

Hand 20, 19/2/2014:

Dealer North, Game ALL

Problem: Dynamic Leads...

	North	East
West	 6	
 K J 10 9 7	 K 10 6	 A 3 2
 Q 9 8 2	 Q 9 8	 J 7 4
 7 6 2	 A K 9 8 7 2	 K J
 3		 Q 10 6 5 4
	South	
	 Q 8 5 4	
	 A 5 3	
	 A 10 5 4 3	
	 J	

There were interesting points in both the Bidding & Play in the above Hand.

The Bidding went(ish):
1C - P(1) - 1D - P
2C - D(2) - 2S(3) - D
3C - P - 3NT - All P

(1) is "No Good Bid". Double is a fib. (2) Business double. (3) Some would bid this before the Diamonds. I can't recall whether South did or not. (no enquiry on (2))

PLAY: There are two interesting points in the Play. One is the appalling profanity from South that cast aspersions on West's parentage (Just Kidding!!). The other is the reasoning behind West's lead.

The exclamation came when South realised that West's lead of a singleton had sent her down the route of pinning her hopes on getting at least 5 tricks from Clubs and the resultant realisation that these were not forthcoming!!

The explanation for the lead is simple: South denied support for clubs twice, in spite of the implied 6+ card Club suit. This strongly indicates a singleton, and East's penalty double reinforces this. A Spade is into South's Suit, and a Heart looks problematic (it's not). The N/S hands appear to not "fit", so an aggressive lead is (usually) called for. Mind you, West would lose the post-mortem if it didn't work!!

If South had picked Diamonds as the source of her 5 required tricks, the Game rolls in. In fact, careful play (try it) allows you to combine your chances in both.

(ps. Five Diamonds is unbeatable. Quelle Surprise - no one bid it!)