

Phil Ivey

Phil Ivey is one of the younger poker stars, but despite his tender age has had tremendous success throughout his career.

Known as the 'Tiger Woods of Poker', One particular skill he is known for is his ability to play a 7-2 off suit, officially the worst hand in poker as though he were holding a pair of Aces!

From his early days playing penny-ante five card stud against his Grandfather (who used to cheat so as to warn him of the dangers of gambling) he always dreamed of being a professional player. Born in New Jersey, he obtained a fake ID at the age of 18 so he could play in Atlantic City. The fairly hefty losses he suffered at first left him undeterred and at 20 he moved to Atlantic City permanently in order to continue improving his game.

He made quite an impression at the WSOP in 2000 when he made it onto 2 final tables and managed to take home a bracelet from the \$2,500 pot limit Omaha tournament. Pushing onwards and upwards over the next few years saw him quickly become a feared poker player on the circuit. The year of 2002 was particularly successful at the WSOP where he won 3 bracelets; Seven-Card Stud, Stud Hi/Lo, and SHOE (a game featuring Stud, Hold 'em, Omaha, and Stud Hi/Lo). Winning in SHOE particularly showcased Phil Ivey's exceptional abilities at all poker games.

A cool, yet extremely aggressive player, in 2005 Phil Ivey won his 5th WSOP bracelet playing in a \$5,000 pot-limit Omaha tournament. Phil has also won the Monte Carlo Millions tournament and The FullTiltPoker.Net Invitational Live from Monte Carlo. He has never managed to win the World Poker Tour main event however, despite several final table appearances.

He now lives in Las Vegas with his high-school sweetheart wife and can be regularly seen playing \$4,000/\$8,000 games in the Bellagio with the likes of Doyle Brunson, Chip Reese, Jennifer Harman and other big names in poker.

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