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# **POLAND TAKE LEAD**

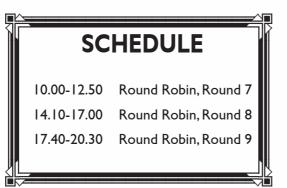


Players and officials gathered together on the opening evening of the Championship

Three big wins apiece saw Poland and France move to the top of the standings. Poland scored 70 VPs on the day and France totalled 68, while the host country, Australia also put together three good wins, including 23-7 against USAI to score 63 on the day.

After six matches, Poland takes lead with 132 to France's 123 and Canada's 121. There is a bit of a gap then to USA1 with 104, Australia on 102 and Israel 99.

USA1 are not finding things quite so easy as they might have hoped so far and also lost their first match of the day, though only by 14-16 to Japan, who are lying joint seventh with Norway, who had an up and down day themselves. Both Hungary and England recovered from their bad first day to move to mid-table, and now only Pakistan are still looking for their first win. Hopefully, it will not be too, long in coming.





# **VUGRAPH MATCHES**

USA I - Israel 10.00
Japan - China HG KG 14.10
Canada - Poland 17.40











# TODAY'S PROGRAM



# **RESULTS**



# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7**

ı	FRANCE	BRAZIL
2	USAI	ISRAEL
3	CANADA	NORWAY
4	POLAND	CHILE
5	CHINA HONG KONG	USA2
6	PAKISTAN	JAPAN
7	AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY
8	ENGLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
9	NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4**

	Mato	:h	I٨	1P's	VF	's
I	FRANCE	NORWAY	67	14	25	5
2	ISRAEL	CHILE	39	32	16	14
3	BRAZIL	USA 2	15	27	13	17
4	USA I	JAPAN	34	40	14	16
5	CANADA	HUNGARY	81	33	25	5
6	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	61	14	24	6
7	CHINA HG KG	EGYPT	51	43	15	13
8	PAKISTAN	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	43	48	14	16
9	AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	49	22	21	9

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8**

I	ı	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND
I	2	EGYPT	ENGLAND
I	3	CHINESE TAIPEI	AUSTRALIA
I	4	HUNGARY	PAKISTAN
I	5	JAPAN	CHINA HONG KONG
I	6	USA2	POLAND
I	7	CHILE	CANADA
I	8	NORWAY	USAI
I	9	ISRAEL	BRAZIL

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5**

	Match			1P's	VI	o's
I	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	FRANCE	44	71	9	21
2	HUNGARY	EGYPT	84	43	23	7
3	JAPAN	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	70	55	18	12
4	USA 2	ENGLAND	16	70	4	25
5	CHILE	AUSTRALIA	56	73	П	19
6	NORWAY	PAKISTAN	136	7	25	0
7	ISRAEL	CHINA HG KG	72	42	21	9
8	BRAZIL	POLAND	46	99	5	25
9	USA I	CANADA	61	19	24	6

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9**

I	FRANCE	HUNGARY
2	JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI
3	USA2	EGYPT
4	CHILE	NEW ZEALAND
5	NORWAY	ENGLAND
6	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA
7	BRAZIL	PAKISTAN
8	USAI	CHINA HONG KONG
9	CANADA	POLAND

# **ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6**

		Match	I٨	1P's	VI	o's
ı	JAPAN	FRANCE	3	37	8	22
2	USA 2	HUNGARY	38	48	13	17
3	CHILE	CHINESE TAIPEI	33	67	8	22
4	NORWAY	EGYPT	20	42	10	20
5	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	39	48	13	17
6	BRAZIL	ENGLAND	24	65	7	23
7	USA I	AUSTRALIA	22	61	7	23
8	CANADA	PAKISTAN	69	40	21	9
9	POLAND	CHINA HG KG	47	19	21	9

# **RANKING AFTER SESSION 6**

I POLAND	132	10 ENGLAND	88
2 FRANCE	123	I I CHINESE TAIPEI	82
3 CANADA	121	12 CHILE	79
4 USA I	104	13 CHINA HONG KONG	78
5 AUSTRALIA	102	EGYPT	78
6 ISRAEL	99	15 USA 2	74
7 JAPAN	91	16 BRAZIL	72
NORWAY	91	17 NEW ZEALAND	70
9 HUNGARY	89	18 PAKISTAN	29

### Round

# POLAND v USA I

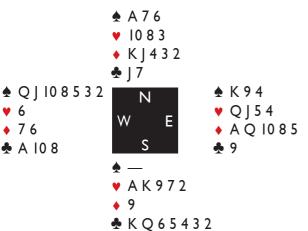


# **Double Vision**

by Ron Klinger

There were three large swings for each side in the clash between two of the favoured teams. The ones to Poland were a little larger and they had slightly the better of the lesser swings to win 52-43 or 17-13 in VPs. The biggest swing of the set came on Board 3, a double doubled game swing with a doubled overtrick in each case:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



North

Datum: N/S 80

West

Kranyak	Araszkiew	Grue	Buras
			I♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	5♣
Pass	5♥	Dble	All pass

East

South

Joel Wooldridge, USA

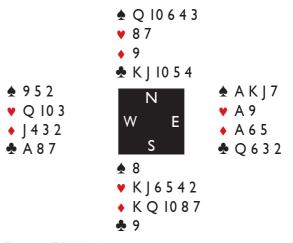
The  $\clubsuit Q$  lead was taken by the ace, South pitching the  $\spadesuit 9$ . Next came the  $\spadesuit 10$ : jack — ace — six. When South continued with the  $\clubsuit 6$ , West needed to rise with the  $\clubsuit A$ . When he followed low, the  $\clubsuit J$  won and the declarer could pick up East's trumps and make a doubled overtrick, conceding just the  $\clubsuit A$  for +750. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	Hurd	Kalita	Wooldridge
			I <b>♥</b>
2♠	Pass	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The ♥3 was led and declarer could now ruff the two club losers in dummy. With the ♦K onside, he lost just one spade and one heart for +990 and +17 IMPs.

USA1 struck back on the next board:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

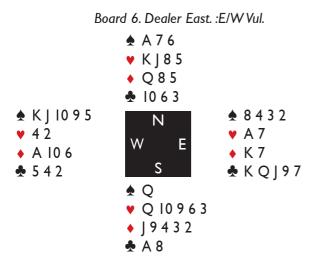


Datum: E/W 100

At both tables North opened with a two-suited 2♠ opening and East overcalled 2NT. Kranyak (USAI) bravely raised to 3NT, while Kotorowicz passed.

Against Grue, Buras led the  $\bigstar$ K, taken by the ace. East cashed the  $\bigstar$ A to remove South's sole spade and continued with a diamond. South won with the  $\bigstar$ Q and played the  $\bigstar$ 10, taken by the jack. Declarer was in complete control. He led the  $\bigstar$ 9, ten, jack, and came home with three spade tricks and two tricks in each of the other suits for +600. At the other table the lead was the  $\bigstar$ 8. Whether declarer made eight or nine tricks was academic. In fact he scored +120 for the same 10 Imps to USA1.

Two boards later USA1 collected another double figure swing:



West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Araszkiew	Grue	Buras	
		INT	2♥	
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass	
4	All Pass			

North led a heart and Kranyak thought for an eternity about how to play the trumps before playing the ♥A from dummy. Since it pays to conserve your energy, you might as well play the ♥A at once and then a low spade. If South follows low, you can stew if you wish, but sometimes, as here, the problem resolves itself without any anxiety or pressure. Declarer lost a spade, a heart and a club for a comfortable 620. At the other table spades were never mentioned:

West	North	East	South	
Kotorowicz	Hurd	Kalita	Wooldridge	
		♣	2NT*	
Pass	4♥	All pass		

\*Red suits

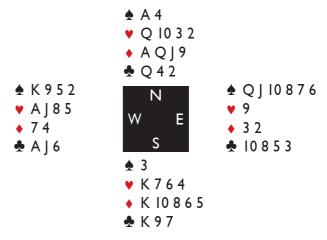
The ♣K was led and declarer went one down for—50, but +11 IMPs.



Krzysztof Kototrowicz, Poland

Poland picked up 14-3 in dribs and drabs and then came

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Araszkiew	Grue	Buras	
	INT	2♠!	2NT	_
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble	
All Pass				

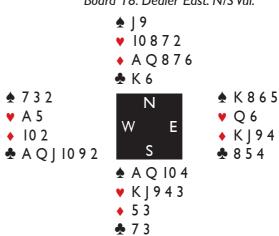
East certainly followed the maxim of '6-4, bid more'. South led the ♠3 to the ace and North returned a spade. When the defence never broached clubs, declarer had to lose two clubs as well as two hearts and a spade for —500. At the other table spades were not mentioned (hardly surprising) and East/West picked up a nice reward:

West	North	East	South	
Kotorowicz	Hurd	Kalita	Wooldridge	
	INT	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥	
All Pass				

After a routine Stayman auction East led the ♠Q to North's ace. While 4♥ can be made double dummy, the winning line is a not a reasonable one single dummy and declarer finished one down for —100 and 12 IMPs to Poland, now ahead by 43-25.

USA1 reduced the margin by 8 IMPs with two moderate gains and then leveled the score on Board 18:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Araszkiew	Grue	Buras	
		♦*	I 🗸	
2♣	3♣	Pass	3♥	
All Pass				

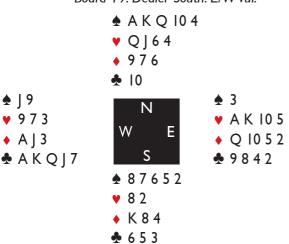
\*At favourable vulnerability, anything goes

Not only did East's opening salvo keep N/S out of game, it also convinced declarer to play East for  $\checkmark$ A-6 and so make just nine tricks for +140.At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	Hurd	Kalita	Wooldridge
		Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Declarer made ten tricks for +620 and +10 IMPs. The last swing came on Board 19:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



East/West have a moderate 6 available, but one table stayed short of game:

West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Araszkiew	Grue	Buras	
			Pass	
INT	Dble	2♣	Pass	
2 🔷	All Pass			

Some might suggest that the powerful club suit makes the West hand too strong for a 14-16 INT. After the ♠A lead and ♣10 switch, declarer made nine tricks for +110. At the other table:

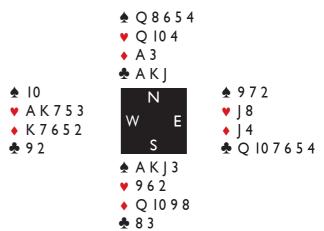
West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	Hurd	Kalita	Wooldridge
			Pass
INT	2♣	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Declarer lost the obvious six tricks for —500 and 9 IMPs to Poland, the ultimate margin in the match.

# **Helping Partner**

The popular contract on Board 16 from Round 4 was 4\(\phi\) going down — though 3NT cannot be beaten, it is tough to reach.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Four Spades may not appear to be a very interesting contract — the defence starts with three rounds of hearts because West has opened the bidding and, unless East switches to a diamond, the defence eventually comes to a diamond trick for down one. But is it quite that simple?

Ben Green of the English team suggests that it is quite important whether East switches to the 'obvious' trump or to a club after taking his ruff. Say that East plays a trump at trick four; declarer wins and draws the last trump then plays the queen of diamonds off the dummy. No problem, you say, West covers and that is that — one down. But suppose that this is the actual North hand:

That is the same distribution and same high-card strength, and now to cover the diamond gives declarer an otherwise impossible contract. How is West to know?

Ben suggests, quite correctly, that the way to ensure that West does cover the diamond is for East to switch to a club at trick four. It does not matter that this runs around to declarer's jack, because if declarer holds AKJ(x) he could always ruff all his club losers anyway. But now West will know that the defence has no club trick and East simply has to have the jack of diamonds if the contract is to be defeated.

Incidentally, against the English declarer, Michael Byrne, Australia's Daniel Geromboux did switch to a club, resolving any difficulties his partner might otherwise have had.

### Free Tickets!

The Hospitality Desk has five free tickets for the Netball Game to be held in Olympic Park on Friday night starting at 7:30pm. First come first served so see Nada quickly.

### SPORTS NEWS



### Cricket

Zimbabwe suffered their worst innings defeat in Test cricket when they were bowled out for 59 and 99 on the second day against New Zealand. It means they lost the first Test by an innings and 294 runs in Harare. Spinner Daniel Vettori

took 6-29 in the two innings and James Franklin 5-29, including three wickets in four balls in 7imbabwe's first knock.

### **Athletics** World Championships Helsinki

### Men's 10,000m

I K Bekele Ethiopia 2 S Sihine **Ethiopia** 3 M Mosop Kenya

### Men's Hammer

I I Tikhon Belarus 2 V Devyatovskiy Belarus 3 S Ziolkowski Poland

### Women's 3,000m Steeplechase

I D Inzikuru Uganda 2 Y Volkova Russia 3 | Kiptum Kenya Women's 100m

I L Williams USA 2 V Campbell Jamaica 3 C Arron France

### Women's High Jump

I K Bergqvist Sweden 2 C Howard USA 3 E Green Sweden

### Cycling

Italy's Ivan Basso sealed victory in the 15th Tour of

Denmark as German Andre Greipel took the final stage which ended in Copenhagen. Basso, second in this year's Tour de France, took four of the six stages — compatriot Paride Grillo won the fifth. Greipel of Team Wiesenhof won the 165km stage from Lithuania's Tomas Vaitkus of AG2R, with Grillo takin third place. Overall, CSC's Basso finished ahead of his team-mate Kurt-Asle

Arvesen and Rory Sutherland of Aus-

### Soccer

Manchester United midfielder Kleberson has completed his £2.5m move to Turkish club Besiktas. The 26-year-old

Brazilian signed a three-year deal, with the option of a further 12 months. Meanwhile, Rio Ferdinand has signed a four-year deal which will keep him at Manchester Unit-

ed until June 2009.

### **Tennis**

World No.10 Guillermo Canas has been suspended for two years by the ATP for doping. The Argentine was hit with the ban after testing positive for the banned diuretic hydrochloroth-

iazide (HCT) at the Acapulco Open back in February. As well as the ban, he must repay \$276,070 in prize money and forfeit 525 singles and 95 doubles ranking points as

> part of the sanction. He will able to return to tennis in July 2007.

### American Football

Rookie Kyle Orton brought a breath of fresh air to the often-stale Chicago Bears offense. Orton riddled Miami's third-string defense on two late touchdown drives, lifting the Bears past the

Dolphins 27-24 in the Hall of Fame game Monday night.



# Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 18 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Sydney or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK, but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine.

Thank you

# **Need Money?**

Any players wishing to earn \$A20 per hour helping move equipment between 5:00pm and 8:00pm Friday please see David Stern



# **BridgeBase Online Vugraph Matches**

France - Brazil & Canada - Norway 10.00 France - New Zealand & Chinese Taipei - Australia 14.10 17.40 France - Hungary & Norway - England

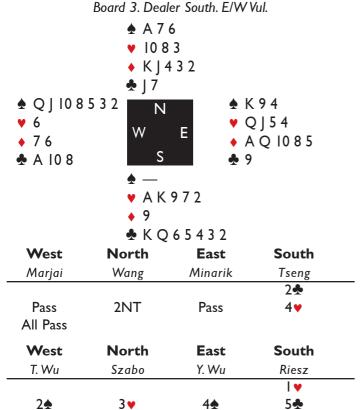
# Round 3



# **CHINESE TAIPEI**

### HUNGARY

May I begin by apologising to the Chinese Taipei team who were referred to incorrectly as China Taipei on a number of occasions in yesterday's bulletin. Hopefully they will feel a little better after seeing their excellent Round 3 performance against Hungary described below.



For Chinese Taipei, Chien Yao Tseng opened a Precisionstyle 2♣ then followed up with a jump to 4♥ to show his six-five shape. Tseng received the normal spade lead so threw his diamond on the spade ace, cashed the top hearts and knocked out the club for a quick and painless +420.

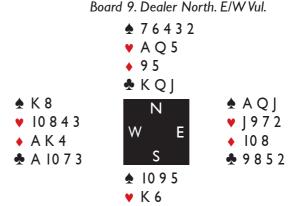
Dble

All Pass

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**Pass** 

For Hungary, Andras Riesz opened I♥, leaving room for Tzu-lin Wu to make a weak jump overcall of 24. Csaba Szabo competed in hearts, Yen-hsuen Wu jumped to 4♥ and Riesz showed his two-suiter. When Szabo corrected to 5♥, East doubled confidently, ending the auction. Things looked good for the defence when West led a diamond to his partner's ten. A club switch, collecting the ruff, would have defeated the contract immediately - indeed, with no entry to dummy to pick up the trumps, there would be a fourth trick to come for down two — but East actually switched to a spade, imagining that his partner would have only six cards for the 2♠ call. Riesz won the ♠A and led the ♥10 to jack and ace then led a low club. When the jack scored he was home, able to draw the trumps then knock out the club for a great +650 and 6 IMPs to Hungary when it might have been 12 the other way.



West	North	East	South
Marjai	Wang	Minarik	Tseng
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
T. Wu	Szabo	Y. Wu	Riesz
	INT	Pass	3♦

Q J 7 6 3 2

**%** 64

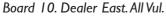
All Pass

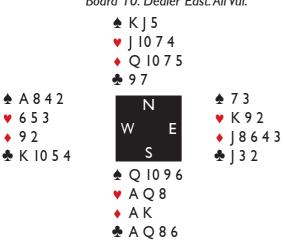
Both Norths could open INT but the respective Souths handled their cards very differently. Tseng used Stayman and, after Wei-Bung Wang's 2♠ response, East/West took over. The heart game was hopeless, of course. Tseng led the •Q and Gabor Minarik won in dummy then led a heart to the nine and king. With all the club honours together there



was no way for the defence to go wrong from here and they duly collected two more hearts and two clubs for down two and -200.

Riesz preferred to respond 3, to play, and that bought the contract. A heart lead permitted him to play three rounds for a spade pitch, but there was no way to avoid the loss of two trumps, two spades and a club, so Riesz was down one for -50 and 6 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.



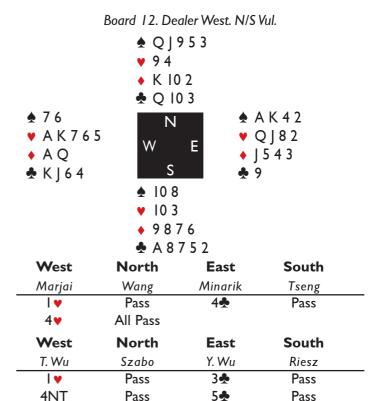


West	North	East	South
Marjai	Wang	Minarik	Tseng
		Pass	♣
I 🔷	Dble	l 🗸	Dble
I♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♣	Dble
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
T. Wu	Szabo	Y. Wu	Riesz
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Tseng's strong club opening collected a reds or blacks I • overcall from Peter Marjai and a semi-positive double from Wang. Minarik bid a pass-or-correct I♥ then gave preference to clubs when Marjai showed that he actually held the black suits as Tseng started doubling. Tseng doubled for a third time, ending the auction.

Two Clubs was an ugly affair for East/West. Tseng led ace and another club, run to the jack, and Minarik ducked a spade to North. Wang switched to the ♥| followed by a low heart and now Tseng could play a third trump. Minarik came to just three trumps and the ace of spades; down four for -1 100.

At the other table Riesz opened 2NT, ensuring his opponents' silence, and was raised to game. Tzu-lin Wu led a passive heart round to declarer's queen and Riesz played ace and a third heart to the king. The club switch was ducked to the ten and a second club went to the jack and queen. Riesz unblocked the diamonds then led to the king of spades and cashed the established heart trick before reverting to spades, leaving the •Q in dummy. He eventually had to lose the fourth club as well as the spade ace, but had nine safe tricks for +600 but 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

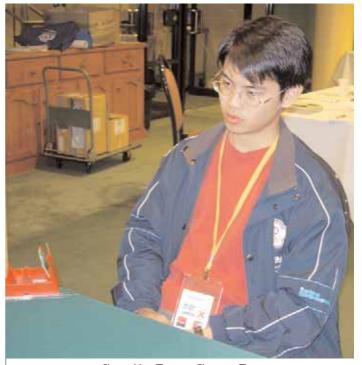


Minarik's splinter bid did not excite Marjai, who had extra values but too much club wastage. He signed off in 4♥ and played there. He won the trump lead in dummy and played a club up. When Tseng took the ace to play a second trump, only one club ruff was required so when the diamond finesse failed Marjai had eleven tricks for +450.

All Pass

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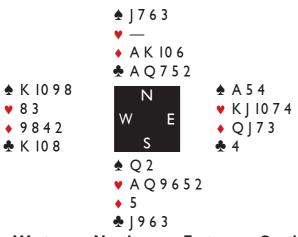
At the other table Yen-hsuen Wu showed 10-12 HCP with at least four trumps and an unspecified shortage. I assume that it was open to West to ask for the shortage but probably he saw an advantage in not tipping off the opening leader what to expect from dummy. Anyway, he chose to



Chien-Yao Tseng, Chinese Taipei

check on key cards then bid the small slam on discovering that only one was missing. Slam is not good, but it is by no means hopeless — on a non-trump lead declarer will need the diamond finesse plus reasonable breaks, but he will often be able to handle the clubs effectively. Szabo actually led a club, solving one problem for Wu, but there was no way to avoid the diamond finesse so the contract was down one for —50 and 11 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

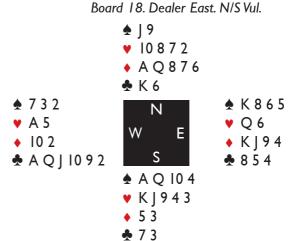


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West	North	East	South
Marjai	Wang	Minarik	Tseng
	I 🔷	l 🗸	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
T. Wu	Szabo	Y. Wu	Riesz
	♣	I 🗸	Pass
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Both Easts made the normal I♥ overcall, Wu over a natural I♣, Minarik over a Precision I♦. Both Souths passed in hope of hearing a reopening double and Tseng was rewarded when Wang did indeed double. Marjai ran to INT when perhaps I would have worked better. When that got doubled Minarik tried 2♦, doubled by Wang. Tseng led his trump against 2 doubled. Wang won and returned the ♦6 to declarer's jack. Minarik played three rounds of spades, Wang winning the jack and playing two more rounds of trumps. Minarik won the ♦Q and played the ♥K from hand to Tseng's ace. Tseng cashed the queen of hearts and played a club through. Wang could have won that cheaply and put dummy in with the fourth spade to force a lead away from the &K for down three, but he was not completely sure of the position and settled for cashing his second club winner for down two; -300.

Szabo preferred to reopen with  $l \triangleq$ , not relishing a one-level doubled contract when he had no trump to lead through. Riesz bid and rebid hearts but finally settled for a club partscore. Szabo could win the  $\blacklozenge Q$  lead and take a spade pitch on the  $\blacklozenge K$  then give up a spade. East won the

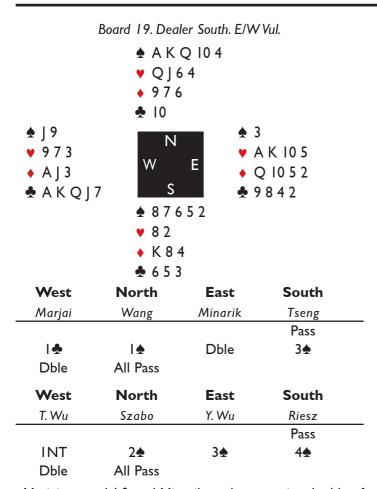
♠A and switched to a trump for the eight and queen and declarer had only three ruffs and one discard in dummy for his five side-suit losers so made exactly ten tricks, losing a club and a second spade for +130 but 5 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.



West	North	East	South
Marjai	Wang	Minarik	Tseng
		Pass	l 🗸
2♣	4♥	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
T. Wu	Szabo	Y. Wu	Riesz
		Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Tseng, protected to some degree by his strong club methods, opened the South hand where Riesz did not. When Marjai made the normal 2♣ overcall, Wang upgraded his club king and raised to 4♥. At the other table West opened 3♣ in third seat and Riesz made a balancing double but, facing a passed hand, Szabo was content to settle for a partscore. Though the diamond finesse lost, everything else lay kindly for declarer so ten tricks were made at both tables; +170 for Szabo but +620 for Tseng and 10 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.





Marjai opened I♣ and Minarik made a negative double of the I♠ overcall. When Tseng raised pre-emptively to 3♠, Marjai showed his extra values with a double and Minarik passed, fearing that his partner might have more spade strength and less of a club suit. Of course, 5♣ is easy for East/West, so it was important to take the maximum out of 34 doubled and the Hungarians failed to achieve this. Minarik led a top heart then switched to a club, Wang ruffing the second round with the ten to preserve a possible late trump entry to dummy. He cashed two top trumps then played the jack of hearts, which Minarik won. He needed to switch to a diamond honour now for down two but chose to play for his partner to not have the • J by playing a club instead — a diamond play could have let the contract through had North actually held the •| and guessed correctly, so to play for two down was not without risk. Minarik's club play was ruffed and Wang threw a diamond on the ♥Q so was just one down for—I00.

At the other table, West opened a strong INT and Szabo overcalled 2♠, being raised to 4♠, where he was doubled. The play started in exactly the same way but at the critical point Yen-hsuen Wu switched to the queen of diamonds to pick up three diamond tricks for down three and —500; 9 IMPs to Chinese Taipei. Of course, Wu was not risking the contract here, defending against 4♠, so the good diamond play was somewhat safer.

Chinese Taipei scored 30 IMPs without reply over the last six deals to earn a well-deserved 54-36 IMP, or 19-11 VP win.

# **Saturday Excursion**



Players and officials will be collected from outside the Novotel Hotel at 12:30am Saturday 13th August 2005 and taken for a Barbeque lunch and visit to Koala Park at Penant Hills approximately 20 to 30 minutes from the venue. Set among 10 acres of lush Rainforest, Eucalypt Groves and Native Gardens you will be able to see Koalas, Red & Grey Kangaroos, Dingoes, Wombats, Echidnas, Emus, many Wallaby species and a large collection of Australian Native Birds.

After our visit we will be taken by our team of hosts to Sydney's Darling Harbour where you may spend a relaxing hour or so before boarding a catamaran for a dinner harbour cruise finishing around 10:00pm, after which you will be taken by our hosts back to the venue.

At this stage we will assume every player and official staying at the venue will be attending both of these attractions. Please help the organisers by letting the hospitality desk know if you will not be coming to either or both of our exciting tours. Dress casual throughout.



### Round 4



# CHINA HONG KONG V EGYPT

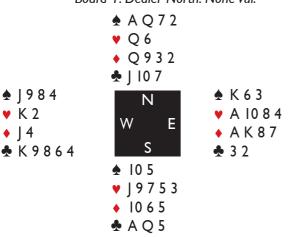


# Know No Fear

by Ron Klinger

The excitement started on the very first board when a mini-INT opening succumbed to a penalty auction:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Abdelfatta	Ng Fy	Nabil	Mak KF	
	INT	Pass	2 •	
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All Pass			

East led the ◆A and switched to the ♣3 to the queen and king. Back came the ◆J for the queen and king, and East played another club. On the ♥3, West rose with the king and the defence scored their minor-suit ruffs to take the contract three down and +500 to Egypt. At the other table:

West	North	East	South	
Leung	Noshy	Ng CC	Tawfik	
	Pass	I 🍑	Pass	
♠	Pass	INT	All Pass	

Lead: ♥5

Declarer made seven tricks for +90, but 9 IMPs to Egypt. After the opponents bid INT —  $2 \checkmark \text{(transfer)} - 2 - 3 \text{NT}$ , what do you lead from:



♣ Q 6 2♥ A Q♦ 8 7 6 4♣ | 6 5 2

You can choose to be passive with a diamond lead or aggressive with a black-suit lead. Noshy for Egypt tried the aggressive club lead, which proved fatal as the opponents held:

<b>♠</b> J 8	♠ A 9 7 5 3
<b>♥</b> J 9 8	<b>♥</b> 753
♦ A K 2	♦ Q 10
♣ A Q 9 8 3	♣ K 10 7

Declarer now had nine easy tricks for +600. At the other table, after the same start, East rebid 2NT, passed out. North started with the •8 and declarer went two down for —200, and 13 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

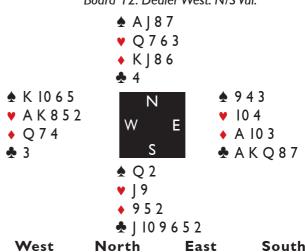
Here's another opportunity to play Youth Bridge. RHO opens I . You are next to speak at unfavourable vulnerability with:

♠ A J 8 7♥ Q 7 6 3♦ K J 8 6♣ 4

What would you do?

Could it be that some of the bidding boxes do not have any 'Pass' cards? Despite the vulnerability, the length in opener's suit and lack of support for clubs, Ng Fy found a take-out double.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

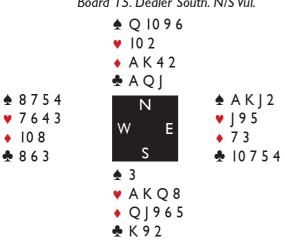


West	North	East	South	
Abdelfatta	Ng Fy	Nabil	Mak KF	
I 🗸	Dble	Rdbl	2♣	
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass	
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South led the ♣J. East won and played a second top club, pitching a heart from dummy. North's showing out was not good news for declarer; Result: -50 At the other table North/South were silent and East/West bid to 3NT via I • -28-2 V -2NT-3NT-Pass. The lead was also the ♣1 but, with less information from North, declarer went two down.

Ng Fy and Mak KF had a very nice auction to the cold slam on Board 15:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Abdelfatta	Ng Fy	Nabil	Mak KF
			I 🔷
Pass	I ♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3 ♦ *	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

\*Forcing

Lead: **♣**3 Result: +1370

At the other table N/S stopped in game via  $1 \leftarrow -1 - 2 \leftarrow 2$ 

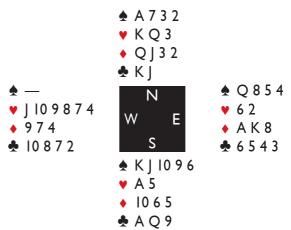


Wai-sing Yiu, China Hong Kong

—3♣—3 ♥ —3NT, for +690 and 12 IMPs to China Hong

Ng Fy and Mak KF bid accurately again on Board 17 to avoid a silly slam, a feat that eluded some of the other N/S

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Abdelfatta	Ng Fy	Nabil	Mak KF	
	I 🍑	Pass	♠	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

Four Clubs showed first- or second-round control in clubs, 4♥ did likewise in hearts and simultaneously denied control in diamonds. South thus had an easy stop in 44.

At the other table Noshy/Tawfik bid INT— 2♥(transfer) -3♠-4--Pass, and picked up an overtrick IMP.

The final score was 51-43 and 16-14 VPs to China Hong

(Due to a brilliant piece of planning, we had two reporters covering this match. Ron's original script also included coverage of Boards 9 and 18, which were also featured in Stefan Back's article. You can find out what happened on these two deals there. Our apologies to Ron if the feel of his article has been damaged by the cuts made)

# Personal **Information Sheets**

Stefan Back is still missing the personal Information Sheets for three teams: Egypt, New Zealand and Pakistan. Could those three teams please ensure that this information is given to Stefan, not later than 10.00 a.m on Thursday morning, in other words, before the start of Round 10 of the Round Robin.

Thank you

### Round 4



# CHINA HONG KONG V EGYPT



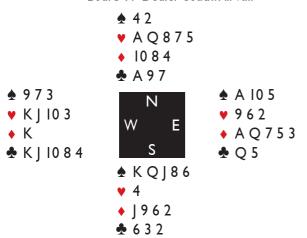
# **Drive Like an Egyptian**

by Stefan Back

If you drive a car and use the gas pedal and the brakes at almost the same time you will not achieve a smooth movement of the vehicle, but a rather bumpy ride. In bridge it is a little different. If you know your partner uses the gas pedal like, say, Juan Pablo Montoya does, you better be good at the brakes or you're disaster bound.

In the first half of the fourth round match of Egypt v China Hong Kong, Mahmoud Abdel Fattah proved to be the right brakesman for racing driver, Karim Nabil.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

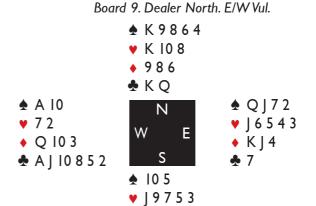


West	North	East	South
Abdel Fattah	Ng	Nabil	Mak
			Pass
Pass	I ♥	pass	♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠
All Pass			

West found an astonishing 'safety play' in the bidding by passing over 2♠. Would you have resisted the temptation to bid 3♠ when your partner has made a take-out double for the minors? I wouldn't.

The defence then avoided bumpy rides accordingly. West led his stiff •K and continued with a small club to his partner's queen. When South ducked, East carefully kept his diamond honours but returned his last club instead. South won the trick and played a spade honour to East's ace. Now Nabil cashed •AQ and then gave his partner a diamond ruff, South discarding his club loser from dummy. Unimpressed by this development, West continued with a third round of clubs and East was happy to over-ruff dummy for two down; Egypt +200. Well done but just good enough to lose only 3 IMPs, when Egypt at the other table went down three in 2 •.

And the brakesman struck again two boards later:



1065

♣ A O 5

West	North	East	South	
Abdel Fattah	Ng	Nabil	Mak	
INT(i)	2 <b>♥</b> (ii)	All Pass		

(i) 10-12

(ii) Both majors

Over North's mini no trump, East came in with another hand that hardly justifies a constructive bid. The vugraph audience even suggested a jump to 3NT on the West cards when Abdel Fattah took his time while considering his bid. In the end he found no bid at all, obviously all too familiar with his partner's style.

This time even 2♥ proved to be too high. The defenders started with a club to dummy's ace. Now Nabil played a diamond to the jack and ace. Mak now switched to a spade. Ng won with the king and played back another spade. After a heart to the eight and nine, a club to the king ruffed by East and another heart to South's queen, North/South were able to split their trump honours, when South gave his partner a club ruff for one down; China Hong Kong +100 and 3 IMPs, when the hand was passed out in the other room.

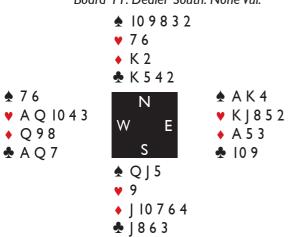
# Play of the Day

Great Games Products is sponsoring a play of the day competition, normally to be chosen from what is seen on vugraph. The prize is a copy of BridgeBaron 15 bridge-play software.

The first winner is Daniel Krochmalik of Australia for his play in 3NT on Board 15 of Round I as described on Page 5 of Bulletin 2.

In the second half of the match our brakesman should have been less dominating as it easily could have been wrong not to share partner's passion for a 'gas pedal bidding sequence' on the following board:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Abdel Fattah	Ng	Nabil	Mak	
I♥	Pass	2NT(i)	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3 <b>♦</b> (ii)	Pass	
3NT	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦ (iii)	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			

- (i) Game-forcing heart raise
- (ii) Asking
- (iii) Still interested in slam

East once again was very active but finally gave up when his partner did not show the slightest enthusiasm for slam. West should have co-operated at least after East's 4 bid. He did not hold a dead minimum, rather he had two aces plus the queen of trumps, so why not take your hands off the brakes just for once?

Of course, East again overbid his cards, because in the play



Sherif Noshy, Egypt

—ifyou are in the borderline slam of 6 —you have to find the elimination line to succeed. Take the spade lead, draw the trumps, play two more rounds of spades and throw North in with a diamond to the ace and a coup en blanc in diamonds to North's king, who now has to return a club into West's tenace. Alternatively, you could go for two well-placed minor kings — a line that fails here. Egypt scored twelve tricks for a score of +480 and I IMP as the result was one trick less in the same contract at the other table. Last but not least, West really lost a whole bunch of IMPs

Last but not least, West really lost a whole bunch of IMPs when once again his partner called for action and he refused to assist with a lead directing bid:

In the other room Egypt had excellent result, when they doubled East/West in 3\(\Delta\) to score three down for +500. If only our brakesman would have co-operated, as this is what happened at the feature vugraph table:

♣ K | 10 7 6 5

West	North	East	South	
Abdel Fattah	Ng	Nabil	Mak	
		Pass	♣	
Pass All Pass	I♥	INT(i)	2♣	

### (i) Spades and diamonds

Shouldn't West have told his partner that he is dying for a spade lead, if North ends up playing the hand? The bidding continued in the following fashion:

West	North	East	South	
Abdel Fattah	Ng	Nabil	Mak	
		Pass	♣	
Pass	I ♥	INT(i)	2♣	
Pass	2 <b>♦</b> (ii)	Pass	3 ♦	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

- (i) Spades and diamonds
- (ii) Third-suit forcing

So North/South ended up in 3NT, which should go down on a spade lead (surprise, surprise!), but which made when East selected the •4 instead; China Hong Kong +600 and 3 more IMPs, the final score therefore being 51-43 in favour of China Hong Kong after a hard and well-fought match, which converted to 16-14 in VPs, corrected to 15-13 due to fines for slow play.