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**38** Brass

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24 Actress

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Your partner opens One Diamond, both sides vulnerable, and the next player bids One Spade. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?



## **Bidding Quiz**

Your partner opens One Diamond, both sides vuln 1 Three notrump. This is the most descriptive bid you can make. The jump to three notrump, whether an opponent intervenes or not, shows a balanced hand, usually 4-3-3-3, with scattered strength and 16 or 17 high-card points. To that extent, three notrump is a slam try. When the bid is made after a suit overcall by an opponent, the notrump bid also indicates at least one stopper in the opposing suit. 2. Two clubs. Your hand is not quite strong enough for a

jump-raise to three diamonds, which would commit your side to game, and is too strong for a simple two-diamond bid, which would not be forcing and could result in missing a game. In these situations, where your values lie midway between a single and double raise, the best approach is to

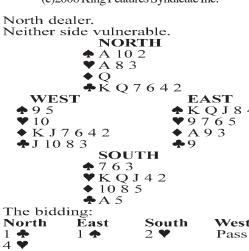
bid a side suit first, planning to support partner's suit later. This allows your side to stop under game when partner has a minimum opening bid. 3. Two clubs. Here there is obviously a very good chance for game, but where it lies is at this moment uncertain. The

best approach under the circumstances is to try to describe your hand to partner as accurately as possible, and this can best be done by beginning with a two-club response. You plan to bid hearts at your next turn, and in that way identify a holding of four hearts and at least five clubs.

This will hopefully put partner in position to determine the best final contract. 4. Two spades. There is a good chance for slam, but you don't have the values to undertake it unilaterally. The best way to apprise partner of the slam prospects is by means of a

cuebid. This indicates first-round spade control and implies good diamond support, which you certainly have. How the bidding continues depends largely on partner's reaction to the cuebid. If he keeps bidding in minimum terms, you would reluctantly have to settle for less than slam. But if he shows any interest at all, you should not

stop short of six. Tomorrow: A multilayered tale. (c)2008 King Features Syndicate Inc.



## Opening lead — nine of spades. A Multilayered Tale

Some deals have a lot more to them than initially meets the eye. Take this rather prosaic-looking hand

from a team-of-four contest. At both tables, North-South reached four hearts on the bidding shown and West led a spade. Both declarers, upon seeing dummy, were annoyed at not having reached what appeared to be an excellent

slam in hearts. At one table, South gave little thought to the play. He won the spade with the ace, drew trumps in four rounds and then attempted to run the clubs. But when the clubs turned out to be divided 4-1, declarer could

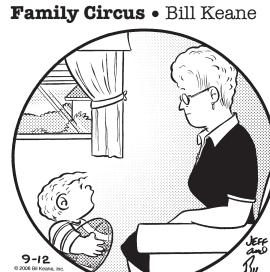
not come to more than nine tricks, finishing with five hearts, three clubs and a spade for down one. At the other table, declarer wisely elected not to put all his faith in a favorable club division and instead led a diamond from dummy at trick two. He was planning to ruff a diamond in dummy next and thus secure 10 tricks without having to rely on the

club suit. This was certainly a reasonable plan, but an inspired East found the winning counterstroke. After taking the diamond with the ace at trick two, he cashed the K-Q of spades and returned a fourth spade. Declarer was now a goner regardless of what

In practice, South discarded a diamond, whereupon West did his part by ruffing the spade with the ten of hearts. Dummy overruffed with the ace, but East's 9-7-6-5 of hearts now constituted a trump trick for the defense, and again the contract went

And so, both declarers wound up with only nine tricks on a deal where slam was an odds-on proposition, but that simple statement doesn't come close to telling the full story.

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"But, Grandma! How do you know you're not good at football unless you try it?

Crossword 1 Atlanta **MYOB** MARRIED FEMALE FRIENDS NBA team 38 Tread PREFERABLY OVER 80.

**12** Use

14 Verily

15 Missis-

sippi

area

INCLUDING FEMALE FRIENDS?

I GUESSTHAT EXPLAINS

ALLTHESIGHINGAND MUTTERING AS YOU WALKED

OUT THE DOOR.

SMOKINGOR

OH NO!!

KNEW I WAS

SUPPOSED TO MEET HIM

SOMEWHERE

MORNING!

 $\phi^{\circ}$ 

LIFE WAS BETTER

YOU GOT SMART.

AROUND HERE BEFORE

HERE, LADY LET'S TRADE

TODD, WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT CROSSING

LANES

40UR MOTHER

AND I THINK 40U'RE

OLD ENOUGH TO

YOU'RE A

KNOW NOW, SON,

HOLOGRAM.

10 0'CLOC

NON-SMOKING

I LOVE HANGING

I WANT TO KNOW

THAT YOU DON'T

HAVE TO HANG OUT

WITH ME, THAT YOU HAVE OTHER PEOPLE.

SHE SHOWED ME HOW TO BE

ORGANIZED, HOW TO IRON MY

MY EATING HABITS

Chris Browne

NO, HE TOOK THE DAY OFF TO

THAT GIVES ME

ALL DAY TO

THINKOFA

WAY OUT

ATTA' BOY

HAMMIE.

CLOTHES, AND HOW TO IMPROVE

OUT WITH YOU, BUT

2 "Hail, 6 "Chicago" upon lyricist forcefully 3 Politician **9** Gas stat **41** Ump 43 Nipper's 13 Round CO. Table 44 Revealing address

George 4 Prop for Ben fashion 45 Mechanic's place

lad Franklin **5** Feature of **30** Speed italics 32 Prizefighter 6 Third-47 Inventor party George collateral 33 Robitaille George **7** Liver

Caesar!"

**49** On the of hockey secretion 34 Historic clock 52 Exist 8 Chum period 9 Bird 36 Valencia, bird? skilled in e.g. **54** Type of mimicry **38** Use quartz **10** Grievance finger-

55 Snitch 11 More 56 "Norma festive 39 Miss **17** Turn to bone

23 Confucian 57 Jousting principle weapon 19 Refuges **24** Leading Solution time: 25 mins. man? 25 Deficiency 27 Mentor **29** Put on ice 31 Confound

Andre, nicknamed OAHL "Bad Moon"

56

e.g.

2 Com-

3 Cattle

call?

4 Baby's

after-

dinner

way

adroit

remark?

motion

**ACROSS** 40 Tucker's DOWN partner Reveille,

1 Ballroom dance 6 Transfer 11 Pretext

42 Place 43 Singer DiFranco 44 Winter ton, often 46 Talk on

warmer and on 47 State of Mexico 49 Sweater

material

5 In any 6 Most nervous 52 Julia of "The

**7** Duel tool 8 Boston Bourne entree Ultima-9 Pertum" sonal unrest

**53** Did a cobbler's 10 Orpheus, job for one

**54** Carreras **11** Reason 13 Photo Domingo

finish Solution time: 27 mins.

tribe 45 Initial chip 48 Lubricate **50** Martini ingredient

52

16 Screen star George 18 Girl named 53 Early in "The Raven" 20 Rescue 21 Ecofriendly org.

35 Ex-NFLer

Yesterday's answer 9-12

**12** George Washing-

14 Dawn 15 Man's hat 16 Gls' entertain-

ment grp. 51 More 17 Dish 19 N.E. school

20 Line of fashion? 22 Caustic solution

23 Heart of the matter

24 Glitch 26 Art lover (Var.)

28 Evening hour, on a sundial

totter 35 Zero

30 Teeter-

39 Info

**31** Appoints measure

quorum

as a duty

Yesterday's answer 9-13

43

47

ZFDEQPW Q P R Q L O QPISHUFVQSP FYSKV F YFHP LFPDO, SPO UQWNV FHSKPL ISH VNO NSOLSMP ZSMLSMP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I'M VERY

MX Y LOSD FXQETXIYUBF? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A COUPLE OF ORE-FILLED SHAFTS CONVERGED, DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU'D HAVE A MEETING OF THE MINES? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals B

PDTOGFD Y'I SDQN POM OE

TZXELDF CXQ ZOGUMQN,

Z X O M F

Sally Forth • Greg Howard

**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

MY MOM WAS ALL ABOUT TEACHING

Hagar the Horrible •

**Blondie •** Chic Young

DR. AUSTIN ISN'T IN TODAY

MR. BUMSTEAD

**Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker

REMEMBER, YOU SAID

YOU'D GO WITH ME TO

THE FLOWER SHOW

IF YOU DON'T PLAY ANOTHER

I'M GOING TO TELL MOM!

GAME OF HORSEOPOLY WITH ME,

OKAY, EVERYONE, OUR NEXT EXERCISE WILL BE

TO YOU UNDER WATER FROM TEN FEET AWAY

Cryptoquip

JQDJOQYUB

FOR YOUR BABY TO SWIM

TONIGHT

I DID? THANKS

FOR REMINDING

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

**Tod the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts

C'MON, SWEETIE!

HERE I AM!

**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters

COME TO MOMMY!

MOM! I'M NOT DOING EVERYTHING

ZOE TELLS ME TO DO!

I'M HERE FOR L MY APPOINTMENT

DR. AUSTIN

ME "LIFE SKILLS" THIS SUMMER.

TED, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE EACH HAVE

OUR OWN FRIENDS, THAT WE EACH HAVE

OUR OWN LIVES.

BAD AT PREPARING LOADS OF CLOTHES FOR LAUNDRY, DO I HAVE SORTCOMINGS? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals D