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Subject: How to deal against their runouts?

Hi Bobby,

Since 10-12 NT's are not played frequently at local clubs we always get killed when we play IMPS in a better field. We play Cappelletti over their weak NT's but we don't know what to do when they initiate a runout: .e.g

THEY open a 10-12 NT and WE Double to show good hand, typically a strong NT, and they runout: e.g.

1NT – X – P - ? (where P forces a XX)

Or

1NT – X – XX - ? (where XX forces 2c)

Any advice for fourth hand bids?

How about the simplest possible methods. Pass of run out to 2C/2D/2H is forcing. First Double is take-out from either side, (subsequent x = Pen) and responder bids as if PARTNER had opened 1NT and thus system is on.

Therefore

1NT x 2C x = Stayman, and transfers apply.

1NT x (xx/P forcing xx) Transfers and Stayman apply

For 2D/H/S; x = t/o and Lebensohl.

If you pass a xx round, or a pass forcing xx then again both sides double for take-out, but suits now natural

If responder removes a t/o x to 2NT its a scramble, natural from opener.

Bobby Wolff