

Understanding CHILDREN

Jacoby on Bridge

Fine Deception Sets South Two

NORTH 33
•AK 1082
•2
•K 762
•784
WEST 18
•J 64
•Q 55
•Q 93
•J 93
•1082
SOUTH (D) 73
•K 73
•A 108
•A E Q
Both sides vul.
South West East
1 W Pass 1 W Pass
2 N.T. Pass 34 Pass
3 N.T. Pass Pass
Opening lead—♦ 3

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There shouldn't be much to the play of the hand shown today. South has several different ways to develop nine tricks, and almost no way of losing his contract. It wasn't easy to find a way to do it.

West opened a low club, and South won with the ace, deceiving nobody with that violent false-card. After some thought South led a low spade towards dummy.

West hesitatingly played the jack of spades, and dummy won with the king. South's bidding indicated that he had only a doubleton spade, so West knew that his play could cost nothing. The idea was to persuade declarer that West had put up the jack of spades from a holding that included the queen also.

After some indecision, South returned a low diamond from the dummy and finessed the jack. West won with the queen of diamonds and switched to a low heart. East took the ace of hearts and returned a heart, and once more South finessed a jack and lost to the queen.

West returned a heart, and South was obliged to win with the king. At this stage South had nine tricks available: three clubs, three diamonds, two spades and one heart. Since declarer had already lost one trick, the best he could hope for was to make one overtrick.

Any sensible bridge player would take his nine tricks and pay no attention at all to the play for an extra trick. As it happened, however, the declarer was not in a sensible mood. He led a spade from his hand and finessed dummy's ten, losing to the queen. East then cashed the rest of the hearts, thus setting the contract two.

While you're sniffing at South's foolish line of play, don't forget to give West credit for a fine deceptive play. If West hadn't put up the jack of spades at the second trick, South couldn't have gone wrong on the hand.

V CARD Sense

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart 2 Clubs?

You, South, hold:

♦VK 7642 ♦AK 9764 ♦S

What do you do?

A—Did few no-trump. The strong hand and the two strengths make this an ideal hand for the Blackwood Convention to check for ace.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♦Q 75 ♦VK 42 ♦J 63 ♦K 9

What do you do?

ANSWER TOMORROW

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THE BRIDE COOKS DINNER

Chicken and Tomato Soup
Crisp Fried Chicken
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Beverages

Japanese-Style Liver
Ingredients: 1 lb. pound calves' liver, 4 tablespoons butter or margarine, 1 1/2 cups thin strips onion (2 medium-size), 1/2 cup thin celery crescents, 1-teaspoon sugar, 2 tea-spoons soy sauce, 1 medium-sized green pepper (cut in thin strips) salt.

METHOD: Have liver in about 3 slices, cut in about 1/2-inch wide strips, removing tubes and membrane as you do so. Melt butter in 10-inch skillet over moderately low heat, add onions and celery, cook about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with sugar and soy sauce, mix well and cover; cook over low heat about 5 minutes. Place vegetables to one side of pan, add liver and cook over moderately low heat just until it loses its red color, stirring often. Cut through piece of liver, it should be pink but not red inside. Add green pepper and salt, if desired; mix well and cover. Turn off heat and allow to stand 5 minutes to warm peppers. Makes 2 generous servings.

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