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PNC Foundation grant supports NCEF Early Childhood Development Center

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The PNC Foundation announced a \$100,000 grant to Florida Gulf Coast University to create an innovative outdoor classroom at the Naples Children & Education Foundation Early Childhood Development Center. The project will extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom, incorporating science, technology, engineering, arts and math concepts into a nature-based environment designed for early learners. Grant funds will be used to renovate the existing outdoor playspace and purchase dedicated STEAM activity equipment. Construction is expected to conclude this fall. Once complete, the new classroom will serve approximately 100 children in Collier County, ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years. ■



1. PNC Foundation Grant group photo
2. Maria Jimenez-Lara, NCEF CEO
3. Carol Clabaugh and Emily Sumpmann
4. Chad Loar, PNC regional president for West and Central Florida
5. Rochelle Jackson
6. Russell Beckner and Chad Loar
7. Lisa Morse
8. Diana Bellini, Silvia Osain and Russell Beckner
9. Emily Sumpmann, Sarah Zaiser-Kelly and Diana Alas

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Tender loving care

BY STEVE BECKER

It is easy to win tricks with aces and kings, and naturally far more difficult to win them with deuces and treys. Between these extremes, though, lies the challenge of making sure that intermediate cards -- those of middle rank -- pull their full weight. It is in this area that a player must frequently exercise tender, loving care.

Take this deal where West led the king and another diamond against four hearts. East took the ace and continued with a third diamond. South ruffed hopefully with the nine, and when West discarded a spade, declarer had gotten over his first hurdle.

Declarer next led a low heart to the jack, losing to the ace, but had to go down one when East returned another diamond. It did not matter whether South ruffed with the seven or the queen; either way he would sooner or later lose a second trump trick.

South would have made the contract had he handled his trumps more carefully. It was obvious that East had the ten of trump after the nine won the third trick, and it was not difficult to deduce from the bidding that East also had the ace of trump.

South should therefore have led the first trump from dummy, and not from his own hand. At trick four, he should have crossed to dummy with a club or a spade and returned a low trump.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 9
♥ J 4
♦ Q 7 6 2
♣ A Q 10 9 3

WEST

♠ 10 8 7 4 3
♥ 8 6
♦ K 3
♣ 7 6 5 2

EAST

♠ 6 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ A 10 9 8 4
♣ J 8 4

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 5
♥ K Q 9 7 5 2
♦ J 5
♣ K

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass
1 NT	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

If East followed low, South would win with the queen and lead a low trump back to the jack, depleting West of his trumps in the process. If instead East went up with the ace on the first trump lead and returned a diamond, South would ruff high, lead a low trump to the jack, return to his hand to draw East's last trump and claim the rest.

Either way, by leading the first trump from dummy, declarer could neutralize the defenders' intermediate cards and at the same time make maximum use of his own. ■

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