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The 46th Winter Bridge Nationals – A Report

The 46th Winter Bridge Nationals were organized by Andhra Pradesh State Bridge Association & Visakhapatnam District Bridge Association, under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India at **Waltair Club, Vishakapatnam from Dec 7 – 17, 2004.**

Total 161 teams participated in the Team of Four event for the prestigious Ruia Trophy. They were divided in 2 sections of 80 & 81 teams respectively and played 16 rounds of 10 boards in the round-robin league. The top 16 teams from each section qualified for the pre-quarter finals. The pre quarter finalists were:

Sr.No.	Group A	V.Ps	Group B	V.Ps
1	INDIA BLUES	297	MOHOTA, Nagpur	304
2	Sri Lanka	282	RADHEY	288
3	Ashutosh Smriti Sammelan	280	IMAMI	286
4	NALCO	279	TRAMBAK RUBBER	279
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**HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO
MRS. KIRAN NADAR & B. SATYANARAYANA (THE DBA PAIR)
FOR WINNING THE HOLKAR OPEN PAIRS EVENT
IN THE WINTER NATIONALS 2004 AT VIZAG**

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, JOYFUL & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
& LOTS OF GOOD BRIDGE IN 2005**

MULTI TWO DIAMOND RESPONSE TO 1C/D

In our last month's bulletin, we suggested Reverse Flannery after minor suit opening. Now we recommend more science i.e. the response of 2D by responder after 1C or 1D opening as a multi response.

A) Multi Two Diamond Response

Many of the partnerships play that jump shift responses of 2H and 2S after an opening bid of 1C/D as weak. Weak jump shift response is made with a hand containing 5-8 HCP and a 6-carder suit. Weak jump shift response has a preemptive effect and at the same time could produce a game opposite excellent support.

Since we prefer response of 2H and 2S as Reverse Flannery, we recommend 2D response as multi response, which shows weak jump response in any major. Additionally if you prefer, you can also add some more types of hands. The multi 2D response has an advantage that opener will be declarer most of the time.

B) Further bidding after Multi 2D Response

If you use opening 2D as multi, then you can use same set of responses. Opener generally uses paradox responses. However with a good hand opener can relay with 2NT asking responder to describe his hand. We recommend the following structure:

- 2H, to play if responder's suit is hearts otherwise responder bids further.
- 2S, to play if responder's suit is Spades, otherwise responder describes his hand with heart suit:
 - 2NT – Shortness in spades
 - 3C/D – Shortness in bid suit
 - 3H – Minimum hand
 - 4C/D – 6 Hearts and 5 cards C/D (if you can have)
 - 4H – Maximum hand without shortness
- 2NT, relay, responder to describe his hand further:
 - 3C – Maximum hand
 - 3D – Relay
 - ⇒ 3H – Spade suit (3S then is relay again for shortness)
 - ⇒ 3S/4C/D – Heart suit, shortness in the bid suit
 - ⇒ 3N – Heart suit, no shortness
 - 3N – To play
 - 3D – Minimum hand, heart suit
 - 3H – Minimum hand, spade suit

C) What you lose by playing multi 2D Response

Over 1C, you don't lose any thing. However over 1D opening, 2D is generally used as inverted minor which then is no longer available. However you can play 2C response to 1D as two way - either clubs or diamonds. If you find that too complicated then we suggest that you use multi 2D response only after 1C opening.

D) Examples:

West Opener	East Responder	West Opener	East Responder	West Opener	East Responder
♠ xx	♠ xxx	♠ AQxx	♠ xxx	♠ AQx	♠ KJxxxx
♥ AQx	♥ KJ10xxx	♥ Q	♥ KJ10xxx	♥ AKx	♥ xxx
♦ AKxxx	♦ Qxx	♦ Kxx	♦ Qxx	♦ xx	♦ x
♣ Jxx	♣ x	♣ Axxxx	♣ x	♣ AQxxx	♣ Kx
West Opens 1D and East bids 2D. Opener with a good heart fit bids 2S. Responder can bid 3C to show short suit and opener accepts game by bidding 4H.		West Opens 1C and East bids 2D. Opener with no heart fit bids 2H which responder has to pass.		East Opens 1C and west bids 2D. Opener with good hand bids 2NT. After that the bidding should be 3C – 3D – 3H – 3S – 4D – 4NT – 5D – 6S.	

We would strongly recommend multi 2D response for serious partnerships.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

Local Bridge News & Results

Delhi Bridge Association Tuesday Pairs Event - Results

07/12/2004 - 7 Tables

NS 1: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	59.83%
NS 2: D. Mutreja - T. Bhattacharjee	57.64%
EW 1: R.C. Consul - R. Chakravarty	71.33%
EW 2: Ms. Beneeta Chandra - A.K. Sinha	55.33%

14/12/2004 - 7 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Madhuri Modwel - J.D. Gupta	56.35%
NS 2: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	55.95%
EW 1: Arun Jain - Yogesh Tewari	66.67%
EW 2: Narvir Singh - Daya Dhaon	55.56%

21/12/2004 - 8 Tables

NS 1: Dr. Nikita Kamal - A. Wadhawan	59.52%
NS 2: A.K. Upadhyay - Gopal Saxena	57.14%
EW 1: Ujjawal Gupta - Mrs. Sushma Gupta	56.75%
EW 2: A.K. Sinha - Mrs. Beneeta Chandra	55.16%

26/12/2004 - 20 Pairs (DBA Sunday Spl.)

1: R.C. Consul - J.B. Sengupta	156.01
2: Dr. Nikita Kamal - D.K. Tewari	152.78
3: Ujjawal Gupta - Mrs. Sushma Gupta	152.58
4: Subhash Gupta - T.C. Pant	152.11

28/12/2004 - 10 Tables

NS 1: Mrs. Kiran Nadar - Subhash Gupta	63.61%
NS 2: Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	58.89%
EW 1: D.P. Sharma - Mrs. Asha Sharma	64.72%
EW 2: A. Chandra - Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal	59.72%

DBA - Hindustan Times Saturday Team Event - Results

04/12/2004 - 10 Teams

1. **SUBHASH** - (Subhash Gupta, Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Sudhir Aggarwal, Mukesh Shivdasani, Amod Rele)
2. **VIJAY** - (Vijay Kumar, Mohan Dass, V. Ravindran, R.K. Gupta)

11/12/2004 - 10 Teams

1. **TANKHA** - (A. Tankha, Mrs. Uma Tewari, Yogesh Tewari, A.K. Narang)
2. **Royal India** - (Amarjit Wadhawan, Dr. (Mrs.) Nikita Kamal, Ved Prakash, B.R. Murar, Narvir Singh)

18/12/2004 - 12 Teams

1. **Tewari** - (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, N.K. Jain, Vinod Sharma)
2. **COSMOS** - (J.B. Sengupta, R.C. Consul, A. Mandal, Joy Sen Sharma, Daleep Mutreja)

25/12/2004 - 12 Teams

1. **KIRAN** - (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, T.C. Pant)
2. **DELHI BRIDGE CLUB** - (B.S. Gupta, R. Nanda, A.K. Ghosh, A.K. Jha, N.K. Gupta)

ALL INDIA LADIES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Weekly Pair Event Results

03/12/2004 - 14 Pairs

1. Mrs. Asha Surana - Raghubir S. Jasuja
2. S.K. Agarwal - Ved Prakash
3. Mrs. Urmil Aggarwal - Mrs. Shashi Jain

10/12/2004 - 12 Pairs

1. Ved Prakash - N.K. Jain
2. Amarjit Wadhawan - Narvir Singh

17/12/2004 - 15 Pairs

1. K. Mubayi - V. Tuli
2. C.P. Mittal - S. Bijlani
3. P.K. Rajgariah - N.K. Jain

24/12/2004 - 12 Pairs

1. S.K. Agarwal - Ved Prakash
2. C.P. Mittal - S. Bijlani

31/12/2004 - 11 Pairs

1. Mrs. Asha Surana - Raghubir S. Jasuja
2. Ved Prakash - Narvir Singh

- Reported by Mrs. Shashi Jain, Secretary LBA

Interesting Hand from DBA Tuesday Pairs

The following interesting hand came in the DBA Tuesday Pairs event on 28th Dec 2004.

Board 5, Dir: North, Vul: N-S

	♠ JTxx ♥ xx ♦ KTxx ♣ xxx		
♠ KQx ♥ A ♦ AJxx ♣ KQTxx	N W E S	♠ Axxx ♥ KJ9xxx ♦ xx ♣ x	
	♠ 9x ♥ QTxx ♦ Qxx ♣ AJxx		

After 3 passes, West opened 1C (Precision or Standard) and after that half the field played in 3NT by West and half in 4 Hearts played by East. Down 2 was the normal score for pairs playing in the bad contract of 3NT, which has no play. How do you play the hand in 4 Hearts contract?

On the diamond lead from South, the declarer has no chance and the contract goes one down, defenders taking a diamond, a club & 2 hearts. How you plan to play it on ♠9 lead?

If the hearts are 3-3, you always have 5 Hearts, 3 spades, 1 diamond and a club for your 10 tricks. If Spades are 3-3 and hearts 4-2, then you give 2 hearts and a club and again you make your 10 tricks. The problem arises only if both hearts and spades are not dividing equally. The lead also indicates that Spades may be 4-2.

Case 1: Take the trick in dummy with ♠Q, play the ♣K and let us say South now leads a diamond after taking the Ace. Take the trick with ♦A and Play ♣Q discarding a diamond. Ruff a club in hand, play to the ♠K and ruff a diamond. Play to the ♥A and ruff another diamond. You have already got 8 tricks and defenders have got one. The last 4 cards are – E: ♠Ax, ♥KJ; S: ♥QTx, ♣J; W: ♠x, ♦J, ♣Tx and N: ♠JT, ♦KT. When you play the ♠A, South can ruff but will give you the last 2 trump tricks.

If at trick 3 South returns spade, you take with Spade King and the further line of play remains as it is except that now you have ♦A as entry to ruff the club, instead of ♠K.

Case 2: Take the trick in hand with ♠A, and play a low club towards dummy. If South takes the club Ace, you don't give more than a club and 2 hearts. If South ducks you get your extra club trick and you now play as case 1, except that you now give only 2 hearts and a diamond. The main thing in playing the hand is the correct timings of the cards.

- Reported by Editor

Learn a Lesson from this Deal

Many a times we see that on Tuesday Pairs Bridge at DBA, players don't give proper answers to opponent's queries. One partner gives one answer and the other says that it was not discussed, hence there was a confusion. The Bridge laws are very strict in this regard and you can be penalized for misinformation. It may please be noted that in such situations, where you think that your partner has not given a correct explanation of your bid, you are advised to inform the opponent about the meaning of your bid, before he makes the lead.

It has also been noted that many times the opponent asks explanation of a bid, which has not been alerted. Like on 1♦ opening, if the other opponent bids 1♠, there is no need for the opponent to ask the meaning of this bid unless alerted (having artificial meaning). In DBA, we regularly see these types of questions being asked – What is 1♠? This implies that either the opponent is having 5-carder suit or is interested in the spade lead. It is advisable not to ask these unnecessary questions as they may some time turn out against you. The following deal from the recently held Winter Nationals at Vizag is a superb example:

Dir: West

	♠ K864 ♥ AQ5 ♦ J9863 ♣ K		
♠ T7 ♥ T842 ♦ AT52 ♣ J72	N W E S	♠ Q93 ♥ KJ63 ♦ 74 ♣ AQ85	
	♠ AJ52 ♥ 97 ♦ KQ ♣ T9643		

West	North	East	South
Pass	1D	Pass	1S
Pass	2S	Pass	3H *
Pass	4S	All Pass	

When East asked, three hearts was explained as a help suit bid as per partnership understanding. Good players usually use these types of strategic bids to prevent lead of the bid suit. Here Swarnendu Banerjee from Kolkata used the bid to stop heart lead, which is perfectly valid & ethical as per rules.

Winning the club lead with the ace, East shifted to a diamond taken by West who returned another diamond. Winning in hand, Swarnendu ruffed a club and played the jack of diamonds, ruffed with the nine by East, over-ruffed with the jack. Another club was ruffed in dummy and trumps drawn with the King and Ace in that order. East now got end played with a club. The contract was made simply due to the inference that Swarnendu drew after East unwittingly asked the meaning of the bid, thereby belying his interest in the suit.

- Reported by Editor

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India Blues (Ashok Ruia, Rajendra Gokhale, S.K. Iyengar, J.M. Shah and Sandeep Karmarkar) with 297 VPs topped the Section "A". Playing consistently throughout the Swiss League stages, Mohota from Nagpur (B.K. Mohota, M.D. Mohota, K.B. Poddar, S.Chajed, G. Sundaramurthy and S. Roy) topped the Section "B" with a score of 304 VPs. All 3 teams from Railways and the host teams of C.V. Rao and Navayuga Engineering also were able to reach the pre-quarter final stage. Other top teams to qualify were RADHEY, DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS, AGSAR PAINTS, FORMIDABLES, TOLANI SHIPPING & MONOTONA.

A Super league of 8 rounds (of 12 boards each) was played by the qualified teams.

In the very last round Railway - B beat their seniors Railway - A 19-11 to top the list of eight quarter finalists with a total of 152 VPs and then chose their third string Railway - C (136) as their quarter final opponent. C.V. Rao's team lost their seventh round 09-21 against Railway - B but stormed back in the final round claiming all 25 VPs to be the 4th qualifier. They played India Blues in the quarter finals. Formidables (115) met Radhey (117) in the final round and both had a chance to qualify. However they shared the match 16-14 and both teams finished on 131. Sri Lanka with 134 was the eighth qualifier. To Railway's credit, all the 3 teams of theirs qualified for the quarter finals. The quarter final line-up was as follows :

Railway "B"	Vs	Railway "C"
Railway "A"	Vs	Sri Lanka
NALCO	Vs	Dhampur Sugar Mills
C.V. Rao	Vs	India Blues

The Quarter Finals (4*12 Boards):

In the first QF, **RAILWAYS 'B'** thrashed Railways 'C' 45-0 in the last set to turn a 32 IMP deficit into 13 IMP victory. They beat RAILWAYS "C" by 87-74 (10-18,10-13,22-43,45-0). In another close match **NALCO** wiped off 47 IMPs out of 51 IMP deficit at the half-way stage to go to last set with only 4 IMP down. They won the last set by 14 IMP and a well earned victory 10 IMP victory against Dhampur Sugar Mills. The score line in favour of NALCO was 93-83 (17-27,02-43, 52-05, 22-08). **Railway "A"** easily defeated Sri Lanka by 168-37 (29-03,59-03,47-17,33-14), while C.V. Rao, although recovered 32 IMPs in the third set, could not sustain it and lost the match by 38 IMPs to **India Blues**. The score line in favour of India Blues was 13-92 (46-17, 32-08, 17-49, 35-18). The Semi-line up was:

Railway "B"	Vs	India Blues
Railway "A"	Vs	NALCO

The Semi Finals (4*14 Boards):

The **India Blues** team represented by Ashok Ruia, J.M. Shah, S.K. Iyengar, Rajendra Gokhale and Sandeep Karmarkar easily reached the finals winning each set of their semifinal match against Railway 'B' (Saroj Bhattacharjee, Asim Mukherjee, Sneshasis Roy, Pramod Roy, D.Majumder & Gopinath Manna). The score line was 121-73 (13-10, 45-18, 29-16, 34-29).

In the 2nd semi-final, the Railway 'A' team represented by Manas Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Rana Roy, Amar Nath Banerjee, Sumit Mukherjee and Hasibul Hasan (the same team had represented India in the World Bridge Olympiad at Istanbul) began their match against NALCO rather poorly. NALCO established a lead of 20 IMPs in the first set, the Railways recovered 13 in the second set but lost a further 20 in the third set to trail by 27 IMPs in the last set. But they showed their top quality by taking the last set by 47 IMPs and a 20 IMP victory. The score in favour of Railway "A" team was 123-103 (14-34, 25-12, 17-37, 67-20). The NALCO team was represented by A.Rout, J.Pratihari, D.N.Lanka, B.M.Behara, B.B.Mahapatro & D.N.Behara.

The RAILWAYS 'A' met INDIA BLUES IN THE FINALS of the Team of Four RUIA Cup.

The Finals (4*16 Boards):

Railways 'A' easily defeated India Blues 162-108 IMPs (41-32, 65-15, 34-27, 22-34) to claim the Ruia Trophy for the third consecutive year. The first set of the finals was more or less even, Railways gaining a slender lead of 9 IMPs. The second set proved disastrous for India Blues as they lost a further 50 IMPs. A further 7 IMPs went away in the third set and although India Blues recovered 12 IMPs in the last set, the match had already been lost. With this the Railways team completed their Hat trick of winning the

Ruia Trophy. For the Railways, this is their fifth win; they had won in 1992 and 1997 before this hat-trick of wins. Rana Roy has won the Ruia Trophy five times - 1995, 1997, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Pritish Kushari has also won five times - 1992, 1998, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Manas Mukherjee has won it four times - 1992, 2002, 2003 and 2004. For Sumit and Amar Nath, this is their third victory & for Hasibul, this is the second.

BOARD-A-MATCH Event

After 2 elimination rounds of 3 sessions each, Railways "B" (with 187 points) from group "A", "B", & "C" and Sri Lanka with a fantastic score of 217 from group "D", "E", & "F" led the 25 qualifiers for the BAM finals. The Ruia trophy finalists - Railway 'A' and runners-up India Blues were seeded direct into the finals. The qualifiers were:

Rank	GROUP A+B+C	GROUP D+E+F
1.	Railways-B 187	Sri Lanka 217
2.	SNDMC 179	Navayuga Engg 189
3.	Maya Mira *178	Tolani Shipping 183
4.	Trambak Rubber 173	Aparajitha 181
5.	Naimuddin 171	Shyamnagar CC 178
6.	Radhey 169	Bangalore Blues 176
7.	Lawrence Club *168	Formidables 175
8.	Monotona Red 168	Kaushik 173
9.	Pankaj Kapadia 168	AUFC 167
10.	OSRC-B 168	R.P.Guptas-IV 162
11.	Alok Daga 165	Kabra 161
12.	Kamalakar 164	Jhala 157
13.	OSRC(BM) 160 (Overall better score)	

Penalty: -2

The BAM Finals: (3 sessions)

Indian Railway 'A' did a remarkable Double by winning the BAM finals along with their success in Ruia cup. They scored just 38 in the first set but made an unimaginable recovery, collecting 73 and 75 points to take their total to 194 points (including the carry over of 8 points). So Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Pritish Kushari, Sumit Mukherjee, Amar Nath Banerjee and Hasibul Hasan have added another coveted title to their Bridge career.

Tolani Shipping - R. Agarwal, G. Biswas, Dr M. Jaganath, A. Sarkar, A.R.D. Sequeira and Prakash Dalvi finished second. For Kiran (Formidables team) and her team-mates this must have been really heartbreaking. Formidables had won the BAM trophy in both Ludhiana and Aurangabad and the hat-trick was just not to be. The final results:

1.	Indian Railway - 'A'	194
2.	Tolani Shipping	189
3.	Indian Railway - 'B'	188
4.	Formidables	187
5.	Sri Lanka	186
6.	Monotona	184
7.	Bangalore Blues	182
8.	India Blues	181

The Categorized Pair Event:

The results of the Categorized Pair event was as follows:

Masters : 60 Pairs participated and the top 8 pairs are listed below :

North - South

1. M.N. Misra - S.M. Moyn (671)
2. Dr .M.Hanumantha - R. Ramesh (628)
3. T.T.Chari - Lakshmi Chari (614)
4. V.S. R. Ramakrishna - S. Bhavnani (609)
5. Promila Saraf - P.H.Sunder Kumar (607)
6. Malhotra - S. Narasimhan (604)
7. K.S. Rao - D.N. Gupta (601)
8. S.M. Longanathan - K. Vasanth (592)

East - West

1. D.C. Bagchi - D. Guha (665)
2. Rao Ajay kar - Mrinal Kanti Ghosh(623)
3. P .K Roy - T Bose (602)
4. Majumder - B Chatterjee (598)
5. Samir Pal - Sudhir Chakraborty(587)
6. U Bhaskara Rao - G Lakshman (586)
7. P S Samanta - B N Saraf (582)
8. B Sarkar - S. Gosh (577)

Non - Masters : 100 Pairs Participated- performance of the top 8 Pairs is listed below.

North - South

1. B.K. Mishra - P.D. Rout (1172)
2. D.B.N. Murthy - M.S. Hattarki (1133)
3. D.K. Das - Prabhakar (1132)
4. M.A. Rama Rao - B.H. Rao (1127)
5. G.P. Sinha - Sai nath (1126)
6. M G Ranade - S S Lemaye (1115)
7. S K SINGA - N B Rao (1104)
8. K Raghavendra Rao - S Kesava (1098)

East - West

1. A. Kanungo - B.G. Ghosh (1108)
2. S.K. Ghosh - S.K. Ghosh(Sr) (1083)
3. Ranjit Das - T. Bhattacharjee (1080)
4. S.K. Ghosh - D.K. Mandal (1065)
5. N. Pal - P.K. Ghosal (1059)
6. H.K. Mullick - S. Chatterjee (1053)
7. S.K. Sinha - A.HomeChowdhury(1051)
8. Sujit Basu - Sankar Sen (1050)

The HOLKAR Pair Event:

After 3 elimination rounds of 3 sessions each, the 32 pair finalists for the HOLKAR trophy were identified. By virtue of their brilliant performance in the 3rd elimination rounds, Kiran Nadar and B. Satyanarayana had a huge carry over of 60 match points going into the 32-pair, 31 round, 62-board final.

It was literally a one horse race for Kiran-Satya and it would have been a surprise, if they would not have won the event with this hefty carryover. Only with very bad performance in the finals they could have lost the finals. They didn't do anything foolish and comfortably won the trophy with a total score of 593 match points, a 63.7% score. A full 59 match points behind was the second placed K.Suryanarayana-C. Koteswara Rao who had a total of 534 match points. The top ten finishers were:

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|---|-----|
| 1. Kiran Nadar and B. Satyanarayana | 593 |
| 2. K. Suryanarayana and C. Koteswara Rao | 534 |
| 3. K.R. Venkataraman and Sunit Choksi | 528 |
| 4. A.S. Viswanathan and K.N. Shyam Sundar | 526 |
| 5. V.M. Lal and R. Bhiwandkar | 521 |
| 6. J.M. Shah and Dr N.S. Rao | 509 |
| 7. S.K. Jain and Sujit Bhattacharya | 508 |
| 8. S.N.De Sarkar and Badal Das | 508 |
| 9. Tapas Mukherjee and Suman Sengupta | 507 |
| 10. Raju Tolani and Subhash Gupta | 506 |

Every participant of the Nationals agreed that it was the best ever organized Nationals. For this all the credit goes to the Mr D.V. Subba Rao the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. C.V. Rao the Chairman of Navayuga Group of Companies and the main sponsor, Mr K. Vijaykumar the President of Waltair Club the co-sponsor and a host of others from the city of Visakhapatnam. we all must thank Mr Kamalakara Rao, President of BFI and his team of office-bearers for superb conduct of the 46th Winter National Bridge Championships. The CTD Mr. Niranjan Ubhaykar & his team of directors also deserve all the praise for the smooth conduct of the championships.

It was also a great satisfaction to the entire Indian Bridge fraternity that two teams from Pakistan and one team each from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh participated in this tournament.

Last but not the least thanks to BBO for live Vugraph of the event.

- **Reported by Editor**

Courtesy: Reports from Participants, BBO Live Vugraph, Tournament Bulletins & Maj. B.H. Iyer

Interesting Hands from Bridge Olympiad

ROUND 1:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 52 ♥ AQ962 ♦ KQ6 ♣ KQ3	
♠ Q874 ♥ 753 ♦ T743 ♣ T9	N W E S	♠ K96 ♥ 84 ♦ J9852 ♣ J72
	♠ AJT3 ♥ KJT ♦ A ♣ A8654	

In the Italy Vs. Iceland match, the bidding was:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Thorvaldsson	Lauria	Magnusson
Pass	1H	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	Pass	4S*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5D*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6H
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jorgensen	Fantoni	Armannsson	Nunes
Pass	1H	Pass	2C*
Pass	2H	Pass	2NT
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	3NT	Pass	4C
Pass	4D	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	6H
All Pass			

Obviously it was difficult at both tables to establish the club fit that gave a play for thirteen tricks.

The bidding in the Turkey Vs. Bulgaria match was:

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Atabey	Stefanov	Kolata
Pass	1H	Pass	2C
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	4C	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	6H
All Pass			

In the face of all of South's bidding, and considering his assets, North's 4H was extremely conservative. In any case, neither player seemed willing to take control and ask the right questions. The Bulgarians in the other room were not similarly constrained.

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Karakolev	Assael	Zahariev
Pass	1H	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	Pass	2H
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	4C	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Zahariev's 5D bid showed one or four key cards, and Karakolev could not envision South with the lower number of controls given the bidding. There were lots of tricks, of course, and a 13-IMP gain for Bulgaria.

Egypt Vs. Denmark (Round 6)

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul

	♠ 98 ♥ KQ5432 ♦ K ♣ T764	
♠ AQJT742 ♥ AT ♦ 653 ♣ 8	N W E S	♠ K53 ♥ 8 ♦ QJT972 ♣ AQ9
	♠ 6 ♥ J976 ♦ A84 ♣ KJ532	

West	North	East	South
El Ahmady		Sadek	
		1D	Pass
1S	2H	2S	4C(1)
4NT	5H	5S(2)	Pass
6S	All Pass		
(1)Hearts and clubs			
(2)Two key cards, no SQ			

Under pressure in the auction, Waleed El Ahmady and Tarek Sadek reached what appears to be a hopeless slam. North led the king of hearts and El Ahmady played quickly, HA, SA then SJ to dummy's king, followed by the D2 off the table. South was taken in by this and convinced himself that his partner held the SQ and that declarer might have the bare king of diamonds. I am not convinced that this analysis stands up to inspection, as it seems to leave West with a whole string of small clubs and nothing resembling a 4NT bid followed by a raise to slam, but that hardly matters. The bottom line was that El Ahmady had created an illusion in his opponent's mind and South fell for it. He went up with the ace of diamonds and there was an almighty crash as the bare king appeared from North – contract made! That was +980 for Egypt and another 14 IMP swing as 6S was also bid at the other table, where it failed by a trick.

Pharaonic Magic - Round 10:

When Egypt met Israel in Round 10 of the Open series the men from Cairo were in tremendous form, as witness this deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul

	♠ AJ753 ♥ 72 ♦ AKQ4 ♣ J5	
♠ Q9862 ♥ 83 ♦ 92 ♣ KT96	N W E S	♠ K4 ♥ KQT95 ♦ T853 ♣ 74
	♠ T ♥ AJ64 ♦ J76 ♣ AQ832	

West	North	East	South
<i>El Ahmady</i>	<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Podgur</i>
Pass	2D*	Pass	2C
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2H

Expecting the jack of hearts to be in the dummy, Tarek Sadek found the brilliant opening lead of the nine of hearts. Naturally declarer played low, as West signalled encouragement with the three. The ten of hearts came next, and when declarer again played low East was able to continue with the king of hearts, ensuring that the defenders would come to five tricks. That was just one of the boards that contributed to Egypt's 94-13 IMP win.

Theory & Practice – Round 11

Scotland's Douglas Piper reported this devilish defensive play by New Zealand's Martin Reid and Peter Newell from their Round 11 match:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul

	♠ T863 ♥ AK32 ♦ ♣ K9752	
♠ K94 ♥ 987 ♦ KT732 ♣ J4	N W E S	♠ A5 ♥ QJ65 ♦ Q954 ♣ QT8
	♠ QJ72 ♥ T4 ♦ AJ86 ♣ A63	

West	North	East	South
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Murdoch</i>	<i>Newell</i>	<i>Piper</i>
Pass	2H*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3C*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4D*	Pass	4H*
Pass	4S	All Pass	

In theory Four Spades cannot be defeated, but the difference between theory and practice can be considerable. West led the jack of clubs and when declarer played low from dummy East played the queen in perfect tempo. Declarer won and played the queen of spades, which lost to East's ace. Back came a trump and East won with the king and played the four of clubs.

That gave declarer a decision, and when he finessed, East won and gave his partner a ruff to defeat the 'undefeatable' game. (The same combination of plays was also made by Serbia & Montenegro's Vladimir Kal)

Poisoned Kiss – Round 13 by Dan Catone – Romania

Australia's Barbara McDonald produced great technique on this deal from the match against Romania in Round 13 of the Seniors.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul

	♠ Q4 ♥ A965 ♦ A543 ♣ A74	
♠ AT97 ♥ KJT43 ♦ 92 ♣ KQ	N W E S	♠ J532 ♥ 872 ♦ T7 ♣ JT85
	♠ K86 ♥ Q ♦ KQJ86 ♣ 9632	

West	North East	South
<i>Doremans</i>	<i>Walsh Trouwborst</i>	<i>McDonald</i>
1H	Pass Pass	2D
Pass	2H* Pass	3C
Pass	5D All Pass	

West decided to lead the jack of hearts. Apparently declarer has three losers, but Barbara played low from dummy and the jack received the poisoned kiss of the queen of hearts. Now declarer drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy, cashed the ace of hearts to pitch a club, played a spade to the queen and a spade. West could win and play a heart, but declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade and played the ace of clubs and a club to force West to concede a ruff and discard. Bravo, Barbara!

Divide and Rule – Round 14 by Marijke van der Pas

In the match Netherlands-Hong Kong (round 14) Jan Jansma made 3NT in a very fine way, especially when you consider that at the other table 3NT was doubled and went two down.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul

	♠ AJ852 ♥ A875 ♦ 972 ♣ 5	
♠ KT432 ♥ T53 ♦ QT742 ♣	N W E S	♠ QT7643 ♥ QJ ♦ KQ6 ♣ J8
	♠ K9 ♥ 96 ♦ AJ84 ♣ AK963	

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West	North	East	South
Wan	Verhees	Zen	Jansma
Pass	2C*	1S	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2D*
		All Pass	

West led ♣4, fourth best. Jansma took the jack with the king, and cashed ♠K, West discarding a heart. Now Jansma knew almost the whole hand. He ducked a heart to East's jack, won the club return, crossed to the ♥A and played a diamond. When East split his honours, declarer let him hold the trick. It was plain sailing from there. He made 3 spades, 1 heart, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs, being careful to overtake the nine of spades with the jack in the ending.

West	North	East	South
Brink	Chan	Prooijen	Sze
Pass	2NT	1S	2C
Dble	All Pass	Pass	3NT

East led the ♦K and when it held switched to the ♣J. Declarer took the ace, crossed to the ♥A and played a diamond to the eight. West won and played ♣Q. After taking the trick with the king declarer played a heart and West ducked, allowing East to win. East continued with the ♦Q. Declarer won, cashed a diamond, the ♠K and then let ♠9 run. East however ducked the trick and declarer had to give West the rest: two down +500 and 15 IMPs to the Netherlands. Strange that neither West led a heart which would have defeated the contract in simple fashion.

**Round 20:
Timing is Everything**

By Ray Lee

In Round 20 of the Women's event in a match against Russia, Canada's Linda Lee executed a neat piece of declarer play, involving very precise timing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul

	♠ J43 ♥ 32 ♦ KT5 ♣ AKT97	
♠ K ♥ Q954 ♦ AJ9874 ♣ Q5	N W E S	♠ AT6 ♥ J6 ♦ Q32 ♣ J8632
	♠ Q98752 ♥ AKT87 ♦ 6 ♣ 4	

West	North	East	South
			1S
2D	3D(1)	dble	4S
All pass			

(1)Limit raise or better

The defense started with the ace of diamonds and switched to a low club at trick two. There are communications problems now, as well as issues relating to restricting the trump losers to two with that ♠10 lurking. However, Lee decided on the auction and defense so far to play West for a singleton trump honor. Winning the ace of clubs, she cashed two more minor-suit winners, shedding a further heart. Now she crossed to hand with the ♥A and played a low trump towards dummy. West won, perforce, and returned a second heart, but declarer was well in control. Winning the heart king, she ruffed a heart with the ♠J, and East was helpless. This was a well-earned 10 IMPs to Canada.

**- Reported by the Editor
(Courtesy WBF Bulletins & live BBO Vu-graph)**

Tit-Bits From Commentators

On Board 12 of Round 7, the South players held: ♠ 8532 ♥ KJ107654 ♦ 10 ♣ 2.

The VuGraph commentators posed the question, 'What is this hand pattern known as and who named it?'

Kokish went for a swan and Terence Reese. Half right, it was a giraffe. Incidentally in Germany it is known as a Cologne hand, 4711, named after the famous fragrance.

(Courtesy WBF Bulletins)

UNDERSTAND LAWS OF DUPLICATE CONTRACT BRIDGE

LAW 15

PLAY OF A WRONG BOARD

➤ **A – Players Have Not Previously Played Board**

If players play a board not designated for them to play in the current round:

1. **Score Board as Played** – The Director normally allows the score to stand if none of the four players have previously played the board.
2. **Designate a Late Play** – The Director may require both pairs to play the correct board against one another later.

➤ **B – One or More Players Have Previously Played Board**

If any player plays a board he has previously played, with the correct opponents or otherwise, his second score on the board is cancelled both for his side and his opponents, and the Director shall award an artificial adjusted score to the contestants deprived of the opportunity to earn a valid score.

➤ **C – Discovered during Auction**

If, during the auction period, the Director discovers that a contestant is playing a board not designated for him to play in the current round, he shall cancel the auction, ensure that the correct contestants are seated and that they are informed of their rights both now and at future rounds. A second auction begins. Players must repeat calls they made previously. If the auction differs in any way from the corresponding call in the first auction, the Director shall cancel the board and should award an artificial adjusted score. Otherwise, play continues normally.

WELL PLAYED HAND FROM NATIONALS – HOLKAR TROPHY

The following hand from the Holkar Pairs final required perfect timing for execution. See how B. Satyanarayana (He & Mrs. Kiran Nadar won the event) used the opportunity given to him by opponents:

	♠ 976xx ♥ x ♦ Q52 ♣ Txxx		
♠ JTxx ♥ Axx ♦ KTxx ♣ 6x	N W E S	♠ Q ♥ JTxxx ♦ Jxx ♣ AJxx	
	♠ AK8 ♥ KQ98 ♦ A43 ♣ KQ9		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Kiran</i>		<i>Satya</i>
			2NT (1)
Pass	3H(2)	Pass	3S
All Pass			

(1) – 21-22 Balanced, (2) – Transfer to Spades

The bidding was simple and West led ♣6, dummy playing low and East taking with Ace. Now if East returns a diamond, the contract doesn't have any chance as defenders will get 2 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond and a club for down one. East led back a low heart instead and the ♥Q was taken by Ace and another heart returned. Satya discarded a diamond and took the trick with ♥K. He ruffed a heart in dummy and played a low spade from dummy taking with the ♠A and carefully noting the fall of ♠Q. Now he played the ♣K and continued with ♣Q. If west ruffs, he can either play a diamond or spade. If he plays diamond you can take with ♦Q, ruff the last club with eight and West can do nothing except overruffing but you are through now. If he returns a spade, you can take with King and play the fourth heart which can be ruffed in dummy or a club discarded if West ruffs with his last trump.

Hence defender discarded a diamond. Satya ruffed in dummy and played the last club from dummy ruffing with Eight. That was the end of defence as you can play the hand further as explained above.

Making the contract fetched 14.5 out of 15 for the board. WELL PLAYED SATYA.

- Reported by Editor

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Interested parties can contact DBA at 24623851 or meet Shri Mullick at DBA on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 1500 Hrs. for further details and registration.

- Reported by Editor

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1. Pair event is played at DBA on every Tuesday evening from 1830 Hrs. onwards.
2. Team event is played at DBA on every Saturday from 1430 Hrs. onwards.
3. Additional Team event held on first or third Sunday of every month.
4. The Ladies Bridge Association holds an Open Pairs tournament on every Friday at PHD House commencing at 1430 Hrs.

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12-24th Jan'05 – Summer Festival of Bridge, Canberra, Australia
07-13th Feb'05 – 10th NEC Festival, Yokohama, Japan
19-26th Feb'05 – Gold Coast Congress, Surfer's Paradise, Australia
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