BRIDGE

By Daniel Reinhart

While most of you were whiling away your summer vacations, this writer was on the job. I played in the Pan City Regionals in New York City in July, and I shall devote my next few columns to a glimpse of this tournament.

Today's hand, played in the above tournament, is one of the most fascinating hands I've ever seen. I feel that it would be instructive to talk about this hand from the defensive side today and from the offensive side next time.

Having heard East — West bid to a contract of four hearts South considered his opening lead. As leading a heart, a diamond, or a club was likely to prove costly, he led the jack of spades. He was right, because as the cards lie a spade is the only lead which can give the declarer any trouble.

North took the king and ace of spades, and returned the deuce of clubs. Declarer took the ace of clubs and cashed the ace of diamonds. When, after winning a finesse with the queen of hearts and leading to the ace, the hearts split three-two, declarer had no further problems.

If you've read this far without sensing that anything was wrong you've missed South's best defensive chance.

When East led the ace of diamonds South should, without hesitation, have dropped the queen of diamonds. Why? There are three major reasons: It could not hurt. The queen was sure to drop under the king, anyway. If declarer believed that a defender had void in diamonds he might experience difficulties reaching dummy. In general, when the obvious plays (heart finesse, diamond finesse) are going to prove costly, he led the jack of diamonds. Declarer believed that a defender had void in diamonds. He probably should have approached the declaration in such a way as to make declarer think. He might find a "better" play.

In actual play South did drop the queen of diamonds. Declarer then led the queen of clubs and South, continuing his policy of removing dummy's entries, covered with the king. East returned to his hand with the king of clubs, ruffled his losing card, but then could not figure out how to return to his hand to draw another round of trumps and hold his losers in that suit to one.

He guessed wrong by leading a spade. Down one. Declarer was rather surprised when South later produced the two of diamonds. However, you have all realized that East should have made his contract by reasoning logically at the crucial moment. For the few of you who haven't figured it out, I'll explain it next time.

CHESS

Petroff Defense

Zlilin

1. P-K4

Guzakov

15. B-KN5

2. N-KB3

Q-Q2

3. P-Q4

P-K4

4. P-K5

N-K4

5. QxP

NxB3


QxQ

7. N-B3

P-xB

8. Q-KB4

P-KN3

9. B-Q2

B-N2

10.O-O-O

O-O

11.P-KxK4

B-K3

12.P-R5

R-K1

13.PxP

RPxP

14.Q-R2

B-R4

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15.B-KN5

Q-Q2

16.Q-K7ch

K-B1

17.N-Q5

P-B3

18.Q-R8ch

BxQ

19.RxBe

K-B2

20.B-R7

Reigns

Notice that Black's queen probably belongs on KB3, hence 12 ... Q-B1 is indicated to slow down the attack. Later, the queen is forced out of position; if 15 ... B-B3; 16.Q-R7ch, K-B1; 17.N-Q5 threatening ExB and B-R6 and Q-R8.

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