GAMBLING LINGO

ACTION: To have a bet. "I got action on today's Dallas/Giant game."

RUNNER: Person who collects bets and makes payoffs from player. Works for

bookmaker. "I have to settle up my gambling debts with the runner."

BANK: Person who is in charge of the money. The money person who controls

the game (card).

CHALK: Favorites at the track, usually with a price less than even money. "I bet

\$500 on the chalk - it's an even money bet."

INTO: A phrase used by gamblers to describe money owed to a bookmaker.

"I'm into the bookie for \$5,000."

BAILOUT: When someone gives a gambler money. A sum of money that a gambler

gets to pay off existing financial pressure. "I got a \$5,000 bailout from a

relative to pay my bookie."

UNIT: One time bet 6/5 – each unit is \$6. An amount of money that signifies the

size of a bet (in sportsbetting, a unit would be \$6 wagered). One unit is

also called a "timer." \$30 bet to win \$25 is a 5 timer.

PICK-EM: An even bet where the teams are considered equal. "The Dallas/Giant

game is a pick-em."

SHYLOCK

or SHYS: Illegal money lender. A person who lends money at exorbitant rates of

interest to gamblers who don't have money to pay gambling debts. "I

owe my shy \$2,000 and pay \$80 weekly interest (vigorish)."

PRICE: The odds on the team 6/5-7.5/5. The amount of the bookmaker's places

on the odds of the contest. "What's the price on the Tesas/Rangers

game?"

HIT: To make a win or ask for another card in blackjack. A blackjack term.

When a dealer or gambler requests an additional card. "I took a hit on

14 and got a 10 and lost."

BOOK: Bookmaker. The person who takes the bets from the gambler. "I owe the

book \$1,400."

TROTS: Standardbred horse. Driver sits in a sulky. Harness racing horses are

considered trots or pacers. "I like to bet the trots with the bookie."

FLATS:

Thoroughbred horse. Rider sits on the horse. Race horses other than

trotters. "I bet the flats more than the trots."

BASKETS:

Basketball betting. Sports term for basketball. "I bet the baskets every

day."

TO COVER:

To cover the point spread. Winning the bet giving the points. "Dallas

has to score two touchdowns in the 4th quarter to cover."

COLLECTOR:

Person who collects money/pays off bet. Employed by bookie or shylock

to collect money owed. "The collector was sent to my job to get the

money I owed the bookie."

NUMBER:

Money owed or won to a bookmaker or player. "The number I owe the

bookmaker is \$5,000." ALSO: Number can also be used for illegal

numbers game.

TIMES BET:

(e.g., 5x, 10x, 100x): 5x5=25, 10x5=50, etc.)

(I bet a 10 times-\$60 bet to win \$50.)"

PUSH:

A bet that doesn't win or lose. "I owe two bets and had a push on the

other.

LONG SHOT:

Big odds. A horse bet where the horse's chance of winning are small.

"The long shot hardly ever wins."

OUT BET:

Sure thing. A bet that will determine if won getting all the losses of the

day back. "The last race is coming up and there is a horse which will be

my out bet."

LOCK:

Can't lose. A sure winner. "Dallas is a lock at home against the Giants."

LIMIT:

Amount you can bet. An amount of size and dollar amount to be bet or

owed agreed on between bookie and bettor. "My limit is 100 times and

\$2,000 line."

GET EVEN:

Amount you need to bet to break even.

VIG:

Interest paid to someone for money bet. Interest paid on a loan to

loanshark. "The going 'vig' (vigorish) is 4 points."

PARLAY:

Two teams or two horses - all the winning money is bet on the second

team/horse after the first team/horse wins. Both teams/horses must win

or you lose the bet. "I always bet parlays."

ROUND ROBIN: Three teams/horses bet. Parlay with three teams/horses. Must win all

three to collect the big payoff, but can win 2 out of 3 for small payoff.

"Round robins are hard to win but payoff is bet."

WASH OUT: Game ends on point spread; no one wins or loses.

SPREAD: Points or odds you have to give on a game. The betting line on a sporting

event. "The spread on the Texas game is = 7/8." "I also bet the Knicks

and gave 3 points."

MONEY-LINE: Odds or even money, no points -6/5 or 3 points. In lieu of betting the

points, gambler can risk more money and eliminate the point of spread.

"Heavy sports bettors like to be the money line."

OVER/UNDER: The total points both teams score. The bookie will give you a number

(e.g., 40); both teams must be over/under.

CLERK: Works for bookie (a phone clerk). "Joe D. was a clerk for the bookie."

SITTER: Person who sits in bookmaker's office and takes bets. Person who works

for a bookie and answers phone bets for him. "Joe D.'s wife was the

sitter for the bookmaking operation."

OFFICE: Where you can place bets. The place where bets are called into. "I call

my bets into the office.

PASTPOST: Bet after the event starts. Betting a race that is already over and the

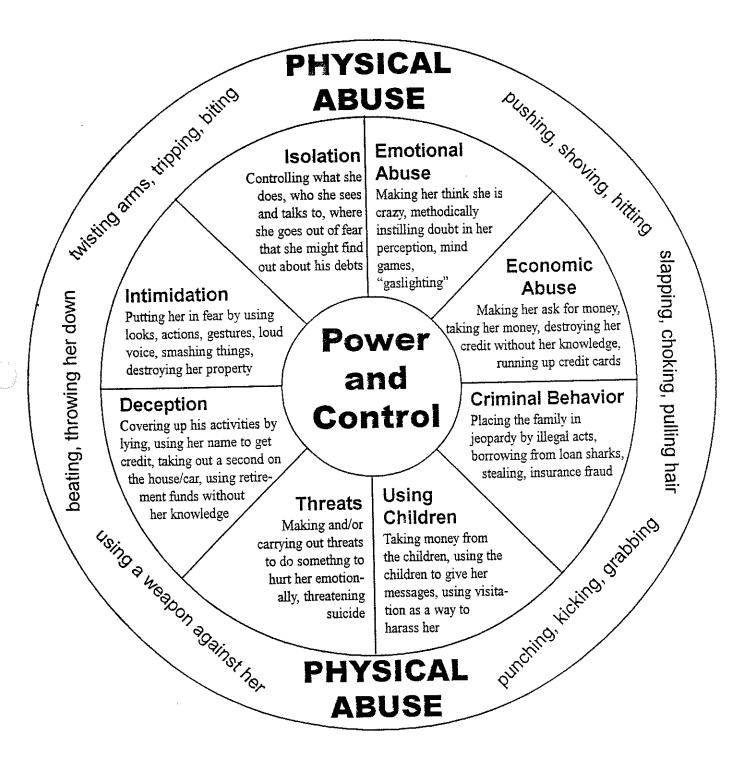
result known to the bettor. "I pastposed a bookie on the horse race."

BET ON THE

COME: Dice bet before the first roll of the dice.

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