

THINKING BRIDGE - - By Eddie Kantar

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| Dir: South Vul: E-W | NORTH ♠ 6 3 ♥ A 9 7 5 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ K 10 6 2 | | West | North | East | South |
| | | | -- | -- | -- | 1 Diamond |
| | | | X | XX | 1 Spade | X |
| | | | All Pass | | | |
| WEST ♠ K 8 2 ♥ K 8 6 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ A Q J 4 | 28-11-2012 | EAST ♠ Q 10 5 4 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 6 4 3 2 ♣ 9 8 5 | Opening Lead = ♥Q | | | |
| | SOUTH ♠ A J 9 7 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ 7 3 | | | | | |

Bidding commentary: This deal is an example of how a rather large penalty can be exacted at the one level! West has a normal takeout double. North's redouble shows 11+ high-card points plus a likely balanced hand. North need not redouble with every hand of that strength. Distributional hands often do better by starting with a forcing, unlimited, one-level response (if possible). However, a new suit response at the two level is not forcing. Responder is more or less obliged to redouble holding a five- or six-card minor with 11+ HCP.

After a redouble, the doubling side, outgunned point-wise, can be in a heap of trouble if they have no eight-card fit. After an opposing run-out (1♠), if opener or responder has four cards in the runout suit headed by an honor or two, that player is expected to double. After a redouble, any double by the opener or the responder is a penalty double and partner is expected to honor that double by passing holding two more cards in the opponent's suit.

Finally, after a redouble, the redoubling side plays the hand or the opponents play it doubled. The opponents shall not be let off the hook!

Lead commentary: As South, with strong trumps, lead from a sequence rather than shortness.

Play commentary: As East, if you can squirm out of this mess with five tricks, well done. The plan is to try to ruff a diamond in dummy.

Defensive commentary: Unless the defense loses its way, the contract figures to be defeated two or three tricks, North-South collect 500 or 800 points on a deal that might not have reached game against silent opposition.