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ATTACK OF THE KILLER "B'S



Afternoon session winners Eldad Ginossar and Jenny Ryman

s today's results will show, it was a good day to have a surname beginning with B. and it was an especially good day for **Jeroen Bruggeman**. He won the second pair game of the day, and finished fourth in the afternoon - managing to score upwards of sixty percent on both occasions.

Also of interest was that in the afternoon **Jeremy Fournier** finished one place ahead of his brother **Jeremy Fournier**, obviously the most important result from the former's perspective.

Camp Program

08.00	-	09.45 hrs	Breakfast
12.00	-	13.00 hrs	Lunch
13.30	-	15.00 hrs	Lecture
		15.30 hrs	Speedball Teams
18.30		19.30 hrs	Dinner
		20.00 hrs	Pairs Tournament
		23.30 hrs	Snack & Disco

Tomorrow's lectures will be at 1.30 as before, with Mari Ryman and Klaus Reps continuing the themes they started today in their advanced and intermediate lectures.

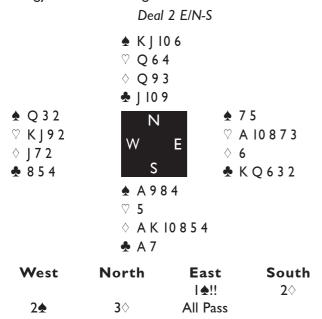
There will be no organized games tomorrow morning - but feel free to play sports in as disorganized a fashion as you like.

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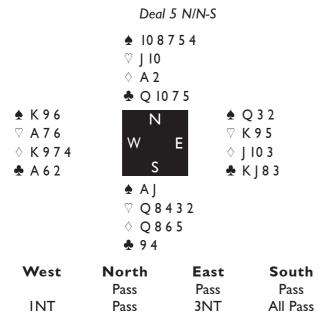
THE INDIVIDUAL

irst night nerves were not to be expected at the camp. Almost everyone had had the opportunity to warm up at the World Junior pairs, and in any event playing in an individual is not really a test of skill, it is more about psychology and low cunning.



Ronald Gaffin of Scotland found an exceptionally fortunate moment to psyche I \(\\delta \), the suit his opponents could make a slam in. Even though the field was not getting past game, any spade contract by N/S or diamond game was relatively easy to make. So Gaffin collected 58/64 for his score of -150; the bad news is that this will probably not be the last psyche he produces this championships - but it may be the most successful.

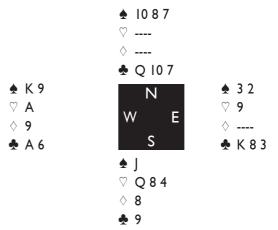
The most interesting declarer play hand of the event produced challenging problems for no less than three declarers. Let us look at them all.



Tim Heeres and Raolta Mala reached 3NT on an unopposed auction - and found North hitting on the diabolical lead of the \heartsuit J, though after a lot of thought. Tim won in dummy and led the \diamondsuit J, to North's ace. Back came the \heartsuit 10, ducked by Tim, and a club switch to dummy's jack. Now the \diamondsuit 10 was covered all round, and Tim led the club ace and a club to the king, and then guessed to lead a diamond to the seven for his ninth trick and 47/64.

Ophir Reshef did even better - but he was only in INT as East after the auction $I\lozenge -INT$. On South's heart lead he ducked, won the next heart in hand to play the $\lozenge J$, covered all round, then won the club switch with his jack. Now he led a spade to the king, ducked the next spade to South's bare $\triangle A$, and won the next heart in dummy. He cashed the $\triangle K$, and when he led the $\triangle A$ and a club to the $\triangle K$ and South showed out, that player was known to have a 2-5-4-2 shape, so he could finesse the $\lozenge T$ and take the last two tricks in dummy for +180 and an average score.

Finally, Daniel de Roos played 3NT as East after South had opened 2° . South elected to lead a diamond, so North won the $\Diamond A$ and shifted to the $\Diamond J$, won in dummy. Daniel ran the $\Diamond J$, covered by the $\Diamond Q$ and $\Diamond K$, then crossed back to the $\clubsuit J$, cashed the $\Diamond I$ 0, and led the $\spadesuit Q$. when South took his $\spadesuit A$ to lead a second heart, Daniel ducked in dummy, to let North take his $\Diamond I$ 0 in this ending.



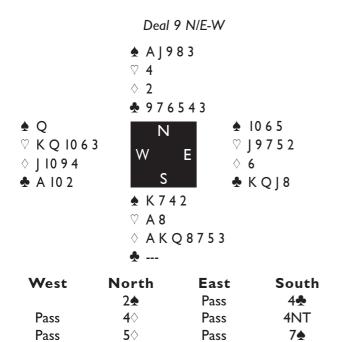
North exited with a spade, and Daniel took it in dummy, cashed the two red-suit winners, and squeezed North in the black suits for +430, which was worth 57/64.

EDITOR'S DISCLAIMER

Rome was not built in a day, and the bulletin also is not produced instantaneously. Therefore occasionally we write using the word 'tomorrow' meaning the day you read the bulletin, but that causes confusion in the ranks. Therefore, for the duration of the camp the following rule applies;

For "today" read tomorrow and for "tomorrow" read "today". We hope that simplifies everything

All Pass



This was a deal that was kind to the leading players. Chris Karapanagiotis opened a weak 2♠ and his partner intelligently cue-bid in clubs before using Blackwood to try to get his partner to cooperate by not showing the ♣A if he had it (the Americans use Exclusion Keycard Blackwood to leave out the ace in a suit where one has shown a void). That got Chris to a grand slam that proved to be easy on the lie of the trumps. That was worth 57/64.

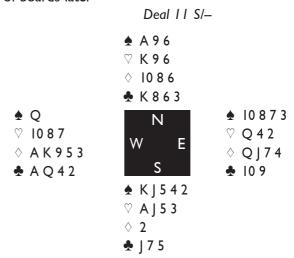


Chris Karapanagiotis, Greece

Rosalien Barendregt (when I asked her how she spelt her first name she explained that the last five letters were as in 'ALIEN') also opened a weak 2\(\Delta\) as North - well she did have a six-card suit, even if it was not in spades - and her partner, Daniel Ortmann-Nielsen simply jumped to 7\(\Delta\). When West doubled, both North and South reached for the blue card but Rosalien got there first. It was not entire-

ly surprising that the score of 2240 was worth all 64 matchpoints.

Daniel had another chance to display his ability a couple of boards later

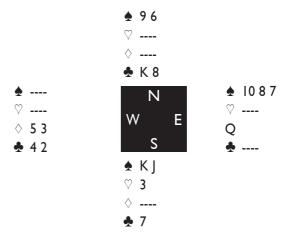


West	North	East	South
			Pass
I ♦	Pass	Pass	I ♠
2♣	2♠	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

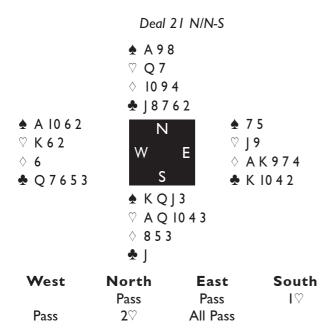
Ortmann-Nielsen found himself at an uncomfortably high level when he quite reasonably competed to $3\clubsuit$. Since $3\diamondsuit$ was set to go one down he had to make his contract to get any sort of matchpoint result.

The defence led two rounds of diamonds, and Daniel ruffed, led a spade to the ΔK , then tried a club to the jack and ΔQ . He ruffed the diamond continuation and led a club to West's ace.

If the defence take their club ruff now, declarer has the rest easily, and a diamond for a ruff and discard can be ruffed in dummy. So West played a passive heart, and Daniel ran it to his jack, cashed the heart king, and led to his ace. This was the ending, with declarer needing three of the last four tricks.



Declarer simply led a heart, pitching a club. East could ruff but now whether he played back a trump or a diamond, declarer easily had the rest for 44/64MP.



The best sort of suit-preference can often make the difference between a contract making or going down. But the most irritating can be when the defence mis-signal, and as a result beat a contract that should have been made.

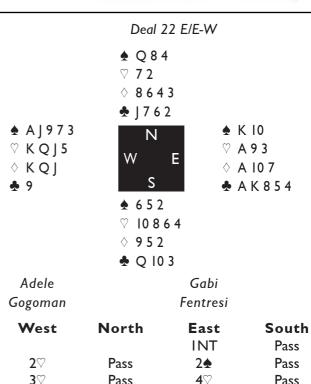
Take the board above, for example where Kevin Bathurst was playing with Claudia v.d.Salm. He led a diamond against 2° , and the defence started with three rounds of diamonds, East giving West a ruff with the \$4 as suit-preference for clubs. So far so good; but at trick one Claudia had won the $\Diamond A$ and then played the $\Diamond K$, rather than the more normal sequence of plays the other way. That got West thinking; maybe his partner had not much in either black suit? Not sure what to do, her played a spade. Now declarer fell from grace; he won in hand crossed to the A, and finessed in hearts. That let Kevin win and play ♠A and another spade for the ruff, to defeat the contract by a trick and earn 44MP.

Why was this a mistake? Well East as a passed hand surely had one club honor (given West's shift at trick four) as well as ace-king fifth of diamonds. That being so, the heart finesse had no chance to succeed so declarer should simply have played $\heartsuit A$ and another heart without finessing and made the hand.

Note that if West works out to play clubs at trick four, declarer does not run into the spade ruff and makes eight tricks easily.

One oldie sitting West found himself on the wrong end of a subtle inference when he passed over 10, but when North raised to 2° he backed in to the 'known' spade fit with a call of 24. Fortunately he played it better than he bid it, but even two down was not as good score.





Pass

Pass

Pass

All Pass

4NT

5NT

77

The field played 6NT here, from the East seat, and while some were lucky enough to get a spade lead and make 13 tricks, the majority of declarers made 12 tricks only. Is there a case for testing hearts before spades? After all, if as happens here, South shows up with four hearts, maybe you should play North for the \$Q. If spades split 4-2, maybe North will have the ♣Q|10 or a five-card suit and allow you to execute a black-suit squeeze. The auction shown above was the only one to get to the best contract, 7%. Gabi Fentresi opened a strong no-trump, then decided to head for the 4-3 heart fit since her aces and kings and doubleton spade suggested a trump contract. That was music to Adele's ears, and a quick blast of Blackwood got her to 70. She played to ruff a spade with the \heartsuit 9, and when the queen appeared, the hand was over.

4♡

5 🗫

6♡

Pass

Pass

Pass

OLDIES, BUT NOT NECESSARILY GOODIES

Those of you looking forward to the unmixed pleasure of playing with an Oldie or camp organizer, should be reminded that any placing points generated from the experience will NOT count towards winning the Schroeder Cup.

The Junior Camp in Frostburg

n 2002 it was the turn of Frostburg Maryland to host the Camp after the summer Nationals in Washington. So on the morning after the Nationals finished, 75 barely awake juniors hoisted themselves on to buses and we made the trip to Frostburg University, a State (i.e. Statesponsored University) on the Pennsylvania border of Maryland.

In case the term State University gives you the wrong idea, Frostburg has a splendid campus and a well-appointed series of buildings. The rooms were air-conditioned, no small deal given the heat-wave the North-East was experiencing, and was also, at 1500 foot elevation, considerably cooler than some of the alternative locations we might have chosen.

The Juniors had a schedule of optional sport in the morning, then lectures for the beginners/intermediates, Lunch, advanced Lectures, and two sessions of Bridge, before pizza and twelve o'clock snacks before the midnight game.

We had a duplicate Barbu tournament, a crazy game, and other entertainments laid on, all of which meant that if anyone did not have a good time, he was not really trying!

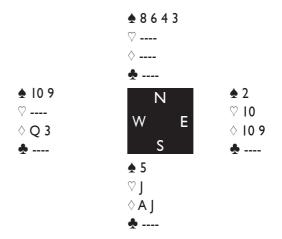
The 75 Juniors had a staff of about 10 helpers including myself as a bulletin writer, and I had a layout editor, Lisa to do the donkeywork on an IBM Mac. Sounds easy? Well my personal computer had a printer but no toner. My pc talked to the Mac - but only in rich text files. The finished product on the Mac was unreadable on my machine and we could not print out at all from the Mac so all proofing had to be done onscreen, and then the text e-mailed so as to be printed in another building miles away. The solutions to the problem were laborious and inefficient, but in the end we got a bulletin out every day.

The first event was an Individual - a good way to let everyone get to know one another. One of the camp organizers, Stefan Back, showed me this deal, where his own overbid had put Gerben Dirksen in a perilous spot.

	S/N-S.	
	♠ Q 8 6 4 3 ♡ K 8 2 ◇ 2 ♣ Q 8 5 4	
♣ J 10 9 7 ♡ A 5 ◇ K Q 3 ♣ K 9 6 3	N W E S ◆A5 ♥QJ74 ♦AJ5	★ K 2♡ 10 9 6 2◇ 10 9 8 7 6 4♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			INT
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Gerben won the club lead in hand and led a heart to the king and a club to his jack. When West exited with a club Gerben won two rounds of the suit ending in dummy, observing East throw three diamonds. Now he led a heart to the seven! He inferred that East's failure to pitch a heart suggested four, hence West's ace had to be bare. When West led the diamond king Gerben let him hold it, and then West's jack of spades went to the queen king and ace. Now came two winning hearts, this being the position as the last heart was led:



On the last heart West came down to the bare nine of spades and the doubleton queen of diamonds, but Dirksen threw him in with a spade to lead diamonds into the tenace. Contract made!



Gerben Dirksen, The Netherlands

As well as the daily sport, we also had an outing scheduled. Maybe Toad of Toad Hall from Wind in the Willows put it best when he said something along the lines of. "There is nothing as much fun as simply messing about in boats." However the 70-odd people -- and in some cases I DO mean odd -- who embarked from the camp at 10.00 on Thursday morning were not intending to mess about in boats. Rather (although they perhaps did not know it) they were intending to traverse seven miles of Grade II rapids down the Yougheghenny River.

We were taken on an hour's bus journey into Pennsylvania (did somebody say, "On the whole I'd rather be in Philadelphia"? No that was WC Fields on his deathbed) and then kitted up with life jackets and protective headgear. Yours truly demonstrated the role he was intending to play by being the last person capable of doing up either garment. I was lucky enough to be in a boat with four people each of whom had considerably more competence than I in steering a boat - not hard you may say and you would be right. The first two were staff members, the second two were juniors.

Each had their own little peculiarities though. Brian (the groin) Meyer would persist in jumping out of the boat at the slightest opportunity to move the boat off any obstacle on which we got stuck -- and there were a lot -- then attempt new contortions on each occasion to get back into the boat.

Kevin "Bloody" Wilson was initially keen on steering the boat from the rear position - presumably because that involved less work than any other job. I was unanimously elected to this position as soon as the crew saw that I was not joking when I demonstrated my "power"- rowing stroke.

Ophir (desperado) Reshef followed a particularly Israeli approach to the concept of team rowing. Rather than call



Ophir Reshef, Israel

a direction to go, he would wait to see what was announced, and then ignore it if it did not seem right to him.

And Paul (Benedict Arnold) Ferman made up the crew. Gifted with more common sense than the rest of us, he immediately realized that this was a sinking ship that even the non-rats would want to desert. Accordingly he fell out of the boat with such monotonous regularity that we were all beginning to smell a rat by the fifth such accident.

Did we survive the trip in one piece? Well as to me, one tendon strain, and a severe case of sunburn on my knees, coupled with a sore gluteus maximus from too much sitting on uncomfortable surfaces were mere scratches. At least I managed to be the sole crewmember in my group to avoid falling out of the boat. A soaked wallet (and what was I doing bringing it you may ask) was entirely my own fault. Very little blood was spilt throughout the trip; Panos Gerontopoulos, our WBF representative only fell into the water once and Charlotte Blaiss, the ACBL organizer failed

Hungarian for beginners

(How to be a Hungarian Alien)

Here is the next installment of vocabulary you cannot afford to be without.

Hungarian **Pronunciation English** Excuse me Bocsanat Botch'arnat Care'em Please Kerem Egg'guess'shay'ged'ray Cheers Egeszsegedre Right Ee'obb lobb Left Bal Baal

LeftBalBaalCoffeeKaveCarvayTeaTeaTay'ar*Director!ZsuriDjoory

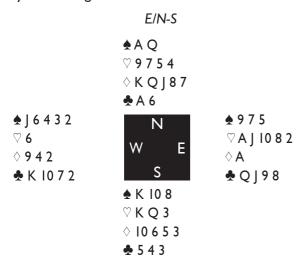
Redouble Rekontra Wreck'ontrah
Beautiful Gyonyoru Gee'urn'yeroo

*You did not think it was going to be 'Tea' did you? Optimist!

to photograph the occasion for posterity. One combatant lost a shoe, and a few crewmembers lost confidence in their colleagues. However, we all made it home in approximately one piece, and celebrated with pizza for all.

We may not be any the wiser, but we will certainly all be better informed about what white-water rafting involves next time.

Back to the Bridge. My next hand in this article shows a really nice play - I'll hold off telling you which hand made it until you have digested the deal.



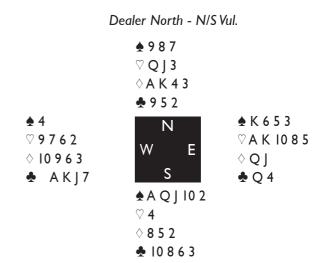
West	North	East	South
		10	Pass
	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	DЫ	All Pass

N/S really belong in a partscore - 2NT is their best-scoring spot but an aggressive auction such as the one shown is quite reasonable. What would you expect the fate of the contract to be? Well on a spade lead by West declarer drives out the $\Diamond A$ and the defence must play clubs to hold declarer to nine. On a heart lead and club shift, or on a club lead at trick one, declarer cannot make more than eight tricks. Agreed?

Well, consider East's problem if his partner leads a heart to trick one. The obvious solution is to go up with the ace; if no honour appears, shift to clubs and hope for the best. Nice logic but...

Ophir Reshef was sitting South and on the auction shown above he was treated to a heart lead. Gauging the situation accurately, he called for a low heart from dummy, and when East put up the ace he dropped the queen! East sniffed the air suspiciously for a few minutes then took the bait and returned a low heart, letting Ophir run this to dummy's nine and collect his ten tricks for all 15 matchpoints out of 15.

On the other deal a former junior Tom Carmichael, paying a flying visit to the camp to get in the Barbu tournament and the Crazy Game, rounded out the Staff team and produced this interesting deal:



In his room he had bought the hand as South in 2♠ and the defence started with four rounds of clubs, which he ruffed in dummy as East threw one heart then the jack of diamonds. Backing his judgment that East had a 4-5-2-2 shape Tom ran the $\clubsuit 9$ then cashed the $\lozenge A$, finessed spades again, and led a heart to the jack. The 'Dentist's coup' had extracted all of East's safe exits, so all he could do was lead his other top heart. Tom ruffed, then played ace and queen of spades to East, who had only low hearts left, and had to lead one round to dummy to let Tom pitch his diamond loser on dummy's queen of hearts.

Total winner at the camp for his Bridge performances was Joe Grue, edging out Lukasz Brede of Poland. Camp awards for their personal contributions to the smooth running of the event went to Gerben Dirksen of the Netherlands, Christina Mortensen of Denmark, and Nathan Walters and Xing Yuan of the USA. Courage awards went to Lindsay Nathan and Rob Klingenberger, both of whom came to the camp with minimal Bridge knowledge and survived unscathed.

(not blushing unseen)

English Roses
(not blushing unseen)

Modesty is the traditional virtue associated with the English (did I hear you say that they have so much to be modest about?). Well, it turns out that we - specifically the Junior-Senior Editor, who trusted the Internet more than Kees Tammens, misstated the result of the match between England and USA for third place in the Carrousel Cup.

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How to plan the play

Lecture I by Klaus Reps

fter you have completed the bidding the next difficult part is waiting. As declarer you have to plan the play. This is a very important part, because this plan is the basis for all decisions you make during the play. For now we will have a look at suit contracts, because there are far less exceptions to the rules than in NT contracts.

There are three steps for the playing plan in a suit contract:

- I. How many losers do I have?
- 2. How can I avoid losers?
- 3. In which order do I have to play the suits?

I. How many losers do I have?

First you count the number of tricks you will have to lose....

- You always count the losers by looking at one certain hand. Let/s call this hand the "main hand". This is the hand with MORE trumps. If you play in a fit of the same trump length in both hands the main hand is the hand with the BETTER trumps.
- Now you look at each suit and count how many losers in the main hand are covered by honours in the other hand. Important: A loser can only be covered by an honour. If it is covered by a shortness, we still count it as a loser.

e.g. main hand: A x losers

other hand: $K \times X = 0$

main hand: A x x

other hand: $K \times = I$ loser

- When you have possible losers that depend on a finesse, you assume that the finesse will fail.

A Q
$$10 = 2$$
 losers

- When you have possible losers that depend on a certain distribution you assume the normal distribution.

Rule for normal distribution: When we have an even number of cards, opponents have an odd number of cards. The normal distribution is balanced between both opponents. When we have an odd number of cards, opponents have an even number of cards. In this case there are two normal distributions: The balanced way, or the alternative, where one opponents has two cards more than the other one.

We have	They have	normal distribution
10 cards	3 cards	2-1
9 cards	4 cards	2-2 or 3-1
8 cards	5 cards	3-2
7 cards	6 cards	3-3 or 4-2
6 cards	7 cards	4-3etc.

Let/s have a look at an example hand. We play 6♠ and opponents lead ♣|.

♠ A K J x x	♠ x x x
$\heartsuit A Q x$	$\triangledown \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}$
$\Diamond \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}$	♦ A K x x
♣ Q x	♣ A K x x

The main hand is the left hand, because it has MORE trumps than the other hand.

Spade: One loser to the ♠Q, but no further loser

because we assume a 3-2 distribution

Heart: Two losers. We might lose $\heartsuit Q$ to the king

and the other small heart is not covered by

an honour in the other hand.

Diamond: Two of the three small diamonds are cov

ered, the third one is a loser

Clubs: All clubs in the main hand are covered, no

loser in clubs.

--- Four losers (one spade, two hearts, one diamond)

2. How can I avoid losers?

There are three basic playing techniques to avoid losers:

Ruffing

Finessing

Discarding

We will have a closer look at each of these techniques later. For now a brief summary for each technique will do.

Ruffing

If you have a shortness opposite the main hand, you can ruff the main hand's losers in the other hand.

Finessing

You try to make tricks with your lower hon ours hoping that opponents' honour(s)are well placed for you

Simple Finesse: xx - AQ or xx - Kx

Deep Finesse: xxx - AQ10 Double Finesse: xxx - AJ10

Discarding Whenever you have a trick in the other hand and cannot follow suit from the main hand you can discard a loser on that trick.

Regarding these three techniques, I suggest that you take another look at each suit and consider the possibilities of reducing your count of losers.

In our 64 example we have various possibilities to avoid the four losers we already counted:

Spades: We play a small spade towards the ♠J and

hope the **Q** is well placed

Hearts: We take the heart finesse of the queen, and

subsequently ruff a heart in the other hand

after we have played the ace

Diamonds: There is a certain loser - but are there any

discards? Right, we can discard a diamond on

the top club.

Clubs: No loser, nothing to avoid.

3. In which order do I have to play the suits?

This is the most important part. There is a general rule in which order you should play the suits:

Step I You ruff all losers that you have to ruff

before drawing trumps

Step 2 You draw trumps

Step 3 You play the side suits

Of course there are exceptions to this rule. Sometimes you have to play the side suits first, because the communication between your hands is not very good or maybe the opponents have made a threatening lead. Many circumstances may have an influence on the order in which you will play the suits. But this is what you have to do in general: Ruff first, but only if you need to make the ruffs BEFORE drawing trumps, then draw trumps and play the other suits afterwards.

This leaves a question open: How do I know when I have to ruff a loser BEFORE drawing trumps and when is it possible to ruff a loser AFTER drawing trumps?

This is easy. Just count how many trumps will probably remain in the short-trump hand after drawing trumps. Then count the number of ruffs you have to make. If there are there still enough trumps for your ruffs after drawing trumps, you may ruff your losers later on in the hand. If you draw trumps and the remaining trumps are not sufficient to allow you to take all your ruffs, you will have to consider ruffing before drawing trumps.

Still, there are more rules to obey, which are - not always, but in general - right....

- Try to avoid ruffs in the main hand. Never voluntarily ruff a loser from the other hand in your main hand. There are only three reasons why you would ruff in the main hand:
 - I.The opponents force you to do so
 - 2. You need to come to your hand and there is no line of communication
- 3. You want to set up a long suit by ruffing. A ruff in the main hand (the hand with the long or the good trumps) always weakens your hand and sometimes you lose control of the hand. So a ruff in the main hand for any other reason than one of the three above may well not be a good idea.
- Try to avoid blocking your suits. If you cash honours of the same value, then cash the honours in the short hand first and continue with the honours from the long side afterwards.
- Draw ALL the trumps before playing your side suits. Even if it costs you two trumps and opponents only one. Don/t leave a small trump outside when touching the side suits. The only exception is a high trump: Whenever there is only ONE trump missing and this is a high trump, you

should not draw it.

Now, back to the 6♠ example. Here is the plan. Take the club lead in dummy, take the heart finesse, cash the heart ace and spade ace, then ruff the third heart in dummy. Now you play a spade to the jack and cash the remaining trumps. Then you cash your three club winners and discard a diamond on the ♣K. If everything is right, it is conceivable that you will make 7♠. If something goes wrong you will make less, but the result does not matter. What counts is, that you gave your contract the best possible chance.

Two of a kind is a losing bridge combination!

Today for the first time we had to ask a pair to drop out of the evening pairs tournament, because they were a partnership of the same nationality. Let us just write this in unambiguous terms:

YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH SOMEONE FROM YOUR OWN COUNTRY!!

Please don't make us throw anyone else out of an event. Our directors are really soft-hearted people, and you'll make them cry in their beers after the game.

Puzzle Corner

One of the disadvantages of rushing to get the first bulletin out on time is that occasionally you forget to put in a vital element of the program. We can hardly call the daily puzzles a vital element, I agree. But to remedy yesterday's omission, here are two puzzles for today.

I. What is the optimum line with:

K 10 6 4 facing A J 8 3

for four tricks?

2. How should you play:

5 facing K J 9 8 6 4 for four tricks?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- I) Many years ago, English-speaking experts were polled as to who was the SECOND best player in the world. (Present company was the first, of course). One player won by a landslide. Who was he?
 - 2) Who composed the Vaniva problem?

8......

Mari Ryman's Hands

We shall be discussing Mari's themes, of how to become a better player, and how to help your partner to do so too, later on in these bulletins.

But in addition to sound psychological advice, Mari's lectures feature a number of testing declarer play and defensive problems.

Can you find your way home on the three deals set out below.

Contract: 7♣ - Lead: ♥Q

- ♠ AQ102
- ♥ 7654
- ♦ A6
- ♣ |108



- **★** 87
- ♡ A
- ♣ AKQ92

Contract: 6NT - Lead: ♥3

- ♠ AKI9
- ♥ AQ5
- ♦ J102
- ♣ K83



- **★** 763
- ♥ K102
- ♦ AK843
- ♣ AQ

Contract: 5♣ - Lead: ♠Q

- **♠** 6
- ♡ 1054
- ♦ A8432
- ♣ A1094



- **♠** A
- ♥ AQI3
- ♦ J109
- ♣ KQJ82

Clubs 3-1 or 2-2

Answers

I.This is a classic example of using technique - on this occasion, a dummy reversal. Win the heart, play the $\clubsuit 2$ to the $\heartsuit 8$ and ruff a heart high. Then cross back to dummy's $\clubsuit 10$. if both opponents follow ruff another heart - if trumps are 4-1 you will have to rely on the spade finesse. Once you ruff a second heart you can cross to the $\lozenge A$, ruff a third heart, then go back to the $\clubsuit A$ to draw the last trump pitching your spade, and take the last four tricks with your high diamonds.

2. This hand is all about foresight. You can guarantee four diamond tricks for your side by leading up to the \lozenge J-10 twice. Even if diamonds are 5-0 West can do no good by taking his \lozenge Q prematurely, and if East has all five diamonds you have a simple finesse against his nine. So you win the first heart in hand with the \heartsuit K lead a diamond to the \lozenge J as East discards, come back to hand with a club and play a diamond - and West takes his \lozenge Q and plays a club, screwing up your entries.

To avoid this problem, win trick one with the $\heartsuit Q$, come to hand with a club, and lead a diamond up. When the $\lozenge J$ scores cross back to hand with a club, and play a diamond up again. West can win as before, but now if he leads a heart you win in dummy, unblock the diamonds, and cross to the $\heartsuit K$ to run the diamonds, pitching spades away, and claim the rest.

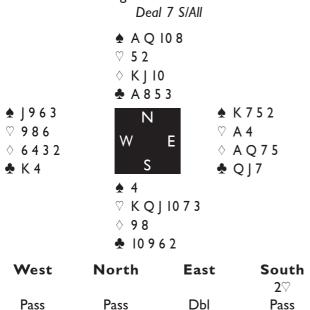
3. Unlike the first two deals this is a combination of deception and technique. Your only danger on the hand is that all three red-suit honours are missplaced. Your best play is almost certainly to win the spade lead, and try a low heart out of your hand unless West has shown heart length in the auction. West (unless he is a mind-reader) will play low, whatever his hearts are. Now you draw trumps and lead a heart to the ace and another heart. Even if West wins and gets off play with a diamond, East will be endplayed for sure on winning. Note that if East wins the \heartsuit K you can draw trumps and strip off the hand at your leisure and endplay him in diamonds.



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The Tuesday Afternoon Game

lessday afternoon was my session for watching not playing. It did not take long to find a board on which the blood was flowing.

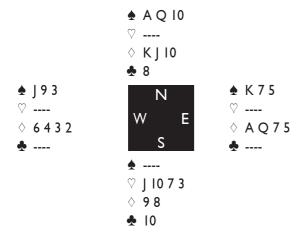


It is hard for E/W to avoid trouble if North goes quietly facing a weak-two or a Multi. East will double for take-out, and a short while later West will be in trouble in 2\,\text{\pi}x, as happened at one of the tables I was watching.

All Pass

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There were some interesting points in the play. On a heart lead declarer might do best to win and return the suit for fear of getting locked in dummy. What Andrew Carver actually did was to win the $\heartsuit A$ and play a club to his king - the natural play I think. North Staffan Hed won and returned a heart, and now a club back locked declarer in dummy. He chose to cash the two club winners and lead a spade to the six and eight.



Best now is the ♠Q, (declarer does best to win the ♠K and exit with a low diamond. If he does anything else he is booked for at least -500). However, Staffan made the natural play of the ♦J. Declarer finessed, and is now able to es-

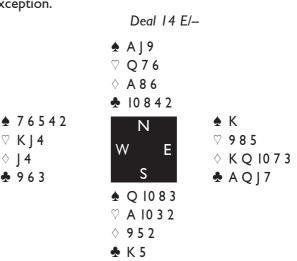
cape for one down by playing two more rounds of diamonds to North. The defence can score three trumps, and one trick in each suit for down one.

3NT by North is a surprisingly difficult contract to defeat. On the lead of a spade to the jack and queen declarer plays a heart to the king and another heart to East's ace. It looks dangerous to play a diamond - if dummy's eight wins the trick the South hand has miraculously come back to life. So East might well play the club queen; once declarer ducks that, he can set up the clubs, ands build an entry to dummy, without letting West on lead, and has nine tricks. All the defence get is two clubs and the red aces.



Tim Heeres, The Netherlands

We have already seen Daniel Ortmann Nielsen at the helm in a couple of rocky contracts. This next one was no exception.

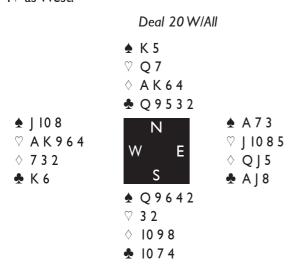


West	North	East	South
		I ♦	Pass
Pass	DЫ	2♣	2◊
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
All Pass			

Daniel found himself in one of the less attractive contracts you've ever seen when North elected to double rather than bid one no-trump, clearly the right call with a balanced minimum in the pass-out seat.

In 3° on a diamond lead Daniel ducked, and won the next diamond to lead a club to his king. East took his ace, cashed his diamond winner as West pitched a club then played a second club. Declarer won, led a heart to the queen (thus marking east with the \P) played a heart to the \P A and another heart, and found the suit 3-3. That let him play the \P A on the enforced spade return, and when the \P K put in an appearance he had nine - count them! -- tricks.

Board 20 saw the winners of the pairs competing against one another when Yuval Yener took on Adi Azizi. The auction was a mundane one; 1% -2NT -4% saw Yuval declare 4% as West.



The play started in prosaic fashion. Three rounds of diamonds, won in dummy, then the \heartsuit AK dropping the queen. Now Yuval probably made the right theoretical play when he stripped off the clubs, playing king ace and a third club rather than finessing and putting all his eggs in one basket. Then he advanced the \clubsuit J - and Adi ducked without a flicker! Yuval played low and South took the \clubsuit Q and returned a low

Shop around the corner

Those of you in need of additional food and creature comforts should be aware that there is a shop in the neighbourhood - the next village to be exact. Turn left out of the main entrance gate to the village and walk up the hill - it is just over the brow, and sells food and soft drinks, and indeed anything else you might need.



Adi Azizi, Israel

spade. Is it right to play the \$10 or the \$8? Yuval made the right play when he put in the eight; his reasoning was that North had been on lead early in the hand and had not shifted to spades -which he might well have done with nothing in the suit. Therefore it was far more likely that he had a vulnerable holding in the suit, which in turn implied that he had a top honour he did not wish to lead away from.

Sport News

Cycling. Stage 3. Alessandro Petacchi won a bunch sprint to take the third stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday. The Fassa Bortolo rider claimed his second stage win after clinching Sunday's first road stage. But France's Jean-Patrick Nazon overtook Bradley McGee as the overall race leader after picking up sufficient time bonuses on the intermediate sprints.

Cricket. NatWest Series, Edgbaston: England 199-6 (39 overs) beat South Africa 198-9 (50 overs) by four wickets. Captain Michael Vaughan gave a batting masterclass to lead England to a four-wicket win over South Africa at Edgbaston.

Soccer. Manchester United have raised their bid for Paris St Germain's Ronaldinho, according to a report. United had offered £14.5m for the Brazilian but have upped it to about £17m to match Real Madrid's bid, French sports daily L'Equipe claims.

Basketball. Gary Payton has verbally agreed to sign with the Lakers. If Payton signs Karl 'Mailman' Malone is rumored to follow.

Pairs Session I

Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%	Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%
- 1	J. Ryman - Ginossar	SWE/ISR	62.02	40	Schulz - Wuermseer	AUT/GER	49.88
2	Bathurst - Jensen	USA/DEN	61.59	41	Delehanty - Larsen	IRE/DEN	49.66
3	Byrne - E Barendregt	ENG/NTH	61.30	42	Feruz - Kristensen	ISR/DEN	49.65
4	Bruggeman - An Gogoman	NTH/AUT	61.03	43	Mt Wortel - Boyd	NTH/IRL	49.49
5	Birman - Glickman	ISR/USA	60.66	44	Morris - Anastasatos	ENG/GRE	49.16
6	Rehder - Jer.Fournier	GER/USA	60.61	45	Pfeifer - Mk Wortel	ENG/NTH	48.58
7	Rohrberg - Jar.Fournier	DEN/USA	59.97	46	Van Gelder - Booc	NTH/HUN	48.23
8	Yener - Fisher	ISR/USA	59.44	47	Stasinski - Pachtmann	POL/ISR	48.07
9	Jones - Atthey	WAL/ENG	59.09	48	Bessis - A.Minarik	FRA/HUN	47.69
10	Gaffin - Graham	SCO/ENG	59.05	49	Yuan - Clausen	USA/DEN	47.66
Ш	vd Salm - Schonfeld	NTH/OLD	58.75	50	Moller Sorensen-Dykier	DEN/POL	46.98
12	Green - Waldron	ENG/USA	58.37	51	Becker - P Bethers	USA/LAT	46.95
13	Smirnov - Hop	GER/NTH	58.29	52		SWE/LAT	46.92
14	De Donder - Dekker	BEL/NTH	57.19		Hed - Egle		46.39
15	Grumm - Brink	AUT/NTH	56.94	53	Mala - R Barendrecht	CZE/NTH	
16	Dirksen - Dory	NTH/USA	56.20	54	MacCormac - Gaulin	OLD/FRA	46.38
17	Mk Donovan - Troels	CAN/DEN	56.11	55	Crisostomo - Ron	USA/OLD	46.19
18	Nielssen - Nieuwkamer	DEN/NTH	55.69	56	Vondrackova - Onea	CZE/ROM	46.16
19	Montanari - Martin	ITA/IRL	55.57	57	Sivelind - Anzengruber	SWE/AUT	45.73
20	Lhuissier - Agudji	FRA/USA	55.47	58	Hupka - O'Loughlin	AUT/IRL	45.60
21	Svenningsen - Greenberg	DEN/USA	54.65	59	Ellison - Barsi	SCO/HUN	45.53
22	Gjaltbaek - Reshef	DEN/ISR	54.61	60	Katsaris - Hedge	GRE/SCO	45.46
23	Mortarotti - Krogsgaard	ITA/DEN	54.44	61	Karapanagiot-G.Minarik	GRE/HUN	45.22
24	Feldman - Karamanlis	USA/GRE	54.13	62	Kraemer - Eglseer	GER/AUT	45.04
25	Fenyvesi - Beyens	OLD/OLD	53.15	63	S Houlberg - Wooldridge	DEN/USA	44.42
26	Carver - Marjai	USA/HUN	52.98	64	Bozzai - Koussis	HUN/OLD	44.03
27	Ofir - Drijver	ISR/NTH	52.76	65	S Ryman - Ancelin	SWE/FRA	43.31
28	Bar-Yosef - Katerbau	ISR/GER	52.72	66	Marjchrowski-Peltekop.	POL/GRE	42.70
29	Azizi - Crank	ISR/USA	51.79	67	Sinclair - Backer	SCO/WAL	41.96
30	Kranyak - Assaraf	USA/ISR	51.64	68	Pearson - Pinchbeck	SCO/ENG	41.92
31	Bavalia - Frabsa	IRL/OLD	51.46	69	Brodin - Vamvakos	SWE/GRE	40.89
32	S de Roos - Berglund	BEL/SWE	50.97		Englert - McElroy	USA/IRL	40.61
33	Houmoller - Heeres	DEN/NTH	50.80	71	Baroni - Agica	ITA/ROM	40.29
34	As Haulbarg Donn	AUT/DEN	50.65	72	Gaulin - L Hegedus	FRA/OLD	39.03
35 36	AS Houlberg - Donn Michielsen - D de Roos	DEN/USA NTH/BEL	50.56	73	Schultz - Mt Donovan	DEN/CAN	38.11
36			50.33	74	Sorling - Bethers	SWE/LAT	36.63
	Andersson - McMaugh OrtmNielsen - Lasota	SWE/IRL DEN/POL	50.31 50.14	75	Bakker - Rice	NTH/USA	34.41
38 39					Ellison - Gardosi		27.70
37	Pagani - Rops	OLD/OLD	49.93	76	EIIISOIT - GATUOSI	SCO/HUN	21.10

Tata Taxi-drivers

Swedish junior bridge players are nothing if not resourceful. During the World Junior Pairs, when the Swedes were staying outside the camp, one of the juniors went to a party at some distance from his hotel. When the time came for him to go home he hailed a taxi, and then remembered that he had no idea where he was staying. That might have been a problem for you or me, but our hero had a secret weapon. The one thing that he did know was that close to his hotel there was a kiosk selling an excellent kind of hero sandwich, called kukurichagambas.

He tried the magic word, and Open Sesame! He was immediately transported to the sandwich shop; apparently there are advantages to staying in a place where there is only one sandwich shop... Mission accomplished - but it might not have been so easy had he been in Budapest.

Pairs Session 2

Rank	Pairs	Nat.	%
- 1	Bruggeman - de Donder	NTH/BEL	68.48
2	Bar Yosef - Karamanlis	ISR/GRE	65.18
3	Ron - Rops	OLD/OLD	63.74
4	Ofir - Anzengruber	ISR/AUT	60.97
5	Smirnov - Drijver	GER/NTH	59.51
6	Dekker - D de Roos	NTH/BEL	59.38
7	Montanari - Mylona	ITA/GRE	58.59
8	Gardosi - Karapanagiot.	HUN/GRE	58.52
9	Glickman - Morris	USA/ENG	57.43
10	McNaugh - Zdenek	IRL/OLD	57.04
П	Onea - Eglseer	ROM/AUT	56.73
12	Wooldridge - S Ryman	USA/SWE	56.50
13	Stasinski - Mt Wortel	POL/NTH	55.87
14	Byrne - Englert	ENG/USA	55.81
15	Hop - Wuermseer	NTH/GER	55.15
16	Vondrackova - Heeres	CZE/NTH	55.01
17	J Ryman - Jensen	SWE/DEN	54.81
18	vd Salm - J Houmoller	NTH/DEN	54.56
19	Doxiadis - Bakker	GRE/NTH	54.10
20	Egle - Majchrowski	LAT/POL	54.05
21	Hodge - Becker	SCO/USA	53.37
22	Troels Muller-Ginossar	DEN/ISR	53.26
23	J Bethers - Graham	LAT/ENG	53.26
24	Minarik - Bessis	HUN/FRA	53.21
25	AS Houlberg - Feldman	DEN/USA	53.13
26	Katerbau - Nielsen	GER/DEN	53.04
27	Rigal - Green	OLD/ENG	53.00
28	Waldron - Gjaldbaek	USA/DEN	52.95
29	Clausen - Bathurst	DEN/USA	51.87
30	Mala - Yener	CZE/ISR	51.50
31	Pinchbeck - Lall	ENG/USA	
32	Fenyvesi - G Marjai	OLD/OLD	51.01
33	Hupka - Dirksen	AUT/GER	50.77
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35	Grumm - Kranyak	AUT/USA	50.53
36	Boyd - Ellison	IRL/SCO	50.29
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50	Backer - Martin	WAL/IRL	47.78
51	Feruz - Vroussis	ISR/GRE	47.58
52	l Gaulin - G Marjai	FRA/HUN	47.52
53	Assaraf - Michielsen	ISR/NTH	47.39
54	N Gaulin - Cranc	FRA/USA	47.20
55	Dykier - Jones	POL/WAL	46.80
56	Rosenfeld - Pachtmann	USA/ISR	46.65
57	P Bethers - Mortanotti	LAT/ITA	46.64
58	Sivelind - Ancelin	SWE/FRA	45.38
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