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Fantasy Bridge

by Harold Feldheim

There are many forms of bridge enjoyment. Among these are swiss teams, matchpoints, knockouts, and board-a-match. A beautiful though neglected area is the so-called fantasy bridge puzzle, usually an impractical layout designed more for aesthetics and elegance than for technical trickery. In this area, the late Paul Lukacs of Israel was the acknowledged guru. His problems were designed for the artist rather than the bridge technician. In 1939, he emigrated from Budapest to Tel-Aviv to escape the Nazi juggernaut. Unfortunately, since there was no such thing as a bridge presence in Palestine, this excellent player had no outlet for his prodigious talent. Thus, a great problem composer was born.

The following two Lukacs hands illustrate the art of “contract bridge with a sense of humor.”

Problem 1

♠ J 10 9 3 2
♥ 10 9 4 3 2
♦ Q 3 2
♣ - - -

♠ A Q
♥ A K J
♦ A K J 10
♣ A K J 10

South is declarer in 6NT. West leads a diamond. Can you find a way to insure 12 tricks against any lie of the cards? Clearly, with only one entry to dummy, the source of tricks must come from one of dummy’s majors.

Suppose you first try spades. If you play ♠A and ♠Q, the astute defenders

will duck. If you continue with ♥A, ♥K and the queen fails to drop, the defense will have two defensive tricks. Now try hearts first. If the queen fails to drop and declarer knocks out the queen, he will have two clubs, four diamonds, four hearts and a spade – 11 tricks. Needless to say, the ♠K is with West and again, the contract is defeated. What to do?

The solution is quite lovely. Win the opening diamond in hand and lead the ♠Q. Clearly, the defense must duck since capturing the queen would give declarer four spades, two hearts, four diamonds, and two clubs – 12 tricks. After winning the ♠Q, declarer then leads the ♥J! Again, the defense must duck since winning the queen gives declarer two spades, four hearts, four diamonds, and two clubs; again, 12 tricks. (Please notice that starting with ♥A, ♥K will fail if hearts are 4-1).

When the defense ducks this Trojan trick, declarer now has two spades, three hearts, four diamonds, and two clubs – 11 tricks. He now establishes his 12th trick via the ♣A-♣K-♣J! But this attempt to lose tricks is dwarfed by the next hilarious fantasy hand.

Problem 2

♠ J 10 9 8 7
♥ Q J 10 9 8
♦ 8 6 4
♣ - - -

♠ A K Q
♥ A K
♦ A K Q J 10 9 7
♣ A

West leads a heart against 7NT. A kibitzer assures declarer that he can claim since the contract is ironclad. South, a curmudgeon, states that he can go down if he wants to – so long as the diamonds are 3-0 and the defense never pitches the ♦5. A bet is made and declarer sets about trying to lose his

contract. He wins the opening heart lead and cashes the ♦A, pitching the ♦6 from dummy. He then cashes his major suit winners and follows by leading the ♦7, overtaking with the 8-spot. On dummy’s five high major suit cards, he pitches all of his diamonds, thus promoting the ♦4 to loser status. The kibitzer paid up but made no effort to be pleasant about it.

“Why are you griping when you misdefended?” asked declarer.

After blustering, the kibitzer made another bet. This time a club was led, squeezing declarer out of his potential loser and making it impossible to not take 13 tricks. Try it!

For sheer pleasure, look up the problem collections of Paul Lukacs. You won’t regret it.



2010 Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 10-14 New England Regional, Waterbury, CT
- 17-23 Sectional Tournament at Clubs
- 25-Dec 5 Fall Nationals, Orlando, FL
- 29 (Night) ACBL-wide Charity Game #2

DECEMBER

- Nov 25 - 5 Fall Nationals, Orlando, FL
- 8 (Day) Unit-Wide Championship
- 10-12 Jeff Feldman Sectional, Hamden, CT
- 13 (Day) Local (Split) Championship
- 26-30 New York City Holiday Regional, New York, NY

Another Play or Defend Hand

by Brett Adler



Rather than use these articles to write up a recurring theme, I take the opportunity to document hands I've played and find interesting for various reasons: the sort of hands which I am still thinking about the next day. The hand below came up in the Mixed Pairs at the World Championships in Philadelphia. Before I get to the hand, I want to congratulate the organizers for running one of the best bridge events I've ever attended. The event was played behind screens which I enjoyed, and the scoring process ran extremely efficiently, with every pair receiving an individual score sheet on all their hands with two rounds to go in the session. It was also great to see and play against a host of international stars.

The following hand was played against a pair from Germany, and I found it interesting because this hand generated one of the few partnership squabbles that I heard during the entire three-day event. What made it more interesting for me, was that the person who berated his partner for an error, was the one to blame for their bad result.

Dealer: West

Vulnerability: Both

NORTH			
♠ A 2			
♥ 9 7 3			
♦ 6 5 4			
♣ A K 8 5 4			
WEST		EAST	
♠ K 9 8 5		♠ 7 4 3	
♥ A J 2		♥ Q 10 5 4	
♦ A Q 9 3		♦ J 10 8 2	
♣ 9 2		♣ J 6	
SOUTH			
♠ Q J 10 6			
♥ K 8 6			
♦ K 7			
♣ Q 10 7 3			
West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♠5

The hand has been rotated so that I am sitting South, and when the 1♦ opening was passed around to me I bid 1NT which showed 11-14 points in the balancing seat. My partner immediately raised to game, but as you

can see looking at all four hands, both red aces are offside. The ♠K is inside, but, unfortunately, it isn't singleton or doubleton.

The lead I received was the ♠5, and I rose with the ♠A and then played five rounds of clubs pitching a heart from the South hand. I now played the ♠2 to my ten and West's king, leading to the position below:

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

West now exited with the ♠9 to my jack, and when I cashed my ♠Q (my 8th trick), he pitched the ♦9. I was now able to exit with a diamond letting West win two diamond tricks, but after cashing the ♥A he had to lead a heart to my king at trick 13, giving me my 9th trick and the contract (three spades, one heart, and five clubs).

As soon as the hand was over, East started berating his partner for not leading a red card. It's true that, after an opening lead of the ♦3 to East's ten and my king, it would have been obvious to West that East also held the ♦J (South would have played the jack if he had it). This would have allowed for West to under-lead his diamond honors later in the hand to East's jack, for a heart through South's king, limiting me to eight tricks: one diamond two spades, and five clubs. I would also have been limited in a similar way to eight tricks if West had led a heart.

But I was able to come to West's assistance in the post mortem as I haven't yet told you what East played on his partner's ♠9.

East actually pitched the ♦8 which told partner nothing. He should have pitched

the ♦J. This would have told West that East also held the ♦10, and now when I played the ♠Q West could have ensured the defeat of my contract by pitching the ♦Q.

The North cards are irrelevant. But the 4-card ending with the lead in the South hand would have been:

♥ A J	♥ Q 10
♦ A 9	♦ 10 8
	♥ K 8
	♦ K 7

Now I can't make another trick. Whichever red suit I lead, I can't stop East winning that trick or the next, and then playing the other red suit through me. After our discussion on the hand I heard no apology from East to West, but East was a little quieter as they headed off to their next table.



THANK YOU

Bridge players enjoy reading articles about bridge. We are lucky to have a group of talented people who share their thoughts, ideas and, most importantly, bridge hands with us in each issue. I would like to thank the following individuals who contributed one or more articles in 2010.

Harold Feldheim
Al Wolf
John Stiefel
Rick Townsend
Brett Adler
Robert L. Klopp
Gloria Sieron

Thank you folks for all your efforts this year.

Can't Cost – Chapter 25

by John Stiefel



In this deal from a recent Regional Knockout, North-South judged well to earn a game swing.

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: None

NORTH
 ♠ K 2
 ♥ Q 10 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 5
 ♣ A Q J 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 9 4 3
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ - - -
 ♣ K 10 4 3

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♦	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Opening Lead: ♦4
(3rd from even/low from odd)

The auction merits some discussion. Normally with 4-4 in the minors, North should open 1♦. Here, though, with such weak diamonds and such strong clubs, a 1♣ opening stands out. So, North's 1♣ bid was normal, as was South's 1♠ response in competition. When West's 2♦ raise was passed back to South, he judged well to make an invitational jump to 3♠ rather than a simple competitive 2♠. He liked his good spade spots, his diamond void and his fit for his partner's suit. North also judged well to raise to 4♠. He realized that the hands were likely to fit well with no wastage in diamonds.

South ruffed East's ♦A at trick 1 and paused to consider. The easiest road to game would be six spade tricks and four club tricks. This would be achievable if the spades split normally (3-2, a 68% chance) and East had the queen, or if either opponent had the singleton

♠Q. So it seemed reasonable to try to draw trump via ♠K followed by a finesse against East. But what if West had the ♠Q? Was there still a chance? After some thought, South realized that it "couldn't cost" to try to develop a heart trick before drawing trump. The opponents could play two more rounds of diamonds to reduce South's trump holding to three, but South could then play ♠A, ♠K (leaving the queen outstanding if it didn't drop) and then play club and heart winners until the queen ruffed in. Perhaps the opponents could engineer a heart ruff (most likely by East who had shown 5+ diamonds), but even then South would still have the same opportunity he started with for six trump tricks and four club tricks.

So, at trick 2, South led a spade to dummy's king, planning to draw the rest of the trumps and claim if the queen dropped singleton. When the queen didn't drop, he led a low heart to his jack at trick 3, West's king winning. The opponents continued diamonds at trick 4, reducing South to 3 trumps. South forced out East's ace of hearts at trick 5 and ruffed the diamond continuation at trick 6.

This was the layout after six tricks and with one round of trumps having been played.

NORTH
 ♠ 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A Q J 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A J
 ♥ 4
 ♦ - - -
 ♣ K 10 4 3

South now led the ♠A to trick 7, both opponents following. The queen didn't drop, but South was able to claim his contract, stating that he would play club and heart winners until the queen ruffed in. South scored five spades, four clubs and one heart trick.

The original layout was:

NORTH
 ♠ K 2
 ♥ Q 10 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 5
 ♣ A Q J 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ K 7 6 5
 ♦ K 6 4 2
 ♣ 6 5

EAST
 ♠ 8 7
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ A Q J 10 3
 ♣ 9 8 7

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 9 4 3
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ - - -
 ♣ K 10 4 3

Note that South goes down if he takes the "normal" play in Spades; i.e. king from dummy followed a finesse for the queen. In that event, West can win his queen and continue diamonds and South will run out of trump before he can build a heart for his 10th trick. Try it.



Congratulations

to

LARRY LAU

winner of the 2010
Governor's Cup
as the winner
of the most
masterpoints
at the Sid Cohen
Sectional in
September



Bridge Forum (Hamden)

THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

TUESDAY

Leading Pairs: Mary Connolly-Jon Ingersoll passed Don Brueggemann-Esther Watstein on the last week in September, with Rita Brieger-Harold Miller, Gerri Frankel-Ted Rodgers and Hill Auerbach-Tracy Selmon rounding out the top five. No player is in two of the top ten partnerships.

Player-of-the-Year: Carl Yohans' high consistency has compensated for his playing less often and put him in front, but everyone in the top three pairs and Louise Wood are all within striking range of the lead.

Van Dyke Cup Preliminaries: Mary Connolly and Jon Ingersoll have built a strong carryover lead. The other quarterfinalists are Joe Pagerino, Fredda Kelly, Billie Hecker, Louise Wood, Ted Rodgers, Esther Watstein, Don Brueggemann and Robert Klopp.

FRIDAY

Leading Pairs: Brenda Harvey-Robert Klopp and Hill Auerbach-Larry Stern have separated themselves from the pack and made it a two-pair battle. Billie Hecker is the only player with multiple top ten partnerships, ranking fourth, eighth and ninth. New pairs in the top ten include Lucy Lacava-George Levinsen in sixth, Irene Kaplan-Joe Pagerino in seventh and Arnold and Jean Bell in tenth.

Player-of-the-Year: Fredda Kelly has a narrow lead over Shirley Fruchter and

Robert Klopp. Larry Stern, Bob Hawes and Arlene Leshine are within reach. Four-time defending P-o-Y Lousie Wood has rallied from 16th to 6th, but will need help to win.

Reynolds Cup Preliminaries: This one is much tighter, with Fredda Kelly barely ahead of Brenda Harvey and Louise Wood, with the pack much closer. The other quarterfinalists are Robert Klopp, Shirley Fruchter, Arlene Leshine, Greg Klein, Marie Strickland, Larry Stern and Hill Auerbach.

TUESDAY/FRIDAY COMBINED

The top five players of the summer quarter were Jon Ingersoll, Louise Wood, Shirley Fruchter, Fredda Kelly and Mary Connolly. Overall leaders for the year after three quarters: Louise, Shirley, Robert Klopp, Jon and Fredda.

Wee Burn News

Bridge at the beach was very popular this summer. Series winners were:

1. Penny Glassmeyer-Susan Mayo
2. Kathie Rowland-Joan Hoben
3. Audrey Bell-Betty Walsh
4. Jean Thoma-Karen Barrett
5. Susan Schroeder-Gloria Hayes
6. Brooke Megrue-Carol Davidson

Sixteen tables were in play for the International Fund game on September 30. Overall winners were:

1. Joan Hoben-Brooke Megrue
2. Jim Metzger-Betsy Philips
3. Susan Schroeder-Susie Nix
4. Linda Cleveland-Mary Richardson
5. Marilyn Tjader-Barbara Johnson
6. Mary Beach-Mary Ellen Mcguire

The Hartford Bridge Club

The Hartford Bridge Club currently offers a "get acquainted to duplicate bridge" session on Thursday afternoons at 1:30. To complement this game, the Club is planning to add a "next step" game on Friday afternoons at 1:30 beginning in November. This game will be restricted to those players having a very limited number of master points (0-50). The intent of these two games is to introduce non-duplicate and returning, less experienced bridge players, to the exciting world of duplicate bridge.

Where else can you get 3 ½ hours of excitement for \$6! As players build up their confidence and skill level, the Hartford Bridge Club provides two additional limited individual master point games on Monday afternoons at 1:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. These two games have a very friendly/family atmosphere. The Club is also considering adding a mentoring program to allow newer duplicate players easy access to advanced players for the purpose of upgrading their game at a quicker pace.

We hope that you will join us and find the perfect game for you. Partners, (we will be happy to provide one) and new friends are awaiting you! And, for those of you who have never played, or have not played in many years, the Hartford Bridge Club offers beginner lessons. Please call the Club at (860) 953-3177 for further information.



WBF President José Damiani, right, with Pat McDevitt and Rich DeMartino, winners of the Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs

Photo by Ron Tacchi and courtesy of the ACBL

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rich DeMartino, current ACBL President and Riverside, CT resident, who, with Pat McDevitt of Massachusetts, won the Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs at the recent World Championships held in Philadelphia



Dynamite Defense

by Gloria Sieron

On average:

1. 25% of the time, you are declarer in the game of contract bridge.
2. 25% of the time when you are playing bridge, you are the dummy. You can relax and just do as you are instructed by declarer.
3. The time left over, 50%, represents the defensive part of the game.

Tell me why so much of bridge literature is devoted to improving bidding methods, and even more to the play of the hand. Early in your introduction to contract bridge, you learn about ARCH. Analyze the bidding, Review the auction, Count (your losers in a trump contract, your winners in a no trump contract), and, finally, How can I make the tricks required to fulfill my contract? But, why is it that when half your time at the bridge table is spent defending, few people will give defense very much thought?

The two hands below came up at a recent club duplicate game.

Dealer: West
Vulnerability: Both

NORTH		WEST		EAST		SOUTH	
♠	Q J 10 6 3	♠	5	♠	A 8 7 4 2	♠	K 9
♥	J 10 6	♥	K 9 7 3	♥	4	♥	A Q 8 5 2
♦	K 6	♦	Q J 10 8 5 4	♦	7 2	♦	A 9 3
♣	9 8 4	♣	10 3	♣	A K Q J 5	♣	7 6 2
West	North	East	South				
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥				
Pass	3♥	All Pass					

Opening Lead: ♠5

North/South was a competent pair. A super aggressive East might risk 4♣

and an insane West might balance with 4♦. But, looking at the vulnerability, both passed 3♥. Looking at all four hands, you can see that East/West can score 130 by bidding four diamonds, but this did not happen. If East/West could set 3♥ two tricks, they would score +200 and obtain an outstanding match point score. West led the ♠5 and South unblocked with the king. All the spots are accounted for, except the nine.

As declarer or the East defender, when you Analyze the lead of the ♠5, you should immediately recognize a singleton! If West held the missing nine, he would have led high/low with a doubleton. East can lead back the ♠2 with the assurance that West led a singleton spade. West will trump and, noticing the lead of the deuce by East, the lowest card in the suit, he will switch to the 10♣. East cashes the ♣A, ♣K and ♣Q. West discards the ♦4 a low card denying the diamond Ace. West will eventually score the trump king. This defense takes a little thought but will result in +200.

Another defensive hand which can easily result in a top or the dreaded bottom follows:

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: None

NORTH		WEST		EAST		SOUTH	
♠	K Q J 8 6 4 2	♠	A 7 5	♠	9 3	♠	10
♥	Q J 6	♥	10 9 4	♥	A K 7 3	♥	8 5 2
♦	Q 9	♦	A 10 5 2	♦	K 6 3	♦	J 8 7 4
♣	7	♣	J 4 3	♣	K 9 8 6	♣	A Q 10 2
West	North	East	South				
Pass	3♠	Double	All Pass				

Opening Lead: ♥A

East leads the ♥A (A from AK). West follows with the four which generally discourages and implies no queen. Looking at the dummy, East can see that there are likely no club tricks coming

to the defense. He therefore leads the ♦3. West wins the ace and returns ♥10. East wins the ♥K and cashes ♦K. Eventually, West wins the ♠A for +100.

Pretty simple you say. And it was. But look what might have happened. West discouraged in hearts and East shifted to diamonds. After winning the ace, West returned the ♥10 in case partner led from A-K-J. What if West had returned the ♦2, his original fourth best? Now when East wins his ♦K, he has to guess if West has a doubleton diamond or four diamonds. By returning the heart, East will have no temptation to give West a ruff and can only cash his ♦K. West has built a fence around East to keep him from doing the wrong thing.

There are many defensive strategies that will improve your game. If you and your partner learn them, you will defend like champions.



THANK YOU

The Kibitzer is not the work of one person. I have the help of some talented people. I would like to offer my thanks to a few people who make each issue possible.

Allan Clamage and Esther Watstein read each issue of the Kibitzer before it goes to the printer. They point out my errors and omissions and offer suggestions to make each article and issue better.

Jen Tingets does all of the layout and other work that is required to send the Kibitzer off to be printed.

Without the efforts of these folks, I could not do this job. I would like to thank them for all their hard work. If you run into any of them, please let them know their efforts are appreciated.

Tom Proulx

Results

UNIT-WIDE PAIRS Tuesday August 3, 2010

FLIGHT A

1	A. Hummel – J. Calcagnini
2	P. Palmer – A. Siuta
3	N. Robertson – M. Fromm
4	J. Libucha – B. Ustanowski
5	C. Breiner – W. Wood
6	J. Hyde – B. Gruskay

FLIGHT B

1	A. Hummel – J. Calcagnini
2	P. Palmer – A. Siuta
3	J. Hyde – B. Gruskay
4	V. Leshin – J. Guglielmo
5	L. Robbins – P. Pearson
6	W. Williams – I. Santa

FLIGHT C

1	J. Hirsch – M. Colburn
2	M. Hackett – D. Damberg
3	F. Stein – M. Stein
4	A. Sarkar – B. Sarkar
5	A. Jain – D. Gupta
6	G. Coppa – J.S. Coppa

SID COHEN SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT Hartford, CT September 10-12, 2010

Fri 10 AM Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			G. Brod – J. Brod
2			A. Rothenberg – R. DeMartino
3			L. Lau – A. Wolf
4			C. Michael – M. Mason
5/6			H. Lawrence – M. Bolgar
5/6			D. Montgomery – A. Clamage
1			H. Kobernusz – A. Hummel
2			L. Green – D. Blackburn
3			G. Kiernan – J. Parkin
4	1		A.R. Mulukutla – R. Fortier
	2		A. Rosenfield – E. Rosenfield

Fri 10 AM Senior Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			M. Futterman – J. Merrill
2			K. Wiland – D. Doub
3			S. Budds – K. Frangione
4			S. Gerber – L. Meyers
5			J. Smith – J. Gischner
6	1	1	K. Mills – C. Nejame
	2	2	F. Fisher – B. Fisher
	3		M.A. Downes – P. Skenderian
4/5	3		R. Kistner – G. Cameron
4/5			S. Larson – D. Elie
6/7	4		H. Dunn – M. Dunn
6/7			N. Fillmore – D. Dadiskos
	5		R. Lebel – T. Thompson

Fri 2:30 PM Senior Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			J. Smith – J. Gischner
2			B. Kliman – H. Pawlowski
3			M. Futterman – J. Merrill
4			S. DeMartino – B.J. Corbani
5	1	1	R. Kistner – G. Cameron
6			R. Friedman – G. Woods
	2		E. Nagle – H. Strauss
	3	2	A. Jain – A. Jain
	4		M.A. Downes – P. Skenderian
	5	3	H. Dunn – M. Dunn
	6		S. Rothenberg – F. Rothenberg
	4		K. Mills – C. Nejame
	5/6		E. Stricoff – R. Cohen
	5/6		R. Lebel – T. Thompson

Fri 2:30 PM Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			A. Rothenberg – R. DeMartino
2			L. Lau – A. Wolf
3	1		L. Green – D. Blackburn
4	2	1	A.R. Mulukutla – R. Fortier
			E. Lewis III – T. Hyde
	3	2	A. Rosenfield – E. Rosenfield
	4		J. Bruce – W. Kaufmann

Sat Morn A/X Pairs

A	X	Names
1		J. Greer – A. Clamage
2		L. Lau – B. Adler
3		J. Fieldman – V. King
4	1	L. Green – D. Blackburn
5		R. Wieland – H. Feldheim
6		A. Wolf – R. Friedman
	2	S. Smith – D. Rock
	3	D. Ross – S. Corning
	4/5	A. Geaski – B. Kliman
	4/5	P. Bausher – A. Hummel

Sat Morn B/C Pairs

B	C	Names
1	1	E. Coppa – J.S. Coppa
2		K. Barrett – D. Thompson
3	2	R. Lebel – T. Thompson
4		A. Votolato – G. Charron
5		S. Rodricks – D. Benner
6	3	S. Keller – N. Marks II
	4	R. Kistner – G. Cameron
	5	B. Barrette – B. Meyers

Sat Aft A/X Pairs

A	X	Names
1		T.R. Hiller – H. Pawlowski
2		L. Bausher – R. DeMartino
3		L. Lau – B. Adler
4		D. Kowarsky – K. Chawla
5		S. Gladyszak – A. Borgschulte
6		R. Wieland – H. Feldheim

1		D. Ross – S. Corning
2		J. Boyer – A. Boyer
3		E. Lewis III – T. Hyde
4		S. Smith – D. Rock

Sat Aft B/C Pairs

B	C	Names
1		M. Mahland – I.A. Borcea
2		D. Storey – M. Lerman
3		K. Barrett – D. Thompson
4	1	J.S.-M. Lee – G. Chang
5		K. Willson – S. Shuman
6	2	L. Kelso – S. Lewis
	3	R. Kistner – G. Cameron
	4	N. Rosenblum – I. Rosenblum
	5	J. Bell – A. Bell

Sat 10 AM 199er Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			R. Talbot – L. May
2	1	1	W. Sherman – J. Eck
3			F. Ilovici – R. Ilovici
4	2		I. Larson – I. Rivers
5			N. Narwold – H. Wade
6	3	2	C. Fullerton – M. Roberts
	4		M. Whittemore – J. Whittemore
	5	3	C. Cox – R. Morris
	4		B. Zeldis – M. Zeldis
	5		G. O'Brien – B. O'Brien

Sat 2:30 PM 199er Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			R. Talbot – L. May
2			A. Jain – A. Jain
3	1		M. Whittemore – J. Whittemore
4			F. Ilovici – R. Ilovici
5			M. Conlon – T. Brown
6			J. Scott – A. Chaudhuri
2/3	1/2		W. Sherman – J. Eck
2/3	1/2		M. Goldwasser – D. Goldwasser
4			E. Lorig – A. Maletta
5			M. Pikor – R. Pikor

Sun RR Swiss - Bkt 1

Rank	Names
1	F. Schneider – B. Schneider, B. Adler – L. Lau
2	D. Doub – G. Brod, A. Applebaum – V. King
3	Y.-L. Shiue – T. Joyce, S. Pflederer – M. Futterman

Sun RR Swiss - Bkt 2

Rank	Names
1	E. Nagle – M. Petit, J. Striefler – K. Frangione
2	R. Klopp – B. Harvey, G. Holland – R. Hawes
3	W. Watson – J. Gaztambide, B. Kliman – A. Geaski



Bridge at the Lunatic Fringe – #15: In Desperation, Cash Your Winners

by Al Wolf

The theme today deals with the situation where as declarer you cannot afford to give up the lead. The defense will take too many tricks if you do. Instead, you must try to take your tricks, perhaps needing favorable breaks in critical suits. In such a case it is right to cash all your winners in those side suits where there is no hope of developing an extra trick.

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: East/West

NORTH
(Prof. Lobochevski)

♠ - - -
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ 10 8 7 6 2
♣ A K 4 3

WEST
(Minna)

♠ A J 4
♥ A K Q 4
♦ Q 4 3
♣ Q 8 7

EAST
(Majorca)

♠ K 10 8
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ J 10 9 7 5

SOUTH
(Warren)

♠ Q 9 7 6 5 3 2
♥ 10 2
♦ K J 5
♣ 2

This deal occurred in a Swiss Team match, and at the Professor's table, with East-West Vulnerable, the bidding proceeded:

West	North	East	South
3NT	All Pass		3♠
Opening Lead: ♦6			

At favorable vulnerability, Warren had no qualms about opening the hand with a preemptive 3♠ call, despite a suit of such poor quality. Nowadays, at this vulnerability, good players will preempt on any excuse.

With an 18-count, and a likely double stopper in spades, Minna made the standard call of 3NT, ending the auction.

With no spade to lead, the Professor led his fourth best diamond, the six. Declarer ducked in dummy, as Warren won with the king and returned the jack to dummy's ace. The return of the jack was potentially an important unblocking play, in case partner had led from a 6-card suit, and declarer had started with Qx. Since the lead was almost surely from at least a 5-card suit, the return of the jack could not hurt.

Both Minna and Warren noted the professor's play of the deuce on the second round of diamonds, confirming that the lead was in fact from a 5-card (or longer) suit, assuming that the original lead of the six was an honest fourth best.

Minna led a round of clubs, won by the professor, who persisted in diamonds, forcing out declarer's queen, her last stopper.

As Minna took stock of the situation, she could count the two diamond tricks already in the bag, three spades with the aid of a sure-fire finesse, and three sure heart tricks, eight in all. She could not afford to establish a club trick. The defense would then take two clubs and two more diamond tricks.

With this in mind, it seemed to Minna that the only chance to make the contract was to hope for a 3-3 heart break, with the 13th heart providing her ninth trick. So she played out her heart winners, and when the suit failed to break she was one down.

At the end of the round, in the post-mortem with her teammates, Minna insisted that with the diamond lead and continuation, the contract was unmakeable. Her teammates then described what had happened at their table.

The bidding and play to the first several tricks were identical, but at the point where Minna cashed out her hearts, declarer at the other table first played off three spade winners (with the aid of the obvious finesse).

The North hand had no problem discarding baby clubs on the first two spade leads, but was in trouble on the third round. He surely couldn't discard his club winner, and if he threw a diamond winner, declarer would be able to establish a club winner for herself. Therefore, he shed a heart, and now the heart suit came home, making 3NT. This was not a classic one-loser squeeze, but nonetheless, the pressure was real, and there was no escape.

Although it is not terribly difficult for declarer to work out that the lead of the spades will put pressure on North, it is not necessary to do so. In a situation like this, it "can't cost" to take the spade winners before testing the hearts. (Perhaps John Stiefel should have written this article.)



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Sun RR Swiss - Bkt 3

Rank	Names
1	M. Wavada – J. Hirsch, P. Olschefski – C. Olschefski
2	B. Cope – A. Cope, I. Rosenblum – N. Rosenblum
3	H. Jancis – M. Jancis, G. Smedes – S. Smedes
4	S. Byron – D. Storey, K.O. Nye – J. Fouad

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FLIGHT A

1/2	H. Feldheim – R. Wieland
1/2	J. Cleary – Y.-L. Shiue
3	T. Lorch – R. Harvey
4	D. Burnham – H. Kobernusz
5	B.J. Corbani – C. Michael
6	R. Shapiro – F. Mann

FLIGHT B

1	T. Lorch – R. Harvey
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2	R. Shapiro – F. Mann
3	A. Bell – A. Fuller
4	P. Glassmeyer – S. Mayo
5	L. Cleveland – M. Richardson
6	C. Nussbaum – A. Knobloch

FLIGHT C

1	C. Nussbaum – A. Knobloch
2	S. Harrison – S. Nix
3	J. McGrath – B. Henningson
4	R. Vander Wiede – L. Herdle
5	J. Crandall – S. Banks

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6/7 T. Pumo – C. Pumo
6/7 B. Payton – P. Lind

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OPEN PAIRS**

Friday Morn October 8, 2010

FLIGHT A

1 **D. Margolin – J. Cleary**
2 H. Osber – A. Ustanowski
3 G. Holland – L. Stiberth
4 D. Strong – M.J. Strong
5 B. Nardello – J. Del Negro
6/7 B. Loop – E. Ranard
6/7 J. Force – G. Sieron
8 J. Goldberg – J. Knopf

FLIGHT B

1 **H. Osber – A. Ustanowski**
2 G. Holland – L. Stiberth
3 D. Strong – M.J. Strong
4 B. Nardello – J. Del Negro
5 J. Goldberg – J. Knopf
6 J. Voss – A. Bonfanti

FLIGHT C

1 **D. Strong – M.J. Strong**
2 B. Nardello – J. Del Negro
3 J. Goldberg – J. Knopf
4 J. Voss – A. Bonfanti
5 J. Lai – D. Gupta
6 B. Moore – P. Brasher



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