Lenz described how to apply the squeeze play

The legendary Sidney Lenz, inspired by a squeeze play he witnessed at a baseball game in 1925, coined the term in its application to forcing an opponent to discard a winner, potential winner or guard to a winner prematurely. Before then it was only known as a "Coup," a term used to describe many fascinating plays. In those days only a handful of whist or auction players knew how to execute such "hoodcozery." Even today the average player places great mystique upon its execution. Most just refer to it as "an expert's play." Few have investigated its implementation or the card conditions applicable to its consummation.

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Clyide Love has written extensively on the subject since 1951 and his latest, "Bridge Squeezes Complete," first published in 1968 is entertaining, instructive and comprehensive. I like his style as he tends to be understandable to everyone. Early on, he refers to the 13 cards you have been dealt by simply defining them as "Idle" or "Busy," and it's when "Busy" cards are put under pressure a squeeze is being perpetrated. In the most matter-of-fact way, he states that a squeeze is surely present whenever the following conditions are satisfied:

B. One Defender is "Busy" in two suits, his partner being help-less.

eas. L. Declarer has only one "Loser" remaining.
U. At least one threat card lies in the "Upper" hand. (The Upper and lies at the left of the victim and the one at the right is the

lower.)

E. There is an "Entry" to the established threat.

FASHION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Men's clothing Spring
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'93 Collection, with special representative. Also, Spring '93 Collection from Individualized Custom
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Neiman Marcus
DKNY Spring Trunk Show
with informal modeling 11 a.m. to
3 p.m. through Saturday in Leisure, Level Two, at Nelman
Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Roz & Shem

Spring collection of Japanese
fashion designer Mitsuhiro Metsuda modeled informally noon to
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Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph
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TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Ellen Tracy
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presses and Company, at noon in
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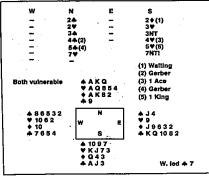
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HURBAY, MARCH 18
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Memorize these conditions by remembering the color BLUE and you're ready to execute a simple squeeze. The performance of a squeeze may start early in a hand, but it's always consummated at a three or four-card end position and it's

always consummated at a three or four-card end position and it's unquestionably one of the pretitiest plays a declarer can make.

Before we show you a simple squeeze, just remember one more important point. Don't try to count all the intended victim's discards. It will tire you and is a waste of time. While you're running your suits, just watch for no more than two or three key cards. If they don't show, then you're sure the fourth suit will run, or the intended victim was never busy in two suits.



What possessed today's South to take command of the hand at the seven level is almost beyond comprehension. As you can see, the grandy in hearts is a lay down, but success at no trump is of fearful concern and certainly uncertain. It was suggested by someone that South knew I was writing about squeezes and needed material so he did it. Let's see if his technique is the equal of his reselect.

neglect.

After the club lend, there are three spades, five hearts, three dismonds and one club, but that doesn't equal a baker's dozen. Is blue working? Yes, If East can be squeezed in the minors and my readers can see it's possible. The threat card becomes South's club jack after winning East's queen with his acc. If the club king never

appears when declarer at trick, (2) through (9), plays five hearts and three spades, he is sure that at trick, (10) through (13), he can run four diamonds, or East isn't busy in both minors.

You say, "Amazing" No, it's just a simple squeeze any good bridge player cen perform.

You say, "How does it work?" I like Clyde Love's answer. "When you slip a nickel into a parking meter and the needle moves, you don't care what went on inside. You shouldn't try and visualize what the defender's hands will look like after nine or 10 tricks. Just watch for key cards. In this instance, the club king, and if it doesn't appear, you have East squeezed or he isn't busy in two suits."

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