

15. Transferring in competition

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♠ KQJ3
 ♥ A653
 ♦ AJ
 ♣ Q53

♠ 10975
 ♥ K4
 ♦ 7432
 ♣ 1082

♠ A6
 ♥ 72
 ♦ 1098
 ♣ AKJ976

♠ 842
 ♥ QJ1098
 ♦ KQ65
 ♣ 4

W	N	E	S
	1NT	2♣	2♦
P	2♥	P	3♦
P	3♥	P	4♥
All Pass			
--None Vulnerable--			

Super-acceptance:

It is often useful for the no-trump opener to jump in response to a transfer if he has a maximum of 17 points, four-card support and usually a doubleton somewhere (not a 4-3-3-3 hand). The auction could go: 1 no-trump, two diamonds, three hearts and then four hearts, however, East has something to say.

Competition:

If East doubles or bids two clubs, systems such as transfers are still on. South could double two clubs for Stayman but elects to bid two diamonds as a transfer to hearts. North could super-accept and bid three hearts because he has the required hand, but elects not to do so because of the competition and of the good possibility South could be transferring with no points as an opponent is bidding.

Forcing the auction:

South with a singleton club has a valuable hand as long as there is a trump suit, so he bids his second suit, diamonds. North has no problem going to game.

Opening lead:

Ace of clubs.

Normally West shows attitude with the two of clubs indicating to his partner that he has no help in the suit, but because of the singleton club in the dummy, West now is expected to show suit preference. The size of West's club indicates either the higher or lower ranking suit. West plays the middle as he has no preference.

The play:

Declarer ruffs a club to get to dummy to take the winning heart finesse. He loses a club and the ace of spades.

The results: Four hearts making plus one for +450.