

### Problem 8

West deals. N-S vulnerable.

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

<i>Baxter</i>	<i>Lindop</i>
1♣	1♥
2NT	3♣
3♦	3♥
Pass	

Baxter and Lindop do not play weak jump-shift responses, but they do play Wolff signoff, which was invented by Bobby Wolff for hands just like East's.

Using that convention, 3♣ over the 2NT bid relays to 3♦, and if partner rebids his major suit (hearts in this case), it's to play, describing a weak hand with a long suit.

<i>Baseggio</i>	<i>Stark</i>
1♣	1♥
2NT	3♦
3♥	Pass

This is the same auction with a different conventional gadget at the end. Baseggio and Stark play transfers after the 2NT jump rebid. Baseggio accepted and Stark passed. Note that this approach allows responder to bid with non-fitting minimums. (Weak jump shifts in non-competitive settings seems to be an unpopular approach.)

**Bridge Bulletin** auction: 1♣-1♥;  
2NT-3♦ (transfer); 3♥-Pass

**Scores:** 2♥ 11; 3♥ 9; 1NT 7; 2NT 6;  
3NT 3; 1♣ 2

**Final score:** Baxter-Lindop 50,  
Baseggio-Stark 50 □