

Poker – Beware Of Bad Beats!

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The game of poker has a bad reputation, and when one sees what happens at the tables, that is hardly surprising. Every poker enthusiast has at least one bad beat story to tell, and they don't come any badder than the three shown here. First though what is a bad beat? Strictly speaking it is a hand in which you are a monster favourite but are badly outdrawn, although if say you flop quad aces at hold 'em, and another player makes quad kings behind you, no one would take issue with his claim to have suffered a bad beat.



Matt Affleck loses heads up with pocket aces

The first of our hands was played live at the World Series in July 2010; the other two are much more recent. In the live game, Matt Affleck has pocket aces while his opponent has pocket jacks. Jacks are generally regarded as a difficult hand to play, but heads up, aces are around 4-1 favourite against a smaller pair.

Here there was action before the flop; both players overplayed their hands, but Affleck was still ahead after the turn. And was gutted by the river card, which made his opponent a straight, busting Affleck out of the tournament. Don't feel too sorry for him though, because he won around half a million dollars for finishing in 15th place!



Quad 6s river jacks in a high stakes cash game

The next hand is from an on-line game on the world's biggest poker site, and sees jacks lose this time; he and the other player had both flopped sets. If you flop a set at hold 'em you are probably ahead, the important word here being probably. Clearly, the guy with the 6s thought he would pick up a nice pot in this high stakes cash game – yes, that really is \$2,710 in the pot. No doubt his heart sank when his opponent showed a set of jacks. Guess whose heart sank next?



A miracle runner runner beats quad 8s

Finally, from high stakes cash to micro-stakes tournaments; this 7 card stud hand was played on Betfair in the small hours of Sunday, June 14. The guy with the 8s was rolled up, and after 5th street, his opponent needed a miracle. Who says miracles don't happen? The final screengrab shows where this player finished in the tournament. He won't be giving up the day job just yet.

Tournament: 853939009 - €100 Gtd 7-STUD lobby

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€100 Gtd 7-STUD 2015-06-14 02:28:10 WET

In Progress | Limit 7 Card Stud | Running for 2:43 hours

Buy-in: €1.82 + €0.18 or Tournament Tokens

Prize Info		Details		Levels	Description	Stats
Current prize pool:	€123.76	Your finishing place is:		3		
Current places paid:	10	Remaining players:		2 on 1 tables		
Total buy-ins:	€123.76(68)	Min. Stack:		62,019		
Total add-ons:	N/A	Average Stack:		68,000		
1st	€39.02	Max. Stack:		73,981		
2nd	€25.37	Total chips in Play:		136,000		
3rd	€17.32	Current level:		Stakes 4,000/8,000 Ante 500		
4th	€12.99	Next level:		in 06 min 45 sec Stakes 6,000/12,000 Ante 800		
		Next break:		in 27 min 00 sec		
		Break Duration:		05 min 00 sec		

Payout Structure

Open Tables				Table Data	
Table	Plrs	Largest Stack	Smallest Stack	Nickname	Current Chips #
854409237	2	73,981	62,019	BabyJeezus	73,981
				zemcovi4	62,019

#	Nickname	Chips
1.	BabyJeezus	73,981
2.	zemcovi4	62,019
3.	ncropa	€17.32
4.	billhenry	€12.99
5.	Menmaatra	€9.28
6.	JacktheBear100	€6.18
7.	dockell	€3.71
8.	dimanvsc1994	€3.71
9.	ruiyan	€3.09
10.	Murci3lago	€3.09
11.	333armagedon	€0
12.	BigBobbynu1	€0
13.	andreidbz	€0
14.	AstraPower	€0
15.	JESSALL1997	€0
16.	33almighty	€0
17.	razzmeerkat	€0
18.	colnelmortimer	€0
19.	melana234	€0
20.	TheChininoFuji	€0
21.	galaji	€0
21.	elainedream	€0
22.	MacMurphy74	€0
23.	ih4799	€0

The player who won that hand finished third in the tournament

If you want to try your hand at poker, you might give **PokerStars** or **Betfair** a try where you will have a good chance of making a small fortune. But only if you start with a large one!

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