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How To Play Omaha Poker

By Adel Awwad

Omaha Poker plays the second best in attracting a large amount of people in card games next to

Texas Hold'em. Omaha Poker is very similar to Texas Hold'em, with the main difference being that a player can choose his or her hand out of nine cards instead of seven. This is the reason for the growing popularity of the game.

Omaha, which has the same structure as Texas Hold'em, is played very similar to Texas Hold'em; the only difference being that each player is dealt four hole cards instead of two. The players post the blinds and then receive their hole cards. After receiving the hole cards, a betting round takes place and then comes the 'flop', the 'turn' and the 'river' with a betting round between each of them.

The main difference between Omaha and Texas Hold'em is that each of the players has to form his hand out of precisely two hole cards and three board cards. This is different from Texas Hold'em where a player could use either one or both (or even none) of his hole cards. If a player is trying to win the low hand, he must use two unpaired hole cards that are ranked lower than eight, and three board cards, also unpaired, that are also ranked lower than eight.

In Omaha, the starting hands should be coordinated, which means that they should fit together. What you really want are cards that are more likely to form into straights, flushes or a full house. It's very rare that a pair would hold up on an Omaha table. Look for double-suited hands, giving you two chances of a flush and cards that are close together or considered in a run.

In playing the game, this is an example where many new Omaha players falter. The players, for instance, see four spades on the board, which are the community cards, and they have the Ace of Spades in their hand. They think they have the nut flush, forgetting that a player must use two hole cards, therefore needing two spades in his hand to make a flush.

Omaha is played either Pot Limit or Limit. The game is not played No Limit, as having four hole cards gives so many extra possibilities, chances, and permutations. If playing No Limit, the game would be too wild and without direction.

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Player Profile: Annie Duke

By Kenneth Bateman

It has been said by some expert male poker players that Annie Duke is the best all-around woman poker player in the world today. As the top money winner in the history of World Series of Poker, she was eight months pregnant with her third child when she won tenth place in the \$10,000 Main Event.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire, she is sister to Howard Lederer, the well-known and popular expert nicknamed "The Professor" because of his calm and stable approach at the poker tables. Howard taught Annie to play and she went on to become a legendary player in her own right.

As an example of her intellectual capabilities, she majored both in English and Psychology as a student at Columbia University and went on to the University of Pennsylvania where she pursued a doctoral degree in Psycholinguistics. On the verge of obtaining her PhD, she left the program and decided to concentrate on earning a living thru playing poker.

Two of Annie Duke's outstanding poker accomplishments:

· 2004 - First World Series of Poker bracelet in \$2,000 – Omaha High/Low Event · 2004 - ESPN WSOP Tournament of Champions - First Prize – \$2,000,000

After tutoring actor Ben Affleck, he went on to win the \$10,000 buy-in California State Poker Championship No Limit Hold'em Tournament which was held at the Commerce Casino. His prize was \$356,000.

Annie started a poker website

www.ultimatebet.com

along with a team of other experts including Phil

Helmuth, Antonio Esfandieri, Phil "Devilfish" Ulliott, Krazy Kanuck, Jack McClelland, John Vorhaus and Russ Hamilton. She offers her expert advice in a poker tutorial and has written a number of articles:

· Learn Omaha: Underestimating the Value of Connecting High Cards · Learn Omaha: Overestimating

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the Value of Low Connecting Cards

· Learn Omaha: Overestimating the Value of A2 · Learn Omaha: Overestimating the Value of Baby Pairs · Learn Omaha: Playing Stranded Big Pairs · Learn Omaha From a Pro · Learn Omaha: Overestimating the Value of AA · Q & A · Movin' On Up · The 30 Bet Rule

Her website also has a section called Learn to Play where she offers the following information to players:

· Getting Started · Rules of Poker Games · Poker Strategy

Annie is considered one of the toughest poker players around and unlike her brother, is an emotional player. She is known to remove her shoes when at the table and sit with one leg folded under her.

Annie has four children which is unique in the world of poker. However, she has stated many times that as much as she loves the game, her children and their activities are first and foremost in her life.

She prefers not to play in games for women only and likes competing in the world of poker because she feels that "Poker is one of the only sports where a woman can compete on a totally equal footing with a man, so I don't understand why there's a ladies only tournament."

Kenneth Bateman writes numerous articles on the subject of poker and its players. To read more player profiles, visit

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