

## Brian's Brighton The Summer Meeting 2015

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Swiss Pairs session 3: Minus 520

Do you know how you can score -520 on a deal? Of course you do. 3NT+4 non-vulnerable. Can you think of another way of achieving the same score? Ask Shivam Shah, one of the stars of the England Junior international bridge team. This deal came up on Saturday evening during the third session of the Swiss Pairs Championship.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠	Q 10 8 7		West	North	East	South
	♥	A Q 8 5 2		Shah		Stock	
	♦	J 2		–	–	1♣	Pass
	♣	10 2		1♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
♠	K J 5 4		♠	Rdbl	All Pass		
♥	10 3		♥				
♦	A 10 8 5		♦				
♣	A 4 3		♣				
	♠	6 3					
	♥	9 7					
	♦	Q 9 6 3					
	♣	Q J 8 7 6					

One Club was potentially as short as a doubleton and 1♥ showed spades, so Shah decided to double to show hearts and, when that ran around to West, he redoubled to show a good hand. East made the good decision to leave it in and there was nowhere to run to for N/S.

Declarer made exactly seven tricks for, yes, you guessed it, +520.

Actually, Deep Finesse tells us that E/W can come to nine tricks in a heart contract, though I doubt that they will care on this occasion as seven tricks were sufficient for all the matchpoints. With redoubled overtricks coming in at 200 a time non-vulnerable, we could also have seen two other familiar scores - +720 and +920, achieved in an unusual fashion for 1♥ redoubled plus one, and 1♥ redoubled plus two respectively.