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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.'

14.15 Today's **Belgium - France VuGraph Matches** Switzerland - Poland 14.15 14.15 Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor Denmark - Bulgaria Netherlands - Hungary 10.30 14.15 France - Netherlands (Women) 14.15 17.35 **England** - Italy Luxemburg - Italy 17.35 17.35 Germany - Israel France - Belarus 17.35 Poland - Greece **BBO OnLine** France - Estonia (Seniors) 17.35 **Transmissions Swan Games OnLine** Italy - Croatia 10.30 Sweden - Denmark 10.30 Poland - France 10.30 14.15 Finland - Israel 10.30 Hungary - Iceland 17.35 Sweden - France (Seniors) 10.30 Ireland - Denmark

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

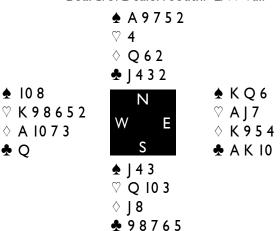
by Jos Jacobs

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 Herzegowina 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.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Birman	Lauria	Fohrer
			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 \triangle 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.

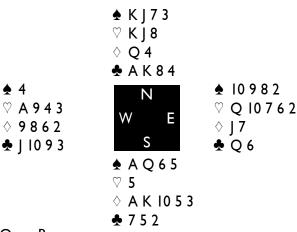
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West	North	East	South	
Levinger	Bocchi	Liran	Duboin	
			Pass	
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass	
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass	
5♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass	

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.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Versace	Birman	Lauria	Fohrer	
	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	
	INT	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:

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.

	♣ J 7 2♡ A♦ 10 9 4♣ 10 9 8 7 5 4	
♠ K I0 ♡ K Q J I0 4 2 ◇ 5 ♣ K Q 6 3	N W E S • Q 8 6 ♥ 8 7 5 3 ♦ K Q J 8 2 • 2	♠ A 9 5 4 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ A J

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Birman	Lauria	Fohrer
		I♠	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
		I♠	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

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	♠ K 6 4 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 10 9 6 5	
♠ 10♡ K 5 4 3◇ 10 7 6 5 3♠ K 7 3	N W E S ♠ A 8 ♥ J 9 8 6 ♦ A K 4 ♠ A Q J 8	♠ Q J 9 7 5 3 2 ♡ A 7 ◊ J 2 ♠ 4 2



Asa Levinger, Israel

[&]quot;Why are our adverse slam swings always vulnerable?"

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Versace	Birman	Lauria	Fohrer	
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	
Levinger	Bocchi	Liran	Duboin	
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 sevencard 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 \heartsuit 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 $\Diamond Q$ and immediately take the club finesse. West can win the $\bigstar K$ 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 $\heartsuit A$.

If West holds four diamonds and the \clubsuit 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	Dziekuje	Ginkoye
Yes	Tak	Tak
No	Nie	Nea
Can I pay please?	Czy moge 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 kontchysh 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

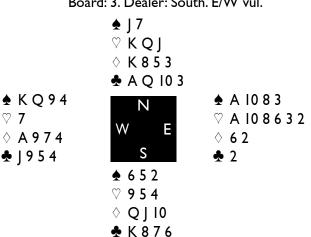
by los lacobs

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 I 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 I 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.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Szalay	Helness	Macskasy
			Pass
Pass	INT	2♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

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

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West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Salensminde	Winkler	Brogeland
			Pass
Pass	INT	2◊¹	2NT
All Pass			

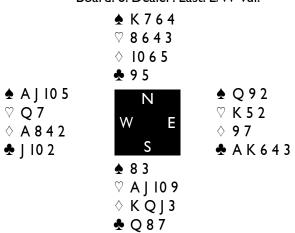
¹ One Major

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 blackout by South:

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



Open Room

1				
West	North	East	South	
Helgemo	Szalay	Helness	Macskasy	
		♣	Pass	
I♠	Pass	2♠	Dble	
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	
3NT	All 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 \$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.

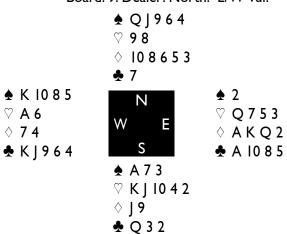
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West	North	East	South	
Dumbovich	Salensminde	Winkler	Brogeland	
'		♣	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

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.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Szalay	Helness	Macskasy
	2♠	Dble	3♠
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Over 2\(\overline{\Delta}\), showing at least that suit, Helness had an easy double. Helgemo correctly took his partner's pass over 4\(\overline{\Delta}\) 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.

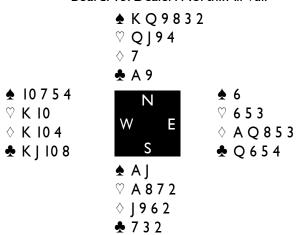
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West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Salensminde	Winkler	Brogeland
•	2♦	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ 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.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Szalay	Helness	Macskasy
	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	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-I. 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 I or possibly at trick 2 after the $\diamondsuit A$ was the only way to cause all this trouble since the $\clubsuit A$ is needed as a late entry to the spades. Norway +200.

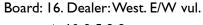
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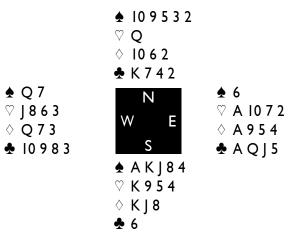
West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Salensminde	Winkler	Brogeland
	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♣
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	

Open Room

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:





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Szalay	Helness	Macskasy
Pass	2♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

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

Helness came very near to it when he led the \triangle 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	
Dumbovich	Salensminde	Winkler	Brogeland	
Pass	Pass	1♦	I♠	
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 I^{\heartsuit} , East passes, South bids 3^{\heartsuit} which is explained as invitational. West passes and North bids the game with 4^{\heartsuit} , all pass. East holds $\Phi QJ9 \ \nabla KJI0 \ \Delta Q84 \ T53.$ At table I East leads ΦQ and the dummy shows $\Phi 874 \ \nabla Q8743 \ D94 \ 82$, 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

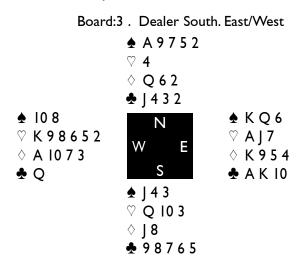
Round 11

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.



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.

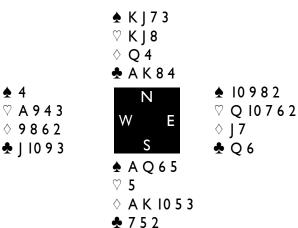


Benedicte Cronier, France

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
			Pass	_
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



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.

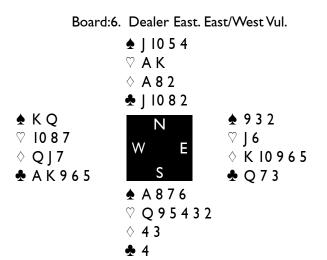
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West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
		_		
	INT	Pass	2♣*	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♡	
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♠	
All Pass				

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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 \$962 \(\bigsigma \) 10, 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.



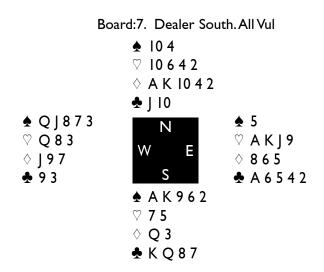
Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard	
		Pass	Pass	
INT	Pass	Pass	2♡	
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass	
Pass	3♡	All Pass		

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 Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
		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.



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard
			♠
Pass	INT	Dble	2♣
Pass	2♠	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 overruffed 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.

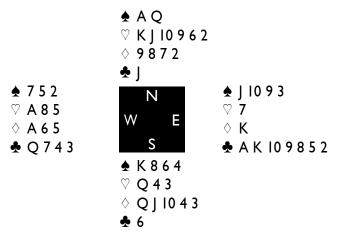
If instead of cashing the top spades declarer plays three rounds of diamonds, then ruffs a diamond high and plays a club she can make the contract. Not easy, but not impossible.

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West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert
			I♠
Pass	INT	Dble	All Pass

Classed Boom

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



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard	
			Pass	
INT	2◊*	5♣	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.

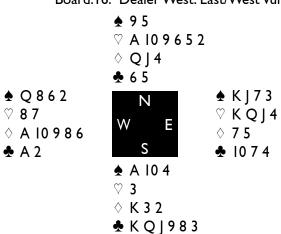
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
			Pass	
Pass	ΙΫ́	2♣	Dble	
2♡*	Dble	2♠	3♡	
3NT	All Pass			

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

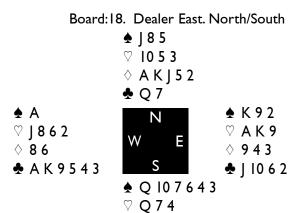


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West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard
Pass	Pass	ΙŸ	2♣
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

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

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass	
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♣	
All Pass				

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.



♦ Q 10 7
♣ 8

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard	
		INT	Pass	
2♣*	Pass	2◊*	Pass	
3♡*	Pass	4♣	All Pass	

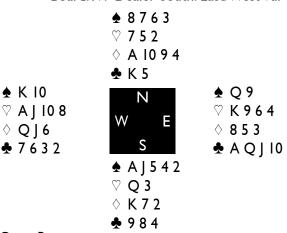
When East denied a four-card heart suit there must be a case for West to simply take a pot at 3NT. When she bid Three Hearts, showing hearts and clubs East began to envisage a club slam — and if West had for example $\triangle A5$ $\bigcirc Q862$ $\triangle AK9543$ she would be right. It was a surprise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

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	West	North	East	South	
_	Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
Ī			Pass	Pass	
	♣	Pass	2NT	Pass	
	3NT	All 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



Open Roor

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard
			Pass
ΙΫ́	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

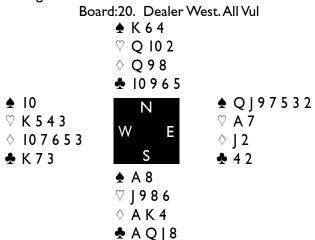
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert	
			Pass	
_	_			
Pass	Pass	♣	♠	
Pass Dble	Pass 3♠	Pass	I ♣ 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 \lozenge 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.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
von Arnim	Cronier	Auken	Willard	
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

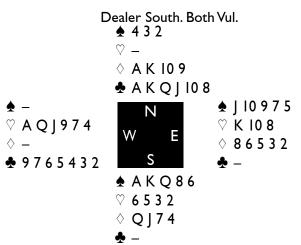
West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Hackett	d'Ovidio	Nehmert
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

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, I9-IIVP.

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.



0	pen	Roo	om

West	North	East	South	
Wilkosz	Guzowski	Klapper	Latala	
			I♠	
2♠*	3♣	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♡	Pass	4NT*	
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♡*	
Pass	7♠	$Dble^*$	$Rdble^*$	
All Pass				

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\(\Delta\) 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 Teams - Butler Ranking after 22 rounds

I 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	٠.	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
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48 Magnus Eidur Magnusson		0.30	97	Paul Chemla	FRANCE	-0.01
Matthias Gisli Thorvaldss		0.30	,,	Philippe Cronier	FRANCE	-0.01
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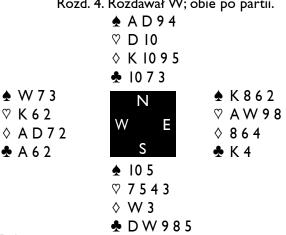
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102 Povilas Lukinskas	LITHUANIA	-0.09	Aivar Tihane	ESTONIA	-0.33
Andrius Michailovas	LITHUANIA	-0.09	155 Gian Carlo Briolini	SAN MARINO	-0.35
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Tomasz Gotard	GERMANY	-0.09	157 Igor Khazanov	LATVIA	-0.35
106 John Armstrong	ENGLAND	-0.12	Andis Geste	LATVIA	-0.35
John Holland	ENGLAND	-0.12	159 Steve De Roos	BELGIUM	-0.35
108 Kauko Koistinen	FINLAND	-0.13	Daniel De Roos	BELGIUM	-0.35
Clas Nyberg	FINLAND	-0.13	161 Eduard Munteanu	ROMANIA	-0.36
110 Tim Rees	WALES	-0.14	lulian Rotaru	ROMANIA	-0.36
III Yankos Papakyriakopoulos	GREECE	-0.14			
Aris Filios	GREECE	-0.14	163 Miltos Karamanlis	GREECE	-0.38
113 Vladimir Rekunov	RUSSIA	-0.14	Thanassis Matziaris	GREECE	-0.38
Mikhail Krasnosselski	RUSSIA	-0.14	165 Calin Stirbu	ROMANIA	-0.38
115 Fernando Piedra	SWITZERLAND	-0.16	Gheorghe Serpoi	ROMANIA	-0.38
Dmitrij Nikolenkov	SWITZERLAND	-0.16	167 Darko Parezanin	SERBIA	-0.39
117 Apolinary Kowalski	POLAND	-0.16	Branislav Duricic	SERBIA	-0.39
Piotr Tuszynski	POLAND	-0.16	169 Nikolas Bausback	LUXEMBOURG	-0.42
119 Olavi Oja	ESTONIA	-0.17	170 Peter Schaltz	DENMARK	-0.43
Ilkka Renno	LUXEMBOURG	-0.17	Dorthe Schaltz	DENMARK	-0.43
Vallo Kask 122 Lauri Naber	ESTONIA ESTONIA	-0.17 -0.18			
Leo Luks	ESTONIA	-0.18	172 John Salisbury	WALES	-0.44
124 Ben Hayes	LATVIA	-0.18	173 Michael Tedd	WALES	-0.44
Bruno Rubenis	LATVIA	-0.18	174 Rui Silva Santos	PORTUGAL	-0.44
126 Karlis Rubins	LATVIA	-0.19	Nuno Paz	PORTUGAL	-0.44
Maija Romanovska	LATVIA	-0.19	176 John Matheson	SCOTLAND	-0.45
128 Marc Bompis	FRANCE	-0.20	Brian Short	SCOTLAND	-0.45
Carlos Castanheira	PORTUGAL	-0.20	178 Martin Lofgren	LUXEMBOURG	-0.51
Thierry de Sainte Marie	FRANCE	-0.20	179 Jorge Cruzeiro	PORTUGAL	-0.52
Sofia Pessoa	PORTUGAL	-0.20	Nuno Matos	PORTUGAL	-0.52
132 Okay Gur	TURKEY	-0.24	181 Vytautas Vainikonis	LITHUANIA	-0.57
Tezcan Sen	TURKEY	-0.24			
134 Ovidiu Ghigheci	ROMANIA	-0.26	Wojciech Olanski	LITHUANIA	-0.57
Marius Briciu	ROMANIA	-0.26	183 Jill Casey	WALES	-0.58
136 Daniele Zaccaria	SAN MARINO	-0.27	184 Alexander Zhukov	BELARUS	-0.61
Sotiris Zozis	GREECE	-0.27	Alexandr Karbanovich	BELARUS	-0.61
Massimo Soroldoni	SAN MARINO	-0.27	186 Bachar Abouchanab	SWITZERLAND	-0.62
Tassos Koukouselis	GREECE	-0.27	Tarik Yalcin	SWITZERLAND	-0.62
140 Ilko Bonev lain Sime	BULGARIA	-0.28 -0.28	188 Pablo Gomez de Pablos	SPAIN	-0.76
Derek Sanders	SCOTLAND SCOTLAND	-0.28	Enrique Basabe	SPAIN	-0.76
Vasil Batov	BULGARIA	-0.28	190 Goran Cekol	CROATIA	-0.79
Kalle Prorok	LUXEMBOURG	-0.28	Milko Pravdic	CROATIA	-0.79
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146 Camillo Gaddi	SAN MARINO	-0.30	192 Stefan Helling	LUXEMBOURG	
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149 Davor Rase	CROATIA	-0.32	David Mossop	SWITZERLAND	-0.87
Karlo Brguljan	CROATIA	-0.32	196 Rolandas Babickas	LITHUANIA	-1.08
151 Philippe Caputo	BELGIUM	-0.33	Albertas Tyla	LITHUANIA	-1.08

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:

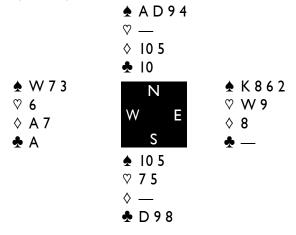
Rozd. 4. Rozdawał W; obie po partii.



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South	
Versace	Birman	Lauria	Fohrer	
I♦	pas	IΫ	pas	
IBA	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 lewę 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 lewę w dziadku asem i przechodzi do ręki królem kier. Gdy od N spada dziesiątka, a w aktualnej końcówce:

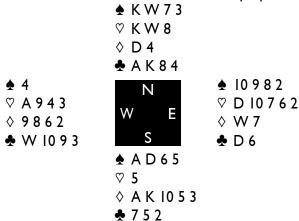


Versace rozgrywa jak w jasne karty – zgrywa asa trefl, po czym gra blotkę pik. Birman puszcza i król ze stołu bierze lewę. Teraz ze stołu dwie forty kierowe (z ręki siódemka pik) – N znajduje

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.

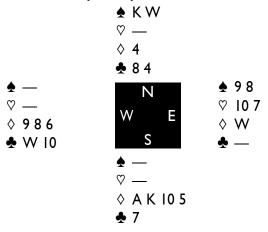


Pokój otwarty

,	,		
West	North	East	South
Versace	Birman	Lauria	Fohjrer
	IBA	pas	2♣¹
pas	2 ◊²	pas	3⊘₃
pas	4♠	pas	4BA
pas	5♡	pas	6♠
pas			

puppet Stayman

E zaatakował ♠2. Rozgrywający nie wykorzystał szansy wzięcia najniższej lewy mistrzostw na piątkę atu i pobił w stole asem. Zagranego teraz kiera Versace przepuścił bez zmrużenia 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. Znów do ręki treflem i przebicie kolejnego kiera. Teraz do ręki damą karo. W końcówce:



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 wystarczało przebicie jednego kiera w dziadku...

 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 2}$ automat

³ silna karta z czwórką pików

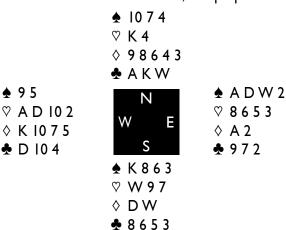
POLSKA – HOLANDIA

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 zaprocentował 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 pokaźny zysk zanotowaliśmy w rozdaniu trzecim:

Rozd. 3. Rozdawał S; WE po partii.



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszyński	Muller
			pas
pas	pas	l 🐣	pas
IΔ	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 dziewiątką przez S. Swoje...

A na drugim stole:

Pokój zamknięty

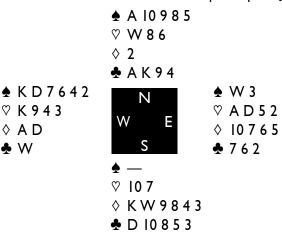
West	North	East	South	
		_	_	
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys	
			pas	
I♦	pas	IΦ	pas	
2♡	pas	2♠	pas	
3♡	pas	4♡	pas	

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

w otworzył na niespecjalne II PC, a E nie popuścił przed końcówką. Gawryś 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.



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South	
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszyński	Muller	
l ♠	pas	IBA	pas	
2♣¹	pas	2 ◊²	ktr.	
2♡³	pas	3♡	pas	
4♡	pas			

 $^{\rm I}$ naturalne 12–14 PC lub 15–18 PC układ niezrównoważony różny od 5-5

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

Pokój zamkniety

North	East	South
_, ,,		
Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys
pas	IBA ¹	2◊
ktr.	pas	3♣
4♣	pas	
	pas ktr.	pas IBA' ktr. pas

1 półforsujące

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

² relay

³ nadwyżka w układzie 5⁺♠ 4♡

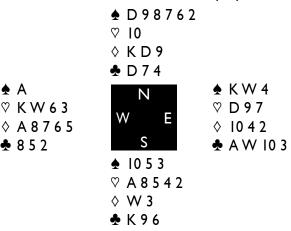
wyniósłby 13 imp.

♠ A

♣ 8 5 2

W następnym rozdaniu niezwykle skuteczną akcję podjął Gawryś:

Rozd. 9. Rozdawał N; WE po partii.



D I /		
POKO	1 72m	knięty

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys
	2◊¹	pas	2BA ² !
pas	3♡³	pas	4♠!
pas			

¹ polskie multi – blok na kolorze starszym

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 akcję podjął Kowalski:

Pokój otwarty

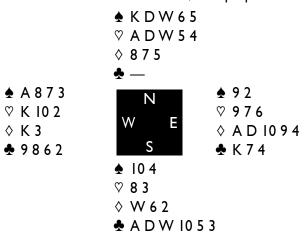
West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszyński	Muller
	2◊¹	pas	3♡²
pas	3♠	pas	pas
ktr.!	pas	3BA	pas

^{&#}x27; multi

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.



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South	
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszyński	Muller	
	I⇔ı	pas	3♣ ²	

pas...

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

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys
	I♠	pas	IBA
pas	2♡	pas	2♠
pas	3♡	pas	3♠
pas			

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

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

² silne pytanie o układ

³ nie nadzwyczajna karta z kolorem pikowym

² blokujące z fitami w obu starszych

ze względu na wymogi relayowego systemu pary Muller – de Wijs z układem 5-5 w starszych otwiera się $1 \heartsuit$

² blokujące z treflami

Rozd. 16. Rozdawał W; WE po partii.

♠ D 9 6 3♡ A D 8♦ 3♠ D 10 8 4 2

♠ W

♥ 974

♦ D 1098742

♣ 76

N W E S ♠ K 10 5 2 ♡ K 3 ♦ A K W 6 ♣ A 5 3

♠ A 8 7 4 ♥ W 10 6 5 2 ♦ 5

♣ K W 9

Przebieg licytacji w pokoju otwartym nie wróżył obrotu:

West	North	East	South	
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszyński	Muller	
pas	pas	♣	I∳¹	
pas	2♣ ²	pas	2♡	
pas	pas	ktr.	pas	
3◊	pas			

¹ 5⁺ kierów lub 4♠ i 5⁺ w kolorze młodszym

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 odpowiednich:



Piotr Tuszynski, Poland

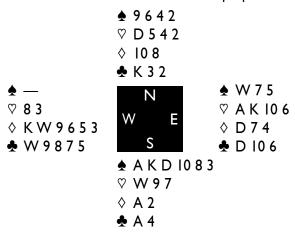
Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South	
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys	
Pas	pas	I♦	IΦ	Т
4◊	4♡	5◊	ktr.	
pas				

Gawryś wyszedł waletem kier. Chmurski wskoczył asem i zagrał w trefla, wyrabiając kładąca lewę. 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.



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South	
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszyński	Muller	
		♣	ktr.	
2♣¹	pas	2◊	3BA !	
4♣	ktr.	4 ♦	4♠	
5◊	pas	pas	ktr.	
pas ¹ teksas na kara				

S zaatakował ♠A , po czym, pomimo, że partner dołożył najmłodszego pika, nie zaryzykował wyjścia w trefle i bez jednej, I00 dla Holandii.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South	
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys	
		♣	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.

² pytanie o rodzaj wejścia