

Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Mr. Champion has all the virtues of the fine tournament player that he is. His bids are always correct. His play of the dummy is flawless. His defense is brilliant.

But he has this fault. He expects his partner's bidding and play to be as good as his own. When partner fails to live up to these expectations, Mr. Champion becomes severely critical. He starts giving lessons. He keeps his partners miserable. This costs him a lot of money but he never learns. It is with partners like Mr. Masters that Mr. Champion shines.

North-South vulnerable.
West dealer.

North (Masters)	
S-7	H-1082
H-J97	D-86542
D-86542	C-QJ105
East	
S-Q1085	H-AQ64
H-AQ64	D-QJ109
D-QJ109	C-7
South (Cham'n)	
S-632	H-K53
H-K53	D-AK
D-AK	C-A8642

THE BIDDING:

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

In today's hand I saw Mr. Champion at his best on the de-

fense. He was irritated at being shut out of the bidding but there was nothing he could do with reasonable safety over the three spare bid, except to pass. He got his revenge in the play.

Mr. Masters led the queen of clubs which Mr. Champion won with the ace. A survey of the dummy, together with the bidding, convinced him that his partner was never going to take a trick. But he had three winners himself but where was the fourth coming from? Clearly from the heart suit if from anywhere. So Mr. Champion led the three of hearts, violating all the rules about leading away from a king into a major tenace. Declarer played low and Mr. Masters' seven knocked out dummy's queen.

West now took three rounds of spades and then led a diamond. Mr. Champion won with his king and returned the five of hearts, partner's jack forcing out dummy's ace. There was no way for declarer to prevent Mr. Champion from winning two more tricks—one with the ace of diamonds and another with the king of hearts.

Had Mr. Champion made any play at the second trick except a small heart, West would have had time to establish two diamond tricks—one with the king of hearts and the contract would have been made.

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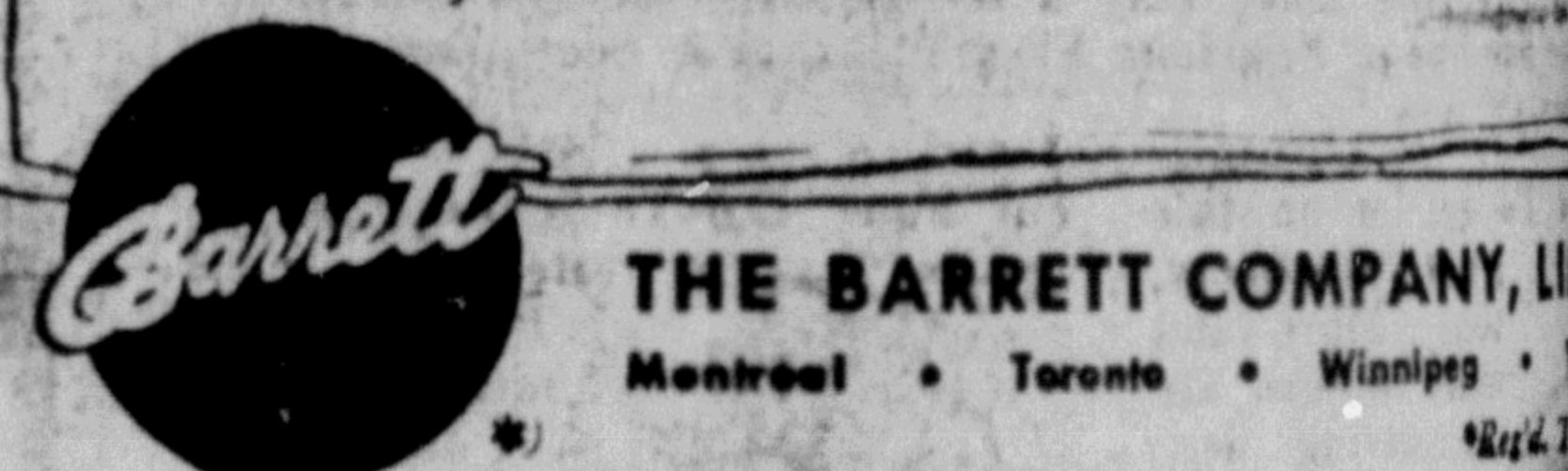
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