



# PLAYING OUT OF POSITION WITH THE LEAD

## LET'S GET THOSE CHECK RAISES UP!

### OUT OF POSITION CBET STRATEGY

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	98o	88	87s	86s	85s	84s	83s	82s
A7o	K7o	Q7o	J7o	T7o	97o	87o	77	76s	75s	74s	73s	72s
A6o	K6o	Q6o	J6o	T6o	96o	86o	76o	66	65s	64s	63s	62s
A5o	K5o	Q5o	J5o	T5o	95o	85o	75o	65o	55	54s	53s	52s
A4o	K4o	Q4o	J4o	T4o	94o	84o	74o	64o	54o	44	43s	42s
A3o	K3o	Q3o	J3o	T3o	93o	83o	73o	63o	53o	43o	33	32s
A2o	K2o	Q2o	J2o	T2o	92o	82o	72o	62o	52o	42o	32o	22

### CHECK RAISE FOR VALUE OVER PAIRS

### TOP PAIR BEST KICKERS

### TWO PAIR+ WHEN UNBLOCKING

### VALUE STRATEGY

OUR GOAL WITH OUR VALUE IS TO BUILD A LARGE POT, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE DEEP STACKED WITH PREMIUMS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO UNBLOCK WHAT OUR OPPONENT CAN CALL WITH. THIS MAKES OVER PAIRS, BOTTOM SETS, AND 2 PAIR ON WET BOARDS GREAT CHECK RAISES.

BUT WHY ARE WE CHECK RAISING TOP PAIR WITH OUR BEST KICKERS? WELL MOST BOARDS WE CAN FIND LOTS OF BLUFFS, SO WE NEED LOTS OF VALUE TO BE BALANCED. WE CAN'T USE ALL OUR PAIRS, SO WHICH PAIRS DO WE USE. WELL THE PAIRS WE JUST CALL WITH BECOME BLUFF CATCHERS, AND THOSE HANDS DON'T NEED GREAT KICKERS, WERE JUST TRYING TO BEAT THEIR BLUFFS. SO THE BEST HANDS TO CHECK RAISE FOR VALUE BECOME OUR BEST KICKERS, WHICH CAN GET VALUE THE TIMES THEY HAVE A WORSE KICKER WITH TOP PAIR.

### CHECK RAISE FOR BLUFF LOWEST FLUSH DRAWS

### OVERS WITH BACKDOORS

### COMBO BACKDOORS

Jh8h	35.69%	RAISE 98	0.00%	Jc8c	0.00%	RAISE 98	Jd8d	0.00%	RAISE 98	Js8s	53.14%	RAISE 98
	26.47%	RAISE 55	0.10%		0.10%	RAISE 55		0.10%	RAISE 55		22.23%	RAISE 55
	37.85%	CALL	5.97%		5.97%	CALL		5.97%	CALL		24.63%	CALL
	0.00%	FOLD	93.93%		93.93%	FOLD		93.93%	FOLD		0.00%	FOLD

### STRAIGHT DRAWS W/ AN OVER

### BLUFF STRATEGY

WE WANT TO USE OUR BEST EQUITY DRAWS WHICH IS SURPRISINGLY INTUITIVE WITH A FEW QUIRKS. FIRST WE KEEP OUR BEST FLUSH DRAWS IN CHECK BACK BECAUSE OF SHOW DOWN VALUE. SECOND WE PREFER OUR STRAIGHT DRAWS WITH AT LEAST ONE OVER IN CASE WERE UP AGAINST TOP PAIR.

LASLTLY WE WANT TO FIND THESE SNEAKY CHECK RAISES WITH BACK DOOR FLUSH AND STRAIGHT, OR OVERS TO THE BOARD.

### CHECK CALL RANGE UNDERPAIRS

99	98s	97s	96s	95s	94s
98o	88	87s	86s	85s	84s
97o	87o	77	76s	75s	74s
96o	86o	76o	66	65s	64s
95o	85o	75o	65o	55	54s

### ACE HIGHS

### TOP PAIR WEAK KICKERS

### OUR CHECK CALLS

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE PLAYER POPULATION TENDS TO OVER PROBE WHEN THE PLAYER WITH THE LEAD CHECKS, THEY BET RANGE AND DON'T THINK MUCH ABOUT CHECKING BACK. AS SUCH IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO STILL HAVE SOME STRONG HANDS IN OUR CHECK CALLING RANGE.

ANYTIME WE BLUFF CATCH WE WANT TO BEAT OUR OPPONENTS BLUFFS, WHICH ON THE FLOP CONSIST OF AIR, AND DRAWS. AS SUCH ALL OF OUR WEAKER PAIRS ARE GREAT AS CALLS BECAUSE THEY BEAT THAT RANGE. OUR ACE HIGHS WILL ALSO OFTEN TIMES BEAT AIR, AS WELL AS HAVE AN OVER TO THE BOARD IF WE ARE WRONG.

LASTLY YOU WILL SEE RANDOM SITUATIONS WHERE WE HAVE SUPER NUTTED HANDS THAT BLOCK THE BOARD LIKE TOP SET OR TOP TWO PAIR IN OUR CALLING RANGE, THOSE HANDS STRUGGLE TO GET VALUE, AND CAN CALL 3 STREETS.

### THE STRENGTH OF CHECKING OUT OF POSITION

MOST OUT OF POSITION CBET CHARTS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE ABOVE, WHERE WE ARE LARGELY BETTING RANGE AT A PARTIAL FREQUENCY. THERE ARE A FEW REASONS FOR THIS. WHEN OUR OPPONENTS DON'T 3-BET THEY HAVE CAPPED RANGES, HOWEVER THEY HAVE POSITION ON US. BECAUSE WE ARE UNCAPPED AND HAVE RANGE ADVANTAGE WE WANT TO BET MOST OF OUR RANGE, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE POSITIONAL DISADVANTAGE WE DON'T WANT TO BET 100% OF THE TIME, SO WE BET ALL OF OUR RANGE A SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME.

ONE THING WE CAN DO TO SIMPLIFY OUR OOP STRATEGY AND GIVE OUR OPPONENT FITS, IS TO START CHECKING MOST OF OUR RANGE OUT OF POSITION WHEN WE ARE GOING FOR CHECK RAISE AS OUR MAIN MOVE AND WHEN OUR OPPONENTS CHECK BACK WE HAMMER THEM BECAUSE THEIR CHECK BACK MAKES THEM INCREDIBLY WEAK.

THIS HEURISTIC FOCUSES ON THE CHECK RAISE PORTION OF THE STRATEGY. MANY GOOD PLAYERS HAVE DEVELOPED A ROBUST CHECK RAISE STRATEGY FROM THE BLINDS, BUT FAIL TO IMPLEMENT A CHECK RAISE STRATEGY FROM OUT OF POSITION VS IN POSITION CALLS. SO LETS EXPLORE HOW TO CHECK OOP WITH THE LEAD THEN RAISE!