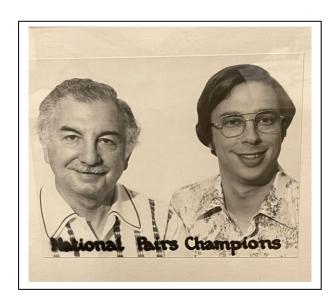
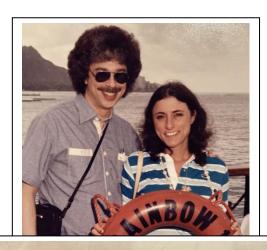
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## Bridge: Jacoby Is Still Going Strong As a Top Competitor at 78

## By ALAN TRUSCOT

The right time to retire from serious tournament play is less a matter of age than of health, stamina and enthusiasm. Very few experts continue past the age of 70, but there are exceptions. The irrepressible Oswald Jacoby of Dallas, one of the greatest figures in the game since auction days, is still soins strong at the agent of 70.

Two weeks ago he was in Chicago, leading a strong team in the Spingold knockout team championship. During the last weekend he was in Bear Mountain, N.Y., competing in a lively and well-attended sectional tournament,

the biggest ever in the hisdson Valley. The most unusual event of the weekend was the Par Contest, skillfully contrived by David Wachsman. who organized the tournament together with Tex Cates. The diagramed deal from this event is relatively simple, but it

contract of six spades, and North-South pairs who reached that contract were rewarded with 3 par points for accurate bidding. In the sequence shown, South has barely enough for a strong artificial two-club opening but North can drive to a fam. West is directed to lead the heart two, and South wins with the ace in dummy.

The routine play, adopted by some leclarers, was to lead the spade eight for a finesse at the second trick, hoping to avoid the loss of a trump trick. But if they were encouraged by the success of the success of they were encouraged by the success of the success the the success of the success trump the slam was doomed to defeat.
The slam could be salvaged by trying a club finesse after the spade eight held, but this would not earn South any par

The correct plan, rewarded by 2 par points, is to lead to the club queen at the second trick. If this fails, South can still use dummy's entry to try a spade finesse. If it succeeds, the club finesse can be repeated later after trumps have been fed from the side of the success.

The difference is that if the spade finesse is taken first and loses, South has virtually nothing to fall back on. He would have to hope that East held a sintleton or doubleton club kine.

On a very high level, West might be able to combuse the issue. Suppose that East has the spade king, once or twice guarded, and that West has the club king. A highly expert West, thinking very quickly, might duck smoothly when the club finesse was taken.

This would lure the declarer into leading trumps from his hand and repeating the club finesse eventually. The rationale behind such a defense would be South's plan of play. If South needed to finesse in clubs just once, with A-Q doubleton for example, he would no doubt play trumps first and

Bear Mountain were:

Men's pairs — Warren Karnfeld, New City, N. V., and
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Novice Pairs — Arthur Wildblad and John Victor, Kingston, N.Y.
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