

INTERESTING DEALS -1

At Cincinnati, we were kibitzers in the Finals of the Vanderbilt cup 2000, played between SCHWARTZ and NICKELL.. Both were fancied teams for this cup.

	Levin NORTH ♠ A52 ♥ A92 ♦ AK974 ♣ K10		
Freeman WEST ♠ 976 ♥ 73 ♦ 10853 ♣ A973		Nickell EAST ♠ KJ43 ♥ 1064 ♦ J ♣ Q8542	
	Weinstein SOUTH ♠ Q108 ♥ KQJ85 ♦ Q62 ♣ J6		
SOUTH Pass 1 Heart 3 Diamond 3 NT* 4 Diamond 5 Heart	WEST Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass	NORTH 1Diamond 2 NT 3 Heart 4Club♠ 4 Heart 6 Heart	EAST Pass Pass Pass Pass All Pass

Symbol * > choice of games

♠> Like Hearts with excellent controls

OPENING LEAD: ♠6

Assuming that Red suits will behave, Weinstein Decided that instead of depending on West holding SK (50% chance). He would let the opponents help him decide where to look for his 12th trick.

Under the ♠A, East dropped 4 and on the 3rd round of trumps, West discarded ♠9. East who started with singleton ♦J discarded Spade 3 ♣ 2 and ♣4

Now was the point of decision to be made by Declarer.

He discarded clubs on Diamonds and played from Dummy towards his Spade Q. That was his 12th trick > 2 Spades + 5 Hearts +5 Diamonds.

In the other room NS stopped in 4 Hearts thus there was a swing of 11 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

The ultimate winner was > Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth.

The losing finalists were SCHWARTZ (Schwartz, Casen, Levin, S.Weinstien, Rosenberg and Zia