

Duplicate Bridge Club

When the opposition arrives at a no trump contract in an auction that you must defend, the odds are in your favor that they (the declarers) have no eight card fit in either of the major suits.

Since there are 13 cards in each suit and considering the above, East should consider starting a heart suspecting that the opposition at best has only seven and possibly six cards in this suit.

This heart lead, at worst, is safe and could catch declarer in a weak suit.

Defenders are well-advised to consider such information whenever they must defend a no trump contract. If defenders have a suit that they can run immediately, by all means run it.

However, if defenders must guess, the major suit idea cuts your guess work in half. When all other thoughts fail for one reason or another, the old adage is to lead spades against no trump. This was the hand.

THE HAND:

Bd No. 3
Dir. South
Vol. E-W

S - A62
H - AK1052
D - KJ4
C - K4

S - K107
H - J6
D - AQ876
C - 1062

S - Q4
H - 9873
D - 1093
C - AJ33

S - J9853
H - Q4
D - 52
C - Q987

THE ANALYSIS:

N-S might reach 2 NT on an auction of N-1h, S-1s, N-2NT. This cannot be set but the defenders do well to hold declarer to 8 tricks. The only lead that surely accomplishes this is a heart, which gives nothing away while limiting declarer's maneuvering room.

In view of North's opening bid, East is unlikely to find this lead. He may, however, come off to a diamond, which gives West a chance to sparkle by encouraging with the eight but not taking the ace, North is almost certain to hold the K of diamonds for his 12 NT rebid, and by ducking. West will create doubt in declarer's mind which defender really holds the suit, which could affect the play.

N-S's best chance for a top is if South passes North's opening bid. West will probably balance with 2-D and if N-S elect to defend, they may secure a 200. West has 6 losers going in and may lose a 7th trick if he leads 10-C when first attacking the suit. N-S are assured of a good score if North could double 2-D for penalties but South is unlikely to leave it in.

The North-South winners were Joe Maurer and his partner followed closely by Duke Wilson and John Flanagan in second place. Del Wallace and Helen Fleming captured third spot.

The East-West winners were Bob Clarke and Dennis Rosendale with Peter Gifford and Roy Turton

coming in second. The third and fourth spot was tied by the Wardrop team and the Mellow-Real pair.

The Georgetown Bridge Club welcomes the area bridge players to join the festivities every Tuesday evening. The club meets at the Legion Hall in town. Game time is 7:45 p.m. Come and play bridge.

Silver Creek Towers fire

Residents of Silver Creek Towers were wondering why fire trucks came shrieking to their apartment building Sunday night. There was a mattress fire in a fifth floor apartment which caused \$400 damage to a bedroom and \$200 to the building. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said defective wiring causing an electric short circuit is the suspected cause of the fire. He said Ontario Hydro is looking at the building's wiring. The superintendent of the eleven-storey building extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived on the scene. Nobody was hurt.

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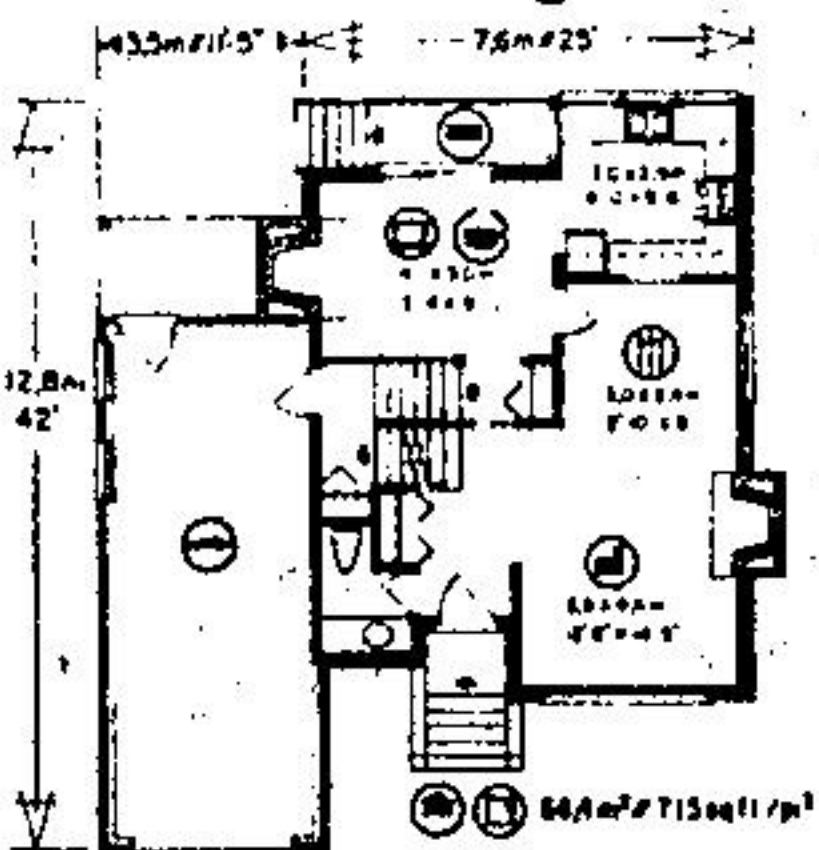
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The elevated, weather-protected main entry leads into a spacious and open reception foyer and outerwear storage area, from which traffic moves naturally to the right, into the long rectangular living-dining room combination. The living room features a raised-hearth masonry fireplace and small-paned, front-facing windows, which latter lend the room a slightly formal tone. The dining area features a pass-through counter from the kitchen, greatly facilitating meal serving when entertaining.

The well-arranged, U-shape kitchen has a step-saving work triangle configuration, generous countertop work surfaces and abundant cupboard storage facilities. The adjacent dinette/family room features a second raised-hearth masonry fireplace, and sliding glass doors which provide access to the rear balcony. Access to the full basement is via stairway from the short hallway outside the dinette area.

A two-piece vanity bathroom and a mud room facility are accessible from the enclosed single car garage.

All three bedrooms are positioned on the second level, accessible via stairway from the main reception foyer. Each has good exposure for view, natural light and ventilation; and each has ample closet storage. The large master bedroom has a two-piece vanity ensuite which connects to the main bathroom via convenient pocket door, and a full walk-in closet.

A large un-finished area above the garage has a roughed-in masonry fireplace and an overhead skylight. This area could be developed as a spacious den/lounge or as a fourth bedroom, according to individual family space requirements.

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