

Candid Column

H. St. JOHN INGRAM, Contract Bridge Expert, Gives Advice On— CORRECT BIDDING AFTER AN INFORMATORY DOUBLE

LAST week you had the qualifications and requirements for making an informatory double. Let us now see what action should be taken by the player sitting over the doubler.

His bid can vary quite a lot according to his holding, and it is most important that he should make this bid in such a way that partner can read it easily.

First and foremost it should be emphasised that there is only one strong bid and that is, "redouble."

Any other strong-sounding bid such as two Spades or three Diamonds over a doubled bid of one Heart is not strong unless you redouble first, and these bids should be made on distributional hands. Such a hand as—

Q 10 8 6 3 2 7 2 Q 10 6 3 8 A Q 10 7 6 7 2 K 10 7 A J 9

Always remember it is not necessary to hold your partner's suit to redouble. In fact, if you hold this suit strongly and not much else, you should lift the bidding as high as possible, and not redouble. The object in so doing is to make it as difficult as possible for opponents to get together.

To redouble you should have from ten points upwards in the other suits, and with this strength and your partner's opening bid there should be little difficulty in making contract and possibly over-tricks, especially as the double has shown up where the remaining strength is to be found.

If you are unable to lift your partner's suit or redouble, make the bid you would have done had there been no double—no-trump, any biddable suit, or pass. Let me repeat again, it is so important—you must redouble if you are strong.

After a Redouble . . .

Here are a few hands and the action to be taken on them, supposing partner has bid one

Heart and next player has made an informatory double.

Table with 4 columns: Bid, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs. Shows bidding sequences like K 7 3 2, Q 10 8 3 J 10 4, etc.

Now we come to the partner of the player who has made the informatory double.

If the player on his right has passed or redoubled, he must bid, however weak he is. Only if he wishes the double or redouble left in should he pass.

Many players are under the impression that a redouble absolves them from bidding, but this is not so, as partner will not know whether you have passed on a yarborough\* or on a hand you are delighted the opponents should play in a contract of one doubled and redoubled.

Take a second's look at the following two hands and you will see it is impossible to pass on both after a redouble. The bidding is one Diamond, double, redouble;

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The simplest way to remember this point is—always make the same bid you would have made had there been no redouble.

If the player on the right makes any bid other than redouble, you should now pass on a weak hand, but you should be able to make a bid on as little as six points (and make a jump bid if holding more) to show your partner that your bid is genuine, and that you hold strength.

If your best suit is the one bid by opener and is not strong enough to leave in the double, bid one no-trump.

The informatory double is essentially one where you must have implicit faith in your partner—he has doubled, fully aware that you may hold nothing, and it is up to him to see that you are not in serious trouble. The weaker you are the more essential it is to bid over pass or redouble.

\*A yarborough is a hand which contains no card higher than a nine.

WEEK-END RADIO

HOME SERVICE (Midland)—5.0 p.m., Children's Hour, 5.55, Sports Bulletin, 6.30, In Town To-night, 7.0, Those Were the Days, 7.35, Sport in the Midlands, 7.45, The Work in Westminster, 8.0, Music Hall, 8.0, News, 8.30, "Double Door" (play), 10.45, Service, 11.41.5, News summary.

THE LIGHT PROGRAMME—4.45 p.m., Film "Souvenirs" (records), 5.15, B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra, 6.0, Four and One, 6.15, Show Time, 6.45, Association Football, 7.0, News, 7.10, Charles Buchan sums up day's football, 7.15, Navy Mixture, 7.45, Let's All Sing, 8.30, Family Favourites, 8.50, Rainbow Room, 10.0, News, 10.15, Saturday Night at the Palais, 11.15, Records, 11.50-12.0, News.

THE THIRD PROGRAMME—6.0 p.m., Biography of Hans Andersen, 7.30, Orchestral Concert, 8.15, Finnegans Wake, 8.30, Orchestral Concert (Part 2), 9.30, Some Aspects of Chamber Music, 10.0, The Post and his Critic, 10.30, Schubert and Schumann music, 11.00-11.30, "A Dream of Winter" (story).

To-morrow

HOME SERVICE (Midland)—7.55 a.m., Weather, 8.0, News, 8.15, Records, 8.50, Sidney Davey's Players, 9.30, Service, 10.45, Recital, 10.50, Music while you work, 11.0, Music Magazine, 11.50, Leslie Brown, Sewater Harp Quintet, 12.15 p.m., "Miss Mole" (reading), 12.30, Southern Serenade, 12.50, Recital.

THE THIRD PROGRAMME

—6.0 p.m., Philosophical Movements in Contemporary France (talk), 6.20, Schubert Music, 7.00, Moby Dick, 8.30, Haydn and Beethoven Music, 9.30, Moby Dick (part 2), 10.45, Thomas Traherne (readings), 11.5-11.50, Recital.

54 BIRTHS—55 DEATHS

The number of births in Derby last week totalled 54, of which 26 were boys. This represents a birth-rate of 21.2 per 1,000, compared with 17.2 for the corresponding week last year.

Deaths totalled 55, giving a recorded death-rate of 21.5. The death-rate corrected for non-residents was 18.8 per 1,000, compared with 18.4 last year.

Party for pupils of Brighton-road Secondary Modern Schools, Derby, aged 12 and over, was given last night by members of the Parents' Association and teachers.

CITY PRIDE CAKE and PUD-DING MIXTURE makes most appetising puddings and they are good for the growing family.—Adv.

Food Office Turns It Down Cold

A RECOMMENDATION by the Derby Food Control Committee that the Derby Branch of the R.A.F. Association should be granted a catering licence to serve hot beverages at their premises in The Strand has been rejected by the Divisional Food Officer at Nottingham.

A LETTER received by the Association, containing this decision, states that "it is not apparently essential to grant such a licence in order that the club may function efficiently."

TO APPEAL—The letter pointed out that an appeal could be made against the decision, and Mr. J. G. Barr, chairman of the branch, told a "Telegraph" reporter that this would be made.

On Royal Trip

Among the crew of H.M.S. Vanguard when she leaves for South Africa next month with the Royal Family aboard will be Petty Officer Kenneth Quinby (20), only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Quinby, of 60, Station-road, Melbourne. He is a radar mechanic.

County Crossword

Answers to yesterday's (No. 7) puzzle: Across: 1, Bottles; 5, Stenson; 9, No. 3; 10, Milford; 11, Tit; 12, Adam; 13, Fimds; 14, Pool; 17, Leander; 18, Newbold; 19, Rodley; 21, Marston; 22, Wals; 24, Peoble; 25, Beer; 28, Lid; 29, Winnats; 30, I.O.U.; 31, Yielded; 32, Horsley. Down: 1, Bonall; 2, Cat and the Pug; 3, Lamb; 4, Soldier; 5, Spendon; 6, Ends; 7, Sutton-on-the-Hill; 8, Nettled; 15, Edale; 16, No. 1; 18, Rowley; 20, Yearwood; 21, Monyash; 22, Norbury; 26, Owed; 27, User.

CHURCH SERVICES THE CATHEDRAL

JANUARY 26th—EPIPHANY III 8.0 a.m.: Holy Communion. 10.45 a.m.: Mattins. To Deum (Harwood in A Time).

ST. WERBURGH'S Epiphany III, January 28th. 8.0: Holy Communion. 10.45: Choral Eucharist.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH QUARDON. PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND THANKOFFERING. SUNDAY, Jan. 26th. Services: 8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

HOLY TRINITY Church, LONDON ROAD.

JANUARY 26. 11 a.m.: Morning Prayer. 6.30 p.m.: Evening Prayer.

OSMASTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Services 10.45 and 6.30 (School 2.30). Preacher: Rev. F. G. HASTINGS, B.A.

BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 26. 10.45 a.m. 6.30 p.m. Sunday School 2.30.

PEAR TREE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 26, 1947. 10.45 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.: Rev. A. J. SYMONDS.

VICTORIA STREET Congregational Church

Services: 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Rev. R. F. J. CHARLISH.

CARLTON ROAD Congregational Church

SUNDAY, January 26, at 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Rev. J. F. S. SOLOMON, M.A.

NORMANTON ROAD Congregational Church

10.45 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. Rev. G. W. GREGORY.

WELSH CHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

GREEN HILL METH. CHURCH, St. Peter's Chyd. (opp. Y.M.C.A.) Services each Sunday, 10.45 & 6.0.

THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT

10a, LOWER DALE ROAD. SUNDAY, 2 and 6.30 p.m., Mrs. ANNABLE. Everyone welcome.

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH CHARNWOOD STREET

SUNDAY, 10.45 and 6.15. "They That Wait Upon The Lord Shall Renew Their Strength."

SEEKERS' SANCTUARY

299a NORMANTON ROAD. To-night, 7.00 p.m. Sunday, 8.15, 7.30, and 6.15 p.m. Rev. Le Marinel, Wed. 3, Mr. G. Beavers, Thurs. 3, Open Circle, 7. Healing Service. ALL welcome to join us.

CHURCH SERVICES KING STREET METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 26. 10.45 a.m.: UNITED SERVICE at KEDLETON STREET.

ASHBOURNE ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 26. WESLEY GUILD SUNDAY. 10.45 a.m. Rev. G. A. MORGAN.

QUEEN'S HALL METHODIST MISSION LONDON ROAD.

10.45 and 6.30. Rev. W. H. COOKSON. Evening subject: "THIS AGE OF VIOLENCE."

ROSE HILL METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 26. 10.45 a.m.: Rev. C. A. CLARKE, B.D. 6.15 p.m.: Rev. A. NORMAN BROUGH.

GREEN HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 26th. 10.45: Rev. A. C. Staniland. 6.30: Mr. G. W. Morse.

MANFIELD ST. METHODIST CHURCH

A Week To-morrow, Feb. 2nd. Important Visit of Rev. EDWARD McLELLAN, of London (Ex-President of Methodist Conference).

WALBROOK ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR ANNIVERSARY—JANUARY 26th. 10.45 a.m.: Mrs. J. Whidney. 6.15 p.m.: Mrs. J. Williamson.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GREEN LANE.

SUNDAY, January 26. Services: 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.: Rev. G. A. Harding, B.A.

THE SALVATION ARMY DERBY CENTRAL CORPS, The Spot.

SATURDAY, 7.30 p.m.: See General Notices, 24th SUNDAY, 10.45, 2.30 & 6.30; TOTTENHAM I. BAND. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 to 5, Mrs. H. B. WIGGINS (of Australia).

CHRISTADELPHIAN HALL MILL HILL LANE

SUNDAY—6.30 p.m. "THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST." A Welcome to All.

THE PATHFINDERS CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST MISSION 13, CURZON STREET.

To-night, 7.15: Sun., 3.0, 6.30 and 7.45; Mon., 3.0 and 7.15; Mrs. White; Wed., 3.0 and 7.15. Mrs. Barlow. A welcome to all.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, FRIARY ST.

SUNDAY SERVICES. 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Subject to-morrow: "TRUTH." SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11 a.m. Free Public Reading Room at 28, Green Lane, open Mon. to Sat., 10.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. (Wed. 7 p.m.)

FRIARGATE UNITARIAN CHAPEL

Services 6.30 p.m. THE MINISTER. "Working With God." For Men, 10.30 a.m. For Women, 11.0 a.m. Mr. E. G. KNOWLES.

CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA BECKET ROOM, Becket St.

SUNDAY, 6 p.m. Subject: THE STONE THAT STARTLED OFFER THE WORLD. Speaker: Mr. W. H. CARTER (Birmingham). All Welcome. No Collection.

LIFE LINES

I ought to be accustomed, by this time, to sometimes it comes as rather a shock.

M.P.'s Question On The Hall, Barrow

Mr. A. J. Champion, M.P. for North Derbyshire, will ask the Minister of Health in the House of Commons next Thursday if he will investigate the circumstances in which The Hall, Barrow-on-Trent, has been supplied and in particular why no legal authority to requisition the property for housing purposes.

He will also ask the Minister whether he is aware that the conditions of housing disrepair in cases heard before the late courts show that the sanitary inspectors of municipal authorities for many years past have been neglecting their statutory duties and if he will issue a circular to the authorities in London and elsewhere on the subject.

Do You Know Your Derby?



Connected with the Church and named in page seven, column six.