

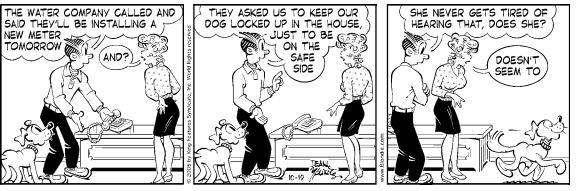
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#### **Point Count Is Doubly Useful**

Everyone knows that point count helps get you to the best contract, but it is not so well known that point count is also very helpful in the play.

Assume you're East and partner leads a club against three notrump. When dummy appears, you can estimate what kind of hand partner has, insofar as high cards are concerned.

Unless South has fibbed, partner can't even have a jack! This conclusion is reached by adding dummy's 11 points to your 13, which comes to 24. Since there are 40 points in the deck and South's announced notrump range is 16 to 18, your partner has at best a ten-high hand.

Of what use is this to you? Well, let's see. South wins the first club with the king, leads the nine of diamonds, lets it ride - and you win with the ace! This is part of a scheme you've concocted to do South out of his contract.

You return the king of hearts, then the queen, and next the ten. South takes the ace, finesses the ten of diamonds and reaches for the trick, convinced by the earlier diamond play that West has the queen. You then gently push his hand away, win the diamond with the queen and cash two hearts to put the contract down two.

Now let's suppose you won the first diamond with the queen and attacked hearts, as before. South might then decide to abandon diamonds and instead lead a spade to the king and finesse the jack on the way back. When he next cashed the ace and the spades broke 3-3, he would coast home with nine tricks.

Winning the first diamond with the ace is a deceptive maneuver that almost cannot lose and, at the same time, gives you a good chance to beat the contract. All you have to do is think of it!

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#### When and How to Lose a Trick

The aim of an elimination play is to compel a defender, at a given point, to make a lead that hands the declarer a trick he might otherwise lose



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



## Sally Forth • Greg Howard



## Cryptoquip

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Declarer achieves this position — usually by design but sometimes accidentally - by first eliminating from his own hand and dummy's any suits that the defender he plans to endplay could otherwise safely return. Declarer then purposely concedes a trick to that defender, forcing him to make a losing return.

Here is a typical example. South is in four spades, and West wins the first two tricks with the K-Q of diamonds. West then shifts to a trump.

Declarer plays dummy's A-K of spades, learning that he must sooner or later lose a trump trick to East's queen. He is then faced with the problem of trying to escape a heart loser.

Let's say South decides to cash the Q-K-Aof clubs at this point, hoping the J-10 doubleton or tripleton will fall and make dummy's nine a trick. After this unlikely possibility fails to materialize, South would go down one if he next played a heart to the ace and continued with another heart to dummy's jack.

This would be the wrong way to play the hand, though. After cashing the Q-K-Aof clubs, South can guarantee the contract 100 percent by ruffing dummy's fourth club and then conceding a trump to East's queen.

This leaves East with a losing choice of plays: He must either return a heart into dummy's K-J-6, or lead a diamond, allowing declarer to discard a heart from one hand while trumping in the other. Either way, declarer avoids a heart loser and so makes the contract without running any risk whatever.

Tomorrow: The percentage play. (c)2005 King Features Syndicate Inc.



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