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2/9 - Tues 7pm NLM Game

1st OA: Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns

(60%, 0.80 MP)

2nd OA: David Elliott & Carla Runda

(55%, 0.56 MP)

3rd OA: Liz Lin & Gail Zimmer

(54%, 0.40 MP)

4th OA: Joan Mehl & Richard Koch

(51%, 028 MP)

2nd OC: Kevin Henry & Monica Ibarra

(50%, 0.22 MP)

2/5 - Fri 11am NLM Game

1st OA N/S: Charlie Kobida & Mike Burns

(59%, 0.64 MP)

2nd OA N/S: **Salty Roark & Sharon Koster**

Linda Pretz & Reeta Brendamour

(58%, 039 MP)

1st B N/S: Judy Barron & Sara Brown

(56%, 0.24 MP)

2nd OB N/S: Judy Crotty Hall & Leonard Kanterman

(47%, 0.17 MP)

1st OC N/S: Amy Heilbronner & Carol Wilson

(40%, 0.10 MP)

1st OA E/W: Janet Hansen & Nancy Cameron

John Knepfle & Wally Comer

(54%, 0.55 MP)

3rd OA E/W: Garen Wisner & Rich McCord

(53%, 0.32 MP)

Upcoming Tournaments

Louisville Sectional - Feb 19-21

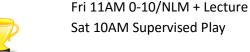
http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/schedule.php?tourid=20221

Indianapolis Regional - Feb 22-28

http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/schedule.php?tourid=20868

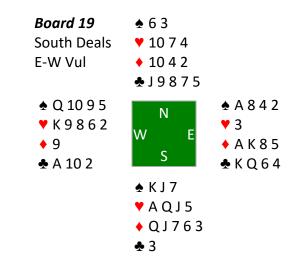
CBA Future Master Games

Mon 7PM < 2000 Tue 7PM NLM Wed 11AM 0-10/Homestyle



Hand of the Week

This week features a Tuesday Night hand where a simple overcall leads to game:



EW 4♠; E 3N; E 3♥; W 2N; W 2♥; EW 3♠; EW 1♦; Par -620

Bidding – South with 14 HCP and 5 diamonds opens

1 ◆ (12-21 HCP, 3+ diamonds). I hold the West hand
with only 9 HCP and 5 hearts. In the past I would not
overcall with this hand as the suit is not that good. I
would like to have KJ10xx or better. That said this
hand with 4 spades, 3 clubs and diamond singleton
looks like one that you want to make an exception
for. I decided to overcall 1 ♥ (8-16 HCP, 5+ hearts).
East has 16 HCP but only 1 heart. Partner bids 1 ♠ (6+
HCP, 4+ spades). My hand is worth 11 support points
for spades (9 HCP plus 2 more for the singleton) and
just a minimum 2 ♠ raise. Partner's hand worth 18
support points (16 HCP plus 2 more for the singleton)
in spades can easily bid on to game.

Play of the Hand – Assuming a club lead (singleton) against 4♠, declarer (East) has six losers (2♠, 1♥, 2♠, 1♣). If declarer plays South for most of the missing HCP since they opened they can finesse them in spades to set up the ♠Q and eliminate one loser. You



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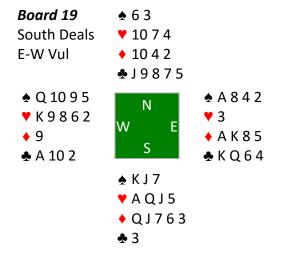
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can finesse hearts to set up your ♥K to pitch a club loser. You can ruff at least one diamond in dummy to save a third loser to make your contract and +620.

Post Mortem – Knowing when to overcall can be difficult. West's hand on this deal is questionable but the pluses outweigh the minuses. Your hand looks good when partner can raise hearts or bid spades or clubs. Even if East bids NT your hand with cards in the other suits (♠, ♥, ♣) and more than your share of 10s and 9s has good value.

Post Mortem II — Did some of you consider a Michael's Cue bid of 2♦ of the openers 1♦ bid with the West hand? This bid promises 5-5 in the majors and usually less than opening strength (5-10) or more than opening strength (16+). I will often make this bid on a 5-4-3-1 pattern when most of my points are in my suits (hearts and spades) and the suits are solid. In this case I felt my spades and hearts were not quite good enough. Remember when you bid Michael's many times you will get to the 3-level. Make sure you feel comfortable playing there before you bid.



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Contract			Score		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2 •	W	-1	100		1.50	0.50
3 NT	E	-1	100		1.50	0.50
4 ♠	Е	5		650	0.00	2.00
1 •	S	1	70		3.50	0.50
1 •	S	1	70		3.50	0.50
1 NT	E	3		150	2.00	2.00
2 ♠	E	4		170	0.50	3.50
2 ♠	E	4		170	0.50	3.50