

CLP Podcast 483 12/28/21 Playing from the Big Blind Part 1 (Preflop)

Intro

Like Sklansky said NL should be a dead game without invisible antes
If played properly holdem is still supposed to be a battle of the blinds (dead money)
BB is defined as "last blind" so third blind straddle, etc

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PREFLOP

Headsup:

- people can still over defend
- Look at pot odds 3x vs 5x and ante vs non ante 3x is 2.2-1, but 5x is 1.5-1. 2.5x with a BB ante is 3.7-1.
- off suit weak aces are overrated.
- Can do more calling as opposed to three betting...sometimes 3 betting can be a bit polar but you will be out of position
- Flat drop games should be defended much tighter
- advantage of playing vs bad players is that they won't take you to value town as much
- Think of btn vs BB scenario would I call on the btn with a hand I'm calling in the BB?

Multiway:

- People tend to look at pot odds far too much because of equity realization
- Theory is that you are supposed to defend tighter after a flat caller calls but that isn't always the case in live poker
- Offsuit up and down cards are totally unplayable
- Look for connection in cards and suitedness if getting extreme pot odds.
- Should be squeezing linear range as a three bet with dead callers (hands like 99+ some suited broadways, etc .. but can do it with some polarity in the right situations
- tag the players in a scenario as winners or losers and deviate appropriately

Hand 1: Qh 3h (up and down suited above 10)

Hand 2: 76o (ragged connected)

Hand 3: KTo (weaker off suit broadways)

Hand 4: AQo+AJ (better offsuit broadways)

Hand 5: lower suited broadways

Hand 6: lower direct suited connectors (54s, 76s etc)

Hand 7: small pocket pairs (say below 77)

Hand 8: Premiums

Hand 9: gapped lower suited connectors