



### 8/20 - 99er Leaders

- 1<sup>st</sup> OA: **Robert Roark & Patricia Burnham** (62.1%)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> OA: **Pat Lindeman & Peg Jervis** (56.7%)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> OA: **Lisa Eisenstein & Pam Campbell** (55.6%)



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

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| <b>Aug 27 Sep 2</b> | <b>Pittsburgh, PA</b> | <b>R</b> |
| Aug 30 – Sep 1      | Paducah KY            | S        |
| Sep 6 – 8           | Madisonville KY       | S        |
| <b>Sep 9 – 15</b>   | <b>Fort Wayne IN</b>  | <b>R</b> |
| Sep 13 – 15         | Pineville KY          | S        |
| Sep 20 – 22         | Lucas KY              | S        |
| <b>Sep 24 – 29</b>  | <b>Fairborn, OH</b>   | <b>R</b> |

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### North American Pairs District 11 Qualifying

Aug 24, 27, & 30. Must play in open game.

**Saturday Supervised Play 10 AM-12 Noon**

### ...Cupla' Hands by Steve Moese (Tue Eve 8/20)

#### Board 17

North Deals  
None Vul

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



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

North declares 3NT after an auction:

- 1♦ – P – 1♥ – P  
1N – P – 2N – P  
3N – All Pass

The opening lead from East is the ♥6. How do you make your contract? Declarer can count 8 tricks. Are there any dangers? The ♥ suit is well placed for 2 extra tricks (There's a 75% chance that the missing honors are split or East has under led BOTH missing honors). Do you finesse? The answer lies in the ♣ suit! If you finesse and lose, West will switch to a ♣, likely putting your contract at risk. Instead win the ♥A giving up on the possible extra ♥ tricks.

Cash your 5 ♦ tricks and make an avoidance play in ♠. What's that? Finesse West for the ♠Q so that if the ♠ finesse loses, the ♣ suit cannot be profitably attacked. IF the ♠ finesse fails you might be going down anyway. The ♥ attack is a very unfavorable lead. Be sure to

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NS 4♥; 4♦;  
2♠; 1♣;  
N 3N; S 2N;

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♥ A J 3 2  
♦ K 8 4 2  
♣ 7 4

- ♠ 9 8 5 4  
♥ Q 8 6  
♦ J 7  
♣ A Q 10 2

congratulate East for great LEAD-ership! Here's the full hand – If you ducked the ♥ trying to promote 2 extra ♥ tricks, West will switch to a small ♣. Your ♣ K comes down in 2 tricks and they get 1♥ and 5 ♣s for down 2.

Avoidance (keep the safe defender on lead) is a great strategy. Look for these situations and play accordingly.

Say you are defending 4♠. It's clear to see why leading the top of an honor sequence is best. Seeing the dummy, continuing ♣ seems right. East will signal the 8 on the ♣K to show the Ace (standard signals).

West will play the Q then 7 and East will be on lead. The ♥4 (showing 4 ♥ cards) follows. If declarer wins the ♥K and leads the ♦10, play the ♦A and set the contract.

#### Board 19

♠ A J 4  
South ♥ A 5  
Deals ♦ K Q 4 2  
E-W Vul ♣ 10 5 3 2

- ♠ 9  
♥ J 10 8 2  
♦ A J 9 5 3  
♣ K Q 7



NS 3N; 3♠;  
2♣;  
EW 1♥; 1♦

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

If instead you choose to led the ♥J, Declarer will Win ♥A, play ♠4 to hand and lead the ♦10. Do you win the ♦A? If you do you might be presenting declarer with 2 tricks in ♦s. If you don't, you might be giving declarer their 10<sup>th</sup> trick. How can you know? Go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> trick. What card did partner play? If the ♥9, they have the ♥K (the touching honor) if the ♥4, they do not have the ♥K. Partner doesn't have HCP in ♠, ♥, or ♦. Help must be in the ♣ suit. With the ♦A and play the 4<sup>th</sup> suit (♣) right away - before declarer rids ♣ losers on ♦s.

Signals are very useful. Learning to use them consistently takes practice. Once you learn them, they become a necessity!.

**Newcomer News – Mike “Keeping Fun On My Convention Card” Purcell 513 702 4007**

This Saturday Lorna Davis and I will be running the Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. This week’s hand from Tuesday night shows us even when we have a 6-5 hand sometimes the best place to play is in partner’s suit.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K Q J 10 3  
♥ J 9  
♦ J 9 8 3  
♣ 8

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

EW 6♥; 6♦;  
6♣; 1N;  
NS 2♠

♠ —  
♥ 8 5  
♦ A K Q 7 6 2  
♣ Q J 9 7 4

♠ 9 8 7 5  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ 5 4  
♣ K 10 3 2

**Bidding** – North deals and with 12 HCP and 6 good spades will open 1♠. East has 12 HCP with 6 diamonds and 5 clubs. How do you show this two suited hand? Start with 2♦ (5+ diamonds, 12+ HCP). South will pass and West with 13 HCP and 6 solid hearts will bid 2♥ (5+ hearts, 10+ HCP). North will likely rebid 2♠. East without 3 card support for partner’s hearts can easily rebid 3♣ (promises 5+ diamonds and 4+ clubs). West should take comfort in East’s club bid but should still insist on hearts by rebidding 3♥ (6 hearts, 12+ HCP). East with two hearts and a known 8 card heart fit should reassess their hand. With hearts as trump East’s hand is worth at least 15 support points (12 HCP plus 3 more for the spade void). In reality this hand is worth more because chances are you can run either diamonds or clubs and pitch losers in partner’s hand. Without more advanced bidding agreements, East should push on to at

least game in 4♥.

**Getting to 6♥** - After 3♥ by West, East can cuebid 3♠. West may interpret this cuebid as asking for a spade stopper for 3NT and without one will bid their best minor 4♣. East now knows West has 12+ HCP but no spade stopper. From the bidding they are likely to hold solid hearts and either ♣A or ♣K for their bid. Those brave enough or with bidding tools to verify West has AKQ of hearts may find 6♥.

**If you play Unusual 2NT** - Many play an unusual 2NT bid over opponent’s opening bid to show at least 5-5 in the two lowest unbid suits. I suggest playing this convention to show a hand either better than opening strength (16+ HCP) or less than opening strength as a preempt (7-11 HCP). Therefore, the East hand should overcall 2♦ even if you play the unusual 2NT convention.

**Play of the Hand** – Assuming ♠A lead, Declarer (West) has 4 losers (3♣, 1♠). Of course they can ruff the first spade, draw trump and pitch two more spades on good diamonds. Eventually you will lose one club making 12 tricks and +480 or +980 (if 6♥ is bid).

**Post Mortem** – It is important even when you are 6-5 like East was in this example that you still keep open the possibility of playing in partner’s suit. Even though the opponents open the bidding, do not give up on making game and in some rare cases slam, especially if you have distributional hands.

Bd 5	Scores		Matchpoints	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
5 ♣ W	100		6	0
4 ♥ W		450	5	1
4 ♥ W		480	4	2
4 ♠ x N		500	3	3
5 ♥ W		510	2	4
5 ♠ x N		800	1	5
6 ♥ W		980	0	6
3 ♣ E		150	4	0
3 ♥ W		230	2.5	1.5
3 ♥ W		230	2.5	1.5
4 ♥ W		450	1	3
4 ♥ W		510	0	4

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/>