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All Pass

DBL

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Your hand: (W) A963 Q Q84 95432

NORTH S:84 H:AJ6532 D:A9

C:K1082

WEST

S:A963 H:Q

All Pass

Morath

West

2H

6H

All Pass

Nickell

West

5H

6H

Perron

West

5H

VENICE CUP

West

5H

Bessis

West

2H

Р

Ρ

Closed Room

Open Room

Closed Room

North

6C

Wolff

6C

DBL

FRANCE vs GERMANY

North

6C

7C

Auken

North

3C

6C

CHINA vs USAI

Sanborn

All Pass

West

2H

4H

All Pass

19 imps to China.

VUL: Both HA3

DLR: W

WEST

S J642

C QJ82

H 54 D KJ2 **NORTH**

D Q1084

C K97643

SOUTH

result turned in by Ishikawa-Takano.

NORTH

S Q1073

H KJ9643

EAST

D QJ9653

C QJ874

S K

H 10

D 2

SOUTH

S J986

H Q72

C K5

D AK107

C 109

DLR: S

VUL: N/S

WEST

S A542

C A632

let it make.

First Session:

BOARD: 10

DEALER: E

VUL: BOTH

S:2

and 9 imps.

D:J9 C:7632

This was followed by:

settled for a simple 6H!

Second Session:

BOARD: 2

DEALER: E

VUL: N-S

H:K84

a 7 imp gain.

BOARD: 5

DEALER: N

VUL: N-S

WEST

S:85

H:K732

D:A64

C:J852

BOARD: 11

DEALER: S

VUL: NONE D:98653

WEST

S:987543 H:42

D:KJ2

C:96

S:AQ2 H:J65 D:KQ95 C:KQ4

D:53

C:6

WEST

S:KQJ10752

S:

H:1097

C:AQJ7

D:KJ10762

unbelievable slam and picked up 15 imps.

NORTH

S:A963

D:Q84

C:95432

SOUTH

NORTH

EAST S:J10964

H:AQ98

C:A103

D:8

NORTH

H:10986

C:AKJ7

SOUTH

S:AK6

H:AJ53

D:Q7 C:10542

BD: 8

DLR: W

WEST

D AJ10542

S 8

HQ6

C 9653

VUL: None H 92

NORTH

S AK64

D KQ96 C AQ10

SOUTH S J10732 H AJ103 D 8 C J82

EAST

S Q95

D 73

C K74

H K8754

EAST

S:QJ102

H:KQ7

D:A104

C:Q83

S:K73

H:104

C:976

D:J10732

EAST

H:AJ6532

S:84

D:A9

C:K108

H:Q

We started the second session with a lineup change.

H:KJ6

WEST

D:AQ102

C:AJ854

NORTH

EAST

S:K964

H:1098

D:J9543

C:7

SOUTH

S:Q73

H:Q52

D:K87 C:10932

S:AJ1085

H:A743

C:KQ6

D:6

TABLE1:

W

1D

Ρ

Ρ

W

1D

Ρ

4C

Ρ

TABLE2:

OPHIR

1S

3D

1S

3H

2NT*

HABERT

Ε

Ρ

Ρ

Ρ

Ε

Ρ

3D

Ρ

DBL 4D

DBL///

H A85

D 84

S AQ8753

H KQ6 D A963 C None **EAST**

H J109872

S K10

D 75

C A105

S 9

West

Rauscheid Willard

DBL(Neg) 2C(F1)

North

DBL

North

5C

FRANCE vs USAII

DBL(Neg) 2C

DBL(Neg) 3C

Gitelman Bjerr'grd Mittelman

Reiplinger Freeman Soulet

East

1H

6D

Chemla

East 1H

3D

6H

Open Room

Closed Room

Open Room

Closed Room

Zhang

North

5C

North

3C

5C

HL Wang Munson

All Pass

Nehmert

East 1H

3D

6H

Saul

East

1H

4H

All Pass

East 4H

Sun

East 1H

3D

5H

Р

McCallum Gu

DBL

All Pass

East

1H

5H

South

1S

6C

DBL

South

18

5C

Hamman

Cronier

South

1S

5C Ρ

Von Arnim

South

Р

6C

Simon

South

1S

4C

this is certainly a layout to test the gladiators' competitive judgment.

DBL

South

1S

5C

All Pass

South

1S

5C

Р

DBL

Rightly or otherwise, you lead the HQ and this is what you see...

J Kobayashi-H Enomoto-K Saeki-H Morimoto-A Kuwabara

R Geller-S Ogihara-H Abe-DW Chen-K Yamada-K Takahashi

D Sacul-L Bojoh-M Sawirudin-B Polii-G Watulingas-S Panelewen 157

Flight A

3. 4.

5.

6.

7.

D:Q84 C:95432 Dummy's HA wins and partner contributes the seven, declarer the eight. Now a spade, C7 from partner, ten. Plan the defense Counting the hand, we know that declarer has seven spades and probably two or three hearts. That leaves him with three or four cards in the minors. If partner has AQ of clubs, you can win the ace of spades and obtain (in the best case) two heart ruffs, using clubs as entries to East's hand. However, if East has four clubs, declarer will ruff the second round and draw trumps. If partner does have four clubs, then he almost surely has the DK as an entry, but not if declarer can win the DA and draw trumps. So, do you have to decide what to do at this stage? No, you don't. If you duck one round of trumps, a couple of good things can happen: (1) you might get better count on the hand; (2) you break declarer's internal communications in the trump suit and prevent him from drawing trumps conveniently. So, you duck the S10 and win the trump continuation as East discards the CQ. Do you think you have a better reading on the distribution now? East would not throw the CQ without the jack, so it looks as if his distribution is zero-three-six-four. Now you know that you should switch to a diamond and not a club. As it happens, your detective work pays off, for this is the full deal NORTH BOARD: 2 S:A963 **DEALER: E** H:Q VUL: N/S D:Q84 C:95432 WEST **EAST** S:KQJ10752 S:84 H:K84 H:AJ6532 D:53 D:A9 C:6 C:K108 SOUTH S:None H:1097

D:KJ10762 C:AQJ7 Did you find this defense and collect 300? Not as good as plus 600 in 5C, to be sure, but reasonable compensation around the circumstances. SEVEN MADE; SIX DEFEATED NORTH TABLE ONE DLR: N Yoshida S 3 Shimizu Naito Hayashi SOUTH H AQJ2 NORTH EAST VUL: Both WEST 1C 2C(D) D 5 18

Ρ 2D Р C KQJ8652 2S **EAST** Ρ Ρ WEST 3C 6D Ρ 7D/// S 85 S KJ762 7C **DBL** H K10863 **TABLE TWO** H 75 D 1063 Nakanishi Hirata Umezu D 872 Hanayama **WEST** SOUTH C 943 C A107 NORTH **EAST** SOUTH Ρ 1D 1C Ρ Ρ S AQ1094 1H 1S H 94 Ρ 3C Ρ 3D D AKQJ94 C None

This is another one of those "the truth is stranger than fiction" hands that The Great Shuffler seems to deal us all too often. It was deaglt by human fingers yesterday in the A Flight of the OUCHI CUP. At TABLE ONE, Makiko Hayashi introduced her diamonds via a transfer that Etsuko Naito had to accept. Although there was some confusion a bit later on, Makiko avoided the fatal flaw in 7C by converting to her solid suit. 7D is no bargain, but it happened to be quite cold. Trump lead, draw trumps, finesse the HQ, ruff out the CA, play two more trumps. With West guarding hearts and East spades, no one could keep four clubs in the endgame, but the suit was three-three all the time; plus 2140. At TABLE TWO, where the auction might well have been different than the one you see (advance apologies to Takeshi Hanayama-Makoto Hirata), N/S stopped less optimistically in 6D.

We can all see that declarer can take vast numbers of tricks, but Takeshi was not as lucky as we are and he was treated to the devilish lead of the H3 from Mieko Nakanishi. Not wishing to go down on a heart ruff at trick one, Takeshi put up the HA and staked the fate of the hand on the black suits. CK to ruff out the ace, SA, spade ruff, CK to throw a heart, club ruff with the D9, trumps. Now he would have made the hand had he been able to guess the tripleton king or jack of spades, but there was no way to get home now, so he had to concede one down in 6D; minus 100, a 22-imp loss. If the play did not go this way either, we are again prepared to apologize, but all we were given was the result in 6D and the story screamed at us to be printed. No defamation suits, please, guys. HIGH LEVEL HISTRIONICS IN BEIJING Bd: 18 NORTH Dlr: E S Q

Vul: N/S H 6532 D 8 C AKQ9432 WEST EAST S 98742 S J3 H KQJ987 H A104

D KQ2 D AJ976 108

SOUTH S AK1065

H ---D 10543 C J765

BERMUDA BOWL

CANADA vs SWEDEN Open Room Baran Nilsland Molson Fallenius West North East South 1H 1S 2H 5C 5H 6C Ρ Ρ 6H **DBL**

Board 18 brought enough action with it to fulfill everyone's needs for the rest of the session. N/S don't have much, but with lots of trumps and a spectacular fit, they are cold for slam. E/W have a double fit and suitable reasons to keep on bidding if the opponents are inclined to do so, and

In Canada vs Sweden, the bidding got very high in a hurry with both Norths expecting to find heart shortage opposite and hoping to buy some trump support too. Both Easts elected to suppress their diamonds, perhaps planning to bid on themselves if they had to do so. Both Souths recognized a nice upside in a speculative raise to 6C and they were going to be suitably rewarded for their enterprise, but at both tables, an opponent continued on to 6H (Anders Morath's decision to do so with the West hand in front of his partner seems rather brave, but he had reason to believe on the bidding that Sven-Ake Bjerregard would be short in the black suits and long in diamonds and that bidding one for the road would avoid a major disaster). At both tables, South doubled 6H without much assurance that it was going down, but E/W did not seem to be bidding to make at either table. In the Open Room, Bjorn Fallenius cashed two high spades, Mats Nilsland discarding the D8. Fallenius

switched to a diamond and his partner's ruff produced a second undertrick. Down 300. In the Closed Room, George Mittelman also led two high

In France vs USAII, both Wests considered their hand too good for a simple raise to 2H and so started with a hopeful negative double. In the Open Room, where Robert Reiplinger contented himself with a nonforcing 2C, Richard Freeman opted for 4H, a typical practical shot. When everyone raised in turn, Freeman thought it might be important to reveal a bit more about his hand, but the French were going no further. With Freeman's diamonds exposed, Phillipe Soulet had no trouble giving Reiplinger his ruff in the fashion of Fallenius. Down 300. In the Closed Room,

opportunity presented itself. When Michel Perron volunteered 5H over 5C, Chemla went on to 6H over 6H, expecting Perron to have his values

In France vs Germany, the Wests took different initial actions. Sylvie Willard's 2C was forcing, but I believe that Sabine Auken's 3C was not. In the Open Room, Pony Nehmert was unwilling to suppress her diamonds facing a partner likely to have length in the suit, and the auction

proceeded sensibly to 6H with proper alacrity. Although it worked badly in practice, there is much to be said for Benedicte Cronier's pass in the direct seat. While it is true that two black tricks (at least one spade) are likely to cash, perhaps "likely" is not good at enough at this high level, with the possibility of an enormous adverse swing in the offing for an unsuccessful decision to defend. Does she have enough defense to double in an auction where it is not at all clear who is saving against whom (forcing pass issues may not be relevant here)? Once she passed, it was too much to expect Willard not to go on to 7C with her tremendous playing strength and a real chance to make on a heart lead. Nehmert doubled 7C

Meanwhile, over in the Closed Room, where Catherine Saul did not mention her diamonds, Veronique Bessis was not really involved over 5C. When Auken carried on to slam as a two-way bet, it was really up to Saul to take any further action for her side. Since she had concealed her second suit and could not expect Bessis to bid again, it is easy to say that she owed it to her partnership to guard against a possible major swing. The merit in such a statement is inevitably tainted by hindsight, and it must be said that no one likes to take a unilateral save against an opponent who has apparently made a big guess herself. Saul led the HK, so Auken was cold for seven with the SJ dropping, but she claimed only

Karen McCallum rarely bids a distributional hand the same way as anyone else, and here she opted for a 4H opening that had more going for it than the purists might admit in public. Ya Lan Zhang and Ling Gu got their job done in fine style after this start and it was left to Kerri Sanborn to save at 6H. Facing a wide-ranging McCallum preempt, the possibility of a phantom was too great to convince Sanborn that the insurance was

In the Closed Room, after a more relaxed start, Ming Sun mentioned her diamonds and Carol Simon contented herself with a quiet 4C. Kitty Munson couldn't really approach 6C without bidding it, so she settled for five. Had Simon passed Sun's 5H around to her, Munson would surely have gone on to 6C, but Simon's double seemed to Munson as a pretty definite opinion, so she gave up. China was ensured of a big gain in any case, but it became bigger when Simon played a club after two rounds of spades, Munson discarding her diamond. That was plus 650 for Sun and

BID 'EM UP; PLAY 'EM UP

Takano

SOUTH

DBL

3S

4D

6D///

It would be easy to imagine playing the N/S cards in 4S or even 3NT without doing anything spectacular, and it looks as if it isn't easy to find a route to the attractive contract of 5D. Consider then, the final resting place achieved by Noriko Ishikawa, North, and Kazuo Takano, South, in the OUCHI CUP finals yesterday. North's 3C showed about 7-10 points and South, whose takeout double of East's weak 2H was hardly automatic, showed a good hand with 3S. The auction was forcing to game now and when the diamond fit came to light, South bid one more for the road.

If you're going to bid this way, you'd better play like a tiger. Declarer won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace, played SA, spade ruff, felling the king, and led a club from dummy. East put up the ace, and declarer ruffed and led a low trump toward dummy's queen-ten. West put up the king and led a third spade, forcing a nasty guess, but declarer rose to the occasion (well, not exactly "rose") by putting in dummy's ten. When

N/S did pretty well at the other table, too, bidding and making 5D, but that wasn't enough to prevent a 13-imp loss against the magnificent

Kokish

SOUTH

1NT

Newell

SOUTH

1NT

Ρ

P

Canada faced New Zealand in a match between teams doing very well. Both Souths started with a weak notrump, and both Norths elected not to bounce to game, starting with a two-level transfer. At TABLE ONE, Ken Yule tested his partner severely with a leap to 3NT. When asked what that bid might mean, Steven Blackstock replied that it was undiscussed but was probably gambling, based on a long suit or ... "maybe it's minors ..." Eric Kokish led the DA since that seemed to cater best to all possibilities. Not so! He switched to the HQ, but Yule ducked two rounds of hearts, won the third, came to the SK, picked up clubs, and conceded a diamond to establish his ninth trick. That plus 400 for New Zealand looked pretty bleak for Team Canada since 3NT was the only game that appeared to have any sort of chance and the diamond lead had

However, at TABLE TWO, Rhoda Habert and Joey Silver reached 5C with a sniff at slam, and Martin Reid (apologies if North and South have been switched in this report) doubled somewhat greedily and led his singleton diamond. When Peter Newell took the DQ with the king, he knew that he could continue the suit and perhaps do some damage in trumps, but looking at the eleven minor suit cards in dummy, it seemed much more likely that his partner held one of the major suit aces than the ten of clubs. And so, as you've already guessed, he switched West soon drew trumps and lost a diamond for a wonderful plus 550. 4 imps to Canada, who won this match, 5-0 in imps, and 22-8 (brutal!) in Victory Points.

TRYING ON CANADA

My brother Ophir and I arrived in Tokyo late on the evening before the start of the OUCHI CUP. We had a message waiting: "The Canadians

After making a short suit game try in diamonds, Ophir settled for 3S. The defense quickly played a club to the ace, took two club ruffs, and a diamond. With two sure heart losers and the SK in addition, we were minus 300. This did not have the feel of a good result but at the other table, Rhoda and Joey had succeeded in climbing to 4D doubled. 5D is a very aggressive contract but as the cards lie, careful declarer will prevail. The club suit is estab-lished, and both the heart and diamond finesses are right. In our match, declarer made only four but that was enough for +710

PRE> NORTH BOARD: 12 S:2 TABLE1: OPHIR ILAN DEALER: W H:2 W N E S VUL: N-S D:A1065 1H 2C 4H 4S C:AQJ9854 5H DBL/// WEST EAST S:QJ3 S:984 TABLE2: HABERT SILVER H:KJ107543 H:AQ86 W N E S D:4 D:KQ8732 1H 5C 6H!/// C:K10 C: None SOUTH S:AK10765 H:9

The friendly layout allows N-S to succeed in the club slam, with a guess in that suit and the spades breaking. At our table, East opened 1H and Ophir chose a simple 2C overcall. East bid only a very surprising 4H with the huge East hand. When I bid 4S, West might have thought he was saving in 5H. Ophir confirmed this with a double since his pass would have been forcing and he had no interest in playing 5S. The defense was simple: SA, SK, and a ruff, DA for plus 300. This felt like a normal result but look what happened at the other table. North overcalled with 5C at his first turn and Joey had a real problem. If West holds as little as: Axx Kxxxx Ax xxx, 7H would be a good contract. Not to be greedy, Joey

Now it was up to the defense to take advantage of their situation. North decided to lead the DA, rightly fearing a club void. South played the D9 which had to be a singleton and so North tried to give him a ruff. This is a mandatory count situation and North might have had a chance on the

With diamonds two-two, 5D is manageable without a club lead, but there are some communication problems as declarer was about to find out. At our table the opponents found their double fit and were about to play the superior club game but South, not unreasonably, converted back to diamonds. Ilan led the SK and declarer won the ace (discarding a heart) and played a heart. Ophir won the ace and played another spade. Declarer ruffed and played the DK, ducked. Declarer is now one entry short for the necessary club finesses and finished one down, +200.

At the other table, East-West saved in five hearts and lost three not-so- obvious tricks (that would take another story to tell) for plus 100 and

OPHIR

S

S

1NT DBL///

When I stretched to double 1NT, I was headed for a bad result. It was worsened by North's decision to pass and force a redouble from his partner. Now Ophir believed his opponents and rescued himself to 2H where he played for nine tricks, plus 140. At the other table, North passed

1NT doubled also, but East-West were not faced with the redouble. 1NT doubled made 9 tricks for a huge +580 and a 12 imp gain.

ILAN

S

1NT

2H

JOEY

S

2H

4D*

I decided to borrow a point and open 1NT, in theory 15-17 HCP. I soon became declarer in 4H. West found the best lead of the C9, A, 8, 4. I called for the H10, K, A and played a second heart to the queen. East returned his last trump. I now played the D7 and West played low instead of rising with the DJ to play a second club. The diamond break was all that was needed when East had to win the first diamond trick, plus 420.

lead, doubled 4D. Joey, however, is not easily lured away from a sequence lead. He led the SQ. Declarer had to decide whether to play for

diamonds three- three (not likely on the auction) or the CQ onside. Unfortunately for South, the finesse lost and we won 10 imps.

On this deal from the 1988 STATEN BANK WORLD TOP PAIRS, Franz Terraneo and Jan Fucik seized an opportunity ...

In case you think that everything was rosy for Canada-Israel, it was not. You've seen some highlights. Tomorrow, maybe the lowlights.

At TABLE TWO, there was some confusion about the meaning of the diamond calls and Rhoda, in an attempt to steer partner away from a spade

THE AXEMAN HACKETH

Only two E/W pairs found the club lead to defeat 4S. A couple of pairs made 3NT and four made 4S. At the eighth table, Terraneo started with a strong club as North. Over Fucik's 1H semipositive, Stephan Steen Moller came in with 2D, to which Terraneo applied the axe. After the SA held,

he switched to the CQ, ducked, and continued with the C10, ducked again. So the defenders took three club winners for three down, 500.

Ε

Ρ

1NT

RDBL

Ε

1S

Ρ

Ε

2H///

play of the DJ. Still, it is difficult to play your opponents to freely bid a slam off three aces. The surprised but delighted Rhoda made her

OPHIR

DBL 5D

DBL///

1H

5H

KRAFT

S

2D

3C

5D

S

2D

4D

Ε

1H

ILAN

2S

4S

TABLE2: KOKISH

W

2S

TABLE1: I LAN

TABLE2:

TABLE1:

TABLE2:

W

DBL

W

Ν

Р

P*

Ρ

Ν

1S

OPHIR

Ν

2C

HABERT

Ν

1H

3D*

DBL 4H///

4H///

Ρ

W

Ρ

3D Ρ

5C

Р

Ν Ε

4D

Ρ

DBL* P

DBL///

TABLE1: W

need you. Meet at 9:20 am for escort service to Seven City." Herein follows some of our adventures from the first two sessions.

ILAN

S

Ρ

2S

3C*

3S///

SILVER

S

Ρ Ρ

3S

by Ilan Herbst, Israel

3NT(1) All Pass

SAY OUCH FOR OUCHI

that held, declarer played DQ, diamond to the ace, and claimed a most gratifying plus 1370. As they say in the movies, "WOW!"

This deal from Round 4 of the finals might well have decided the outcome of FLIGHT A of the OUCHI CUP ...

Yule

(1) Guess what this means, partner!

EAST

Silver

EAST

4D

2NT(1)

All Pass

TABLE ONE

TABLE TWO

NORTH

2D(H)

Ρ

DBL

(1) Minors, unambiguously

Reid

Blackstock Kraft

Habert

WEST

Ρ

3H

5C

WEST NORTH

worth the premium, so she voted to defend. McCallum led the HK and Zhang soon wrapped up all thirteen tricks; plus 1390.

where Bobby Wolff jumped to 3C to show a good suit and invitational values, Paul Chemla preferred to show his second suit while the

spades, but here Fred Gitelman discarded the CA. There was no diamond ruff now. Down one; minus 100. 5 imps to Sweden.

in diamonds, and right he was. Here too the defense was accurate, and Chemla went two down; minus 300. No swing.

and led ... the DA, so Willard was one down; minus 200. I'm drained just writing about it.

Ishikawa

NORTH

3C(1)

(1) Constructive; 2 NT would be

lebensohl puppet to 3C

a potentially weak

Ρ

4C 5D

WEST

Ρ

Ρ

EAST

2H

Ρ

Ρ

Ρ

twelve tricks midway through the play; plus 1370. 17 imps to Germany.