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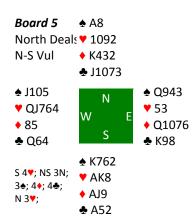
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♠♥♣♦

Using Suit Combinations by Steve Moese 4/29



Bidding — After 2 passes, South opens 1♣ North bids 1NT and South raises to 3N (19+ HCP balanced).

Opening Lead — East will choose between a
◆ and a ♠. Many will lead from the ◆Q10 because they need less from partner to set up tricks in ◆s. The opening lead is the ◆6.

Play – North counts 7 tricks: 2♠, 2♠, 2♠, and 1♠, and needs 2 more tricks. What does the opening lead say? The Rule of 11: West has 1 card higher than the ♠6! (Subtract the spot card led from 11 to determine the number of outstanding cards higher than the 6. Count the cards higher than the 6 between dummy and declarer (4). Since 11-6=5, 5-4=1 declarer knows West has only 1 higher card). Declarer can play either the ♠9 or ♠J form dummy. Which is best? If the ♠9 wins, declarer can win 4♠ tricks. If the ♠J wins declarer can win 3. Play the ♠9 (if West has the ♠10, the ♠Q is still finessable). This is Match Points after all. The ♠9 holds the trick. Now it's easy to return to hand with a ♠ and repeat the ♠ finesse – this time for the ♠Q.

But is it best? Declarer has no entry back to cash the 4th ♦!!! There is another small chance to create a trick out of thin air that requires a little help from the opponents. Do you see where?

The ♣ suit is interesting. If declarer can induce East to cover the ♣J with an honor, then there are high odds that a ♣ back toward the ♣10 will drive out the ♣Q with West, and create an entry to North's hand. Indeed East (wrongly) covers the ♣J, ♣A winning. Next West wins the ♣Q. Now North can count 2♠, 2♥, 3♠, and 3♠ for 10 tricks and top board.

4/29 - FM Leaders

1st OA: Robert Roark & Sharon Koster (62.7%)

2nd OA: **Peg Jervis & Pat Lindeman** (61.5%)





Bring your Questions, Hands, Ideas. Let's learn together!

Tues Eve 6:30 PM Sharp!

CBA Newcomer Games - Play Often!

Mon 7 PM Tue 11 AM Tue 7 PM Fri 11 AM Sat 10-12 AM

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BROGE
6:30 PM Free Lesson
10:30 AM
Supervised
Play



Events at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

- Friday 5/2 NLM & Open games 11 AM. Lecture 10:15 AM.
- Swiss Teams Tues AM 5/27. Join the fun! Thursday
 Evenings in May are SWISS TEAM games Practice for the
 Flying Pig and the NLM Sectional!!
- May CBA Flyer –CBC, NKy, and Anderson offer Charity games & Club Championships with EXTRA MASTERPOINTS!
- Saturday May 3 New 2 Bridge! 9 Noon. FREE! 1st 16 people. Tell a friend. More new players = more fun!

Area Tournaments

Lexington, KY Sectional May 16-18
Cincinnati OH NLM Sectional May 24-25
Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional June 2-8

ACBL Tournaments http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php



Post Mortem – the Play of the ♣J is a gambit – a play designed to coax the defense into committing a small error that declarer can exploit. West should not cover the ♣J, but wait for North to play the ♣10. Covering the ♣10 (the 2nd of touching honors) might protect partner from a finesse of the ♣9 (were it in their hand - it's not). Ducking allows partner to win the ♣Q and make a useful switch. Ducking denies declarer an immediate entry to hand! Entries, we see, can be as important as tricks. Without the right entries, declarer cannot cash all tricks due. A good score at Matchpoints often means taking (small) risks for an extra trick.

Newcomer News — by Mike "Keeping Fun On My Convention Card" Purcell 513 702 4007

One last reminder that we are having our first free New to Bridge (NTB) Event Saturday May 3rd from 9am to noon. There are a few spots left and if you have someone interested they can register with me at mikpur@cinci.rr.com or 513 702 4007. Note we will still have our regular Sat Supervised Play Session May 3rd 10-noon as well.

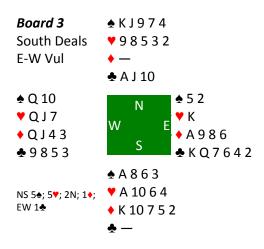
New 2 Bridge!
Bring your friends.
Sat May 3, 9-Noon
FREE!



Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:

May 3 - Bob Fisk and Pat Hoffman
May 10 - Lorna Davis and Barb Levinson

This week we look at a deal where neither hand has 12 HCP but game in a major couldn't be easier. Enjoy!



Tuesday 4/29

Bidding – South has 11 HCP, 2.5 quick tricks and a rebiddable 5 card diamond suit. If we find a fit with partner in a major or diamonds we have a strong hand for partner and should open 1♦ (typically 12+ HCP, 3+ diamonds). North has 9 HCP and 5-5 major. With 5-5 in the majors we look to bid spades first and hearts later. For now North's bid is 1♠ (6+ HCP, 4+ spades). East will likely overcall 2♣. South with a fit for spades and at least 14 support points can bid 2♠ (4 spades, 12-14 points). West may raise partner's clubs with a 3♣ call. With a confirmed spade fit, North can now

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 3	NS	EW	NS	EW
4 ♠ N	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♥ N	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♠ N	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♥ S	450		2.5	1.5
4 ♠ N	420		0	4
4 ♠ N	450		6	0
4 ♠ N	420		5	1
3 ♠ N	230		4	2
3 ♠ N	200		1.5	4.5
4 ♣ E	200		1.5	4.5
3 ♥ N	200		1.5	4.5
3 ♥ S	200		1.50	4.50

add distributional points for 13 support points total (9 HCP, 3 for the void and 1 more for the extra trump). With 13 points opposite an opener, North has a clear 4♠ call.

Play of the Hand – On a ♣K lead (K from KQ) from East, declarer (North) has 5 losers (1♠, 2♥, 2♣). Declarer can drop the ♠Q by playing their AK and should do so with 9 trumps. Declarer

can also ruff two clubs in dummy. Best play will be to win the ♣A, ruff a club, play a spade to the ♠K and ruff a second club. Now pay the ♠A to draw the rest of the trump and ruff a diamond to get to the declarer hand. Now play on hearts making sure your ♥A take an opponent's honor and continue to play on hearts to set up the suit. This play will allow you to make 11 tricks losing only 2 hearts for +450.

Post Mortem – Distribution can help you take tricks just as easily as HCP. Even with just 20 HCP, North-South can easily make game on this distributional deal.

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/LearnToPlayBridge/