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Mr Wladow-Elinescu.

The Cavendish Pairs tournament took place in Monaco from Wednesday October 23 to Friday October 25.

Working as a Tournament Director, I have been asked by Maurizio Di Sacco to watch Mr Wladow-Elinescu especially during the bidding. Does this pair communicate by coughing using this code?

One cough = club shortness
Two coughs = diamond shortness
Three coughs = heart shortness
Four coughs = spade shortness

We were two TD with 30 tables playing; I had no time to watch every boards but I went on 19 occasions at their table when at least one of them had shortness somewhere.

This code has been used in these 19 cases. No exception. The signal comes early during the bidding.

On 12 cases, only one had shortness

Qualifications

Session 2	boards 20
Session 3	boards 6-7
Session 4	boards 19
Session 10	boards 25*-29

* on board 25, their opponent were Mr Piekarek-Smirnov, their occasional team-mate in Germany team.

Final

Session 1	boards 9-10-15-19
Session 2	boards 1-2

On 6 occurrences, both had shortness and both signalled his shortness

Qualifications

Session 2	boards 11
Session 3	board 8
Session 6	board 9
Session 7	board 14-19
Session 8	board 4

Only one situation when one player had two shortness

Qualifications

Session 6

board 10

South hand was

♠ 4

♥ KQ1094

♦ 6

♣ AJ10974

South signalled both singletons, coughed 2 times then 10 seconds later, 4 times.