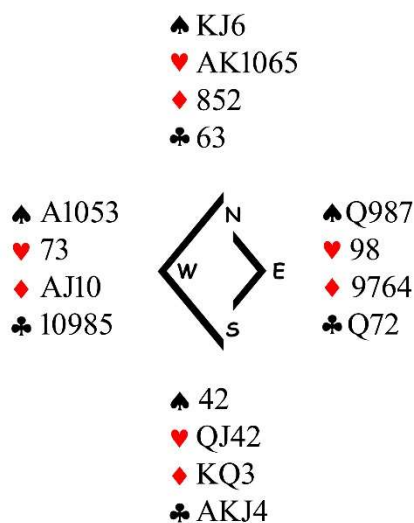


315. Transfers over 1NT

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E	S	W	N
P	1N	P	2♦
P	2♥	P	3N
P	4♥	P	

--East West Vulnerable--

The bidding:

South, with a balanced 16 points, opens 1NT. Some may refrain from bidding 1NT because of the small Spade doubleton. This is incorrect. If South does not open 1NT, he will not be able to correctly describe his hand. As it turns out North has Spades taken care of in turn of stoppers.

North bids Two Diamonds, an artificial bid transferring to Hearts. South complies and North jumps to 3NT. His hand is in the game range pigeon hole. He also does not know if the hand belongs in Hearts or No Trump. To belong in Hearts, North and South need a Golden fit of eight cards or more. Since South only promises two

Hearts, North rebids 3NT and South corrects to Four Hearts.

Opening Lead:

West leads the Heart Four although the Club Ten is also a possible candidate.

The Play:

South wins the opening lead and draws another round of trump. He has two possible Spade losers and two possible Diamond losers. He attacks Spades first. West ducks and South has to guess either the Jack or King. He puts in the Jack and it loses to the Queen. A Diamond comes back and West wins the Ace and exits the Diamond Jack. East picked a Diamond because he and dummy have nothing in the suit.

To set up the Spade for a Diamond discard, declarer must lose the lead and lose a Diamond. Therefore, he takes the Club finesse so he can pitch the Diamond loser and make his contract.

The Result:

Declarer makes ten tricks for +420.