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6:30 PM Sharp!

Part Score Battle by Steve Moese Tues Eve 10/15

Board 2 ♠ 8 3 2

East ♥ Q J

Deals ♦ J 7 6 4 3

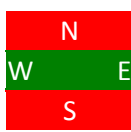
N-S Vul ♣ K 10 8

♠ K1076

♥ AK1083

♦ 8 2

♣ J 6



♠ QJ54

♥ 7652

♦ Q109

♣ Q4

E S W N

P 1N 2♦¹ Dbl²

2♣ 3♣ P P

3♥ P 3♣ Dbl³

All Pass

1 = Majors 2 = ♦s

3 = Cooperative Penalty

/ Balance of Power

More hands play in part scores than games or slams. How high should our side bid? Should we double? How can we cause the opponents to make the last guess?

NS 3♦; 3♣;
2N;
EW 2♠; 2♥;
♠ A 9
♥ 9 4
♦ A K 5
♣ A 9 7 5 3 2

Competitive bidding is the hardest part of bridge. It's important to master if we want to win consistently.

The Bidding – Do people really open 1NT (15-17) when holding 2=2=3=6 shape? You bet – here the ♣ suit is too weak to jump rebid, and the 1N opening describes the placement of the high cards adequately (most HCP are outside South's long suit). Give South another 15 HCP say ♠109 ♥Q9 ♦A109 ♣AKQ986, then opening 1♣ and rebidding 3♣ would be better. If South opens 1♣ instead of 1N, the auction would lead to a similar end. Here North lacks a stopper for a 1NT free bid, but might double the final contract. Over 1NT, West should intervene to get NS out of their 1NT contract. Favorable vulnerability says we should be **MORE AGGRESSIVE**.

E S W N
P 1♣ 1♥ P
1♠ 2♣ 2♠ P
P 3♣ 3♠ Dbl?
All Pass

Intervening depends more on shape than strength. Mel Colchamiro says intervene at the 2-level whenever we hold 6+HCP and the number of cards in our 2 longest suits (9) exceed the number of losers in the hand by 2 or more. West has 2♠ + 1♥ + 2♦ + 2♣ = 7 losers. Mel's rule applies!

West chose to show **BOTH** majors (even with 4=5 shape) and 2 doubletons in the minors. North doubles showing ♦s (they are anemic – I prefer Honors in a suit when I double). East bid ♠s first – in a competitive auction holding 4=4 in the majors, it is often best to bid ♠ before ♥ so that you can bid both suits without raising the auction too high. Now East

10/15 – Future Master Leaders

1st OA: **Martin Gibley & Stacy Vanstone** (57.5%)

2nd OA: **Caroline Richards & Lois Jones** (55.6%)

3rd OA: **Lisa Eisenstein & Louise Wolf** (54.4%)



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can rebid 3♥ and West can choose to play either major.

South's 3♣ free bid shouts "**6-card suit!**" Having fully bid the hand, West passes the decision to East. Knowing there are "two" 5-4 Major suit fits East offers 3♥.

When we have a fit of 8 cards or more, we should bid smartly to the number of trumps we hold. Here we expect a 9-card fit and bid to the 3-level (that is, 9 tricks) 9 trumps = 9 tricks. North was able to double the 3♣ contract knowing that NS had at least 22 HCP and EW were playing at the 3-level. This is a "Cards" double –

Bd 2	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3♠ E	150		5	0
3♣ S	130		3.5	1.5
3♠ S	130		3.5	1.5
3♠ x W	100		2	3
3♥ E	50		1	4
4♣ S		100	0	5
2♠ S	110		6	0
2♥ W	100		5	1
3♥ W	50		3	3
3♥ W	50		3	3
2♥ W		110	0.5	5.5
2♥ W		110	0.5	5.5

it does not promise a trump stack. Rather it says, "Partner we own the hand". South could bid 4♣ without defense. South passed wisely. Bidding 4♣ requires extras NS don't have. East lost the obvious 5 tricks. 3♠X-1 for 100 was worth 3 of 5 Match Points. **Notice all but 1 pair in the 99er field played in an EW ♥ partial.** After 1♣ -1♥-P-2♥ South has a risky decision. **With 15 HCP and 6♠s, bid 3♠! NOW!!** If we don't, they play in 2♥ for a good score. Likewise EW, don't let NS play in 2♣. Push them up 1 level. **Were EW Vulnerable, bidding to 3♠ is decidedly too risky. Pass instead. (Down 1 doubled would then be -200 – the kiss of death at Match Points).**

This coming Saturday Phyllis Bishop and Pat Hoffman will be running our Informal Supervised Play session 10-12. Due to the North American Pairs event starting at noon at our club, we will play in the teaching room this week.

This week bring us a special hand that requires you to go beyond your regular agreements and think about what you need from partner to reach the right contract. Enjoy!

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9 8 7 5
♥ A K Q 10 8 7
♦ A
♣ —

♠ J 4 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ Q 4 2
♣ A 10 9 3

NS 5♠; 5♥; 2N;
1♣;
N 2♦; S 1♦;

♠ A 10
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ K 7 5 4

♠ 6 3
♥ 4
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ Q J 8 6 2

Board 9 (Tues 10/15)

Bidding – What an usual deal! North has 18 HCP with 6 spades and 6 hearts. Looking at the results most of the field opened 1♥ (5+ hearts, 12-21 HCP) looking to reverse in spades later. Most South hands passed with only 4 HCP and game was missed. Was this avoidable? Yes. To reach at least game, North needs to realize with their hand they can make at least 4 spades or 4 hearts on most deals as long as partner can support either suit with 2 cards. This is true even if they have 0 HCP. Possible losers in a major game are AJ10 of spades and ♥J. If partner has two card support for at least one

suit losing all four cards is very unlikely. There are even several hand patterns that make 4 when partner is void in both suits. Since game is more likely than not the correct open by North is 2♣ looking to bid spades first and then hearts. South’s responses with a busted hand (0-4 HCP, no A or K) will vary depending on your agreements over 2♣ openings:

If you play 2♦ and then the lowest 3bid to show the 2nd negative – South will respond 2♦ (Waiting) and then 3♣ (Alert, negative) after partner’s 2♠ call. North knowing the next bid could be passed must jump to 4♥ to show this game forcing two-suited hand. South with a preference for spades will correct to 4♠.

If you play an immediate 2♥ is artificial and shows a negative response – South will respond 2♥ (Alert, negative). North will bid 2♠. This bid is forcing for at least one round so 2-suiters like the North hand can be shown. South must take at least one more bid and will bid a minor (likely clubs). North knowing the next bid could be passed must jump to 4♥ to show this game forcing two-suited hand. South with a preference for spades will correct to 4♠.

Play of the Hand – On any non-spade lead, declarer (North) has 2 losers in spades only for making 5 and +450.

Post Mortem – Bidding tools like High Card Points (HCP) and Quick Tricks are guidelines for bidding but are not always effective, especially for wildly distributional hands like the North’s in this example. For unusual hands, try to picture what you need from partner to make game (or even slam) and bid accordingly.

Bd 9	Scores		MPs	
	N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4 ♥ S	450		5	0
1 ♥ N	230		4	1
1 ♠ N	200		2	3
1 ♥ N	200		2	3
1 ♠ N	200		2	3
6 ♥ N		50	0	5
3 NT S	460		6	0
4 ♥ N	420		5	1
1 ♠ N	230		3.5	2.5
1 ♥ N	230		3.5	2.5
1 ♥ N	200		1.5	4.5
2 ♥ N	200		1.5	4.5
3 NT S		100	0	6

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/>