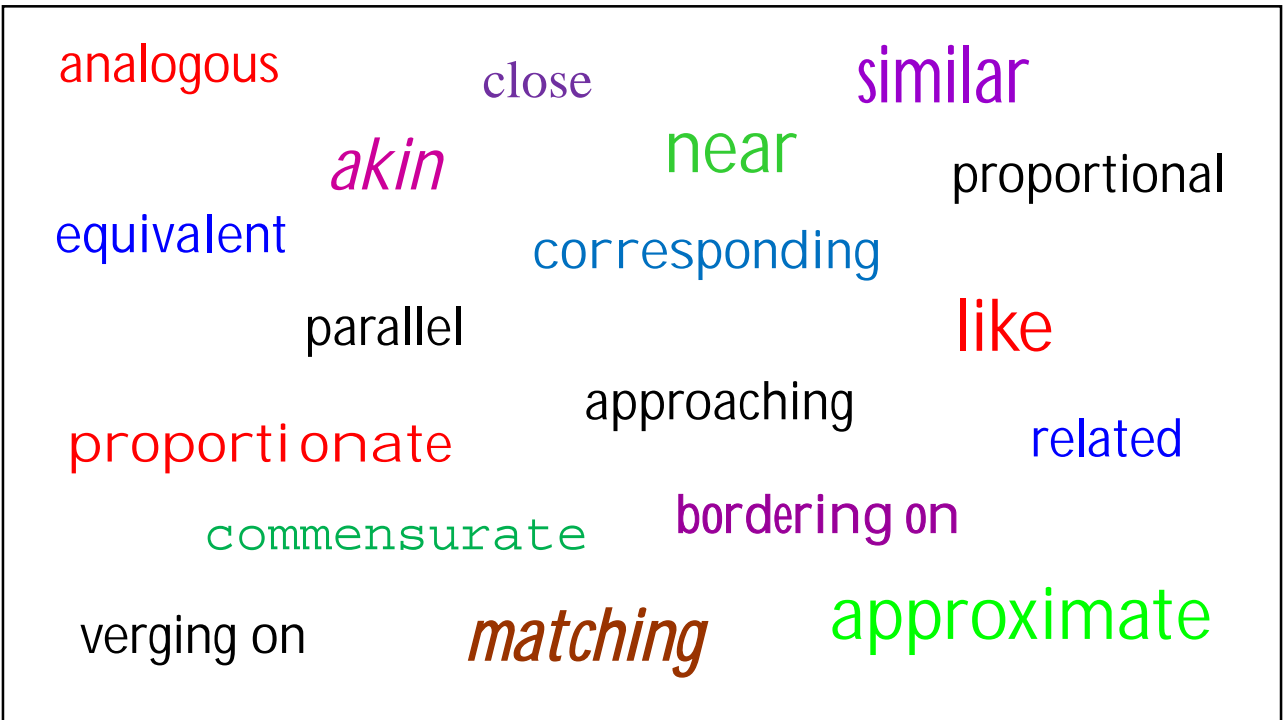


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Comparable Call: Same Similar Subset Same purpose

A call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call, if it:

1. has the same or similar meaning as that *attributable* to the withdrawn call, or

attributable?

There may be no systemic agreement as to what an infraction means.

Directors do not need to find out what the *intended* meaning was.

The use of "*attributable*" gives directors a little leeway in avoiding a 82C Director Error ruling should the comparability be later questioned.

Allowing as comparable, a call that is not, is a director error.

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(2S) 2C

A strong opening, 21+ or similar?

A natural overcall of 1S or 2S?

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(3C) 2D

A Multi 2D or a Weak 2D opening?

A Strong 2D opening?

A weak jump overcall of 1C?

A 3D overcall – opening hand?

A 2D overcall of a Strong 2C opening?

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Same meaning means same meaning

Dealer

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
			2NT	5/5 minors 8-11
1H	Pass	1S	1NT	15-17
			2NT	5/5 minors 8-11

CHECK THE SYSTEM

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Dealer			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2NT

1H Pass 1S X

Does X have the same meaning?

What does X show?

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An *opening* hand with 4+4+ minors?

Possibly a 16+ hand intending to bid clubs later?

Penalties?

None of these are the same as showing 5/5 minors 8-11

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“Similar” is a grey area.

1 more or 1 fewer cards

1 or 2 point difference at lower end

Higher end of range less important

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Dealer			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH

1C			1H
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1C	Pass	1S	??
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Meaning attributable to 1H?

11-19 5+ hearts – opening

8-15 5+ hearts – overcall of 1C

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1C Pass 1S ~~1H~~
2H

2H shows 11-16, 5+ hearts

Similar to the 1H opening

Upper limit of 16 rather than 19 is unlikely to affect result

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1C Pass 1S ~~1H~~
3H

3H shows 6-9, 7+ hearts

(1C) 1H overcall could be 8-15, 5+ hearts

Similar? No

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WEST	NORTH	Dealer	
		EAST	SOUTH
			1H
		1S	2H



5+ hearts 11-19 replaced with 5+ hearts 10-16

Is the information that South doesn't have 11 but could have 17-19 authorised to North?

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WEST	NORTH	Dealer	
		EAST	SOUTH
			1NT 12-14
		1H	1NT 15-17 No

1NT overcall 15-17 with heart stopper.

What about 14-16? Yes 12-14? No

May North know that South might not have a heart stopper? Yes Yes Yes

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	Dealer		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1H
	1H	Pass	4H

1H 5+ hearts 11-19

2NT 4+ hearts game force

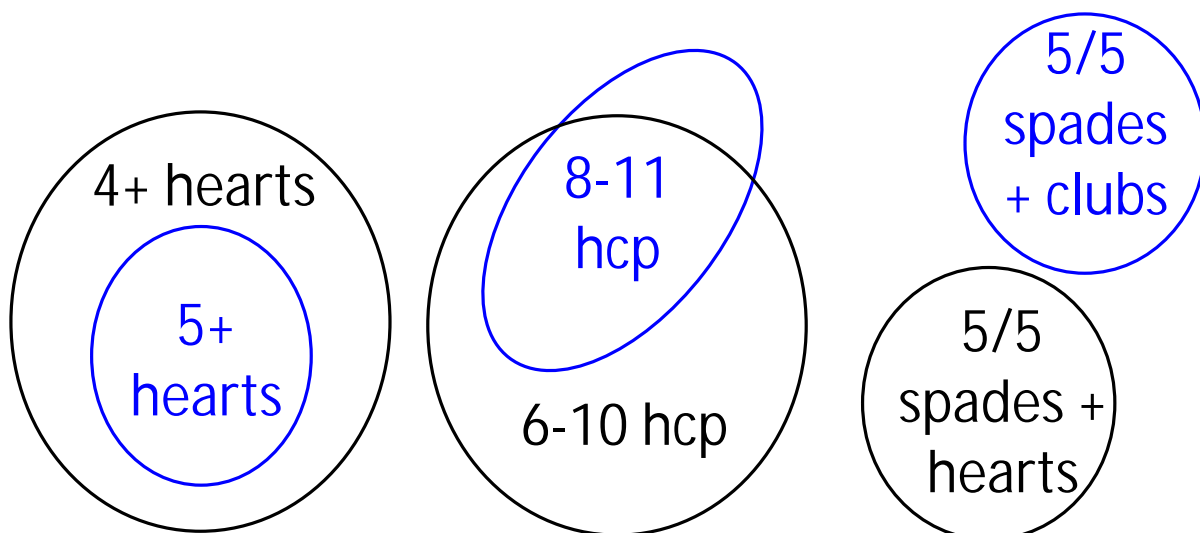
One card is not significant.

Pre-emptive ? No

Opening Hand ? Yes

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2. defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or



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“Subset”

has some similarities to the
“more precise meaning than”
from the old Law 27B1(b)

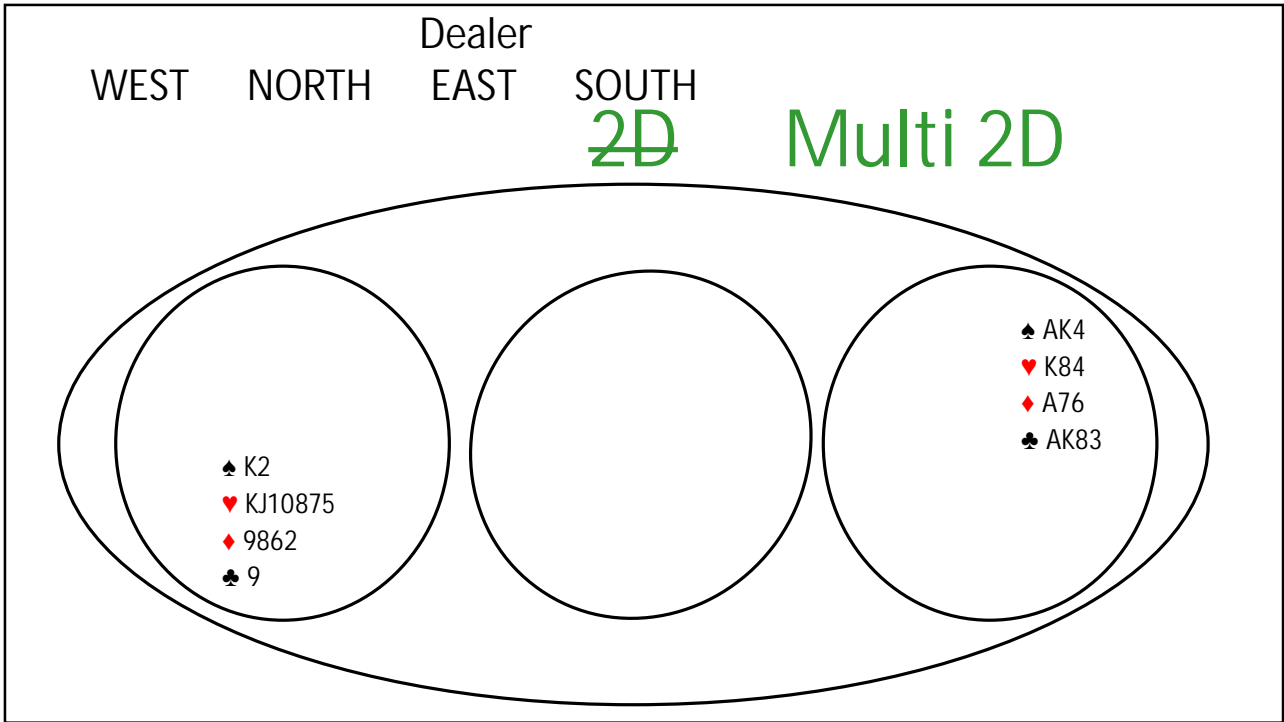
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“Subset” means “subset”

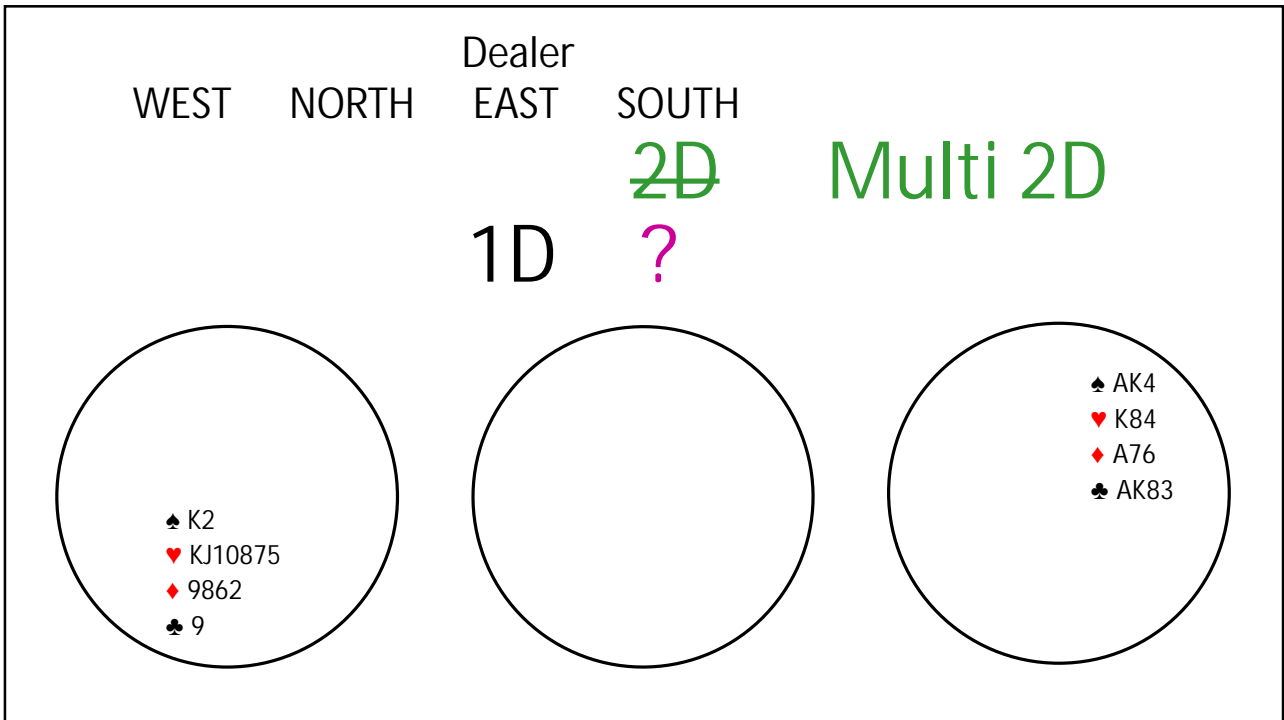
There is no leniency
(at this time)

for calls that show
almost a subset.

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		Dealer		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
			2D	Multi 2D
		1D	?	

♠ AK4

♥ K84

♦ A76

♣ AK83

1NT 15-17 ?

X then NT rebid 18-20 ?

2NT 8-11 Clubs/Hearts ?

3NT 21-22 ?

BEWARE.....

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...the Director must
find out the system
being played.

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Substantial information coming
only from the withdrawn call
(because it is not included in
the replacement call)
leads to the replacement call being

NOT COMPARABLE

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If there is some residual information
ask yourself:
Is it likely to matter?
If "yes" or "possibly" then ...

NOT COMPARABLE

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3. has the same purpose (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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	2NT	Pass	2C
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1NT	Pass	2C	7+ points
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Simple Stayman

2NT	Pass	3C	4+ points
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Baron

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Dealer	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			Pass	
	1D	Pass	?	
	Meaning of Pass ?			
	Denies an opening hand.			
	What calls deny an opening hand?			

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B. No Rectification

When a call is cancelled (as per Law 29B) and the offender chooses at his proper turn to replace the irregularity with a comparable call, then both the auction and play continue without further rectification. **Law 16C2 does not apply, but see C following.**

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C. Non-Offending Side Damaged

If following the substitution of a comparable call [see Laws 27B1(b), 30B1(b)(i), 31A2(a) and 32A2(a)] the Director judges at the end of the play that **without the assistance gained through the infraction** the outcome of the board could well have been different, and in consequence the non-offending side is damaged, he shall award an adjusted score [see Law 12C1(b)].

**Absolutely nothing to do with using UI
because there is no UI
when a comparable call is made.**

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LAW 27 – INSUFFICIENT BID

Acceptance of Insufficient Bid

1. Any insufficient bid may be accepted (treated as legal) at the option of offender's LHO. It is accepted if that player calls.

Take Time to
Absorb the Facts

Do not
offer 25A

Very Important
LHO may Accept IB

Informed Choice
Law 10C1

Entitled to Know
the Laws

Not Entitled to
Meaning Attributed

May ask Meaning in
Relevant Situations

Deemed
Sufficient

3H 2S 3H 4S
All Pass

3H 2S 2S opening?
3S overcall ?
4H? 4NT?
Not relevant

2. If a player makes an insufficient bid out of rotation Law 31 applies.

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B. Insufficient Bid not Accepted

If an insufficient bid in rotation is not accepted (see A) it must be corrected by the substitution of a legal call (but see 3 following). Then:

1. (a) if the insufficient bid is corrected by the **lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s)** as that specified by the withdrawn call, the auction proceeds without further rectification. Laws 26B and 16C do not apply but see D following.

What makes a denomination specified?

Is it a holding of at least 3 or 4 cards when a suit is bid?

Does it include specifying something about a denomination
- a void or singleton?

Dealer					
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH		
1H	4S	5H		4+ Hearts	
				Void or Singleton Club	

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lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s)

A bid at the lowest level of the auction is not required

Lowest "same denomination" bid available in the system is required

1S **2H**

1S 2C **2NT**



1D 1H 2S **3D**

Either or Both
may be Artificial

1NT 2S **3H**



Sensible Auctions

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16C



27D



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(b) except as in (a), if the insufficient bid is corrected with a **comparable call** (see Law 23A) the auction proceeds without further rectification. Law 16C does not apply but see D following.

2017: Comparable Call

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2007: Same meaning as, or a more precise meaning than.....

What causes IBs?

Did not see RHO's Call
Saw the call but thought it was at a level lower
Responded to or asked a question at wrong level:
Stayman after 2NT
4NT Blackwood
King Ask
Transfer after 2NT

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2. except as provided in B1 above, if the insufficient bid is corrected by a **sufficient bid** or by a **pass**, the offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call. The lead restrictions in Law 26B may apply, and see Law 72C. ***

Even if a 27B1
Correction Available

72C

1S	2H	3H	4H
4NT	Pass	5S	Pass



3. except as provided in B1(b) above, if the offender attempts to substitute a **double** or a **redouble** for his insufficient bid the attempted call is cancelled. The offender must replace it as the foregoing allows and his partner must then pass whenever it is his turn to call. The lead restrictions in Law 26B may apply, and see Law 72C.

3H 4S

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4. if the offender attempts to replace the one insufficient bid with another insufficient bid the Director rules as in 3 if the LHO does not accept the substituted insufficient bid as A1 allows.

LHO does not accept IB

Offender corrects with another IB

LHO does not accept second IB

Rule as in 27B3

and from B3 back to B2

LHO May Accept
Either IB

Other IB
Withdrawn

Possibly Subject to
Lead Restrictions

Neither
Accepted

Back to 27B3

Partner Must Pass
Whenever 26B 72C

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If offender advises table
of his intended bid - -

- - UI to
Partner

Director has no interest
in the cards held

Only the system
being played

Be careful not to impart information about
the offender's hand to the table

Talk to the offender about
system away from the table

Director does not approve
authorise or suggest possible
replacement calls

Offender may be told what
the ruling would be for
a call he is considering

that offender will strive to find a
call that keeps partner in auction

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C. Premature Replacement

If the offender replaces his insufficient bid before the Director has ruled on rectification the substitution, if legal, stands unless the insufficient bid is accepted as A1 allows (but see B3 above).
The Director applies the relevant foregoing section to the substitution.

The Committee noted the absence in Law 27C of any specific cross reference to either Law 16C or Law 72C, but agreed that both remain applicable.

1S 2NT ~~2D~~

Rule as though at the table before the 3D bid and had explained all options***

3D

3D shows 4 spades & invitational values

D. Non-offending Side Damaged

If following the application of B1 the Director judges at the end of the play that **without assistance gained through the infraction** the outcome of the board could well have been different, and in consequence the non-offending side is damaged (see Law 12B1), he shall award an adjusted score. In his adjustment he should seek to recover as nearly as possible the probable outcome of the board had the insufficient bid not occurred.

Absolutely nothing to do with using UI

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1S 2C 2NT What might opener deduce?

Responder could have 6-9 not 10-12

Responder might not have a club stopper

Opener has 15 hcp He bids **3NT** Great Score

Do you adjust? **NO** A lucky bold bid

Opener has 15 hcp He passes 2NT Great Score
Responder has 6 HCP

Do you adjust? **YES & NO**

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1S 2C X Pass

2NT

2NT looks to be a probable contract

1S 2C 2S Pass

Pass Pass

bad score on a 5-0 break

2NT is not a probable outcome

Adjust

A good score must be one that was probable
without assistance from the insufficient bid.

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Dealer

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1H Pass 2H Pass

4H

13 HCP

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Dealer			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	1S	X	

Dealer			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1S	Pass	3S	Pass
4NT	5H	Pass	
			DOPI X 0 or 3
			Pass 1 or 4

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Dealer			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2H	Pass	2NT	2NT Feature Ask

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Dealer					
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH		
1D	1H	2S	2H	3D	3H
3+	5+	6+	3+	4+ Hearts	3+
10-19	8-15	0-5	8-11	12-14	8-11

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Dealer				
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
2H	X	Pass	2NT	Lebensohl 2NT

Meaning attributed 1NT? 6-9 Hearts stopped

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