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<p>What is the Nuts in Poker?</p>

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<p>One of the best feelings in poker is when a player flops the nuts.

This windfall opens up a range of betting and money-making strategies. Every pla

yer wants the nuts.</p>

<p>To a person completely unfamiliar with poker, flopping the nuts probably doesn't sound appealing. It always catches new players by surprise when so

meone says it at the poker table.</p>

<p>However, for poker players, the nuts (or the nut hand) is the strongest possible hand in a particular situation. The nuts is an unbeatable hand.

It means that no other player could have a better hand, considering the cards dealt to each player and the community cards on the board at a given time.<

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<p>Players in high-low split card games, as in Omaha, use a version of

the term as well. The nut low is the best possible low hand in a certain si

tuation, and the nut high is the best high hand. Things can go even further

with a nut-nut hand, which is a collection of cards that makes the best low and

high hand at the same time.</p>

<p>History of the nuts</p>

<p>It would be easy to believe that men came up with the term the nuts

in poker, as poker has long been a male-dominated game. While women may not a

lways be comfortable using such poker terms as the nuts or nut-straight, the

origins show that the terms actually have no gender connotations.</p>

<p>Poker in the Wild West</p>

<p>In the history of poker in America, poker was often associated with the

Wild West. As a game that was actually played frequently in bars, saloons,

and taverns, that correlation made sense. And in this historical context, poker

players were known to bet anything in poker games. Cash was the best form of

currency, but serious games often prompted players to bet other things like

jewelry, property, and anything else of value.</p>

<p>A person had to be confident in his hand if he bet property and oth

er items of great value. But since bluffing is a central part of the game, it

could be tough to tell if a player truly had the best hand.</p>

<p>Proving the win</p>

<p>According to folklore, a player who wanted to bet big and convince

other players that he had the best possible hand would have to prove it. So,

he would go to his wagon and remove the nuts that held the wagon wheel in place

. He would put those nuts into the pot to show that he believed in his bet.

And if he lost the hand or the bet, the nuts on the table represented a prom

ise not to leave without paying that bet.</p>

<p>If the game happened to take place in the winter, those nuts would