



# Daily Bulletin

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# SUDDENLY... NOTHING HAPPENED



Warsaw's skyline from the Palace of Culture

Players and officials took advantage of yesterday's rest day to indulge themselves in the many delights Poland has to offer. Some were content to explore Warsaw while others went off on day trips to Krakow.

Although there were no Championship matches yesterday there was some bridge, the 5th Friendly Pairs Tournament organised by the Polish Bridge Union, and a report will appear in tomorrow's Bulletin.

As the final five days commence it is time for those teams who are in contention to draw upon their reserves of energy and give of their best. Perhaps they will keep in mind the advice a Spartan mother gave to her son on the eve of his first battle: 'Come back with your shield, or on it.'

## Today's VuGraph Matches

*Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor*

|                       |       |                              |       |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Netherlands - Hungary | 10.30 | Belgium - France             | 14.15 |
| England - Italy       | 14.15 | Switzerland - Poland         | 14.15 |
| Germany - Israel      | 17.35 | Denmark - Bulgaria           | 14.15 |
|                       |       | France - Netherlands (Women) | 14.15 |
|                       |       | Luxemburg - Italy            | 17.35 |
|                       |       | France - Belarus             | 17.35 |
|                       |       | Poland - Greece              | 17.35 |
|                       |       | France - Estonia (Seniors)   | 17.35 |

## BBO OnLine Transmissions

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Italy - Croatia           | 10.30 |
| Poland - France           | 10.30 |
| Finland - Israel          | 10.30 |
| Sweden - France (Seniors) | 10.30 |

## Swan Games OnLine

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Sweden - Denmark  | 10.30 |
| Hungary - Iceland | 14.15 |
| Ireland - Denmark | 17.35 |

## EBL NBOs CONGRESS



All the delegates have to register for the **EBL Congress** which will be held on **Wednesday, 23rd August** at 10.30 in the VuGraph theatre, Hotel Intercontinental.

Please register with the EBL office on the 3rd floor.

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 22**

**How unlucky can you be? Israel v Italy**

by Jos Jacobs

For already a number of days nothing has appeared in the Bulletin about the matches of the Italian team. It looks as if everyone here in Warsaw has already accepted that their seventh successive European Championship is inevitable — and rightly so. They are already more than a match ahead so we can only compliment or the gods of the draw (or the organisers) for having the good sense to let them play Bosnia and Herzegovina on Saturday morning.

For those of you who are still putting the 2006 Italian supremacy in doubt here are a few slams from their match against Israel on Sunday evening. Though Italy lost heavily on these boards, they still won the match comfortably enough: 19-11.

Here is the first:

Board: 3. Dealer: South. E/W vul.

|  |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ 10 8<br>♥ K 9 8 6 5 2<br>♦ A 10 7 3<br>♣ Q | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ K Q 6<br>♥ A J 7<br>♦ K 9 5 4<br>♣ A K 10 |
|  | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| W  |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | ♠ A 9 7 5 2<br>♥ 4<br>♦ Q 6 2<br>♣ J 4 3 2   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | ♠ J 4 3<br>♥ Q 10 3<br>♦ J 8<br>♣ 9 8 7 6 5  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |

Open Room

| West           | North         | East          | South         |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Versace</i> | <i>Birman</i> | <i>Lauria</i> | <i>Fohrer</i> |
|                |               |               | Pass          |
| Pass           | 2♠            | Dble          | Pass          |
| 2NT            | Pass          | 3NT           | Pass          |
| 4♥             | Pass          | 4NT           | Pass          |
| 5♠             | Pass          | 6♥            | All Pass      |

After Versace's positive 2NT and Lauria's maximum-showing 3NT the slam was duly reached by the Italians. On the lead of the ♠A there was nothing declarer could do about his trump loser. Unlucky? Maybe not as the chances of not losing a trump trick are decreasing after the pre-empt. Still a reasonable slam to be in. Israel +100.

Closed Room

| West            | North         | East         | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Levinger</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Liran</i> | <i>Duboin</i> |
|                 |               |              | Pass          |
| 2♦              | Pass          | 2NT          | Pass          |
| 3♣              | Pass          | 3♦           | Pass          |
| 3♠              | Pass          | 4NT          | Pass          |
| 5♥              | Pass          | 6♥           | All Pass      |

Without adverse bidding the Israeli EW too, reached the slam. With little to guide him Bocchi came to their rescue with probably the most unfortunate lead of the tournament: a low diamond. This way, the diamond loser was eliminated which meant that two spades could go on the ♣AK. Just made. Israel a tremendous +1430 and 17 IMPs.

And, two boards later, another one:

Board: 5. Dealer: North. N/S vul.

|   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ 4<br>♥ A 9 4 3<br>♦ 9 8 6 2<br>♣ J 10 9 3 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |  | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ K J 7 3<br>♥ K J 8<br>♦ Q 4<br>♣ A K 8 4 |
|   | N  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W   |  | E  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   | S  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   |  | ♠ 10 9 8 2<br>♥ Q 10 7 6 2<br>♦ J 7<br>♣ Q 6 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   |  | ♠ A Q 6 5<br>♥ 5<br>♦ A K 10 5 3<br>♣ 7 5 2  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

Open Room

| West           | North         | East          | South         |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Versace</i> | <i>Birman</i> | <i>Lauria</i> | <i>Fohrer</i> |
|                | INT           | Pass          | 2♣            |
| Pass           | 2♦            | Pass          | 3♥            |
| Pass           | 4♠            | Pass          | 4NT           |
| Pass           | 5♥            | Pass          | 6♠            |
| All Pass       |               |               |               |



Inon Liran, Israel

Well bid and well played by the Israeli pair. Lauria led a trump, which Birman won in dummy. A low heart went to the jack and queen and back came another trump, won with dummy's ace. As the ♣AK and the ♦Q were the entries he needed Birman now could ruff two hearts in dummy and get back to his hand to draw the outstanding trumps. When the ♦J appeared in the doubleton, he was home for a fine +1430 to Israel.

Closed Room

| West     | North  | East     | South  |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Levinger | Bocchi | Liran    | Duboin |
|          | 1NT    | Pass     | 2♣     |
| Pass     | 2♠     | Pass     | 3♥     |
| Pass     | 3♠     | Pass     | 4♦     |
| Pass     | 4♠     | All Pass |        |

Apparently, Bocchi devaluated his hand due to the heart duplication and thus, the Italians did not bid the slam and lost another 13 IMPs. As one of their BBO commentators put it:

“Why are our adverse slam swings always vulnerable?”

He could not yet know that a third slam would make its appearance, just to underline that his words were maybe a little premature ...

Board: 14. Dealer: East. None vul.

|                |                |             |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| ♠ K 10         | ♠ J 7 2        | ♠ A 9 5 4 3 |
| ♥ K Q J 10 4 2 | ♥ A            | ♥ 9 6       |
| ♦ 5            | ♦ 10 9 4       | ♦ A 7 6 3   |
| ♣ K Q 6 3      | ♣ 10 9 8 7 5 4 | ♣ A J       |

  

|             |  |  |
|-------------|--|--|
| ♠ Q 8 6     |  |  |
| ♥ 8 7 5 3   |  |  |
| ♦ K Q J 8 2 |  |  |
| ♣ 2         |  |  |

Open Room

| West    | North  | East   | South    |
|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Versace | Birman | Lauria | Fohrer   |
|         |        | 1♠     | Pass     |
| 2♥      | Pass   | 2♠     | Pass     |
| 3♣      | Pass   | 3♥     | Pass     |
| 4♦      | Pass   | 4♥     | All Pass |

Something must have gone wrong here as one would certainly expect Lauria-Versace to bid a slam like this quite rapidly. Italy +480.

Closed Room

| West     | North    | East  | South  |
|----------|----------|-------|--------|
| Levinger | Bocchi   | Liran | Duboin |
|          |          | 1♠    | Pass   |
| 2♥       | Pass     | 2♠    | Pass   |
| 3♥       | Pass     | 4♣    | Pass   |
| 4NT      | Pass     | 5♦    | Pass   |
| 6♥       | All Pass |       |        |

How easy can it be? Israel +980 and the real unlucky ones (?) as this slam swing was only worth 11 IMPs to them. They had taken the lead again, 49-40.

For the last 6 remaining boards however, the Italian machine proved as effective as ever as IMPs were scored by Italy on every single one of them. This was the last board, where Israel were among the teams that missed a chance: to make declarer go wrong.

Board: 20. Dealer: West. Vul.: All

|              |            |                 |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| ♠ 10         | ♠ K 6 4    | ♠ Q J 9 7 5 3 2 |
| ♥ K 5 4 3    | ♥ Q 10 2   | ♥ A 7           |
| ♦ 10 7 6 5 3 | ♦ Q 9 8    | ♦ J 2           |
| ♣ K 7 3      | ♣ 10 9 6 5 | ♣ 4 2           |

  

|           |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| ♠ A 8     |  |  |
| ♥ J 9 8 6 |  |  |
| ♦ A K 4   |  |  |
| ♣ A Q J 8 |  |  |



Asa Levinger, Israel

## Open Room

| West           | North         | East          | South         |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Versace</i> | <i>Birman</i> | <i>Lauria</i> | <i>Fohrer</i> |
| Pass           | Pass          | 3♠            | Dble          |
| All Pass       |               |               |               |

With 3NT cold as the cards lie, +200 (one down) looked like a meagre result for Israel.

## Closed Room

| West            | North         | East         | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Levinger</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Liran</i> | <i>Duboin</i> |
| Pass            | Pass          | 2♦           | Pass          |
| 2♠              | Pass          | Pass         | Dble          |
| Pass            | 3♣            | Pass         | 3♠            |
| Pass            | 3NT           | All Pass     |               |

When Bocchi, having no clue as to East holding a seven-card suit, ducked the first trick, Liran could have made

life difficult for Bocchi. He knew here was no future in spades so he had to choose a red suit as partner was likely to hold some useful values. When he selected the ♥A rather than a diamond Bocchi had no problems at all and made the required nine tricks in comfort for a swing of 9 IMPs to Italy. They had done it again and won by 67-49 or 19-11 VP.

If on the other hand East switches to a diamond declarer has to guess the distribution of that suit and play accordingly. On the actual layout the winning line is to take the ♦Q and immediately take the club finesse. West can win the ♣K sooner or later and return a diamond but with the top hearts equally divided between EW east will be out of diamonds after winning his ♥A.

If West holds four diamonds and the ♣K there is little you can do; only if East holds four diamonds you are better off playing hearts first after winning the switch in dummy.

## Polish up your Polish!

Here are a few phrases you might find useful during your stay in Warsaw.

| English                                       | Polish                       | Pronunciation                  |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hello   | Czesc                        | Chesh                          |
| Good morning                                  | Dzien dobry                  | Gin Dobry                      |
| Thank you                                     | Dziakuje                     | Ginkoye                        |
| Yes   | Tak                          | Tak                            |
| No  | Nie                          | Nea                            |
| Can I pay please?                             | Czy moze zaplacic            | Chi Mogu Zaplachich            |
| My friend will pay!                           | Kolega zaplaci               | Collega Zaplachi               |
| One   | Jeden                        | Yeden                          |
| Two   | Dwa                          | Dva                            |
| Three   | Trzy                         | Tshe                           |
| Four  | Cztery                       | Stery                          |
| Beer  | Piwo                         | Pivo                           |
| Vodka   | Wodka                        | Vodka!                         |
| Are you married?                              | Czy jestes mezatka?          | Chi yestes mezhatko?           |
| What time do you finish working?              | O ktorej konczysz prace?     | O ktorey kontchysz pratse?     |
| Will you marry me?                            | Czy wydziesz za mnie?        | Chi vydzesch za mne?           |
| What are you doing tonight?                   | Co robisz wieczorem?         | Tso robish vietchorem?         |
| Could you please introduce me to your friend? | Czy mozesz mnie przedstawic? | Chi mozhesh mne prshedstavych? |

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 21**

**Hungary v Norway**

by Jos Jacobs

On Sunday afternoon the big match for second place was scheduled between the teams second and third at that moment. In the morning match, Norway had just caught up Hungary to move 1 VP ahead of them into second place, and this was therefore the right moment to see which of these two teams would deserve most to be second at this stage.

It turned out that the big match we were all hoping for was a little one-sided, with most of the swings and honours going North. Below you can find a few of them.

On board 1 the Hungarian NS overbid to turn a possible 3-IMP gain into a 4-IMP loss. On board 2 both sides bid a slam in which they both guessed to play for the drop in clubs but Hungary gained 2 IMPs as they were playing in hearts instead of clubs as trumps. So at 4-2 to Norway this was board 3:

Board: 3. Dealer: South. E/W vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| ♠ K Q 9 4<br>♥ 7<br>♦ A 9 7 4<br>♣ J 9 5 4 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ A 10 8 3<br>♥ A 10 8 6 3 2<br>♦ 6 2<br>♣ 2 | ♠ J 7<br>♥ K Q J<br>♦ K 8 5 3<br>♣ A Q 10 3<br>♠ 6 5 2<br>♥ 9 5 4<br>♦ Q J 10<br>♣ K 8 7 6 |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |

Open Room

| West           | North         | East           | South           |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Szalay</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Macskasy</i> |
| Pass           | INT           | 2♣             | Pass            |
| 4♠             | All Pass      |                | Pass            |

After the strong NT Helness simply bid 2♣ to show majors and Helgemo bid game, made with an overtrick. Norway +650, nothing special.

Closed Room

| West             | North              | East            | South            |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Salensminde</i> | <i>Winkler</i>  | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass             | INT                | 2♦ <sup>1</sup> | 2NT              |
| All Pass         |                    |                 | Pass             |

<sup>1</sup> One Major

At the other table Winkler treated his hand as a Multi, thus suppressing his spades. Brogeland made an aggressive raise to 2NT to exclude any possibility of the EW spade fit

coming to light later. The contract was not made, as Brogeland had probably expected when he bid it, but Norway had gained 12 IMPs by losing 50 instead of 650.

Three boards later, with the score at 21-2 to Norway, we saw a major Hungarian defensive disaster, or rather a black-out by South:

Board: 6. Dealer: East. E/W vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| ♠ A J 10 5<br>♥ Q 7<br>♦ A 8 4 2<br>♣ J 10 2 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ Q 9 2<br>♥ K 5 2<br>♦ 9 7<br>♣ A K 6 4 3 | ♠ K 7 6 4<br>♥ 8 6 4 3<br>♦ 10 6 5<br>♣ 9 5<br>♠ 8 3<br>♥ A J 10 9<br>♦ K Q J 3<br>♣ Q 8 7 |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |

Open Room

| West           | North         | East           | South           |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Szalay</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Macskasy</i> |
| 1♠             | Pass          | 1♣             | Pass            |
| 2NT            | Pass          | 3♣             | Dble            |
| 3NT            | All Pass      |                | Pass            |



Geir Helgemo, Norway

It is difficult to see how you might ever make 3NT with both black suit finesses wrong even though South took the low heart lead with his ace to switch to a low diamond. North duly won the  $\diamond 10$  and returned the suit, declarer winning the third round.

Helgemo next cashed the  $\heartsuit Q$ , crossed to the  $\clubsuit A$  and took the spade finesse. North won the second round of spades and returned his last club, dummy winning. Helgemo now shed his  $\clubsuit J$  on the  $\heartsuit K$ , a discard apparently missed by Macskasy, as we shall see later. He then went on to cash his remaining spades, so at trick 12 South had to decide to throw the last diamond or the  $\clubsuit Q$ . When he held on to his  $\clubsuit Q$ , an impossible game had come home. Norway +600.

Closed Room

| West             | North              | East                 | South            |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Salensminde</i> | <i>Winkler</i>       | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| 2NT              | Pass               | 1 $\clubsuit$<br>3NT | Pass<br>All Pass |

Here, North led a spade and declarer immediately returned the suit, North winning the king. When he shifted to a diamond any chance for declarer to make his contract was gone. Norway +100 and a rather peculiar 12 IMPs more.

Three boards later, we were in the slam zone but again, the Hungarians were not able to fully cope with the problems presented to them:

Board: 9. Dealer: North. E/W vul.

|                       |   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|----------------|
|                       | $\spadesuit$ Q J 9 6 4  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\heartsuit$ 9 8  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\diamond$ 10 8 6 5 3   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\clubsuit$ 7   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\spadesuit$ K 10 8 5 | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |                      | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | $\spadesuit$ 2 |
|                       | N   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| W                     |   | E                    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | S   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\heartsuit$ A 6      |   | $\heartsuit$ Q 7 5 3 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\diamond$ 7 4        |   | $\diamond$ A K Q 2   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\clubsuit$ K J 9 6 4 |   | $\clubsuit$ A 10 8 5 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\spadesuit$ A 7 3  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\heartsuit$ K J 10 4 2   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\diamond$ J 9  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\clubsuit$ Q 3 2   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |

Open Room

| West           | North                            | East           | South                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Szalay</i>                    | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Macskasy</i>        |
| 3NT            | 2 $\spadesuit$<br>4 $\spadesuit$ | Dble<br>Pass   | 3 $\spadesuit$<br>Pass |
| 6 $\clubsuit$  | All Pass                         |                |                        |

Over 2 $\spadesuit$ , showing at least that suit, Helness had an easy double. Helgemo correctly took his partner's pass over 4 $\spadesuit$  as forcing, as his next action was a bold leap to slam. Well done. Playing for the trumps 3-1 was a matter of routine after this bidding. Norway +1370.

Closed Room

| West             | North                      | East           | South            |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Salensminde</i>         | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass             | 2 $\diamond$               | Pass           | 3 $\heartsuit$   |
| 3NT              | 3 $\spadesuit$<br>All Pass | Dble           | Pass             |

2 $\diamond$  was Multi ones which Winkler had to pass, intending to double any spade bid for take-out later. He duly did so at his next turn but there was no good way left for the Hungarians to both show the extras they had for their bidding. Slam missed. Hungary +630 but again 12 IMPs to Norway who led by 42 now.

With the Norwegian lead having gone up to 50 we saw another swing coming up their way, this time a simple defensive affair:

Board: 13. Dealer: North.: All vul.

|                       |   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|----------------|
|                       | $\spadesuit$ K Q 9 8 3 2  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\heartsuit$ Q J 9 4  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\diamond$ 7  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\clubsuit$ A 9   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\spadesuit$ 10 7 5 4 | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |                      | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | $\spadesuit$ 6 |
|                       | N   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| W                     |   | E                    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | S   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\heartsuit$ K 10     |   | $\heartsuit$ 6 5 3   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\diamond$ K 10 4     |   | $\diamond$ A Q 8 5 3 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
| $\clubsuit$ K J 10 8  |   | $\clubsuit$ Q 6 5 4  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\spadesuit$ A J  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\heartsuit$ A 8 7 2  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\diamond$ J 9 6 2  |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |
|                       | $\clubsuit$ 7 3 2   |                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |                |

Open Room

| West           | North          | East           | South           |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Szalay</i>  | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Macskasy</i> |
| Pass           | 1 $\spadesuit$ | Pass           | INT             |
| Pass           | 2 $\heartsuit$ | Pass           | 3 $\heartsuit$  |
| Pass           | 4 $\heartsuit$ | All Pass       |                 |

It looks so harmless. East leads a club, you win the ace and run the  $\heartsuit Q$ , West winning and returning a club. When the jack held, he shifted to a diamond won by Helness. The  $\clubsuit Q$  now took away a trump from dummy so all of a sudden declarer was in big trouble as the spades turned out to be 4-1. There was no way to unblock or establish the spades AND draw all the outstanding trumps, so he had to go two down when East ruffed the second round of spades. As you can see, a club at trick 1 or possibly at trick 2 after the  $\diamond A$  was the only way to cause all this trouble since the  $\clubsuit A$  is needed as a late entry to the spades. Norway +200.

Closed Room

| West             | North              | East           | South            |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Salensminde</i> | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass             | 1 $\spadesuit$     | Pass           | INT              |
| Pass             | 2 $\heartsuit$     | Pass           | 3 $\clubsuit$    |
| Pass             | 4 $\heartsuit$     | All Pass       |                  |

This is one of these hands on which the 6-2 fit is a better proposition than the 4-4 fit but the Norwegians did not avoid this trap either. When East led a trump, however, the club switch by West came too late. Just made, Norway another +620 and 13 IMPs more.

Down 64 after 15 boards, the Hungarians finally registered a major plus on board 16 when for once the Norwegian defence failed:

Board: 16. Dealer: West. E/W vul.

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>♠ Q 7<br/>♥ J 8 6 3<br/>♦ Q 7 3<br/>♣ 10 9 8 3</p> | <p>♠ 10 9 5 3 2<br/>♥ Q<br/>♦ 10 6 2<br/>♣ K 7 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N<br/>W                  E<br/>S</p> </div> <p>♠ A K J 8 4<br/>♥ K 9 5 4<br/>♦ K J 8<br/>♣ 6</p> | <p>♠ 6<br/>♥ A 10 7 2<br/>♦ A 9 5 4<br/>♣ A Q J 5</p> |  |
|---|---|---|--|

Open Room

| West           | North         | East           | South           |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Szalay</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Macskasy</i> |
| Pass           | 2♠            | Dble           | 4♠              |
| All Pass       |               |                |                 |

With East on lead, beating the contract seems almost impossible as only a low diamond or the ♦A and another will do the job.

Helness came very near to it when he led the ♣A and switched to a low diamond but declarer, guided by the take-out double, made no mistake and put up the king to ensure his contract. Hungary +420.

Closed Room

| West             | North              | East           | South            |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Salensminde</i> | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass             | Pass               | 1♦             | 1♠               |
| Pass             | 3♠                 | Pass           | 4♠               |
| Pass             | Pass               | Dble           | All Pass         |

When Salensminde did not open the sub-minimum North hand the spade game was played from the South position. West made the natural lead of the ♣10 and when this held, easily found the diamond shift. One off, Hungary +100 and 11 IMPs back to trail by 53.

Over the last four boards, Norway extended their lead into a final score of 80-20 or 25-3 VP. Their second place suddenly had begun to look very solid.

## What is wrong here: the laws or the TD's?

There is an irregularity in bridge, which in my opinion is not well handled by TD's, though they seem to be partly supported by the laws.

Let us assume the following case happening at two tables. North opens 1♥, East passes, South bids 3♥ which is explained as invitational. West passes and North bids the game with 4♥, all pass. East holds ♠AQJ9 ♥KJ10 ♦AQ84 ♣753. At table 1 East leads ♠Q and the dummy shows ♠874 ♥Q8743 ♦J94 ♣82, which doesn't look that inviting. The N/S system shows that the meaning is weak preemptive. South did not clarify the mistaken explanation given by his partner before facing his hand, which is an infraction.

The approach by many TD's and even appeals committees in such a case is to find out what would have happened if the explanation had been the right one, East and West not asking but looking into the convention card for example. In that case East might have considered doubling but that is not clear, since he will assume that North might have a very good hand. So the decision could well be that the result stands, E/W not being damaged.

At the other table North after bidding 4♥ suddenly realises that he gave a wrong explanation. He calls for the TD and now tells the partnership agreement: 3♥ being weak. East at this table is in another position. He knows that North based his 4♥ bid on a good hand in South which that player does not have. So he decides to double assuming partner has some high cards. Good thinking, the contract goes three off.

These examples show a peculiar situation. Eventually following the laws as in the second case puts a pair in a bad position, while just continuing to offend the laws might result in escaping from a bad score. To me that is unacceptable, and I am surprised that TD's don't care.

They put the blame on me, pointing to laws that seem to support them. L12 says that the adjusted score should be the most favorable result being likely had the irregularity not occurred. That is why they remove the wrong explanation and come to their decision from there. But there is an escape. When partner does not correct the wrong information he creates a second irregularity and we could go from there. The wrong information being given and the opponents being entitled to know the real agreement, they can work out the best decision themselves. Consistency and equity restored.

Ton Kooijman

**WOMEN TEAMS**

**Round 11**

**France v Germany**

by Mark Horton

This was a match for to savour — the teams who had fought out two terrific Venice Cup finals in recent years, with one victory each.

It was Germany who scored first.

Board:3 . Dealer South. East/West

♠ A 9 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ Q 6 2

♣ J 4 3 2

♠ 10 8

♥ K 9 8 6 5 2

♦ A 10 7 3

♣ Q



♠ K Q 6

♥ A J 7

♦ K 9 5 4

♣ A K 10

♠ J 4 3

♥ Q 10 3

♦ J 8

♣ 9 8 7 6 5

Open Room

| West      | North   | East  | South    |
|-----------|---------|-------|----------|
| von Arnim | Cronier | Auken | Willard  |
|           |         |       | Pass     |
| 2♦*       | Pass    | 4♣*   | Pass     |
| 4♦*       | Pass    | 4♥    | All Pass |

Four Clubs asked West to show her major suit via a transfer. Nothing much to the play, as you can see, +650.



Benedicte Cronier, France

Closed Room

| West    | North   | East     | South    |
|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Gaviard | Hackett | d'Ovidio | Nehmert  |
| Pass    | Pass    | 2NT      | Pass     |
| 3♦*     | Pass    | 3♥       | Pass     |
| 4♦*     | Pass    | 4♥       | Pass     |
| 5♣*     | Pass    | 6♥       | All Pass |

Its hard to evaluate the West hand facing a 2NT opening bid, but when she showed her club control it was entirely reasonable for East to try for the slam bonus. With trumps failing to behave the contract was one down, -100, 13 IMPs for Germany.

Board:5. Dealer North. North/South

♠ K J 7 3

♥ K J 8

♦ Q 4

♣ A K 8 4

♠ 4

♥ A 9 4 3

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 10 9 3



♠ A Q 6 5

♥ 5

♦ A K 10 5 3

♣ 7 5 2

♠ 10 9 8 2

♥ Q 10 7 6 2

♦ J 7

♣ Q 6

Open Room

| West      | North   | East     | South   |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------|
| von Arnim | Cronier | Auken    | Willard |
|           | INT     | Pass     | 2♣*     |
| Pass      | 2♠      | Pass     | 3♦      |
| Pass      | 3NT     | Pass     | 4♠      |
| Pass      | 4NT*    | Pass     | 5♠      |
| Pass      | 6♠      | All Pass |         |

East led the six of hearts and West took the ace and returned the ten of clubs. Declarer won, cashed the jack and king of spades and then played the queen of diamonds and a diamond, claiming when the jack appeared, +1430.

Closed Room

| West     | North   | East     | South   |
|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Gaviard  | Hackett | d'Ovidio | Nehmert |
|          | INT     | Pass     | 2♣*     |
| Pass     | 2♠      | Pass     | 3♥      |
| Pass     | 4♣      | Pass     | 4NT     |
| Pass     | 5♥      | Pass     | 6♠      |
| All Pass |         |          |         |



Once again the opening lead was a heart and after taking the ace West switched to the eight of diamonds. Declarer took East's jack with the ace and expecting to be able to claim cashed the ace and queen of spades. When West discarded she was in trouble, but all was not yet lost. She crossed to hand with a club, ruffed a heart and drew the outstanding trumps.

At this point she can cash the king of hearts which would leave West, down, to  $\diamond 962$   $\clubsuit J10$ , with no good discard. A momentary aberration saw declarer play the queen of diamonds first and she had to overtake and rely on the diamond break. That meant she was one down, and a huge gift of 17 IMPs for France.

Board:6. Dealer East. East/West Vul.

|   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> K Q<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> 10 8 7<br/> <math>\diamond</math> Q J 7<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> A K 9 6 5</p> | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> 9 3 2<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> J 6<br/> <math>\diamond</math> K 10 9 6 5<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> Q 7 3</p> | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> J 10 5 4<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> A K<br/> <math>\diamond</math> A 8 2<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> J 10 8 2</p> |
|   | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| W   |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|   | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
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|   | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| W   |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|   | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |

Open Room

| West             | North          | East         | South          |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i> | <i>Cronier</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Willard</i> |
|                  |                | Pass         | Pass           |
| INT              | Pass           | Pass         | 2 $\heartsuit$ |
| Pass             | Pass           | 3 $\diamond$ | Pass           |
| Pass             | 3 $\heartsuit$ | All Pass     |                |

South's protective action paid a big dividend as partner delivered all the right cards.

The defence started with the king of clubs and a club to the queen. Declarer ruffed, unblocked the heart suit, ruffed a club, drew the last trump and played a diamond to the ace and ran the jack of spades. West won and returned a low club and declarer won in dummy and played a spade, putting up the ace for an excellent +170.

Closed Room

| West           | North          | East            | South          |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Hackett</i> | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> |
|                |                | Pass            | Pass           |
| INT            | All Pass       |                 |                |

North led the jack of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played the queen of diamonds, eight, five, three, followed by another diamond ducked and a third round taken by North. Smith peters were in use, so it looks as if South

had discouraged clubs, which ought to make it easy for North to unblock the hearts and play a spade, however perhaps still suffering from the previous deal North played the ten of clubs and declarer was up to nine tricks, scoring a tenth when South later ducked the king of spades. +180 gave France 8 IMPs.

Board:7. Dealer South. All Vul

|  |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <p><math>\spadesuit</math> 10 4<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> 10 6 4 2<br/> <math>\diamond</math> A K 10 4 2<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> J 10</p> | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |  | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> 5<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> A K J 9<br/> <math>\diamond</math> 8 6 5<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> A 6 5 4 2</p> | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> Q J 8 7 3<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> Q 8 3<br/> <math>\diamond</math> J 9 7<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> 9 3</p> |
|  | N  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| W  |  | E  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|  | S  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|  |  | <p><math>\spadesuit</math> A K 9 6 2<br/> <math>\heartsuit</math> 7 5<br/> <math>\diamond</math> Q 3<br/> <math>\clubsuit</math> K Q 8 7</p> |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |

Open Room

| West             | North          | East         | South          |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i> | <i>Cronier</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Willard</i> |
|                  |                |              | 1 $\spadesuit$ |
| Pass             | INT            | Dble         | 2 $\clubsuit$  |
| Pass             | 2 $\spadesuit$ | All Pass     |                |

West led the eight of hearts and the defenders played three rounds of the suit, South ruffing and playing a club, three, ten, ace. The jack of hearts was ruffed and over-ruffed and West exited with a club to dummy's jack. Declarer cashed the ace and king of spades and had to go one down, -100.

If instead of cashing the top spades declarer plays three rounds of diamonds, then ruffs a diamond high and plays a club she can make the contract. Not easy, but not impossible.

Closed Room

| West           | North          | East            | South          |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Hackett</i> | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> |
|                |                |                 | 1 $\spadesuit$ |
| Pass           | INT            | Dble            | All Pass       |

With nowhere obvious to go West decided to take her chances defending. East led the king of hearts and West unblocked the queen. Declarer won the spade switch in dummy and played a club to the ten and the jack of clubs, East ducking twice. She crossed to dummy with a diamond and played the king of clubs discarding a diamond. East won and cashed the jack and ace of hearts and declarer claimed plus two, +580, 12 IMPs for Germany, back in the lead, 27-25 IMPs.

Board:15. Dealer South. North/South Vul

|  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---------|---|---|---|
| ♠ 7 5 2<br>♥ A 8 5<br>♦ A 6 5<br>♣ Q 7 4 3 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ A Q<br>♥ K J 10 9 6 2<br>♦ 9 8 7 2<br>♣ J<br>♠ J 10 9 3<br>♥ 7<br>♦ K<br>♣ A K 10 9 8 5 2 | ♠ K 8 6 4<br>♥ Q 4 3<br>♦ Q J 10 4 3<br>♣ 6 |
| N  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| W     E                                    |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| S  |  |   |         |   |   |   |

Open Room

| West             | North          | East         | South            |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i> | <i>Cronier</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Willard</i>   |
| INT              | 2♦*            | 5♣           | Pass<br>All Pass |

Elimination is one of the strongest weapons at declarer's disposal, and it came to the rescue on this deal. Declarer won the heart lead in dummy, ruffed a heart, played a high club to the queen, ruffed a heart high, cashed the king of diamonds, crossed to a club, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and exited with a spade. North did her best, winning with the ace and returning the queen, but declarer was home, +400.

Closed Room

| West               | North                  | East            | South              |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i>     | <i>Hackett</i>         | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i>     |
| Pass<br>2♥*<br>3NT | 1♥<br>Dble<br>All Pass | 2♣<br>2♠        | Pass<br>Dble<br>3♥ |

That was well bid and declarer claimed ten tricks as soon as dummy appeared, +430.

As on this deal France was picking up odd IMPs here and there, but as the match drew to a close their lead became more substantial.

Board:16. Dealer West. East/West Vul

|  |  |   |         |   |  |
|--|--|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ 9 5<br>♥ A 10 9 6 5 2<br>♦ Q J 4<br>♣ 6 5<br>♠ Q 8 6 2<br>♥ 8 7<br>♦ A 10 9 8 6<br>♣ A 2 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ K J 7 3<br>♥ K Q J 4<br>♦ 7 5<br>♣ 10 7 4<br>♠ A 10 4<br>♥ 3<br>♦ K 3 2<br>♣ K Q J 9 8 3 |
| N  |  |   |         |   |  |
| W     E  |  |   |         |   |  |
| S  |  |   |         |   |  |

Open Room

| West               | North                    | East         | South          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i>   | <i>Cronier</i>           | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Willard</i> |
| Pass<br>Dble<br>4♠ | Pass<br>Pass<br>All Pass | 1♥<br>2♠     | 2♣<br>Pass     |

Obviously this contract had no chance at all and declarer drifted three off, -300.

Closed Room

| West                     | North          | East            | South          |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i>           | <i>Hackett</i> | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> |
| Pass<br>Dble<br>All Pass | 2♥<br>Pass     | Pass<br>2♠      | Pass<br>3♣     |

To defeat Three Clubs West has to lead a diamond on the go — only machines can do things like that! Declarer ducked the spade lead and when the defenders played two rounds of clubs declarer was soon claiming +110 — a loss of 5 IMPs.

Board:18. Dealer East. North/South

|   |  |   |         |   |   |
|---|--|---|---------|---|---|
| ♠ J 8 5<br>♥ 10 5 3<br>♦ A K J 5 2<br>♣ Q 7<br>♠ A<br>♥ J 8 6 2<br>♦ 8 6<br>♣ A K 9 5 4 3 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ K 9 2<br>♥ A K 9<br>♦ 9 4 3<br>♣ J 10 6 2<br>♠ Q 10 7 6 4 3<br>♥ Q 7 4<br>♦ Q 10 7<br>♣ 8 |
| N   |  |   |         |   |   |
| W     E   |  |   |         |   |   |
| S   |  |   |         |   |   |

Open Room

| West             | North          | East             | South                    |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i> | <i>Cronier</i> | <i>Auken</i>     | <i>Willard</i>           |
| 2♣*<br>3♥*       | Pass<br>Pass   | INT<br>2♦*<br>4♣ | Pass<br>Pass<br>All Pass |

When East denied a four-card heart suit there must be a case for West to simply take a pot at 3NT. When she bid Three Hearts, showing hearts and clubs East began to envisage a club slam — and if West had for example ♠A5 ♥Q862 ♦8 ♣AK9543 she would be right. It was a surprise when the tray came back — but in clubs there are no more than ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

| West           | North            | East            | South          |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Hackett</i>   | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> |
| 1♣<br>3NT      | Pass<br>All Pass | Pass<br>2NT     | Pass<br>Pass   |

South led the six of spades and declarer had ten tricks. This could have been avoided if North had overcalled One Diamond — I wonder why she didn't? France had picked up another 7 IMPs and after the next board things got more serious for Germany.

Board:19. Dealer South. East/West Vul

|  |   |   |         |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---------|---|---|---|
| ♠ K 10<br>♥ A J 10 8<br>♦ Q J 6<br>♣ 7 6 3 2 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ Q 9<br>♥ K 9 6 4<br>♦ 8 5 3<br>♣ A Q J 10 | ♠ 8 7 6 3<br>♥ 7 5 2<br>♦ A 10 9 4<br>♣ K 5 |
| N  |   |   |         |   |   |   |
| W     E                                      |   |   |         |   |   |   |
| S  |   |   |         |   |   |   |
|  | ♠ A J 5 4 2<br>♥ Q 3<br>♦ K 7 2<br>♣ 9 8 4  |   |         |   |   |   |

Open Room

| West             | North          | East         | South          |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i> | <i>Cronier</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Willard</i> |
| 1♥               | Pass           | 2♦*          | Pass           |
| 2♥               | Pass           | Pass         | 2♠             |
| Pass             | Pass           | 3♣           | All Pass       |

\* Heart raise

The defenders started with three rounds of diamonds and declarer won in dummy and took the club finesse. She played a spade to the ten and ace, won the spade return and repeated the club finesse and drew the last trump. When she got the heart wrong she was +110.



Pony Nehmert, Germany

Closed Room

| West           | North          | East            | South          |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Hackett</i> | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> |
| Pass           | Pass           | 1♣              | Pass           |
| Dble           | 3♠             | Pass            | 1♠             |
| Dble           | Pass           | 4♥              | All Pass       |

I am not a fan of the Three Spade bid, as it risks pushing the opponents to a level they may not reach under their own steam.

South cashed the ace of spades and continued the suit. Declarer won in dummy and took the club finesse. She knew South did not have the ♦AK so now it was routine to play her for the queen of hearts. A spectacular +620 delivered 11 IMPs.

France were sure of victory now, but Germany finished on a high note.

Board:20. Dealer West. All Vul

|  |   |  |         |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|---------|---|--|--|
| ♠ 10<br>♥ K 5 4 3<br>♦ 10 7 6 5 3<br>♣ K 7 3 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N  | W     E | S | ♠ K 6 4<br>♥ Q 10 2<br>♦ Q 9 8<br>♣ 10 9 6 5 | ♠ Q J 9 7 5 3 2<br>♥ A 7<br>♦ J 2<br>♣ 4 2 |
| N  |   |  |         |   |  |  |
| W     E                                      |   |  |         |   |  |  |
| S  |   |  |         |   |  |  |
|  |   | ♠ A 8<br>♥ J 9 8 6<br>♦ A K 4<br>♣ A Q J 8 |         |   |  |  |

Open Room

| West             | North          | East         | South          |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>von Arnim</i> | <i>Cronier</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Willard</i> |
| Pass             | Pass           | 2♦*          | Dble           |
| 2♠               | Pass           | Pass         | Dble           |
| Pass             | 3NT            | All Pass     |                |

East led the queen of spades and declarer, believing East to have a six-card suit, made the normal — but effectively fatal — play of ducking. East switched to a diamond, and declarer won in dummy and naturally played a heart. East won and played a diamond and the defenders could not be denied the tricks they needed to defeat the contract, +200 when declarer later finessed in clubs.

Closed Room

| West           | North          | East            | South          |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Hackett</i> | <i>d'Ovidio</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> |
| Pass           | Pass           | 3♠              | Dble           |
| Pass           | 3NT            | All Pass        |                |

Here declarer knew East held seven spades, so it was surprising that she ducked the first trick. However, when East switched to the ace of hearts the hand was over, +600 and 13 IMPs for Germany.

Was this a match that France had won or that Germany had lost? In the score book the result was 57-40 IMPs, 19-11 VP.

## Cup Story

Leaving no stone unturned in our efforts to come up with bridge deals to entertain you even though there was no play yesterday we have traveled back in time to 1983 and the semifinal of the Polish Cup between Wisla Krakow vs. Ursus Warszawa.

Dealer South. Both Vul.

|  |   |   |          |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|----------|---|--|--|
| ♠ –<br>♥ A Q J 9 7 4<br>♦ –<br>♣ 9 7 6 5 4 3 2 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W      E | S | ♠ J 10 9 7 5<br>♥ K 10 8<br>♦ 8 6 5 3 2<br>♣ – | ♠ A K Q 8 6<br>♥ 6 5 3 2<br>♦ Q J 7 4<br>♣ – |
| N  |   |   |          |   |  |  |
| W      E                                       |   |   |          |   |  |  |
| S  |   |   |          |   |  |  |

- 2♠ Michaels
- 4NT RKCB
- 5NT 2 aces + 2 kings
- 6♥ a void or singleton
- Dble Lightner double
- Rdble Lightner redouble!

West naturally led a club - he could have saved the day by preferring the ace of hearts - ruffed and overruffed.

West had shown at least a five-card heart suit in the bidding and was now known to hold seven clubs. His missing card had to be a spade, heart or diamond. South played a diamond to dummy and when West discarded the play was simple. Thanks to the priceless ♦109 declarer could play trumps from dummy three times and pick up East's trumps.

At the other table 7♠ doubled was two down, so Ursus won 22 IMPs and eventually progressed to the Polish Cup final.

There is a final point to our story.

This deal has been commemorated in the splendid set of mugs that carry the Championship logo. Each of the four displays one of the hands on the inside - as you can see from the photograph. You can pick up a set for PLZ 60.

Open Room

| West     | North    | East    | South  |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Wilkosz  | Guzowski | Klapper | Latala |
|          |          |         | 1♠     |
| 2♠*      | 3♣       | Pass    | 3♠     |
| Pass     | 4♥       | Pass    | 4NT*   |
| Pass     | 5NT*     | Pass    | 6♥*    |
| Pass     | 7♠       | Dble*   | Rdble* |
| All Pass |          |         |        |



## Open Teams - Butler Ranking after 22 rounds

|    |                             |             |      |    |                     |             |       |
|----|-----------------------------|-------------|------|----|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1  | Tor Helness                 | NORWAY      | 1.03 | 50 | Tom Townsend        | ENGLAND     | 0.29  |
|    | Geir Helgemo                | NORWAY      | 1.03 |    | David Gold          | ENGLAND     | 0.29  |
| 3  | Norberto Bocchi             | ITALY       | 0.91 | 52 | Fredrik Bjoernlund  | SWEDEN      | 0.28  |
|    | Giorgio Duboin              | ITALY       | 0.91 |    | Peter Fredin        | SWEDEN      | 0.28  |
|    | Claudio Nunes               | ITALY       | 0.91 | 54 | Aleh Timakhovich    | BELARUS     | 0.26  |
|    | Fulvio Fantoni              | ITALY       | 0.91 |    | Henadzi Medusheuski | BELARUS     | 0.26  |
| 7  | Goran Radisic               | SERBIA      | 0.71 | 56 | Adam Mesbur         | IRELAND     | 0.26  |
| 8  | Jon Baldursson              | ICELAND     | 0.69 |    | Nicholas Fitzgibbon | IRELAND     | 0.26  |
|    | Thorlakur Jonsson           | ICELAND     | 0.69 | 58 | Simon De Wijs       | NETHERLANDS | 0.25  |
| 10 | John Carroll                | IRELAND     | 0.69 |    | Bauke Muller        | NETHERLANDS | 0.25  |
|    | Tom Garvey                  | IRELAND     | 0.69 | 60 | Huub Bertens        | NETHERLANDS | 0.24  |
| 12 | Anders Morath               | SWEDEN      | 0.63 |    | Ton Bakkeren        | NETHERLANDS | 0.24  |
|    | Bengt-Erik Efraimsson       | SWEDEN      | 0.63 | 62 | Georgi Matushko     | RUSSIA      | 0.23  |
| 14 | Miklos Dumbovich            | HUNGARY     | 0.57 |    | Yuri Khokhlov       | RUSSIA      | 0.23  |
|    | Gabor Winkler               | HUNGARY     | 0.57 | 64 | Peter Bertheau      | SWEDEN      | 0.20  |
| 16 | Cristina Bordallo           | SPAIN       | 0.53 |    | Fredrik Nystroem    | SWEDEN      | 0.20  |
|    | Andrzej Knap                | SPAIN       | 0.53 | 66 | Dimitraki Zipovski  | SERBIA      | 0.19  |
| 18 | Michael Askgaard            | DENMARK     | 0.52 | 67 | Asa Levinger        | ISRAEL      | 0.17  |
|    | Gregers Bjarnarson          | DENMARK     | 0.52 |    | Inon Liran          | ISRAEL      | 0.17  |
| 20 | Bartosz Chmurski            | POLAND      | 0.51 | 69 | Alain Kaplan        | BELGIUM     | 0.16  |
|    | Piotr Gawrys                | POLAND      | 0.51 |    | Guy Polet           | BELGIUM     | 0.16  |
| 22 | Herve Mouiel                | FRANCE      | 0.46 | 71 | Vladislav Petkov    | BULGARIA    | 0.15  |
|    | Alain Levy                  | FRANCE      | 0.46 |    | Vladimir Marashev   | BULGARIA    | 0.15  |
| 24 | Alfredo Versace             | ITALY       | 0.45 | 73 | Artur Wasik         | SPAIN       | 0.14  |
|    | Lorenzo Lauria              | ITALY       | 0.45 |    | Gerardo Wichmann    | SPAIN       | 0.14  |
| 26 | Tom Hanlon                  | IRELAND     | 0.43 | 75 | Reiner Marsal       | GERMANY     | 0.11  |
|    | Hugh McGann                 | IRELAND     | 0.43 |    | Joerg Fritsche      | GERMANY     | 0.11  |
| 28 | Hans Christian Nielsen      | DENMARK     | 0.41 | 77 | Bjorn Olav Ekren    | NORWAY      | 0.10  |
|    | Steen Schou                 | DENMARK     | 0.41 |    | Ulf Hakon Tundal    | NORWAY      | 0.10  |
| 30 | Michael Elinescu            | GERMANY     | 0.39 | 79 | Mika Salomaa        | FINLAND     | 0.09  |
|    | Entscho Wladow              | GERMANY     | 0.39 |    | Sue Baeckstroem     | FINLAND     | 0.09  |
| 32 | Boye Brogeland              | NORWAY      | 0.38 | 81 | Alexander Dubinin   | RUSSIA      | 0.08  |
|    | Erik Saelensminde           | NORWAY      | 0.38 |    | Andrei Gromov       | RUSSIA      | 0.08  |
| 34 | Laszlo Szilagyi             | HUNGARY     | 0.37 | 83 | James McGeorge      | SCOTLAND    | 0.08  |
|    | Laszlo Honti                | HUNGARY     | 0.37 |    | Leslie Steel        | SCOTLAND    | 0.08  |
| 36 | David Fohrer                | ISRAEL      | 0.36 | 85 | Viktor Aronov       | BULGARIA    | 0.07  |
|    | David Birman                | ISRAEL      | 0.36 |    | Julian Stefanov     | BULGARIA    | 0.07  |
| 38 | Valentin Zhuravel           | BELARUS     | 0.36 | 87 | Boguslaw Gierulski  | POLAND      | 0.05  |
|    | Andrei Arlovich             | BELARUS     | 0.36 |    | Jerzy Skrzypczak    | POLAND      | 0.05  |
| 40 | Osmo Kiema                  | FINLAND     | 0.36 | 89 | Ozcan Pehlivan      | TURKEY      | 0.03  |
|    | Antti Elsinen               | FINLAND     | 0.36 |    | Irfan Dogan         | TURKEY      | 0.03  |
| 42 | Goran Borevkovic            | CROATIA     | 0.35 | 91 | Nir Grinberg        | ISRAEL      | 0.03  |
|    | Vedran Zoric                | CROATIA     | 0.35 |    | Ron Pachtmann       | ISRAEL      | 0.03  |
| 44 | Berry Westra                | NETHERLANDS | 0.33 | 93 | Yusuf Sohtorik      | TURKEY      | 0.01  |
|    | Vincent Ramondt             | NETHERLANDS | 0.33 |    | Metin Eksioglu      | TURKEY      | 0.01  |
| 46 | Bjarni Holmar Einarsson     | ICELAND     | 0.31 | 95 | David Price         | ENGLAND     | 0.00  |
|    | Sigurbjorn Haraldsson       | ICELAND     | 0.31 |    | Colin Simpson       | ENGLAND     | 0.00  |
| 48 | Magnus Eidur Magnusson      | ICELAND     | 0.30 | 97 | Paul Chemla         | FRANCE      | -0.01 |
|    | Matthias Gisli Thorvaldsson | ICELAND     | 0.30 |    | Philippe Cronier    | FRANCE      | -0.01 |

|     |                          |             |       |                           |             |       |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 99  | Gabor Macskasy           | HUNGARY     | -0.04 | Eric Demarcin             | BELGIUM     | -0.33 |
|     | Gyorgy Szalay            | HUNGARY     | -0.04 | 153 Lembit Dalberg        | ESTONIA     | -0.33 |
| 101 | Filip Kurbalija          | WALES       | -0.05 | Aivar Tihane              | ESTONIA     | -0.33 |
| 102 | Povilas Lukinskas        | LITHUANIA   | -0.09 | 155 Gian Carlo Briolini   | SAN MARINO  | -0.35 |
|     | Andrius Michailovas      | LITHUANIA   | -0.09 | Fiorenzo Fiorini          | SAN MARINO  | -0.35 |
| 104 | Josef Piekarek           | GERMANY     | -0.09 | 157 Igor Khazanov         | LATVIA      | -0.35 |
|     | Tomasz Gotard            | GERMANY     | -0.09 | Andis Geste               | LATVIA      | -0.35 |
| 106 | John Armstrong           | ENGLAND     | -0.12 | 159 Steve De Roos         | BELGIUM     | -0.35 |
|     | John Holland             | ENGLAND     | -0.12 | Daniel De Roos            | BELGIUM     | -0.35 |
| 108 | Kauko Koistinen          | FINLAND     | -0.13 | 161 Eduard Munteanu       | ROMANIA     | -0.36 |
|     | Clas Nyberg              | FINLAND     | -0.13 | Iulian Rotaru             | ROMANIA     | -0.36 |
| 110 | Tim Rees                 | WALES       | -0.14 | 163 Miltos Karamanlis     | GREECE      | -0.38 |
| 111 | Yankos Papakyriakopoulos | GREECE      | -0.14 | Thanassis Matziaris       | GREECE      | -0.38 |
|     | Aris Filios              | GREECE      | -0.14 | 165 Calin Stirbu          | ROMANIA     | -0.38 |
| 113 | Vladimir Rekunov         | RUSSIA      | -0.14 | Gheorghe Serpoi           | ROMANIA     | -0.38 |
|     | Mikhail Krasnosselski    | RUSSIA      | -0.14 | 167 Darko Parezanin       | SERBIA      | -0.39 |
| 115 | Fernando Piedra          | SWITZERLAND | -0.16 | Branislav Duricic         | SERBIA      | -0.39 |
|     | Dmitrij Nikolenkov       | SWITZERLAND | -0.16 | 169 Nikolas Bausback      | LUXEMBOURG  | -0.42 |
| 117 | Apolinary Kowalski       | POLAND      | -0.16 | 170 Peter Schaltz         | DENMARK     | -0.43 |
|     | Piotr Tuszynski          | POLAND      | -0.16 | Dorthe Schaltz            | DENMARK     | -0.43 |
| 119 | Olavi Oja                | ESTONIA     | -0.17 | 172 John Salisbury        | WALES       | -0.44 |
|     | Ilkka Renno              | LUXEMBOURG  | -0.17 | 173 Michael Tedd          | WALES       | -0.44 |
|     | Vallo Kask               | ESTONIA     | -0.17 | 174 Rui Silva Santos      | PORTUGAL    | -0.44 |
| 122 | Lauri Naber              | ESTONIA     | -0.18 | Nuno Paz                  | PORTUGAL    | -0.44 |
|     | Leo Luks                 | ESTONIA     | -0.18 | 176 John Matheson         | SCOTLAND    | -0.45 |
| 124 | Ben Hayes                | LATVIA      | -0.18 | Brian Short               | SCOTLAND    | -0.45 |
|     | Bruno Rubenis            | LATVIA      | -0.18 | 178 Martin Lofgren        | LUXEMBOURG  | -0.51 |
| 126 | Karlis Rubins            | LATVIA      | -0.19 | 179 Jorge Cruzeiro        | PORTUGAL    | -0.52 |
|     | Maija Romanovska         | LATVIA      | -0.19 | Nuno Matos                | PORTUGAL    | -0.52 |
| 128 | Marc Bompis              | FRANCE      | -0.20 | 181 Vytautas Vainikonis   | LITHUANIA   | -0.57 |
|     | Carlos Castanheira       | PORTUGAL    | -0.20 | Wojciech Olanski          | LITHUANIA   | -0.57 |
|     | Thierry de Sainte Marie  | FRANCE      | -0.20 | 183 Jill Casey            | WALES       | -0.58 |
|     | Sofia Pessoa             | PORTUGAL    | -0.20 | 184 Alexander Zhukov      | BELARUS     | -0.61 |
| 132 | Okay Gur                 | TURKEY      | -0.24 | Alexandr Karbanovich      | BELARUS     | -0.61 |
|     | Tezcan Sen               | TURKEY      | -0.24 | 186 Bachar Abouchanab     | SWITZERLAND | -0.62 |
| 134 | Ovidiu Ghigheci          | ROMANIA     | -0.26 | Tarik Yalcin              | SWITZERLAND | -0.62 |
|     | Marius Briciu            | ROMANIA     | -0.26 | 188 Pablo Gomez de Pablos | SPAIN       | -0.76 |
| 136 | Daniele Zaccaria         | SAN MARINO  | -0.27 | Enrique Basabe            | SPAIN       | -0.76 |
|     | Sotiris Zozis            | GREECE      | -0.27 | 190 Goran Cekol           | CROATIA     | -0.79 |
|     | Massimo Soroldoni        | SAN MARINO  | -0.27 | Milko Pravdic             | CROATIA     | -0.79 |
|     | Tassos Koukouselis       | GREECE      | -0.27 | 192 Stefan Helling        | LUXEMBOURG  | -0.85 |
| 140 | Ilko Bonev               | BULGARIA    | -0.28 | Soeren Hein               | LUXEMBOURG  | -0.85 |
|     | Iain Sime                | SCOTLAND    | -0.28 | 194 Gojko Zivkovic        | SWITZERLAND | -0.87 |
|     | Derek Sanders            | SCOTLAND    | -0.28 | David Mossop              | SWITZERLAND | -0.87 |
|     | Vasil Batov              | BULGARIA    | -0.28 | 196 Rolandas Babickas     | LITHUANIA   | -1.08 |
|     | Kalle Prorok             | LUXEMBOURG  | -0.28 | Albertas Tyla             | LITHUANIA   | -1.08 |
| 145 | Branko Vlajnic           | SERBIA      | -0.29 |                           |             |       |
| 146 | Camillo Gaddi            | SAN MARINO  | -0.30 |                           |             |       |
|     | Ettore Pizza             | SAN MARINO  | -0.30 |                           |             |       |
| 148 | Diane Kurbalija          | WALES       | -0.31 |                           |             |       |
| 149 | Davor Rase               | CROATIA     | -0.32 |                           |             |       |
|     | Karlo Brguljan           | CROATIA     | -0.32 |                           |             |       |
| 151 | Philippe Caputo          | BELGIUM     | -0.33 |                           |             |       |

# TWARDA GRA

Marek Wójcicki

Przeglądając biuletyny, można dojść do wniosku, że w mistrzostwach króluje brydż „szarpany”, z tendencją do stwarzania przy stole chaosu, z którego może uda się wyjść zwycięsko... Taki styl chyba jest obecnie dominujący. Być może wpływają na to generowane komputerowo rozdania, które (może to moje subiektywne odczucie) preferują bardziej losowość niż technikę... Ale siedząc w brydżramie można też wyłowić perełki techniczne, takie same, jak milion lat przed naszą erą... Oto dwa rozdania z meczu Włochy – Izrael, pokazujące, jak mogą wyglądać zmagania wistujących z rozgrywającym:

Rozd. 4. Rozdawał W; obie po partii.

♠ A D 9 4  
♥ D 10  
♦ K 10 9 5  
♣ 10 7 3

♠ W 7 3  
♥ K 6 2  
♦ A D 7 2  
♣ A 6 2

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ K 8 6 2  
♥ A W 9 8  
♦ 8 6 4  
♣ K 4

♠ 10 5  
♥ 7 5 4 3  
♦ W 3  
♣ D W 9 8 5

Pokój otwarty

| West    | North  | East   | South  |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Versace | Birman | Lauria | Fohrer |
| 1♦      | pas    | 1♥     | pas    |
| 1BA     | pas    | 2BA    | pas    |
| 3BA     | pas... |        |        |

Birman zdecydował się na pasywnie wyglądający wist ♣7. Ze stołu blotka, od S walet i Versace zdecydował się przepuścić. S zagrał teraz trójką karo. Z ręki blotka, od N dziewiątka i ponownie trefl. Król ze stołu bierze lewą i rozgrywający zagrywa teraz w karo (ósemką, aby odblokować ewentualny impas). Od S walet, dama, król. Birman znajduje teraz doskonałe odejście damą kier, pozostawiając sobie dziesiątkę trefl. Ale trafiła kosa na kamień! Versace bierze lewą w dziadku asem i przechodzi do ręki królem kier. Gdy od N spada dziesiątka, a w aktualnej końcówce:

♠ A D 9 4  
♥ —  
♦ 10 5  
♣ 10

♠ W 7 3  
♥ 6  
♦ A 7  
♣ A

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ K 8 6 2  
♥ W 9  
♦ 8  
♣ —

♠ 10 5  
♥ 7 5  
♦ —  
♣ D 9 8

Versace rozgrywa jak w jasne karty – zgrywa asa trefl, po czym gra blotkę pik. Birman puszcza i król ze stołu bierze lewą. Teraz ze stołu dwie forty kierowe (z ręki siódemka pik) – N znajduje

ostatnią szansę na obłożenie – walet pik w ręce S – wyrzuca na kiery asa i damę pik, aby obronić się przed wpustką. Ale nic z tego, waleta ma Versace i swoje.

W następnym rozdaniu doskonałą rozgrywką popisał się Birman:

Rozd. 5. Rozdawał N; strona NS po partii.

♠ K W 7 3  
♥ K W 8  
♦ D 4  
♣ A K 8 4

♠ 4  
♥ A 9 4 3  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ W 10 9 3

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 10 9 8 2  
♥ D 10 7 6 2  
♦ W 7  
♣ D 6

♠ A D 6 5  
♥ 5  
♦ A K 10 5 3  
♣ 7 5 2

Pokój otwarty

| West    | North           | East   | South           |
|---------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Versace | Birman          | Lauria | Fohrer          |
|         | 1BA             | pas    | 2♣ <sup>1</sup> |
| pas     | 2♦ <sup>2</sup> | pas    | 3♥ <sup>3</sup> |
| pas     | 4♣              | pas    | 4BA             |
| pas     | 5♥              | pas    | 6♠              |
| pas...  |                 |        |                 |

<sup>1</sup> puppet Stayman<sup>2</sup> automat<sup>3</sup> silna karta z czwórką pików

E zaatakował ♠2. Rozgrywający nie wykorzystał szansy wzięcia najniższej lewy mistrzostw na piątkę atu i pobił w stole asem. Zagrane go teraz kiera Versace przepuścił bez zmrżenia oka – z ręki walet – Lauria po wzięciu lewy na damę ponownie zagrał w atu. Dama ze stołu. Birman przeszedł do ręki asem trefl i przebił w stole kiera. Znow do ręki treflem i przebicie kolejnego kiera. Teraz do ręki damą karo. W końcówce:

♠ K W  
♥ —  
♦ 4  
♣ 8 4

♠ —  
♥ —  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ W 10

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 9 8  
♥ 10 7  
♦ W  
♣ —

♠ —  
♥ —  
♦ A K 10 5  
♣ 7

do ściąganych kolejno pików ze stołu trefl i karo... Rozgrywający mógł tylko żałować, że walet karo nie znajdował się w ręce W, gdyż byłby on wtedy zduszony w przymusie na młodsze kolor. A tak, przy spadającym walecie karo, do wygrania wystarczyło przebicie jednego kiera w dziadku...

## POLSKA – HOLANDIA

Marek Wójcicki

W XX rundzie polska drużyna w kategorii open spotkała się z Holandią. Holandia to aktualnie jedna z najsilniejszych drużyn europejskich. Wdrożony system półprofesjonalnego utrzymania reprezentacji oraz regularnego szkolenia zaprezentował w ostatnich latach doskonałymi wynikami – wystarczy przypomnieć ostatnią Olimpiadę Brydżową w Stambule, gdzie drużyna Oranje doszła aż do finału, ulegając w nim Włochom. Polaków czekał na pewno ciężki mecz. Przystąpili do niego zmobilizowani, co zaowocowało zwycięstwem 45–38. Oto kilka rozdań z tego meczu:

Pierwszy pokąźny zysk zanotowaliśmy w rozdaniu trzecim:

Rozd. 3. Rozdawał S; WE po partii.

|            |             |           |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| ♠ 9 5      | ♠ 10 7 4    | ♠ A D W 2 |
| ♥ A D 10 2 | ♥ K 4       | ♥ 8 6 5 3 |
| ♦ K 10 7 5 | ♦ 9 8 6 4 3 | ♦ A 2     |
| ♣ D 10 4   | ♣ A K W     | ♣ 9 7 2   |

  

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

  

|           |
|-----------|
| ♠ K 8 6 3 |
| ♥ W 9 7   |
| ♦ D W     |
| ♣ 8 6 5 3 |

Pokój otwarty

| West     | North   | East      | South  |
|----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Kowalski | De Wijs | Tuszyński | Muller |
|          |         |           | pas    |
| pas      | pas     | 1♣        | pas    |
| 1♥       | pas...  |           |        |

N zaatakował ♣A, a po wzięciu lewy ♦8. Kowalski wziął na króla w ręce i spróbował zaimpasować pika. S wziął na króla i podegrał trefla. N ściągnął dwie lewę w tym kolorze i odszedł znów w karo. Król ze stołu i zagranie w atu. Muller chytrze podłożył waleta, ale Apek zabił asem i odszedł dziesiątką kier. Król od N i karo przebite w stole i nadbite dziesiątką przez S. Swoje...

A na drugim stole:

Pokój zamknięty

| West     | North    | East    | South  |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Bakkeren | Chmurski | Bertens | Gawrys |
|          |          |         | pas    |
| 1♦       | pas      | 1♥      | pas    |
| 2♥       | pas      | 2♠      | pas    |
| 3♥       | pas      | 4♥      | pas... |

W licytacji pary holenderskiej widać wyraźnie dominujący w dzisiejszym brydżu trend do przelicytowania –

w otworzył na niespecjalne 11 PC, a E nie popuścił przed końcówką. Gawrys wyszedł damą karo. Rozgrywający wziął w ręce i spróbował impasu damą kier. Chmurski pobił królem i zagrał ponownie w karo, a rozgrywający po lewie na króla spróbował z kolei impasu pik... Nasi, po lewie na króla, ściągnęli trzy trefle i wzięli nadbitkę karową. Bez trzech i 9 imp dla Polski.

W rozdaniu 8 nasi reprezentanci mogli skarżyć się na pecha:

Rozd. 8. Rozdawał W; obie przed partią.

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| ♠ A 10 9 8 5 | ♠ A 10 9 8 5 |
| ♥ W 8 6      | ♥ W 8 6      |
| ♦ 2          | ♦ 2          |
| ♣ A K 9 4    | ♣ A K 9 4    |

  

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| ♠ K D 7 6 4 2 | ♠ W 3      |
| ♥ K 9 4 3     | ♥ A D 5 2  |
| ♦ A D         | ♦ 10 7 6 5 |
| ♣ W           | ♣ 7 6 2    |

  

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| ♠ —           | ♠ —           |
| ♥ 10 7        | ♥ 10 7        |
| ♦ K W 9 8 4 3 | ♦ K W 9 8 4 3 |
| ♣ D 10 8 5 3  | ♣ D 10 8 5 3  |

Pokój otwarty

| West            | North   | East            | South  |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| Kowalski        | De Wijs | Tuszyński       | Muller |
| 1♠              | pas     | 1BA             | pas    |
| 2♣ <sup>1</sup> | pas     | 2♦ <sup>2</sup> | ktr.   |
| 2♥ <sup>3</sup> | pas     | 3♥              | pas    |
| 4♥              | pas...  |                 |        |

<sup>1</sup> naturalne 12–14 PC lub 15–18 PC układ niezrównoważony różny od 5-5

<sup>2</sup> relay

<sup>3</sup> nadwyżka w układzie 5♠ 4♥

Po ataku karowym kontrakt został przegrany bez jednej wskutek złych podziałów. Na drugim stole nasza para z kartami NS była dużo bardziej aktywna:

Pokój zamknięty

| West     | North    | East             | South  |
|----------|----------|------------------|--------|
| Bakkeren | Chmurski | Bertens          | Gawrys |
| 1♠       | pas      | 1BA <sup>1</sup> | 2♦     |
| 2♥       | ktr.     | pas              | 3♣     |
| pas      | 4♣       | pas...           |        |

<sup>1</sup> półforsujące

W wyszedł ♠K i kontrakt został zrealizowany z nadrobką. 3 imp dla Polski... A gdyby piki dzieliły się... nasz zysk



wyniósłby 13 imp.

W następnym rozdaniu niezwykle skuteczną akcją podjął Gawryś:

Rozd. 9. Rozdawał N; WE po partii.

|  |  |   |         |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|---------|---|--|---|
| <p>♠ A<br/>♥ K W 6 3<br/>♦ A 8 7 6 5<br/>♣ 8 5 2</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | <p>♠ K W 4<br/>♥ D 9 7<br/>♦ 10 4 2<br/>♣ A W 10 3</p> | <p>♠ 10 5 3<br/>♥ A 8 5 4 2<br/>♦ W 3<br/>♣ K 9 6</p> |
| N  |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| W     E  |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| S  |  |   |         |   |  |   |

Pokój zamknięty

| West            | North           | East           | South              |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <i>Bakkeren</i> | <i>Chmurski</i> | <i>Bertens</i> | <i>Gawryś</i>      |
| pas             | 2♦ <sup>1</sup> | pas            | 2BA <sup>2</sup> ! |
| pas...          | 3♥ <sup>3</sup> | pas            | 4♠ !               |

<sup>1</sup> polskie multi – blok na kolorze starszym

<sup>2</sup> silne pytanie o układ

<sup>3</sup> nie nadzwyczajna karta z kolorem pikowym

WE praktycznie nie mieli szans zorientować się, że są wyblefowani. 4♠ zakończyło się wpadką bez dwóch za 100.



Apolinary Kowalski, Poland

A na drugim stole odważną akcją podjął Kowalski:

Pokój otwarty

| West            | North           | East             | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kowalski</i> | <i>De Wijs</i>  | <i>Tuszyński</i> | <i>Muller</i>   |
| pas             | 2♦ <sup>1</sup> | pas              | 3♥ <sup>2</sup> |
| ktr. !          | 3♠              | pas              | pas             |
|                 | pas             | 3BA              | pas...          |

<sup>1</sup> multi

<sup>2</sup> blokujące z fitami w obu starszych

Tuszyński po ataku pikowym bez specjalnych problemów zrealizował kontrakt z nadróbką i 10 imp dla naszych.

W rozdaniu 13 polskie metody licytacyjne sprawdziły się lepiej od holenderskich:

Rozd. 13. Rozdawał N; obie po partii.

|   |  |   |         |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---------|---|--|--|
| <p>♠ A 8 7 3<br/>♥ K 10 2<br/>♦ K 3<br/>♣ 9 8 6 2</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | <p>♠ K D W 6 5<br/>♥ A D W 5 4<br/>♦ 8 7 5<br/>♣ —</p> <p>♠ 9 2<br/>♥ 9 7 6<br/>♦ A D 10 9 4<br/>♣ K 7 4</p> | <p>♠ 10 4<br/>♥ 8 3<br/>♦ W 6 2<br/>♣ A D W 10 5 3</p> |
| N   |  |   |         |   |  |  |
| W     E   |  |   |         |   |  |  |
| S   |  |   |         |   |  |  |

Pokój otwarty

| West            | North           | East             | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kowalski</i> | <i>De Wijs</i>  | <i>Tuszyński</i> | <i>Muller</i>   |
| pas...          | 1♥ <sup>1</sup> | pas              | 3♣ <sup>2</sup> |

<sup>1</sup> ze względu na wymogi relayowego systemu pary Muller – de Wijs z układem 5-5 w starszych otwiera się 1♥

<sup>2</sup> blokujące z treflami

Pomimo solidnego koloru, ten mało estetyczny kontrakt zakończył się wpadką bez dwóch.

Pokój zamknięty

| West            | North           | East           | South         |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Bakkeren</i> | <i>Chmurski</i> | <i>Bertens</i> | <i>Gawryś</i> |
| pas             | 1♠              | pas            | 1BA           |
| pas             | 2♥              | pas            | 2♠            |
| pas...          | 3♥              | pas            | 3♠            |

E wyszedł siódmką trefl. Chmurski położył w stole damę i zrealizował 10 lew. 9 imp dla Polski.

Kolejne rozdanie, w którym zanotowaliśmy znaczący zysk, to rozdanie 16.

Rozd. 16. Rozdawał W; WE po partii.

|   |  |   |         |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---------|---|---|---|
| ♠ D 9 6 3<br>♥ A D 8<br>♦ 3<br>♣ D 10 8 4 2 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ K 10 5 2<br>♥ K 3<br>♦ A K W 6<br>♣ A 5 3 | ♠ A 8 7 4<br>♥ W 10 6 5 2<br>♦ 5<br>♣ K W 9 |
| N   |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| W     E                                     |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| S   |  |   |         |   |   |   |

Przebieg licytacji w pokoju otwartym nie wróżył obrotu:

| West     | North           | East      | South           |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Kowalski | De Wijs         | Tuszyński | Muller          |
| pas      | pas             | 1♣        | 1♠ <sup>1</sup> |
| pas      | 2♣ <sup>2</sup> | pas       | 2♥              |
| pas      | pas             | ktr.      | pas             |
| 3♦       | pas...          |           |                 |

<sup>1</sup> 5\* kierów lub 4♠ i 5\* w kolorze młodszym<sup>2</sup> pytanie o rodzaj wejścia

N wyszedł w pika i Apek wziął dwie nadróbki.

Na drugim stole po raz kolejny nasza para na linii NS była bardziej aktywna w licytacji niż ich holenderscy odpowiednicy:



Piotr Tuszyński, Poland

Pokój zamknięty

| West     | North    | East    | South  |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Bakkeren | Chmurski | Bertens | Gawrys |
| Pas      | pas      | 1♦      | 1♥     |
| 4♦       | 4♥       | 5♦      | ktr.   |
| pas...   |          |         |        |

Gawrys wyszedł waletem kier. Chmurski wskoczył asem i zagrał w trefla, wyrabiając kładącą lewą. Bez jednej, 200 i 8 imp dla Polski.

Aby nie pozostawić wrażenia, że Holendrzy cały czas licytowali „przy ścianie”, popatrzmy na rozdanie 18:

Rozd. 18. Rozdawał E; NS po partii.

|   |  |   |         |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|---------|---|--|---|
| ♠ 9 6 4 2<br>♥ D 5 4 2<br>♦ 10 8<br>♣ K 3 2 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | ♠ W 7 5<br>♥ A K 10 6<br>♦ D 7 4<br>♣ D 10 6 | ♠ A K D 10 8 3<br>♥ W 9 7<br>♦ A 2<br>♣ A 4 |
| N   |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| W     E                                     |  |   |         |   |  |   |
| S   |  |   |         |   |  |   |

Pokój otwarty

| West            | North   | East      | South  |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Kowalski        | De Wijs | Tuszyński | Muller |
|                 |         | 1♣        | ktr.   |
| 2♣ <sup>1</sup> | pas     | 2♦        | 3BA !  |
| 4♣              | ktr.    | 4♦        | 4♠     |
| 5♦              | pas     | pas       | ktr.   |
| pas...          |         |           |        |

<sup>1</sup> teksas na kara

S zaatakował ♠A, po czym, pomimo, że partner dołożył najmłodszego pika, nie zaryzykował wyjścia w trefle i bez jednej, 100 dla Holandii.

Pokój zamknięty

| West     | North    | East    | South  |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Bakkeren | Chmurski | Bertens | Gawrys |
|          |          | 1♣      | ktr    |
| 3♦       | pas      | 4♦ !    | 4♠     |
| 5♦       | 5♠       | pas...  |        |

W zaatakował w karo i kontrakt musiał zakończyć się wpadką bez jednej.

Dużo bardziej dynamiczna licytacja gracza W nie dała szans naszym na odsprzedanie się na niższej wysokości. Trudno dziwić się Chmurskiemu, że zdecydował się na 5♠. Przeciwnicy mogli łatwo mieć 10 kar na linii i przy singlu u partnera 5♠ mogło wychodzić...

A tak – 5 imp dla Holandii.