

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By BILL COATS

Last week two pairs ran into problems bidding good hands. Maybe good cards don't come along very often but when they do we should be able to bid them to the limit.

Here are the hands as they were dealt at the Acton Bridge Club.

North-South were vulnerable and West dealt.

NORTH
S A 10 7 2
H J 10 4
D A K 10 3 2
C Q

EAST
S VOID
H K 9 8 6 3
D 9 6
C J 10 9 7 1 2

SOUTH
S Q J 9 6 3
H A Q 5
D 4
C A K 6 3

Suggested bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
PASS 1D - 2C 2S
PASS 2S PASS 4C
PASS 4D PASS 4N 1
PASS 4H PASS 5N T
PASS 6D PASS 6S
ALL PASS

Opening lead - eight of clubs

Most of my comments will be directed towards the bidding. North has a minimum opening bid and a good five-card suit. The correct bid is one diamond. If I were East and under the favourable vulnerability (not vulnerable vs vulnerable) I would probably jump to three clubs just to crowd the auction. Perhaps this is like the make the rubber bridge players nervous but they are routine in duplicate bridge.

ENOUGH POINTS
South may have enough points to make a jump shift. The usual figure mentioned is 18 points. However, two factors are against making this bid at this time. The first is the apparent lack of support for your partner's suit. This hand may be a misfit. The second is the great strength in the opponents suit. A bid of two spades is forcing and this is what I bid at the table.

North supports spades and now South must take some more drastic action. A cue bid in clubs is a very strong bid. It does several things at this time.

1st. It sets spades as the trump suit.
2nd. It tells your partner that you have much more than an opening bid.
3rd. It announces first round control of the club suit.

STRAIGHTFORWARD
The rest of the bidding is straightforward. North tempts with four diamonds and South decides to check for aces. When it turns out that they have all four aces, he also checks for kings. With two kings missing he settles for a small slam. I would also play the hand in spades rather than no trump for control purposes.

As you can see from the layout, declarer has no trouble taking all thirteen tricks.

Even if the kings are reversed, declarer can make a small slam by his discarding two hearts on his ace and king of clubs.

Last week's winners at Acton Bridge Club:
1. Ivan Harris and Merle Harris; 2. Betty Ashley and Cam Sinclair; 3. Gwen and Pat Jeffares.

Salvation Army Pleased With Campaign Response

Salvation Army Red Shield officials announced this week that 71 per cent of \$6,200 of the 1972 campaign has been reached in the 20th campaign for funds for the Army's service work.

The campaign was started May 1 and will continue until May 31. George Robinson, public information chairman, said the main drive so far this month has been in the commercial and industrial sector. Letters have been sent to all area firms and follow-up calls have been made.

"The response has been most encouraging to our canvassers," said Mr. Robinson.

Areas involved in the campaign to raise \$16,000 include Brampton, Chingachousy, Brantford, Georgetown and the Woodridge and Bolton districts.

"We are still in need of workers for the residential canvass," said Mr. Robinson. He said that although the blitz will not take place until later this month, canvass kits are now available at the Salvation Army service centre, 117 Queen Street west, Brampton, and canvassing can be started immediately. "We need workers who are willing to spend a couple of hours for a night or two to assist us," said Mr. Robinson. Volunteer workers are required for all areas but in particular the newer sections of the town and district, such as the Meador and Ambro subdivisions and new sections of Bramalea.

Ms. Louise Kutz is canvass coordinator for the Georgetown area and volunteers wishing to assist in the canvass in this area can contact her at 877-6747.

"We have many volunteers now, but each year, use about 500

people. With some dropping out and new district now populated, we always need additional people," said Mr. Robinson.

The Red Shield residential blitz will take place in Georgetown on May 31. All available canvassers will be on the street on that night. "Some will have most of their canvass completed by that time but on May 31 all call-backs will be made and every 'home will be visited'," said Mr. Robinson.

On the Brampton and district campaign committee are: H. R. Lockwood, campaign chairman; W. Shurniak, treasurer; M. Hughes, business and industry; John McCulloch, rural and district; George Robinson, public information and Captain K. D. More, campaign director.

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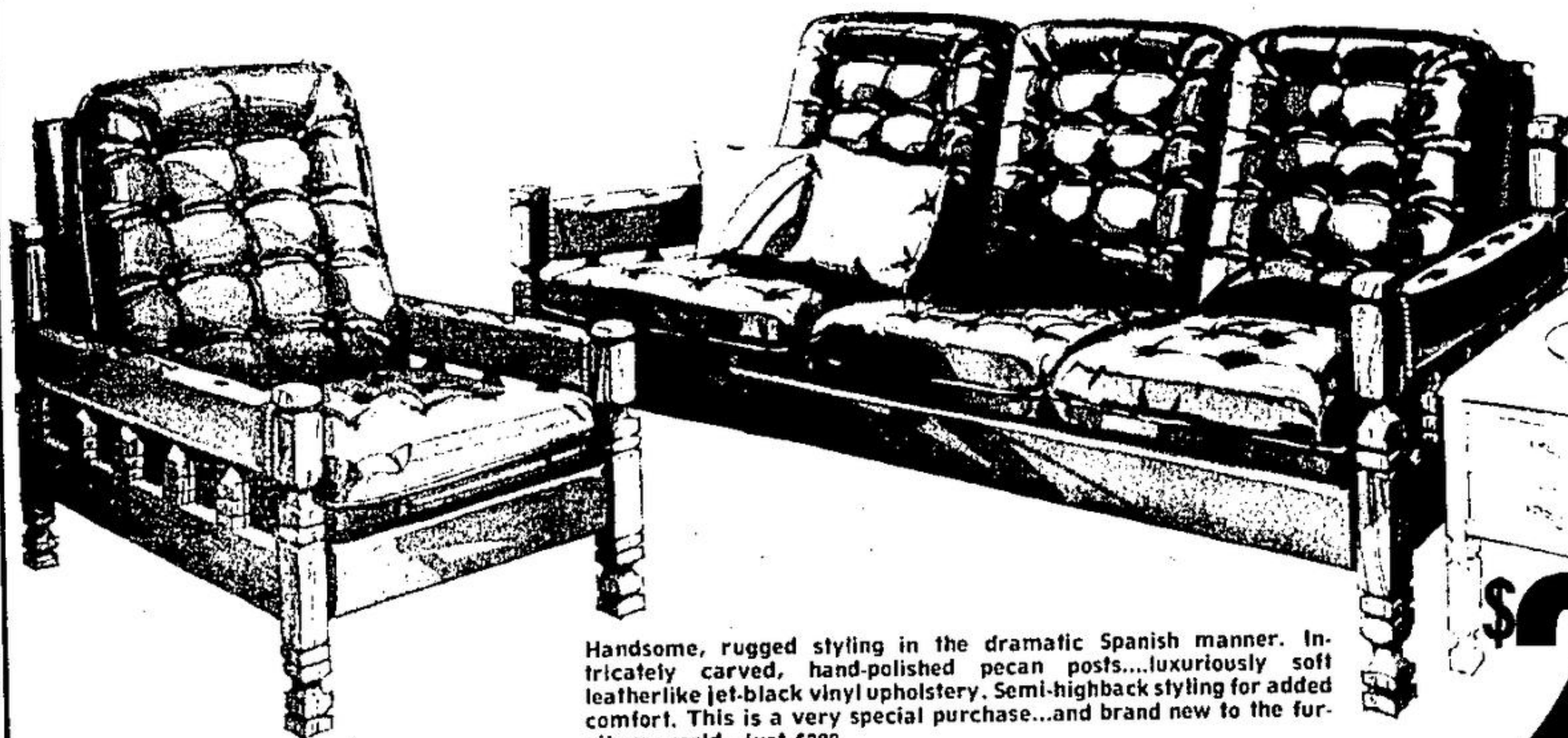


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