



How to Play BRIDGE

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ARTICLE No. 2

One of the best ways to learn how to play better Auction is by a study of other players' mistakes. To avoid bad play is one way to play well. Here are two examples:

Example Hand No. 1

Hearts—K, J, 8, 3
Clubs—K, J, 10
Diamonds—10, 8, 3, 2
Spades—7, 5

Y :
A B :
Z :

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and A doubled. Y passed. B bid two clubs. Z passed and A bid two spades. What is Y's proper bid?

It would seem inconceivable that any player would do anything with this hand but pass, but Y was a player of little experience so decided that his proper bid was a double of two spades. With only two tricks as a maximum, Y should not consider a double. To double under such conditions, the player should hold at least three tricks. Y, however, was just inexperienced enough to be rash.

The next point to consider with this hand is the proper opening. If you were rash enough to double A's two-spade bid, what would you lead? The proper opening with this hand is undoubtedly the trey of hearts. Y's partner has bid one no trump so should have at least one honor in hearts. It is Y's duty to tell Z as soon as possible of the strength in his hand and what suit to play for; hence the duty to open the heart suit. The fourth-best is the proper opening in any suit unless it contains two or more honors in sequence. In that event, open the higher honor.

In this particular hand, Y made a second mistake. He opened the heart suit but led the jack instead of the trey. Never open an intermediate honor unless holding two in sequence. As a result of Y's bad opening, A B made their two odd in spades and, as it was doubled, they also scored game and rubber. Thus Y's two mistakes, first the bid double and then the bad lead, gave his opponents a game and rubber to which they were not entitled.

Example Hand No. 2

Hearts—9, 5, 2
Clubs—10, 9, 3
Diamonds—A, J, 5
Spades—A, Q, 10, 7

Y :
A B :
Z :

Hearts—K, J, 10, 8, 6
Clubs—A, K, 8, 5
Diamonds—K, 8, 3
Spades—6

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one heart and all passed. If A opened the deuce of spades, how should Z plan the play of the hand?

Z should endeavor to play the hand so that he will stand the best chance to make game. Z can lose one heart, one club and one diamond trick and still score game; so he should plan the play with that idea in mind. There are three finesses that are possible:

First, he can finesse the queen of spades in the hope that if it holds, he can discard the losing diamond on the

Answer to Problem No. 1

Hearts—3, 2
Clubs—none
Diamonds—10, 9, 8, 7
Spades—5, 2

Y :
A B :
Z :

Hearts—A, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—A, 4, 3, 2
Diamonds—none
Spades—A, 4

Diamonds are trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y Z play the hand so that they will win all of the tricks against any defense?

Solution: Z should lead the deuce of clubs and trump in Y's hand with the seven of diamonds. Y should now lead the ten of diamonds. B cannot discard a club for, if he does, Z with two re-entries can set up a club trick. B is, therefore, obliged to discard either a heart or a spade. It makes no difference which of these two suits is discarded as the leading happens to be the same in both hands.

Suppose B discards the queen of hearts. Z should discard the same suit that B discarded, so he should discard the four of hearts. A's discard at this stage is immaterial. Suppose he discards the nine of spades. Y should now lead the suit B discarded. As B discarded hearts, Y should lead the deuce of hearts. Z winning the trick with the ace. Z should then lead the ace of clubs

and Y should discard the deuce of spades. Z should now lead the trey of clubs. A should discard the ten of hearts and Y should trump with the eight of diamonds.

Y should now lead the nine of diamonds. B cannot discard the king of clubs or Z's four of clubs will be good. Therefore B is obliged to discard the queen of spades. Z discards the four of clubs. A is now forced to discard. If he discards the ten of spades, both of Z's spades are good. If he discards the jack of hearts, Y's trey of hearts and Z's ace of spades are good. In either case, therefore, Y Z must win all of the tricks. It is a fine example of the double "squeeze", that is, of the play that forces both opponents to discard otherwise winning cards. It is a pretty little problem and should be carefully studied.

Third, Z must arrange to finesse the heart suit. This can be done by leading the deuce of hearts from Y's hand and, if B also plays a low heart, Z should play the ten of hearts. If B holds the queen, the ten will force the ace, and when Y next obtains the lead, Z can again lead hearts, (the 9), and catch the queen if it is in B's hand. If A holds the queen or ace queen, Z must lose two heart tricks; but, if B holds the queen, Z can prevent it from making by finessing in the manner specified. To accomplish this result, Z should be careful to provide at least two re-entries in dummy so that hearts can be led from Y's hand at least twice.

In the actual hand, Z decided to finesse the spade and B won the trick with the king. B then led a club which Z won. Here is where Z made a mistake. Instead of leading a diamond and playing the ace from Y's hand and then taking a discard on the ace of spades, Z finessed the jack of diamonds which B won. B led another club which Z won. Z then led another diamond, winning the trick in Y's hand with the ace. He then led a low heart from dummy and played the ten from his own hand, forcing A to win the trick with the ace. A then led a low club which B won. B then led a diamond which Z won in his own hand with the King. Z had no re-entry in dummy so was forced to lead the hearts from his own hand, thus letting B win a heart trick with the queen. Played in this way, Z made only two odd, losing two heart tricks, one club, one diamond and one spade trick.

See how easy it is to make game by avoiding two finesses when only one is necessary, and by preparing a sufficient number of re-entries in dummy. There are only two sure re-entries in dummy, the ace of spades and the ace of diamonds. That fact should decide Z for it to finesse the queen of spades, for if it loses and the jack of diamonds also loses, there will be only one re-entry in Y's hand and there must be two.

Therefore, trick one should be won by the ace of spades in Y's hand and the low heart led at trick two. Z should play the ten which forces A's ace. Now, no matter how the cards lie, Z should make game. He has a sure re-entry in diamonds and can lead the nine of hearts. This plan of play will pick up B's queen, even if guarded three times. All Z should lose is one heart, one diamond and one club trick. Even if there are four or more clubs to the queen jack in one hand, Z should make game by throwing the lead.

Played carelessly, the hand only scored two odd. Played correctly, the hand should score four odd, game and rubber—quite a difference. Study these two example hands very carefully for the principles involved are extremely important and come up very frequently.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate No. 2113

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, October 2nd, 1929.

In the matter of the Estate of George W. Bradt, Deceased.

Creditors of said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is January 31st, 1930, and for the payment of debts is September 26th, 1930 and that on October 31st, 1929, and on February 1st, 1930, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., each day, I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

(County Court Seal.)

C. J. MALONE,
County Judge

19-4t

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NOTICE

To the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and other persons interested in the Estate of George W. Bradt, deceased, real names unknown:

You are hereby notified that The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company has filed its petition in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, impleaded with John Sullivan, Administrator of the Estate of George W. Bradt, deceased, and George Sanders, Tony Mudloff and Catherine Mudloff, the object and prayer of which petition is to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by George W. Bradt conveying to Frank H. Binder Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Fourteen (14); South Half of Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section Fifteen (15); North Half (N 1/2) of Section Twenty-two (22); West Half of Northeast Quarter (W 1/2 NE 1/4) and Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), all being in Township Thirty (30) North, Range Eleven (11), West of the 6th P. M., containing in all 800 acres, more or less, according to Government Survey, situated in Holt County, Nebraska;

that said mortgage is in default and that the plaintiff is the present owner and holder thereof and that there is due and owing thereon to the plaintiff from the defendant John Sullivan, Administrator of the Estate of George W. Bradt, deceased, the sum of \$17,629.05, with interest upon the sum of \$453.75 at 10% per annum from the 1st day of March, 1929, to the date of the filing of the petition, and interest upon the sum of \$453.75 at 10% per annum from the 1st day of September, 1929, to the date of the filing of the petition, and interest upon the sum of \$16,500.00 at 5 1/2% per annum from September 1st, 1929, to the date of the filing of the petition, and interest upon the sum of \$16,500.00 at 10% per annum from the date of the filing of the petition, and interest upon the sum of \$214.30 at 10% per annum from the 8th day of October, 1929.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 25th day of November, 1929, or otherwise judgment and decree will be entered against you.

THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff

By SIDNEY W. SMITH,
JULIUS D. CRONIN,
Its Attorneys

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