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HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE

ARTICLE No. 9

One of the points which the writer has emphasized many times in these articles is the necessity of looking a hand over carefully and planning the play before playing to the first trick. Here is an example where the player had a chance to apply this principle and took advantage of it.

Hearts—10, 9, 7, 6, 2; Clubs—J, 9; Diamonds—Q, 10, 5; Spades—A, Q, 7

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no trump. A bid two clubs, Y bid two hearts and B passed. Z now bid two no trump, all passed and A opened the six clubs. Y played the nine, B the deuce and Z the eight.

A was now in the position of knowing that Z held the ace queen of clubs, because B had been unable to beat the nine on the first trick. Therefore A could not lead clubs again. His only chance to get B in the lead was by the lead of a diamond or spade, and the latter play looked the better.

At trick three, therefore, A led the deuce of spades. Z allowed the lead to come up to his hand or should he play the ace? This is the deciding play in this hand, so note it carefully and decide what you would do before reading further.

The decision is based on a certainty, so don't guess. If Z plays Y's low spade and B has the king, he will lead a club through Z's ace queen and Z cannot go game if A has the ace of hearts.

On the other hand, if Z plays the ace of spades at trick three from Y's hand and then leads a heart, he is sure to go game no matter where the ace of hearts is.

By playing the hand in this way, Z must score two club tricks, three heart tricks, one spade trick and at least three diamond tricks—or nine in all.

Very frequently, in the play of a hand, unnecessary finesse will prevent a player from scoring game. Learn to count your tricks and size up your hand at the first trick. If you learn this valuable lesson, you will win many a game and rubber, not otherwise possible.

The following solutions of the problems given in the preceding article are examples of the way good players bid and play interesting hands, so study them carefully.

Answer to Problem No. 8

Hearts—J, 10, 7, 6, 2; Clubs—J, 7, 5; Diamonds—A, 8, 5; Spades—7, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one club, A bid one heart, Y bid two diamonds and B passed. Z bid two spades and A bid three hearts.

What should Y do? Solution: Y should double three hearts. The bidding should indicate a big two-suit in Z's hand and as Y holds the diamonds, how can A make nine tricks? It should be apparent that Y cannot score game in diamonds unless Z can give him at least one assist. If all pass the three heart double, Y should open the eight of clubs.

in this way Y Z must win four odd and game. Note that if the king and a small diamond are in one opponent's hand, the game can be saved by dropping the king on Y's ace. In this way the other opponent can win the second diamond trick with the jack and lead the queen of diamonds, thus saving game. Lay out the cards, placing the queen of hearts alone and the king queen of diamonds alone in the opponents' hands and you will easily see how the hand works out.

Answer to Problem No. 9: Hearts—10, 8, 2; Clubs—9, 4, 3; Diamonds—9, 8, 6; Spades—A, Q, 3, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart. A bid one spade and Y and B passed. Z bid two diamonds, A passed, Y bid two hearts and all passed. If A opened the eight of spades, how should Z play the hand?

Solution: Z should finesse the queen of spades and then play the lead of carding the five of clubs. The lead of the eight of spades by A indicates, according to the Rule of Eleven, that he holds the king jack nine, so the finesse of the queen is sure to win. Z should now be careful not to win Z's trump. He has no suit set up and if he leads trumps at this stage, he is sure to get into trouble. At the third trick, therefore, Z should lead the six of diamonds from Y's hand, win it with ace in his own hand and return the deuce.

The opponents are now in the lead and Z must allow them to develop the hand. If they lead a spade or club and force him to trump, he should lead another diamond. At no time should he lead trumps.

Answer to Problem No. 10: Hearts—9, 7, 5, 2; Clubs—8; Diamonds—K, Q, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 2; Spades—none

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one club, A bid one heart, Y bid two diamonds and B passed. Z bid two spades and A bid three hearts.

What should Y do? Solution: Y should double three hearts. The bidding should indicate a big two-suit in Z's hand and as Y holds the diamonds, how can A make nine tricks? It should be apparent that Y cannot score game in diamonds unless Z can give him at least one assist. If all pass the three heart double, Y should open the eight of clubs.

Played in this way, A's three-heart bid will be defeated, two tricks. On the other hand, if Y should bid four diamonds, he will fail to make his bid by one trick. Note that Z's opening bid of one club, rather than one spade, is made to indicate to his partner that his club suit is the longer. Modern bidding prefers this information to an indication of top cards and shorter suits.

Answer to Problem No. 11: Hearts—J; Clubs—A, 8, 5, 4; Diamonds—K, Q, 8, 7, 5; Spades—A, J, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade. A and Y passed and B bid two hearts. Z bid two spades and A and Y passed. B bid three hearts and Z and A passed. Y bid three spades, B and Z passed and A doubled. All passed and A opened the nine of hearts which Z won with the ace. How should he plan the play of the hand?

Z should lead the six of diamonds, playing Y's queen unless A plays the ace. It is vitally important for Z to set up the diamond suit before Y's hand is out of trumps to be used for entries to the diamonds. He must figure at least four spades in A's hand and should prepare to discard hearts rather than trump them. He can take the club finesse later.

LOMITA Notes

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dearborn of Pennsylvania avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stackwick of McKittrick and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dearborn and children of Redondo boulevard and Ed Anberg of Eshelman avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steel were the guests on Christmas day of Mr. Steel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Mencham of Escondido.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Powers and children of Flower street were entertained at Christmas dinner by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barringer of Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brumpton and son Bobby were entertained, Christmas day by Mrs. Mary Rapson of Los Angeles.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Fletcher and family of Redondo Friday were Mrs. D. Sandefur of Akron, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clare of Inglewood and Miss Margaret Anderson of Los Angeles.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duffer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brumpton and son were the dinner guests of Mrs. Tim Terrell of Weston street.

Miss Betty Campbell and Miss Laura Hart were the guests Christmas day of Miss Campbell's relatives in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Belle Howerton was the guest Friday of Mrs. George Harbor of 261st street.

Claude Wolverson returned from Santa Barbara Friday where he has been employed by the Southern Counties Gas company. On Monday Mr. Wolverson resumed employment at the San Pedro office.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson and daughter Miss Vivian Nelson and George Fresenius enjoyed their Christmas dinner in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and family of Cherry street were entertained at Christmas dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ross of Oak street.

John Pansky of Nureco was the guest last week of Trygve Thorsen of Eshelman avenue. John formerly resided in Lomita and attended school at Narbonne High.

Mrs. Fred Nelson arrived at her home on Weston street from Tunjunga. Mrs. Nelson plans to remain here with her family until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ross (Rutherford) and son of Long Beach were the guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sittis of Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kerber of Weston street entertained Mrs. M. Torbert and son Jack at Christmas dinner.

Miss Avalon Shannon and Gust Hedlund of Long Beach were Sunday visitors at the Fred Nelson home on Sunday.

Christmas Trade Best in History

(Continued from page 1) cessary to re-order practically every item in stock.

LEWIS RIPPLE of the RIPPLE FURNITURE CO.: "Our business ran 10 per cent over last year, which was the banner year in our history. We noticed a great many customers from Gardena, Moneta and Lomita this year."

HOWARD SMITH OF HOWARD'S JEWELRY: "We had a large increase in number of customers and a satisfactory increase in volume of business."

GENE DEIRA of DEIRA RADIO CO.: "Best Christmas, business we have had in the five years we have been in Torrance."

HARVEL'S: "Biggest December in our history; radio, battery, and electrical departments all showed fine increases."

WORRELL THE HARDWARE MAN SAYS: "Wonderful, absolutely wonderful the public's response to Christmas buying in Torrance. Every merchant should be thankful."

ED SCHWARTZ: "We certainly were gratified with our splendid holiday trade."

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For Redondo: A. M. 6:20, 7:15, 7:45, 8:10, 8:47, 9:40, 10:50, 11:30. P. M. 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:35, 5:35, 6:15, 7:40, 8:45, 9:55, 11:59.

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Advertisement for Mullin & Son featuring a sailboat and the text 'Smooth Sailing TO ALL OUR FELLOW CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY WE WISH A HARMONIOUS, PROSPEROUS 1929. WE THANK ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS FOR THE BUSINESS GIVEN TO US THIS PAST YEAR. MAY 1929 HERALD AN ERA OF JOY.'

Large advertisement for FERNCROFT CAFE featuring a man running with a newspaper and the text 'Extra! good news ABOUT THE GRAND OPENING of the Newest and Finest CAFE IN TORRANCE TODAY THURSDAY, DEC. 27 4 to 8 Refreshments Served'.

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