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# Sports handicappers worth cost if you win more

LAS VEGAS, NV – It is yet to be determined the relationship between DFS and gambling, but business is booming for both. Both share the thrill of risking money, both face legal challenges, and for both, opinions are everywhere. “Exactly,” says Milos Schitzwoloch, a sports gambler. “It’s white noise. To cut through the muck and get expert advice you have to pay an expert.”



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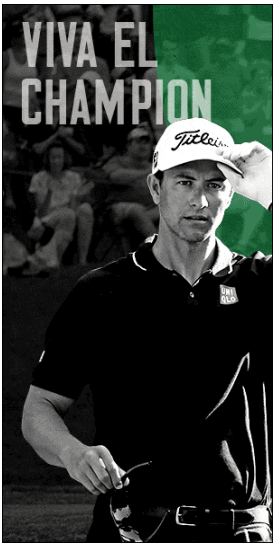


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For an increasing number of players, good advice is crucial enough to pay for. In this article, we explore the growing demand for sports handicappers and whether it is a good idea for players to pay for advice.

Schitzwoloch says he was ripped off in the past. Monica Brewer, a consultant to the gaming industry with a master’s degree in Gaming Management from UNLV, warns: “There are lots of bad people out there who take advantage of vulnerable gamblers. There are a few ways to win and a million ways to lose.” Jason Shore from Gamblers Anonymous (<http://gamblersanonymous.org>) states, “The far majority of sports handicappers are not legitimate. But even the legitimate ones are still part of the problem.”

Damien Gray, a veteran fantasy sports player, said: “Most top players use good sports handicappers. If you worry about scamdicappers you are probably too naïve to be playing at this level in the first place.”



Professional handicappers are the elite in the sports gambling world, amassing large followings and resembling mini-celebrities. Predicting tomorrow’s action is valuable if the advice holds up.

We met J. V. Miller, a popular handicapper in Las Vegas, who said: “Those men with good reputations and qualifications will earn the business.” Miller is quick to clear up common misperceptions, leaving a sense that he frustratingly deals with the topics every day. Miller says professional gamblers win between 53% and 55%, and to double their money annually win 54.1%. Miller does not handicap fantasy sports, calling it “trick math.” Miller was in a slump but claims to win 55.5%. A review of Miller’s digital record turns up that Miller engages in a bit of trick math himself. USA Today can confirm that Miller’s record is still better than most, covering the point spread 54.7%, going back to November, 2013.

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