BEAT THE PRO... AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME

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Advanced Poker Training's 'Beat the Pro' Challenges are revolutionary. It's like getting hours of private lessons from multimillion-dollar pros for less than \$20 a month.



Clockwise, from top left: Scott "Big Riskky" Clements, Lauren Kling, "Titan" Tom Braband and Mike Caro are part of a formidable lineup of coaches featured in AdvancedPokerTraining.com's new "Beat the Pro" Challenges.

Hand-by-hand feedback from milliondollar winning poker pros always has been a pricey proposition, often at hundreds of dollars per hour. And that's assuming you can even get on these globetrotters' busy schedules.

That is, until now.

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(AdvancedPokerTraining.com) new "Beat the Pro" Challenge virtual private coaching connects you to a growing list of legends and upcoming stars and puts their knowledge to work for you. It's a fantastic complement to Advanced Poker Training's already outstanding web-based training software.

Scott "Big Riskky" Clements, a twotime WSOP bracelet winner and two-time WPT champ with nearly \$6 million in documented winnings, recently completed his first Challenge for Advanced Poker Training: playing the short stack near the bubble in a multi-table tournament. Clearly, that's an area of interest to tournament players of all levels. Other featured pros include the legendary Mike Caro, up-and-coming superstar Lauren Kling, recent winner of the WPT National Johannesburg Ladies Championship, and outstanding poker coach "Titan" Tom Braband.

Each "Beat the Pro" Challenge covers a very specific topic—usually a trouble spot for most players—and features a handson lesson from a pro. The lesson takes the form of a three- to five-minute video with PowerPoint slides, in which the pro discusses the challenge and the difficulties a player might face, along with some general tips.

After watching the intro video, the software deals you 20 hands related to the Challenge that present you with a variety of situations and learning opportunities. Once you've played your hands, you'll watch the pro play the exact same 20 hands.

What makes this a great learning tool is that this is true "duplicate poker." All opponents, cards and the board are identical. Since the opponents are computerized, if you play exactly the same as the pro, the results will be identical.

The next step is what separates Advanced Poker Training from all other poker-training sites. After watching the pro play the hands, you watch a replay that simultaneously shows your action and the pro's action, while listening to the pro explain his or her thought process throughout the hands. What makes this so much different from other video training sites is that you get to play the hands first. There's no guessing, "What would I have done?" It's a quick way to root out potential leaks in your game, and tap into the minds of those million-dollar pros while you're at it. "Beat the Pro" Challenges generally focus on full-ring games, but there are also challenges specific to six-max and multitable tournaments. Members have access to more than 10 challenges, including Mike Caro playing middle-suited connectors, Tom Braband playing pocket jacks, and Lauren Kling playing from the button in six-max. In time, the library of Challenges will grow, and so will your ability to manage them with confidence.

Advanced Poker Training also lets you post comments, and your hands, to a forum and learn from other forum members and APT staff.

There's also a great element of fun to these Challenges: the results. This part of the Challenge is strictly for fun because it involves such a small number of hands. But you see your ranking among other players who took the identical Challenge, and how you performed against the pro. Bragging rights, maybe?

So can you put a hurting on Scott Clements? Mike Caro? Lauren Kling? In the end it doesn't matter, because just taking a "Beat the Pro" Challenge against them at AdvancedPokerTraining.com will give you huge insights into their way of thinking about the game. It's the closest thing to private lessons you'll ever get, without breaking the bank. And it's just another way that Advanced Poker Training has advanced poker training once again.