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A "reverse" bid is simply a bid of a new suit by opener, at his second turn, which bypasses the cheapest rebid of his first bid suit.

Review of Bridge
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Reverse by opener after a 1-level response

The following auction is an example of a reverse after a 1-level response:

Opener Responder

1♣ 1♠

Harold
Vanderbilt 7

2♥

Since this may force responder to the 3-level, opener needs extra strength to make this bid. Responder can have as little as 5 or 6 points to respond at the 1-level; it is dangerous to get up around the 3-level when there is no fit and the opponents have as many points as we do. We need about 23 points to be comfortable at 2NT or 3 of a suit.

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Matchpoint 8

With this hand:

♠ – 93 ♥ – AQ84 ♦ – KJ642 ♣ – K3

Trick Order 9
Opening one of
a Suit 9

We open 1♦ and hear partner respond 1♠. It may seem natural to bid 2♥ now; partner could certainly have 4 hearts (and 5 spades). But partner usually doesn't have 4 hearts – and if he does, he will often be able to bid them. The danger is that partner has a hand like:

♠ – A862 ♥ – J52 ♦ – 93 ♣ – Q864

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And we are already too high at 2♥. If diamonds break evenly and all our finesses work, we might be able to make 3♦ or 2NT; but even a contract of 2♦ or 1NT is in danger.

To make a reverse bid after a 1-level response, opener should have:

Consider the
Bidding 10

1) Extra strength – at least 17-18 points, including distribution. With less, opener should rebid NT or 2 of his original suit.

2) At least 5-4 distribution – the first bid suit must be longer. With 5-5 (and the strength for a reverse), opener should open with 1 of the higher ranking suit, and then jump in the lower ranking suit. With 4-4, opener should usually jump in NT at his second turn.

Remember the
Opening Lead 11

A reverse bid should be treated as forcing for 1 round.

Reverse by opener after a 2-level response

When responder bids a new suit at the 2-level, the situation is different. Since responder should have at least 10-11 points, we should have the 23-24 points it takes to be at the 3-level. Opener should have a little more than a minimum, as the reverse will often propel us

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to game. But opener now needs only about 14-15 points for a reverse after a 2-level response; facing responder's 10-11, there are enough points to be in game. The following are some examples of reverses after a 2-level response:

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1♥	2♦
2♠	

An auction like 1♠ – 2♦ / 3♣, where opener rebids at the 3-level, is sometimes called a “high reverse”. In this case, responder's second suit might be as long as his first (usually 5-5).

Responder's rebids after opener has reversed

Opener's reverse should be treated as forcing for one round; responder must bid again, even with a minimum response. When opener reverses after a 1-level response, Responder has several options:

- 1) With 4-card support for opener's second suit and a bare minimum 6-7 pts, responder can make a single raise.
- 2) With more than a minimum, 8-12 pts, responder should jump raise.
- 3) With 3-card (or better) support and a minimum, responder should bid opener's first suit.
- 4) With a minimum and a long suit (any 6-card suit or a fair 5-card suit), responder simply rebids his suit.
- 5) With more than a minimum and at least a fair 6-card suit, responder can jump rebid in his own suit.
- 6) With a minimum and something resembling a stopper in the unbid suit(s), responder rebids 2NT. Sometimes responder must rebid 2NT without a stopper.
- 7) With more than a minimum and a stopper in the unbid suit(s), responder rebids 3NT.
- 8) With more than a minimum and no fit for either of partner's suits, no good suit of his own, and no stopper in the unbid suit, responder can bid a new suit – the bid of the “4th suit” is often not a real suit, and asks partner for help in finding the right contract.
- 9) With 13 or more points, slam is a real possibility.

When responder makes a bid which shows more than a minimum, game must be reached. When Responder makes a minimum bid, Opener may pass.

When Opener has reversed after a 2-level response, both Opener and Responder can bid naturally until the best game

contract is reached.

Reverses in competition

Sometimes the opponents will enter the auction; when this happens, even expert partnerships have misunderstandings about what constitutes a “reverse”. It is best to stick to our original definition: A reverse is a bid of a new suit by opener which bypasses the cheapest rebid of his first bid suit. The following rebids should be considered reverses:

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Opp</u>
1♦	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♥	3♣		

The following rebid should not be considered a reverse:

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
1♦	2♣	2♥	Pass
2♠			

In this instance, opener did not have the opportunity to rebid 2♦; in fact, he made the cheapest possible bid.

After Opener has reversed in a competitive auction, the bidding proceeds much the same as in an uncontested auction. Opener and Responder now have a little less room to investigate, but they do have one more tool at their disposal – a “cue-bid” of the opponent's suit.

With each of these hands, you open 1♦ and partner responds 1♠. What do you rebid with each of the following hands? Would you bid differently if partner had bid 1NT instead of 1♠?

- ♠ – 93
- ♥ – AQ84
- ♦ – KJ642
- ♣ – K3
- ♠ – K3
- ♥ – AQ84
- ♦ – KJ642
- ♣ – 93
- ♠ – K3
- ♥ – AK84
- ♦ – AQ842
- ♣ – Q3
- ♠ – A6
- ♥ – KQ84
- ♦ – AJ96
- ♣ – A32

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- ♠ – 3
- ♥ – AK984
- ♦ – AKT642
- ♣ – 9

- ♠ – A63
- ♥ – AQ84
- ♦ – AQT42
- ♣ – 3

- ♠ – A63
- ♥ – AQ84
- ♦ – QJ642
- ♣ – 3

With each of these hands, partner has opened **1♦** and reversed with **2♥** after you have responded **1♠**. What do you rebid with each of the following hands?

- ♠ – Q8653
- ♥ – Q864
- ♦ – 73
- ♣ – K2

- ♠ – A8653
- ♥ – Q864
- ♦ – 73
- ♣ – K2

- ♠ – Q865
- ♥ – Q86
- ♦ – K43
- ♣ – T82

- ♠ – J8652
- ♥ – K86
- ♦ – Q3
- ♣ – T82

- ♠ – Q865
- ♥ – Q86
- ♦ – K43
- ♣ – K32

- ♠ – KJ654
- ♥ – Q86
- ♦ – 72
- ♣ – 932

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Dear Ms. Information...

Dear Ms.,

My partner and I are going to our first bridge tournament in a couple of weeks. Is there anything we need to know? We want to play bridge but we want to have fun too.

Thanks a lot.

Masterpoint seekers in Madison

Dear Masterpoint seekers,

You are sure to have fun at the tournament. You will meet new friends and potential partners and teammates. The more you play, the more points you will win.

But, remember, bridge tournaments are about a lot more than just playing bridge. There are excellent free lectures between sessions that will help you improve your game. These lectures are given by local experts who are happy to answer your bridge questions and happy to meet you.

There is great hospitality too. You can avail yourself of yummy snack food after certain evening sessions and sit around sharing treats while discussing the hands of the day with your peers.

Most tournaments offer midnight games that are small but fun. You can get yourself a glass of wine or a beer at the hotel bar and sit with relaxed opponents and play for fun. If you win, that's great... and if not, you can still have an excellent time just playing and experiencing the sociability of the game.

Be sure you take something with to write down the names and phone numbers of potential partners and teammates you meet at the game. That way, next time, you can arrange all your games in advance.

There is so much more to the tournament experience than just playing... Have fun and win.

Ms. Information



What to lead? We lead 4th best. Easy for me! I only have one 4 card suit!!

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♠ – K8654
♥ – QJ6
♦ – A4
♣ – 932

Answers to Reverses, Hands 1-13:

1. This hand is not strong enough for a reverse. Bid 1NT over a 1♠ response; pass a 1NT response.
2. Again, bid 1NT over a 1♠ response, or pass a 1NT response. Do not worry about the lack of a club stopper. When partner bids 1NT over 1♦ he probably has clubs – he could not bid a major or raise diamonds. (When partner bids 1♠ over 1♦, he may or may not have clubs, but with an unbalanced hand can correct 1NT to 2♦, 2♠ or even 2♥.) Two relatively balanced hands with no major suit fit should usually play in NT.
3. With 18 points, this hand is clearly worth a reverse. Bid 2♥ over either a 1♠ or 1NT response.
4. This hand has the strength for a reverse, but not the pattern. A reverse promises greater length in the first-bid suit. Bid 2NT over 1♠ or 1NT.
5. There are only 14 high-card points, but with tremendous playing strength, this hand is easily worth a reverse. Bid 2♥ over either 1♠ or 1NT.
6. With a good Spade fit, this hand is worth a reverse over a 1♠ response. Bid 2♥ over 1♠, and bid Spades next to show 3-card support (and therefore shortness in Clubs). Partner's hand is still unlimited. Over a 1NT response, 2♥ would be a slight overbid. With such a good Diamond suit, 2NT is about right.
7. This hand is nowhere near good enough to reverse. Pass a 1NT response. Over a 1♠ response, a raise to 2♠ is probably best, even with only 3-card support. Partner may be able to get extra tricks by ruffing Clubs.
8. Game is likely, but not assured. Partner may have a minimum reverse. Raise to 3♥.
9. With a good 9 points, insist on game. Bid 4♥.
10. Bid 3♦, showing a minimum with 3-card support.
11. There is no good rebid with this hand. 2NT is probably best, even without a club stopper. Partner is likely to bid again.
12. Rebid 3NT, showing game values with a club stopper.

13. Rebid 2♠, showing a minimum hand with 5 Spades.

14. Game is there, but which game? 3NT, 4♥, 4♠ and 5♦ are all possible. Bid 3♣, the fourth suit. Partner can now re-bid naturally to show his distribution – and the right game can be reached.

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7:00 PM Stratified Open & I/N Pair/Team Event

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2:00 PM Bob Charlson Memorial Knockout II Teams cont.
Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified I/N Pairs
7:00 PM Bob Charlson Memorial Knockout II Teams Final
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4 - Opener's Rebids -- rebids after opening 1 of a suit with a balanced or semi-balanced hand, with Quick Reference ta-

bles. **New:** The Rest of the Auction: Guidelines for responder's second bid

5 - Notrump Bidding -- guidelines and Quick Reference tables for opening and responding to 1NT, 2NT and 3NT; opener's and responder's rebids; the Stayman 2C convention. **New:** Updated bidding with 15-17 1NT and 20-22 2NT openings.

6 - Hand Evaluation -- determining a hand's strength by its distribution, suit quality, honor combinations & positions. Guidelines for when to make "light" opening bids.

7 - Bidding Unbalanced Hands -- describing strength and distribution, choosing opening bids and rebids, using the "reverse bid" to show extra values.

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10 - Doubles -- penalty doubles and takeout doubles, responding to partner's takeout double, freebids in competition, the doubler's rebids.

11 - Competitive Auctions -- bidding over an opponent's overcall or double, using redoubles, evaluating trump fits, using the "Law of Total Tricks" to make competitive decisions.

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15 - Counting the Hand -- how to collect information from the bidding and play to make logical deductions

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about the unseen hands; card-reading and memory strategies; tips for defenders, declarers and dummies.

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17 - Refining Your System -- New-Minor Forcing, game-try bids, four more uses for cuebids.

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Saturday, September 29

9:00 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM
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Sunday, September 30

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ALL TIME BRIDGE GREATS: Harold S. Vanderbilt from the 18th European Youth Championships

The ancestry of the game of bridge can be traced at least as far back as early sixteenth century England when prototypes of Whist were being played. By the middle of the seventeenth century Whist was being played under its modern name.

The next major step towards bridge as we know it came in the eighteenth century with Bridge Whist, the main innovations being that the dealer or his partner could select the trump suit plus the exposure of the dummy hand. Also, reflecting the fact that Bridge Whist was essentially a gambling game, were the new calls of double and redouble, which could go on indefinitely. Already, many of the features of scoring with which we are familiar today, such as games, rubbers and slam bonuses, were in place. Step three came early in the 1900s with the introduction of Auction Bridge. The major innovation was the introduction of competitive bidding. The aim was always to keep the bidding low because declarer gained full credit, including slam bonuses, for the tricks made whether contracted for or not. Scoring was quite different from that of Contract Bridge and honours, which play a minor part in rubber bridge scoring today and none at all in duplicate, had a disproportionate importance which could seriously distort the bidding. And then, late in 1925, came the final step to Contract Bridge, the game we play today. The man credited with the invention of the new form of the game was Harold Stirling Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt had been born into the then richest family in America and on his father's death in 1920 he inherited an estate worth well over \$50 million. He had taken up bridge seriously in 1906 and his partnership with Joseph Bowne Elwell was considered to be the strongest in the country at Auction Bridge for many years.

The story goes that Vanderbilt was taking a cruise from California to Havana, Cuba in the Fall of 1925. While on the cruise he formulated the rules and scoring table for the new game of Contract. Vanderbilt actually came up with little new but rather gathered together what he considered to be the best features of a number of games already in existence. Putting a premium on accurate bidding, the idea that only tricks both made AND contracted for should count towards game was already a feature of Plafond, a game particularly popular in France and with which Vanderbilt would certainly have been familiar.

The story also tells that many suggestions were made by a young lady fellow passenger, including the innovation of vulnerability, which added considerably to the variety of the game. The young lady's identity has never been established and whether she ever actually existed is a matter for conjecture. Vanderbilt inflated the scores for tricks and undertricks, for slams and for winning the rubber. Basically, by adding noughts on to the old scoring tables, he made the numbers more exciting, but Vanderbilt also altered the scores for making and defeating contracts to get the right balance to encourage the competitive aspect of the bidding. Over the next few years, Contract swept all before it and was soon the dominant form of the game.

Vanderbilt's social standing was the key to the game's rapid acceptance, making it instantly fashionable. But it was not only as inventor that Vanderbilt was a major figure in the game. He also made a massive contribution to theory, devising the first unified system of bidding, inventing the concept of the strong 1♣ opening and 1♦

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Tuesday - Saturday 1:30 & 7:30 Single Sessions
Sunday 11:00 am & 2:00 pm 299er Stratified Swiss Teams

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Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie IL

Friday, August 31

10:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs
3:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs
7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Saturday, September 1

1:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs
7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Sunday, September 2

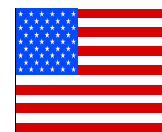
1:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs
7:30 "I/N" Stratified Pairs

Monday, September 3

11:00 299er Stratified Swiss Teams
(Stratified 0-100/100-200/200-300)
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7:00 pm Stratified Open Charity Pairs

Saturday, Sept 8

9:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
Compact KO's (Session 1)
4:30 pm Wine & Cheese Social
7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
Compact KO's (Session 2)

Sunday, Sept 9

10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams (Event 1)
(Team Averaged - Lunch)
2:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (Event 2)
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negative response, the strong no trump and weak two bids. Vanderbilt was also active in bridge administration and a fine player. He awarded the Vanderbilt Cup for what is still the most prestigious teams competition in American bridge and won his own trophy twice, in 1932 and 1940.

How To Matchpoint from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies

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SECTION A		Enter Pair No. of EW Pair				Board No. 25		Match Points
N-S Pair No.	CONTRACT	BY	M A D E	D O W N	SCORE		E-W Pair No.	
					N-S	E-W		
1	3D	E	3			110	2	1
2	3D	E		1	100		4	4
3	4S	N	4		420		6	7
4	3NT	S		1		50	8	3
5	3NT	S	4		430		1	8
6	2H	W		2	200		3	5
7	3D	E	4			130	5	0
8	3NT	S	3		400		7	6
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25							8	5
26							9	6
27							10	
28							11	36
29							12	
30							13	

With the advent of computer scoring, this is less important than it used to be. However, it never hurts to understand how the scoring works. Here is an easy to grasp synopsis of Matchpoint scoring.

How to Matchpoint

Count the number of times the board has been played. This may vary within the same game, on occasion not all the boards will have been played the same number of times.

Top score on a board will be one less than the number of times that the board has been played, i.e.: a board played nine times has a top of eight matchpoints.

In a straight Mitchell movement there will be one winning pair North-South and one winning pair East-West. In a Howell, 3/4 Howell, or Scrambled Mitchell, there is only one winning pair.

Matchpoint all of the scores in the North-South column, awarding top score to the N-S pair with the higher number of total points. (See sample: N-S pair 5 receives a "top": 8 matchpoints). The N-S pair with the second highest total score receives a seven; the third highest receives a six, etc.

When all the plus scores in the N-S column have been awarded matchpoints, the next score (in this case 3 matchpoints) is given to the North-South pair with the LOWEST score in the East-West column (since they lost the least number of total points). The next highest figure receives the next lower score, etc., until a zero is given for the highest number of total points lost.

All of the North-South players have now been matchpointed. To determine the East-West scores it is necessary to subtract the number of points awarded to their North-South opponents on each round from the top score possible on that particular board (an 8 in the example). This figure is the E-W score on the board.

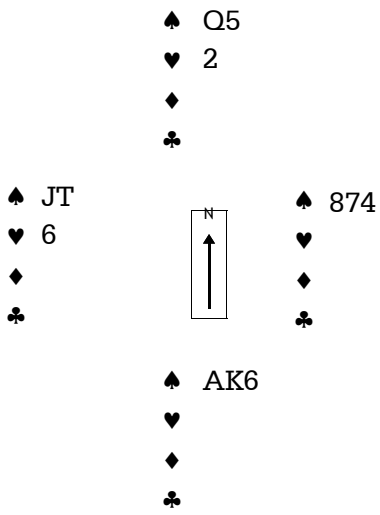
NOTE: The total of the points awarded to all the N-S pairs on a board must equal the total of the points for all the E-W pairs.

TIE SCORES: If two or more pairs have identical scores, the number of matchpoints awarded for those scores are added together and then divided by the number of pairs involved. Thus, on our sample score sheet, if three pairs tie for 2nd, 3rd and 4th, these positions

would receive 7, 6 and 5 matchpoints respectively. Adding these figures together give a total of 18; divided by 3 pairs gives them each 6 matchpoints. If more pairs should tie, such as four pairs tying for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place when these positions would receive 6, 5, 4 and 3 matchpoints, then the total (18) is divided by the number of pairs (4) and each pair receives 4½ matchpoints.

WHEN ONE OR MORE PAIRS PASS OUT A BOARD: After all of the North-South plus scores are matchpointed, the next score goes to the pair(s) who pass out the board, and then the North-South minus scores are matchpointed.

Taking Tricks in the Right Order ... From BridgeClues.com



South is playing the hand, and is called declarer. Since South is the declarer, North's hand is called the dummy and, after the bidding is completed and the opening lead is made from West, North's cards are placed, face up, on the table for all four players to see.

We will start these hands by describing

some interesting things involved in what you need to get proficient at; taking tricks.

The purpose of this article is to illustrate an important feature of good play related to winning tricks when you have the highest cards in a suit.

You might think that if the cards in your suit are the highest, what could be the problem; just play them, right? For example, suppose you have the AKQ of a suit divided between your hand and partner's hand. How could you fail to take three tricks if you are on lead in a contract where there is no trump, called a notrump contract? As you continue reading this article, you will see that the order in which the cards are played can be extremely important.

No bidding is involved in this illustration, just play of the cards. For this example, assume that all cards in each hand have been played except for the last three.

South has the lead at the start of the last three tricks.

Question: Since the trick taking capability of the three high cards is the same in the spade suits of the North-South hands, does it matter which spade is selected by South to be played for the next trick?

Clue: When you have a different number of cards of a suit in the two partnership hands, win the cards in the short hand first.

Answer: Yes. Suppose South, who is declarer, decides to play the ace of spades on which the five of spades is played from the North hand (dummy). South then plays the six of spades which is won by the queen of spades in the dummy.

Question: Do you see any problem now for the North-South partnership and should South (declarer) have played the suit differently?

Yes. The lead must now come from the dummy since the trick was won in the North hand by the queen of spades. Declarer is forced to lead North's remaining card which is a small heart that is won by a higher heart in the West hand.

Wow! Something went wrong. What magic converted three sure tricks into only two tricks? Frustrating to say the least.

Answer: Yes. South should have started by leading the six of spades in his hand to the queen of spades in the dummy's hand. The five of spades could then have been led from dummy's hand to South's hand and the last two tricks would be won with South's ace and king of spades resulting in the North-South partnership winning the last three tricks.

Tip: Almost always, the proper play when you have a different number of cards of a suit in the two partnership hands is to win the high cards in the shortest suit first, leaving an entry back to the remaining high cards in the longest suit.

Opening One of a Suit

1. Open with your longest suit
2. Open higher ranking of equal length suits
3. With 4-4-4-1 distribution and a red singleton, open the suit below the singleton.
4. With 4-4-4-1 distribution and a black singleton, open the middle of the touching suits.



Discuss... don't argue with partner! Remember: You are on the same side ... and you will win the same number of masterpoints for the day!

Tournament Results:

District 13 Regional, April 23-29

Tuesday Morning 299er pairs (10 tables)

2.83 1 Susan Zellin, Glendale WI; Ron Ramaker, Brown Deer WI
2.12 2 1 Linda Brubaker, Geneva IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL
1.59 3 2 1 Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL
1.19 4 Theresa Schneider, Northbrook IL; Phyllis Zubulake, Lincolnshire IL
0.90 5 Mary Coon, Saint Joseph MI; Jill Culby, Benton Harbor MI
0.67 6 Pearl Freedman - Betty Zucker, Skokie IL
1.01 3 Stephen Blitz, Fitchburg WI; Carol Lee, Middleton WI
0.76 4 Elizabeth Gale - Sybil Brown, Rockford IL
1.03 2 Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL; Shelley Pilon, Lake Forest IL

Tuesday Afternoon 299er pairs (8.5 tables)

2.68 1 Sharon Gierahn, Franksville WI; Jennifer Musson, Racine WI
2.16 2 1 1 Carol Lee, Middleton WI; Stephen Blitz, Fitchburg WI
1.62 3 2 2 Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL; Shelley Pilon, Lake Forest IL
1.22 4 3 Carol Williams, Oshkosh WI; Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI
0.91 5 4 Theresa Schneider, Northbrook IL; Phyllis Zubulake, Lincolnshire IL
0.94 5 3 Marilyn Rivkin, Chicago IL; Susan Wellek, Northbrook IL

Tuesday Evening 299er pairs (4 tables)

1.98 1 Joyce Lindseth, Hayward WI; Jan Mednick, Minong WI
1.86 2 1 Steve Spitzer - Dennis Price, Burlington WI
1.40 3 2 Nancy Bruick - John Bruick, Libertyville IL
1.05 3 Elizabeth Gale - Sybil Brown, Rockford IL

Wednesday Morning 299er pairs (9 tables)

2.68 1 Patricia Reinartz, Brookfield WI; Betty McDermott, Elm Grove WI
2.26 2 1 1 Marcy Levin, Highland Park IL; Barbara Bebee, Lake Forest IL
1.49 3/4 2/3 2 Colleen Ryan - Cally Jennison, Brookfield WI
1.49 3/4 2/3 Pamela Tietz - Gerald Tietz, Naperville IL
0.85 5 Sharon Rowe - Lorraine Meltzer, Highland Park IL
1.01 4 3 Peggy Griem, Lake Bluff IL; Katy Gross, Lake Forest IL
0.76 5 4 Marlene Backus - Sue Hulse, Brookfield WI

Wednesday Afternoon 299er pairs (8.5 tables)

2.68 1 1 1 Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL
2.01 2 Richard Edholm - Sue Edholm, Libertyville IL
1.70 3 2 2 Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI
1.27 4 3 Bernard Schwartz, Wilmette IL; James Carey, Clinton IA
0.85 5 Dee Becker - Judie Hlavka, Racine WI
1.01 4 3 Marcy Levin, Highland Park IL; Barbara Bebee, Lake Forest IL
0.76 5 4 Jane Shlimovitz, Mequon WI; Patricia Diel, Milwaukee WI

Thursday Morning 299er pairs (8 tables)

2.54 1 1 D Kelly Sullivan - Loretta Sullivan, Elmhurst IL
1.67 2/3 Maureen Brown, Fairfield Bay AR; Timothy O'Reilly, Naperville IL
1.79 2/3 2 1 Inez Petersen, Vernon Hills IL; Robert Judd, Algonquin IL
1.34 4 3 2 Marlene Nievin - Paula Meisner, Racine WI
1.01 5 4 3 Mary Warren, Wheaton IL; Carolyn Satrum, Downers Grove IL
0.76 5 4 William Cummings, Monticello MN; Sharon Donahue, Wausau WI

I/N Pairs (6 tables)

2.26 1 1 1 Pamela Tietz - Gerald Tietz, Naperville IL
1.70 2 2 Jon Holtzman, Cambridge WI; Nancy Pett, Fort Atkinson WI
1.27 3 3 2 Marlene Nievin - Paula Meisner, Racine WI
0.95 4 4 3 Linda Brubaker, Geneva IL; Neil Whittle, Carol Stream IL

Friday Morning 299er pairs (8 tables)

2.54 1 Richard Steck, Chicago IL; Bindiganavel Srivatsan, Elk Grove Villa IL
1.91 2 Linda Rough, Lake Zurich IL; Nancy Kisten, Hawthorn Woods IL
1.43 3 Robert Block, Deerfield IL; Michael Stein, Highland Park IL
1.90 4 1 1 Eugene Trieglaff, Wild Rose WI; Barton Blum, Waupaca WI
0.80 5 Marilyn Thomas - Jack Thomas, Western Springs IL
1.43 2 Sam Hull - Barbara Hull, Lake Forest IL
1.07 3 William Cummings, Monticello MN; Sharon Donahue, Wausau WI
1.10 4 2 Dianne Kiehl, Muskego WI; Marlene Backus, Brookfield WI
0.83 3 Richard Blum - Martha Blum, Madison WI

Friday Afternoon 299er pairs (10.5 tables)

2.97 1 Robert Block, Deerfield IL; Michael Stein, Highland Park IL
2.23 2 Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL
1.67 3 Linda Rough, Lake Zurich IL; Nancy Kisten, Hawthorn Woods IL
1.90 4 1 Sam Hull - Barbara Hull, Lake Forest IL
1.43 5 2 James Murvihill, Chicago Heights IL; Claire Murvihill, Chicago IL
1.47 6 3 E James Emerson, Naperville IL; Walter Forehand, Tallahassee FL
1.10 4 2 Barton Blum, Waupaca WI; Eugene Trieglaff, Wild Rose WI
0.83 3 Walter Stumpf, Elm Grove WI; Patricia Collentine, Mequon WI

Friday Evening 199er pairs (5 tables)

2.12 1 1 1 Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL



If partner makes this contract, it will be magic!

Think of the Bidding BEFORE You Play by Suzi Subeck

THINK of the bidding when defending the hand. Try to use the information you have to picture your opponent's hand.

Before you lead, picture as much of dummy's hand and declarer's hand as possible.

Once dummy is on the table, concentrate on creating a mind image of declarer's hand.

For example, if declarer has opened one of a major and is playing five card majors, you know five of his cards right there. If his partner responded and he bid a second suit, you know four more of his cards.

Knowing what is in the closed hand is extremely helpful in planning the defense. Be sure to consider all the possibilities BEFORE you play to each trick.

As the hand unfolds, you will learn more and more about it. Say you know nine if declarer's cards in two suits from the auction, as soon as declarer follows once in a third suit, you know ten of his original cards.

Counting is key... and every card counts! Creating a picture of all the hands at the table and using the information on defense will sharpen your skills and improve your scores dramatically.

1.59 2 2 Alice Goetz, St Paul MN; Lucy Rooney, W St Paul MN
1.24 3 3 2 Samuel Bauman, West Bend WI; Todd Taylor, Kenosha WI
0.89 4 4 Sam Hull - Barbara Hull, Lake Forest IL

Saturday Morning 299er pairs (7 tables)

2.40 1 1 Alexander Zaporozec - Tony Blasczyk, Madison WI
1.80 2 Frank Nester, Mt Carroll IL; Barbara Bass, Princeton IL
1.53 3 2 Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park, IL
1.47 4 3 1 Alexander Debski, Kildeer IL; Greg Mikolajczyk, Mundelein IL
1.10 5/6 4/5 2 Anna Biederwolf - Patricia Shea, Racine WI
0.76 5/6 4/5 Roberta Kurtz, Glenview IL; Denyse Holt, Lincolnwood IL

Saturday Afternoon 299er pairs (11 tables)

2.97 1 1 James Murvihill, Chicago Heights IL; Claire Murvihill, Chicago IL
2.23 2 2 1 Anna Biederwolf - Patricia Shea, Racine WI
1.67 3 3 Cyann Martin, Neenah WI; Mary Ann Romberg, New London WI
1.25 4 Barbara Schwartz - R Schwartz, Morton Grove IL
0.94 5 Marva Anderson, Burr Ridge IL; Jane Norman, Indianhead Park IL
0.74 6 Alexander Zaporozec - Tony Blasczyk, Madison WI
1.26 4 2 Bonnie Klein - Andrew Klein, Glenview IL
0.95 5 3 Lois Michaels - Joel Michaels, Northbrook IL
0.71 4 Alexander Debski, Kildeer IL; Greg Mikolajczyk, Mundelein IL

Sunday Morning 299er Swiss (8 tables)

2.54 1 1 Jay Eggener - Thomas Didelot, Hartford WI; David Golper, Highland Park IL; Daniel Judd, La Grange IL
1.91 2 Lois Scaife - Eugene Bolzan, Gaithersburg MD; Hazel Connor, London England; Greg Pattinson, Chicago IL
1.43 3 Craig Wakefield, Des Plaines IL; Lynne Marley, Downers Grove IL; Shelia Sittinger - Michael Sittinger, Lombard IL
1.67 2 1 Michael Hagerty, Arlington Hts IL; Thomas Brandt, Park Ridge IL; James McIntyre, Chicago IL; Gilbert Powell, IL

Sunday Afternoon 299er Swiss (7 tables)

2.40 1 1 Jay Eggener - Thomas Didelot, Hartford WI; David Golper, Highland Park IL; Daniel Judd, La Grange IL
1.80 2 1 Nancy Bruick - John Bruick - Donna Kenski - Joseph McCormack, Libertyville IL
1.35 3 Michael Hagerty, Arlington Hts IL; Thomas Brandt, Park Ridge IL; James McIntyre, Chicago IL; Gilbert Powell, IL

Kenosha Sectional, April 13 – 15

Friday Afternoon 299er pairs (3 tables)

1.31 1 1 Marion Keller - Jean Myrvold, Racine WI
0.98 2 2 Suzanne Haidinger, Waukesha WI; Monica Ansay, Oconomowoc WI

Saturday Afternoon 299er pairs (3 tables)

1.31 1 Judie Hlavka - Dee Becker, Racine WI
0.98 2 Carol Herr, Greenfield WI; C Jean Bluemner, Franklin WI

Menasha, WI Sectional, March 23 – 25

299er pairs (7 tables)

1.72 1 1 Elizabeth Miller - Colleen Roberts, Marquette MI
1.29 2 Michael French, Fond Du Lac WI; James Hyde, Appleton WI
0.97 3 Paul Geske - Steve Freschl, Appleton WI
1.11 4 2 1 Jeri Nelson - Bill Nelson, Neenah WI
0.83 5/6 3/4 2 Joan Wasserberg - Betty Stauffer, Waupaca WI
0.70 5/6 3/4 Carol Williams, Oshkosh WI; Carol Konrad, Neshkoro WI

299er pairs (4 tables)

1.41 1 1 1 Sue Protzman, Oneida WI; Doris Thompson, Green Bay WI
1.06 2 Mary Ann Romberg, New London WI; Michael French, Fond Du Lac WI
0.93 3 2 2 Elaine Mortenson - Kay Olm, Ripon WI

299er pairs (6 tables)

1.61 1 1 1 Gene Wasserberg - Joan Wasserberg, Waupaca WI
1.21 2 2 2 Mary Ann Romberg - Lori Albert, New London WI
0.91 3 3 3 Jeri Nelson - Bill Nelson, Neenah WI
0.68 4 4 Colleen Roberts - Elizabeth Miller, Marquette MI

299er pairs (7.5 tables)

1.82 1 1 Robert Allen, Appleton WI; Arnold Miller, Waupaca WI
1.37 2 2 1 Jerry Pozolinski, Appleton WI; Jack Salm, Neenah WI
1.02 3 3 Colleen Roberts - Elizabeth Miller, Marquette MI
0.96 4 4 2 June Goltz, Green Bay WI; Barbara Stapleford, Luxemburg WI
0.72 5 5 3 Judy Niesing - Ronald Niesing, De Pere WI
0.54 4 Shirley Adams, Appleton WI; Cyann Martin, Neenah WI

Winterfest Sectional, Arlington Heights, IL, January 19-21

Friday Afternoon 299er pairs (12 tables)

2.22 1 1 1 Bette Mathews, Glen Ellyn IL; Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL
1.50 2/3 2 2 James Murvihill, Chicago Heights IL; Claire Murvihill, Chicago IL
1.46 2/3 Gail Goldstein, Highland Park IL; Marti Goldberg, Deerfield IL
1.13 4 3 David St John, Oak Park IL; Walter Krueger, Glenview IL
0.84 5 4 Ron Blouin, Blue Island IL; Jim Jurik, Oak Forest IL
0.63 6 5 Patricia Valiska - Donald Valiska, Highland IN
0.72 6 3 Mary Currier - K Stavenger, Naperville IL
0.54 4 Karen Grottke - Gary Grottke, Wheaton IL

Friday Evening 299er pairs (6.5)



Shouldn't I get a refund if I don't get my fair share of points in each hand?

**Remember the Opening Lead
by Suzi Subeck**

As declarer and as defender, it is important to concentrate on the opening lead and remember it throughout the play.

Opening leads tell you a lot about the hand.

As declarer, opening leads suggest certain length in the suit lead in the opening leader's hand. Knowing something about the opening leader's length also tells you something about the length in his partner's hand. This information will help you count out defenders' cards and play accordingly.

As defender, when partner makes an opening lead, you gain information as to his length in the lead suit too. In addition, you will also gain information on his strength in the suit. If you lead fourth best, for example, you know he has three cards above the card he lead in the suit. That information is very important in structuring the defense.

Don't play too fast or you will struggle later to remember the lead and lose valuable information that was yours for the taking!

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ABA/CCBA Sectional, Chicago, June 9 – June 10

Summerfest Regional, Rosemont, IL, July 9 – July 15

Bob Charlson Memorial Sectional , Dousman, WI, Aug 3 - 5

WUMBA Regioinal, Escanaba, MI, Aug 20 – Aug 26

Labor Day Sectional, Skokie, IL, Aug 31 – Sept 3

Three Lakes Sectional, Three Lakes, WI, Sept 7 – 9

FallFest Sectional, Glendale, WI, Sept 28 - Sept 30

Central States, Lake Geneva, WI, Oct 23 – Oct 29

Holiday Sectional, State Fair Park, Dec 27 - Dec 30

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- 1.72 1 1 Carole Jackson, Park Ridge IL; Mary Walters, Oak Park IL
1.29 2 2 1 James Murvihill, Chicago Heights IL; Claire Murvihill, Chicago IL
0.97 3 3 Patricia Valiska - Donald Valiska, Highland IN
0.73 4 George Brandt, Palatine IL; Elizabeth Sibbach, Hoffman Estates IL
0.64 5 4 Richard Roberts, Naperville IL; Terrance Rieck, Winfield IL
0.83 2 Glorya Spero - Neal Spero, Highland Park IL
Saturday Afternoon 299er pairs (22 tables)
3.23 1 Ronald Kohn - Jo Kohn, Schaumburg IL
2.66 2 1 Diane Boger - Steve Boger, Buffalo Grove IL
1.82 3 George Brandt, Palatine IL; Elizabeth Sibbach, Hoffman Estates IL
2.00 4 2 Celeste Jacklin - Ann Witt, Aurora IL
1.50 5 3 Kate Gancer, Oak Park IL; Mark Frank, River Forest IL
1.70 6 4 1 John Gardner - Carolyn Gardner, Arlington Hts IL
1.28 5/6 2 Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL; Nona Rathsack, Park Ridge IL
0.74 5/6 Michael Sittinger - Shelia Sittinger, Lombard IL
0.96 3 Jeffrey Golman, Highland Park IL; David Goldberg, Winnetka IL
0.78 4 Solomon Tam - Rebecca Wernis, Chicago IL
0.81 5 Sandra Karnatz, Mount Prospect IL; Emily Davis, Lake in The Hls IL
0.40 6 Cidney Golman, Highland Park IL; Ellen Saks Goldberg, Winnetka IL

Saturday Evening 299er pairs (5.5 tables)

- 1.61 1 1 Charles Nier, Elgin IL; Walter Krueger, Glenview IL
1.21 2 2 Richard Roberts, Naperville IL; Terrance Rieck, Winfield IL
0.91 3 3 Chris Maxwell - Nancy Irwin, Naperville IL
0.60 4/5 4 Karen Sarsfield, Hinsdale IL; Nona Rathsack, Park Ridge IL
0.60 4/5 Carole Jackson, Park Ridge IL; Patricia Horn, Rolling Meadows IL

Sunday Afternoon 299er Swiss (13 tables)

- 2.32 1 Carol Duffy - Marilyn Richards, Wilmette IL; Barbara Harris, Riverwoods IL; Mary Hilman, Mt Prospect IL
1.74 2 Douglas MacDonald, Evanston IL; Leonard Dubin, Skokie IL; Patricia Horn, Rolling Meadows IL; Carole Jackson, Park Ridge IL
1.31 3 Richard Edholm - Sue Edholm - Donna Kenski - Joseph McCormack, Libertyville IL
0.98 4 Kathy Preziosi, Prospect Hts IL; Penny Carduff, Arlington Hts IL; Ronald Kohn - Jo Kohn, Schaumburg IL
1.62 5 1 Gerald Tietz - Pamela Tietz, Naperville IL; Bette Mathews, Glen Ellyn IL; Ken Svehla, Downers Grove IL
1.27 2 1 Diane Treslo, Rolling Meadows IL; Lisa Frese, Lake Barrington IL; Judy O'Connor, Schaumburg IL; Karen Dale Kent, Barrington IL
0.91 3 J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL; Michael Sears - Debbie Sears, Chicago IL

Sunday Evening 299er Swiss (12 tables)

- 2.22 1 Timothy O'Reilly, Naperville IL; Julia Kelley, Geneva IL; Celeste Jacklin - Ann Witt, Aurora IL
1.67 2 1 John Hansen - Roger Tweed, Mundelein IL; Walter Krueger, Glenview IL; Charles Nier, Elgin IL
1.25 3 Richard Edholm - Sue Edholm - Donna Kenski - Joseph McCormack, Libertyville IL
1.27 4 2 1 J Thomas Johnson - Barbara Chasnoff, Park Ridge IL; Michael Sears - Debbie Sears, Chicago IL

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