

Sheinwold On Bridge

Three Players Fumble In Comedy of Errors By Alfred Sheinwold

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It can be very rewarding to give the opponents an undeserved chance to defeat your contract. If they make the best of their opportunity, you can take credit for your sporting blood. If they muffle their chance, you can needle them all the harder.

North dealer Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♦ 9 8 6

♥ A 5 2

♦ 8 4

♦ A K Q J 3

WEST

♦ Q 5 4

♥ 1 9

♦ K 10 7 6 2

♦ 7 6 4

♦ 9 2

SOUTH

♦ A K 3

♥ K Q 7 4

♦ J 9 5

♦ 10 8 5

North **East** **South** **West**

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ All Pass

Opening lead — 10 ♥

South drew three rounds of trumps, showing no emotion when the trumps failed to break. Without faltering, he led a fourth trump, giving the trick to East. Meanwhile, West discarded two low clubs, giving his partner no help at all.

East returned the jack of spades, and South thanked his lucky stars. He took his high

spades and dummy's clubs, scoring the game and rubber. "Very nice of you, boys," he remarked gratefully. "You could have taken five diamond tricks."

"You can thank my partner," East growled. "He couldn't save a high diamond on the third or fourth trump. He was saving the seven of diamonds for next Christmas."

NOT INNOCENT

"You're not so innocent," West retorted. "There was no hurry about leading the jack of spades. You could afford to lead the ace of diamonds first to see what I play. If I give you a high signal, you continue. Otherwise you still have time to shift to the jack of spades."

They were both right, of course, but South was just as guilty as either of them. He should make the contract without relying on both opponents to fumble.

South's correct play is to refuse the trump trick. If the opponents then shift to diamonds, dummy can ruff the third diamond. If the defenders do anything else, South can draw trumps and run the clubs.

DAILY QUESTION

Partner opens with one club, and the next player passes. You hold: Spade J 10 7 2, Heart J 8 6 3, Diamond A Q 3, Club 9 2.

What do you say?

Answer: Bid one heart. With four 4-card suits, respond first in the cheaper suit.

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