



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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HOW TO CONSULT PLAYERS

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Case 1

Unauthorized Information

Pairs		♠ Q 9 6	Board 4 W/all
		♥ A Q J 8 2	
		♦ 3	
		♣ J 10 8 2	
♠ A K 10 5	N W E S	♠ J 4 3 2	
♥ 9		♥ 5	
♦ J 8 7 6 4 2		♦ Q 9 5	
♣ 7 5		♣ A K 9 4 3	
		♠ 8 7	
		♥ K 10 7 6 4 3	
		♦ A K 10	
		♣ Q 6	

W	N	E	S
P	P	1♣	1♥
X	4♥	4♠	... P
P	X	All pass	

Result: 4♠X -1 (+200)

EW question whether North's double should be allowed.

Case 2

Unauthorized Information

Pairs	♠ J 9 5 4	Board 10 E/all
	♥ A K 7	
	♦ Q 2	
	♣ A J 9 8	
♠ Q 10 6	N	♠ K 8 3
♥ Q 10 6 2	W	♥ J 9 8 5 4 3
♦ J 7 5 4 3	E	♦ K 9 8
♣ 5	S	♣ 4
	♠ A 7 2	
	♥ ---	
	♦ A 10 6	
	♣ K Q 10 7 6 3 2	

W	N	E	S
		P	1♣ ¹
P	1♠	P	2♦
P	2♥ ²	P	2♠
P	6♣	All pass	

1: 3+ clubs

2: Explained as “Blackout” (artificial minimum, 5-8 hcp); intended as 4th suit game forcing.

Result: 6♣ = (+1370)

EW question whether North’s 6♣ bid should be allowed.

Case 3

Collecting Information

Teams		♠ J 9 5 3 2	Board 3 S/EW
		♥ 10 8	
		♦ 9 5	
		♣ 8 5 4 2	
♠ K	W N E	♠ A Q 10 8 6	
♥ K 7 6 4		♥ A Q	
♦ A Q 7 2		♦ K J 6 4	
♣ A Q J 9		♣ 7 3	
		♠ 7 4	
		♥ J 9 5 3 2	
		♦ 10 8 3	
		♣ K 10 6	

W	N	E	S
			P
1♦	P	1♠	P
2♥	P	3♦	P
3NT	P	4♦	P
4♥	P	4NT	P
5♠	P	5NT	P
... 6♦	P	7♦	All pass

Result: 7♦ = (-2140)

Case 4

Expert Peers

Pairs		♠ K Q 4	Board 8 W/none
		♥ A K Q 6	
		♦ 8 7 4	
		♣ K 6 5	
♠ 10 9 5 3	W	N	♠ A J 6 2
♥ 7 4			♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A J 6 3 2			♦ 10
♣ A 3			♣ J 9 8 7
		♠ 8 7	
		♥ 9 8 5	
		♦ K Q 9 5	
		♣ Q 10 4 2	

W	N	E	S
P	1NT ¹	... P	P
X ²	P	2♠	X
P	3♥	3♠	All pass

1: 15-17

2: Spades + a minor or 5 spades and 3 hearts

Result: 3♠ -1 (+50)

NS question whether West's double of 1NT should be allowed

Case 5

Misinformation

Teams		♠ AKJ6	Board 4 W/all
		♥ K7	
		♦ QJ6	
		♣ AQ52	
♠ ---		N	♠ Q1098542
♥ A1095	W	E	♥ 42
♦ AK109543			♦ 87
♣ K9		S	♣ 87
		♠ 73	
		♥ QJ863	
		♦ 2	
		♣ J10643	

W	N	E	S
1♦	X	2♠ ¹	3♥
P	3NT	P	4♣
P	4NT	All pass	

1: East → North: weak (systemic meaning)
 West → South: strong

Result: 4NT -5 (-500)

South complains that she would not have bid 3♥ over a weak 2♠.

Case 6

Other Consultations

Teams		♠ J 10 6 5	Board 10 E/all
		♥ 7	
		♦ K Q 8 5 4	
		♣ 9 8 2	
♠ 9 4	W N E S	♠ A K Q 8 3	
♥ Q 10 6 5		♥ A J 9 2	
♦ 9 6 2		♦ J 7	
♣ K 10 5 4		♣ A 7	
		♠ 7 2	
		♥ K 8 4 3	
		♦ A 10 3	
		♣ Q J 6 3	

W	N	E	S
		1♠	P
1NT	P	2♣	P
2♠	P	3♥	P
4♥	All pass		

East's auction showed precisely 5 spades and 4 hearts and was game forcing.

Play

W	N	E	S
<u>♣K</u>	♣2	♣7	♣J
<u>♥10</u>	♥7	♥2	♥3
♥5	♦4	♦J	<u>♥K</u>
♦2	♦5	♦7	<u>♦A</u>
♦6	<u>♦Q</u>	♦J	♦3
♦9	♦K	<u>♥9</u>	♦10
		♣A	

Result: 4♥ -1 (+100)

East complains about the description of the ♣J lead. The convention card mentions that the jack is led from H J 10 (x) / J 10.