

#47 - Hand of the Week – Posted August 25, 2018
What to do after the transfer.

Dealer North. None Vulnerable

Try bidding the hands before checking the bidding below.

See next page for actual results with real players, the computer-generated prediction and thoughts on what you might learn from this game.

Dlr: North
 Vul: None

♠ K Q
 ♥ K 10 6 2
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ K Q 8 3

♠ J 3 2
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ A 9 7 6 5

NORTH
 WEST 17 EAST
 SOUTH

♠ 10 5 4
 ♥ A 8 7 5 4
 ♦ 10 9 8 6 3
 ♣ --

♠ A 9 8 7 6
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K Q 2
 ♣ J 10 4 2

17
 7 4
 12

Bidding: (One example)

N	1NT	15-17 points, balanced hand
E	Pass	
S	2♥	Transfer to spades, showing 5+ spades
W	Pass	East and West pass for the remainder of the game.
N	2♠	Complete the transfer
S	3NT	Show point count – 10+ pts, enough for game, give North the choice of 4♠ or 3NT
N	Pass	With only 2 spades, play the hand in NT

Computer-Generated Prediction and Actual Results:

North can make 5NT or 5♣ or 5♠.
 Highest score for N/S was 3NT making 6 and
 lowest was 3NT making 3.

What is there to learn from this game?

My partner and I were playing E/W so did not bid. We were against a 4♠ contract with East on lead. They took 11 tricks, as predicted.

However, it gave E/W the 2nd highest score.

The mistake made was that South did the transfer and then bid 4♠ instead of giving North the opportunity to choose. North was a very experienced bridge player and was playing for the first time with his partner, who was a novice.

This would be a good game to set up, bid and play with a group who is starting to learn Jacoby transfers.

Jacoby transfer is used after your partner opens 1NT. If you have 5 of a major, you transfer your partner into that major suit.

2♦ means transfer to hearts.

2♥ means transfer to spades.

Your partner does the transfer and Responder bids as follows:

Pass with 0-7 pts. Not enough pts to give Opener a choice.

Bid 2NT with 8-9 pts. Opener can pass, bid 3NT, or bid 4 of the major suit (depending on his own point count).

Bid 3NT with 10+ pts, and not enough for a slam. Opener can pass or bid 4 of the major suit.

It's quite simple but two pairs did not bid it that way.

Sometimes, mistakes made by the opponents give you a higher score than you earned.

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♣ - -

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♥ Q
♦ K Q 2
♣ J 10 4 2

	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
N	5	3	2	5	5
S	5	3	2	4	5
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Board No 17 None Vul Dealer North

NS	EW	Bid	By	Tks	+Sc	-Sc	+	-
1	8	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
2	10	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
3	12	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
4	14	3NT	N	6	490		11.00	0.00
5	1	4♠	N	5	450		1.50	9.50
6	3	4♠	N	5	450		1.50	9.50
7	5	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
8	7	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
9	9	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
13	2	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
14	4	3NT	N	5	460		6.50	4.50
15	6	3NT	N	3	400		0.00	11.00