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# Editorial

## TEXAS BID

America's team for the four-cornered world championship at Buenos Aires in April will be Silidor and Kay, Gerber and Hodge, Schenken and Leventritt, with Frank Westcott as non-playing captain. Gerber and Hodge, who come from Texas, are known in Europe only by reputation. Silidor, Kay and Schenken all played at Turin. Leventritt was in the team that played for the Crowninshield trophy in 1951 and has played for the U.S.A. in New York..

The Argentine team that will represent the South American Bridge Federation is similarly experienced. The six players are Cramer and Castro, Rocchi and Calvente, Dibar and Bosco. All except Cramer and Bosco played in New York in 1959.

## FORCED CHANGE

Italy is expected to field the so-called Blue Team that has won so often in the past. If so, I don't see them being beaten.

France will have to make at least one change from the team that won the Olympiad, for Jais is one of many leading players who have resigned from the French Federation. This is an

aftermath of the Bourchtoff-Delmouly "affair". These players were of the opinion that the Federation had borne too hard on the accusers, Svarc and Boulanger, in excluding them from the trials for Torquay.

## RIGHT—LEFT

The American Contract Bridge League has produced a booklet of 350 selected hands from matches at Turin involving the three American teams and France, Britain and Italy. The deals are accompanied by a factual account of the play—no subjective comment. The lay-out is excellent except for one very tiresome feature—the bidding always starts with North, so that West is on the right of East and one has to study the auction with cross-eyes. (I trust that the bidding records for Torquay will avoid that deplorable error.) The booklet is available at 2 dollars, 50 cents, post paid, from A.C.B.L., 33 West 60th Street, New York 23, N.Y.

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ing entry both to the playing rooms and to Bridgerama, can be ordered now from Miss D. Butland, 26 Old Torquay Road, Paignton, Devon.

### THE EXCEPTION

Dialogue after an open pairs

at the Droitwich Congress:

*Noted expert:* "You see that row of palookas?"

*Partner:* "Yes?"

*Noted expert:* "I could have won this pairs with any one of them—but you!"

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# Whitelaw Week-End

by TERENCE REESE

Thirty-two teams entered for the Whitelaw week-end at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne — an excellent turn-out for the middle of January, the more so as many of them were of a somewhat scratch nature. Camp-followers also assembled in large numbers as the week-end progressed.

The Whitelaw is played as a knock-out, with no duplication of boards—a factor that makes for poor kibitzing and arduous reporting.

## First Day

The first round contained no dramatic clashes and no surprises. Two fancied teams met in the second round—Miss Shanahan, Mrs. Juan, Mrs. Durran, Mrs. Hiron against Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Lester, Miss Coen, Mrs. Macdonnell. Forbes and Lester played an excellent first half against Durran and Hiron, and as they were well supported the half time score was 21-0. They won the second half 24-15, displaying top form apart from this hand:

WEST	EAST
♠ K x	♠ A J 10
♥ K J 8 x x	♥ A Q 9
♦ —	♦ J 10 9 x
♣ K Q 10 x x x	♣ A x x

The bidding went as follows:

WEST	EAST
<i>Mrs. Macdonnell</i>	<i>Miss Coen</i>
1♣	2♦
3♣	3NT
4♥	5♣
No	

Some critics held that East should force in hearts rather than in the suit where she lacked tops, but Two Hearts might also create a problem. The real mistake in this auction, surely, was the bid of Five Clubs. Four Spades was the obvious move, and that would have led at any rate to a small slam.

However, only two match points were lost, for at the other table:

WEST	EAST
<i>Mrs. Hiron</i>	<i>Mrs. Durran</i>
1♣	2♦
2♥	3NT
4♥	4NT
No	

Diamonds not being led, thirteen tricks were made.

East intended her 4NT to be conventional, but West took it as natural, showing something of the nature of ♠AQ and ♦AKQJxx. Here, again, I think that East should have bid Four

Spades over Four Hearts. If West could then bid Five Diamonds to show the void—it could hardly be natural support after the previous bidding—the grand slam might be reached.

The favourites, meanwhile, were making heavy weather of both their matches. Mrs. Gordon, a flu victim, did not play, so the team consisted mostly of Mrs. Corwen and Mrs. Oldroyd, and Mrs. Whitaker playing with either Mrs. Higginson or Mrs. Markus. In their second match, having been four up at half time, they beat Mrs. Lloyd, of Surrey, by two points. The losers had a chance to win the match by good play on the last board:

East dealer  
Game all

NORTH

♠ J x x  
♥ A 8 x  
♦ 10 x x x  
♣ Q x x

WEST

♠ 10 x x x  
♥ J x  
♦ K 9 8 x  
♣ K x x

EAST

♠ x x x  
♥ Q x x  
♦ A J  
♣ A J 10 x x

SOUTH

♠ A K Q  
♥ K 10 9 x x  
♦ Q x x  
♣ x x

When East opened One Club,

Mrs. Whitaker doubled on the South hand. Mrs. Markus eventually toiled in Two Diamonds, one down.

At the other table South overcalled One Heart, which I regard as preferable to the double. West bid Two Clubs and South Two Hearts, which was passed all round. The defence began with a club to the 10 and a spade was returned. Declarer won, crossed to dummy with ♥A, and ducked the heart return. Thus she lost a heart, three diamonds, and a club to tie the board.

As the cards lie, a diamond trick can be established by force. Say that declarer leads a diamond from dummy when in with ♥A: if it goes Jack, Queen, King, South can duck the next round. If the defence take their ruff, they lose their trump trick.

Had the defence begun with three rounds of clubs, there would have been another way to make the contract: cash ♠AKQ, then exit in diamonds, creating an early end-game situation.

During this round I also made a note of a bold bid and resourceful play by Mrs. Moss on the following hand:

(see diagram opposite)

North bid One Heart, South Two Diamonds, and North Three Diamonds. Mrs. Moss now intro-

duced Three Spades, with her eye on 3NT, I suspect. Mrs. Williams' riposte of Four Spades was a trifle embarrassing, but South passed with a confidence that should put to shame those scient-

North dealer  
Game all

NORTH

♠ K x x x

♥ A J x x

♦ A Q x

♣ J x

WEST

♠ 8 x

♥ Q x

♦ 10 9 x

♣ K 10 x x x x

EAST

♠ Q 10 x x

♥ K 10 9 x x

♦ x

♣ A Q x

SOUTH

♠ A J 9

♥ x x

♦ K J 8 7 x x

♣ x x

ists who think that the foremost aim of good bidding is to discover 4-4 fits.

West led a club; East took the Ace and returned a low club. A heart switch would have beaten the hand now, but West played another club, not being sure who had the Queen.

South took the force in hand, crossed to ♦Q, and finessed ♠J. Then she cashed ♠A and led another diamond to dummy. East did well not to ruff. Now declarer

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played King and another spade, trusting that East had no more clubs, and so the contract was made.

At the other table the 8 of spades was led against Three Diamonds, enabling declarer to make eleven tricks.

## Quarter Final

There was a big clash in the afternoon when Mrs. Markus drew Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Moss. Mrs. Gordon was now out of her sick-bed, but not in great form. The rest of the team (Markus, Oldroyd and Corwen throughout) played effectively on

some rather dead boards to lead by 6 at half-time. The lead was increased early in the second half and it was not until the second eight that Mrs. Fleming was able to strike back.

West dealer  
Game all

NORTH

♠ K x x x

♥ x x x

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ x x

WEST

♠ A x

♥ A K J x

♦ J x x

♣ K J 10 x

EAST

♠ Q J x x x

♥ Q 10 9 x x

♦ x

♣ Q x

SOUTH

♠ 10 x

♥ x

♦ K 8 x x x

♣ A 9 8 x x

Mrs. Gardner opened INT and after employment of Stayman played in Four Hearts, uncontested, registering 620.

At the other table Mrs. Corwen opened One Heart, Mrs. Oldroyd raised to Three Hearts, and Mrs. Corwen bid Four. Three of the ladies were leaning forward to enter this contract on their score-sheet (as they do in weekly drives at the Women's Institute) when Mrs. Williams (South) caused a backward rock by introducing 4NT. Despite her promising de-

fence Mrs. Corwen promptly bid Five Hearts, which had to go one down. Five Diamonds would in any event have been a good save for North-South. Against a trump lead, clearly marked, it would be two down.

At this stage of the afternoon I noticed that there was a gratifying aggregation of kibitzers. The impression of great keenness proved to be misleading, for it turned out that they were refugees from the Ladies' Plate, where there had been a mistake in the movement of boards. After the interval the pretence that it would all come right in the finish could no longer be sustained and the event—that session, at least—was abandoned. "It was remarkable how well everyone seemed to be doing", the tournament director remarked to me affably.

The influx saw Mrs. Markus draw away again at the finish to win by 17. In the other matches Mrs. Carmichael recovered from a half-time deficit to beat Mrs. Evans by 7, and Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Schellenberg had comfortable wins.

### Semi-Finals

The evening session began with the presentation of floral sprays to the semi-finalists—a much appreciated gesture from Reg Corwen.

The draw was Markus v. Carmichael, Forbes v. Schellenberg. In the first match Mrs. Carmichael, with her retinue of Civil Service players, created a surprise by taking a 9-point lead after 16 boards. Mrs. Markus and Mrs. Gordon, though missing one game, did well enough against Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Manewell, but at the other table Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Higginson were out of form against Mrs. Carmichael and Miss Crook. They stayed short of two close but makable games and reached the wrong contract when Mrs. Higginson held as East:

♠ J x x x  
 ♥ J x  
 ♦ A x x  
 ♣ K x x x

South opened a weak 1NT, Mrs. Whitaker overcalled with Two Hearts, vulnerable, and North passed. Thinking that her partner would have been more likely to double with a balanced hand, Mrs. Higginson raised to Four Hearts. The more natural call of 2NT would have led to the right game, partner holding:

♠ K Q 10  
 ♥ A Q 10 9 x x  
 ♦ Q 10  
 ♣ 10 x

Four Hearts was one off; at the other table a part score was made.

Mrs. Oldroyd and Mrs. Corwen came in for the second half, and now Mrs. Markus's team played in top form, scoring 35 against 7. Of the 7, 6 were lost when Mrs. Corwen went down in a slam that might have been made on the lead.

In the other match the Londoners were again down at half time, Mrs. Schellenberg leading by 7. Mrs. Lester made the wrong final choice when she held as West:

♠ x x x  
 ♥ A K x x x  
 ♦ x  
 ♣ A K Q x

She opened One Heart and rebid Two Clubs over the response of One Spade. Partner now bid Two Diamonds, and Mrs. Lester only Two Spades—an underbid. When partner went on to Three Spades West chose 3NT. This was one down; Four Spades would have been better, partner holding ♠K10xxx and ♦AQxxx.

In the second half Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Lester got nothing back from Mrs. Schellenberg and Mrs. Jackson. At the other table Mrs. Macdonnell and Miss Coen played steadily but had few chances to pick up points from Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Nicholson. The Northerners held on to win by 2 points, so that the final was

the same as last year—Mrs. Markus (with a partly different team) v. Mrs. Schellenberg.

### Final Day

Turning to the report of last year's final, I see that Mrs. Schellenberg, though 25 down after 48 boards, lost by only 10 at the finish. This year, alas, her team was never in the fight. One can but congratulate the winners on a most efficient display.

In the Ladies' Pláte, by some

ingenious manoeuvre, the defeated teams in every round had a chance to play again for the consolation prize. Miss Shanahan's team had its revenge against Mrs. Forbes in a short match and won the final against Mrs. Campfield's team from Sheffield by 32 points.

Though both finals were lacking in tension, this was universally judged to be a most successful week-end, with the weather beneficent to golfers.

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# London and the South

by JEREMY FLINT

This month I shall be writing about hands from the Tollemache final, a notable Gold Cup clash, and the Droitwich Congress, which, I suppose, begs a certain geographical licence.

### The Tollemache Final

London fulfilled general expectations by winning all its matches, as reported elsewhere in this issue by Harold Franklin.

However, the victory over Yorkshire was by a narrow margin and this hand might well be said to have tipped the balance:—

West dealer  
Game all

NORTH

♠ Q J 7 6  
♥ J 10 9 2  
♦ A 7 6 4  
♣ 3

WEST

♠ 8 3  
♥ 8  
♦ K J 10 9 8 3  
♣ 10 9 8 5

EAST

♠ 9 2  
♥ A K 7 6 4 3  
♦ 2  
♣ A Q 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 5 4  
♥ Q 5  
♦ Q 5  
♣ K J 7 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	No	No	1♥
1♠	No	2♠	3♥
3♠	No	4♠	No
No	No		

West led his singleton heart and East, C. Rodrigue, playing for London, won with the King, South dropping the Queen. Judging that the hand could be beaten only on the assumption that South held the missing heart, he made the excellent return of a low heart, so as to kill all the discards. West ruffed and returned a club to East's Ace. Now East played ♥4 and South could not avoid losing four tricks.

The following hand illustrates a type of tactical stroke that is not uncommon among the masters:—

West dealer  
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A J 8  
♥ K Q 9 2  
♦ A J 7 6  
♣ 8 5

WEST

♠ 9 7 3  
♥ 8 6 4  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ J 7 6 4

EAST

♠ 6 4 2  
♥ 10 7 3  
♦ 10 3  
♣ A K Q 3 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 5  
♥ A J 5  
♦ K Q 8 5  
♣ 10 9

Where London sat East-West the bidding at one table went:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	<i>Schapiro</i>		<i>Rodrigue</i>
	1♠	1NT	Dbl.
Redbl.	2♣	No	No
3NT	No	No	No

Rodrigue found no difficulty in choosing which of his partner's "suits" to lead! Both London North-South pairs did well to record a major-suit game and London obviously had a good board.

However, at the last table, where again West judged that he had a compulsory opening, the bidding went:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	<i>L. Tarlo</i>		<i>H. Franklin</i>
	1♠	Dbl.	2♣
3NT	No	No	Dbl.
No	4♣	Dbl.	No
No	No		

This unfortunately cost 900. I left the post-mortem with Franklin still castigating his partner for his arrant cowardice!

### Gold Cup

#### N. Gardener v. J. Collings

This was clearly a match to watch. The Gardener team (Gardener, Rose, Nunes, Rockfelt, Swinnerton-Dyer, Dormer) took an early lead and after 16 boards the teams were level. But then, with Dame Fortune turning

her back on him, Gardener sustained a series of disasters. With 16 boards to go he was over 30 I.M.P.s behind and eventually lost by 50 I.M.P.s to Collings, Crown, Hiron, Silverstone, Mrs. Hiron. Strangely enough, it was in the early boards that the seeded team missed its chances. This was a rare misjudgement in the play by a very fine card player:—

South dealer  
Game all

NORTH  
 ♠ 7 4 2  
 ♥ Q 8 7 2  
 ♦ K 5  
 ♣ A 9 4 2

SOUTH  
 ♠ A 9 8 6 5  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ A Q 9 6 3  
 ♣ K 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	No	2♣	No
2♦	No	2♠	No
3♦	No	4♠	No
No	No		

The lead was ♥K, on which East played the 9. West continued with ♥A, East completing a peter and declarer ruffing. Although it would seem standard technique to duck a round of trumps declarer somewhat surprisingly played ♠A and ♠5. The defence drew the third round of trumps. The diamonds did not break and

there was no squeeze, so North-South lost 100. This was a particularly expensive mistake as the game was not bid in the other room. Apparently the declarer was misled by the heart peter into concluding that the hearts were 6/2 and he might be the victim of an uppercut if he ducked a round of trumps—however, for this to be so West must have ♥AKJ10xx, together with three spades, and would surely have ventured a bid over Two Diamonds.

### The Droitwich Congress

Some four or five years ago I won some very attractive glasses at this Congress. Unhappily a series of disasters in the washing up bowl had produced a "ten little nigger boys" theme in my collection. So determined to replace my sadly depleted stock I set out upon a "raid for plunder". After two sessions of pairs I already had eight beautiful glasses safely stowed in the hold, surely enough to satisfy any pirate. Thus it was that the principal event resulted as follows:

#### Congress Pairs

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2. R. Crown, J. Collings, A. Dormer, D. Rimington.

In spite of the comparative failure of my Neapolitan team I should like to thank all those who took such a sympathetic interest in our methods. To those who have asked me to write about the system I am happy to say that one or more articles will appear shortly.

In the teams-of-four final I was confronted with an odd defensive position which in a general way I would have thought all good players should get right.

West dealer  
Game all

NORTH  
 ♠ A 7 3  
 ♥ Q J 9 2  
 ♦ 9 7 4  
 ♣ K 10 5

WEST	EAST
♠ K J 8 5	♠ Q
♥ A 7 4	♥ K 10 3
♦ K Q J 5	♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ Q 2	♣ A 7 6 4

SOUTH  
 ♠ 10 9 6 4 2  
 ♥ 8 6 5  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ J 9 8 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Flint	Collings	Triefus	Crown
	1♦	No	2♣
No	2NT	No	3♦ (1)
No	3♥	No	6♦

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North struck the unhappy lead of ♥Q. Cover up the North and West hands and try to solve the problem which is posed for South later in the hand. West wins the first trick with ♥A and plays two rounds of trumps on which South discards ♠2. He then plays a spade which North wins with the Ace. North plays a trump which West wins, South discarding a heart. Declarer follows with a heart, finessing the 10, to leave the position:—

NORTH  
 ♠ 7 3  
 ♥ J 9  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K 10 5

WEST	EAST
♠ K J 8	♠ —
♥ 7	♥ K
♦ 5	♦ A 3
♣ Q 2	♣ A 7 6 4

SOUTH  
 ♠ 10 9 6  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ J 9 8 3

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You will notice that West has carefully retained a trump entry to his hand. On ♥K South has to find a discard—this is simple as if West has ♣Kx the hand is lay-down, so South discards a club. Now came ♦3. At the table I saw I had to decide between these critical cases—West holding originally:

1. ♠ K J x x  
♣ Q x

or

2. ♠ K x x  
♣ K x x

Judging rather too hastily that a Baron minded player might well have opened One Spade if he held

hand (1) I discarded a spade—  
“Finita la musica.”

Of course I was wrong and it is *not* a guess. South should ask himself why has declarer played a low diamond apparently leaving the Ace in the dummy in this pseudo squeeze position? The answer must surely be a lack of entries. In other words West cannot have the King of clubs. The position would be fascinating if West had hand (2) as I believe that the small diamond play creating the illusion that he had not got ♣K would stand the best chance of success—I shall remember that!

# Shadow Teams of Four

by RONALD BOWMAN

Improving one's game is a constant aim for those of us who want to reach our maximum potential, as the efficiency experts phrase it. In addition to the usual ways of reading, watching the experts, discussion, etc., four of us have been trying out a method which we think offers a worthwhile additional approach.

It was largely evolved by Keith Stanley, who with his partner Dick Green won the Field Trophy this year.

Briefly it works like this:

We deal a hand, bid it and play it as if it were in a duplicate match; that is, keeping all four hands separate by the usual method of pointing the cards to the side that takes the trick. At the end of the play, all four hands are exposed and analysed to discover what is judged to be the "reasonable par" on the hand. This could be described as the result that would be obtained by four internationals playing flawlessly, yet not producing any double-dummy or extraordinary bids or plays.

The actual result we four obtained is then compared with this

par result, and marked accordingly in I.M.P.s. If the par result is obtained, the score is zero. If North-South score 250 below their par, they score minus 4, and East-West plus 4, and so forth.

The vulnerability and dealer are taken from the standard cycle of a set of sixteen boards, just as though it were a normal teams of four match. The use of actual boards is therefore not essential, though more convenient and giving the "feel" of a match as well.

Some example hands to illustrate:

East dealer  
Love all

NORTH

♠ A J 10 8  
♥ K 8 7 6 2  
♦ A K Q 5  
♣ —

WEST

♠ K Q 7  
♥ A 10 9 4  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ 10 7 3

EAST

♠ 6 3  
♥ Q J 5 3  
♦ J 10 6  
♣ A K 9 4

SOUTH

♠ 9 5 4 2  
♥ —  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ Q J 8 6 5 2

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If we dealt this hand (actually it is from the 1959 World Championship), and North in our room played in One Heart, going one off, we would assume that in "the other room" Avarelli and Belladonna were North-South, and their bidding, Roman style, would be:

SOUTH	NORTH
No	2♦ (1)
2♠ (2)	4♠

(1) 17-20 points and either 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4-0.

(2) At least four spades and less than 5 points.

On a diamond or club lead this

would be made with an overtrick, scoring 450. The E.-W. in our room would thus score 500 aggregate points or 6 I.M.P.s, and N.-S. minus 6.

In assessing contracts, we make use of the mathematical probabilities, whenever it is necessary, and assume that in "the other room" the players will strictly follow the odds.

Regarding slam bidding, if a small slam depends only on one finesse, or is a 50 per cent chance at worst, we assume it will be bid in "the other room", and mark our result accordingly:

South dealer  
Game all

NORTH

♠ 10 9 7 3

♥ A 6

♦ 7 5

♣ A K 10 5 2

WEST

♠ K 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 9 7 4 3

EAST

♠ 5 2

♥ Q J 8 4 2

♦ A 6 3 2

C J 8

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 8 6

♥ K 10 5

♦ K Q J

♣ Q 6

If N.-S. in our room bid Six Spades, going one off, there would be no score on the board, as we would assume the same result in

the other room. If on the other hand, our N.-S. stayed in Four Spades, then they would gain 750 aggregate points or 7 I.M.P.s, noting at the same time that these seven points were nothing to be proud of as they too should have been in Six Spades.

A grand slam is assumed to have been bid in the other room if the odds in its favour are about 70 per cent.

With regard to sacrifice bidding, it is always assumed that our shadow four will make the right decision, and that they will achieve the par result. (We have a very high opinion of them!)

West dealer  
Love all

NORTH			
♠	K 7 2		
♥	Q 7 5 3		
♦	4 3		
♣	J 9 7 6		
WEST		EAST	
♠	Q J 9 8 6 4	♠	A 10 5 3
♥	K 9 4	♥	J 2
♦	J 7	♦	A Q 10 9 8 2
♣	5 3	♣	8
SOUTH			
♠	—		
♥	A 10 8 6		
♦	K 6 5		
♣	A K Q 10 4 2		

Over Five Clubs by N.-S., E.-W. will sacrifice in Five Spades doubled. We would measure our

result against a score of 100 to N.-S.

Of course, with some hands quite an amount of analysis is necessary before it is agreed between all four players what is the reasonable par. This actually can be very instructive and is part of the value of this method of play-practice, even though we are willing to admit that in some cases our analysis may not be infallible. But this is a case where four heads are better than one.

A match can consist of any convenient number of boards, and one has the added advantage of always knowing one's "team" score after every hand.

If all four players made no mistakes in relation to the yardstick of this par, then the match would, of course, be a draw.

Quite, it never happens. . . . The winners are the pair who chuck the least, which is as it should be.

If it is desired to play for money, then an agreed stake per I.M.P. is the answer.

So if you want to try this idea out, grab a partner, and challenge another pair to a match. You will be all right, you can have, say, Reese and Schapiro as your team mates.

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# The Tollemache Final

by HAROLD FRANKLIN

First, the skeleton:

(1) London beat Yorkshire, plus 10; beat Warwickshire, plus 36; beat Bucks and Berks, plus 59.

(2) Warwickshire beat Bucks and Berks, plus 11; beat Yorkshire, plus 10.

(3) Bucks and Berks beat Yorkshire, plus 26.

(4) Yorkshire.

And now a little meat to add to the bones.

London, the favourites, met Yorkshire, the holders, in the first round and at the half-way stage the two teams were on level terms. The first half of the second and third round matches were then played and whereas London were quick to assert their superiority in both their matches Yorkshire were surprisingly in the toils, one point up against Bucks and Berks and ten points down to Warwickshire.

The early boards in the London-Yorkshire match had included two big ones, a two-loser slam by Franklin and Tarlo and a better slam which proved too difficult to bid at all four tables.

This proved a ticklish bidding problem for one Yorkshire player,

unsatisfactorily solved, and aggravated somewhat in the play.

West dealer

North-South game

NORTH

♠ A 8 6 5 3

♥ 9 6 2

♦ J 10 9 7

♣ 5

WEST

♠ J 10

♥ A 10 3

♦ Q

♣ J 10 9 8 6 3 2

EAST

♠ K Q 9 4

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5 3 2

♣ —

SOUTH

♠ 7 2

♥ K Q 5 4

♦ K 4

♣ A K Q 7 4

West opened Three Clubs which was passed round to South, A. Finlay. The hand came a year or two too late, for the "new" method of playing an optional double under the pre-emptive bid is now common currency, and when Finlay doubled his partner bid Three Spades and South tried to salvage his disappearing plus score with a bid of Three No Trumps. A club was led and East discarded the two of diamonds. Perhaps that persuaded

the declarer to tackle that suit in a most unusual way: he led a small diamond at trick 2 instead of the more obvious (and correct) play of the King. West gratefully won and switched to spades. The declarer took the second spade and led a heart to the Queen and Ace. West returned the ten of hearts and the declarer won and played the King of diamonds. East took the trick and conceded two diamonds to the dummy, the declarer thus making only two tricks from his own hand.

In the third quarter of the match Yorkshire took a lead of three points, and missed the chance to make it appreciably more on this deal:

West dealer

North-South game

NORTH

♠ 10 6 3

♥ 6

♦ K Q J 8 7 4

♣ Q 7 3

WEST

♠ A Q 9 5 4

♥ 5 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 5 2

EAST

♠ J 7

♥ K J 10 9 8

♦ 10 6 2

♣ J 10 9

SOUTH

♠ K 8 2

♥ A Q 7 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ 8 6 4

At adverse vulnerability it might

be considered a dangerous practice to overcall on the North hand when West opened One Spade and yet, curiously, Schapiro was the only one of the four North players who was sufficiently disciplined to pass. Justice is not always done, for at the other three tables South could not be restrained from going to Three No Trumps and the cards, as can be seen, were very favourably disposed. Two declarers were successful after a black suit lead. At the other East had bid hearts, causing West to double and lead a heart.

It was likely that West would hold AQ and AK in the black suits, but the declarer, C. Vickerman, did not relish the prospect of using his two red entries to develop a club trick. Instead, he cashed his second heart, stripping West of that suit, and took six diamonds. East discarded two hearts and a club; South discarded two hearts and two clubs and West parted with three spades and one club. The declarer thought that he had to decide whether West had been 6-3 or 5-4 in the black suits; he made up his mind that West had begun with six spades and was now down to the blank AK of clubs and attempted to throw him in with the club—unlucky! Not really, because the declarer had not

followed the spade spots sufficiently closely: if West still held three spades they could either be AQJ, or AQ7, leaving East with the single J or 7, and in either event South would be able to cover East's card and still have the suit protected.

In the final set the hand described by Jeremy Flint on page 12 was among those that enabled London to pull ahead.

Having survived their anxious moment, London dealt summarily with both Warwickshire and Bucks and Berks. Yorkshire, who might also have been expected to have the better of their remaining matches, collapsed sadly. They were headed for a draw against Warwickshire until what must have been the most irresponsible bid of the week-end—a pseudo-sacrifice that cost 900 to save an unmakeable game—put paid to their prospects.

In the final session there was a variety of approach to the bidding of this hand:

West dealer

Game all

WEST

♠ A 10 5

♥ K 5 3

♦ A K Q 5 3

♣ 7 2

EAST

♠ 8 4 2

♥ A Q J 6

♦ 10 4

♣ A Q 8 3

After One Diamond–One Heart West's rebid may not be obvious. The Warwickshire player at my

table made the professional rebid of One Spade and partner went to 3NT. The other Warwickshire pair found a safe harbour after steering the following alarming course:

WEST	EAST
1♦	1♥
2♣	2♠
4♥	No

Yorkshire, meanwhile, were adding to their misfortunes in their match against Berks and Bucks and had a chance to turn the tide when Kempson and Fell demonstrated natural bidding methods to advantage by reaching a very playable slam on the same hand:

WEST	EAST
<i>Fell</i>	<i>Kempson</i>
2♦	2♥
3♥	4♣
4♠	5♥
6♥	No

South led the King of spades.

Four hearts, five diamonds, two clubs and the Ace of spades would produce twelve tricks, but that calls for both a diamond break and a club finesse. Since the club finesse is unavoidable, the prospects can be advanced by taking it at an early stage and ruffing a club. This will produce eleven tricks without the diamond break and twelve tricks with a club–diamond or spade–diamond squeeze, or a double squeeze if the two black suits have to be

guarded in different hands. For the sake of the timing the first spade must be ducked, despite the slight danger attached thereto.

In fact the diamonds were 4-2, but since South had to guard the spades and North the clubs, and since the club finesse was right, sound technique would have been handsomely rewarded. Missing

the best line, East won the first spade, drew trumps in three rounds and then tackled the diamonds. So Yorkshire lost perhaps its last chance to retain the title which it had won so well last year. And that means that they will be back next year with even more than their customary determination.

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## New Sequences in the Culbertson 4-5

by H. O. WORGER

### (1) The Delayed 5NT

The late S. J. Simon said in "Design for Bidding" that he doubted if Culbertson ever realised the full potentialities of his convention. Even Skid himself did not realise them.

One potentiality that Skid missed is what may be termed the delayed 5NT response. If your partner bids 4NT conventionally you know that provided you do not bid Five of the agreed trump suit you will have a chance to bid again. If over his 4NT bid you bid Five of any suit you know partner will not place you with two Aces. However,

when you bid 5NT on the next round he should realise that you could have bid 5NT at once and that the previous bid was an advance cue bid. Since the 5NT bid confirms joint possession of all four Aces the feature shown immediately over 4NT could not be first round control. It must therefore be second round control, i.e. the King or singleton.

So I suggest that in the sequence

WEST	EAST
1♥	1♠
4♠	4NT
5♦	5♠
5NT	

West, by bidding Five Diamonds and then 5NT, should be held to have shown two Aces *plus* King or singleton in diamonds.

Another example: partner opens One Spade and you hold:

♠ A x x x x

♥ x x x

♦ x

♣ A K 10 x

You bid Two Clubs. Partner bids Two Diamonds and you now give him the delayed game raise of Four Spades. Partner now bids 4NT. You bid Five Clubs. This is technically a sign-off showing no Aces but partner will have to return to Five of the agreed trump suit, spades, giving you your opportunity to bid 5NT. That shows that you could have bid 5NT at once and that the bid of Five Clubs was an advance cue bid showing second round control of clubs, which since you bid the suit must be the King.

## (2) Showing an Ace and a Void

A situation that sometimes arises is when a player, having to reply to a Culbertson 4NT bid, has one Ace only and a void. Often he has bid two suits and given delayed support to a third and is in consequence marked with a shortage in the fourth suit but not with a void. Sometimes if he could show both his Ace and void below the level of Six

of the agreed trump suit this information might enable partner to bid a grand slam.

Culbertson says that with an Ace and a void the Ace should be cue bid over 4NT, not the void. This is not really sound advice. If the void is in a suit of lower rank than the agreed trump suit it may be better to bid the void.

If partner has the Ace of this suit he will infer a void and no Ace and with such duplication of values will probably sign off with Five of the agreed trump suit. Now you can raise to Six on the strength of your unshown Ace or possibly give partner another chance for Seven by cue-bidding it.

If partner jumps to Six you can infer that he has not got the Ace of your void suit and therefore that kind of duplication does not arise. You now have to consider whether to bid Seven on the strength of your unshown Ace. You must, of course, bear in mind that partner may be placing you with Ace of the former suit.

This is a better method than Culbertson's, but how much better it would be if you could show both Ace and void and still leave the option of the small or big slam open to partner.

There is only one bid available for this purpose and this is the bid of Six of a suit of lower rank

than the agreed trump suit. Unfortunately Six of a bid suit of lower rank than the agreed trump suit has already been assigned by many writers, although not by Culbertson and his immediate associates, to mean the Ace of that suit, since to bid Five of such a suit would be ambiguous or sign off. The meaning of a bid of Six of a new suit of lower rank than the agreed trump suit has not, however, been generally assigned to anything. It is therefore available to show Ace and a void.

For minor suit slams this convention may not be usable but for major suit slams there may be opportunities for its use and nothing is lost by playing this response to 4NT, for it is otherwise an idle bid.

The ideas put forward in this article have been submitted to the Rules and Ethics Committee of the E.B.U. and have been approved, subject to their publication in this form. To sum up:

(i) After a conventional bid of 4NT a bid of 5NT by either partner, whether made at the first opportunity or not, shows the apparent joint possession of all four Aces. Any bid interposed by the 5NT bidder will suggest an additional second-round control.

(ii) After a conventional bid of 4NT an immediate bid of Six of an unbid suit shows that the responder has an Ace and a void with first round control of the suit bid.

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**Below we reproduce the January problems**

**Problem No. 1 (10 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, game all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	No	2♥	No
2♠	No	3♦	No
?			

South holds:—

♠AK8643 ♥75 ♦Q96 ♣A4

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 2 (10 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		2♣	No
2♠	No	3♥	No
3♠	No	5♠	No
?			

South holds:—

♠K9876532 ♥ — ♦2 ♣KQ87

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 3 (20 points)**

Match-point pairs, East-West vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	No	1♠	2♣
?			

South holds:—

♠AK7 ♥AQ8543 ♦A ♣872

(a) What should South bid?

(b) What should South bid if East had bid Three Clubs?

**Problem No. 4 (10 points)**

Rubber bridge, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♠	No
2♥	No	2♠	No
?			

South holds:—

♠A3 ♥A109864 ♦Q65 ♣A8

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 5 (10 points)**

Match-point pairs, East-West vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♥	No	No
?			

South holds:—

♠K1096 ♥A943 ♦A ♣A432

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 6 (10 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, North-South vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		2♣	5♦
?			

South holds:—

♠KQ743 ♥108 ♦K10 ♣KJ102

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 7 (20 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	No	2♣	No
?			

South holds:—

♠AK ♥J104 ♦AQJ65 ♣Q96

(a) What should South bid?

(b) What should South bid at match-point pairs scoring?

**Problem No. 8 (10 points)**

Rubber bridge, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1NT	Dbl.
No	2♣	No	2♦
No	No	No	

North's 1NT bid shows 12-14 points.

South holds:—

♠KJ93 ♥986 ♦K103 ♣862

What should South lead?

# You Say . . .

Readers are invited to send letters on all subjects to the Editor, B.B.W., 35 Dover Street, London, W.1

Bridge Congresses are booming at the present time but unless the powers that be are not very careful they will collapse. The non-expert player is the life blood of the congresses but there is a growing feeling of discontent amongst many for two reasons at least.

(A) The crazy assortment of systems and conventions now being used, particularly by some of the leading players. Sooner or later we shall hear that A and B play Neapolitan when vulnerable, Acol non-vulnerable with Baron No Trump overbids, plus CAB responses in certain circumstances or something just as complicated. Some control *must* be introduced.

(B) Expert couples entering into the Open pairs, completely scaring the poor players before the game has started. To remedy this I would suggest that the E.B.U. advise all congress committees to make one or two sections of open pairs events restricted to players who have not reached county standard or have not more than, say, 20 Master Points. The other sections could be free for all. Most congresses have four, five

or more sections at each session.

Your own views, Mr. Editor, on these points will be appreciated by many.

H. ST.J. INGRAM,  
Farnborough, Kent.

*As to (A), you know that I am entirely with you. I gather, however, that some recent decisions of the licensing committee are not entirely beyond recall.*

*With regard to (B), it seems an admirable move to restrict some sections to the less august ranks of Master.*

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I could not agree more with your editorial (December) suggestion of two (or three?) divisions for the European, so that the championship becomes a test of skill rather than of longevity and stamina.

I am all against providing holidays with play for camp followers and see no reason why any recorders are necessary; provided that curtain cards are filed for the benefit of columnists wishing to write up a deal. The actual bidding can generally be obtained

from one of the players at the cost of a "double".

C. E. HOLMES,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

*Some players would be wise to charge more.*

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I have found, I suppose, some errors in the analysis of the hand opposite from the January issue, where Jeremy Flint is writing about a 3NT contract, opening lead, ♡2.

STIG WERDELIN,  
Gentofte, Denmark.

NORTH

♠ 10 5  
♥ K Q 8 4  
♦ A K 8 4 3  
♣ 7 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 7 6 3  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A K 8 2

*I suppose so, too. There were nine tricks on top and the spades are not entirely proof against attack by West. South needs to hold Q8xx.*

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Conducted by ALAN TRUSCOTT

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**Problem No. 1 (10 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, game all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♥	1♠	No

?

South holds:—

♠105 ♥J64 ♦A7532 ♣KQ8.

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 2 (10 points)**

Match-point pairs, East-West vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♠

?

South holds:—

♠AQ976 ♥7 ♦— ♣AKJ9854.

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 3 (20 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	No	1♥	No
1♠	No	3♦	No

?

South holds:—

♠AKQ8 ♥K ♦532 ♣Q10743.

What should South bid (a) as the bidding has gone? and (b) if North had bid Three Clubs on the second round?

**Problem No. 4 (10 points)**

Match-point pairs, East-West vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♥
Dbl.	No	2♦	No

?

South holds:—

♠AQ64 ♥KJ ♦AKQ ♣AQ52.

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 5 (10 points)**

Rubber bridge, game all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♣	Dbl.	3♠

?

South holds:—

♠54 ♥63 ♦K7 ♣KQ98764.

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 6 (20 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	No	1NT	No

?

South holds:—

♠A743 ♥A8642 ♦A96 ♣5.

(a) Do you agree with South's opening bid? If not, what alternative do you prefer?

(b) What should South bid now?

**Problem No. 7 (10 points)**

Match-point pairs, game all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♠

No	No	Dbl.	No
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?

South holds:—

♠874 ♥J1085 ♦AQ10 ♣K92.

What should South bid?

**Problem No. 8 (10 points)**

Rubber bridge, game all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			1♣

No	1♥	No	2♣
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No	2♦	No	2NT
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No	3NT	No	No
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No

South holds:—

♠KJ73 ♥87 ♦K643 ♣A84.

What should South lead?

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## RESULT OF JANUARY COMPETITION

This was a difficult set, and nearly all solvers were defeated by problems 1 and 8. To find the club lead on the latter it is necessary to visualise the play, with a dummy consisting of little but long weak clubs.

<b>Winner</b>		<i>Max.</i> 100
	J. HIBBERT, 15 Camellia Place, Whitton, Middx.	91
<b>Second</b>		
	C. VICKERMAN, Field House, Netherton, Huddersfield	85
<b>Third</b>		
	R. VAN DE VELDE, Beethovenstraat 14/IV Amsterdam	84
<b>Other leading scores:</b> MISS W. JEWSON, 82; MRS. J. GATTI and G. K. RUSSELL, 81; F. v. KIMMENADE, 80; J. E. GORDON, and MRS. J. MARSHALL, 79; DR. M. E. WEBER, 78; W. H. BRUMBY and W. L. WILKINSON, 76.		

**December Competition.** A winning entry totalling 93 points was received after the closing date from K. Reitsema, Tuinbouwstraat 6A, Groningen, Holland. As this had been subject to postal delay, Mr. Reitsema will receive a prize of two guineas which will be additional to those already announced.

Another good score in the December competition was: A. Bergson, 82.

# E.B.U. Results

## CROCKFORDS CUP

### Round II (completed)

		IMP
P. F. L. Tottenham (Staffs.)	<i>beat</i> G. P. Littler (N.W.C.B.A.)	17
J. D. Colley (Yorks.)	„ Dr. J. C. Macfarlane (Derby)	20
C. A. James (London)	„ D. R. Freshwater (Surrey)	17
E. Leader Williams (London)	„ A. T. Gunliffe (Middlesex)	14
Dr. N. J. Brown (Somerset)	„ R. H. Chope (S.C.)	24
Mrs. P. M. Williams (London)	„ Mrs. M. Edwards (Surrey)	38
G. Fell (Yorks.)	„ E. Burston (Derby)	14
C. H. Dodson (Warwks.)	„ R. Hardy (Warwks.)	39
W. M. Lamport (Herts.)	„ T. L. Hunter (Kent)	35
E. F. Briscoe (Warwks.)	„ W. N. Morgan Brown	
	(Glos. & London)	6
M. Blank (N.W.C.B.A.)	„ I. Manning (Yorks.)	3
E. W. Crowhurst (Berks. & Bucks)	„ J. C. Oxland (Somerset)	27
R. Preston (London)	„ Miss D. Shanahan (London)	7
J. Field (London)	„ D. T. H. Davenport (London)	8
Mrs. A. W. Easey (London)	„ J. Amsbury (London)	2
J. Collings (London)	„ R. A. Priday (London)	12
J. Sargeant (Kent)	„ J. O. Parkinson (Middlesex)	17
Mrs. M. Whitaker (London)	„ F. North (Sussex)	12
K. E. Stanley (Essex)	„ G. B. Burrows (Essex)	7
L. Tarlo (London)	„ H. Lee (London)	43
E. White (Derby)	„ E. L. Figgis (N.W.C.B.A.)	6
Dr. M. Rushton (N.E.B.A.)	„ Mrs. Campfield (Yorks.)	48
M. A. Porter (Warwks.)	„ H. Shukla (Yorks.)	29

## GOLD CUP

		IMP
P.F.L. Tottenham (Staffs.)	<i>beat</i> L. Morrell (Yorks.)	9
M. A. Porter (Warwks.)	„ R. Myers (N.W.C.B.A.)	19
Mrs. R. Markus (London)	„ A. G. Jeffery (London)	58
I. Manning (Yorks.)	„ Dr. W. J. Patterson (Yorks.)	69
M. Williams (Kent)	„ J. Griffiths (Middlesex)	8
D. R. Freshwater (Surrey)	„ P. E. Graham (S.C.)	5
N. Jackson (N.E.B.A.)	<i>WO</i> H. Lee (Yorks.) Scr.	43
Mrs. M. Luxton (Surrey)	<i>beat</i> D. Reid (London)	34
W. E. D. Hall (Warwks.)	„ B. J. Switalski (Yorks.)	34
F. North (Sussex)	„ M. F. Saunders (London)	
G. B. Burrows (Essex)	„ Mrs. P. M. Williams (London)	16
L. Summers (Sussex)	„ Mrs. J. Gath (London)	50
J. Collings (London)	„ N. Gardener (London)	

N. R. C. Frith (Notts.)	„	G. W. Sutcliffe (N.W.C.B.A.)	19
N. Bergson (N.E.B.A.)	„	E. F. Briscoe (Warwks.)	13
B. Hinton (N.W.C.B.A.)	„	J. D. Colley (Yorks.)	4
E. Senk (London)	„	Dr. W. Spirer (London)	6
A. T. M. Jones (Somerset)	„	J. Parkinson (Middlesex)	5
E. White (Derby)	„	Dr. M. J. Beilin (N.W.C.B.A.)	850 pts.

after a tie.

### HUBERT PHILLIPS BOWL

#### Round II (completed)

			Points
Mrs. H. Rye (London)	<i>beat</i>	L. D. Levy (Middlesex)	2140
E. F. Briscoe (Warwks.)	„	Mrs. M. T. Lees (N.W.C.B.A.)	1040
Mrs. P. M. Williams (London)	„	Mrs. D. Brett (Kent)	540
Mrs. F. Gordon (London)	„	J. O. Parkinson (Middlesex)	1450
Dr. J. C. Macfarlane (Derby)	„	H. Lee (Yorks.)	940
Miss D. R. Shanahan (London)	„	R. Green (Essex)	2800
R. C. C. Gyles (Somerset)	„	F. C. Keyte (Devon)	600
Mrs. M. Lester (Sussex)	„	E. W. Crowhurst (Berks & Bucks)	1380
Mrs. M. Whitaker (London)	„	Miss D. Coen (London)	890
M. Bergson (N.E.B.A.)	„	M. Allen (Lincs.)	1040
Mrs. A. L. Fleming (London)	„	Mrs. J. Gatti (London)	3020
E. H. Pudsey (Yorks.)	„	J. R. L. Thompson (Notts.)	4690
Dr. B. J. Switalski (Yorks.)	„	S. Meggitt (Lincs.)	90

#### Round III

W. E. Lee (Notts.)	<i>beat</i>	J. Brown (Lincs.)	1300
W. E. D. Hall (Warwks.)	„	E. F. Briscoe (Warwks.)	450
Mrs. Webster (Lincs.)	„	Hon. Pamela Walpole (Norfolk)	1440

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# One Hundred Up

Conducted by ALAN TRUSCOTT

**January Solutions:** If you did not enter for the January Competition, try your hand at the problems on page 28 before reading how the experts voted.

The panel for the January problems consisted of the following thirteen experts: J. Flint, G. C. H. Fox, Mrs. R. Markus, F. North, J. Nunes, J. T. Reese, D. C. Rimington, C. Rodrigue, R. Sharples, and N. S. L. Smart, all of London and the Home Counties; P. Swinnerton-Dyer, Cambridge; C. E. Phillips, Cheshire; and J. Hochwald, Yorkshire.

## Problem No. 1 (10 points)

I.M.P. scoring, game all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	No	2♥	No
2♠	No	3♦	No
?			

South holds:—

♠AK8643 ♥75 ♦Q96 ♣A4.

What should South bid?

*Answer:* Four Clubs, 10; Four Diamonds, 7; Three Hearts, 5; Four Hearts or Four Spades, 4.

*The panel's vote:* 5 for Four Clubs; 3 for Four Diamonds (Hochwald, Smart and Mrs. Markus); 3 for Three Hearts (North, Rodrigue and Phillips); 1 for Four Hearts (Swinnerton-Dyer); and 1 for Four Spades (Flint).

What stands out here is that South's hand is very strong viewed in the light of the earlier auction. There should be a suit game somewhere, for all South's points will be pulling their weight. A simple heart preference which may end the auction can only be described as

feeble. The only defence of this action was from:

PHILLIPS: "Three Hearts. South would have raised hearts immediately with three cards in the suit, so should have no qualms about giving simple preference on two. Of the alternatives, Three Spades is misleading on a hand that can stand a variety of other contracts, while 3NT, if it is to be bid at all, will come best from the other side of the table."

This is all true as far as it goes, but the real alternatives are bids at the level of four. The Four Diamond bidders are all satisfied that partner can now select the most suitable game contract, which may still be one of the majors. This is sound enough, but the popular bid seems to carry the same message even more clearly.

RIMINGTON: "Four Clubs. I had a maximum rebid of Two Spades, and the Four Clubs bid will not only show this but will tell partner that I am unsure of the best contract. Partner may be 5-5 in the red suits, and Five or Six Diamonds may be the best spot."

Fox, Nunes, Reese and Sharples all expressed similar views.

There were two unilateral game-plungers.

SWINNERTON-DYER. "Four Hearts. Partner cannot expect a better hand or better hearts than I have, and my cards are in the right places. Partner should have a 6-card heart suit, for Two

Hearts showed five, and he is still asking for preference. In particular he cannot be 1-5-4-3 which would rebid no trumps. If he is 1-5-5-2 I am not worried."

I would be worried about missing Six Diamonds. Also partner might be 2-5-5-1, in which case I would be worried about playing in the wrong suit.

FLINT: "Four Spades. If we play in a red suit there will be a shortage of entries to use my spades. If partner has a void spade it will be 'unlucky.'"

These carefree rubber bridge players—always hoping that partner will not get round to seeing what they bid on.

#### Problem No. 2 (10 points)

I.M.P. scoring, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		2♣	No
2♠	No	3♥	No
3♠	No	5♠	No
?			

South holds:—

♠K9876532 ♥— ♦2 ♣KQ87.

What should South bid?

Answer: Six Spades, 10; Six Hearts, 7; Seven Spades, 3.

The panel's vote: 8 for Six Spades; 4 for Six Hearts (North, Phillips, Smart and Swinnerton-Dyer); 1 for Seven Spades (Rodrigue).

This was a noteworthy, not to say notorious, hand from the Anglo-Italian match at St. Vincent. Schapiro bid Six Clubs on the South hand, inciting Reese to bid Seven Spades, missing the Ace of clubs.

Most of the panelists considered that grand slam possibilities can be neglected on the grounds that if North has the right cards his earlier bidding would have been different.

SHARPLES: "Six Spades. To try to find out more about partner's hand by bidding Six Clubs would be most unwise. The Five Spade bid would be an error of judgment holding first round controls in all suits. I am ready to concede a minor ace."

MRS. MARKUS: "Six Spades. This hand is misleading, because it looks as if South, by being void in hearts and having a singleton diamond, possesses a much stronger hand than he really has. Partner could hold all the tops in the other three suits and still hold a losing club. The fact that he did not Blackwood shows that he is much more interested in the quality of my spade holding than in any other cards."

REESE rejected Six Hearts because it might be misunderstood. Four panelists had more faith in their partners.

SMART: "Six Hearts. Presumably an ace is missing, but if it is the heart we want to be in seven. Partner can scarcely misunderstand the bid—and live."

PHILLIPS: "Six Hearts. Hoping partner has the minor-suit aces. The one card he should not be missing is the spade Ace—if he is Queen high in trumps his best move would have been a control-seeking 4NT or 5NT."

The same view came from Swinnerton-Dyer and North ("but if my partner is yawning then I'll settle for Six Spades!").

Finally, very finally:

RODRIGUE: "Seven Spades. If they have an ace, it may not be cashed."

You're playing the wrong game, sonny. Hasn't anyone told you that poker is now legal?

#### Problem No. 3 (20 points)

Match-point pairs, East-West vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	No	1♠	2♣

?

South holds:—

♠AK7 ♥AQ8543 ♦A ♣872.

(a) What should South bid?

(b) What should South bid if East had bid Three Clubs?

*Answer to (a):* Three Clubs, 10; Three Hearts, 7; Three Spades, 5; Three Diamonds or Four Hearts, 3.

*The panel's vote:* 6 for Three Clubs; 4 for Three Hearts (Fox, Reese, Rimington and Smart); 2 for Three Spades (Hochwald and Rodrigue); 1 for Three Diamonds (Sharples).

East's bid at the 2-level, vulnerable, should be based on a pretty solid 6-card or 7-card suit. So this is one of the rare cases when three small cards in the enemy suit is almost an advantage, for North is likely to be short in clubs and unlikely to have any wasted honours there.

SWINNERTON-DYER: "Three Clubs. I want to be in game—partner is unlikely to have more than two clubs—but the problem is which one. Any other bid takes a more or less irrevocable position; but a case can be made out for Four Hearts, which does show a spade fit."

In view of this last comment, with which I agree, Four Hearts has been given a consolation 3 points.

MRS. MARKUS: "Three Clubs. As the old-fashioned idea that I should have first-round control in clubs has long been discarded, I would not hesitate to bid Three Clubs. No other bid can describe the strength of South's holding."

Mrs. Markus' maxim is "She who hesitates is lost"—she seldom hesitates, and seldom loses.

The alternative bids were selected with less confidence.

REESE: "Three Hearts. Always difficult, but my principle is to try to play such hands in the long suit unless partner repeats his spades."

SMART: "Three Hearts. The suit strength is hardly ideal, but partner is likely to need six spades to take care of the clubs and a heart ruff as well."

RODRIGUE preferred Three Spades to Three Hearts because he felt the hearts were not strong enough. Hochwald made the same bid, and feared the loss of two clubs and a trick in each major suit.

The odd man out:

SHARPLES: "Three Diamonds. Prepared to take a chance on game, as partner requires so little in the right place. Both Three Spades and Three Hearts are unsatisfactory, insofar as they may be passed for the wrong reason."

To force with a singleton seems dangerous to me, for partner may be misled about the shape of the hand.

*Answer to (b):* Four Spades, 10; Four Clubs or Four Hearts, 8; Three Spades, 7; Three Diamonds, 3.

*The panel's vote:* 5 for Three Spades; 4 for Four Spades (Flint, Fox, Phillips and Swinnerton-Dyer); 2 for Four Clubs (Mrs. Markus and Rodrigue); 1 for Four Hearts (North); and one for Three Diamonds (Sharples).

Will angry solvers wishing to complain about the marking please form themselves into an orderly queue—and listen.

Leaving aside Three Diamonds, the division is really between seven panelists who were determined to be in game, and five pusillanimous gentlemen who were

prepared to risk stopping in a part score. As the five cowards, by sheer weight of numbers, can hardly be given less than 7 points, the seven brave souls have all been given more.

The argument that North is likely to be short and weak in clubs is now strengthened by the jump to Three Clubs. More important is the fact that a bid of Three Hearts or Three Spades will be somewhat discounted by an intelligent partner. When bidding under pressure in this way, Three Spades or Three Hearts may be bid as a competitive effort on values which would not justify the bid in an uncontested auction.

Respect for free speech, not to mention respect for the editor, compel me to give some space to the five timid, cowardly jellies:

REESE: "Three Spades. Difficult, and one may well regret not having opened with a Two-bid. Three Hearts would not sound strong enough now. One can hardly launch into Four Hearts, so Three Spades is perhaps the most likely road to game."

But you *can* afford to launch if partner is up to the finer points:

NORTH: "Four Hearts. The bidding has now become somewhat crowded, and I prefer a simple jump to Four Hearts which shows the South hand has improved with partner's spade response. If North feels like it he can bid Four Spades safe in the knowledge that dummy will be eminently suitable."

RODRIGUE and Mrs. Markus reckon that an aggressive Four Clubs is the best way to pick the best game. An interesting objection to this came from:

PHILLIPS: "Four Spades. The cue-bid is now out, since being above the level of 3NT it should guarantee control in the suit bid. However, we are not in

much difficulty: the longer and stronger East is, the more likely it becomes that North's bid was based on length in spades and little else."

The same view was expressed by Swinnerton-Dyer. Odd man out again:

SHARPLES: "Three Diamonds. Choice is now more restricted, and one can only hope partner will choose between the majors to simplify our problem. Over Four Diamonds bid Four Hearts."

This seems to place a touching faith in "new suits at the 3-level are forcing." In July, 1957, a similar bid was deemed not forcing, and I doubt whether Three Diamonds would be a comfortable contract.

#### Problem No. 4 (10 points)

Rubber bridge, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♠	No
2♥	No	2♠	No
?			

South holds:—

♠A3 ♥A109864 ♦Q65 ♣A8.

What should South bid?

Answer: Three Clubs, 10; Three Diamonds, 9; Four Spades, 6; Four Hearts, 3.

The panel's vote: 5 for Three Clubs; 4 for Three Diamonds (Rimington, Sharples, Smart and Swinnerton-Dyer); 3 for Four Spades (Fox, Hochwald and Reese); 1 for Four Hearts (Mrs. Markus).

The nine explorers must get the top ratings, but unfortunately none of them offer any explanation for preferring one minor suit to the other. To bid the suit with more points may be the best plan to explore 3NT, while to bid the suit with more cards is slightly less misleading about South's shape—although we are abandoning this objective once we

decide to explore at all. The panelists' motives remain as obscure as the reasons for the different treatments accorded to the lion and the unicorn.

Some gave them white bread:

FLINT: "Three Clubs. I have no idea what this means, but I would have avoided the problem by bidding Three Hearts originally."

NORTH: "Three Clubs. A waiting bid is clearly indicated, since South is too good for Four Spades. Slam prospects cannot be ruled out, although it may be difficult to determine just how far to go. Three Clubs at least gives us breathing space."

Some gave them brown:

RIMINGTON: "Three Diamonds. Mark time until further information received. 3NT may still be the best contract."

SHARPLES: "Three Diamonds. Four Clubs is a logical bid, but I would prefer one more spade and one fewer red card."

Some gave them plum cake:

REESE: "Four Spades. This should play well enough, so why leave the high-road?"

It is true that if North has only a moderate 5-card spade suit he would have tried to find another bid, even perhaps raising hearts with a doubleton honour. But he could have a 5-1-4-3- or 5-1-3-4- hand, in which case 3NT is likely to be better. With such a hand North would not be strong enough to introduce his second suit, which makes it difficult to swallow the argument of the last panelist:

MRS. MARKUS: "Four Hearts. Partner may have a weak hand with five spades to an honour. It is unlikely that he holds a singleton heart, as in that case he might have been able to show a second suit over Two Hearts. I

expect North to bid Four Spades if he has a singleton heart and six good spades."

I feel Mrs. Markus would need all her well-known skill in dummy-play, and that this answer would be unpopular with partners, panelists and solvers. She could perhaps escape from the angry mob by clinging to the unicorn's one horn when

They drummed them from the town.

### Problem No. 5 (10 points)

Match-point pairs, East-West vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1♥	No	No

?

South holds:—

♠K1096 ♥A943 ♦A ♣A432.

What should South bid?

*Answer:* Double, 10; One Spade, 8; No Bid, 6; 1NT, 4.

*The panel's vote:* 7 for Double; 4 for One Spade (Mrs. Markus, Flint, Smart and Swinnerton-Dyer); 2 for No Bid (Reese and Sharples).

Ugh. I have given top marks to the Double, but I need not pretend to like it. This is a prize example of modern theory crystallising along lines contrary to common-sense.

When the game was younger it was recognised that a bid in the protective position can be made more freely than second-in-hand, because the known third-hand weakness implies some second-hand strength. The craze for protection on ridiculously weak hands has now, fortunately, disappeared; but it has left a curious legacy. Because a bid of One Spade in this position may be weak, the pundits have extended the principle by announcing that it *must* be weak. This limitation of a suit protective

bid to a range of three or four points certainly makes life easy for partner—unnecessarily easy. Neither an opening suit bid, nor an immediate suit overcall are closely limited—but partner can handle the situation. It seems to me that no great problems are set if the range for One Spade in this position is fixed at roughly 10–16 points—the equivalent of an immediate non-vulnerable overcall for those who do not make this bid on rubbish.

It is quite true that the modern style gives precision to any minimum protective action, including 1NT which is roughly equivalent to a 12–14 weak no trump opening. But it does it at the cost of seriously overloading the double, which is left as a sort of omnibus action to take care of a wide variety of point counts and patterns. I see no reason why a double should not carry the same meaning for fourth hand as second hand: fair support for all the unbid suits, and/or a very strong hand. But many panelists are ready to follow their theoretical noses into obvious trouble.

RIMINGTON: "Double. If partner's response is in diamonds, I'll dig myself out."

What with? The only shovel to hand is the spade suit, and that is a pretty feeble implement.

RODRIGUE: "Double. Very difficult. If Two Diamonds, take a view."

I suppose your view-taking must get pretty good if you regularly put yourself in this sort of position.

PHILLIPS: "Double. If North bids diamonds, we may (or may not) be in a bad contract."

Thrifty as I am with my pennies, I would not object to a small wager on this.

Unhampered by the panel, I would have given all the marks to the possible alternatives, not excluding 1NT which I have therefore given consolation points.

"Theory" was troubling the consciences even of the sensible panelists who avoided the double.

SWINNERTON - DYER: "One Spade. One never beats One Heart the necessary 200 on this sort of hand. But any protective action must be chosen to stop partner bidding his silly diamonds; so I see no choice but this frightful underbid—little though I like it. Of course, West might bid again and then we can double with fair enthusiasm—partner must read the position."

There were two experienced votes for a defensive stand.

REESE: "No Bid. The chance of picking up a hundred or two from One Heart is better than of scoring well offensively, especially as the available bids—One Spades, 1NT, double—all have drawbacks."

SHARPLES: "No Bid. I am prepared for a majority vote for a double. But there is no guarantee that 3NT or Four Spades will be on if we reach it, whereas the penalty looks a cinch."

### Problem No. 6 (10 points)

I.M.P. scoring, North-South vulnerable, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		2♣	5♦

?

South holds:—

♠KQ743 ♥108 ♦K10 ♣KJ102

What should South bid?

Answer: 6NT, 10; No Bid, 9; 5NT, 8; Six Diamonds, 7.

The panel's vote: 4 for 6NT; 3 for No Bid (Flint, Rodrigue and Swinner-

ton-Dyer); 3 for 5NT (Mrs. Markus, Hochwald and Phillips); and 2 for Six Diamonds (Fox and Sharples).

There were only twelve votes on this. North may have omitted it by accident, or he may have thought the intervention unsporting.

NUNES: "Six No Trumps. If partner has a solid heart suit with all the controls he will bid seven."

But we may make seven of a black suit even if the hearts are not solid. A couple of shrewd blows at the alternative positive actions came from:

RIMINGTON: "Six No Trumps. Preferable to Six Diamonds because I have not the Ace of that suit. 5NT forcing is the ideal bid, but it imposes too much strain on partner."

Believing that North can take the strain:

PHILLIPS: "Five No Trumps. We must make a bid that will ensure reaching a little slam at least. 5NT has the advantage, over Six Diamonds, of suggesting that a club declaration will be particularly acceptable."

The clever alternative which some panelists may have overlooked:

SWINNERTON-DYER: "No Bid. This is constructive. The bidding cannot die in Five Diamonds undoubled, and therefore a pass is forcing and shows some values—on a blizzard you have to double. I shall be much better placed on the next round, raising Five Hearts to Six Hearts, Five Spades or Six Clubs to seven, and taking a double out into 6NT."

**Problem No. 7 (20 points)**

I.M.P. scoring, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	No	2♣	No
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(a) What should South bid?

(b) What should South bid at match-point pairs scoring?

Answer to (a): 2NT, 10; 3NT, 8; Four Clubs or Two Hearts, 4; Three Clubs, 3.

The panel's vote: 5½ for 2NT (North, Phillips, Reese, Rodrigue, Smart and Nu . . .); 3½ for 3NT (Fox, Rimington, Swinnerton-Dyer and . . . nes); 1 for Four Clubs (Flint); 1½ for Two Hearts (Sharples and Mrs. Ma . . .); ½ for Three Clubs (. . . rkus). No vote from Hochwald.

This was generally regarded as a straight choice between 2NT and 3NT.

RODRIGUE: "Two No Trumps. With a little in hand. This is unlikely to be passed. If partner now bids Three Clubs, I shall continue with Three Spades."

NUNES divided his vote on the system point of whether 2NT is forcing or not, preferring 2NT playing his normal Baron, but 3NT if playing Acol. The view that 2NT is forcing was not without support:

PHILLIPS: "Two No Trumps. We have the values for 3NT, but the lower bid, which will not be passed, gives us a better chance of a club contract if North is short in hearts."

MRS. MARKUS splits her vote on a

different system point. She chooses Three Clubs if playing her favourite CAB because it would then be 100 per cent forcing. Her alternative of Two Hearts is adopted without comment by Sharples. This seems a safe way of exploring, for we can always revert to clubs if partner goes mad about hearts.

The other minority vote:

FLINT: "Four Clubs. Expecting a 5-card suit at least with North. Five of a minor will surely not be worse than a finesse, and six may be on if partner is short in hearts."

Answer to (b): 2NT, 10; 3NT, 6; Two Hearts, 4.

The panel's vote:  $7\frac{1}{2}$  for 2NT;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  for 3NT (Mrs. Markus, Fox, Swinnerton-Dyer and . . . nes); 1 for Two Hearts (Sharples).

Most of the panelists stick their ground, but the match-point factor persuades Flint and Mrs. Markus to abandon their minor-suit raises. There was one other divergence:

RIMINGTON: "Two No Trumps. Slight overbidding can only be justified at I.M.P. scoring—and this will be accentuated when the new I.M.P. scale comes into force."

#### Problem No. 8 (10 points)

Rubber bridge, love all, the bidding has gone:—

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1NT	Dbl.
No	2♣	No	2♦
No	No	No	

North's 1NT bid shows 12–14 points.  
South holds:—

♠KJ93 ♥986 ♦K103 ♣862.

What should South lead?

Answer: A club, 10; Three of Spades or Three of Diamonds, 4; Nine of Hearts, 3.

The panel's vote: 6 for Eight of Clubs; 1 for Six of Clubs (Phillips); 1 for Two of Clubs (Mrs. Markus); 2 for Three of Spades (Reese and Nunes); 2 for Three of Diamonds (Fox and North); 1 for Nine of Hearts (Hochwald).

Nearly all the panel were of the opinion that a club lead would be the least helpful to declarer.

SWINNERTON-DYER: "Eight of Clubs. West has a bad hand which will provide declarer with few entries: he will therefore have to play suits from his own hand and we should not do his work for him. A trump lead is too likely to cost a trick, and if there are three trumps in dummy we are not likely to beat the hand anyway. The one side suit that declarer cannot have much in is clubs—it is therefore the one certainly safe suit to play on."

These reasons, which were repeated by the other club leaders, strike me as much more convincing than those put forward by the obstinate minorities.

NORTH: "Three of Diamonds. A trump lead is usually right when the opponents have not a majority of top cards. If you can cut down dummy's ruffing power it is often the decisive move in the battle for the plus score."

But in this case dummy is likely to turn up with a diamond shortage and no ruffing value. If North has the Jack of Diamonds\* your lead has given a valuable trick.

\* Or Ax or Axx, you will be helping East along.

I must say I think the assumption that a club lead is safe and constructive is superficial. West's bid means nothing and East is very likely to have AQ or Kx. This sort of contract is defeated by forcing declarer to play away from his own hand all the time. That is why I suggested a spade lead.—T.R.

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	25-26	THE FIELD	...	...	Nat. Lib. Club, London
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	12	LONDON PAIRS FINAL	...	...	K.P.H.
	17-19	CUMBERLAND CONGRESS	...	...	Royal Oak, Keswick
	19	MIXED PAIRS FINAL	...	...	K.P.H.
	25-26	PORTLAND PAIRS FINAL	...	...	Old Swan, Harrogate
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		MIDLAND PAIRS FINAL	...	...	Raven, Droitwich
		SOUTH OF ENGLAND PAIRS FINAL	...	...	Victoria Halls, London
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	13-16	DEVON CONGRESS	...	...	Palace, Torquay
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	13-14	NATIONAL PAIRS FINAL	...	...	Grand, Leicester
	20-21	PACHABO CUP	...	...	Grand, Leicester
	26-28	YORKSHIRE CONGRESS	...	...	Royal, Scarborough
	27-28	INTERNATIONAL PAIRS TOURNAMENT	...	...	Vichy
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	9-11	KENT CONGRESS	...	...	
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