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Naturally we have all heard of ladies night, but it would seem that the poker championship playing field of 2010 may well be shaping up as a ladies year. For starters, the NBC Heads Up Championship spot was taken home by Annie Duke who may have been inspired by her fellow heroine Vanessa Rousos runner-up finish the year before. Early April saw Liv Boeree take it all in the EPT San Remo which featured the largest EPT main-event field in all of the competitions history; and last but certainly not least, Vanessa Selbst did some serious damage to the competition at the NAPT Mohegan Sun, walking away with \$750,000 in prize money. 2010 is definitely seeing the women take the lead early on, and as we get closer to mid-year you might wonder if the boys will ever be able to catch up.

So what is behind these ladies taking the cake? For Selbst it could be her luck, it could be chance, or it could be the remarkable academic background that draws her to the table. It was during 2007 that Selbst first came onto the scene where she managed to finish 3rd in the heads-up championship of the World Series of Poker. Just one year later she picked up her first bracelet in a pot-limit Omaha event and then unexpectedly to most, virtually disappeared from the scene. Holiday to a tropical island? Perhaps a year off to work hard at her game? Not a chance, Selbst took off and hit the books.

Selbst made the decision that poker was losing the fun a bit and she missed the intellectual stimulation of school. Selbst returned to Yale, (where she already held one degree and a subsequent Fulbright scholarship) to pursue a degree in law as a human rights lawyer. If you think about it, this career choice skilled poker shark turned lawyer isnt that strange of a call as some of the qualities lawyers and successful poker players share are surprisingly complementary- analytical style, logical thought process- it makes sense.

She can always join in with [Internet Poker](#) and perhaps have a game of [PKR Poker](#), or [Everest Poker](#)

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