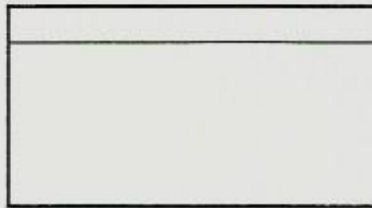
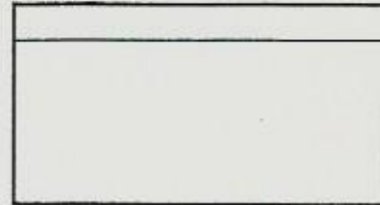


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Best Auction: Jason & Justin Hackett:

Match 6
 Board: 24
 Vul: LOVE ALL
 Dealer: WEST



♠ Q.10
 ♥ A.9.3
 ♦ A.9.8.7.5
 ♣ K.Q.7
 Jason

♠ K.6.2
 ♥ 10.8.6
 ♦ 3
 ♣ 10.9.6.5.3.2



♠ A.9.7.5.4.3
 ♥ J.7.4
 ♦ K.6
 ♣ J.8

Justin
 ♠ J.8
 ♥ K.Q.5.2
 ♦ Q.J.10.4.2
 ♣ A.4

Jason
 1NT 14-16
 2♦ No 5 card major
 2NT No 4 card major
 3♥ How about a 4-3 fit?

Justin
 2♣ 5 card Stayman
 2♠ 4 card heart suit
 3♦ Natural
 4♥ Why not? You're playing it.

4♥ is the better of the two game contracts. It will almost always make when the diamond finesse works (a requirement in 5♦ if the defence cash their spades) but will also make if Hearts are 3-3 (or the J.10 are doubleton) even if the ♦K is wrong.

Of the eight pairs only two reached the top (and successful) spot and the other pair were warned about the spade weakness when the opponents bid them strongly. Half the field ended in a hopeless slam.