



8/6 - 99er Leaders

- 1st OA: **Lewis Temples & James Hunkler** (59%)
- 2nd OA: **Sharon Koster & Robert Roark** (55.6%)
- 3rd OA: **Karen Kalla & Richard Horvitz** (53.7%)



CBA NLM Games – Play Often!

- Mon <2000 7 PM** **Tues 99er 7 PM**
- Wed Home Style 11:00 AM** [Wed 199er 6:30 PM NKY]
- Thu Eve 7 PM** (if attendance warrants)
- Fri NLM 11 AM (Lecture 10:30)** [1st Fri 99er 10AM NKY]
- Sat 99er 10 AM to 12 Noon Supervised Play**

Area Tournaments

- Aug 1 – 11** **Atlanta, GA** **N**
- Aug 9 – 11 Wheeling WV S
- Aug 10 – 11 Louisville KY S NLM
- Aug 12 – 18 Indianapolis IN S Unit 130
- Aug 27 Sep 2** **Pittsburgh, PA** **R**

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North American Pairs District 11 Qualifying
See website for specific games. Must play in open game.

Saturday Supervised Play 10 AM-12 Noon

Distribution!!! by Steve Moese CBA Tue Eve August 6

Board 16	♠ K	
West	♥ Q J 5	
Deals	♦ 10 7 5 4	
E-W Vul	♣ Q 10 8 5 3	
♠ A 10 7 6 4	♠ Q 9 8 5 3	
♥ 7	♥ K 10 8 4	
♦ K J 6	♦ 8 3 2	
♣ A J 9 2	♣ 6	
	♠ J 2	
EW 5♠; 1N;	♥ A 9 6 3 2	
E 1♦;	♦ A Q 9	
S 2♣; N 1♣	♣ K 7 4	

When you hold 5 cards in opener's major and a singleton or void in your hand, you have only one bid. It takes no obscure hand evaluation. Just one bid. Jump right to 4 of partner's major - **immediately.**

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	4♠	AP

This preemptive raise tells partner we have at least a 10 card trump fit and two ways to win: 1) We just might make the game we bid, and 2) We might just keep the opponents out of their best spot. This hand shows why.

The Bidding – As advertised! South holding a good opening hand in ♥s doesn't have a safe way to compete over 4♠. Double, pass and a 5♥ bid could all be wrong!

The Opening Lead – North chose a passive ♦4. Make passive leads against weakly bid games (this is weakly bid). Let declarer do the work. Leading a trump is NOT indicated. EW are known to have 10+ cards in the suit, split 5 = 5. NS won't be cutting down much ruffing power with 1 or 2 rounds of trump. Note that the ♦ lead did nothing for declarer in ♦s that declarer wasn't going to do for her/himself! North had no bid from partner to guide the lead.

The Play – Declarer counts 5 winners. There are 4 possible losers (1♠, 1♥, 2♦) and the only hope is that some of the possible finesses are working. Which finesses do we take? With complementary singletons in ♥ and ♣ declarer is thinking cross ruff. South wins the ♥A and returns the ♠J !!

This is a big help – South certainly is not leading the ♠J away from the ♠K. Since the ♠K is marked with North by this lead, we play the ♠A. Lo and behold, one of our losers goes away - we trap the singleton ♠K. The ♠10 draws the outstanding trump while staying in the closed hand. Now we can lead our ♥7 toward the Dummy's ♥K. North rises with the ♥A, but that is the last trick for the defense. Declarer will finesse the ♦Q and find it onside. A cross ruff completes the hand. 4 ♠ + 5 for +650 was worth 3.5 of 5 Match Points.

Post Mortem –Notice how if the ♦KJ were in East, NS have a chance to make 4♥! Location is important.

Jumping directly to 4♠ made it impossible for NS to communicate. Even though EW have a total of only 18 HCP between them, they have enough to take 11 tricks as the cards lay. If you think doubling based on strength in the side suits is wise, this hand shows why you should reconsider. It's always good to have a trump trick or 2 when doubling opponent's games. South's switch to the ♠J is wrong. While it revealed the K, a trump switch is futile. Partner has a 1. Attack by returning ♦9 at trick 2 – give declarer an early guess!

	Scores		MPs	
Bd 16	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥S	100	5	0	
3♠W	170	4	1	
3♠W	200	3	2	
4♠W	650	1.5	3.5	
4♠W	650	1.5	3.5	
5♥xN	800	0	5	
3♣N	50	3	0	
3♠W	170	2	1	
2♠W	200	0.5	2.5	
3♠W	200	0.5	2.5	

Newcomer News – Mike “Is that Your Bid or a Cry for Help?” Purcell 513 702 4007

Great session last week with 4 tables. A special welcome to new players Reeta Brendamour and Debbie Sontag! This Saturday Pat Hoffman and I will be running the Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. This week’s hand shows us how to compete when the auction dies at a low level. Enjoy.

Board 7	♠ K 6		
South Deals	♥ J 7 2		
Both Vul	♦ A 9 8 7 4 3		
	♣ Q 6		
	♠ 7 5		♠ A J 9 8 2
	♥ 10 9 8 6 5 4		♥ K
	♦ 10 5		♦ K J 6 2
	♣ K 10 9		♣ A 7 2
	♠ Q 10 4 3		
N 1N; NS 1♦; 1♣	♥ A Q 3		
EW 1♠; E 1♥;	♦ Q		
	♣ J 8 5 4 3		

Bidding – In this hand South (dealer) and West will pass. North in third seat has 10 HCP and 6 diamonds. With a hand weak in the majors and in their suit many will pass. A few North will preempt 2♦. Assuming a pass, East has 16 HCP and 5 spades and will open 1♠. South with only a poor club suit should also pass along with West. North in the pass out seat should strain to bid rather than let opponents play at the 1-level. In these auctions we can safely assume partner has 8-11 HCP and we should look to compete if possible. On this hand North has 6 diamonds and a clear 2♦ call. Over this East is very likely to pass and South should as well even with their singleton. West is now in the pass out seat and will likely compete to 2♥ or 2♠ on their hand.

If North Opened 2♦ – East should overcall 2♠ and there it will play.

Play of the Hand 2♠ – In 2♠ opening lead is likely ♦Q (partner’s suit) which is won by North and returned for a ruff. At this point East has 6 losers (3♠, 1♥, 1♦, 1♣) and a contract that is difficult to play given the lack of communication to dummy. Expect to go down one in most cases.

Play of the Hand 2♦ – In 2♦ North has 6 losers (1♠, 1♥, 2♦, 2♣) but you can pick up the ♥K to make 2♦. The only defense to set the contract is for East to lead the ♥K and get to the West hand in clubs to score a cheap heart ruff before declarer draws trumps. You have a much better chance to make this contract.

Post Mortem – Do not be afraid to compete when the auction dies at low level (1 or 2 level) if there are reasonable expectations for a place to play. You will likely push opponents up a level, get to a contract you can make or even when going down do better than letting the opposition make their contract.

Bd 7	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♥ W	200		4.3	0.7
2♥ W	200		4.3	0.7
2NT N	150		2.5	2.5
3♦ N		100	1.3	3.7
2♠ E		110	0.1	4.9
2♠ E	100		3	0
1♠ E		80	1	2
1♠ E		80	1	2
1♠ E		80	1	2

Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the free software offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: <https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>