Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, WHAT DID BUT HE'S AWAYS DOING SOMETHING! I DON'T DID THAT, HAGAR KNOW ... DADDY DO, мама ŝi

Blondie • Chic Young



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker

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Beetle Bailey • M	ort Walker		
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Yesterday's answer 10-13

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Bridge

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1. Two hearts. All you can do at the moment is show a preference for partner's first suit. Partner's actual strength is unknown - he might have a minimum opening bid or extra values not yet disclosed.

Two hearts shows willingness to stop at a partscore and therefore implies that your first response was based on fairly minimum values. If partner were now to bid three hearts, however, you should happily carry on to four, since you have more than your first two bids have shown.

2. Three clubs. This invites partner to go on to game with more than a minimum opening, but he is, of course, not forced to bid again. In this sequence, three clubs indicates about nine to 11 points.

3. Three hearts. It would be wrong to bid only two hearts, which would represent a much weaker hand, as in the first problem. Counting the heart fit, your singleton club and 11 high-card points, you have the equivalent of an opening bid facing an opening bid - which means game. Accordingly, you jump-raise rather than give partner a simple preference in hearts. You could also respond two diamonds (forcing), planning to vigorously support hearts at your next turn.

4. Three notrump. With 13 high-card points opposite an opening bid, you must undertake game, and it is likewise clear that the best chance for game lies in notrump. There is not much point to bidding two diamonds, even though this would be a forcing bid. It would suggest a more distributional hand rather than the notrump-type hand you have.

5. Four clubs. Game is highly likely, and even a slam is not out of the question. Though you have only 12 high-card points, your distributional features easily justify the jump-raise (forcing). While three notrump could prove to be a feasible contract, there is no way of reaching a notrump game without sacrificing the advantages of the jump-raise.

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Better Safe Than Sorry

Assume you're declarer at six hearts and West leads the king of diamonds. How would you play the hand? Obviously, you have to lose a diamond; there is simply no way around it. That's the bad news. The good news is that if the opposing clubs are divided 3-2, as they will be two-thirds of the time, you have no other losers. As a careful declarer, however, you should also be considering what, if anything, can be done if the missing clubs are divided 4-1 or 5-0. And, after giving this possibility sufficient thought, you should realize that if you take the proper preliminary steps, you can overcome even a bad club break. Accordingly, you win the opening diamond lead and draw trumps in two rounds. Next you cash the K-A of spades and ruff a spade. You then cash the ace of clubs and exit with the nine of diamonds. It doesn't matter which opponent wins the diamond. In the actual case, East can't afford to take the trick because he would then have to yield a ruffand-discard, eliminating your potential club loser. But if West wins the diamond, he is no better off. Regardless of which club he returns, you merely play low from dummy and automatically avoid losing a club trick. Any other return by West gives you a ruff-and-discard. Note that the outcome would be exactly the same if East started with four or five clubs. He would presumably win the diamond, but would have no safe exit card. Of course, if it turns out that the clubs are divided 3-2, all your preparatory maneuvers will turn out to have been unnecessary. But, as al ways, it's better to be safe than sorry.





Crankshaft • Tom Batiuk and Chuck Ayers



Cryptoquip

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Family Circus • Bill Keane





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