

# Getting to know duplicate bridge

Today's hand is yet another example of how important the defence is. Untidy defence will allow declarer to win many points. A lucky lead will sometimes be the difference in a successful contract.

Here, a willingness of the defence to compete during the auction assists the defending side in the area of opening lead. It is conceded that luck plays a part.

However, luck plays a part in our everyday lives. Forget the luck that happens. Make your own good fortune.

Listen to your partner and to your opposition during the auction and usually the lead will be known. This was the hand.

**THE HAND**  
Bd. No. 6  
Dr. E  
Vul. E-W

**Ashgrove**

## Bridal shower for Betty Laidlaw

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We are now into December, the magical wonderful time of the whole year, time again to bring out the red and green paper and bright tinsel.

Shoppers are on the streets carrying gay parcels, store windows show displays of toys and gifts, homes are lit up with Christmas lights. Everything says Christmas is coming. This is the month you try to find those embossed and very nice cards you bought last January at half price.

The gift tags and papers, are Christmassy green. My perfect red bows have a shimmering sheen. But there's always a problem. I cannot escape, I keep losing the end of the cellophane tape.

On Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Ward Brownridge and Mrs. Harvey Nurse were hostesses for a miscellaneous shower for her niece Betty June Laidlaw in the Fellowship room of Hillcrest Church. Many lovely gifts were received by the bride and she expressed her thanks to the Laidlaw and Ruddell cousins.

Mrs. Gordon Wingfield and her daughters, Beverly and Lynda, enjoyed a two week trip, motoring down to Florida along the Gulf Coast. They also stayed 7 days at St. Petersburg where the weather was marvellous.

S A63  
H 62  
D KJ4  
C AQ642

S J94  
H 754  
D A83  
C K973

S 10632  
H KJ9  
D 762  
C 1085

**THE ANALYSIS**

Most E-W pairs will brush aside north's 2-C overcall to land in an unspectacular 2-H partial. The fate of this contract rests mainly with declarer's decision on how to handle the diamond suit.

Since he needs entries to dummy to lead toward his heart holding, most Easts will run a diamond honour through South as soon as he gains the lead, then play a diamond to dummy's 8 when he is in next. With all the red-suit honors lying wrong, East falls a trick short.

Assuming North overcalled and the defence started with a club to North's queen and a low spade return, a better line for East to try is to win the spade in hand and cash the A-H. East must lose a heart in any event and should postpone breaking the diamond suit until he can get more information on the hand.

Declarer exits with S-Q. North wins and probably gets out with a spade, which goes to dummy's jack. A heart is led and

when South shows up with both H-KJ, East can deduce North must have diamond strength for his overcall.

A diamond to the ace and diamond off board flushes an honor and declarer's problems are solved.

The North-South winners at the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club last Tuesday were Mark Loeb and Ed Hills. Jackie Forsell and Ron Glide won second spot and Kay Campbell and Jack Kaar-

semaker were third.

In the East-West, Lorena Vorcia and Walter Blehn were first with Ab and Marilyn Wardrop following in a close second. Third place went to Gus Fleisch and Fred Allen.

The Georgetown Bridge Club extends a cordial welcome to all to come and play bridge at the club. The club resides at the Legion Hall in town and meets every Tuesday. Game time is 7:45 p.m. Come and play bridge.

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