Can Beat Black-Jack, Says Prof

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An MIT mathematics professor—bolstered by assurances from an electronic "brain"—last night challenged any gambling casino in Las Vegas to a blackjack contest.

Dr. Edward O. Thorp, 28, of 81 Highland av., Cambridge, claims he has developed a system for winning at the game of cards sometimes referred to as "21."

He worked out the system to completion last Summer and insists that by using it a player would face only a 1 percent chance of losing. That's a 99 percent safety factor.

Next Thursday he is scheduled to read a paper at the 67th annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Washington.

Title of the paper is "Fortune's Formula: The Game of Blackjack.

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HERE'S HOW—Dr. Edward Thorpe, M.I.T., claims sure-fire system to win at Blackjack.