

## 44. Low-level logistics

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Today's deals come from Session 2 of a BBO match between the Australian and New Zealand Open Teams in April. Australia was represented by Peter Gill – Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung – Nabil Edgtton and New Zealand by Ashley Bach – Michael Cornell and Nick Jacob – Geo Tislevoll.

Session 2 : Board 4:

South dealer : Both vulnerable

	North	
	♠ A53	
	♥ 10765	
	♦ AK4	
	♣ QJ6	
West		East
♠ K4		♠ QJ1086
♥ J843		♥ Q92
♦ 63		♦ QJ
♣ AK754		♣ 982
	South	
	♠ 972	
	♥ AK	
	♦ 1098752	
	♣ 103	

South dealer : Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
<i>Hans</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Dble	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) 2+ diamonds

Playing a strong 1♣ system, West's 1♦ could show diamonds or could be a minimum, balanced opening. The 1♦ opening inhibited a diamond lead and so prevented North-South from extracting the maximum penalty against 1NT.

North led the ♥7. South won with the ♥K and switched to the ♣3: seven – jack – two. At this point, the defence could take 1NT four down via one club, six diamonds, two hearts and a spade. Fooled by the ♣3, South's lowest club, which normally shows a strong interest in clubs, North returned the ♣Q. West won and played the ♠K, ducked. West now grabbed three more clubs for two down –200. Had South switched to the ♣10 at trick 2, the defence might have collected all their tricks. The ♦10 at trick two could give the defence nine tricks.

Two down, –200, does not look a great score, but on the positive side, East-West are cold for 3NT and +600. Reaching 3NT, however, with a combined 21 points is another matter. At the other table, Edgtton (S), not one to worry about suit quality, opened a weak 2♦, all pass.

Bach (W) led the ♠A: six – nine (discouraging) – three and switched to the ♥4. South won, cashed ♦A, ♦K and played a club for ten tricks, +130 but 2 Imps to New Zealand.

West dealer : Nil vulnerable

North  
♠ K95  
♥ Q95  
♦ A10  
♣ A10543

South  
♠ 764  
♥ A862  
♦ Q432  
♣ 92

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West leads the ♦5: ten – jack – queen. Plan the play.

Gill showed fine form on this deal:

Session 2 : Board 8

West dealer : Nil vulnerable

North  
♠ K95  
♥ Q95  
♦ A10  
♣ A10543

West  
♠ AQJ102  
♥ KJ3  
♦ K75  
♣ K8

East  
♠ 83  
♥ 1074  
♦ J986  
♣ QJ76

South  
♠ 764  
♥ A862  
♦ Q432  
♣ 92

*(Directions changed for convenience)*

West	North	East	South
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Hans</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Gill</i>
<i>Edgton</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>Cornell</i>
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Both Wests led the ♦5: ten – jack – queen. Gill played the ♣2 to the ♣A, cashed the ♦A and exited with the ♣3: seven – nine – king. West tried the ♠J and Gill rose with dummy's ♠K. He now used loser-on-loser technique by playing a club and pitching a spade on East's ♣J and his last spade on East's ♣Q. West discarded ♠2 and ♠10.

East played his remaining spade. South ruffed and played a diamond, ruffing in dummy. Then came the ♠9: ♥7 – ♥8 – ♠Q and the ♦2: ♥J – ♥Q – ♦9. South already had eight tricks. The ♥A was his ninth, +140.

At the other table, after winning trick 1 with the ♦Q, South played a spade. West took the ♠A and returned the ♠Q, taken by the king. Now came the ♦A, ♣A and the ♣3 to the ♣K. West cashed the ♠J, East discarding the ♦9. West played the ♦K, ruffed with the ♥9. Declarer ruffed a club with the ♥6, over-ruffed with the ♥J. West exited with the ♠10: ♣5 – ♥10 – ♥A. South ruffed his last diamond with the ♥Q and played the ♣10: ♥4 – ♥8 – ♥K and East's ♥7 was high for the sixth trick for the defence, one down, –50 and 5 Imps to Australia.

New Zealand won Session 2 by 42-5 and led by 79-37 after 24 boards.

## Problems for Tomorrow:

1. North dealer : Nil vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♥	?

What would you do as South with:

♠ AQJ1062  
♥ A75  
♦ 7  
♣ AJ3

2. North dealer : Both vulnerable

North  
♠ KQ107  
♥ --  
♦ A1075  
♣ AQ1076

South  
♠ A98643  
♥ AQ7  
♦ QJ6  
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
3♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	4♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>(4)</sup>
Pass	6♣ <sup>(5)</sup>	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (1) Weak jump-overcall
- (2) Very strong raise to 4♠
- (3) 0 or 3 key cards, obviously 3
- (4) Grand slam try
- (5) Seeking help in clubs

West leads the ♦3. Plan the play.

**Why not discuss the problem by phone with your bridge partners and compare your answers and your reasoning?**

*Why is abbreviated such a long word?*