

## **Running A Rack--Just Do It**

Often times, we hold back in the game of eight ball because we think we will end up with no finishing shot and our opponent will have a clear chance to win the game. It is this holding back that gets us behind the eight ball, or snookered behind another ball. Study yourself and determine how many times you missed a good chance to run out.

One time I left a road map for my opponent. Yet I felt he could not run out. His game was strong, he was a great shooter. But I knew he couldn't run out because he was not committed to an aggressive performance. He was rolling everything in. Not taking any chances of a miss. With that inner reservation, he would be hard pressed to turn in a winning performance. He was playing not to lose.

Sometimes we have to go for it. We need to focus on winning. Go for the chance to win. Take a shot at it. If you take enough shots, you will score.

The game of eight ball has many snares. Players half your speed can win a game of eight ball, or even a match.

The game has funny rolls. that is why it is best to be aggressive. And once you decide to be aggressive, you must demonstrate this action at every chance you get. If you hold back, you reinforce timid ness. If you go for it, you reinforce aggression. When you get into a match, take it to him. Let him have it with both barrels.

This is not an easy thing to do. There will be times when your aggressive shots cost you the game. You could have played safe and had a better chance to win from there. When you play safe, you take away the skill that is going to serve you well. This will have an effect all the games that follow.

Weather you win or lose, if your turn at the table is well spent, you will count it a personal gain. That's the important thing.

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