

1023-H1-1341      ”**Card Colm**” **Mulcahy\*** (colm@spelman.edu), Dept of Mathematics, Spelman College, 350  
Spelman Lane, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314. *Better Poker Hands Guaranteed.*

We show how apparantly free selection techniques learnt from Bill Simon and Martin Gardner allow one to control the winning (and losing) hands at two-person poker, when one’s opponent is allowed to select 5 from 10 randomly chosen cards. The idea is to also take advantage of a twist on the famous Birthday Paradox. (Received September 25, 2006)