Trumps Friendly Pairs

9 June 2019 (Sun)



Not to bid a tight game in matchpoints

provided by Kinga Moses and Nazife Bashar

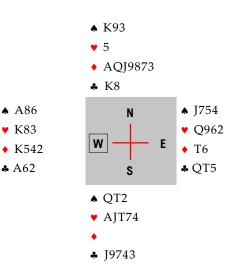
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On the following deal, what should North do after West opens 1 •? With a stack in the enemy suit, you are pleased to pass, especially with both sides vulnerable.

What now from East? With four in each major, it seems reasonable to scrape up a 1 ♥ response, despite having only 5 HCP. However, West then has an obvious 1NT rebid and when that is passed out, the result is two down for -200 and no matchpoints. Those who played in 3 ♦ by North-South made ten tricks for 130 points but a below average matchpoint score.

When our winners played this hand, Nazife, sitting North, passed as recommended, but so did East. Kinga made the normal reopening 1 vovercall on the South cards, and now Nazife, sensing the misfit, make a conservative 1NT reply. It was classic matchpoints – don't bid tight games, but get that extra trick; she played it well and managed to take nine tricks, +150 and a second top on the board.

Board 20 Dealer W | Vul All



W	N	E	s
1D	Р	Р	1H
Р	1NT	//	

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N	2	4	1	1	2
S	2	4	1	1	2
Ε	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

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The Trumps Friendly Pairs on 9 June was won by Kinga Moses and Nazife Bashar (middle/right), pictured with best Trumps pair Robin Ho and Alex Cook (at rear) and best restricted pair Gill Raymond and Tim Bestelink (front).

