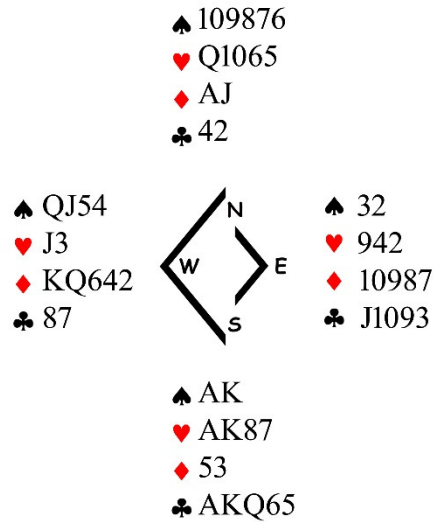


290. Two Club Opener Strives to Rebid 2NT

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	2 ♣	P	2 ♦
P	2NT	P	3 ♣
P	3 ♥	P	4 ♥
All Pass			

--North South Vulnerable--

In last week's column, a player made the bidding easier by rebidding No Trump so partner could show both majors without clashing with FSF. This week, South must do his best to rebid Two No Trump. If he bids Three Clubs, North and South will lose the Heart fit. The bidding will go Two Clubs, Two Diamonds, Three Clubs, Three Spades and then sigh and 3NT. South rebids 2NT, and finding a major fit is trivial.

The bidding:

South opens Two and rebids Two No Trump showing 22 to 24 HCP's. North bids Stayman with the intention of rebidding Spades if partner bids Three Diamonds to

show five-four in the majors. When South responds Three Hearts, North raises him to game.

Opening Lead:

The Diamond King

The Play:

Declarer wins the Diamond Ace and cashes the top two Hearts. There are two ways to make twelve tricks. The first way, declarer never draws a third round of trump. He cashes the top three Clubs, pitching a Diamond on the Club Queen. He cashes the top two Spades and ruffs a Club. He ruffs a Spade, ruffs a Diamond and ruffs another Spade. The defender with the third trump will get it eventually but he will never be able to lead it to take two of declarer's trumps for one of his.

Declarer will win two Spades, two Hearts, one Diamond, four Clubs and two ruffs in each hand minus defender's third trump for twelve tricks.

The other way is to cash three rounds of trump. Declarer will get two Spades, three Hearts, one Diamond, four Clubs and a ruff in each hand also for twelve tricks. The first method will often get an extra trick but not in this case.

Result:

Four Hearts plus two for +680.