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A Beautiful Memory

by Harold Feldheim

During the halcyon days of bridge, the big names were Italy, Great Britain, France and the U.S. Many teams entered international competition but at the end, these four teams were always at the top with Italy usually leading the way. Other countries had talented players but were unable to put together a full team of champions. The following hand, by Raphael Muñoz of Spain is a rare defensive masterpiece that should be better known.

To fully enjoy this hand, treat it as a defensive problem. The scene is the European championships, England vs. Spain. You are seated South (Muñoz) and listen to the following sequence of bidding.

Dealer: East

Vulnerability: Neither

East	South	West	North
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Partner leads the ♥J and East tables the following powerful dummy.

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

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9
♥ 6 5
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K J 7 5

After a short pause, West wins the opening lead and plays a small spade from the dummy. Muñoz knew from partner's opening lead that declarer

started with eight tricks, five diamonds and three hearts. If West held the spade king, that would be his ninth trick. To defeat this hand, the club suit had to be attacked, but how? The solution was an alert partnership effort. Muñoz rose with the spade ace and switched to the ♣K!

The complete hands:

NORTH

♠ 5 4 2
♥ J 10 9 8 7
♦ 5 4
♣ A 8 2

WEST

♠ K 8 7 6
♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ Q 10

EAST


♠ Q 3
♥ A K
♦ A K Q J 2
♣ 9 6 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 10 9
♥ 6 5
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K J 7 5

North followed with the eight; not a signal, (they were playing upside-down signals), but a vital unblocking play. South continued with the five to partner's ace. When the last club was led, South's ♣J 7 surrounded dummy's ♣9 6, producing the 4th and 5th tricks for the defenders.

Note what would have happened if, at trick three, North played the *encouraging* deuce. When in with the ace, North would return the eight. Declarer could then frustrate Muñoz's pretty defense by ducking in dummy, thus blocking the suit and scoring up his contract.

This telepathic defense against England was worth a very satisfying 12 IMPs; not enough to hold off the powerful British team, but certainly a beautiful memory of a job well done. 

Jeff Feldman Tournament Schedule Change

Please note that the playing schedule for Friday, December 11, 2009 has been changed from what we normally have at a sectional. Games will be scheduled at 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM.

THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY EVENING GAME.

Competitive Bidding

The “20/20 Principle”

by Robert L. Klopp



I started to play duplicate bridge in the 1960's, and grew up with the Goren Point Count System still in use today. In 2005, I retired, and started taking duplicate seriously. I downloaded several free “Learn to Play Bridge” programs written by Fred Gitelman, software By Bridge Base Inc., 1992-2003 from the ACBL website: www.acbl.org. I got Bridge Baron 11.0 1998-2000 Great Game Products and started playing .

After having played over 5,000 hands, I tabulated the results: 30% were part scores, 60% were games, and 10% were slams. This paper addresses the “part score bidding process” that I will refer to as the “20/20 Principle.”

Gitelman borrows from Goren in the section on “Evaluating your hand and points” and restates that “25 total points is usually enough to make either 3NT, 4♥, or 4♠.” Gitelman also gives excellent examples of responses to partner’s opening hand. Thus, Gitelman explains about openings and responses, and then about overcalls and competitive bidding.

The question of what and when to bid with less than an opening hand and how to respond to partner’s overcalls is answered in “Overcall part 1” and “part 2”, also downloaded from the ACBL website. What is needed is a method of evaluating the ongoing bidding process in order to determine when to “stick in a bid.” An example below clarifies the process:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1 NT	?

You are South and have determined that West may have a short diamond , or four (or more) diamonds, with 12+ HCP, that partner may not have 5-card major for an overcall, or does not have a hand for a takeout double, or may not have much of anything. East probably has 6-9 points, and no 4-card major and probably does not have enough of West’s opening suit to support him. South counts ten HCP and no 5-card suit. What can South do? Another example:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	

In the this example, South determines that, West has 12-14 HCP, and that East has at least four spades and 6-9 HCP. East-West have ~20 HCP, and using 40 HCP as the total in the deck, that gives NorthSouth also 20 HCP.

In the first example, partner has not yet said anything, and West has not limited his hand, so South decides to pass. In the second example, North has not said anything, but West has limited his hand, as has East. South must protect any part score they might have, and should double for takeout in the balancing seat. Whether North bids, or not, South has reopened the bidding. Let’s look at an example hand.

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: None

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

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♠	All Pass		

This, of course, corresponds to our second sequence above. South correctly decides that both sides have ~20 HCP and, with four cards in each of the unbid suits, re-opens with a double. West chooses to show his 3-card support for spades and

that ends the auction. On this hand, if North leads a trump, and North-South continue to lead trumps to keep declarer from trumping clubs in dummy, 2♠ can be set. Although it is difficult to be certain, West is likely to make 1NT since the best defense is not obvious. While balancing does not always have results like this, it is winning duplicate practice.

In short, whenever there exists ~20 HCP for East-West and also North-South, there exists an opportunity to compete. I call this analysis the “20/20 Principle” and urge others to use this method to determine when to compete. I have found that this principle works up to the 2♠ spade level. Bidding to the three-level does not usually work out, unless you have compensation in the form of extra trumps or distribution. Depending upon vulnerability, bidding to the three-level and going down may not necessarily lead to a bad score.

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2009 Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 4-8 New England Regional, Waterbury, CT
- 10 Local (Split) Championship
- 18-24 STaC with North Jersey
- 30 ACBL-wide Charity Game
- 26 - Dec. 6 ACBL Fall Nationals, San Diego, CA

DECEMBER

- 2 Unit-wide Championship
- 7 Local (Split) Championship
- 11-13 Jeff Feldman Memorial Sectional, Hamden, CT

Can't Cost – Chapter 21

by John Stiefel



A top Midwestern expert went down in this hand from a recent Regional Knockout by missing an opportunity to apply the “Can’t Cost” method.

Vulnerability: Both
Dealer: South

NORTH
 ♠ Q 8 4 3
 ♥ J 9 5
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ K 10 9 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 10 7 6 5
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ A

East	South	West	North
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West leads ♠2

The auction requires some explanation. South’s 1♠ bid was normal, as was North’s raise to 2♠. South’s 3♦ bid was nominally a “long suit game try” asking North to stress his trump and diamond holding in deciding whether or not to bid game. North liked his diamonds and trump enough to accept what he thought was a game try. South, however, was always bidding game and was actually making a slam try – so he bid the spade slam.

Both North and South had bid aggressively, but the slam seemed to be around 50%. It would almost certainly make if East had the ♦A or if West held that card and led it on opening lead.

Upon seeing West’s ♠2 opening lead, South paused to consider. The slam would have no chance if West had the ♦A, so he placed that card with East. Under that assumption, there would be six trump tricks, one heart trick, one diamond trick and two club tricks for ten in total. The eleventh and twelfth tricks would have to come from diamond ruffs in the dummy. Also, South’s ace of clubs needed to be played early so North’s king

could be used to discard South’s heart loser.

So, South played low from dummy and won trick 1 cheaply in his hand when East showed out, pitching a club. Trick 2 was won by South’s ace of clubs, as planned. Trick 3 was a trump to North’s Queen followed by the six of diamonds from dummy at trick 4. South was pleased to see East play the ace to this trick. The next four tricks were as follows.

- Trick 5 – low heart, won by South’s ace
- Trick 6 – King of diamonds wins
- Trick 7 – Diamond ruff, all follow
- Trick 8 – King of clubs, heart discard from South, both opponents follow, West plays the Queen
- Trick 9 – Heart from dummy, South ruffs, both opponents follow

At this point, South had AK10 of trump and a low diamond while North had the eight of trump, a heart and two clubs. Since the Queen of diamonds hadn’t been played yet, South led his low diamond to trick 10, planning to ruff with dummy’s eight. Unfortunately, it was West – not East – who was out of diamonds so West was able to ruff this trick with his Jack of spades and set the contract.

South had played the hand carefully, so where did he go wrong? It was at trick 1! He should have played dummy’s eight of spades! This is a “can’t cost” play, as South doesn’t expect the 8 to win but, if it doesn’t, he can win East’s nine or jack of spades, lead a second round of trump to dummy’s queen (thereby drawing all the opponents’ trump) and proceed exactly according to plan. In

this hand, however, dummy’s eight of spades wins and South is in dummy at trick 2 to make his diamond play. Now no defense can beat him, as dummy’s queen of trump is intact to overruff West when South leads the fourth round of diamonds. Try it.

Finally, a point about the opening lead. I’m a believer in leading aggressively, especially against slams, so I would have led a low heart. (I recall the words of my friend and mentor Jim Bennett “When you lead from nothing, you get nothing.”) This would have defeated the slam because South would have had to use dummy’s queen of trump to get to the dummy and this would have allowed West to score his jack of trump on the fourth round of diamonds – just as he did in the actual deal. So, ironically, the “safe” lead of a trump allows the contract to make while the “risky” lead of a heart sets it.

The full deal was:

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



Milestones and Congratulations

New Life Masters

Leia Berla
 Jerry Hirsch
 Maruta Jancis
 Constance Sommer

Diamond Life Master (5000 MP's)

Allan Clamage

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs)

Seth Cohen
 Jose Gaztambide
 Joan Panico

Silver Life Masters (1000 MPs)

Edith Swatzburg
 Esther Watstein

Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs)

Richard Benedict
 Ellen Greenfield
 George Holland
 Judith Hyde
 Jatin Mehta
 Pamela Palmer



Woodway Country Club

Winners of the Woodway Country Club Summer Series were as follows:

- First: Ellie Allen and Audrey Bell
 Second: Mary Beach and Lorraine Belliveau
 Third: Millie Fromm and Bibby Grubbs

Congratulations! To our new Life Master: Belinda Metzger

Belinda went over at the Danbury Regional playing with Audrey Cadwaller and Stan Steckler and Jean Thom.
 - Joan Martin

Hartford Bridge Club

MIKE LAWRENCE DAY AT THE HARTFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Most of us read the monthly ACBL Bridge Magazine but few have had the opportunity to meet face-to-face, for an entire day, with a regular contributor and recognized bridge authority. Eighty of us enjoyed this treat on Sunday, October 11.

Probably not well known to most readers of the Kibitzer is that at age 28 Mike Lawrence was recruited to join the Dallas Aces in an attempt to dethrone the long-reigning Italian Blue Team and return the World Crown to the United States. This feat was accomplished two years later and again in 1971. Mike was also on the winning team of the Bermuda Bowl in 1987. In addition to being on many other winning teams, he authored over twenty books on bridge and has contributed to the "two-over-one" game-forcing system.

It was a full day on October 11. The morning session consisted of an in-depth discussion of "Responding to the Take-out Double." Mike circulated among the tables offering constructive advice. Handouts were provided for both sessions to allow attendees an opportunity to absorb his helpful hints after the day was over.

Mike's altruism and commitment to teaching warrant further comment. He absorbed all costs in coming to our club and asked that some of the revenue be donated to animal shelters. The Hartford

Bridge Club has decided to donate all revenue from this event to four Connecticut animal organizations.
 - Lou Brown, President

Wee Burn News

The Summer "at the Beach" Series had the following winners:

1. Linda Cleveland - Susan Mayo.
2. Jean Thoma - Karen Barrett.
3. Janet Soskin - Penny Glassmeyer.
4. Marilyn Tjader - Betty Hodgman.
5. Betty McCoy - Ann Towne.

Wee Burn players did well in the Thursday afternoon Unit game on Sept.24:

Flight B:

3. Lois Berry - Ann Towne
6. Betty Gardner - Fran Howes

Flight C:

4. Mary Beach - Audrey Knobloch
5. Wendy Castagna - Susie Harrison
6. Bonnie Markowski - Janet McClutchy

It is a pleasure to have some recently retired gentlemen attending our game quite regularly.
 - Mildred Fromm

Bridge Forum (Hamden) Third Quarter News

TUESDAY

Player of the Year: Bob Hawes is firmly in command, with the lead in all three categories. Jon Ingersoll, Louise Wood and Robert Klopp are all having years worthy of PoY honors. Leading Pairs: The Hawes-Ingersoll partnership enters the final quarter with a slim lead over Al Guntermann-Carl Yohans. Jatin Mehta-Hasmukh Shah, who closed strongly to nip Hawes-Ingersoll two years ago, are within striking distance, with last year's top pair Robert Klopp-Tad Karnkowski a bit off the pace. Mary Connolly-Louise Wood and Rita Brieger-Harold Miller are the leading women's and mixed pairs, respectively.

Van Dyke Cup early rounds: Current holder Billie Hecker finished 22nd, but

the ten remaining players are largely made up of the usual suspects: Louise Wood, Bob Hawes, Jon Ingersoll, Mary Connolly, Al Guntermann, Robert Klopp, Tad Karnkowski, Carl Yohans, Marge Weiss Simson and Shirley Fruchter, all of whom except Mary, Marge and Shirley have won a cup before. Louise won this cup four years running, but has not held it since 2005. Jon is in position to reach the final for the eleventh time in fourteen years without winning. If he does win, he will fall two months short of the record gap between cup victories, his win in the Helen Frank Cup coming in 2002.

FRIDAY

Player of the Year: On Friday, the lead changes almost every other week. Marge Weiss Simson had the uptick at the quarter's end. Billie Hecker tied Al Guntermann for second, with Louise Wood and Carl Yohans fourth and fifth. Leading Pairs: Jinny Goggin-Al Guntermann have a substantial lead over Hill Auerbach-Larry Stern and Ida Fidler-Greg Klein. Muriel Romero is fourth with Florence Schannon and fifth with Louise Wood.

Reynolds Cup early rounds: This competition has seen three consecutive lead changes and a tightly bunched top ten consisting of Al Guntermann, Billie Hecker, Louise Wood, Carl Yohans, Arlene Leshine, Hill Auerbach, Marge Weiss Simson, Jinny Goggin, Muriel Romero and Joe Pagerino. Between the two of them, Louise and Carlene have held this cup since 2003.

- Rick Townsend 

Save the Dates!

2010 Tournament Schedule

February 26–28 Hamden
 April 23–25 Hamden
 August 13–15 Greenwich
 September 10–12 Hartford
 December 10–12 Hamden

Giving Back to Bridge



Here's your chance to give back something really important to bridge in return for all the pleasure and challenge it has given to you.

We are looking for a Tournament Manager. This job is vital. By doing it you'll become a key member of the team of dedicated volunteers who work hard to keep our Sectional tournaments on track and running smoothly for your ongoing enjoyment. These tournaments are situated around the state at convenient venues close to home. You can become one of those who have a say in the details of our tournaments and assure the success of the Sectionals in our state.

A successful tournament includes many tasks which in the past have been handled by one person, the Tournament Manager, the one who provides oversight and coordination across all CBA Sectionals. This role now needs to be filled.

What's the Job?

The Tournament Manager traditionally:

- 1. Obtains sanctions for the games from the ACBL.**
Notifies the CBA Board of the tournament dates. (Receive the Sectional schedule from the Unit Coordinator and, if possible, attend the Scheduling Committee meetings with other District 25 Unit representatives when Sectional dates are selected. Meetings are held during the District 25 regional tournaments.)
- 2. Secures contracts for each site.**
Negotiate the contracts with the facility managers for the five annual Sectionals. Sign the contracts on behalf of the CBA.
- 3. Coordinates Publicity.**
Check that flyers for the tournaments have the correct info. (The printing and in-state distribution of the flyers has a

commitment and is handled by a CBA volunteer.) Send flyer to ACBL, to the CBA webmaster and the Kibitzer editor for publication.

- 4. Serves as Site Coordinator.**
Serves as the point of contact for any questions regarding the tournaments, e.g. follow-up for any questions from hospitality, directors, facility manager, etc. Obtain the keys for the site from the facility manager before the tournament and ensure they are returned at the end of the tournament.
- 5. Obtains caddies.**
Find caddies for each tournament, i.e. ask players if children/teens in their families would like to caddy. Assign caddies for each game. The directors will manage their work during the tournament.
- 6. Insures Pairing.**
Assign or serve as pairing person to help find partners for those who request partners. Arrange for a stand-by player or pair to fill out the movements at each game.
- 7. Organizes Sunday lunches.**
Arrange someone to collect money for the Sunday lunches between Swiss team rounds. Coordinate with the restaurants to pick up the orders and deliver the lunches.
- 8. Handles Trophies.**
Assure that trophies are at tournaments, purchase additional trophies as needed, ensure names are engraved as needed.
- 9. Procures tables.**
Contract for delivery of rental tables, currently for two of the game sites. Coordinate having the tables and chairs set up before games begin on Friday.

Review the tasks above and select how you can volunteer your time and what suits you best. You can:

Volunteer to be the new overall Tournament Manager for CBA Sectionals, i.e. coordinate all tasks across all Sectionals.

OR

Volunteer to be the Tournament Manager for a specific Sectional, i.e. coordinate all of the tasks for a specific site (Hamden, Hartford, Greenwich).

Volunteer for one or more tasks across all tournaments, e.g. handle Sunday lunches, procure the tables, etc for all the tournaments.

Volunteer for one or more tasks at a specific Sectional, e.g. get caddies, do pairing, etc.

Who Can I Talk To?

To volunteer for any of these tasks or to become the Tournament Manager contact a CBA Board member or one of the following:

CBA President: Burt Gischner
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CBA Vice-President: Phyllis Bausher
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CBA Past-President: Ausra Geaski
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By working together we will assure the future of the CBA Sectionals and our enjoyment of these events. Please think about how you can help with any tasks – large or small – and become a member of the team. This is an opportunity to give back to the game we all relish and is such a significant part of our lives. Thank you for your help in giving back to bridge!



HAMDEN: Jeff Feldman Tournament

December 11 – 13, 2009 • Knights of Columbus Hall • 2360 Whitney Ave., Hamden

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, December 11

10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified Senior Pairs
2:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified Senior Pairs

Saturday, December 12

10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratiflighted Brown Bag
Pairs
A/X, B/X
299er Pairs

*Two single sessions with a short break.
Bring lunch and play both!*

Sunday, December 13

10:30 AM Continental Breakfast
11:00 AM Bracketed Swiss Teams
Lunch available for \$8

Stratified

Games: A:2000+, B:500-2000,
C:0-500

Stratiflighted

Games: Flight A/X: A:3000+,
X:0-3000, B/C Pairs:
B:500-2000, C:0-500

299er Pairs: 50/100/300

(May be changed at director's discretion)

PARTNERSHIP

John Farwell • 203-401-1592

NEW Friday Game Times

ENTRY FEE

\$10 per person per session for paid ACBL members. \$1 additional for non- or unpaid ACBL members. Student Discount \$3/student/session

Jeff Feldman Trophy for highest master point winner

Check www.ctbridge.org for updates and results

Results

SUMMER SECTIONAL Greenwich, CT August 14 - 16, 2009

FRIDAY

10AM OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			B. Schneider – H. Marks
2			A. Clamage – D. Montgomery
3	1		N. Tkacz – R. Rising
4			I. Silver – R. Merl
5	2	1	N. Cihl – N. Peffley
6			L. Condon – J. Mehta
	3		R. Schecter – D. Cohen
	4		D. Malitzis – N. Lucht
	5/6		L. Green – T. Lubman
	5/6/2		L. Stern – H. Auerbach
		3	C. Andersonn – P. Read
		4	D. Farquhar – K. Goodman
		5	A. Kling – L. Kling Jr.
		6	B. Apfelbaum – D. Berger

10AM SENIOR PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1	1		L. Arnaboldi Jr. – N. Rizvi
2	2	1	P. Farin – C. Nadel Farin
3	3		J. Schiaroli – S. Rodricks
4			T. Hey – D. Stiegler
5			B. MacInnis – J. Jacobson
6			S. Santow – N. Starr
	4		M. Oztemel – B. Cutting
	5		E. Newhouse – M. Foulke
	6		R. Sieron – V. D'Souza
		2	G. Mehlman – A. Barton
		3	R. Freres – G.S. Thoma
		4	S. Schroeder – G. Hayes
		5	K. Freres – G. Ord
		6	T. Elliott – M. Van Dyke

2:30PM OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1	1		T. Lubman – L. Green
2	2		K. Barrett – D. Thompson
3			J. Williams – B.J. Corbani
4			L. Condon – J. Mehta
5	3		H.J. Sloofman – T. Baird
6			A. Cady – H. Feldheim
	4		J. Alhale – D. Thadani
	5	1	D. Storey – M. Karbovanec
	6	2	J. Voss – A. Bonfanti
		3	A. Rosanelli – J. Warner
		4	K. Fox – D. Kessler
		5	S. Lewis – M. Lerman

2:30PM SENIOR PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			E. Ranard – B. Loop
2	1	1	J. Stone – J. Loughlin
3	2		R. Sieron – V. D'Souza
4			T. Hey – D. Stiegler
5	3	2	J. Carter – M. Kaplan
6			M. Fromm – L. Zeisler
	4		N. Tkacz – R. Rising
	5		F. Gilbert – A. Housholder
	6		S. Klein – J. Finn
		3	J. Corban – D. Doyle
		4	A. Walton – M. Myers
		5	W. Rinehart – S. Werblood

SATURDAY

10AM 299er PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			D. Andrews – A. Dougherty
2/3			C. Taylor – N. Matthews
2/3			C. Pumo – G.T. Pumo
4	1	1	A. Van Dyke – I. Mikheeva
5			W. Bennett – C. Bennett
6			L. Rohrer – J. Stone
	2	2	B. Kaplan – J. Kaplan
	3	3	R. Margolin – A. Margolin
	4/5/4/5		R. Bailer – P. Bailer
	4/5/4/5		K. Wood – B. Adams

10AM B/C PAIRS

B	C	Names
1		J. Martin – B. Biggs
2		G. Cannold – A. Cole
3		D. Benjamin – T. Lubman
4		S. Vock – J. Finn
5		R. Klopp – A. Guntermann
6		E. Watstein – D. Keller
	1	N. Davis – N. Pollack
	2	H. Korper – D. Kaplan
	3	J. Robbins – N. Lorn
	4	M. Smith – M. Maloney
	5	M. Balint – M. Kaplan
	6	B. Dempsey – V. Grayson

10AM A/X PAIRS

A	X	Names
1		J. Greer – A. Clamage
2		F. Marino – R. Klein
3	1	L. Green – W. Wood
4		J. Martin – H. Feldheim
5		S. Becker – L. Bausher
6	2	F. Schneider – B. Schneider
	3	L. Heineman – L. Otness
	4	N. Starr – L. Zeisler
	5	B.J. Corbani – A. Cady

2:30PM 299er PAIRS

A	B	C	Names
1			J. Stone – J. Loughlin
2	1	1	B. Kaplan – J. Kaplan
3	2	2	K. Wood – H. Dobyns
4	3	3	J. Zucker – B. Adams
5	4		D. Binhak – E. Binhak

2:30PM B/C PAIRS

B	C	Names
1		J. Osofsky – M. Heider
2		K. Freres – J. Thoma
3		S. Sahlein – N. Sahlein
4		B. Kliman – A. Geaski
5		N. Cohen – S. Klein
6		J. Allen – T. Allen
	1	L. Laster – T. Martemucci
	2	D. Storey – M. Lerman
	3	J. Fouad – K. Olsen Nye
	4	M. Myers – A. Walton

2:30PM A/X PAIRS

A	X	Names
1		D. Stiegler – P. Burnham
2	1	H. Lawrence – D. Montgomery
3		L. Lau – B. Adler
4		S. Gladyszak – A. Borgschulze
5		S. Becker – L. Bausher
6	2	J. McGillion – W. Wood
	3	D. Greenwald – B. MacInnis

4		R. Friedman – A. Wolf
5		S. Seckinger – S. Rodricks

SUNDAY

SWISS BRACKET 1

Rank	Names
1	L. Lau – B. Adler; F. Schneider – B. Schneider
2	A. Cady – H. Feldheim; J. Dillenberg – J. Goldberg
3	M. Tucker – B. Glubok; E. Hendelman – A. Kahn
4	F. Lindsay – Nell Otto; C. Willenken – D. Rosenberg

SUNDAY

SWISS BRACKET 2

Rank	Names
1	J. Mehta – D. Keller; N. Tkacz – J. Force
2	D. Thompson – K. Barrett; J. Thoma – S. Mayo
3	N. Starr – B.J. Corbani; S. Santow – S. Abelson

SUNDAY

SWISS BRACKET 3

Rank	Names
1	H.J. Sloofman – T. Baird; R. Rosenthal – J. Fuhrman
2	T. Proulx – J. Rotenberg; P. Miller – L. Green
3	D. Noack – G. Seckinger; J. Farwell – R. Rising

SUNDAY

SWISS BRACKET 4

Rank	Names
1	R. Klopp – B. Harvey; G. Holland – C. Palmer
2	R. Zipf – J. Carter; M. Oztemel – B. Cutting
3	P. Brasher – B. Moore; R. Aspinwall – M. Molwitz
4	D. Kessler – K. Fox; M. Foulke – M. Fuller

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FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

1	H. Auerbach – T. Selmon
2	J. Wolfe – M. Innes
3	J. Panico – D. Lombard
4	M. Mason – L. Russman
5	D. Stiegler – P. Proulx
6	C. Schnee – C. Schnee

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

1	H. Auerbach – T. Selmon
2	C. Schnee – C. Schnee
3	R. Hawes – R. Biondino
4	J. Hearrell – R. Smith
5	J. Bruce – L. Wood
6	B. Harvey – B. Gee

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

1	H. Auerbach – T. Selmon
2	C. Schnee – C. Schnee
3	R. Hawes – R. Biondino
4	B. Harvey – B. Gee



Do You Ask for Aces?

by Gloria Sieron

Roman Keycard Blackwood is a very powerful convention. However, it is not appropriate for every hand. Take a look at the following hand. Only the most timid of bidders will fail to reach at least a small slam. How can you reach seven?

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: None

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

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

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 7 6
♥ K Q 10 7 6 4
♦ - - -
♣ 10

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♥ or 7♥?			

*Showing 2 controls without the Queen of Hearts.

West leads A♦

Although South has only 14 high card points, he recognizes the power of this highly distributional hand, with only a 2 loser count, but, unwisely uses Roman Keycard Blackwood to determine slam possibilities.

If the two Aces are Diamonds and Clubs, there is no chance for a Grand Slam.

If the two Aces are Hearts and Diamonds, West may not lead the Ace of Clubs and the Grand Slam is possible.

If the two Aces are Hearts and Clubs, the Grand Slam is golden.

Congratulations to those who bid the Grand Slam! You are excellent guessers. On this hand RKB does not help as much as cue bidding would. How about this bidding?

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

*Cue bids showing first-round controls

Once South finds out about the ♣A, he can leap to slam. North, looking at the ♥A, bids the grand slam.

However, bidding the grand slam is not enough, you must still make it. Be careful to count your tricks at the opening lead. If you take out trump first, the odds are against establishing the spade suit without a loser. Let's look at the statistics.

North/South possess a total of seven spades. Statistics show that the six remaining cards will split:

4-2	46.88%
3-3	31.73%
5-1	18.75%
6-0	1.49%

Trump the lead of the ♦A, and set about establishing the spade suit. Play the ace. Everybody follows. Trump a low spade with the ace or jack in dummy. West and East both contribute spades so you know your spades will run. Draw trump. Your spades are all good and you've just accomplished the home run, touchdown, hole-in-one, three-pointer of bridge – bidding and making The Grand Slam.



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FLIGHT A EVENT LEADERS

- 1 S. Corning – P. Bausher
- 2/3 N. France – D. Stiegler
- 2/3 A. Clamage – R. De Martino
- 4 J. Cleary – D. Margolin
- 5 N. Starr – L. Zeisler
- 6 L. Belliveau – J. Schwartz
- 7 L. Robbins – P. Pearson

FLIGHT B EVENT LEADERS

- 1 L. Belliveau – J. Schwartz
- 2 L. Robbins – P. Pearson
- 3 L. Berry – A. Fuller
- 4 S. Rosenbaum – R. Fortier
- 5 D. Hulme – C. Bode
- 6 B. Gardner – F. Howes

FLIGHT C EVENT LEADERS

- 1 L. Belliveau – J. Schwartz
- 2 B. Gardner – F. Howes
- 3 M. Conlon – B. Miller
- 4 M. Beach – A. Knobloch

- 5 W. Castagna – S. Harrison
- 6 B. Markowski – J. McClutchy

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

OPEN PAIRS

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| A | B | C | Names |
| 1 | | | J. Stiefel – R. DeMartino |
| 2 | | | G. Brod – J. Brod |
| 3 | | | B.J. Corbani – J. Williams |
| 4 | 1 | | E. Nagle – H. Strauss |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | J. Fouad – K. Olsen Nye |
| 6 | | | A. Clamage – H. Zusman |
| | 3 | 2 | J. Hirsch – C. Joseph |
| | 4 | 3 | P. Norman – A. Norman |
| | 5 | | M. Witt – L. Kesselman |
| | 6 | | L. Sartori – R. Cheah |

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

SENIOR PAIRS

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| A | B | C | Names |
| 1 | | | K. Frangione – S. Budds |

- 2/3/1/2/1/2 S. Shamroth – E. Shamroth
- 2/3/1/2/1/2 K. Harrison – P. Skenderian

- 4 M. Futterman – L. Labins
- 5 3 3 K. Freres – G. Ord
- 6/7/4/5 N. Augenstein – S. Augenstein
- 6/7/4/5 J. Gaztambide – W. Sumner
- 4 H. Dunn – G. Cameron
- 5 N. Bisley – F. Mertz

FRIDAY EVENING

OPEN PAIRS

- | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| A | B | Names |
| 1 | | C. Michael – M. Mason |
| 2 | | C. Graham – H. Kobernusz |
| 3 | 1 | A. Geaski – T. Gerchman |
| 4 | | L. Bausher – P. Bausher |
| 5 | 2 | E. Nagle – H. Strauss |

SATURDAY MORNING

A/X PAIRS

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| A | X | Names |
| 1 | 1 | P. Bausher – A. Hummel |
| 2 | | J. Fieldman – V. King |
| 3 | | T. Joyce – M. Futterman |

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- 4 A. Rothenberg – R. DeMartino
 5 2 D. Livingston – B. Lewis
 6 A. Clamage – J. Greer
 3 A. Wolf – H. Zusman
 4 S. Corning – D. Elie
 5 C. Zultowsky – M. Leclair

SATURDAY MORNING**B/C PAIRS****B C Names**

- 1 **M. Sullivan – N. Bartone**
 2 K. Barrett – D. Thompson
 3 M. Lennon – J. Scata
 4 M. Cooke – P. Cooke
 5 R. Brown – L. Robbins
 6/71 **E. Nuki – J. Stroup**
 6/7 L. Green – D. Blackburn
 2 W. Hutton – J.S.-M. Lee
 3 R. Derrah – S. Derrah
 4 C. Heckman – B. Gee
 5 M. Jancis – S. Smedes
 6 H. Jancis – G. Smedes

SATURDAY MORNING**199ER PAIRS****A B C Names**

- 1 **S. Keller – J. Dinius**
 2 1 **I. Larson – I. Rivers**
 3 2 1 **E. Lorig – A. Maletta**
 4 3 2 D. Farquhar – K. Goodman
 5 D. Favreau – C. Pumo
 6 4 J. Schmerl – S. Schmerl
 5 E. Greenhouse –
 B. Greenhouse
 6 3 M. Whittemore –
 J. Whittemore
 4 R. Talbot – L. May

SATURDAY AFTERNOON**A/X PAIRS****A X Names**

- 1 1 **J. Boyer – A. Boyer**
 2 A. Rothenberg – R. DeMartino
 3 G. Brod – J. Stiefel
 4 M. Futterman – T. Joyce
 5 L. Bausher – S. Becker
 6 P. Burnham – D. Stiegler
 2 T. Hyde – E. Lewis III
 3 D. Livingston – B. Lewis
 4 C. Zultowsky – M. Leclair

SATURDAY AFTERNOON**B/C PAIRS****B C Names**

- 1 **A. Geaski – B. Kliman**
 2 L. Green – D. Blackburn
 3 L. Starr – M. Witt
 4 1 **G. Brochu – B. Buehler**
 5 T. Schuman – S. Moffie
 6 2 R. Derrah – S. Derrah
 3 C. Matthew – M. Hoey
 4 K. Thornton – L. DeBlois
 5 K. Freres – S. Schroeder

SATURDAY AFTERNOON**199ER PAIRS****A B C Names**

- 1 1 **L. Eppler – C. McLaughlin**
 2 E. Coppa – J.S. Coppa
 3 2 J. Schmerl – S. Schmerl
 4 3 R. Williams –
 S. Tordel Williams
 5 4 A. Dutton – T. Jekot
 6 5 C. Tanzer – L. Englehart

- 1 **M. Whittemore –
 J. Whittemore**
 2 R. Freres – G.S. Thoma
 3 T. Hrycyna – J. Walker

SUNDAY**SWISS BRACKET 1****Rank Names**

- 1 **G. Brod – R. DeMartino;
 V. King – J. Stiefel**
 2 H. Lawrence – J. Greer;
 A. Clamage – D. Montgomery
 3 A. Wolf – H. Zusman;
 R. Friedman – J. Segal

SUNDAY**SWISS BRACKET 2****Rank Names**

- 1 **E. Watstein – M. Meyers;
 J. Hess – D. Keller**
 2 D. Noack – G. Seckinger;
 R. Rising – J. Farwell
 3 E. Lewis III – R. Gruskay;
 C. Vasel – R. Kuzma

SUNDAY**SWISS BRACKET 3****Rank Names**

- 1 **R. Derrah – S. Derrah;
 M. Murphy – P. Shimkus**
 2 L. Lowell – E. Lowell;
 A. Buscher – S. Gould
 3 P. Skenderian – J. Sarkisian;
 K. Harrison – J. Bacci
 4 D. Carpenter – D. Storey;
 J. Scott – H. Strauss
 5 R. Benedict – P. Olschefski;
 C. Olschefski – S. Petrie



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