

## Last Week's Leaders

### 8/11 Saturday 0-30

1st OA: **Beth Wales & Rosemary Franck** (68.9%)

2nd OA: **Jean Tobias & Kay Neal** (65.8%)



### 8/14 Tuesday Eve

1st OA: **Richard Horvitz & Jane Messingschlager** (63.7%)

2nd OA: **Andrew & Martha Grant** (59.7%)

CBA Seminar	CBA	Date/PM	Who	Topic
	0-30	18 Aug	Mike	Good Defensive
	Sat	12:30	Purcell	Habits
	99er	21 Aug	Mike	Negative Doubles
	Tue	6:30	Purcell	

## 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

**0-30 Sat 1 PM CBA (Lecture at 12:30 PM)**

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**Aug 28 - Sep 3 Pittsburgh, PA R**

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Bridge is a partnership game. Giving partner support when they need it is worth more than the result from any one hand.

## Eddie Kantar Bridge Tips – Bidding

**Responding to Partner's Takeout Double** *reprinted from*

[http://www.kantarbridge.com/tips\\_bid.htm](http://www.kantarbridge.com/tips_bid.htm)

### TAKEOUT DOUBLE TIPS

**When responding to a takeout double**, add 1 extra point for an unbid 4-card major and 2 extra points for an unbid 5-card major. Then if your total comes to **9-11 working points** (do not count anything for Js or Qs in any suit bid by an opponent) make a single jump response, not forcing. With **less than 9 working points**, make a non-jump response. **With more than 11 revalued points**, cuebid the opponent's suit. Say your LHO opens 1♣, partner doubles, the next passes and you are gazing at these possible hands:

♠A874 ♥K4 ♦10843 ♣9743 8 revalued points —

(1 extra for your 4th ♠) *respond 1♠*

♠A874 ♥K4 ♦J1043 ♣976 9 revalued points —

(1 extra for the 4th ♠) *respond 2♠*

♠AK874 ♥76 ♦87 ♣10832 9 revalued points —

(2 extra for the 5-card ♠ suit) *respond 2♠*

♠AK87 ♥K5 ♦A432 ♣J87 15 revalued points —

(♣J not counted) *respond 2♠*

The **ideal distribution** for a takeout double is 4-4-4-1 with a singleton in the opening bidder's suit. With this

distribution, 11 HCP is enough to double an opening bid. Doubling with 10 HCP, even with the perfect distribution, is pushing the pencil. If you do, your singleton should not be an honor, and it doesn't hurt to have strong intermediates either. **A passed hand takeout double** logs in at 10-11 HCP. 9 HCP is permissible if you are feeling frisky and have a singleton in the opening bidder's suit.

With a 4-4-4-1 pattern, **it is normal to pass if the opponent opens in one of your 4-card suits**

and then double later if they find a fit in your singleton suit. With: ♠AJ65 ♥4 ♦KQ98 ♣A1087

East South (you) West North

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♥ ?

*Double.* The bidding has come up just the way you were hoping. Your double shows at least an opening bid with short ♥s, ♦ length, plus support for the unbid suits. Perfect.

It is risky **to double an opening bid holding a small doubleton in an unbid major**, particularly a small doubleton in ♠s. To pull this off, you should have 19+ H.C.P

You hold: (a) ♠43 ♥AK98 ♦AK75 ♣AJ9

(b) ♠43 ♥Q1042 ♦AK75 ♣AJ9

East South (you)

1♣ ?

With (a) you are strong enough to *double*. If partner bids the expected 1♠, rebid 1NT showing 18+ to 19 HCP. With (b) *overcall 1NT directly*. You don't need stoppers in all four suits to overcall 1NT, just one or two in any suit they have bid.

**A takeout double followed by a suit bid** is stronger than overcalling in the suit directly. With a doubleton in the opener's suit, you need 17+ HCP to double and then bid a 5-card suit. With less, overcall. With a singleton in the opener's suit and some 5-4-3-1 pattern, you need 15+ HCP to double and then bid your 5-card suit.

East South (you) West North

1♣ Dbl Pass 1♠

Pass 2♥

With ♠AJ4 ♥KQ986 ♦KQ3 ♣J4 *Overcall 1♥*. The ♣J is not working.

With ♠AJ42 ♥KQ986 ♦A102 ♣7 *Dbl. and then bid ♥s if partner doesn't bid ♠s*.

With ♠AJ4 ♥KQ986 ♦AK4 ♣32 *Dbl. and then bid ♥s*.

**Review: To make a jump response to a takeout double you need 9-11 "revalued points".**

- (1.) Unless you are responding in notrump, do not count Js or Qs in the opener's suit.
- (2.) Add 2 extra points if you have a 5-card major and a 2<sup>nd</sup> extra point if the hand has a side 4-card suit as well.

♠AK543 ♥Q43 ♦8743 ♣5

If partner doubles a 1♥ opening bid, do not count anything for the ♥Q, but give yourself 3 extra points, 2 for the 5<sup>th</sup> ♠ and 1 for the 4<sup>th</sup> ♦ bringing your grand total to 10 revalued points. The proper response is 2♠, the same response you would have made without the ♥Q.

In the same vein count 3 extra points for a 6-card suit plus 1 more if the hand has a side 4-card suit. If partner doubles a 1♥ opening bid and you have

♠AJ8432 ♥653 ♦J95 ♣4

Respond 2♠. You have 6 HCP plus 3 extra for the 6-card suit.

**If your hand reevaluates to more than 11 points, cuebid and then bid your suit.**

You hold: ♠KQ54 ♥A9543 ♦Q8 ♣54

If your partner doubles a 1♠ opening and next hand passes count our revalued strength. You have 11 HCP plus 2 extra for the 5<sup>th</sup> ♥ and 1 extra for the 4<sup>th</sup> spade bringing your total to 14. Start with a cuebid of 2♣ and if partner bids 2♦, bid 2♥, forcing. If partner bids 2♥ or 2♠, raise to game.

One time you can cuebid with fewer than 12 revalued points is when partner doubles a minor suit opening bid and catches you with 2 4-card majors along with 9-11 revalued points. Cuebid and then raise partner's expected 2H or 2♠ rebid to the three level, not forcing.

Say you hold: ♠A843 ♥A1074 ♦92 ♣Q98

If partner doubles 1♦, respond 2♦ and then raise partner's likely 2♥ or 2♠ rebid to the 3-level.

**0-30 Corner** – Mike Purcell 513 702 4007 [mikpur@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mikpur@cinci.rr.com)

Congratulations to our winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Wales and Rosemary Franck (68.90%), 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Tobias and Kay Neal (65.78%), 3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Hawley and Dorthea Tenn Eyck (50%). A special recognition for Alice Kitzmiller and Judy Barron for playing in the open section and earning a Flight C NAP qualification. Full results for Saturday's game can be found at:

<http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/120811A.HTM>.

**Welcome new players to our game: Jean Tobias, Donald Hawley and Dorthea Tenn Eyck. Thanks for playing!** Saturday (8/18) Phyllis will run the 0-30 MP section and I will give the seminar on Defensive Habits That Put Pressure on Opponents. There is no handout for this seminar, just my thoughts on good habits for defense as well as bad habits to avoid.

A quick reminder:

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – NO GAME** – Middletown Sectional Tournament-no games at Cincinnati Bridge Club.

**Sep 1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Purcell Running the Section and Seminar by Phyllis Bishop (2C and Responses).**

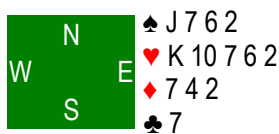
**Sep 8<sup>th</sup> – NO GAME** – Learn Bridge In A Day Special Event at the Cincinnati Bridge Club.

Here are 2 interesting hands from last week:

**Board 11**

South Deals ♠ A 8 3  
♥ 5 4 3  
None Vul ♦ K J 8 6 3  
♣ K 8

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



♠ K Q 10  
♥ A 8  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ Q J 10 9 6

NS 3N; 3♠; 4♦;  
4♣; 1♥

**Bidding** – South has a balanced 16 HCP and will open 1NT. North with 11 HCP and no major suit interest knows they have the 25+ HCP needed with South for game and should jump straight to 3NT.

**Play of the Hand** – Most likely lead is the ♣3 (fourth best). On this lead South can develop 12 tricks if they setup the club suit first.

**Post Mortem** – Sometimes you know where to place the contract right away. In this hand South's 1NT bid makes life easy for North to know they have game. North should not be afraid to go straight to 3NT.

Bd 11	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3 NT S	490		5	3
3 NT S	490		5	3
3 NT S	490		5	3
3 NT S	490		5	3
3 NT S	490		5	3
3 NT S	490		5	3
3 NT S	460		1	7
3 NT S		50	0	8
3 NT S	460		2	0
2 NT S	240		1	1
1 ♦ N	150		0	2

**Board 17**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

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

♠ 7 2  
♥ A K Q 10 5 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ 6 4 2

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

EW 5N; 4♥;  
4♣; 1♠;  
NS 2♦;



**Bidding** – East with 11 HCP, 3 quick tricks (AKQ) and a great 6 card heart suit should open 1♥. South will likely bid a preemptive 3♦ (5-11 HCP and 7 card suit). West with 14 HCP knows game is certain but where? With 4-4 in the unbid suits, West can make a Negative Double showing 10+ HCP (at the 3 level) with at least 4-4 in clubs and spades. East will nervously bid 3♥ showing a minimum hand with 6 hearts. West can then raise to 4♥ for game knowing they have an 8 card heart fit.

If South overcalls 2♦ – West can still make a Negative Double and when East rebids 2♥ raise to their 4♥ game.

What if South passes – West can bid 1♠ showing 6+ HCP and 4+ spades. When East rebids 2♥ West can raise to their 4♥ game.

**Play of the Hand** – No obvious lead here. You could get a low spade (low from an honor) or a club. Most declarers will not realize the 4-1 trump break until it is too late (I hate bridge sometimes!) but given the special diamond situation there is still hope. If East finesses spades and keeps South off lead you can pitch at least one diamond loser before opponents can cash two diamonds. In the end you likely lose 1 heart, 1 spades and surprisingly only 1 diamond (I love bridge sometimes!).

**Post Mortem** – You can and should open hands with 11 HCP if you have a good 5+ card suit and at least 2.5 quick tricks. With interference Negative Doubles can be a useful tool to keep the auction going and help you find the right place to be. Negative Doubles typically promise at least 4-4 in the unbid suits. The only exception is a Negative Double where the opponent overcalls 1♥ or 1♠. In these cases doubling 1♥ only shows 4 spades (you can bid 1♠ with 5 or more) and doubling 1♠ only shows 4+ hearts (but not a hand that could bid 2♥). HCP requirements for Negative Doubles vary by level: 6+ for the 1 level, 8+ for the 2 level and 10+ HCP for the 3 level.

Bd 17	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ E	50		8	0
4♦ S		100	7	1
3♥ E		170	6	2
4♥ E		420	3	5
4♥ E		420	3	5
4♥ E		420	3	5
4♥ E		420	3	5
4♥ x E		590	0	8
2♠ W		110	2	0
2♥ E		200	1	1
4♥ E		420	0	2