

Last Week's Leaders

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3/6 Tuesday Eve 99er

1st OA: **Lewis Temples & Andy Heldman** (70.2%) **WOW**

1st 20MP: **Dave Elliott & Dave Warner** (56%)



	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
CBA Seminars	0-20	10 Mar	Potter	When Opponents
	Sat	12:30	Orr	Interfere
	99er	13 Mar	Amit	Minor Suit Raises
	Tue	6:30	Raturi	
	NLM	19 Mar	Steve	Major Suit Raises
	Mon	6:30	Moese	

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CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

Mon NLM 7 PM CBA Wed Homestyle 11:00 AM CBA
Tues 99er 7 PM CBA [Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY BC](#)
Thurs NLM 7 PM CBA [1st Fri 99er 10:00 AM NKY BC](#)

NEW! - 0-20 Sat 1 PM CBA (Lecture at 12:30 PM)

Area Tournaments

Mar 15 – 25 **Memphis TN** **NABC**
Mar 26 - 31 Indianapolis, IN S
Mar 30 Apr 1 Columbus, OH S
Apr 9 - 15 D11 STaC Cincinnati S

Go to <http://www.acbl.org/tournament-calendar/>

Did You Know... District 11 sponsors 4 Regionals every year. The first is Indianapolis in March, then Cincinnati in May, Dayton-Columbus in August and Louisville in November. Gatlinburg (District 7) is the largest US Regional (April).

On Inverted Minor Raises

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From: Death to Deep Finesse By Allan Falk

Deep Finesse will report some contract in which I failed miserably was always cold on any defense. Here's a hand from the Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs. Against the ♥J lead. Dummy followed low, and East unhesitatingly played the ♥2 allowing me to win. Not wanting a ♥ through my remaining honor and having a

South Deals	♠ J4 ♥ 753 ♦ Q975 ♣ AKQ6		
		N	♠ A1053
		E	♥ A2
		W	♦ K8632
		S	♣ 932
	♠ Q72 ♥ J1096 ♦ J4 ♣ 1087		
			♠ K986 ♥ KQ84 ♦ A10 ♣ J54

East South West North
 1♣ Pass 2♣
Pass 2N Pass 3N
West led ♥J.

Allan didn't print the bidding. A likely auction is shown. 2♣ Inverted Minor Raise on a heavy 4 card fit. 2N by S w/ a Balanced 11-13 and Major stoppers. 25 HCP 3N.

serious shortage of tricks, it seemed a good idea to take advantage of my ♦ spots combined with an avoidance play by crossing to dummy in clubs and playing a ♦ to the ♦10. This lost to the ♦J, and back came ♥10 to the ♥A, and a ♦ return. I now had a tenace in ♥s against the ♥96. If my LHO had the ♠A, I had a chance for an endplay. So, needing ♣s 3-3 anyway, I crossed to dummy and led ♦Q. RHO won the ♦K and returned a ♦. I cashed 2 ♣s, coming down to ♠K and ♥K8. LHO, after much thought, discarded 2 low ♠s. Continuing my play, I led a ♠, but RHO rose ♠A to cash the long ♦ for down one. Of course, Deep Finesse says 3NT is cold—against the actual defense, I have to play ♦A, ♦10 at tricks two and three, then play RHO for both major-suit aces. No one else to whom I spoke encountered RHO's low ♥ play at trick 1, however. And note how playing diamonds from the top would have fared if East held ♦KJ632 and either major-suit ace. But according to Deep Finesse, I plumbed the play and went down in a cooler. *See the original article at:* <http://www.acbl.org/nabc/2008/02/bulletins/db9.pdf>

**Play the New 0-20 MP Sat. Aft Game!
40 MP Mentors play with 0-10 Mentees.**

Comments? Suggestions? Contact Steve Moese at moese.sa@pg.com



Thanks to everyone for playing this Sat. We enjoyed a 2 table team game. Congratulations to newcomers **Stephanie Jones** and **Carol Wilson** as well as **Liza Benham** and **Sharon Koster** who tied for 1st with 2 wins. A warm welcome to Vince Klapper and Zack Giestling from St. Xavier HS. Below are 2 hands from Saturday's pair game featuring Slam Bidding and Defense. Because we played a team format our Saturday results are not on the CBA website. The hands played in the pair game are at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120303A.HTM> Next week Tom Deddens will run the 0-20 game. Tom ran the Tues. night Newcomer game with great success so you will be in good hands. I will be away at a big Regional Bridge Tournament in Indianapolis. I will check in with Tom and write a review.

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ A Q 9 5 4
♦ K 5
♣ A K 5

♠ 8 7 5
♥ 10 3
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ J 6 4 3



♠ J 3
♥ K J 8 7 6
♦ 10 9 6
♣ Q 7 2

♠ K Q 10 6 4
♥ 2
♦ A Q J 8
♣ 10 9 8

NS 6N; 7♠; 6♦;
4♥; 5♣

Bidding – Here is a hand where we should get to slam. South opens 1♠ with 5 card suit and 12 HCPs. North's hand is worth 21 playing points (20 HCP + 1 for the doubleton ♦). We only count distribution points when we have an 8 card or better fit. Even if South has a minimum we know they have at least 13 playing points: 12 HCPs plus at least 1 doubleton (5-3-3-2 is the worst shape). North knows there is at least 34 playing points and a ♠ fit so North pushes towards slam. Start with a forcing 2♥ bid showing 5+ ♥s and 10+ HCPs. South will bid 3♦ showing a minimum hand with at least 5 ♠s and 4 ♦s, no support for ♥s or stoppers in ♣s (otherwise 2NT is a better bid). After that North NS 7♠; can ask for Aces with a 4NT bid (Blackwood Convention). South answers 5♦ or one Ace. With all the aces North then bids 5NT to ask for

Bd 3	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 NT S	990		3.50	0.50
6 NT N	990		3.50	0.50
6 ♠ S	980		2.00	2.00
5 NT N	520		1.00	3.00
7 NT N		50	0.00	4.00

Kings. South answers 6♦ or 1 King. North knows they are missing 1 king and likely sets the contract in 6♣ or 6NT. Why 6NT? In matchpoints you get 10 more points for NT. Doesn't seem like much but it is the difference between an average and a top board in the regular game. **Playing Roman Key Card or 1430:** After 1♠ opener, consider bidding 4NT directly. Partner should respond with key cards (Aces plus the King of ♠s) by bidding 5♣ (2 key cards plus the ♠Q). You can then ask for remaining kings and get to 6♣ or 6NT. You get there feeling much more confident about the trump suit. **Not Playing Blackwood or Roman Key Card:** With 3 aces and 34 playing points you can bid 6♣ directly after South rebids 3♦ and expect to make. **Play of the Hand** – Draw trumps, running ♦s and cashing top ♣s and ♥A gives you 12 tricks you need (5+4+2+1=12 tricks). Do you see how to make 7♠? Very tricky. Here's a hint: You must ruff in the short trump hand (North) before drawing trumps. No one made 7♠ in the regular game because they did not want to chance a ruff by opponents along the way.

Board 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 2
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K 9 8 6 4

♠ 9 7 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ K J 10 4
♣ J 7 2



♠ J 10 5 3
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ 5 3
♣ A 5 3

♠ A 8 6
♥ J 10 8 6
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ Q 10

NS 1N; NS 2♣;
EW 1♠; S 1♦

Bidding – South opens the bidding with 1♦. North without a four card major and minimum HCPs (6-9 range) bids 1NT which passes out. **Defense of the Hand** – I played this hand with Vince Klapper (in East) who defended this hand extremely well. Vince's opening lead was the ♥K from his ♥KQ sequence. When the ♥K won Vince realized we had 3 ♥s but did not continue the suit. Why? Because doing so would only set up opponents ♥J in dummy. 3 ♥s does not set a 1NT contract so Vince knew he needed to find a 2nd suit to attack. Finding the right switch can be hard but remembering the bidding really helps. Vince recalled that North denied 4 ♠s with their 1NT response and with only 3 ♠s in dummy Vince can safely attack ♠s knowing he has a 7 or 8 card ♠ fit with partner. North won the ♠ switch and attacked ♦s. West winning ♦s and

Bd 13	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2 ♣ W	300		4.00	0.00
1 NT N	120		2.50	1.50
1 NT N	120		2.50	1.50
1 NT N	90		1.00	3.00
1 NT N		100	0.00	4.00

returning ♠s eventually set up Vince's 4th ♠. By the end of the hand opponents went down 3 for -300. They never got their ♥J thanks to some good thinking on defense by my partner. Well done Vince!!!