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Tournament Poker: 101 Winning Moves: Expert Plays For No-Limit Tournaments



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Tournament poker is a fun way to win big money and be famous. The problem is that no one is willing to share the moves that made the top poker pros millionaires. *Tournament Poker: 101 Winning Moves* gives you 101 expert plays for no-limit tournaments. It's the poker reference book that combines winning poker moves found in almost 20 years worth of poker materials, with plays uncovered in heads-up battles against poker pros. * 40 pre-flop moves with the min-raise, isolation and squeeze * 30 flop moves with the continuation bet, steal flops, and how to set a trap. * 20 turn and river moves with action-inducing bet, scare card moves, and the naked Ace bluff. * Winning plays for your head-to-head battle at the final table. Step up to the poker table with confidence and an arsenal of winning moves. apokerexpert.com

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Customer Reviews

Normally when I review a poker book (and I've reviewed perhaps a dozen, including Mitchell Cogert's previous one on Razz) I like to take issue with a recommended play or two. The truth is there IS more than one way to skin a cat (a catfish, that is), and opinions can differ. Furthermore it's fun to offer a different strategy. Here, however, I'm going to skip the quibbling and just say straight out that Cogert knows what he's talking about and his advice really is "expert." What I especially like about this book is how Cogert combines personal experience (he's a very good player who has, among other things, won the Northern California Championship for no-limit hold'em in 2002) with

knowledge from books and from watching some of the top pros. His basic point is that to get beyond the bubble in no-limit tournaments you have to be willing to take risks. Nobody ever won a big no limit tournament who didn't gamble, and some of the most spectacular wins (Chris Moneymaker in 2003 and Jamie Gold in 2006) came about after some really wild risk taking! The plain fact is that in any tournament luck is a huge factor. You can increase your luck (or decrease it!) by taking chances. What is taking a chance? It means not playing "scared poker." Yes, it will happen that 65 percent of the time an overcard to your pocket jacks will fall on the flop (as Cogert explains in the appendix on "Most frequently asked poker questions"). And yes, pocket rockets tend in no-limit to win a lot of small pots, but when they get cracked, they drain your chips seriously--although people tend to forget that some of the biggest pots are won when pocket aces improve, or when somebody decides to make a stand with a painted pair.

It's not a bad poker book, really. But I don't see how it would help the kinds of players that are looking for new moves. Those kinds of players tend to be intermediate level players who think about the game, and they will find little of value here. It really is just a bunch of tips. No theory. There are a few very unusual plays. I'm sure they would confuse your opponents, but I don't think they are winning plays. Some just look like bad poker to me. And he provides little info on how he might decide when to use these some of the more unusual lines. Maybe he had to fill out the 101 count, which is why he tossed in the strange plays. example: 33 in the bb. Blinds 500/1000, Button with 2000 moves all in. Small blind calls, leaving him 16000. You have 22K. Book says isolate and move all in. It just says calling is "bad". It's not a terrible play. If you fold the small blind, then you are flipping. But you do risk your tourney - the small blind doesn't have to fold. He's pretty short, and did call, maybe he just gives up and plays his 55 here. Calling has some real merits here. First of you can control the pot size. We have a dry side pot, so it is quite likely the sb is not going to run a pointless bluff. You have position, so you might get a little value if you like the board. But most of all, you are getting 7:1 expressed odds on your call, pretty awesome setmine price, and 16:1 implied odds if you get lucky. That's just the flop odds, but since this gets checked down a lot, you very likely get to see more cards. I'm dreaming of an A3x board and a villain that likes to check top pair. I think his play is a little spewy, and seems to miss an awful lot of potential value, but he could be right.

i bought the book because of the glowing reviews ... but if you read the other guy who gave it 3 stars, his review is pretty accurate ... as a poker player myself who's played in numerous

tournaments as well as cash games, the tips in this book are, hmmm ... let's put it this way ... if a new player is level 0, and a novice is level 1, the tips in this book are level 2 mostly ... this book doesn't help much for a player who is already reasonably solid/good ... anyone who plays level 3 or better will simply recognize many of these moves and counter them ... to be fair, i totally agree with his overall thesis that you should take risk ... calculated risks, that is ... and a large number of the moves are solid/reasonable tips ... but there were a bunch that i thought were plain bad and erroneous ... here's just a few: the author keeps suggesting making small probe or blocking bets ... whenever i see someone make these small bets, especially if they are repeat offenders, i mark them as weak players and i raise them, if nothing else, on principle ... i'm thinking, you keep making these bad/stupid bets, you're going to get punished ... he had a few tips using the Bare Naked Ace bluff ... basically, you represent the nut flush, w/o having a flush, when you hold the As on a 3 spade board ... the author says that the opp will fold because the opp cannot be holding the nuts, so he will fold to a shove ... WRONG ... unless it's a big tournament that is deep stacked, players will call down often with any reasonable flush, ten or higher ... this move may work but it has to be executed perfect ... meaning deep stacks, good opp who is capable of folding, your own image, etc.

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