

Laydown

The term originates from "laying down your hand".

A [laydown](#) is a sometimes spectacular [fold](#), where everything entices the player to [call](#). The strength of their hand, the size of the pot, the likeliness of the opponent bluffing or having a worse hand.

Some times players are surprisingly right folding big hands in a spot due to a good [read](#), i.e. "making an amazing [laydown](#)". Sometimes they are dead wrong and [fold](#) the winner, i.e. "making a terrible [laydown](#)".

In general the better the related strength of the hand, the more unusual the situation is, the more attributed the [laydown](#) becomes.

To be able to make the right laydowns, or make a player lay down a huge hand in a situation, is an important trait to master as a poker player and requires sound understanding of hand reading and situational awareness.