

ROULETTE HISTORY

History of European Roulette

The history of the game states that Roulette was developed by Blaise Pascal during the 17th century in an attempt to learn about perpetual motion. A friend of his is said to have introduced his experiment with the wheel as a game.

Another tale states that the game had its birth during the 18th century from a merger of the English wheel games of Roly-Poly and Ace of Hearts with the Italian board games of Hoca, Biribi. The most common link to the game's origin is the French game that existed in the name of 'Vingt et Un' or "21". The early forms of the game had a wheel with slots for numbers and a double zero slot that contributed to the house.

The advantage the house enjoyed by the presence of two zeroes was replaced by the Frenchmen Francois and Louis Blanc who introduced the single zero Roulette game in the German town of Homburg. This was done when gambling was banned in France in the year 1843.

Legend has it that Blanc bargained with the devil to reveal the secrets of the game. This is based on the fact that the numbers on the wheel add up to a total of 666 which is believed to be the 'Number of the Beast' as per the New Testament. The game is said to have gained immense popularity with the aid of the Prince of Monaco who was a Roulette lover. He made the game popular with the intention of fighting the economic crisis his country faced during that period.

In 1861, when Monaco opened up a casino, the Blanc family moved to the only legalized gambling state of Europe, which later became the capital of gambling. The huge regard given to the single zero Roulette in Monte Carlo led to its dominance throughout the world.

American Roulette History

The 1800s saw the entry of Roulette into America after it got imported to the country by the French emigrants. The first American casino appeared in New Orleans in 1800. Eventually, it was the French double zero Roulette that found its place in America. The wheel that was initially placed below the table was placed on the table after the incessant cheating by the table operators.

The early form of the game had numbers from 1 to 28, and a single zero, double zero and an American Eagle favoring the house. Another difference seen between the French version and the American version of the game is that under the French or the European version, the dealer removes the chips with the aid of a bar while the Americans use their hands. The game in America gained popularity during the Gold Rush in California. American Roulette can now be seen in the North and South America and the Caribbean Islands.

Online Roulette

The popularity of Internet in the 1990s saw a sudden spurt in the number of online casinos. Eventually the popular game of Roulette went online in both its versions, American and European, and today it is played by hundred of gamers online.

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