

## Alt Best Hands Awards - Nominated Hand - Defence

**Reference Number: Def 3**

**Nominated by:**

**Name:** Jón Baldursson

**Country:** Iceland

**Player(s):** Jón Baldursson & Einar Gudjohnsen **Team:** Baldursson

**Event:      Date:      Match:      Board:**

Mini Swiss 17.3.      11      1

**Link to replay:** <https://tinyurl.com/59rezsza>

**Nominator's comments:**

*Jón said*

Board 1 in round 11 Baldursson vs Donner was a nice defence in 3NT.

Martin Cantor's email exchange with JB to clarify some points:

- I just looked at the other matches where 3N by E went 2 down on D10/9 lead - no other declarer found Brad's DA at trick 1, so yes you did well to unblock the DQ
- Hi yes it was board 1 in round 11. No 10 is standard and 8-6 of H was suit preference to help partner to play S and play low with the K and 9 as hi did was a go
- Thanks for quick answer. I got the suit pref and negative 9, but the Q was good (with strong 10 less impressive)
- Thx Martin, The Q was played without thinking so no illegal information there
- I suspect 'without thinking' is an underbid. I'll accept 'without hesitation'
- Hi Jon A further question (I'm just writing the hand up for the next bulletin). Do you guys play Smith? If so, standard or reverse? I see that Einar played H5
- Hi Martin, Einar was giving a count but we play suit preferences in this situations. So according to his discard he could have K109 of spade. But I found out that it was very unlikely. Then Joe have Qxxx\*jxxx-kjx-AQx. Einar could also have A105. Ofcours Einar could win the first H trick. But the good thing is that he understood my suit preference in H.