

a game-forcing hand with a four-card major and a longer minor. The 1NT rebid was temporizing to allow responder to clarify which type of hand he held. 3♦ showed an invitational hand with long diamonds. LaSota took a rosy view with 3NT.

Bridge Bulletin auction: 1♣-1♦; 1♥-2♦; Pass

Scores: 2♦ 10; 2♣ 9; 2♠ 8; 3♦ 7; 3♣ 6; 3♠ 5; 1NT 3; 2NT 2
Kamil-Fleisher 48, Shaw-LaSota 26

Problem 6

East deals. E-W vulnerable.

<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
♠ 10 5 3	♠ 8 7 6
♥ A K 10 3 2	♥ Q J 8 4
♦ A Q	♦ K 6 5
♣ 8 4 3	♣ A Q 2

<i>Kamil</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>
	Pass
1♥	2♣
2♦	2♥
Pass	

This is a textbook Drury sequence or, technically speaking, *reverse* Drury. Fleisher passed the cheesy 12-count, but after his partner opened 1♥, he showed a limit raise with the conventional 2♣. Kamil revealed a full opener with the artificial 2♦ rebid, but a hand unable to bid game without some constructive shortness in the other hand. (In regular Drury, two of the major shows that hand.) Fleisher, with such an ultra-flat hand, resisted the temptation to make a game-try. He chose the simple 2♥, ending the auction.

<i>Shaw</i>	<i>LaSota</i>
	1♣
1♦	2♥
3NT	Pass

LaSota's decision to open helped get the partnership to game. The 1♦ response was a transfer, showing hearts, and 2♥ revealed a minimum hand with four hearts. Shaw now made an excellent choice-of-games bid with 3NT. LaSota had an easy pass.

Bridge Bulletin auction: Pass-1♥; 2♣ (Drury, limit raise)-2♦ (full opener); 3♣ (game try)-3♥; Pass

Scores: 3NT 12; 4♥ 9; 2NT 8; 3♥ 7; 4NT 2
Kamil-Fleisher 55, Shaw-LaSota 38

Problem 7

South deals. N-S vulnerable.
South opens 1♣. North bids 1♥ if possible. South rebids 2♣ if possible.

<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
♠ Q J 8 2	♠ A 10 3
♥ K	♥ Q J 10 8 7 3
♦ K J 9 3 2	♦ A 8
♣ 10 8 6	♣ J 7

<i>Kamil</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>South</i>
	(1♥)	Pass	(1♣)
1♦	(Pass)	2♥	(2♣)
Pass			All Pass

Kamil ventured a minimal 1♦ overall at favorable vulnerability. Fleisher could not move over North's 1♥ because a direct 2♥ at that point of the auction would have shown invitational values and a diamond fit. When North rebid clubs, however, and two passes followed, Fleisher was able to bid a natural 2♥.

If Kamil had passed initially, Fleisher could have bid a natural 2♥ on the first round, i.e., (1♣)-Pass-(1♥)-2♥. The East hand is a perfect example of why many expert pairs prefer 2♥ to be natural instead of a Michaels/two-suited hand in that type of sequence.

<i>Shaw</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>LaSota</i>	<i>South</i>
	(1♥)	2♥	(1♣)
1♦	(Pass)		(Pass)
3♦			

LaSota believed that 2♥ was natural in this sequence, because the partnership has other ways to raise diamonds. Shaw was not in agreement, thinking that 2♥ was a limit raise for his suit.

Bridge Bulletin auction: (1♣)-Pass-(1♥)-2♥; All Pass

Scores: 2♥ 11; 3♥ 10; 2♠ 8; 2♦ 6; 4♥ 5; 3♠ 4; 3♦ 2
Kamil-Fleisher 66, Shaw-LaSota 40

Problem 8

West deals. Both vulnerable.

<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
♠ —	♠ K Q 10 9 6 5
♥ J 6 2	♥ K Q 7
♦ Q J 8 7 3	♦ K 2
♣ A Q 8 6 4	♣ 5 2

<i>Kamil</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>
Pass	1♠
1NT	2♠
Pass	

As a passed hand, Kamil's options were limited after Fleisher's 1♠ opening. 2♣ would have been reverse Drury (showing a limit raise in spades), so that was out. 2♦ would have been natural and non-forcing, but since it would have likely killed any chance of finding a potential club fit, it was also a poor candidate. Some Drury enthusiasts play that a passed-hand 2NT response to a major-suit opening shows a 5-5 hand in the minors (non-minimum), which is exactly what Kamil holds. The problem is that they have agreed to play 2NT as showing clubs and spades (a conventional fit-showing bid), so that was out, too. That left 1NT as the only choice.

Fleisher had an automatic 2♠ rebid.

<i>Shaw</i>	<i>LaSota</i>
1♦	1♠
2♣	2♦
3♣	3NT
Pass	

This partnership opens light, so Shaw began with 1♦. After the major-suit response, Shaw's 2♣ rebid was conventional, covering a wide variety of hand patterns. LaSota bid 2♦ to enquire what type of hand Shaw held, and the 3♣ follow-up showed a minimum (10-14 HCP) hand with 5-5 in the minors. LaSota tried 3NT only to find an unhelpful dummy.

Bridge Bulletin auction: 1♠-1NT; 2♠-Pass

Scores: 2♠ 10; 3♠ 7; 1NT 5; 2♦ 4; 2♣ 3; 3♦ 2; 3♣ 1

Final score: Kamil-Fleisher Shaw-LaSota 40