

100th Intermediate Pairs Championship - Thursday 13th January 2022 - FOB

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Board 7 : Dealer South : All vulnerable

2♥x-4 by West (+1100)

North leads his singleton ♠2. South wins with the Ace and returns a suit preference ♠9 asking for a Diamond return.

South opens 1♠. If West comes in 2♥ then N/S should say 'Thank You' and take their +1100.

I hope ye know whether 1♠-2♥-Double is penalty or negative?

I also hope South knows what he should rebid after:

1♠-2♥-Pass-Pass

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♠ 862
 ♥ KQJ
 ♦ Q965
 ♣ KQ8
 ♠ AK ♠ QJ1093
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Board 8 : Dealer West : Love all

3NT-2 by North. East leads ♠Q.

When West follows suit by playing the Ace followed by the King of Spades, he is saying that he has ace-king doubleton - it is normal to follow suit with the lower of touching cards i.e. the king first holding ace and king – so when you don't do that you are saying you have AK tight.

So East should give a suit preference signal on the second Spades by following suit with the ♠J to say that his entry is in the higher suit i.e. hearts.

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Board 13 : Dealer North : All vulnerable

4♠-1 by West. North leads ♥10. South plays 3 rounds of Hearts. West ruffs high and then goes to dummy to lead a trump.

South wins with the Ace of trumps and leads a fourth round of Hearts promoting North's ♠10 to the setting trick.

When the defenders can see that there are no more tricks available in the side suits they should try and setup trump tricks for themselves.

♠ J6
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Board 14 : Dealer East : Love all

4♥-1 by North. East leads ♠J. West plays 3 rounds of Spades.

If declarer ruffs low then he is down straight away because East gets two trump tricks with the ♥10 and ♥K.

If declarer ruffs with the ♥Q or ♥J, East can defeat the contract by refusing to over-ruff – again not easy to see – but 100% true every night of the week.

<p>♠ AK83 ♥ J1072 ♦ KQ ♣ J53</p> <p>♠ J975 ♠ 104 ♥ 93 ♥ Q86 ♦ 98532 ♦ J106 ♣ 104 ♣ AKQ72</p> <p>♠ Q62 ♥ AK54 ♦ A74 ♣ 986</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th colspan="2">HCP</th> <th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>♣</td> <td>♦</td> <td>♥</td> <td>♠</td> <td>NT</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td></td> <td>N</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>12</td> <td>S</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td></td> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table>	HCP		Makeable contracts								♣	♦	♥	♠	NT		14		N	2	-	3	3	2	1	12	S	2	-	3	3	2	13		E	-	-	-	-	-			W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>Board 15 : Dealer South : NS vulnerable</p> <p>4♥-1 by South. Hopefully East doubles the 2♣ Stayman bid by North and now West will lead a club.</p> <p>West leads ♣10. East plays 4 rounds of Clubs. If West ruffs the 4th Club with the ♥9 he will promote East's ♥Q to the setting trick.</p> <p>East should see that the only chance of a 4th trick for his side is by promoting his own ♥Q.</p>
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