

# Big Slick can be a big hand or big trouble, expert says

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The hand is ace-king, often called "Big Slick" in poker-speak and knowing how to play it will go a long way in your quest to becoming a successful player.

It's a great hand in limit or no-limit Texas Hold 'Em, and — whenever you look down at your hole cards and see it, the sirens should be going off in your head.

Of the top-tier starting hands you will be dealt Big Slick more often than any other.

On average it will show up once every 110 hands, while pocket aces or kings will come just once every 220.

Let's start with the good things that can happen, when you have hit either an ace or a king on the flop ... it doesn't really matter which one it is.

You hold top pair with the top kicker. This will give you the best hand most of the time without further improvement, and it provides the chance to cripple your opponents who may also feel they have the best of it.

There are many quality starting hands that are in a lot of trouble and in a dominated position against you: A-Q, A-J, K-Q, K-J, A-10, K-10 and any pocket pair from queens on down.

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These are hands with which your opponents may call a raise or even re-raise you, and if they do, they will be drawing to three outs or less unless a straight or flush draw comes into play. These hands will pay you off substantially.

It is important to note that Big Slick isn't a hand you want to get involved with against many opponents.

Against multiple limpers or early in position, it is important to bet or raise with this hand to get as many players out as possible, preflop.

Your goal should be to isolate an opponent, and if you do take the pot outright with your aggressive betting, consider it a success.

Always remember that Big Slick is a drawing hand, which means that you need to either the ace or king to pair it up and make it good unless you hit a dream nut straight or flush. You will win few pots with ace high.

If you miss the flop entirely with something like J-5-9, you are left helpless with what is now a weak hand.

It's time to throw the hand away if met with a lot of heat, because you are likely up against a pocket pair or that same player you had domi-

nated earlier with K-J or J-9. Or you could also be up against an opponent holding A-Q, who also missed the flop.

This is why even though it's risky, I love to fire one good bet into an opponent to see where I stand. If I'm called, I know I'm beat, but you can often win pots outright with this aggressive tactic.

Then there is the killer situation: running into pocket aces, kings or a set when you pair up your ace or king for top pair. You're going to lose money here. My best advice is to know your opponents, and if you think something is fishy with a lot of aggressive betting, dump it.

Remember that top pair will only win you the pot most of the time. It won't win it all of the time. Continue to be smart with your reads, and don't get married to it, despite the euphoria.

### The Lingo

**Kicker:** The second hole card not used to make a hand that could be used to break a tie via the higher card.

**Limpers:** Players who simply call the big blind, hoping to see a flop for the minimum price.

**Set:** Three of a kind.  
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If you have a poker question or a comment, email Chuck at: cblount-@express-new.net

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# Vice president accidentally shoots fellow hunter in Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot a 78-year-old hunting companion during a weekend quail hunting trip after the man went to retrieve a bird and Cheney failed to spot him.

Harry Whittington, an Austin attorney, was in stable condition late Sunday in the intensive care unit at a Corpus Christi hospital, where he was flown after the shooting late Saturday afternoon at the Armstrong Ranch.

The vice president visited with Whittington and his wife before returning to Washington on Sunday. Cheney "was pleased to see that he's doing fine and in good spirits," said Cheney spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride.

Whittington sent word through a hospital official that he would have no comment on the incident out of respect for Cheney.

Katharine Armstrong, the ranch's owner, told The Associated Press that the accident occurred after Cheney, Whittington and another hunter got out of a car to shoot at a covey of quail.

She said Whittington went to retrieve a bird he shot.

Cheney and the third hunter, whom she would not identify, walked to another spot and discovered a second covey of quail.

Whittington "came up from behind the vice president and the other hunter and didn't signal them or indicate to them or announce himself," said Armstrong, who was in the car.

"The vice president didn't see him," she said. "The covey flushed and the vice president picked out a bird and was following it and shot. And by god, Harry was in the line of fire and got peppered pretty good."

Armstrong said the shotgun pellets broke the skin.

"It knocked him silly. But he was fine. He was talking. His eyes were open. It didn't get in his eyes or anything like that," she said.

The accident was not reported publicly by the vice president's of-

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fice for nearly 24 hours, and then only after it was reported by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times on its Web site Sunday.

McBride said the vice president's office did not tell reporters about the accident Saturday because they were deferring to Armstrong to handle the announcement of what happened on her property.

Armstrong said everyone at the ranch was so "focused" on Whittington's health Saturday that it wasn't until Sunday she called the Caller-Times to report the accident. Her ranch is about 60 miles southwest of Corpus Christi.

Sally Whittington told The Dallas Morning News her father was being observed because of swelling from some of the welts on his neck. His face "looks like chicken pox, kind of," she said.

Emergency personnel traveling with Cheney tended to Whittington before he was taken first to a hospital in Kingsville and then transferred to Corpus Christi.

Whittington has been a private practice attorney in Austin since 1950 and has long been active in Texas Republican politics.

He's been appointed to several state boards, including when then-Gov. George W. Bush named him to the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

Armstrong said Cheney is a long-time friend who comes to the ranch to hunt about once a year and is "a very safe sportsman."

She said Whittington is a regular, too, but she thought it was the first time the two men hunted together.

The 50,000-acre Armstrong ranch has been in the influential

South Texas family since the turn of the last century.

Katharine is the daughter of Tobin Armstrong, a politically connected rancher who has been a guest at the White House and spent 48 years as director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

He died in October. Cheney was among the dignitaries who attended his funeral.

Cheney was legally hunting with a license he purchased in November, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman Steve Lightfoot said.

## Legal Notice

ALLISON MARTINEZ,  
Plaintiff,

vs. Case No. 06-CV-2

ROBERTO FLORES, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased,

Defendants.  
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KLBY/ABC 4 6	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		The Ellen DeGeneres Show	
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren. Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubies	Barney-Friends
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Game-night	Fast-break
USA 37	XX Olympic Winter Games Cont'd		Varied Programs									
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker
WGN 39	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs			
A&E 47	Classroom		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST 48	Varied Programs											
NICK 55	Oddpar-ents	Oddpar-ents	Sponge-bob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyar-digans	Dora the Explorer	Lazy-Town	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explor
DISN 56	Break-fast Bear	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Rolie Polie
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls		Step by Step	Full House	Full House
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wl News
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	XX Olympic Winter Games		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Zoom	Business
ESPN 28	Winter X-Games	Varied Programs					1st and 10	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn		Interruption	SportsCenter
USA 37	Varied Programs										Olympic Ice	
TBS 38	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN 39	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve
TNT 40	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed	
DSC 42	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		Varied Programs		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
A&E 47	Cold Case Files		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK 55	Go Diego	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Varied Programs				6teen	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Grown Up	Danny Phantom
DISN 56	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	Varied Programs				That's-Raven		Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL 60	Matlock	Varied	Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Family Ties	Family Ties	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Charlie Brown	Rodney (CC)	Commander In Chief Tricky Dicks		Boston Legal Smile (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Flavor Flav. (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 8	News	Wheel of Fortune	XX Olympic Winter Games From Turin, Italy. Figure skating; alpine skiing; speed skating; luge. (CC)			News Olympic Tonight Show						
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Price Is Right Spectacular	Dr. Phil Primetime Special		Love Monkey The One Who Got Away		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late		
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nova Jewel of the Earth (CC) (DVS)		Slavery and the Making of America		Frontline The rise of meth use in the U.S.		BBC World	Hard- ware	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN 28	College Basketball: Carolina. (Live) (CC)		Alabama at South		College Basketball: Iowa. (Live) (CC)		Michigan State at		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Game- night	Fast- break
USA 37	Law & Order: SVU		Westminster Kennel Square Garden in New York. (Live)		Club Dog Show: Closing Night At Madison				Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Movie: The Birdcage *** (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams. (CC)			
WGN 39	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker V-Day	America's Funnies Home Videos (CC)	
TNT 40	Law & Order Born Again (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Who Let the Dogs Out		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)		The Closer Batter Up (CC)		Cold Case Greed (CC)		The X-Files Tempus Fugit (Part 1 of 2)	
DSC 42	Dirty Jobs Vexcon (CC)		MythBusters Buried in Concrete (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chick Sexer (CC)		Stunt Junkies	Survi- vorman	Deadliest Catch Dead of Winter (CC)		MythBusters Buried in Concrete (CC)	
A&E 47	Cold Case Files (CC)		The Dark Side of Parole (CC)		Dog the Bounty Hunter (N) (CC)		Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Crossing Jordan Deja Past (CC)		The Dark Side of Parole (CC)	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels DVD; CD; HDTV.		St. Valentine's Day Massacre Mobsters are killed in Chicago. (CC)		Modern Marvels Candy (N) (CC)		Modern Marvels Snack Food Tech 2		Modern Marvels Snack Food Tech 2		St. Valentine's Day Massacre (CC)	
NICK 55	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Ned's School	Full House	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN 56	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: My Date With the President's Daughter ★½ (1998) Dabney Coleman.				Ameri- can Drgn	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM 58	Smallville Truth (CC)		Movie: Ghost ★★★ (1990, Fantasy) A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancée. Patrick Swayze.				Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL 60	Walker, Texas Ranger Faith (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger Golden Boy		Movie: The Outsider ★½ (2002, Romance) Tim Daly, Naomi Watts. (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)