Jonathan Little on Live No Limit Hold’em Cash Games

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Developing a Sound Strategy

- You must pay attention to:
  - Your cards
  - Your opponent’s perceived range
  - Your perceived range
  - The stack sizes
  - Outcomes on future streets depending on current betting lines
Preflop Raise Sizing

• Raise to 3 big blinds or less regardless of what everyone else is doing

• Everyone in high stakes raises to 3 big blinds or less

• Everyone in low stakes raise to more than 3 big blinds
Preflop Raise Sizing

• You want to keep your opponents in the hand in order to extract maximum value postflop

• You do not want your opponents to fold when they have junk as long as they are not getting the right pot odds to call

• You do not want your opponents to fold inferior hands
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Adjusting to Your Opponents

• If opponents is tight and passive

• Raise their limps frequently
• Continuation bet frequently
• Apply turn pressure when it makes sense
• Fold when they take an aggressive line
• Apply pressure on scary cards
Adjusting to Your Opponents

• If opponent is loose and passive

• Same as tight passive except their starting range will be wider
Adjusting to Your Opponents

- If opponent is tight and aggressive

- Fold to their reraises unless you have a decent hand

- Continuation bet frequently

- Apply turn pressure when it makes sense

- Recognize they will apply pressure with most of their range

- Apply pressure on scary cards
Adjusting to Your Opponents

• If opponent is loose and aggressive

• Frequently four bet when they reraise
• Expect to face aggression
• Apply turn pressure when it makes sense
• Do not fold reasonably strong hands
• Let them trap themselves
Adjusting to Your Opponents

• If opponent is a calling station

• Bet for value on all three streets with top or middle pair

• Do not bluff when it is clear they are calling

• Play your hand in a generally straightforward manner

• Fold if they take an aggressive line
Adjusting to Your Opponents

• If opponent is a maniac
• Look to trap frequently
• Expect to face aggression
• Do not fold reasonably strong hands
• Let them trap themselves
• If he thinks you are super tight, be willing to bluff when it makes sense if they can fold
Common Leaks of Amateurs

• Assuming opponent plays a similar strategy

• Improper opening ranges
Common Leaks of Amateurs

• Lacking an understanding of hand values

• Overplaying top pair

• Playing too weak

• Continuing too often when clearly beat
Common Leaks of Weak Players

• Playing blatantly straightforward

• Failing to get value from premium hands due to slow playing

• Assuming opponents always have the nuts
Common Leaks of Aggressive Players

• Trying to win every pot

• Calling with too many hands preflop without the required implied odds

• Thinking opponents are constantly trying to bluff
Table Selection

- Get on various waiting lists
- Ask to be put on the table change list
- Play at tables with loud/happy people who are gambling
Seat Selection

• Get on seat change list

• Take an empty seat if it is good for you
A seat is good for you when:

• A bad player is on your right

• Good players are across the table

• Player to left will not cause you problems
Bankroll Management

• If you win at 3 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 10,000 big blinds.
• If you win at 5 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 8,000 big blinds.
• If you win at 7 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 6,000 big blinds.
• If you win at 10 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 4,000 big blinds.
• If you win at 13 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 3,500 big blinds.
• If you win at 16 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 3,000 big blinds.
• If you win at 20 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 2,500 big blinds.
• If you win at 25 big blinds per 100 hands, you need 2,000 big blinds.
Bankroll Management

• If taking a shot and losing will not hurt your bankroll and the bigger game is soft, go for it

• If you lose, you MUST move back down

• If you win for a while then start losing, you MUST move back down
How much to take to the table

• Take as much as you can reasonably stand to lose

• If you go on tilt when you lose two buyins, only take two buyins

• If you are immune to tilt and big games may run, take lots
Common and Reliable Tells

- You must observe your opponents in a stress free as well as stressful situation to develop a baseline read.

- Any deviation from that baseline typically means something.

- Do not put too much stock in tells until you know they are reliable.
Common and Reliable Tells

• Blinking – lots of blinking is usually weak

• Breathing heavily – usually strong

• Heart beat – fast is usually strong

• Perking up – usually strong
Common and Reliable Tells

- Shaking lots – usually strong

- Giving a speech before taking a strong action – usually strong

- Timing tells – player dependent but reliable
Life Leaks

- Casino Gambling
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Drugs
Life Leaks

• Food

• Lending Money

• People

• Charity

• Laziness

• Hobbies
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