

## **Secrets of Professional Tournament Poker, Volume 1**

Some months ago I decided to read something that could step up my game, so I asked my friend André Coimbra (Pokerstars Online Team) if he could recommend me something, to what he suggested the “**Secrets of Professional Tournament Poker, Volume 1**”. Put simple, I capitalized its price 4 times winning a 1000+ players Hold'em tourney.

### **This is not a book**

The first thing one has to be sure of is that “**Secrets of Professional Tournament Poker, Volume 1**” isn't a book at all, it's an instruction manual, as it covers EVERYTHING a *fish* has to learn in order to progress. Instead of the same old fixtures, the author wrote it taking on the point of view of any aspiring good player: what is REALLY important for me to know in order to succeed? That means it is written with simple but at the same time professional terms, which will help you master not only the game play but the terminology involved. UTG, BB, FLOP, RAINBOW... are all conveniently explained. This means you cannot just browse it here and there, like reading a novel: you have to read it chapter by chapter, and follow PRECISELY what the book tells you to in order to succeed. Then, you will be re-reading several chapters every day in between practice, until you sit at a table and don't have to read it anymore, as the manual and you have become one and you will no longer need to think what to do in situation A, B or C, as it became as natural as breathing.

### **Why is it so player friendly?**

Meet poker extraordinaire Jonathan Little, the author of this manual, and that even though it may not strike you at first like Negreanu, Dwan, Ivey or Brunson would, it later on will when you find out about his 2 WSOP bracelets and his US \$5+ million earnings. Instead of writing about how good he is (and make no mistake: he in fact IS that good!), Little writes about how good YOU can be by turning complex and advanced ideas into simple language suited to beginners. He doesn't make statements, he asks you questions in the good old Socratic style to make you think and reach a conclusion, while at the same time he debunks urban myths that lead new players to do classic mistakes. Add all this to the fact that every single word was written by Jonathan himself and it's like having full time coaching by one of the game's greatest, when and wherever you want... for such a low, one time investment.

### **Contents**

This manual explains you everything you need to know about Texas Hold'em Poker, from SNGs to MTTs, cash games, tells, equity and odds just to name a few concepts, be it online or *brick and mortar* (term used for real life playing, in casinos, etc). All the fundamentals that a new player needs to grasp are here, and each comes with a colorful example that will leave you chomping at the bit for the next. Want to understand better the importance of table positioning? No problem! What about the differences between short and deep stacks? It's also here! Are you looking for enlightenment about tells and inverse tells? Sure! In fact, what distinguishes this work from every book that I have

read so far (and believe me, I think that from Slansky to Brunson I haven't missed any relevant one to my knowledge) is that it not only tells you the rules but it also displays hand ranges and what to do with each hand according to your position or situation at a table, thus making it unique and the number 1 choice for every upcoming serious player. I can compare it to Gus Hansen's *Every Hand Revealed*, just to make myself clear: it's a decent book, written according to Gus' style, but in my humble opinion it wanders a lot about hands and stacks and how would Gus play it, thus orienting his book to more advanced and super aggressive loose players, and then not providing you the overall needed insight, that *gut feeling* allied to heart and brains that Jonathan's so prolific about. In a nutshell, the only reason to purchase this manual is the wish to become talented. Come to think of it, it's the only reason you'll ever need.