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Badugi Rules A Step by Step Guide

In this hand two players are heads-up in a game of

limit Badugi. This means all betting is in pre-agreed, fixe

d units.

1. The Deal

Players

place the big and small blinds, and each player receives fo

ur hole cards. The first

betting round follows, as players must call the big blind.

Player 1 has two hearts, so

at the moment their hand is a three-card nine-high. They complete the

big blind and

their opponent checks.

2. The First Draw

Player 1 is trying to make a Badugi

four-card hand of different suits and ranks so discards t

heir higher heart (the 5)

in an attempt to draw a better replacement. They manage to draw a

8068; diamond for four

different suits, but unfortunately for them they have also paired thei

r 9. Their

opponent also draws one card, and another betting round fol

lows. Both players check.

3.

The Second Draw

Player 1 needs to discard their second 9, and draws a 7. Low

er cards

are great, but this one happens to also be a club for two clubs in

28068; the hand. Their

opponent draws one card again. Another betting round follows, and both

players check

again.

4. The Third Draw

Player 1 keeps the lower club and discards the 9, drawing th

e

King of diamonds. This means they now have a Badugi

d of four cards of different

ranks and suits even though with a King-high it is far fr

om the best Badugi hand

possible. Player 2 draws one card, and the final betting round takes p

lace. Player 2

checks, Player 1 bets and Player 2 calls.

We can see that Player 2 has a decent

three-card hand of A-4-8, but Player 1 wins the pot because

any four-card hand beats

any three-card hand.