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ARTICLE No. 30

When a player, as dealer, picks up his hand and finds that he has a short minor suit of four cards, headed by the ace, king, and a long major suit of five or more cards, headed by the jack, queen and king, there is still some difference of opinion as to the correct bid.

What should the dealer bid with this hand? The proper bid is undoubtedly one diamond. Then, if overbid, show the heart suit. Of course, the hand should be played at hearts, but when a player makes a bid he has no guarantee that he or his partner will play the hand.

Suppose the dealer, however, held the following hand: Hearts—A, K, Q, 7 Clubs—A, K, 8, 7, 6, 2 Diamonds—10, 6 Spades—7

With this hand the dealer should bid one club because the clubs are not only the longest suit but also because they contain a sure trick. With the following hand:

Hearts—A, K, Q, 6 Clubs—K, 10, 8, 7, 6, 2 Diamonds—10, 6 Spades—7

the proper opening bid is one heart. Let your original bid mean sure tricks and you will never get into trouble. Secondary bids—that is, those made on the second or subsequent round of bidding—usually show a long suit without top cards, and therefore warn one's partner not to lead them unless his own holding in the suit justifies the lead.

There is still a more or less wide divergence of opinion as to the type of hand that justifies a take-out of partner's original no-trump, second hand having passed. Here are two hands just submitted:

Problem No. 35 Hearts—A, K, Q, 7, 4 Clubs—A, 8, 6, 5, 3 Diamonds—8, 2 Spades—K, J, 7, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no-trump, and A passed. What should Y bid?

Problem No. 36 Hearts—K, 8, 6, 5, 3 Clubs—9, 6, 5, 2 Diamonds—10 Spades—A, 9, 7

No score, first game. Z dealt, bid one no-trump, and A passed. What should Y bid? An analysis of these hands and the proper bidding will be given in the next article.

The following hand is a good example of clever play:

Hearts—3 Clubs—Q, 8, 6, 5, 3 Diamonds—J, 10, 8, 6, 5, 3 Spades—Q, 5, 2

No score, rubber game. The final bid is six clubs, which A has doubted. If A played the king of spades and followed with the ace, how should Z play the hand? The answer is that, if the trumps are divided three and two between A and B, and if A and B each has two diamonds, or if the one who has three trumps has also three diamonds, Z can make his contract. Z should trump the ace of spades at trick two, play the ace and king of trumps, and follow with the ace and king of diamonds; he should then lead his lowest trump and let Y win the trick with the queen. Y should then play the queen of spades, and Z should discard the queen of diamonds. This unblocks the diamond suit and Y can make four more tricks, upon which Z discards his hearts.

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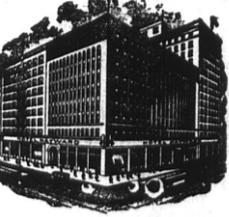
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