

CBF Junior Newsletter – 1.04 - February 29, 2012

This newsletter is for Canada's Juniors. There will be one every two weeks. They will be available on the CBF Web Site.

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Thanks to those who participated in the recent practice sessions, in spite of Reading Week and the collegiate playoffs.

Next Practice: Saturday, March 3rd at 1:00 PM EST. We can meet on BBO – look for my BBO id – [maks](#).

We always need new players, so if any of you know of someone you think would be a good addition to the program, please let them know,

For those of you who need to make summer plans, the U26 and U21 championships - they are in Taicang City, China from July 24th to August 4th 2012.

CBF Youth and Junior Bridge

Next Practice: Saturday, March 3rd at 1:00 PM EST.

HANDS – Junior Training

Hand 15

NS Vul

North

♠ 3
♥ 842
♦ AKJ6
♣ A8643

West

♠ J654
♥ Q53
♦ 109872
♣ K

East

♠ AKQ7
♥ AJ1076
♦ Q54
♣ J

South (D)

♠ 10982
♥ K9
♦ 3
♣ Q109752

Table 1

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

Table 2

W	N	E	S
P	1♦	X	P
1♠	P	2♠	All P

The cards lie such that NS can make 5♣. If North opens 1♣, East has an easy X. South should forego the woeful ♠ suit and bid 3♣. It is tempting for West to bid, but it is simply not a good enough hand and certainly does not contain a good enough suit. It could continue P P X P 3♠, All P.

When North opens 1♦, X is not so clear. If you X and partner bids 2♣ or 3♣, you will need an agreement that now bidding ♥ is “Equal Level Conversion.” This is a treatment that you can make a takeout double and then bid a suit at the same level that partner responds in and not show extra values. Normally X and then bid is a good 16 to 18 and is usually a 6 card suit.

At Table 1, 4♥ was defeated 4 tricks and at Table 2, 2♠ made on the nose. Here, South may have bid 3♣, knowing that North has short ♠, at most 4♥ and probably not 6♦, but it is far from clear.

Hand 3
EW Vul

North
♠ 1095
♥ 5
♦ K9632
♣ 8652

West
♠ AQJ7
♥ A86
♦ J1075
♣ KJ

East
♠ 86
♥ J74
♦ AQ8
♣ Q10974

South (D)
♠ K432
♥ KQ10932
♦ 4
♣ A3

Table 1
W N E S
– – – 1♥
1♠ P 2♣ 2♥
3NT All P

Table 2
W N E S
– – – 1♥
1NT P 3NT All P

3NT EW was reached at both Tables. At Table 1, a ♥ was led and NS got 6 tricks on defense. At Table 2, a ♦ was led and NS got 1 trick – South was squeezed in the Majors for the 12th trick.

At Table 1, West chose to overcall 1♠ and East has a key bid to make. Although 2♣ is reasonable, a bid of 1NT is an accurate description of that hand. At this vulnerability, 1NT should be a balanced hand of 8 to 11 with a full or partial stopper(s) and balanced.

Do you agree with the 1♠ overcall? Is X possible?

At Table 2, West overcalled 1NT. **What would be your choice and why?**

Hand 5
NS Vul

North (D)
♠
♥ 9842
♦ K10753
♣ A1065

West
♠ 109753
♥ A106
♦ Q4
♣ J74

East (D)
♠ KQJ864
♥ 5
♦ J98
♣ 932

South
♠ A2
♥ KQJ73
♦ A62
♣ KQ8

Table 1

W	N	E	S
	P	2♠	X
4♠	5♦	P	6♦
All P			

Table 2

W	N	E	S
	P	2♦	X
3♥	X	3♠	4♥
4♠	P	P	X
All P			

Table 1 had a classic weak 2, X and then a jump to 4♠. At Table 2, a Multi 2♦ resulted in South being able to X and then show a strong hand (16 to 18 typically) with at least 5♥. You would think NS at Table 2 would be better placed, but there is some fuzziness as to what N's X showed.

At Table 1, N had a good hand and is certainly worth some action. Typically a 4NT bid would be for takeout. This is usually a 3 suited hand – 1444/0(544) – with some values – 9+. X tends to simply be value showing – 11+ with no clear bid. N actually chose to bid 5♦ - which is a wide-ranging bid. Although S could have bid something else (5 of either M), 6♦ was not unreasonable.

What does N's X at Table 2 show? Probably just values. Perhaps N thought he was showing a 4♥ bid and S was showing a normal range X with his 4♥ bid. In any case, an excellent 5♥ was missed and a lucky 6♥ makes.

Try both auctions with your favorite partner and discuss what each bid mean

Hand 8

None

North

♠ J82
 ♥ KQ3
 ♦ Q987
 ♣ 963

West (D)

♠ 95
 ♥ A94
 ♦ K1054
 ♣ A754

East

♠ AKQ1043
 ♥ J82
 ♦ J32
 ♣ 10

South

♠ 76
 ♥ 10752
 ♦ A6
 ♣ KQJ82

Table 1

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
1NT	P	4♠	All P

Table 2

W	N	E	S
P	P	2♠	P
2NT	P	3♦	P
4♠	All P		

This looks like a routine contract, but there are several key decisions. First, is the West hand worth an opening bid? Is the South hand worth a Takeout X, or a 2♣ bid? At Table 2, if East had a bid available to show a solid suit and a good hand over West's 2NT (say 3NT), that is also an excellent contract.

At both Tables, a decent 4♠ contract was reached with the opponents silent. The King of ♣ was led and a favorable ♦ position was needed for a 10th trick. After winning the Ace and drawing trump, a low ♦ to 10 and Queen, the 9 of ♣ is returned. At his point, one declarer led a low ♦ and succeeded while the other led the Jack and went down. There is little to choose between these 2 plays. The presence of good spots in the ♥ suit, allows you to recover if ♦ are 33 if N has the 10 of ♥.

What would you play, assuming you can not see the cards? Why?

What would be your line of play if the South hand had overcalled in ♣? Why? X'd? Why?