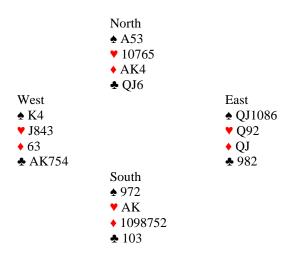
# 44. Low-level logistics

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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



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West	North	East	South
Hans	Tislevoll	Gill	Jacob
			Pass
$1^{(1)}$	Dble	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
(1) 2+ dian	onds		

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  $\checkmark$ 7. South won with the  $\checkmark$ K and switched to the  $\clubsuit$ 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  $\clubsuit$ 3, South's lowest club, which normally shows a strong interest in clubs, North returned the  $\clubsuit$ Q. West won and played the  $\spadesuit$ K, ducked. West now grabbed three more clubs for two down –200. Had South switched to the  $\clubsuit$ 10 at trick 2, the defence might have collected all their tricks. The  $\spadesuit$ 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
- **9** O95
- ♦ A10
- ♣ A10543

#### South

- **★** 764
- **♥** A862
- ♦ Q432
- **♣** 92

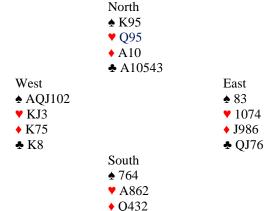
West	North	East	South
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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



## (Directions changed for convenience)

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West	North	East	South
Jacob	Hans	<b>Tislevoll</b>	Gill
Edgtton	Bach	Hung	Cornell
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  $\clubsuit9$ :  $\blacktriangledown7 - \blacktriangledown8 - \clubsuitQ$  and the  $\spadesuit2$ :  $\blacktriangledown J - \blacktriangledown Q - \spadesuit9$ . South already had eight tricks. The  $\blacktriangledown A$  was his ninth, +140.

At the other table, after winning trick 1 with the  $\blacklozenge$ Q, South played a spade. West took the  $\clubsuit$ A and returned the  $\spadesuit$ Q, taken by the king. Now came the  $\blacklozenge$ A,  $\clubsuit$ A and the  $\clubsuit$ 3 to the  $\clubsuit$ K. West cashed the  $\spadesuit$ J, East discarding the  $\blacklozenge$ 9. West played the  $\blacklozenge$ K, ruffed with the  $\blacktriangledown$ 9. Declarer ruffed a club with the  $\blacktriangledown$ 6, over-ruffed with the  $\blacktriangledown$ J. West exited with the  $\spadesuit$ 10:  $\spadesuit$ 5 –  $\blacktriangledown$ 10 –  $\blacktriangledown$ A. South ruffed his last diamond with the  $\blacktriangledown$ Q and played the  $\clubsuit$ 10:  $\blacktriangledown$ 4 –  $\blacktriangledown$ 8 –  $\blacktriangledown$ K and East's  $\blacktriangledown$ 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  $1 \checkmark$  ?

What would you do as South with:

- **♠** AQJ1062
- **♥** A75
- **♦** 7
- **♣** AJ3
- 2. North dealer: Both vulnerable

### North

- **♦** KQ107
- **Y** --
- ♦ A1075
- **♣** AQ1076

#### South

- **♦** A98643
- ♥ AQ7
- **♦** QJ6
- **♣** 5

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