

Ways to Improve your Duplicate Bridge Results

NEW CLUB

I have been playing duplicate bridge for the past two to three years. I have had training and currently play at a bridge club which is very friendly. I am usually at the bottom of the leader board which I am not happy with. Is there anything you or I can do to improve my bridge ability. I would like to hear from you to see if you can help as I have a friend who suggested I contact you.

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Ways to Improve your Duplicate Bridge Results

- Find some bridge books you like
- Try No Fear Bridge or other websites
- Playing more
- Attend Bridge Classes (Continuing Bridge starts February 2020).
- Go through the hands and results. Try and see what went wrong: not just bad results, but any unusual results.

Dir: South
Vul: E/W

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8
♦ K Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 3

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 5 4

NORTH
3
SOUTH

♠ A J 10 6
♥ J 10 7 5 4
♦ 5
♣ A Q 7

♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q 2
♦ 10 7 6
♣ J 9 8 6 2

12
13 12
3

♠ ♡ ♢ ♣ N
N - - - -
S - - - - -
E 1 1 6 6 2
W 1 1 6 6 2

Board No 3 E/W Vul Dealer South

Deal: Tuesday

NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Trs	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	19	4♥	E	♦7	+2		680	2	1
2	12	4♥	E	♦6	+1		650	8	
3	14	4♥	E	♦7	+1		650	8	
4	16	4♥	W	♦K	+1		650	8	
5	18	3♥	E	♦7	+2		200	14	
6	11	4♥	W	♦K	+2		680	2	1
7	13	4♥	E	♣2	+2		680	2	1
8	15	3NT	W	♦K	=		600	12	

Suggested Bidding

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1N	2♦	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Bidding: Over a 2♦ overcall, a 3♦ bid is used a Stayman, leading to 4♥. Play: Assuming most of the missing points are with North, declarer should draw trumps, and later finesse against ♣K to make 12 tricks.

Tuesday June 18th
Pinner Bridge Club

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♥ Q 2
♦ 10 7 6
♣ J 9 8 6 2

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13 12
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	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	1	1	6	6	2
W	1	1	6	6	2

Wrong Contract

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4	16	4♥	W	♦K	+1		650	8	6
5	18	3♥	E	♦7	+2		200	14	0
6	11	4♥	W	♦K	+2		680	2	12
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♥ Q 2
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13 12
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	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	1	1	6	6	2
W	1	1	6	6	2

Played in Hearts, but only made 11 tricks. Why?

- Did not draw trumps?
- Did not ruff diamonds?
- Did not try the club finesse?

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♥ Q 2
♦ 10 7 6
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N - - - -
S - - - -
E 1 1 6 6 2
W 1 1 6 6 2

Wrong Lead

•Or did North fail to bid Diamonds?

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1	19	4♥	E	♦7	+2		680	2	12
2	12	4♥	E	♦6	+1		650	8	6
3	14	4♥	E	♦7	+1		650	8	6
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Against 3NT

Should have been defeated. Why not?

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1	19	4♥	E	♦7	+2		680	2	12
2	12	4♥	E	♦6	+1		650	8	6
3	14	4♥	E	♦7	+1		650	8	6
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8	15	3NT	W	♦K	=		600	12	2

Dir: North
Vul: E/W

♠ A K 8
♥ Q 9 7 4 3
♦ Q 6 5 4 3
♣ - -

♠ 9 6 5
♥ J 5
♦ J 8
♣ A 9 8 7 4 3

WEST NORTH EAST
9 SOUTH

♠ Q J 10 7 4
♥ 10 8
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q 10 2

11
6 9
14

♠ 3 2
♥ A K 6 2
♦ K 9 2
♣ K J 6 5

	♠	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	5	5	1	2
S	1	5	5	1	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Board No 9 E/W Vul Dealer North									
Deal: Tuesday									
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	16	4♥	N	♠Q	+1	450		5	9
2	18	4♥	N	♠2	+1	450		5	9
3	11	4♥	N	♠10	+1	450		5	9
4	13	4♥	N	♠Q	+1	450		5	9
5	15	4♥	N	♠Q	+2	480		13	1
6	17	4♥	N	♠2	+2	480		13	1
7	19	4♥	N	♠Q	+1	450		5	9
8	12	4♥	N	♠Q	+1	450		5	9

Suggested Bidding

West North East South

1♥ 1♠ 4♥

Pass Pass Pass

Bidding: As long as North opens the bidding, NS should reach 4♥. Play: Declarer can draw trumps and establish the diamonds to make 11 tricks, losing just 2 diamonds. If East incorrectly leads ♦A or plays 2nd hand high, declarer makes 12 tricks.

Dlr: North
 Vul: E/W

♠ A K 8
 ♥ Q 9 7 4 3
 ♦ Q 6 5 4 3
 ♣ - -

♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ A 9 8 7 4 3

NORTH
9
SOUTH

♠ Q J 10 7 4
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ Q 10 2

♠ 3 2
 ♥ A K 6 2
 ♦ K 9 2
 ♣ K J 6 5

11
 6 9
 14

	♠	♦	♥	♣	N
N	1	5	5	1	2
S	1	5	5	1	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

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1	16	4♥	N	♠Q	+1	450		5	9
2	18	4♥	N	♣2	+1	450		5	9
3	11	4♥	N	♠10	+1	450		5	9
4	13	4♥	N	♠Q	+1	450		5	9
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 ♥ Q 9 7 4 3
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 ♣ - -

♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ A 9 8 7 4 3

NORTH
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 SOUTH

♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ Q 1 2

♠ 3 2
 ♥ A K 6 2
 ♦ K 9 2
 ♣ K J 6 5

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 6 9
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	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
N	1	5	5	1	2
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Unexpected
(wrong?) Leads

- Or did West bid clubs? If so, how?

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 ♥ J 5
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ A 9 8 7 4 3

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♠ Q J 10 7 4
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ Q 10 2

11
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 14

♠ 3 2
 ♥ A K 6 2
 ♦ K 9 2
 ♣ K J 6 5

	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
N	1	5	5	1	2
S	1	5	5	1	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Should not have made 12 tricks. Did East play 2nd Hand High?

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