

# bet soccer top

Celestial Poker / Sviten Special

Introduction

This Poker variant is a cross between

Five-card Draw and Omaha. Players are dealt five cards

, and there are five face

up shared cards on the table. After the first three shared cards (know) Tj T\* BT /F

have been dealt, players can discard some of their hand cards and obta

in replacements.

The pot is split between the best five-card hand and the be

st Omaha hand. This mixture

of games guarantees action and is normally played quite agg

ressively.

As reported by

Jonas Uebel, this game has become very popular in the Nordic countries

under the name

Sviten Special, and is widely believed to have originated i

n 2004 in Anders Bengtsson's

legendary Sviten poker club in Stockholm, as described for

example on this festival

page. However I am told by Sebastien that an identical game was p

layed in French Canada

in the 1980's where it was known as Celestial Poker (or in French,) Tj T\* BT .

's festival page' article also mentions that a simila

r game is played in the USA under

the rather clumsy name 'Drawmaha'. It may well be t

hat over the course of a quarter

century or more this same idea has arisen independently in several

widely separated

places.

Players, Cards and Stakes

A standard international 52-card deck is used. The

optimum number of players is 5 or 6. It is possible for up

to 9 to play, but then you

often have to recycle cards discarded by the earlier player

s to be drawn by

others.

Players agree the size of the small and big blinds, and the betting

limits.

Sviten Special is preferably, and in its original format, played as po

t limit.

Deal and

Betting

As in any form of poker, the cards are shuffled and cut. The

structure when it

comes to blinds, order of betting and the way the communal