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## On Negative Doubles by Steve Moese Tue 3／11

Negative Doubles arose in the late 1950＇s．Back then they were nicknamed the Sputnik Double（perhaps because they came out of nowhere）for obvious reasons．Today they are broadly considered one of the most important conventions in modern bidding theory． Here＇s a synopsis from the
 CBA＇s website on Learning Points：On Negative Doubles．
The hand in question was from Monday March 10 Board 14.

| $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{N}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P | 1 | 2 | ？？ | proceed？One way makes a free bid of 2a showing 5＋ cards and 10＋HCP．This bid is forcing to 3 of either partner＇s suit（here 3 or $3 \boldsymbol{A}$ ）．South will raise to 3 \＆，and North will pass with no extras．A Negative Double has appeal too．This keeps both Majors in play． Now South will rebid 1NT showing a ＊stopper and no 4－card major． North can correct to 2 showing 5 s and they will play there．Note Making a Negative double then freely bidding a new suit is WEAKER than making the initial freebid． Some would argue that North is too strong for a Double then bid approach．That is a matter for you and partner to define．Notice when


|  | Scores |  | MPs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bd 14 | NS | EW | NS | EW |
| 3 ¢ N | 170 |  | 6.5 |  |
| 3 N | 170 |  | 6.5 |  |
| 2 N | 140 |  |  | 2 |
| $2 \rightarrow \mathrm{~N}$ | 110 |  |  | 3 |
| $2 \times \mathrm{W}$ | 100 |  |  | 4 |
| $3 \rightarrow N$ |  |  | 1.5 | 5.5 |
| 4 N |  |  | 1.5 | 5.5 |
| $3 . \mathrm{E}$ |  | 170 | 0 | 7 | the Majors are $5 \mathbf{~}-4 \mathbf{V}$ ，North can get both in without going past the 3－level．When they are 4－5》，That＇s not possible． With 4－5 the double keeps in the picture better． What does a negative double show？1）Constructive Values at level，2）An unbid Major，and 3）No clear direction．

## 3／11－FM Leaders

$1^{\text {st }}$ OA：Pam Campbell \＆Lisa Eisenstein（63．5\％）
$2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{QA}:$ Pat Lindeman \＆Peg Jervis（61．3\％）

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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ant pif } \\ & \text { 6:30 PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Free Lesson } \\ & \text { 10:30 AM } \end{aligned}$ | Supervised Play |

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Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional
May 16－18
May 24－25
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Opener＇s Duties－When responder passes，Opener should strain to find a double．Holding 0－2 cards in LHO＇s suit reopen with a double even if RHO has preempted to the 3 －level．At the 4 level，partner will double with strength so pass with most minimums．Holding 3 or 4 cards in their suit pass and hope to defeat their contract．Partner must be short and weak．Bidding NT under the overcaller is RISKY．This shows extras．12－14－P－P－1N shows 18－19，not 12－14（15－17 if you play weak 12－14 1 NT opening bids）．Finally holding a big 2－ suiter，or a single suited hand with poor outside defense，bid don＇t double．This shows partner an offensive hand． Responder＇s Duties－convert the reopening double to penalty by passing．Use Mel＇s Rule of 9 to decide when to pass：
（\＃Trump honors＋\＃Trumps＋Level doubled $\geq 9 \rightarrow$ PENALTY） With a weak hand，responder raises partner（weaker than a direct raise）or bids a new suit（5＋cards weak）．Responder＇s NT rebid show a stopper in a weaker hand with no direction． See Marty Bergen＇s pamphlet on Negative Doubles for more．

NewComer News - by Mike "Keeping Fun On My Convention Card" Purcell 5137024007
Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:
Mar 15 \& 22 - Judy Ruehl and Bob Fisk
Mar 29 - Kay Mulford and John Meinking
This week we look at a hand where support points are just as important as HCP in making game.

(Tuesday 3/11)
Bidding - North has 12 HCP and opens (12+ HCP, 3+ clubs). South has 9 HCP with 7 Spades. When you have this many of a suit you can assume partner has at least one for an 8 card fit. With distribution South has at least 12 support points ( $9 \mathrm{HCP}, 2$ for the club singleton, one for the heart doubleton). With this hand I am thinking at least game in spades but will start with a 1- ( $6+\mathrm{HCP}, 4+$ spades) to see if partner has a minimum opener or a bigger hand to make slam possible. North will rebid 1 NT showing a minimum but also some spades (2-3 typically, rarely 1). South can now go directly to a 4^ game knowing slam in not likely.

Play of the Hand - On a K lead (King from KQ), South has 4 losers ( $1 \uparrow, 1 \downarrow, 2 \downarrow$ ). The $\downarrow \mathbf{Q}$ can and should be dropped by playing AK with 9 trumps. It is possible to pitch a diamond loser on hearts with careful play (or if East does not capture an honor with their Ace) if the defense does not attack diamonds early.

Post Mortem - This hand is yet another example where long trumps and distribution (aka. support points) work just as well as HCP to make game.

|  | Scores | MPs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bd 9 | NS EW | NS | EW |
| 4 - S | 450 | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| 4 S | 450 | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| 4 S |  | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 4.5 | 420 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 3 - 5 | 200 | 1 | 4 |
| $3 \pm 5$ | 170 | 0 | 5 |
| 4.5 | 420 | 3.67 | 0.33 |
| 2 S | 170 | 1.17 |  |
| 3 S | 170 | 1.17 | 2.83 |

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[^0]:    Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the free software offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridgel

