
Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by Whalewager - 2007/10/23 10:03

Do you guys think it's important to pay attention to every single hand , even those you fold out pre-flop in?? Do you think it affects your game for better or for worse if you do or don't pay attention.

I know there have been times when I drift off and start reading the forums, or check my email or a game on TV I have money when I probably should be watching for other peoples betting patterns

But, it's hard not to do in a long MTT

Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by 4TexasHoldem - 2007/10/23 12:53

I think it is important to pay attention to hands that you are not involved in, but it can also be hard. It is especially hard when playing online (or even playing multiple tables at once). You can't really get a feeling about your opponents' playing style and find their weaknesses if you don't pay attention to hands you are not involved in. For example, you may find that one of your opponents always raises a flush draw on the flop etc.

I personally find it is easier to pay attention when playing live games because (i) there are less distractions and (ii) I enjoy looking for 'tells' which you don't get playing online.

Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by shay - 2007/11/13 22:54

I agree with 4texasholdem. I pay attention to all the hands, even if I'm not in them. Not just to scope out the other players, but to see if I could have won. Since I am a beginner, it helps to watch and learn what hands could win.

Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by tater03 - 2007/11/25 14:45

I find it harder to do when playing online but yes I think it is a good idea to pay attention. You tend to learn more on how the other players play if you are paying attention and you would be surprised on what you can learn.

Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by Slinky - 2007/12/05 14:29

I like to pay attention to the other players and try and guess what their two hold cards are. In this manner you can link the cards with the players physical tells, after the fact.

Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by tater03 - 2008/01/24 16:39

That is if they show you their cards. I can see how this would help.

Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by 73hunter92 - 2008/01/25 13:09

I like to pay attention to all hands also. I'll watch every hand and try not to miss any if possible if playing live. It definitely helps me get acquainted with each players style of play and I also try to figure out what each player could be holding. I think if anything it's really good practice on reading your opponents. As far as online poker goes I really have a hard time watching every hand.

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Re:Paying attention to hands you are not in??

Posted by tater03 - 2008/01/26 14:51

I have not played a lot of online poker but I would imagine it would be a lot harder to do and if you ask me somewhat boring.

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