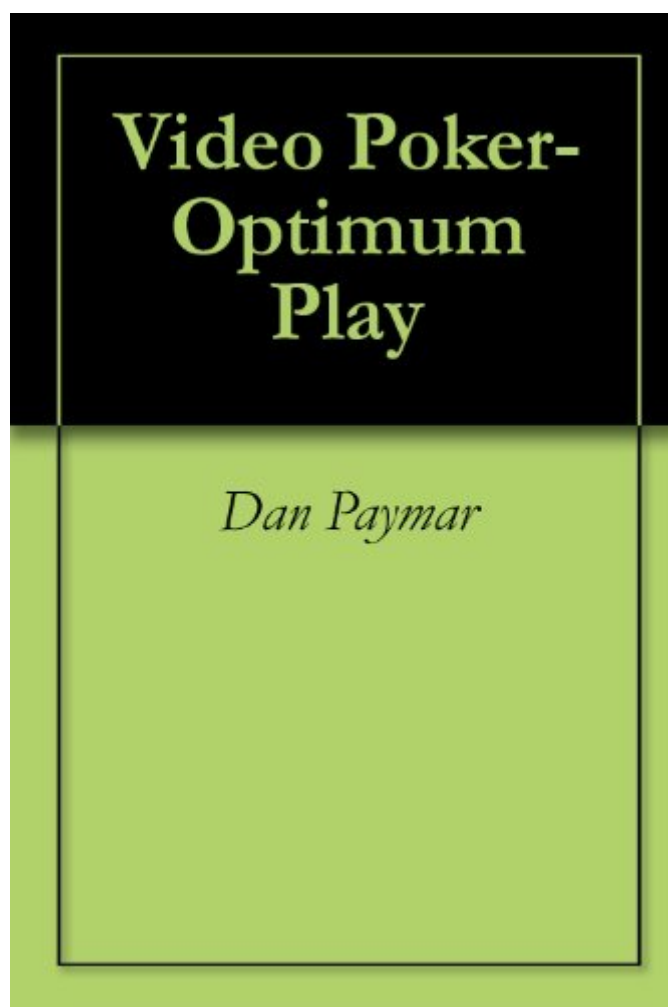


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# Video Poker-Optimum Play



## Synopsis

A major expansion of Dans Video Poker Precision Play which it replaces. A guide to video poker machines and the strategies necessary to beat them. Concentrates on Jacks-or-Better, Deuces Wild, Jokers Wild, and variations. Aimed at the recreational player who wants to become a serious or semi-pro player. Strategies are concise and easy to learn.

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## Customer Reviews

Paymar's book outlines an excellent approach to learning VP for the beginner. The optimum play strategies he uses yield close to perfect results with relatively little effort. The book is straightforward, yet also includes enough tables to serve as a useful resource once you learn the rudiments. I agree with the reader who stated that lack of a double bonus strategy is a weakness, but one can learn that fairly easily after the Jacks or Better strategy is mastered. Overall, the finest VP book for the beginner ever written.

Video Poker - Optimum Play covers everything you need to know about the best game to play in a casino. Dan Paymar covers basic strategy for Jacks-or-Better, Deuces Wild and Joker Poker, and includes quizzes for each of these games that will test your knowledge. If you think that you know Video Poker (VP), try taking these quizzes before reading the book. You may be very surprised by

your score! The book also contains several tables which give the expected value (EV) for each pre-draw hand for the three games listed above, as well other tables that provide the probability of hitting a royal flush in the different games (or the four deuce mini-jackpot in Deuces Wild) before your bankroll runs out. If you want to count on luck alone, don't look at these tables. However, if you want to use all the knowledge available to the pros in your recreational play then this book is for you. The only shortcoming of this book is that it does not cover optimal play rules for Double Bonus Poker, even though this is one of the games the book recommends because of the over 100% possible payback. Given that full-pay Joker Poker machines are becoming scarce, it would be better to spend more of the book on this widely available alternative. If you are going to use the strategy outlined in the book, it would be worthwhile to invest in the pocket sized strategy cards that Dan Paymar has developed. Good luck, and draw a Royal for me!

I purchased this book because I saw a TV show that said "Video poker can be beat". I found this hard to believe but it is apparently true on some machines with perfect play. Ah, there is the rub. Along with the book I bought a computer program that teaches you how to play and shows you each error you make. It isn't real hard to learn how to play perfectly but requires a person that can really keep focused for hours on end. Most folks with the intellect to learn this could make much more money doing something (anything ?) else but if you have to gamble this is your best shot. This book with Frugal Gambler and some real effort will make your Vegas trips more fun. I don't think Vegas casinos enjoy losing so I wonder how long this will last ?

Having the discipline to play video poker correctly depends to a large extent on understanding the "Expected Value" of hands. There is no magic to this, it is pure mathematics. Yet, until reading Paymar's book, I never REALLY understood it, probably because I'm pretty much a mathematical idiot. However, Paymar explains the concept in a clear, non-technical way while still conceding that NOBODY can play perfectly according to expected value. I went from just having blind faith in expected value to accepting it as fact. He goes on to provide sound strategies for virtually every form of video poker. I've been playing almost nothing but video poker in casinos for over a year (I've pretty much given up on slots) and, while I often came out ahead, I had never gotten a royal flush. A couple of months after reading this book, I hit one. Sure, luck was involved, but I credit this book with helping me maintain the discipline to play correctly.

Great coverage of probability and numbers behind the game. Easy to follow rules that are much

shorter than anything out there with very very very little dropoff in expected return. I highly recommend this book.

Playing video poker is far different from standard card based poker. This book explains what are the proper cards to hold and why. Do you draw ro an inside straight or hold a low pair. Read this book and you will know -- instead of just guessing.

The entire book was very well written. Excellently designed, from start to finish, this must be the most authoritative treatise on video poker so far. The language straightforward, more so the subjects covered. Everything you need to know about video poker, and more. I liked this book so much, I will be purchasing Dan Paymar's software as well! ... Plus strategy cards! Check him out on [...]

The book has really good information. The problem is that is painfully boring to slog through. I have noticed an improvement in my VP playing. I am playing longer and not losing as much still in search of that magical royal. It took me over 2 weeks to get through this book and it is only 200 pages.

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