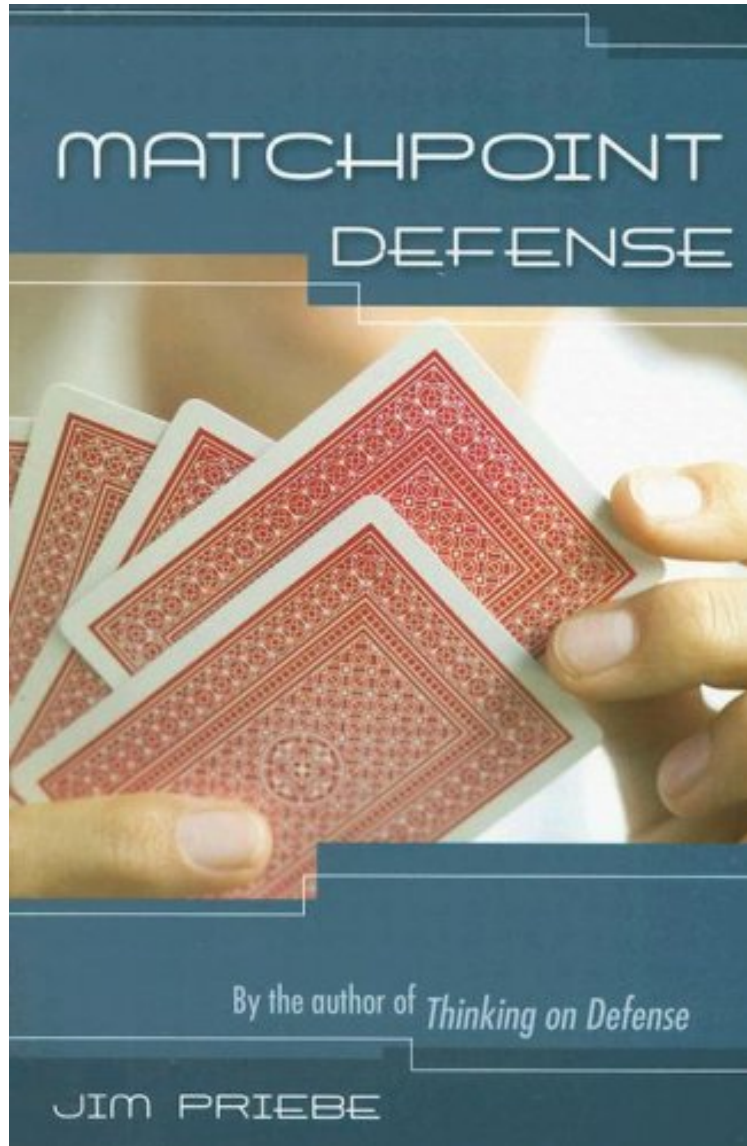


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Jim Priebe : Matchpoint Defense before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Matchpoint Defense:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For aspiring experts onlyBy David SchwartzThis is a very advanced book You will profit most from it if your game is at or near the expert level. You will also need to work very hard on each of the defensive problems. Try hard to solve the puzzle before checking your answers. Yes, your answers. Priebe advises that you visualize at least three possible distributions consistent with the bidding and play so far. If you can

visualize three situations and choose the most probable, you will be a formidable defender. If you and your partner can do it, you should be able to succeed versus the highest level of competition. I could not visualize well enough to solve convincingly any of the problems. The book really stretched me. I improved my defensive game despite the fact that the book is too advanced for me and my visualization skills are relatively weak. Don't buy this book unless you really want to work at it; a casual reading would provide little benefit. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good solid book - emphasis on Match Points. 3 1/2 stars
By B. Einhorn
One of the nice aspects of this book is the focus on match points. Its not enough to try and set the contract. You need to figure out whats going on. Is it a cashout situation? Is this the normal contract? Maybe you have to take a risky play to try for a 3 trick set, because you should have been in 4 hearts making, rather than defending 5 clubs. The author goes through the differences between match point defense and IMPs. Signaling is covered. And then on to the 50 problem quiz. A solid effort - but a numebr of the later hands (maybe 10-15) had "unexpected shape for the bid" (the bididng was bad!) where the bidding is poor and will cause you to misjudge (not solve) the hand. Also, some of the signaling is unclear as to its meaning. You and your regular pard would hopefully be clearer on some of the meanings (is that count or suit preference at a high level contract, or when dummy has a singleton) I liked this a lot more than the authors other book "Thinking on Defense"

In his previous book, 'Thinking on Defence', Priebe introduced the ideas of visualisation, picturing likely hands for declarer and basing defensive strategy on those. In this book, he shows how to apply the same methods when playing in matchpoint events, which means essentially every pairs competition.

About the Author
Jim Priebe won the Canadian Teams Championship in 2004, and went on to play in the Istanbul Olympiad. His previous books include Thinking on Defence and Takeout Double, a bridge mystery novel.