

PRE EMPT BIDS

To day, 20th May, Zia and Welland - the world famous pair and many times champions missed a vulnerable game of 4 Spades which was bid and made in the other room.

We are reporting this for the benefit of lesser mortals of Bridge.

Both Vul West dealer	NORTH ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣		Zia room W N E S P P 2 Spade Pass All Pass
WEST ♠ 952 ♥ Q6 ♦ 10732 ♣ AKQ8		EAST ♠ AK108763 ♥ 1074 ♦ 2 ♣ 102	Other roomL- W N E S P P 3 Spade Pass 4 Spade All Pass
	SOUTH ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣		

Zia opened 2Spade (Rule of 2 & 3 obeyed) . Here as per book, all the strength is in the bid suit. Partner passed, .

In the other room, Muller (and De Wijs) also pre emptied but with bid of 3 Spade. The hand also contains 7 cards , Top 2 honors in Spade with no outside honor. Even though not in accordance with rule of 2 and 3, this is blocking Bid, lead direction if South becomes declarer, etc. Partner with 3 cards in Spades in his hand, visualized all 7 tricks in Spade and 3 in Clubs totaling 10 tricks for a game in Major. (This pair has the partnership understanding about Pre empt bids. that the bid will be consistent as per book) and Muller & De Wijs got 10 IMP in this deal.

A comment was made during the match, that Zia and Welland play a wide range NT and hence partner could not correctly assess to bid game.

WE disagree with this comment. Partner was a passed hand and this was one of the rare instances when game was possible. .

It is possible this could have back-fired with East having 3 low Hearts and 2 low Diamonds and the opponents taking the first 4 tricks.

We leave it to you whom you should follow -Zia(stopping in 2Spades) orMuller(bidding 4 Spades).

Our choice is Zia's bid of 2 Spade