

STUD5

STUD5 is a BASIC program that serves as your opponent(s) in a five card stud poker game. The program's algorithms have been designed to cause your opponents to bet, raise, call, or drop according to their predetermined style of play based on the advice of poker experts. An opponent may bluff when you least expect it. Each opponent learns, as the session progresses, which of the others (including you) are bluffers and which are tight players. As a consequence of this learning process, betting strategies are modified.

The program operates in two modes. In the first, you play against six opponents whose styles of play are randomly set by the computer. Alternatively, you may change the presets and designate one to six opponents by name and style of play.

At each point where you are to make your play, the word DECISION will appear in the lower right hand corner of the screen. You may

D	Drop
X	Check (if appropriate)
C	Call (if appropriate)
O	Open (if appropriate)
R	Raise (if appropriate)

by typing the letter shown. ENTER is not required. If you call, the word AMOUNT will appear along with the required bet. If you open or raise, the word AMOUNT? will appear, prompting you to input the size of your wager (either \$2 or \$4).

The computer will keep track of the money in the pot and your winnings or losses. You may measure your success by the size of your winnings (or losses) after a number of deals. Each time you play against the preset opponents, the game will be different because of the random selection of player style and card shuffling.

It is assumed that you are familiar with the rules of five card stud. If not, read any of the popular poker books available at your local bookstore.

The cassette contains two copies of STUD5 which may be loaded using CLOAD. Loading is guaranteed. Should you have any difficulty loading, return the cassette for replacement.

Any comments you may have regarding STUD5 would be greatly appreciated.

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