

**Bridge**

Fred Karpin

One of the world's leading women bridge players is Hermine Baron, of Los Angeles. In 1964 and again in 1970, she was the winner of the McKenney Trophy, which is awarded annually by the American Contract Bridge League to the Player who has won the most master points during the year. In 1964, she picked up 1370 master points, a staggering amount when one considers that 300 master points are required to become a "Life Master," the highest rank of player in the American Contract Bridge League.

Mrs. Baron is an unusual heroine. She was stricken by polio in her early teens, and has since been confined to a wheelchair from which she does her playing. She asks for no quarter and gives none—and usually emerges as the winner.

An example of Mrs. Baron's ability can be observed in today's deal. She was the South declarer.

North-South vulnerable.

South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A Q 10  
 ♥ K 9 6 3  
 ♦ A 10 9 6 3  
 ♣ Q

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 3 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 8 7 5  
 ♦ J 10 7 5 2  
 ♣ A J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ J 8 7 6 1  
 ♥ K Q 1  
 ♦ K 10 1 2

The bidding:  
 South Pass North 1♣  
 East 1♥  
 South 1♠  
 North Pass  
 East Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

The opening heart lead was captured by Mrs. Baron's ace. Then came the king and ace of trumps, West discarding a diamond on the second trump lead. At this point, declarer knew that she had three sure losers, one in trumps and two in hearts. Hence, to fulfill the contract, it became imperative that the loss of a club trick be avoided.

To trick four, the ace of diamonds was cashed, after which dummy's remaining diamond was ruffed, thus eliminating diamonds from both the North and South hands. Now came the key play: the king of clubs was cashed.

A heart was next led, West taking the ten and returning a heart to East's king. East then cashed his high queen of trumps, after which he led the club jack. Dummy's ace won the trick as West discarded a diamond. It now became a routine matter to finesse against East's ten of clubs.

Had declarer not cashed her club king before surrendering the lead, then East, after winning his trump queen, would have led, let us say, the ten of clubs. Declarer would then have had to guess how to play the club suit: did East or West possess the jack of clubs?

**Police beat**

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