

LOSING TRICK COUNT ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

MORE ACCURATE TOOL TO MEASURE
TRICK POTENTIAL

SAMPLE HAND

♠K86532 ♥4 ♦72 ♣A943

PARTNER OPENS 1♦ YOU BID 1♠ PARTNER BIDS 4♠

NOW WHAT? PASS OR GO ON

PARTNER'S HAND

♠AQ74 ♥J8 ♦AK943 ♣K5

HAND MAKES 12 TRICKS

YOU ASK PARTNER SHOULD WE BID A SLAM

NAH NO WAY, NO ONE WILL BID IT!!

LOSING TRICK COUNT WILL MAKE BIDDING THESE
SLAMS A CHILD'S PLAY

LTC FORMULA

- COUNT YOUR LOSERS
- ESTIMATE PARTNER'S LOSERS
- ADD THESE TOGETHER AND SUBTRACT FROM 24
- ANSWER WILL BE PROBABLE NUMBER TRICKS DECLARER WILL TAKE
 - ASSUMING 50% FINESSES WORK
 - NORMAL BREAKS

WARNING: YOU NEED AT LEAST AN 8 CARD TRUMP FIT OR A SELF SUFFICIENT SUIT AND LTC IS 80% EFFECTIVE!!

LTC FORMULA

- COMBINED LOSERS
 - >15 PARTIALS $24-15=9$
 - MAJOR GAMES 14 OR $< 24-14=10$
 - MINOR GAMES 13 OR $< 24-13=11$
 - SMALL SLAM 12 $24-12=12$
 - GRAND SLAM 11 $24-11=13$

COUNTING LOSERS

- EACH SUIT COUNTS 3 LOSERS AT MOST
- FOR 3 CARD OR LONGER COUNT IF MISSING
A K OR Q
 - AKQ xxx= 0 LOSERS
 - AQ32 = 1 LOSER K IS MISSING
 - A85, K43, K843 = 2 LOSERS KQ OR AQ MISSING
- DOUBLETONS
 - AK =0 LOSERS Ax,Kx=1LOSER,AQ ½ LOSER,OTHERS=2 LOSERS
- SINGLETONS
 - ALL COUNT AS 1 LOSER EXCEPT FOR SINGLETON A
- VOID= 0
- 1. AK532 2. AJ73 3. 986432 4. K 5. KQ2 6. QJ53

BACK TO FIRST HAND

♠ K86532	2L
♥ 4	1L
♦ 72	2L
♣ A943	2L
TOTAL	7L

♠ AQ74	1L
♥ J8	2L
♦ AK943	1L
♣ K5	1L
TOTAL	5L

- TOTAL LOSERS= 7+5=12
- SHOULD PRODUCE 12 TRICKS 24-12=12
- AUCTION SHOULD GO 1♦ 1♠ 4♠ 4NT 5♥ 6♠
- **BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW FROM THE BIDDING?**

BACK TO FIRST HAND....

MINIMUM OPENING HANDS 7 LOSERS

- ♠J3 ♥AQ632 ♦K72 ♣K92
- 13 HCP AND 7 LOSERS
- NO SPECIAL SHAPE

MORE POINTS FEWER LOSERS 16-18 HCP WITH NO SHAPE USUALLY 6 L

SHAPE DECREASES LOSERS

ADD NUMBER OF LOSERS THAT PARTNER SHOWS TO YOURS AND SUBTRACT FROM 24 TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF TRICKS YOU WILL TAKE

GENERAL RULES

7-9=9,10-12=8,13-15=7,16-18=6, 19-21=5,ETC

IF PARTNER OPENS 1♦ FOLLOWED BY 1♠ BY YOU AND PARTNER BLAST TO 4♠ YOU KNOW THAT PARTNER HAS 5 LOSERS SO WITH YOUR 7 LOSERS YOU CAN CONFORTABLY EXPLORE A SLAM!!!

IF YOUR HAND WAS ♠K85632,♥42,♦7,♣A943 SLAM WOULD BE RISKY BUT STILL CAN BE EXPLORED BY Q BIDDING AND NOT USING RKB

OTHER STUFF

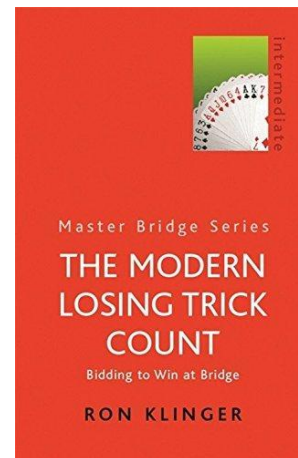
- # LOSERS FOR A TAKE OUT DOUBLE-EXPECT LIKE OPENER 7OR LESS L
- # LOSERS FOR 1 LEVEL RESPONSE EXPECT 9 OR LESS
- #LOSERS FOR 2 LEVEL RESPONSE 8 OR LESS L
- REVERSES LIKELY WILL HAVE 5 LOSERS NORMALLY 5-4 PATERNS
 - ♠62 ♥AK42 ♦K2 ♣AQJ43
 - 1♣ P 1♠ P 2♥ - 5 LOSERS
 - YOU CAN REVERSE WITH 16 HCP AS LONG IT HAS 5 LOSERS
- JUMP SHIFTS 5 LOSERS BUT MORE LIKEKLY 4
 - ♠A2♥♥AQ742 ♦87 ♣AKQ4 OPEN 1♥ OVER 1♠ RESPONSE BID 3♣ - 4 LOSERS

OTHER STUFF

- OVERCALLS -8 LOSERS ABOUT 8 POINTS +
 - ♠AKQ62 ♥92 ♦643 ♣862 OR ♠KQ762 ♥92 ♦A43 ♣862 OVERCALL 1 ♠ 8 LOSERS
- OVERCALLS- 5 LOSERS TOO STRONG FOR SIMPLE OVERCALL DOUBLE FIRST AND THEN BID 5 CARD SUIT ♠AQJ762 ♥KQ5 ♦A4♣62
- OVERCALLS – 4 LOSERS DOUBLE FIRST THEN JUMP IN NEW SUIT ♠AQJ7632 ♥KQ5 ♦A4♣2
- SELF SUFFICIENT SUITS –SUIT QUALITY INDEX=10
 - AKQJ54 LENGTH 6 +HONORS 4 =10
 - KQJ1032,AQJ6432,QJ109832 ETC

REFERENCES

- TRANSCRIPT OF RON KLINGER'S LECTURE NOTES ON LOSSING TRICK COUNT (STEVE SEND THESE OUT)
- BOOK SHOWN BELOW- AVAILABLE AbeBooks.Com



QUESTIONS

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