

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Aces were made to capture kings and kings were made to capture queens and queens were made to capture jacks and so on down the list. Anytime this doesn't happen, someone is likely to lose a trick.

If an ace cannot capture a king, it should at least capture a queen or a jack so as not to be wasted. Here is a hand where a defender forgot this and as a result, declarer brought home an unmakeable contract.

East dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S-A J 10
H-10 7 2
D-Q 8 6 4
C-A 7

SOUTH
S-4 3
H-A K 8 5 3
D-K 5 3
C-9 8

WEST
S-Q 7 3
H-Q
D-10
C-K Q J 8 5 3

EAST
S-K 9 6 5
H-10 8 4
D-9 7 2
C-10 4 2

The bidding:

EAST Pass
SOUTH Pass
WEST Pass
NORTH Pass

Opening lead - king of clubs. Take out double.

After West opened the bidding, the best way for North to describe his hand is to use a take out double. He has an opening bid himself and support for the three unbid suits. South jumped to three hearts in response. He had almost an opening bid himself and a good heart suite as well.

Technically, North could pass this bid, but since hearts was his four card major and since he had full value for his double, he carried on to game.

Lead ducked. The opening lead was ducked.

by declarer, so West persisted and led another club. Declarer led a trump to his king and was pleased to see the queen fall from West's hand. He continued to draw trump by leading to the jack in dummy and then back to his ace.

A low spade was led and when West played low, declarer finessed the ten. East won with the king. East had a problem. A spade lead did not look good in dummy's ace-jack. A club lead would allow declarer to ruff in dummy and discard in his hand. The only suit left was diamonds so he led one.

A waste
Declarer played low and West won with the ace. Unfortunately all West won with his ace was a two, a three and a four. What a waste!

Declarer later took the spade finesse and made his contract losing only one spade, one diamond and one club.

At fault
East was a bit at fault for not leading the diamond nine. This should show no higher cards and hence declarer is marked with the king. But if East had the diamond king he really should lead it, for West must have the ace in order to have an opening bid.

Also, it would be difficult to explain South's jump to three hearts without a face card outside of hearts. In every case, West should play declarer for the diamond king and on East's diamond lead play the ten. Later his ace will capture the king, as it should, and the jack will provide the setting trick.

Winners
Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Betty Ashley and Cam Sinclair; second, Joyce and Gord Akitt; third Kay and Jack Coats.

A letter from Eden Mills

This is the fourth in a series of letters written by Miss Val Barrow relating her experience during five "delightful" years spent in Eden Mills. Miss Barrow is writing the series to show her appreciation to residents of the village.

Very interesting too are all the old things he has on the very top shelf - the original wooden scales, a big red coffee mill, old scoops and lanterns. There is quite a large addition to the building with a lean-to shed roof and here Norm has a terrific collection of hardware items, all sizes of nails, hammers, stove-pipes, garbage cans, paint - and even a few yards of old oil lamp wick which he has given me as it's just the thing to use to secure your snow shoes.

Invite complete strangers in for a shave!

Fortunate indeed

Across the road from them one of the Marshalls' sons, Norman Junior, and his wife Betty live in a yellow brick house with a green roof. They have four children, Barbara, Mike, Ron and Danny. They, too have been most friendly and helpful - so it seems I'm fortunate indeed.

However, I do have problems - mainly the septic tank! I really had hoped I shouldn't have to spend anything more on the house this year - but that's one thing I can't leave. I shall have to start next week trying to find someone to install a new one. Fortunately there's a large area lower down towards the front which can be used as a drainage area. Then we'll be all set for the winter.

Off to TV

Fresh corn and huge beef-steak tomatoes for supper tonight. And I suppose I should go and get it started as there is a TV program I want to watch.

Take care of yourself, dear.

With love,
Val

Snowshoes

I did sell my skis in Ottawa, but I brought my snow shoes with me it should be fun to go up the river when it's frozen and covered with a fresh fall of snow. Norm and his wife Gladys sure are nice friendly people. She's not often in the store - but he has made a point of introducing me to anyone who was there when I went for my mail. I think every time he hears the door he must think "Which of my friends is this?"

Just to show what I mean - Dad was talking to him on that first day and commented that he needed a shave - he'd had one so early that morning because of the early start. Norm said "Come on", and took him in to use their bathroom! Not many people

Seek 2,000 signatures from Christian school

Georgetown & District Christian School pupils, their parents and teachers are seeking 2,000 signatures from Georgetown and Acton area residents to add to a petition requesting financial assistance for the Christian and other school systems.

Posters asking the public to Support Equal Education for All were placed in various locations and some petitions are being circulated.

The province wide action has been initiated by the Congress for Equality in Education of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. They will present the signatures gathered throughout the province on a petition to the Ontario government to back up their request.

A committee headed by the congressmen representing Georgetown District Christian School, Clarence Baker and Gerald Hessels, is organizing the campaign in this area.

The co-operation of several churches has been obtained with others still being approached. Christian public schools, which

are open to all members of the public who wish to have their children educated according to that system's particular education philosophy, have up to now received no monies from public funds.

Pay taxes
Parents enrolling their children in these schools however have to pay their full share of educational taxes supporting the only recognized public school system.

For three years this Congress to which each Ontario Christian School sends two Congressmen has approached politicians and confronted the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education and the entire cabinet with a christian witness on politics and education. On numerous occasions the spokesmen for the Congress have presented well documented and convincing briefs to the caucus of the major political parties. The local congress members have constantly faced their members of parliament with the injustice suffered by their constituents through the inequality in education.

Now, after three years of working behind the scenes, the Congress is starting a new phase.

This petition will focus the attention of all residents of Ontario on the 50,000 Ontario public school children who are not getting a fair share of the educational tax dollar, with particular emphasis on the 8,000 attending the Christian schools, which do not receive anything.

Between 30 and 40 children from Acton area attend the Christian school, which is located on the seventh line of Esqueping township.

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