Matchpoint Bidding Tips – Part 2





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Time for a Joke

A young boy enters a barber shop, and the barber whispers to a customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch, I'll prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks him, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy takes the quarters and leaves.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store licking a cone. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!"

Matchpoint Tip #3 When to Compete to the 3-Level

The opponents have bid to the 3-level over your 2-level partscore. When do you also compete to the 3-level?

1) Will you make your 3-level partscore?

Consider your fit length and HCPs.

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- 2) Will they make their 3-level partscore?
- 3) Which gives you the optimal outcome: pass, bid, double?

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1S	2H	2 S
Pass	???	
	1S	1S 2H

a) ★J52 ▼

b)

c)

South 154 4542 4

♦J52 **♥**J54 **♦**542 **♣**KQ42

♠7 **♥**Q542 **♦**8732 **♣**KQ73

♦J75 **♥**J943 **♦**3 **♣**KQ432 **3H**

The <u>Rule of Total Tricks</u> says that if the total HCPs are divided 20-20, each side will take as many tricks as they have total trumps.

d) ◆A52 ♥Q54 ◆32 ◆K942

3H 2S

N/S

2H

3H

Making

E/W

2S

3S

2S

Another Joke

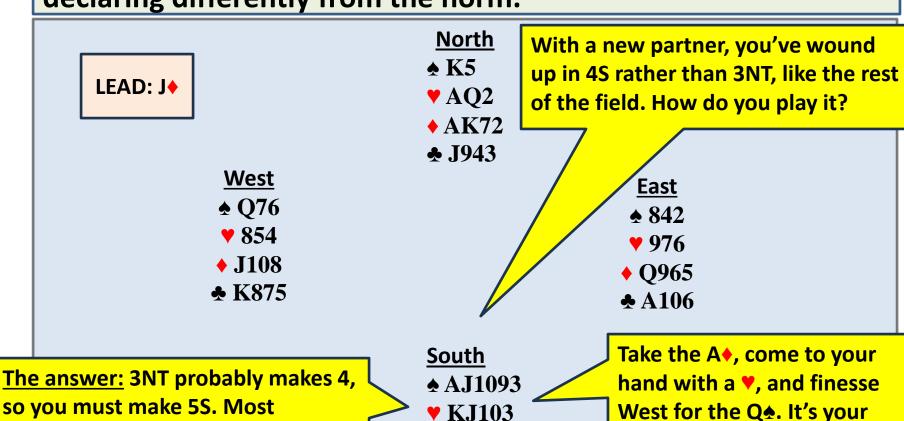
I went to the cinema last night. The man sat in front of me had his dog with him. The dog seemed really engrossed in the film. When the film ended I said to the owner "this might sound weird but your dog seemed to really enjoy that". "Yes I was surprised too, he hated the book."

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Matchpoint Tip #4 Playing Against the Field

When you've found yourself in an inferior contract, consider declaring differently from the norm.



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♣ Q2

only chance to salvage any

matchpoints on this board.

Playtime

