

BRIDGE WITH HAROLD SCHOGGER

Miscellaneous 95

DUMMY REVERSAL

Normally one generates extra tricks by ruffing in the SHORT HAND.

If there is no other way to generate extra tricks by finessing or establishing a new suit then one can embark on a DUMMY REVERSAL.

A dummy reversal is when the hand with more trumps becomes the hand with less trumps and the hand with less trumps becomes the dominant hand for trump drawing. This usually occurs when dummy has fewer trumps than declarer's hand as in the following example :-

	♠ A J 5 2	
	♥ 10 9 6	
	♦ J 8 3	
	♣ K Q 6	
	N	
♠ 10 9 8 7	W	♠ K Q 6 3
♥ 4 2		♥ 8 5 3
♦ A K Q		♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ J 10 5 2		♣ 9 8
	S	
	♠ 4	
	♥ A K Q J 7	
	♦ 10 4 2	
	♣ A 7 4 3	

W	N	E	S
			1♥
NO	1♠	NO	2♣
NO	3♥	NO	4♥
NO	NO	NO	

An initial count gives you 1 Spade, 5 Hearts and 3 clubs.

Needing one more you could rely on Clubs breaking 33 (28% chance) or on trumps breaking 32 (68% chance). We therefore go for the 68% chance and embark on dummy reversal counting our winners as

1 Spade, 3 trumps ONLY, 3 Spade ruffs from long hand and 3 clubs.