

Episode 305: Turn donk betting

Why do we want to turn donk?

- Main concept is some specific turns will fair better for some parts of our range over our opponents
 - Not necessarily our entire range does well, but enough to where we can put in a bet for generally small sizings, decent swings in EQ
 - Usually not large sizings because we do not have that big of an adv (esp top of the ranges overall) taking xcall line
- If opponent will try to pot control
 - When they are going to check turn at a decent freq esp when turns are good for you
- You donking actually pot controls your end: opponent doesn't have overbet option now
 - Usually donking a small sizing never large, hard for you to ever use large sizings in a spot
 - You generally cannot have a thorough enough top end adv to start using the large sizings in this scenario (esp after only xcalling flop)
 - Common scenario might be marginal hands prefer donking to stop opponent from using the overbet
 - Can pot control turn and river, get to showdown for a cheaper price with our marginal showings, but will be protected with stronger part of range

Overall turn donking is a low freq play across many boards

- If your trying to simplify, the general strat is to never donk
- Mistakes in donking:
 - Overcards on the turn
 - Pfr will cbet overbets OTF and we will fold more of them OTF, we will hit less TPs ott
 - Blank cards that dont change the board you should not donk. If anything EQ adv will shift more in favor of the PFR
- Turns that significantly change the board texture: better for us mainly and we make more strong hands
 - Most common: Board pairing
 - Moreso when 2nd or 3rd pairs off due to use xcalling more of those parts OTF
 - Esp when there is more polar cbetting from PFR
 - Top end hands bet, middling hands check, bluffs/draws bet/check

- They end up not having as many trips given this strategy
- Best scenario for us are lower boards, they cbet large/polar and 2nd 3rd card pairs
- Straightening Cards:
 - High card straights will favor opponent
 - More HC hands, have more straights for TPs
 - Applies to mainly lower boards
 - 964 5 842 5 [A3o 45o 36s]
 - Need to hit not only straights, but also 2 pairs for stronger top end range hands than opponent, there needs to be a big swing in the advantage
- Flushing Cards:
 - Easiest way to describe this version is based off the cbetting strategy from pfr
 - If they range cbet or merged
 - Both players have similar FDs in range so donking turns here is very low
 - The more polar they cbet the more we will be weighted in our xcall range as FDs due to us never folding a FD
 - When the 3 card flush is high cards, this blocks good flushes from opponents range since they have all the big cards
 - Flip side if flush is low cards we do not do as well, unblocks all the suited BW cards/flushes they can have
 - Dont have high suited flush cards on low boards to 3bets pre + lower flush boards blocks our lower flush cards we defended pre

Exploitative Play

- Versus Cbet polar range OTF: betting good top end hands, checking middle of range/ marginals, betting bluffs/draws, checking air
 - Donk higher when lower cards pair off
 - They check 2nd/3rd pair type hands more, we always Xcall them
 - But against this range, donk less when draws hit, ex when straight hits they always bet their SDs
- Versus cbet merged range OTF: very high cbetting freq spots
 - Have a lot of marginals in cbetting range, so more 2nd and 3rd pairs, therefore we need to donk less on these cards OTT
 - Against this range, but inclined to donk when draws hit
 - If they cbet 100%, Smaller % of their range gonna be the draw is the idea versus their ENTIRE range

HH1

25/50/100 ~20K EFF

CO opens \$300 we defend STR Q6hh (675)

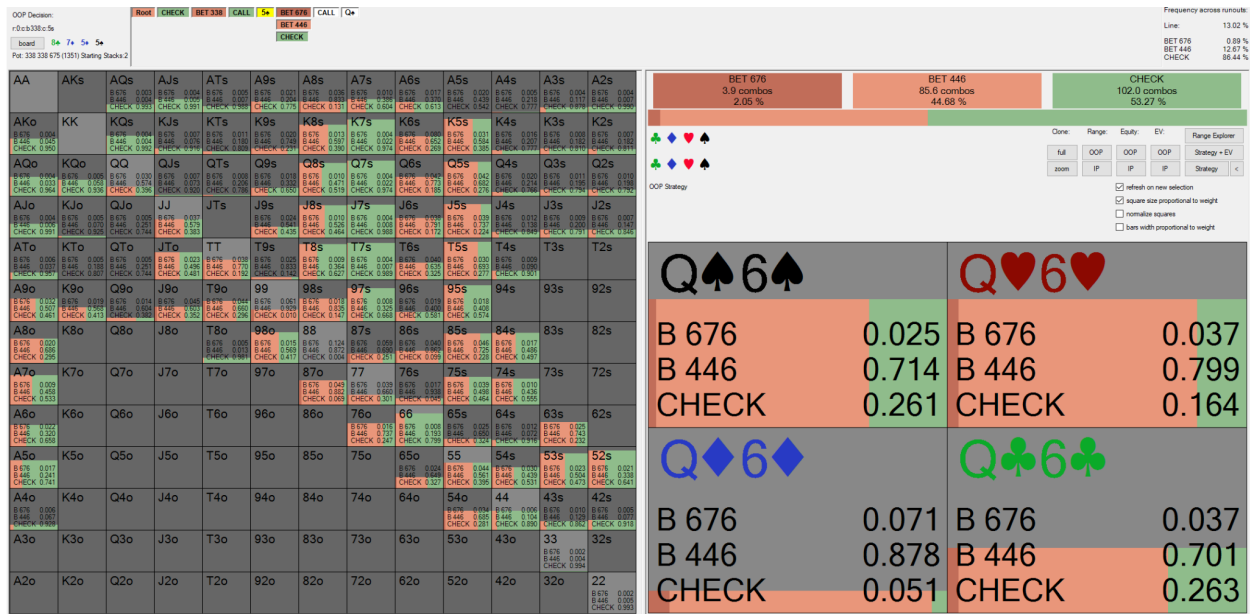
Flop 8c 7d 5d we X, he \$350, we call (1375)

Turn 5s we lead \$400, he calls (2175)

River Qs, we \$1500....

OOP Turn Strategy after half pot cbet OTF

(~46% lead freq on turn 5s)



- Make note on IP raise freq to a turn lead (~32% half pot sizing even)
 - Note here the population, including myself is nowhere near this freq. Good example to “set your price” in some instances as an exploit.
 - As mentioned earlier pot controlling turn and possibly river now.
- Make note on turn leading freq if IP cbets small as mentioned earlier more “merged”

HH2

25/50/100 ~30K EFF

We HJ open A7dd \$300, CO calls only (775)

Flop 7s 6s 4d we X, he bets \$250, we call (1275)

Turn 7h we lead \$400, get called (2075)

River 2c we lead \$2000.....

OOP Turn Strategy after Xcalling a 1/3 probe sizing by IP (~23% lead freq on turn 7h)

Frequency across rounds

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|---------|---------|
| Line | 35.49 % |
| BET 644 | 1.48 % |
| BET 425 | 11.23 % |
| CHECK | 87.29 % |

Hand: **♠A♠7♠** (Pat: 256,256,775 (107) Starting Stack: 2)

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AA | AKs | AQs | AJs | ATs | A9s | A8s | A7s | A6s | A5s | A4s | A3s | A2s |
| AKo | KK | KQs | KJs | KTs | K9s | K8s | K7s | K6s | K5s | K4s | K3s | K2s |
| AQo | KQo | QQ | QJs | QTs | Q9s | Q8s | Q7s | Q6s | Q5s | Q4s | Q3s | Q2s |
| AJo | KJo | QJo | JJ | JTs | J9s | J8s | J7s | J6s | J5s | J4s | J3s | J2s |
| ATo | KTo | QTo | JTo | TT | T9s | T8s | T7s | T6s | T5s | T4s | T3s | T2s |
| A9o | K9o | Q9o | J9o | T9o | 99 | 98s | 97s | 96s | 95s | 94s | 93s | 92s |
| A8o | K8o | Q8o | J8o | T8o | 88 | 87s | 86s | 85s | 84s | 83s | 82s | |
| A7o | K7o | Q7o | J7o | T7o | 77 | 76s | 75s | 74s | 73s | 72s | | |
| A6o | K6o | Q6o | J6o | T6o | 66 | 65s | 64s | 63s | 62s | | | |
| A5o | K5o | Q5o | J5o | T5o | 55 | 54s | 53s | 52s | | | | |
| A4o | K4o | Q4o | J4o | T4o | 44 | 43s | 42s | | | | | |
| A3o | K3o | Q3o | J3o | T3o | 33 | 32s | | | | | | |
| A2o | K2o | Q2o | J2o | T2o | 22 | | | | | | | |

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|---------|-------------|---------|
| BET 644 | 1.0 combos | 1.39 % |
| BET 425 | 26.1 combos | 22.06 % |
| CHECK | 90.0 combos | 76.56 % |

Hand: **♠A♠7♠** **♥A♥7♥**

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| B 644 | 0.027 | B 644 | 0.023 |
| B 425 | 0.234 | B 425 | 0.204 |
| CHECK | 0.739 | CHECK | 0.774 |

Options: Clone, Range, Equity, EV, Range Explorer
 Refresh on new selection
 Square size proportional to weight
 Normalize squares
 Bars width proportional to weight

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- Again note the turn IP raise strategy to a lead ~30%