

## ***EP 44 Notes-***

### **To Slow Play or Not to Slow Play, that is the Question !**

#### **Conditions for slow play-**

- You must have a really good hand
- The free card or cheap card you are allowing must have good possibilities of them making a second best hand
- The free card or cheap card doesn't bring an action killing card
- You must be sure that aggression will drive others out
- The pot isn't large

#### **What if we are playing very deep**

- Early slow plays with deep stacks should be avoided
- Catastrophic if future cards are worse for your opponent and better for you and cards dealt your opponents are less plentiful to improve them.

#### **Takeaways-**

- Slow playing big hands in no limit can cost you a lot of money because a missed round of betting or a missed raise often results in smaller pots.
- Sometimes we are slow playing, and someone else is slow playing second best and think they are trapping you.
- Slow playing is less likely to trap someone because a free card usually gives them a mediocre hand
- Do not confuse this with checking to induce a bluff on the river

## Hand 1

1/3 9 handed - UTG Hero \$500, LJ Villain 3 \$605, HJ Villain 4 \$2535, BTN Villain 6 \$1300, BB Villain 8 \$1200. Single Raised Pot.

Preflop

Hero UTG 7♦6♦ raise \$10. LJ calls. HJ calls. BTN calls. BB calls. (5 players)

Flop - \$51 (SPR 9.6) - 3♣ 4♦ 5♥

BB checks. Hero bet \$20. LJ folds. HJ calls. BTN calls. BB raise \$80. Hero 3bet \$225. HJ folds. BTN all-in \$1270. BB all-in \$1110. Hero all-in \$265.

Showdown - \$2941 - 3♣ 4♦ 5♥ 8♣ 3♥

Hero shows 7♦ 6♦ (Straight, 8 High).

BTN shows 7♣ 8♣ (Two Pair, 8's & 3's).

BB shows A♥ 2♥ (Straight, 5 High).

Hero won \$1041. BB won \$200

2/5 9 handed - LJ Hero \$1050, BB Villain 5 \$700. 3bet Pot.

## Hand 2

Preflop

Hero LJ 5♥5♦ raise \$20. BB 3bet \$75. Hero calls. (Heads up)

Flop - \$152 (SPR 4.1) - Q♣ 5♣ 4♦

BB bet \$75. Hero raise \$225. BB calls.

Turn - \$602 (SPR 0.7) - 5♣

BB checks. Hero bet \$150. BB all-in \$400. Hero calls.

Showdown - \$1402 - Q♣ 5♣ 4♦ 5♣ 8♣

Hero shows 5♥ 5♦ (Four of a Kind, 5's).

BB shows K♣ K♥ (Two Pair, K's & 5's).

Hero won \$702