

Bonus Hand 2: JB Runs Away and Hides in a Cupboard

It's Zoom NL50 and JB is BB with $K\heartsuit K\spadesuit$. MP, on whom he has no reads or stats, raises to \$1.50. JB 3bets to \$5, MP calls and they go HU to the flop 280bb deep.

The flop is $4\heartsuit 6\diamondsuit 7\heartsuit$. JB bets \$5.50 into \$10.25, MP raises to \$13.25 and JB calls.

The turn is $7\clubsuit$, and JB check/folds after MP bets \$21 into \$36.75.

JB: If you've read the book, you'll know that I'm very unhappy playing out of position, especially when the stacks are deep. Although my PMP level had reached critical when he raised the flop, I called with the intention of running away and crying in a cupboard if he bet the turn. Maybe I should have been man enough to check/call him down, but as it was, my inner little girl took over.

At least I had a plan.

TT: That's a nice plan, but here's a better one: analyse what sort of player he is, look at his stats, play the board texture. *I don't have any stats* is not an excuse, there is always information. You should sit down and do some serious analysis. 85s is not in his range, so it's 67 (unlikely combo wise), 66, 77 (1 combo only) and 44 that you lose to. What was the timing of his bets? 67 and 77 won't bet fast and most likely will take a few seconds and then bet even smaller.

Any more thoughts on this hand or are you happy with your plan of crying in a cupboard?

Board: $4\heartsuit 6\diamondsuit 7\heartsuit 7\clubsuit$

	Equity	Win	Tie
MP2	28.39%	27.37%	1.02% { KK-TT, 88-44, T9s, 98s, 87s, 76s }
BB	71.61%	70.59%	1.02% { KdKc }

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	Equity	Win	Tie
MP2	36.12%	34.77%	1.35% { KK-QQ, 88-44, T9s, 98s, 87s, 76s }
BB	63.88%	62.53%	1.35% { KdKc }

JB: It seems pretty sensitive to how many overpairs I think he bets the turn with, but I still feel happier folding on the flop. It saves me making a big mistake, and there are bigger edges to be had elsewhere at NL50. It's not that aggressive a game, and I suspect that not all of the draws that I put in his range will bet the turn. Maybe they would on NL200+?

TT: If you put in 78, you also need to add 45 and 56. So far you only gave him a value range. Doesn't he sometimes raise $J\heartsuit T\heartsuit$ on the flop, for fold equity and backdoors? What about $A\heartsuit J\heartsuit$? What was his timing on the turn?

JB: He might raise J♥T♥ or A♦J♦ on the flop, but maybe he doesn't bet those on the turn? He bet the turn quite fast.

Board: 4♠ 6♦ 7♥ 7♣

	Equity	Win	Tie	
MP2	32.88%	31.77%	1.11%	{ KK-QQ, 88-44, T9s, 98s, 87s, 76s, 65s, 54s, AdJd, JhTh }
BB	67.12%	66.01%	1.11%	{ KdKc }

I suppose I shouldn't really fold, but we were so deep. It's scary outside the cupboard.

TT: It's not so deep. Even against a very strong range you are still clearly priced in. Also I don't think 67, 66, 77 would bet quickly on the turn. It's a spot where he clearly has the nuts and needs to think about your range (mostly overpairs) and how much he has to bet in order to get you all in by the river. The 7 on the turn is one of the best cards in the deck for you, and yet you still folded. If that's your preferred line, you should fold on the flop, but I would prefer you to call the flop, call the turn and then make a smart river decision using all the information you can gather.

JB: Next time I'll fold the flop. When I grow up, I'll play it the TT way.