating abilities, however as we find the above calculators (which calculate far more percentages) and poker stalking tools (which have a central database so that you don’t have to do all the scanning, tracking and storing yourself which is the case with the tools below) far more capable of doing that we advice to use the poker tools below ONLY for self-tracking. Your best option for a Poker Tracking Tool that allows you to analyze your own play is (it’s all in the name I guess) Poker Tracker.

Poker Tracker can do more than that but I use it mainly for it’s self tracking abilities which are top notch. You can analyze a whole session or a tournament, and you can analyze your whole game by importing your hand histories (even from different online poker rooms). You will hundreds of stats on all your hands you’ve played, positional statistics, win/loss rate statistics, performance statistics and more.

Get Poker Tracker here

If you don’t like Poker Tracker for this job (which is hard to believe as it really is the best in this area) a good alternative is Poker Office.

Get Poker Office (which is FREE) here
2.4 Tournament Poker Software

For all you sit and go lovers, I have found truly amazing software. This is just brilliant, off the hook stuff! A dominating sit and go player must not only be good at sit and go’s, he also will want to know at which kind of table he sits before he plays (call it sit and go table selection; is that possible? Yes!), and which players are the losers and the pro’s so he can pick his spots during the game. Ideal for intermediate and expert players, but surely great for beginners too as they will immediately win about 10% more sit and go prize money due to this advantage. And what about some nice instant advice while you play your sit and go?

I know, you are excited, you immediately want to know which software programs I’m talking about. Well, let’s go into more depth then shall we?

**Poker Prophecy (great for intermediate and advanced players) (AS SEEN ON THE VIDEO)**

*Poker Prophecy* is the largest, and most trusted site for data collection of Sit N’ Go’s. 15,000 customers can’t be wrong!

*Imagine the following situation*

The Player to your left goes all in after the flop. Is he a fish, just waiting to give you his money, or is he a wise player who knows his three of a kind beats your pocket pair?

Sometimes you need to be a Prophet to win. Fortunately, Poker Prophecy can make you one.

The Poker Prophecy software helps you pre-select sit and go tables by identifying pro’s, average players and fishes based on historic win/loss rate and buy-in level and it gives you an advantage whilst playing the actual sit and go by showing you
stats on every single opponent sitting at your table. It is now your decision if you want to sit at a rather weak or strong table and play against the fish or the pro’s!

Features

- Pre-selecting sit and go’s by opening a table before it has begun (this is only possible on the party/empire poker network) and checking how many pro’s, average players and fishes have already taken a seat.
- Call up player’s Number of Wins (winning/ending in the money percentage)
- Call up the player’s Number of Losses (losing/finishing outside the money percentage)
- Call up the player’s Ranking when Compared to Other Players
- Ask for the player’s Average Amount Wagered

All of this information is stored in our searchable database, simply type in the name, and the Prophecy will reveal the Player’s skill level.

Millions of online sit and go players playing throughout all sorts of online poker rooms have already been scanned by this tool, and statistics are stored and refreshed in the central poker prophecy database 24/7!

Only by knowing the past, you can truly predict the future!

Poker Prophecy WILL make you a consistent money winner in the following ways:
Before you sit down at a table, find out who you will be playing against. If there are too many Pro’s and not enough Fishes, you may want to move to an easier table.
Likewise, once you are in the game, try to get in hands against Fishes. They can increase your chip stack quickly! If you do get in a game with good players, think twice about going in with them, make sure your hand is a winner. Also, identify the superior Players early so that you can watch their habits and be ready for them later in the game..

This information will give you an ace in the hole. You will know more than your opponents and be able to use this knowledge to gain a chip advantage. Remember, if you don’t have The Poker Prophecy, the Player sitting next to you may.

DominateOnlinePoker E-Book purchasers get $5 discount when they buy Poker Prophecy. Take advantage now and lay your hands on this great tool!

Click here to visit their website!
Sit and Go Shark (great for beginners)

Sit And Go Shark is an "advice engine". The software simply attaches to your online poker game, watches what happens, and then gives you step-by-step customized advice in every situation. Given the complex nature of Texas Holdem poker-- and the hundreds of millions of possible situations covered-- it's safe to say Sit And GO Shark is an amazing tool that will change the face of online poker. It is especially ideal for beginners.

Key Features:

Opponent Alert System - You'll have "insider information" on the important betting habits and "tells" of your opponents. You'll know precisely when to bluff a timid player, when to fold to a manic, and when to use special "tricks" against players in the blinds...

Hand Strength Graphics - Use these graphics to know "at a glance" the strength of your cards. These graphics are calculated from the percentage chance you'll have the BEST hand on the next card... using advanced algorithms that only a computer can process.

Identify And Fix Leaks - You'll quickly run into situations where you DISAGREE with what Sit And Go Shark tells you. This is good. Because this is exactly when you'll start finding "leaks" in your game... and I'll show you step-by-step how to fix them.

Millions Of Combinations - Sit And Go Shark is the first tool of its kind... because no one else has dared take on such an ENORMOUS task! The Shark advice engine houses MILLIONS of possible combinations to accommodate all the situations that can occur in a game of poker.

Game Type Adjustments - I've played at just about every poker room on the Internet. And I've discovered the tactics needed to win at one room are often different than those needed at another room. That's why I've "hard coded" advice for specific game types and casinos. For instance, the advice you see for a PartyPoker Sit and Go won't be the same as the advice for a PokerRoom Sit and Go, because each of these casinos has its own unique characteristics...

Customized Interface - Everything on the Shark interface can be customized to meet your exact preferences-- from the size of each advice section to the order in which they appear. You can even hide sections if you'd like. While a lot of online poker tools are too cumbersome to be practical, Sit And Go Shark delivers a friendly user-experience.

Colour Coordinated Advice - Shark makes it easy to make fast decisions under pressure by color coordinating advice in the "Your Cards" section. For instance, if you should fold a hand pre-flop you'll know before reading the advice-- because the text will be red.

Insightful Coaching - Sit And Go Shark is not just designed to help you win Sit and Go's. It's also designed to TEACH you better poker skills for the long-term. Often times the advice engine will show a "more" link that you can click to get in-depth strategies and commentary about your situation. It's like having an "interactive book" that flips to the right page at the right time!

Instant Recognition Of Games - Sit And Go Shark is incredibly easy to use. As soon as you turn it on it will immediately recognize all compatible games that are running on your computer. Just click "Go" for a game and Shark will launch its advice engine and begin!
Limit And No Limit Compatibility - Shark is compatible for both limit and no limit Sit and Go's. The advice engine adjusts to the type of Texas Holdem you're playing... that way the text in each of the seven sections is 100% accurate.  

Previous Text Records - At any time you can look through the previous hand record in Sit And Go Shark to review advice. This is especially useful after "game-changing" plays.

Overall Improvements - After you've played with Sit And Go Shark, you'll begin to notice major improvements in your poker skills-- even when you're NOT using the software! You'll see increased success in ring games, large multi-table tournaments, heads-up matches, live cash games with your friends, and large tournaments like the World Series of Poker.

There are seven critical factors that will bring you success when you play Sit and Go’s. Using sit and go shark you will get instant advice for each critical factor that you should take into consideration before playing your hand/making your decisions.

1. Your cards
Sit And Go Shark reads exactly what cards you're holding and how they relate to the board-- and then displays my personal opinion for what you should do in the situation.

2. Positioning
Sit And Go Shark quickly gives you my advice for the various positions at the table and how to treat them-- including special “position play” techniques that most players don't know about.

3. Table Momentum
Sit And Go Shark keeps a running “tally” of table momentum from hand to hand. As trends arise related to betting behaviour, Shark will immediately let you know what it sees-- and give you insights on how to TAKE ADVANTAGE of the momentum.

4. Betting Patterns
Obviously it’s impossible to know “for sure” what another player has... but Sit And Go Shark helps you get as close as possible!
What Shark does is watches the conditions that most commonly impact betting behaviour
Sit And Go Shark watches as all sorts of events unfold... and then gives you customized “advice alerts”.

5. Pot Odds
Sit And Go Shark keeps track of pot odds and the “odds on your money” during every single play of the game... including before the flop. And unlike any other tool out there, Shark handles the “close call” situations as well.

6. Number of Players
One of the most challenging aspects of Sit and Go’s is mentally “adjusting” your game strategy as players get eliminated from the table. Everything that happens at the table is correlated against the “stage” you’re in-- leading to supremely accurate advice every step of the way. This feature will help you gain yet ANOTHER EDGE over your clueless opponents...

7. Stack Sizes and Blinds
The number of chips you have compared to your opponents... and in relation to the blinds... is the seventh “Critical Success Factor” for Sit and Go’s. Shark identifies “mismatches” as soon as they occur and brings them to your attention.

**Screenshot from Sit and Go Shark**

Get Sit and Go Shark now for free!  
Click here!
**Tournament Indicator (great for intermediate and advanced players)**
Tournament Indicator is a co-product of the developers of Holdem Indicator, and it is by far the best Tournament Calculator and Analysis Tool that’s out there.

**Tournament Indicator** is unlike any other poker calculator because it is specifically designed for Texas Holdem online tournament play. The indicators used in the software are the same you would use in a real tournament situation, but are quite different from a ring or cash game. Poker calculators designed for ring games simply cannot offer the critical information used to make correct decisions in tournaments. Correct decision making at game critical intersects is what makes a tournament player successful.

![Tournament Indicator Screenshot](image)

Here are some of the features Tournament Indicator offers an online tournament player.

**Player Profiling**
In early tournament play you can learn a lot about your opponents by watching everything they do. Harder said than done, but Tournament Indicator does it all for you tracking VPIP%, Aggression, PFR%, showdown wins, and more. All these combined make for real-time player classifications that you can use against your opponents at the right time.

**Tilt Factor Monitoring**
New to poker calculators also is Tournament Indicator's ability to provide you with insight as to your opponent’s tilt potential. By tracking hand streak in wins and losses and a tally on the player’s stack over the last 10 hands gives you even more insight into that player’s current psyche.

**MatchCard Showdown**
Different criteria enter into the decision making process as a tournament winds down. Whether you are short stack, big stack or other, in the money or on the bubble, you will be faced with numerous all-in confrontations as part of the normal play of tournaments. What Tournament Indicator's MatchCard feature offers is a quick view of potential hands you might be up against.

**Odds Calculations**
Holdem Indicator set the standard for quick, easy to understand odds display while incorporating a visual display of comparing win odds to pot odds in each betting round.

Get Tournament Indicator NOW. You can begin with a free trial and after that get unlimited free access when you sign up with a poker room they prefer.
2.5 Poker Bots

An upcoming theme in the online poker world is the poker bot. Although the programs that are reviewed here almost look like poker bots (with all those abilities!) it is still you who makes the decision. This is not the case with poker bots as they automatically make the decisions FOR you. Online Poker Rooms are doing everything in their power to scan these kinds of unethical software machines.

You don’t have to fear playing against a poker bot. There are very few who manage to play with one or have the guts to do it. Also, these kinds of software programs are relatively expensive. And by the way, using poker edge and/or poker prophecy, you will identify a bot as a shark, someone who you will avoid as much as possible anyway!

The most known poker bot software or poker e-books giving information how to play with them are listed below.

**UntoldPokerSecrets E-Book**
Contains highly interested information about ways to dominate online poker, sometimes legally, sometimes nearly illegal. The video you can watch in our Free Poker Videos Section about this e-book surely looks interesting enough to buy the e-book.

![UntoldPokerSecrets E-Book](image)

**PokerRNG**
This software program shows you the board cards to come and shows you the hole cards of one opponent. Amazing software...if it works. Costs a $100 dollar.

![PokerRNG](image)

Please be aware and advised that the use of these kind of software is unethical and prohibited at all online poker rooms. Furthermore, we want to stress out that we do not approve the use of any such software as this is a little bit too much ‘dominating’
Chapter 3: Online Poker Strategy

3.1 Tips for Poker Beginners

When you enter the world of online poker you must have organised yourself first. And a decent organisation means having a safe and secure method of payment that allows you to transfer (deposit and withdraw) money from your local bank to your internet bank (find two options below) and from there to the poker room cashiers. Neteller and Moneybookers are the most safe online banks. Creating an account is free. Moneybookers has the lowest fee, Neteller the biggest name.

Neteller  
Moneybookers

By the way, if you email us your email address to support@dominateonlinepoker.com we are able to give you 10 dollar free in your Neteller account by referring you. We will send you an email an in that email you should click a link to open your account.

These online banks operate in the same way as your own local bank, but differ from those in that they only govern online money transfers. Neteller and Moneybookers are worldwide companies that have millions of clients. You can understand that it is also in their utter interest that your money is safe with them and payments are secure. Upon till now there have never been any problems with Moneybookers or Neteller.

After you have created an online account at either moneybookers or neteller we suggest you work on your skills if you still a beginner. A great poker coaching program for beginners is ‘CoachRounder’ We have tighten our bands with professional online poker player Roy Rounder. He has started a poker coaching program that suits especially beginners. Take his coaching program free for 1 year if you click on the banner below!
4.2 Cash Game Tips

The cash game tips in this section are primarily meant to improve your online cash game play. For general poker cash game tips and strategies read the free poker books.

4.2.1 No Limit, Limit or Pot Limit? No Limit!

Maybe you are a limit player, or maybe you play both limit and no-limit. The Dominate Online Poker E-Book and Website have been primarily designed for no-limit holdem (although limit and pot-limit players surely can profit from the great promotions and from the tools here as well). Now, you might ask, why should I play no-limit most of the time instead of limit? Well, first of all no-limit, they say is the Cadillac of Poker, but that’s just a saying.

The genuine reason to play no-limit holdem is that in no-limit a fish (bad player) must pay a significant larger amount of money for their mistakes than when they play limit holdem. THAT’S the reason! If you have read Sklansky’s ‘theory of poker’ you have most likely come across his fundamental theorem of poker which is stated, in short, as following:

‘Every time a player will play differently than he would play if his opponents hole cards lay open then he makes a mistake and loses; on the contrary, every time a player plays the same way as he would play if his opponents hole cards lay open, he would make no mistake and he’d gain.’

This thesis is the ground rule for all poker games, as it touches the fundamental borderline between good players and bad players: a player who is good at reading another player (and his cards) will make less mistakes than a player who is bad at reading another player (and his cards).

Now suppose a bad player, who makes a lot of mistakes, plays the game of limit holdem: he would surely lose in the long run, but because there is a betting limit in this game, he won’t have to pay as much for his mistakes as he would have to in no-limit holdem, where there is no limit (hence the name) in betting. If you have trips and your bad opponent has top pair (thinking he is winning), in, for instance, 1/2 limit you can only bet 2 (pre-flop and on the flop) or 4(post-flop) and raise and re-raise by 2 and 4(pre-flop and on the flop) or 4 (post-flop). In no-limit you could (re)raise the fish all-in with your maximum buy-in of 200 dollars...
4.2.2 Playing multi-table poker and playing with bonuses

** When you move to a new poker room, play 1 table at the time. Be sure you get adapted to the environment before you play multiple tables.

** I advise you to play for a few sign up bonuses at different poker rooms first before you start playing permanently at one poker room. A tiny warning though, there’s something dangerous about these bonuses. Playing with a bonus gives you the feeling you only play to clear the bonus. Try to avoid that thought. Not because it makes you think you should play extremely efficient (that is of course a good thought) but you can lose your joy for the game due to this thought. Many people try and clear a bonus as fast as they can, playing multi-table poker and constantly looking how many raked hands they have left to play. This kind of mental state will not only bring you less joy but it will also affect your game. If you play multiple tables/clearing bonuses then you will play primarily a card game (playing extremely tight), while you are not able to play the peoples game (which you should be doing) meaning you don’t watch your opponents. Even with the help of poker tools things can get tough: watching hundreds of stats at multiple tables simultaneously is not realistic. This is why I advise you to play WITH bonuses at all times, but never to play FOR the bonuses. A bonus should be perceived as an extra (you actually should just play and then get the bonus credited into your account unconsciously) and never play more tables than you can for it. Remember, MOST of your money comes from the bad players, not from the bonuses! So keep an eye on them, and not on how many raked hands you have left to play.

** Although playing multi table poker in order to clear bonuses is more efficient when you do this at shorthanded games (for there are more hands player per hour, thus receiving more money per hour) it is better to play at ring games for 2 reasons:
- poker gets more complicated when you play shorthanded games (there is more bluffing, you are being watched more, there are more steals and it go’s a lot faster)
- in ring games tight play is a bit standard while there are some loose fish all the time (tight play is also better for bonus clearing)

** When you clear bonuses, try to pick tables with large average pots, especially because most bonuses in poker rooms are cleared even when you are not involved in the pot. Also, when you catch a monster it’s like your birthday with all these maniacs at your table!

This becomes increasingly easy when you take a subscription of Poker Edge and Lobby Edge together. You can then let their computer database do the table selection for you! (read more about this in the Poker Tools Chapter)

**I have just put some arguments against playing multiple tables, but there is one big argument in favour of playing multiple tables (besides clearing bonuses more efficiently) and that is: it keeps you DISCIPLINED. It can, for example, be very boring to play at only 1 table, especially if you get a bad run of cards. Sometimes
you just have to fold 40 hands in a row, and even if you are a good player, you will get bored. So play multiple tables in order to avoid boredom.

4.2.3 The importance of position in poker

** Always (try to) sit to the right of a tight player and to the left of the aggressive player. Sitting to the right of the tight player means that if you raise he will likely move out of the pot (this kind of knowledge is extremely valuable as your chance to pick up the pot is then bigger). Also it will help you to steal more blinds. Sitting to the left of the aggressor is even more important. First of all, it keeps you tight and disciplined. But second, and more important, is that you can trap him when you have a real monster. You can then re raise him pre flop (or even slow play by calling, which you shouldn’t do too often – more on that later) and/or raise him on the flop. Having position on an aggressive player is priceless.

** Always maintain your discipline which is, first and foremost, playing a POSITIONAL game. Even if you get like 40 rags in a row, still fold KQ under the gun. If you play a positional game (which is playing more loose on the button and in late position than in early and middle position) then you will win far more in the long run for you have the luxury of information before you make your own decision (making the last move in a round of betting gives you an informational edge).

** Stealing the button: even with a mediocre hand like 9J you should steal the button if you got the chance. Position is more valuable than cards. This sort of aggression will irritate players: they likely will think you are a loose maniac and your good hands will be called off more easily this way.

** You will want to play suited connectors and low and middle pocket pairs with lot’s of opponents as these are mostly drawing hands and you will get pot odds when there is a big pot with many people calling. High cards and big pairs must be played against only 1-3 opponents (preferably not three) as too many opponents will decrease your preflop advantage you have with these hands simply too much.

4.2.4 Playing styles: adaptation, counter play and changing gears

** David Sklansky tells us in his book *Theory of Poker* the following: betting and raising is better than checking and calling (unless you are slow playing). ‘A caller is loser in poker’. If this is true, and I believe it is, then you should bet/raise not only when you have the best hand or when you are bluffing but also because poker is game of making decisions and if you are the aggressor you put your opponent to the decision. In my opinion there are no good passive players.

** Being either passive or aggressive (or both) has to do with betting styles and betting amounts while being loose/tight has to do with how many cards you play pre-flop (hand-selection). If you are a passive player (which you should not be)
seek more aggressive tables, if you are an aggressive player (which you should be) seek more passive tables. If you are a good player you can play both styles and you will always play the opposite style of the table.

** Poker is a game of adaptation. If your table is tight then you should be loose, if your table is aggressive then you should be more passive. If you hold AA under the gun on an aggressive table you should just call; chances are someone will bet behind you and you can get more value out of your hand this way.

** Sometimes you see people multi-tabling. You come across the same names at different tables, or people are being slow and you think they are playing more than 1 table. If this is the case then follow this guideline: be more aggressive against them! They don’t want trouble, so re-raise more often. If they suddenly begin to play fast they will likely have a monster: prepare to lay down a good hand.

** Always watch the stack size of the players you play against. This is especially true in tournament play. Don’t play risky against bigger stacks than yours, play with more risk against lower stacks.

** Raises and especially re-raises should be respected 85% of the time, especially when made by passive/tight players. Against aggressive players (even loose cannons/maniacs) you still should respect these kinds of play around 65/70%. This is due to the fact that not a lot of people have the guts to re-raise bluff.

** An example on how to play a stack/blind ratio play. Assume you have $500 and your opponent has $25, the blinds are $2-$4. You are sitting in the big blind with a JTs and your opponent moves all-in from first position (a position referred to as sitting under the gun). All other players fold. This is clearly a situation in which you should fold since you are most certainly the underdog and risking an additional $21 in order to win his last $25 is not a profitable play. If your opponent also has $500, then a call may be acceptable as you have a chance of winning $500 by risking another $21. The decision of whether to call or not depends thus not only on how well your opponent plays after the flop but also depends on his amount of chips he possesses. Another example: you have $1000 and your opponent also has $1000, the blinds are $2-$4. You hold QQ and make it $20 to go. Your opponent, who is acting behind you, now moves all-in with his entire $1000. You should fold unless you know your opponent does not have AA or KK. If your opponent made the same play with only $60 in front of him, you should call his all-in bet in the hopes that he does not hold AA or KK. Notice also that PUTTING short stacks all in is even better, for they can’t fold forever.

** Keep most raises down to between 70% and 100% (making it 3 times the big blind to go typically equals an 80% pot bet) if you don’t hold a monster in order to save money when you get re-raised or called by stronger holdings. If there are limpers in front of you, raise to about 4-6 times the big blind.

** Slow playing is only correct when there is no flush or straight draw and when you have hand that will hold up, even if you would give your opponents a free card.
**At a fishy game you can, when you feel like it, pull some easy tricks out of your briefcase. So if you want a tight image you just make 3/4 raises and if you don’t get called you ADVERTISE: you just show your bad cards and the fishes will think: hey that’s a loose maniac. Then you just wait for good cards and you repeat your play: they will now call you faster. This advertising tactic can only be used by bad players, so don’t do this when you are a mid stake or high stake player and you play at that level because they will see it through.

**Being aggressive is not only good to pick up pots, but also, when you are in doubt, to buy knowledge. What I mean by this is that when you have QQ and the flop is K28 and you bet, and your opponent who is semi-aggressive raises you then it’s better not to call for you will have to call him down at the turn and river. It is better if you re-raise a small amount: if he comes over the top again you know you are beat and you didn’t need to call his bets later on, saving you ALOT of money.

**Representing the flop: often, when you raise with big slick and the flop hits rag rag then you should bet that flop when you are in early position, and definitely when you are in late position and the other guy has checked it to you (if he does not check-raise a lot), so you know where you stand. If you don’t you could check out the hand, but I would not do this a lot. If someone has called your flop-represent bet than you should be careful. But determine the cards on the flop and think about this question: is it likely that the cards helped my opponents?

**I would generally not advice to slow play AA or KK by raising very little or even just call: you never want to play these hands against more than 2 opponents. Playing against 3 or 4 opponents can be deadly even with these hands.

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**Be proactive, not reactive! It is definitely true that you should bluff less online for calling only takes a mouse click. This is especially true if you are hunting bonuses: why make it complicated? Just play straightforward poker. But, online bluffing can be done if you don’t play too many tables and you have a good insight in the players: if someone is very tight you could easily bluff for example, even online.

**A lot of players tend to play poorly on the river: it is important to realise that there are no cards to come. So slow playing is never an option anymore: if you slow played in early position all the way, don’t forget to bet it on the river or the other guy will check and you didn’t extract any money. On the contrary, if you are not sure if you have the winning hand, then most of the time you should check. If you play against a very aggressive player you might check to check-raise
4.2.5 Mental management

**Be nice to fish: this can’t be said too often. Never be angry at fishes due to their bad play combined with luck that made you lose a big pot. Rather compliment him with his play so he will make the same play in the future again. If you would explain to him that he played stupid he would improve and that is not what we want. So be nice to fish, if they don’t catch their 4 outer inside straight draw on which they were chasing then you say: “ah you almost had it, just bad luck man, it happens to all of us!”

** You can’t win every pot, beat every game and win each day! This is very important to realize. You have to start realizing that fluctuations are part of the game. I’ve had days, even weeks without winning a normal sit and go just because of an unbelievable bad streak. These kind of streaks strike even harder at cash games because it can make you go on TILT, and this is not something we want. It even can change your game, because you start believing it is you who is doing something wrong. When you see this happening (which is hard because it’s you who’s playing) try to take a break: don’t play poker for a few days or weeks until you really think you have your game back and you are looking forward to start playing again. Never lose your joy in the game, it’s the most important motivation after making winnings.

** Know when to move on: if you don’t have the right feeling at a table, if you’re opponents can’t be guessed easily then just get up from the table. You all know the famous poker saying: if you can’t spot the fish in 30 minutes, you’re it! Don’t feel ashamed of walking away from a table without making profit, especially when you aren’t that experienced yet: rather see it as a good move of yourself. We always talk about ‘the fish’ but there are big and little fish and the little fish can bring you a hard day sometimes if they have a good game running or they are getting a nice run of cards.

** Instead of thinking of a reason to play a hand, you should always be thinking of reasons NOT to play a hand. This maintains discipline and stimulates intelligent thought.

** Take a break sometimes: poker is a game but it is also energy-consuming for your brain. Just go take a swing, work out, go eat something: make your mind empty from poker for sometime and then go play again. You can only play your top game if you are motivated and not stressed.

**If you play at high stakes the players you play against will be better. Knowing this, you can use this to your advantage: ALWAYS be AHEAD of your opponents. At low stakes games your brain process should not get further than 2 steps. Which means: what do I have? What do I think he has? But at high stakes games your process should be containing 4 steps: What do i have? What do I think he has? What does he think I have? What does he think I think I have? And if you play top stakes maybe a fifth one comes around: Think about what your opponent might think that you think he might think you have. This is hardcore poker that you should use when you play with experts (Also see Sklansky, No limit holdem, theory and practice, chapter multiple level thinking)
**Be tighter at full ring games and be looser at shorthanded tables. The more players the more tight you are. The less players the tighter you are. This is also true when you are in a pot. When you play only 1 opponent then you may be loose/aggressive, but don’t do that in a pot with 6 people.

4.2.6 Other tips

**When you sit at a new table, never post your first big blind before you ARE the big blind. Poker is a game of patience and you will lose a lot of money in the long run (without noticing) if you always post your blind while you are not being obliged to do so. The same applies after you comeback from sitting-out. Never post a dead blind but just wait till the big blind arrives.

**Keep notes on players about habitual, weird stuff. This can’t be said enough, especially if you play a lot at only 1 or 2 rooms. Making your own database is extremely important because it can give you an extra edge when you sit at the table. Every piece of information that can be used to your advantage is valuable. Notes can vary from authentic betting patterns (for instance weird all in bluffs on the river) to time patterns (how long does he usually thinks if he has the nuts, and is that timeframe measured accurately?). These kinds of stats can’t be provided by any poker tool so go on and do your own share of the work! Keeping notes has another advantage, it really keeps you focused on your opponents. Making money out of playing poker is a serious job and if you attend to these kind of things you certainly are on your way to becoming an expert.

** You often read that suited connectors are potential goldmines in no limit holdem. This surely is correct, for straights and flushes will, if made, mostly be the nuts. But, be sure NOT to play suited connectors lower than 7/8 (approx.) for you will lose big pots with lower suited connectors. I have been in many pots where I was raising my flush and my opponent went all in and showed me a higher flush. Although this does not happen a lot, it is not unusual either.

**Playing times: scientific research proves that just after diner break in Europe you will find most online poker players playing and generally on the weekends. On normal day times from Monday to Friday you will come across pro’s, people who play 24/7 poker. Good times are also very late night/early in the morning Saturday and Sunday: at these times a lot of people (certainly Mediterranean and British people) come out of the pub, got drunk and play maniac poker.

**BUDDY LISTS: Don’t add fishes to your list, add THE FISHEST OF ALL FISHES: the real dumb asses who don’t even know that a flush is higher than a pair. Otherwise your list will contain over hundreds of people, and that’s not what it’s intended for. Poker-edge will detect fishes, the buddy list is meant to get the most bad players out of the fishes.
There is a brand new tool out there called Smart Buddy. This buddy list is far more advanced than any other inbuilt buddy list or integrated buddy list in any poker rooms. (read more about this in the Poker Tools Chapter) Get it here!

**Pot odds calculators calculate pot odds NOT implied odds AND reversed implied odds: so calculate those yourself! Implied odds have to do with the “extra” amount of money you stand to win if you complete your hand (make your outs).

Let’s finish this cash game tip section with some great e-books that go in to deeper detail about no limit holdem cash games

*Online Poker Advantage Course by Kim Birch. Get it [HERE](#)*

*Texas Holdem Secrets Exposed by PD Laughlin. Get it [HERE](#)*
4.3 Sit and Go Tips

A lot of people play sit and go’s as an ‘extra’, they treat them as their pie after the dinner: so they primarily play it to have fun. You, as an online poker professional, must be aware of that and take advantage of this fish-approach. Slightly loose play is correct in the early beginning of a sit and go. You can limp in with all sorts of hands when the blind are REALLY low (first 2 blind levels) to see if you can catch a monster and outplay the fish. After that you should really TIGHTEN UP for two reasons: you don’t want to risk your stack at the beginning of the SNG + you can have a look at your opponents this way. Also: play aggressive. If you have a decent hand don’t slow play it in tournaments. If you get caught there is no backdoor like in cash game where you can re-buy: in a tournament you’re in or out.

Put people all in more often: don’t make it hard on yourself, if you think you got the best hand and there is something in the pot up for grabs, than take it. But be careful: most fishes will call all in’s just like they would call normal bets! Around the bubble you should LOOSEN UP: most people are really excited that they are near the money so they really don’t take risks anymore. As you have learned, always play to the contrary of the other players. So while you were tight as they were loose in the beginning, you should now be loose AND aggressive for they will be tight and passive. Go ahead and bully them around. There is another reason why this change of gears is correct: the blind levels are often pretty high now (certainly when it’s a turbo sit and go) and you must therefore play more hands.

General sit and go system (don’t follow it blindly but use it as a guideline)

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<th>Players left</th>
<th>Blind levels</th>
<th>Aggression factor/Playing style</th>
<th>Hands you should (consider) play</th>
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<tr>
<td>SNG Early Stage</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5/10, 10/20, 25/50</td>
<td>Preflop: passive/aggressive, slightly loose Postflop: aggressive</td>
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<tr>
<td>SNG Middle Stage</td>
<td>6/7</td>
<td>50/100, 100/200</td>
<td>Preflop: very tight/aggressive Postflop: aggressive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SNG Bubble Stage</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>150/300, 200/400</td>
<td>Preflop: loose/ultra aggressive Postflop: aggressive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SNG End Stage</td>
<td>3-1</td>
<td>300/600 and higher</td>
<td>Preflop: loose/aggressive Postflop: ultra aggressive unless opponents are too</td>
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Then there is the ‘Gap concept’ (D. Sklansky, *Tournament Poker for Advanced Players*): calling an All-in should be done with far better hands than pushing an all in. As a result, you have to be the aggressor more often than the caller. If you managed to reach last 3 (meaning in the money), congratulations! Now it comes to this: most people go wild after they reached the money. They think, ‘hey I already got money, so I can just gamble for more now!’ Well this is not your kind of thinking: you are a pro and you want to make the right play and most money all the time. So what you do is you EXAMINE your opponents: you just look if they get REAL aggressive now (then you should let them play each other off, you should be patient), if this is not the case, you should even be MORE aggressive right now than you were around the bubble. - If you play heads-up try to find out everything about your opponent what you hadn’t figured out before: this means betting/time patterns etc. Play VERY AGGRESSIVE, the most aggressive you can be: intimidate and irritate him, bet and raise everything and hope to catch him at the right moment. For more detailed Internet Sit and Go strategies I recommend you to order the following E-books:

*Sit and Go Pro Poker Course by Johnny Rothman. Get it [HERE](#)*

*Crushing Online Single Table Tournaments by Carl Sampson. Get it [HERE!](#)*

Also be sure to read Harrington on Holdem to elevate your (single) tournament skills

For Sit and Go play I advice you to sign up with [Poker Stars](#). They have the best action, with thousands of sit and go’s ongoing every day.
4.4 Multi Table Tournament Tips

Multi Table Tournaments (from this point on named MTT) are the most fun way to play poker. Unlike cash games and Sit and Go’s it is not always the same riddle, unlike cash games and Sit and Go’s the money to earn AT ONCE is unmatched. MTT’s are often seen as big tournaments where a great percentage of luck is involved. This perception has the consequence that loose play is generally what you see. 80-90% of the people don’t know what skill it requires to dominate MTT’s, what strategies need to be applied, which systematic approach can bring you to the final table every single time. Even more than sit and go’s, MTT’s are a party after the 8-5 job the majority of the people return from. This means that play is even weaker, while the money to win is bigger.

MTT’s can roughly be divided, just as Sit and Go’s, in three stages. Let us now explain each stage and tell you what your options are.

First Stage

In this stage the blinds are low, most players that are in the tournament are weak, and everyone is excited to play and double up. (Future) Experts like us have two options:

Loose play: As the blinds are low and the fish still have chips, you will want to be passive pre-flop and call with lot’s hands (all pairs, suited connectors, Ax flush cards, high cards etc.). This way you hope to catch a monster and outplay the fish who are, at this moment, still alive. Your goal is to get as many chips so you are well prepared for the coming stages: with a big chip stack you are then able to bully people, steal blinds, put short stacks all in and protect yourself against/handle bad beats.

The advantages of this strategy are that you will probably generate more chips, which means your risk of going out in the next stages decreases. Also, you take advantage of the weakness of the fish still alive. The disadvantage is that you risk your stack and your chance of dieing in this early phase is larger.

Tight play: People who play extremely tight only play the Big hands in this early phase of the tournament. If they catch a hand, most likely they double up. However, chances are they don’t increase their stack. They will survive 9 out of 10 times though. The advantage of this strategy is that you will enter the second
phase almost always. You play pretty risk-free poker and in fact remaining alive is the ultimate goal in tournament poker. However, the disadvantages are that you don’t always double up which means that the need for a hand increases in the second stage as the blinds grow higher. Also, you cannot eat much of the chips from the fish, you are not in the position to bully people as you don’t have the stack for it, and any pot you are in will almost 100% result in an all in from your point of view.

**Middle Stage**

In this stage there is only 1 legitimate strategy. The general best online poker strategy tight/aggressiveness should also be applied here. Play big pairs and big cards, but fold suited connectors and only raise with lower pairs and higher suited connector cards in extremely good position. The blinds are now getting higher and it is not correct anymore to limp in with just about any small pocket pairs or suited connector, certainly not when you are out of position. When you play, you play aggressive. Make sure that you put people all in and not the other way around. Also make sure you play a rational stack game: only play against bigger stacks with premium hands, be more loose in your hand selection against the smaller stacks. Against these guys you should steal blinds when you have the chance. Rather go all than betting half your stack and then getting re-raised. I would recommend you to have at least an average hand like 10-J to steal blinds (going all in). I never recommend people to steal blinds/be aggressive with trash hands like 10-7. If you haven't doubled up before, it is recommend you try so in the beginnings of the middle stage as the blinds cannot be paid anymore nearing the end of this stage. We realize that this is much more complicated when you are not getting a decent hand and it is harder anyway as the biggest fish have probably left the tournament (apart from the lucky ones). Anyhow, this stage is determining the rest of the tournament. If you come out short stacked there is almost a 0% chance you get to the final table. Being aggressive is thus very important. If you are short stacked and you are not getting any decent hand than go all in (when having position) with a lesser hand rather than blinding to death.

**End Stage and Final Table**

Just before the bubble arrives (meaning the period just before the last guy has been knocked out of the tournament without taking home any prize money) you must open up your hand selection and be ultra aggressive towards short stacks. Most of the short stacks will transfer their game from normal to ultra-tight. If you managed to end in the prize money that’s great. Be sure to change gears again: now that people placed ‘in the money’ they will play extremely loose poker again. They enjoy everything so much that they are gambling, and every place higher is just an extra festival. This is, however, not our play. We sit tight and play logical. It is important to pick your spots very carefully now, but again, when you play, play with devotion and determination, being aggressive and watchful. Hopefully you’ve reached the last 20. This is called the second bubble, people have almost reached the final table and are now becoming tighter, apart from the chip leader(s). Reason for you to loosen up again and become ultra aggressive against
shorter stacks than yourself. Keep avoiding the big stacks unless you have a premium hand. Another reason to be more loose is that you need to have a decent stack if you would get a seat at the final table. I mean, the difference between place 20 and place 6-10 is very small. The difference between place 20 and place 1/2 is big.

This is why, when you’ve hopefully reached final table, you should keep aggressive and slightly loose at the final table. This is not true for the first few rounds in the final table. I recommend you to sit tight than, just watch the players, watch how the table evolves: are people going crazy? Then keep playing tight. Is everyone playing tight? Then loosen up. Whatever you do, keep playing a positional game and keep playing the short stack. I must repeat that you should play for place 1 and 2, the difference between place 1 and 2 and place 3-10 in terms of prize money is huge. EV+ thus asks you to go for the top. Out of the 10 times you are sitting at a final table it is better to end 6-10 eight out of 10 times and 1/2 two out of ten times than ending 3/4 5 out of 10 times and 5/6 5 out of ten times.

Multi Table Tournaments are exciting to play. It’s an honor to sweep away a whole field and to earn the big money and respect from all the players you dominated.

A fantastic e-book on MTT’s has been written by Bryan Micon. He’s a tournament expert both live and online and has made some great cashes (entering final 50 at the WSOP Main Event and hundreds of big cashes in online MTT’s at and other online poker rooms. Get his E-book HERE!

A last peace of advice: Read Dan Harrington, Harrington on Holdem. If you don’t you’ll never be real MTT expert in my opinion. And you know where to get it free..
Chapter 5: The Future of Online Poker shines bright

So, you’ve gained enormous advantages on any particular field of online poker. But what’s out there for you? What’s there to gain in the coming years? Will online poker stay popular? Will new fish come every month? What about legal issues? Can (future) sharks like me keep up their job in online poker?

Although most of the questions are hard to answers (as it is, after all, kind of difficult to see the future), most answers will be positive.

Each and every day there is over $25 million being won by poker players, no different from you now. All this money is just laying idle, waiting for someone of skill and know-how to take it. Momentarily there are more new players then ever before at the tables, helplessly and clueless handing over their chips to superior players like you (will be). With all the solid strategies, promoted e-books and breathtaking tools you simply cannot be stopped and will immediately belong to the best 3% of the online poker players.

The years to come will be no different. Apart from uprising legal issues there is still so much to gain, that the earn-money-journey seems endless. Legal issues are existent in the U.S. of course. American players are only allowed to play at Bodog, Full Tilt Poker and Poker Stars. But with the coming of a new administration and the disappearance of Bush, things might turn around again. There’s hope for the American people and players.

All poker players might want to sign a petition against the U.S. Government and unite. This can be done at the website of the Poker Players Alliance. Visit this great initiative here: http://www.pokerplayersalliance.org/

In Europe legal issues are not really at stake. The European Union is still trying to unify, and while that process is in heavy delay, there’s nothing much to worry when it comes to legality. Only local jurisdiction like in the U.K. or Holland might be a threat, but this could well be over if they decide to apply European law.

What about Poker Bots? Well, as said before, they are not really a threat to sharks. And there exist so few that they cannot be a threat to anyone. In the coming years I don’t expect much breaking news from this front either. Online Poker Rooms are doing a wonderful job protecting their player, as it is in their best interest too to keep you safe. Stories like ‘there is a robot army rising’ are just bull.

With the coming of hundreds of thousands new fish to the online poker room arena every month, things will only be juicier the next few years. Big events like the WPT, World Series of Poker, EPT, Poker After Dark and High Stakes Poker (watch these series on your pc, go to the Free Poker Videos section here!) keep popularizing poker and this will keep the poker game not only alive, it will make it grow.
Existing players mostly keep playing, and with new players coming, the total online poker player community only grows bigger every day.

So, is there absolutely nothing to worry (apart from being uncertain how much money you will win the coming years)? Honestly, no, not in the next 3-4 years. And even after that poker still may be hot (I mean you can’t speak of a hype as online poker is running well for almost 10 years now) and allowed everywhere.

Speaking of hot, hot news may be arriving from Asia. More and more Asians are playing poker nowadays, and when big countries like China allow online gambling and games a bit more, you can expect an enormous growth. I mean, not only do billions of people live in Asia, these people are also known as a gambling civilisation: they surely do like to spend big money in casinos already. Poker will attract them: the bluffing, the big money, playing behind the computer. Wait and see!
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