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**How to Play BRIDGE**

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The following question is one that usually puzzles the average player, therefore any light that can be thrown upon it should be useful and interesting. Suppose Z holds five diamonds to the ace and jack and his partner, Y, holds four to the king, viz:

Diamonds—K, 7, 6, 3

A Y B

Z

Diamonds—A, J, 8, 5, 4

Should Z play for the drop, that is, play the ace and then the king, in the hope that the queen will fall or should he finesse the jack on the first or second round? One of the writer's correspondents has just submitted a mathematical analysis of the question:

"Let us suppose that B is the player against whom it is proposed to finesse.

"Now for every distribution of the cards among Y and Z so that they have nine cards of a suit between them, there are 10,400,600 ways of distributing the remaining cards between A and B. B will hold:

(1) Q, x, x, x . . . . . in 497,420 hands  
 (2) Q, x, x . . . . . in 1,989,938 hands  
 (3) Q, x . . . . . in 646,646 hands  
 (4) Q . . . . . in 2,116,296 hands  
 (5) x, x . . . . . in 646,646 hands  
 (6) x . . . . . in 1,989,938 hands  
 (7) . . . . . in 497,420 hands  
 (8) None . . . . . in 497,420 hands

"The finesse will clearly win the Q in cases (2), (4), and (6), that is in 4,702,880 hands; the 'drop' will win in cases (3), (4), (5), and (6), that is in 5,525,884 hands.

"Thus it will in the long run be more profitable to go for the drop. Approximately the odds are 11 to 9 against winning if a finesse be attempted and 9 to 8 if the drop be used.

"For those of our readers who have a mathematical mind, the writer would suggest that they test these figures and, if they find them incorrect, send me a letter to prove their point. It should be noted that the finesse, if taken, should be taken on the second round; not the first. That is, the king should be played first and then if the queen doesn't fall, finesse the jack on the second round. There is really no set rule for this play, however. The player should be on the lookout for singletons and if he notes that there are one or more in the suits already played, he will probably get better results by finessing in the above situation. On the other hand, if no singletons have shown up he should play for the drop.

Example Hand  
 Hearts—A, K, J, 8, 4  
 Clubs—A, K, 10, 7, 5  
 Diamonds—Q, 6  
 Spades—10

A Y B  
 Z

Hearts—none  
 Clubs—9, 8  
 Diamonds—A, J, 10, 7, 4, 2  
 Spades—A, K, J, 9, 7

In this hand as played, there was no score, rubber game. The bidding was as follows: Z one spade, A pass, Y two hearts, and B pass. Z three diamonds, A pass, Y three no-trump and B pass. Z four diamonds, A pass, Y five clubs and all passed. There was some dispute as to the proper bidding, and the writer was asked his opinion, which is as follows:

Z's hand is a freak hand so should be bid in the first instance to give his partner as good a picture of it as possible. For that reason I would bid one diamond, so that when I bid spades later my partner would realize that diamonds was the better suit. If you bid spades first and then diamonds with Z's hand, your partner has to guess as to which is the better suit. The best way to eliminate guess-work is to tell him the facts at once, and this can be done by bidding the diamonds first.

Y should then bid one heart and Z one spade. Y could then bid one no-trump. Such a bid should indicate to Z that Y has less than normal help for diamonds and spades and also has tricks in the club suit. Z's hand, however, is of such a freak type that he is not justified in leaving his partner in with one no-trump. He should, therefore, bid two diamonds and it is now Y's duty to pass. He has a wonderful hand to help the diamond bid and game should certainly result. After Z has bid two suits and rebid the diamonds it should be apparent that he has ten or eleven cards in these two suits and therefore no help in clubs. Y must pass the two diamond bid which should be the final bid.

The writer also was asked what would have been the proper bidding for the partners if Z started the bidding with one spade. Y should then bid two hearts and Z should bid three diamonds. Y is then in the position that an original diamond bid would have avoided; that is, he is forced to guess as to the nature of Z's diamond bid. Personally, I would prefer to try for game in diamonds, but would not criticize his bid of three no-trump. Z, of course, may bid four diamonds over the three no-trump. His hand is of such a character that it should be played at one of his suits. At this point Y should have passed and allowed Z to play the hand at four diamonds.

The bidding indicated at least seven diamonds and spades in Z's hand, so that he could not possibly hold more than one or two clubs. Y's five club bid, for that reason, was very bad; the only one, however, that can justly be criticized. After it, Z should have bid five diamonds. I would never allow my partner to play five clubs with that hand and that bidding. Z's failure to bid five diamonds is also subject to criticism. It is an interesting hand.

**TORRANCE NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Worrell and family drove to the Pacific Palisades Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Probert, 1643 Anacapa street have named their baby girl, who was born May 11, Jeannette Mae.

Mrs. V. C. Klove and son Robert of Iowa City, and Mrs. J. W. Hanson and daughter Marion of Minneapolis, arrived Friday to pass the summer with their sister, Mrs. W. A. Beecher, 1926 Andree.

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**Old Mother Hubbard and her New Gunboard**

By Rama Bennett, Nutritionist  
 Los Angeles County Public Health Association  
 Los Angeles County Tuberculosis Association

By Rama V. Bennett, Nutritionist

The first desserts of a child's dietary should consist of cooked and sieved fruit pulp. One to two tablespoonfuls of cooked apple, prune, pear or banana may be given to the child of two years. Later the cereal puddings, junket and custards may be given. Cereal, milk and eggs have been a part of the child's diet before they are used in the form of desserts. As puddings they add variety to the meal and give an opportunity of using part of the quart of milk a day.

Gelatin desserts are attractive and wholesome for the school child. Gelatin is a protein food, but not as valuable as milk and eggs. When the latter are added in "Snow Pudding with Custard Sauce" a nutritious dish is supplied. Gelatin is also a good carrier of both dried and fresh fruits in desserts. The frozen dishes always appeal to the child, but care must be taken in the selection of wholesome made fruit ices and ice creams. They should not be too sweet or too rich when served to children. The milk and egg custard ice cream is an excellent dessert. Good home-made frozen products are usually the best and safest for children.

A child should be so trained from early infancy that he will be familiar only with desserts suitable for children and will therefore never cry for pie, rich cakes and plum puddings which sometimes are served adult members of the family. Plain yeast, potato, sponge cakes, crisp molasses cookies and oatmeal cookies are sufficient for the child. Occasionally a stick of good sugar candy may be given for dessert.

Wise meal planning will not include a child in any excessively sweet desserts. A normal child who has always eaten wholesomely will not crave unnecessary amounts of sweets. A child who refuses to eat his vegetables and other dinner foods but admits his ability to eat desserts has had faulty food training.

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