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(1) Descrived as "may be weak!"

Daily Bulletin

---- Sunday, November 19th, 1995 -----

The NEC Bridge Festival kicked off on Saturday with the OUCHI CUP, a two-day qualifying Swiss Team Event with 71 teams entered. Today, the final will be played in three groups. Group A will consist of the top three teams from each section (24 teams). Group B will consist of the next three ranked teams (24 teams) and the rest of the teams will form Group C, which has also been augmented to 24 by the European Team, minus the Herbst brothers (belated welcome to Franz Terraneo-Kurt Feichtinger, Adam Zmudzinski-Wojtek Olanski, who arrived too late to play

Qualifiers for Today's Group A OUCHI CUP

the first day but are looking forward to their warmup for the NEC CUP. Treat them gently please, Flight C teams.

1st 208 O. Kimura - K. Nishino, R. Watanabe - S. Kimura

1st 185 Canada (Kokish - Kraft, Silver - Habert, I & O Herbst)

3rd 151 R. Tanaka-T Ogata, M Mizuta-H Kaku, Y Kobayashi-Y Ohtsuka

🕨 10 5 2 🕨 Q 7 💑 K Q 4 3

2nd 157 Y. Umetsu - M. Nakanishi, E. Naito - M. Hayashi

1st 164 Chinese Taipei (Ho, Lee, Chang, Yen, Shen, Lai) 2nd 162 H. Daimon - M. Ohsaki, S. Ishiguro - N. Iwai

2nd 193 M. Ino - T. Imakura, A. Yamada - K. Ohno 3rd 135 H. Koshi - Y. Ohsako, J. Arai- M. Kuwabara

3rd 127 T. Jomura - K. Ito, T. Nose - K. Tatai

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Sorry, English only.

Section A:

Section B:

Section C:

This was Board 7 in the morning session of the OUCHI CUP qualifying round. You are North and see your opponents arrive in 4 no what is either a normal auction ... or not. You make the normal-looking lead of the VK (from either an AKx+ or KQ combination) and find a dummy that turns out to be something closer to a limit raise than a weak raise, and West, the declarer, seems to have expected something like this. On the 🤍K, South follows with the six, playing upside down signals. Declarer wins the 🤍A and plays ace-king of trumps, partner following seven-nine. Declarer advances the •6 towards dummy's queen. Over to you, North. **SOLUTION HERE BOMBAY SPECIAL NORTH** DLR: E Q 7 5 **OPEN ROOM** VUL: E-W 🦊 K J 8 6 4 3 Sacul VdNeut Paulissen Karwur **NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST** # K Q 3 14 1 🖤 **WEST EAST** 5 Pass Pass Pass **9** 6 4 KJ832 **DBL Pass** Pass **Pass 5** 2 **CLOSED ROOM** 🔷 10 8 6 3 2 AKQTaufik Raymond Marcovic Munawar A 10 8 7 2 **WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH J** J 9 5 **Pass** 1 🌨 SOUTH Pass 2 3 4 A 10 Pass DBL Pass **Pass** 🤎 A Q 10 9 7 **Pass** Pass J 9 5 4 This deal comes to us from the recent TOLANI GRAND PRIX tournament in Bombay, which featured a strong international field, including teams from Indonesia and the Netherlands, our protagonists on this little number. In the Closed Room, Indonesia's Taufik and Munawar emerged with what seemed to be an excellent result, buying the auction at 4 VX, cold for plus 790. In the Open Room, after a strong club by Franky Karwur, the resourceful Jaap van der Neut elected to bounce all the way to 5, trying to force a difficult decision on his opponents. After Karwur's

forcing pass, Denny Sacul doubled and led a diamond. Gert Jan Paulissen ruffed the second diamond in dummy, Sacul follow- ing low to deny the 🛖 A. Paulissen's next play was ... the 🛂 3. Poor Franky. He put up the ace and Gert Jan scored up plus 850 to win 2 imps. Holland won! SOLUTION TO "DEFEND ALONG WITH NORTH This was the full deal ... BOARD: 7 NORTH **DEALER: E** ● Q 6 VUL: E-W ૻ K Q 9 4 3 K 10 4 762 **WEST EAST J** 10 4 3 ▲ A K 8 5 2 A 8 7 10 5 2 J 6 5 3 2 Q 7 **≟** K Q 4 3 - None SOUTH **9** 7 🤎 J 6

🌞 A 9 8 A J 10 9 8 5 Did you play low on the diamond? If you didn't, you will discover that you can no longer defeat the contract. At the table, North went in with the king and underled the VQ to South's jack, but there was no way to reach North's VQ, the setting trick. South won the VJ and could cash the 🗣 A or lead a club, neither of which would work. Declarer had time to establish diamonds and ruff a heart in dummy for ten tricks. Should North find the winning defense? On the surface, it seems that West is a big favourite to hold the 🔷 A on the bidding. After all, she did bid 4 🌨 uncontested facing what she thought was a weak hand. However, if declarer holds the 🗣 A and South the 🦺 A, putting up the 🔷 K will defeat the contract only if declarer holds something like: (W) AKxxx Ax Axx 10xx. or TEST YOUR JUDGMENT AT THE 1995 CAP VOLMAC Let's start with an opening lead problem ... NORTH

The bottom line is that declarer must have two losing clubs for the king to be essential to defeat 4 . That would leave declarer with an unlikely balanced hand for her 4 bid. The hand she actually held is far more likely. Bd: VII-3 Q J 9 6 Dlr: S VUL: E/W A 10 8 **AK965**

Pass from partner, 3 von your left. You double for takeout and everyone passes. Do you cash a high club to reserve your options, lead a trump to protect your high cards, or ... ??? Now, a defensive problem ... **NORTH** Bd: VII-3 Q J 9 6 Dlr: S VUL: E/W 🔷 A 10 8 # AK965 **EAST** 🌧 A 10 4 3

Say that you have rejected the club lead and the trump lead against 3 doubled and put your faith in the queen of spades. When dummy appears, you note that this might not be the right choice, but the first trick continues: three, seven (standard signals), king. Declarer leads the

Westra Lasut

You have to lead a spade, then continue spades when you gain the lead, if you want to defeat 3 doubled. The latter assignment looks

Rosenberg

SOUTH

4 % ///

Ilan H

SOUTH Pass 3NT///

Helgemo

SOUTH Pass

DBL///

Forrester

2NT(minors???)

Well, maybe our heroes knew exactly what they were doing on this one, but the alternative seems at least as likely. Plus 460.

SOUTH Pass

1NT

EAST

10 9 3

10 9 2

💑 Q J 9 8 5 4 3

Berkowitz

SOUTH

Pass

Pass

Pass

Lasut SOUTH

Pass

Pass

Levy

Pass

DBL

Pass

whether or not Ilan covered this. Mouiel lost only one trump trick and a club for eleven winners; plus 990 and a 13-imp pickup.

Rodwell

SOUTH

2 (+m)

Pass

cards, but Marcelo Branco won in hand and started clubs, and could not be defeated. 13 imps to E/W.

EAST

4 3

Q J 7

∓ K 8 7 2

AKJ84

Helgemo

SOUTH 1 🔷

Pass

Cohen

SOUTH

2 🔷

Zia

SOUTH

Pass

to give up without a struggle. Down 300, but it could have been much worse. 2 imps to Zia-Rosenberg.

Auken

SOUTH

Leufkens

SOUTH

1 🔷 1NT

2 💚

Lasut

SOUTH

Pass 2 🍁 / / /

the suit. He lost five trumps and a club and so went one down; minus 50. 7 imps to Wolff-Kaplan

Levy

SOUTH Pass DBL*

1NT///

Branco

SOUTH Pass

2NT///

EAST

🋖 984

💑 None

SOUTH

Inoue

5

5 🌨

The play went: ♥K to North's ace, CA, ♠AK pitching a heart, small spade ruffed in hand, club to West's king, and that was the end of the defense; 6C making 6, North-South +1370. The most popular contract on this hand was 5 X down 2, North-

🕨 A Q 8 6

KQ8742

2 🔷

1NT (11-14)

1NT (10-12)

For Eric Rodwell, 2 was natural. For Jeff Meckstroth, it was a black two-suiter. I can't tell you why Tor Helness did not

Nor am I sure why Larry Cohen ran to 2 before it was proven that he was in trouble, but Ilan Herbst would have bid 2 in any case. When David Berkowitz did not double 2 (perhaps for systemic reasons), the price was 300 points. 2 imps to the

Here, where Zia sensibly passed the South hand and Rosenberg sensibly opened 1 in third seat, Andy Robson elected to

Rosenberg declaring 1 redoubled, but as it went, the 2 vercall fared quite well when Zia trapped and Rosenberg decided

Jens Auken got the lead of the 🛖 10, won dummy's jack, and ducked a diamond. Marcin Lesniewski won the ten and switched to a club, ducked to the king. Marek Szymanowski advanced the +J and Auken ducked, missing his second opportunity to score the •K. Syzymanowski cashed one more diamond, then exited with a club. Auken was still in a strong position on the lie of the cards, but he lost his way and went one down, perhaps distracted by the way the play had gone in diamonds. 7 imps

When Chemla waited with his spades until the third round, he had his head handed to him. Down 800, 11 imps to the Dutch. Chemla alleged that he should have been informed that the (alerted) 2 checkback might have included the sort of hand that Westra actually held, and you can see his point. Normally, with a raise to 2NT, you simply raise directly, but Leufkens-

After a nebulous Precision 1 on an inverted raise, Eddy Manoppo finished in a contract that he might have made after the lead of the VQ, but, like Auken, he lost the first diamond to West's ten, and later misguessed clubs when Edgar Kaplan broke

Alain Levy had no trouble in 1NT after the lead of the +10; plus 90. That was an unlucky 4-imp loss, however, given what

Marcelo Branco got the lead of the 🛖9, won the jack, and ran the 💙10. He was in fine shape after this and finished with ten

SLAM ON 19 HCP

I am honoured to be playing with ex-JCBL President, Mr INOUE Shiro, who holds the title of ACBL lifemaster along with JCBL's. In the first session of the qualifying in the OUCHI CUP, we succeeded in landing a club slam on board 12 with less

by KAMIYO, Takahiro

Westra use 2NT as a puppet to 3 and in order to invite in notrump, Westra had to choose this route. There was no inference that he held a fifth heart. In North America, where the game is beginning to slip away from everyone, there is a concept known as the Special Alert. The idea is that if an opponent would normally expect something else from a routine alert, you must prompt them that you are alerting something they would not expect as a matter of course. Do you think that this 21 toy merits this sort of Special Alert (if we can bear to live with such a thing) because of the unusual hand type that it might deliver, or at least a more thorough explanation? Or was Chemla just being picky because his dangerous gamble led

emphasize his diamonds rather than double for takeout. That decision deprived us of the possibility to kibitz Michael

SOUTH

Larry Cohen got a spade lead, won the ace, drew trumps in two rounds, and led the 💙 3 toward dummy, ten, jack, king. He ruffed the spade return in dummy and led the 🔻 9, low ... Ace. One down; minus 200. 9 imps to E/W. It was particularly difficult for Larry to picture Anton Maas's

Eddy Manoppo did well to double Michel Perron's strong artificial 2 vith only a moderate diamond holding. After that, Henky Lasut sandbagged until his opponents seemed to have found their level, and then he emerged from the bushes with 5, where he was doubled. Spade lead, ace, two trumps ending in dummy, low heart to the ten, jack, and queen, two rounds of clubs. He ruffed and ran the six of hearts for plus 750 and 11

Ofir Herbst's jump to 3 was weak, and Alain Levy was able to double to show the red suits. Perhaps Ilan Herbst should have done something about his spades here, but when he did not, Herve Mouiel decided to take a shot at the ten-trick game. Now Ilan had a new temptation on the way out and he decided to play for penalties. Mouiel refused to be driven into diamonds, and the spade lead went to the ace. Mouiel took only a moment to negotiate his precarious game. He overtook the •K with the ace and advanced the jack of trumps from dummy. It didn't matter

At this table, Jeff Meckstroth did not know that his partner held diamonds. The fact that this was so destroyed a good portion of the defensive assets he was counting on when he passed 4 and at the same time made 5 verb such a worthwhile contract. Jeff led a trump to protect his high

LOW BLOWS AT THE 1995 CAP VOLMAC

Pass

considerably easier than the former, and in fact, Henky Lasut led the 🚣 A (eight from Eddy Manoppo) before switching to the 🛖 Q. Berry Westra won the king and led a trump, which Manoppo won to lead the •6. Lasut won the ace and continued with the •6, but Westra put in the ten

Two other South players had to deal with the bidding problem encountered by Manoppo. Neither of them chose the penalty pass, which makes

Michael Rosenberg's 4 worked a lot better than a takeout in the other minor might have worked; plus 130 and a 3-imp gain. But Ilan Herbst's bold 3NT worked even better. He ducked the opening heart lead and Anton Maas switched to a diamond to the queen and ace. Ilan drove out the

What would the Law of Total Tricks have to say about South's action after 3 -double-pass? If South credits North with four-one-four-four, there will be only sixteen total trumps. In that scenario, with no positive adjustments for long suits or double fits or extreme "purity," the worstcase scenario for N/S will be nine tricks for E/W in 3 doubled versus seven tricks for N/S in four-of-the-right minor (and 4m might not be doubled). More normal combinations feature both 3 and some N/S contract going down. A further selling point for the penalty pass is the fact that although N/S may have a plus on offense, they might well choose the wrong strain. All the propaganda seems at first blush to be pro-pass.

Against that, we have the information that West volunteered 3 at unfavourable vulnerability, and that West is not from Havoc Incorporated, the North American school of the young and the restless. There is a long suit of some quality out there. Furthermore, N/S might well have a nine- card fit and a double fit in the minors. The trick total might well be seventeen or even eighteen. Then there is the intangible in the Total Tricks equation - notrump. If West can be isolated and North has a bit in reserve for his double, it might be possible to take lots of tricks in notrump, or at least enough to avoid a disaster in defending 3 doubled. How should the Law apply to suit versus notrump vs penalty pass

Only one other West started with 3 ...

Gabriel Chagas was the only East to raise to 4, and that led to Marcelo Branco's declaring 4, doubled. Tor Helness led the ace of clubs, and Geir Helgemo followed with the jack, playing primary reverse attitude and secondary standard count signals. Helness switched to a low spade around to the eight. Now a trump to the king, to which Helgemo duly contributed the seven. This should have gotten the job done, I think, but when Branco called for a diamond to the queen and ace, Helness tried to cash the EK. With the entry gone for the killing spade ruff, Branco could drive out the ace of trumps in peace and claim a spectacular plus 790 and 13 imps. The rest of the Wests passed in second seat and none

RIDE THE RED SUITS AT THE 1995 CAP VOLMAC

of them got past 2 , West overcalling, sometimes after South made a natural response in hearts. Wolff-Kaplan, Meckstroth-Rodwell, and

WEST NORTH EAST

DBL///

Leufkens Manoppo

SOUTH **Pass**

K7542

🔽 to dummy's king and partner contributes the seven. Now a diamond, nine, queen, your ace. How do you continue?

10 4 3

EAST

A 10 4 3

K 7 5 4 2

1043

Perhaps this is becoming tiresome. Here is the complete deal:

NORTH 🛖 Q J 9 6

9

SOUTH 🏚 7

🦊 A 7 6 4 🔷 J 9 6 3 💑 Q J 8 7

and lost only a spade ruff for plus 730 and a 13-imp pickup.

Koch

EAST

Pass

Maas

EAST

Pass

Chagas

EAST

Szym

EAST

Pass

Pass

NORTH

SOUTH

... 7

Cohen

NORTH

Pass

5 🔷

hand correctly after the auction he saw.

Manoppo

NORTH

DBL

Pass

Pass

Mouiel

NORTH

Pass

Meckstroth

NORTH

Pass

- a partscore with a few twists ...

WEST

♠ K 10 9 6 5 4

Helness

NORTH

1 🖤

DBL

Berkowitz

Rosenberg

NORTH

Koch

2

NORTH

2NT///

Westra

NORTH

2**4***

DBL///

Manoppo

NORTH

Mouiel

NORTH

Chagas

NORTH

tricks; plus 180, for a disappointing 2-imp loss.

than half the high card points in the deck.

NORTH

SOUTH

9 **J** 9 **4** 7632

A K 10 7 6 5

EAST

4 💚

5 💚

All pass

🔷 A 10 6 5

A A Q J 9 8 5 4

1

was happening to some of the E/W pairs elsewhere.

1

NORTH

Pass

4 3 2

± J63

🥊 J 9 7 6 2 🔶 A J 10 7 6 5

Maas

EAST Pass

1NT*

4 🚓

Pass

Chemla

EAST Pass

Pass

DBL///

Ofir H

EAST

Pass

3

Pass

Chagas

EAST

Pass

1NT*

The third deal of the 10th match is just the kind that appeals to me -

NORTH AQJ7

9 6 **A** 4 9 5

SOUTH **8** 2 🖊 A K 5 🐤 Q 7 5 3 2 **⊥** Q 10 4

Rod

EAST

2 🔷

double 4NT. Rodwell went down six; minus 600. 8 imps to Norway.

Ofir

EAST

DBL

Rob

EAST

2 🄷 / / /

Szymn'ski

EAST

Pass

Perron

EAST

Pass

Pass

Kaplan

EAST

Pass

Maas

EAST

Pass

Arnolds

EAST

4NT///

🕨 10 9 8 6

A 8 2

🗗 A 8 3 K Q 4 3 ± 10 6 2

this a lively candidate for someone's bidding forum ...

Zia

NORTH

DBL

Ofir H

NORTH

DBL

Helness

NORTH

DBL

Robson

NORTH

DBL(T/O)

3NT///

Berkowitz-Cohen all scrambled into 3 4 or 4 4, plus 130.

K and had both nine tricks and 9 imps for his efforts.

A 10 8 🚣 A K 9 6 5

Bd: VII-3

DLR: S VUL: E/W

WEST

<u>±</u> 2

Auken

WEST

3 💚

Kirchhoff

decisions?

Branco

WEST

Lesniewski

WEST

Pass

Pass

Bd: IX-26

VUL: Both

Kirchoff

WEST

1 🌨

DBL

Pass

Perron

WEST

3 🏚

Pass

imps.

Ilan H

WEST

1 🌨

Pass

DBL///

Branco

WEST

And last, on Vugraph ...

What a wild board!

Bd: X-3

DLR: S VUL: E/W

Meckstroth

WEST

Pass

4 🌨

Ilan

WEST

Pass

2 🛖 / / /

Americans.

Forrester

Lesniewski

WEST

Pass

Pass

to Poland.

Chemla

WEST

Pass

Pass

2 🚓

Wolff

WEST

Pass

Kirchoff

WEST

Pass

Pass

Vriend

WEST

Pass

BOARD: 12

DEALER: W VUL: N-S

WEST

🛖 Q J 3

⊥ K 10

The auction was:

WEST

3 💚

Pass

Pass

South +300.

🕊 K J 10 7 5 4 3

NORTH

Kamiyo

4

Pass

6

to such a bad result?

WEST

Pass

DBL///

WEST

. A K

KQJ765

KQ54

DLR: E

WEST

K 8 5 2

🥊 Q J 10 8 5 3 2