

FOB Comments on the 152nd Intermediate Game 19^h January 2023

These were interesting and instructive hands so you should discuss them with your partner – it's good to talk – that's how we improve.

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