



# Daily Bulletin

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# THE GRAND MARCH



*Inside the Palace of Culture*

After eight rounds only one team in the Open series has won all its matches - yes you guessed it, the all-conquering reigning Champions **Italy**, although yesterday they only managed narrow victories against **Denmark & Sweden**. The Swedish team is fourth, not far behind the teams lying second and third, **Netherlands** and **Bulgaria**.

Then comes the chasing pack, a group led by **Hungary, Germany, England, Finland, Turkey** and **Belarus**. Several teams expected to mount a challenge will be hoping for better things today, notably **Iceland, Denmark, Ireland, Poland** and **France**.

## Today's VuGraph Matches

*Intercontinental Hotel - 2nd Floor*  
Spain - Netherlands 10.30

## BBO OnLine Transmissions

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Spain - Netherlands  | 10.30 |
| Poland - Serbia      | 10.30 |
| Bulgaria - Italy     | 10.30 |
| France - Scotland    | 10.30 |
| England - Turkey     | 14.15 |
| Italy - Ireland      | 14.15 |
| Wales - Poland       | 14.15 |
| Netherlands - France | 14.15 |

## Swan Games OnLine

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Finland - Sweden  | 10.30 |
| Denmark - Germany | 14.15 |



The Opening Ceremony of the 48th Prokom Software Bridge Team Championships for the Women and Seniors series will take place today at 17.00 in the Intercontinental Hotel (2nd floor).

The ceremony will be followed by a concert by 'Motion Trio'.

**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 9 10.30**

| Table | Home Team   | Visiting Team |
|-------|-------------|---------------|
| 1     | LATVIA      | BELGIUM       |
| 2     | SWITZERLAND | NORWAY        |
| 3     | SPAIN       | NETHERLANDS   |
| 4     | GREECE      | RUSSIA        |
| 5     | TURKEY      | CROATIA       |
| 6     | BULGARIA    | ITALY         |
| 7     | FINLAND     | SWEDEN        |
| 8     | SAN MARINO  | HUNGARY       |
| 9     | LUXEMBURG   | ICELAND       |
| 10    | ROMANIA     | BELARUS       |
| 11    | IRELAND     | ENGLAND       |
| 12    | LITHUANIA   | DENMARK       |
| 13    | POLAND      | SERBIA        |
| 14    | FRANCE      | SCOTLAND      |
| 15    | PORTUGAL    | ISRAEL        |
| 16    | GERMANY     | WALES         |
|       | ESTONIA     | BYE           |

**ROUND 10 14.15**

| Table | Home Team   | Visiting Team |
|-------|-------------|---------------|
| 1     | ESTONIA     | LUXEMBURG     |
| 2     | RUSSIA      | ISRAEL        |
| 3     | CROATIA     | PORTUGAL      |
| 4     | BELGIUM     | SERBIA        |
| 5     | ICELAND     | SPAIN         |
| 6     | SWEDEN      | LITHUANIA     |
| 7     | BELARUS     | LATVIA        |
| 8     | DENMARK     | GERMANY       |
| 9     | WALES       | POLAND        |
| 10    | NETHERLANDS | FRANCE        |
| 11    | SCOTLAND    | SWITZERLAND   |
| 12    | HUNGARY     | ROMANIA       |
| 13    | ENGLAND     | TURKEY        |
| 14    | BULGARIA    | FINLAND       |
| 15    | NORWAY      | GREECE        |
| 16    | ITALY       | IRELAND       |
|       | BYE         | SAN MARINO    |

**Congratulations**

We receive many communication by email during the Championships. Here is one we would like to share with you it was sent by Romania's Sergiu Ghizelea.

I congratulate The Polish Bridge Union for organising the EBL Championships, for BBO-Vugraph transmissions (really first class quality) but there is a 'Nec Plus Ultra' that I want to underline:

The software by Jan Romanski for evaluating and presentation of results is AMAZING, AMAZING, AMAZING! That is what I always want and I did not hope to find it! I can myself analyse any board for every team, even for every player! It's as if I can watch the play of all the teams at the same time! I'm really delighted to be able to do that! Hearty congratulations to the author and thank you very, very much to the people that have enabled the introduction of this immense quantity of data!

**OPEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation**

| Home Team     | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 LATVIA      | LITHUANIA     | 49 - 39 | 17 - 13 |
| 2 SWITZERLAND | TURKEY        | 44 - 29 | 18 - 12 |
| 3 FRANCE      | PORTUGAL      | 39 - 43 | 14 - 16 |
| 4 DENMARK     | ENGLAND       | 22 - 72 | 5 - 25  |
| 5 RUSSIA      | SPAIN         | 35 - 40 | 14 - 16 |
| 6 HUNGARY     | LUXEMBURG     | 42 - 39 | 16 - 14 |
| 7 NORWAY      | ICELAND       | 33 - 69 | 8 - 22  |
| 8 SERBIA      | FINLAND       | 26 - 65 | 7 - 23  |
| 9 BELGIUM     | ESTONIA       | 36 - 60 | 10 - 20 |
| 10 SCOTLAND   | NETHERLANDS   | 52 - 37 | 18 - 12 |
| 11 WALES      | ITALY         | 30 - 70 | 7 - 23  |
| 12 SAN MARINO | POLAND        | 30 - 40 | 13 - 17 |
| 13 ROMANIA    | GERMANY       | 69 - 28 | 23 - 7  |
| 14 GREECE     | IRELAND       | 57 - 62 | 14 - 16 |
| 15 CROATIA    | SWEDEN        | 54 - 45 | 17 - 13 |
| 16 ISRAEL     | BULGARIA      | 28 - 31 | 14 - 16 |
|               | BELARUS       |         | 18 - 0  |

**ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation**

| Home Team     | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 BULGARIA    | CROATIA       | 62 - 34 | 21 - 9  |
| 2 PORTUGAL    | SWITZERLAND   | 76 - 21 | 25 - 4  |
| 3 POLAND      | ROMANIA       | 48 - 40 | 16 - 14 |
| 4 LITHUANIA   | SERBIA        | 33 - 49 | 12 - 18 |
| 5 ESTONIA     | BELARUS       | 15 - 56 | 7 - 23  |
| 6 ICELAND     | SCOTLAND      | 41 - 39 | 15 - 15 |
| 7 GERMANY     | LATVIA        | 34 - 29 | 16 - 14 |
| 8 SWEDEN      | ENGLAND       | 48 - 47 | 15 - 15 |
| 9 TURKEY      | GREECE        | 7 - 26  | 11 - 19 |
| 10 SPAIN      | NORWAY        | 32 - 51 | 11 - 19 |
| 11 FINLAND    | WALES         | 32 - 31 | 15 - 15 |
| 12 SAN MARINO | BELGIUM       | 17 - 41 | 10 - 20 |
| 13 FRANCE     | RUSSIA        | 11 - 16 | 14 - 16 |
| 14 ITALY      | DENMARK       | 37 - 31 | 16 - 14 |
| 15 LUXEMBURG  | NETHERLANDS   | 22 - 82 | 3 - 25  |
| 16 IRELAND    | ISRAEL        | 32 - 21 | 17 - 13 |
|               | HUNGARY       |         | 18 - 0  |

**ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation**

| Home Team     | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 DENMARK     | FINLAND       | 64 - 30 | 22 - 8  |
| 2 NETHERLANDS | ICELAND       | 50 - 31 | 19 - 11 |
| 3 SCOTLAND    | SPAIN         | 69 - 34 | 22 - 8  |
| 4 BELGIUM     | ROMANIA       | 32 - 33 | 15 - 15 |
| 5 ENGLAND     | BULGARIA      | 27 - 74 | 6 - 24  |
| 6 SERBIA      | GERMANY       | 44 - 66 | 10 - 20 |
| 7 GREECE      | PORTUGAL      | 28 - 47 | 11 - 19 |
| 8 WALES       | LITHUANIA     | 45 - 30 | 18 - 12 |
| 9 RUSSIA      | SWITZERLAND   | 89 - 32 | 25 - 4  |
| 10 HUNGARY    | ESTONIA       | 38 - 30 | 16 - 14 |
| 11 SWEDEN     | ITALY         | 38 - 43 | 14 - 16 |
| 12 NORWAY     | FRANCE        | 46 - 46 | 15 - 15 |
| 13 ISRAEL     | TURKEY        | 43 - 63 | 11 - 19 |
| 14 CROATIA    | IRELAND       | 29 - 59 | 9 - 21  |
| 15 BELARUS    | SAN MARINO    | 44 - 64 | 11 - 19 |
| 16 LATVIA     | POLAND        | 39 - 70 | 9 - 21  |
|               | LUXEMBURG     |         | 18 - 0  |

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING after 8 rounds

*subject to official confirmation*

|    |             |        |
|----|-------------|--------|
| 1  | ITALY       | 164.00 |
| 2  | NETHERLANDS | 146.00 |
| 3  | BULGARIA    | 143.00 |
| 4  | SWEDEN      | 139.50 |
| 5  | HUNGARY     | 137.00 |
| 6  | GERMANY     | 136.00 |
| 7  | ENGLAND     | 134.00 |
| 8  | FINLAND     | 133.00 |
| 9  | TURKEY      | 132.00 |
| 10 | BELARUS     | 131.00 |
| 11 | NORWAY      | 130.00 |
|    | SCOTLAND    | 130.00 |
| 13 | ICELAND     | 128.00 |
| 14 | DENMARK     | 126.50 |
| 15 | IRELAND     | 122.00 |
| 16 | CROATIA     | 119.00 |
| 17 | ESTONIA     | 118.00 |
| 18 | ISRAEL      | 117.50 |
| 19 | POLAND      | 116.00 |
| 20 | RUSSIA      | 112.00 |
| 21 | ROMANIA     | 111.00 |
| 22 | PORTUGAL    | 109.00 |
| 23 | FRANCE      | 108.50 |
| 24 | SPAIN       | 108.00 |
|    | WALES       | 108.00 |
| 26 | GREECE      | 107.50 |
| 27 | BELGIUM     | 106.50 |
| 28 | SERBIA      | 106.00 |
| 29 | LITHUANIA   | 105.00 |
| 30 | LUXEMBOURG  | 104.00 |
| 31 | SANMARINO   | 101.00 |
| 32 | SWITZERLAND | 88.00  |
| 33 | LATVIA      | 71.00  |



### Women and Senior events

Tomorrow the championship for the women and seniors start, the first round at 14.15.

The schedule for the women is shown in the official programme. The schedule for the seniors has been changed.

They play a complete round robin in the group of 16 participants with the order of the matches as shown in the programme but with a different time schedule. They play at the same time as the women, Thursday 2, Friday 3, Saturday 3, Sunday 3 and Tuesday 3 rounds. They finish the first round robin with the fifteenth match played Wednesday morning the 23rd (play takes place during the EBL congress). Then the field is split in two groups of 8 teams to play a second round robin of 7 rounds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (1, 3 and 3 rounds). The carry-over will be the total VP's won against the teams within this group of 8 and 75% of the VP's won against the other teams.

Smoking is only allowed in the bar(s). No team member of any team should bring a mobile phone or other electronic equipment into the playing area. There are checks conducted by the TD-staff every round.

The captains meeting for the seniors will be held tomorrow at 11.30, the women captains meeting thereafter at 12.15.

### Watching the matches

No more than 4 spectators are allowed at the tables in the open room. Spectators need to have a badge, which can be collected at the hospitality desk in the Intercontinental Hotel for 15 Zt. At the broadcasted tables (BBO and Swan) no spectators are allowed. Captains of the home teams and journalists may watch those matches.

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**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 3**

**Poland v Hungary**

by Mark Horton

Our hosts, looking to rise up the table against a team Hungary for points. (Apologies, I couldn't resist it.)

Board: 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

|   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ K 10 6 5 3<br>♥ Q 5<br>♦ 9 7 5 4<br>♣ 7 5 | <table border="1" style="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 |  | ♠ J 8 7 4<br>♥ K 8 6<br>♦ 8 3<br>♣ Q 9 8 4 | ♠ 9 2<br>♥ J 10 9 4 3<br>♦ A J 6<br>♣ A 3 2 |
|   | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W   |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South           |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Tuszynski</i> | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Kowalski</i> |
| 1♦               | Pass             | Pass           | Pass            |
| 2NT              | All Pass         | 1♠             | Pass            |

North found the excellent lead of the queen of hearts. Declarer ducked in both hands, won the next heart and



Gabor Winkler, Hungary

knocked out the ace of clubs, preserving an entry to dummy. He won the next heart, played a diamond to the queen, a club to the queen and a diamond. South could take the ace and cash his hearts but declarer had the rest, +120.

Closed Room

| West          | North         | East            | South           |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gawrys</i> | <i>Szalay</i> | <i>Chmurski</i> | <i>Macskasy</i> |
|               | 2♠            | Pass            | Pass            |
| 3NT           | All Pass      |                 |                 |

North's opening salvo saw West bid what he hoped he could make, and had North led his 'suit' he would have been right. No, North was right there with the queen of hearts, and declarer was without resource. Here he elected to win the first heart and then South won the first club and knocked out the king of hearts. He took the first diamond and cashed out for one down, and 5 IMPs to Hungary.

Board: 2. Dealer East. North/South Vul

|   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ A 8<br>♥ J 6 4<br>♦ J 10 7 6 4<br>♣ K Q 7 | <table border="1" style="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 |  | ♠ J 6 4 2<br>♥ K Q 7 3<br>♦ 8 3<br>♣ 10 8 3 | ♠ K 9 7 5<br>♥ 8 2<br>♦ K Q 9<br>♣ A J 5 2 |
|   | N  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| W   |  | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|   | S  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South           |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Dumbovich</i> | <i>Tuszynski</i> | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Kowalski</i> |
|                  |                  | Pass           | Pass            |
| 1♣               | Pass             | 1♥             | Pass            |
| 1♠               | Pass             | 2♠             | All pass        |

North led the jack of diamonds, which South does best to duck. However, he took the ace and switched to the six of clubs, ducked to North's queen, declarer winning the diamond continuation and playing a heart to the king and ace. He took the next club with the ace and discarded dummy's last club on the king of diamonds. Now he ruffed a club and played a spade to the nine and North's ace and was sure of eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

| West   | North  | East     | South    |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Gawrys | Szalay | Chmurski | Macskasy |
| 1♣*    | Pass   | Pass     | Pass     |
| 1♠     | Pass   | 1♦*      | Pass     |
|        |        | 2♠       | All pass |

Play developed along similar lines (although here North had led a low diamond, so it would not have helped South to duck). However, at the point where his counterpart had ruffed a club declarer elected to play a low spade and North won with the eight and played a diamond. That left declarer with no winning move and he was soon one down, -50 and 4 IMPs.

It was a quiet set and not much happened until this deal came along:

Board: 9. Dealer North. East/West Vul

|              |   |   |   |   |   |           |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| ♠ 10 9 7     | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> </table> | N | W | S | E | ♠ K Q 5 4 |
| N            |   |   |   |   |   |           |
| W            |   |   |   |   |   |           |
| S            |   |   |   |   |   |           |
| E            |   |   |   |   |   |           |
| ♥ 6          | ♥ A K J 10 9 8  |   |   |   |   |           |
| ♦ A 6 5 4    | ♦ 8 2   |   |   |   |   |           |
| ♣ A K Q 10 3 | ♣ 7   |   |   |   |   |           |
|              | ♠ A J 6 3 2   |   |   |   |   |           |
|              | ♥ 5 4   |   |   |   |   |           |
|              | ♦ K Q 9   |   |   |   |   |           |
|              | ♣ 6 5 4   |   |   |   |   |           |

Open Room

| West     | North     | East    | South    |
|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Dumovich | Tuszynski | Winkler | Kowalski |
|          | Pass      | 1♥      | 1♠       |
| 2♣*      | Pass      | 4♥      | All Pass |

\*2♣ Forcing

Declarer took the opening lead of the king of diamonds with dummy's ace and cashed two rounds of clubs, pitching a diamond. He played a heart to the ten and then cashed the ace and king. Then he played a low spade and when South played low he could win with dummy's ten and discard a spade on the queen of clubs for eleven tricks, +650.

Closed Room

| West   | North    | East     | South    |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Gawrys | Szalay   | Chmurski | Macskasy |
|        | Pass     | 1♥       | Pass     |
| 2♣     | Pass     | 2♠       | Pass     |
| 2NT    | Pass     | 3♥       | Pass     |
| 4♥     | All Pass |          |          |

The opening lead was the same but declarer won and played three rounds of hearts, declining the finesse. North won and switched to a spade. South took the ace, gave his partner a ruff and there was a diamond to come for one down. That probable loss of concentration cost 13 IMPs.

Board: 13. Dealer North. All Vul

|                  |   |   |   |   |   |             |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
|                  | ♠ K 5   |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♥ 9 7 4 3   |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♦ Q 6   |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♣ J 10 6 5 4  |   |   |   |   |             |
| ♠ 8 7            | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> </table> | N | W | S | E | ♠ Q J 9 4 2 |
| N                |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| W                |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| S                |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| E                |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| ♥ 6              | ♥ K J   |   |   |   |   |             |
| ♦ A K J 10 7 5 2 | ♦ 8 3   |   |   |   |   |             |
| ♣ A 9 7          | ♣ Q 8 3 2   |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♠ A 10 6 3  |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♥ A Q 10 8 5 2  |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♦ 9 4   |   |   |   |   |             |
|                  | ♣ K   |   |   |   |   |             |

Open Room

| West     | North     | East    | South    |
|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Dumovich | Tuszynski | Winkler | Kowalski |
|          | Pass      | Pass    | 1♥       |
| 2♦       | 2♥        | 2♠      | 4♥       |
| 5♦       | Pass      | Pass    | Dble     |
| All Pass |           |         |          |

North led the seven of hearts and South won with the queen and tried to cash the ace. Declarer ruffed and played a spade. North went up with the king and played a second spade. South won, but missed the chance for a trump promotion when he switched to a diamond, down one, -200.



Bartosz Chmurski, Poland

Closed Room

| West   | North    | East     | South    |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Gawrys | Szalay   | Chmurski | Macskasy |
|        | Pass     | Pass     | 1♥       |
| 2♦     | 3♥*      | Pass     | Pass     |
| 4♦     | All Pass |          |          |

Here North led the nine of hearts and South took the jack with the queen and switched to a spade. The defenders made no mistake, playing three rounds of the suit to produce the setting trick, +100 but 3 IMPs for Poland—remarkably their biggest gain of the match.

Board: 15. Dealer South. North/South Vul

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

Open Room

| West      | North     | East    | South    |
|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Dumbovich | Tuszynski | Winkler | Kowalski |
|           |           |         | 1♠       |
| 3♦        | Dble*     | Pass    | 3NT      |
| Pass      | 4♣        | Pass    | 4♠       |
| Pass      | 4NT*      | Pass    | 6♣       |
| All Pass  |           |         |          |

East led the three of diamonds and declarer won and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing with dummy's ace. That set up a trump trick for East so declarer was one down, -100.

Closed Room

| West   | North  | East     | South    |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Gawrys | Szalay | Chmurski | Macskasy |
|        |        |          | 1♣*      |
| 3♦     | 6♣     | All Pass |          |

West led the king of diamonds and declarer won and cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart with the ten of clubs. He cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a diamond low. East overruffed and so we had a flat board.

Suppose declarer wins the opening lead and draws trumps in three rounds. He then plays a spade. In order to give the

defence any chance East must go up with the king. I wonder if that happened at any of the tables? (see page 14)

Board: 17. Dealer North. None Vul

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

Open Room

| West      | North     | East    | South    |
|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Dumbovich | Tuszynski | Winkler | Kowalski |
|           | Pass      | 2NT     | Pass     |
| 3♣*       | Pass      | 3♦*     | Pass     |
| 3NT       | All Pass  |         |          |

South led the four of clubs and the trick was completed by the ten, jack and queen. Declarer played the four of hearts to two jack and nine and then played a diamond to the five, eight and ten. South switched to a heart and declarer won in hand and cashed the ace of diamonds. He played two more rounds of diamonds, South discarding the six of hearts and the three of clubs. Since the play record now says declarer made his contract it is clear North did not find a killing spade switch, -400.

Closed Room

| West   | North  | East     | South    |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Gawrys | Szalay | Chmurski | Macskasy |
|        | Pass   | 1♣*      | Pass     |
| 1♦*    | Pass   | 1NT*     | Pass     |
| 2NT    | Pass   | 3NT      | All pass |

The same opening lead saw trick one repeated, but then declarer cashed the king of diamonds. His next move was a diamond to the jack and North's queen, South discarding the seven of clubs. North switched to the jack of spades, ducked by declarer. North continued with the nine of spades for one down, another 10 IMPs for Hungary.

As the cards lie there is a way to make the contract without relying on a defensive error, but I doubt anyone would consider it. After cashing the king of diamonds declarer takes another top diamond followed by the ace of clubs and four rounds of hearts. Whatever South discards he can be thrown in with a club to give declarer a spade trick at the end.

It was the Hungarians who had dined well in terms of IMPs, winning the match 49-4, 24-6 VP.

## OPEN TEAMS

## Spain v Turkey and Russia v Netherlands

## Round 4

by Jos Jacobs

After a good start on Sunday Turkey narrowly lost to Iceland in yesterday's morning match to lie 5th in the table with 54 VP. Spain had not made such a good start but had scored 20 VP v. Ireland in the morning match to be in 8th position with 52 VP after 3 rounds. So with both teams close to each other and well over average, another good match was in prospect.

As many boards were rather quiet I will incorporate some stories about what happened in the Russia v. Netherlands match as well.

It looked as if the start of the match was very quiet, as few IMPs exchanged hands on the first ten boards. This, however was not completely true, as this was board 5:

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

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



Garardo Wichmann, Spain

In many other matches, this hand was a push in 4♥ and rightly so. Against the Netherlands, a Russian declarer managed to go down in this contract when he did not take the right view in spades after being forced in clubs to give the Netherlands a 10-imp swing. In our featured match the bidding in the Open Room was remarkable as you can see:

## Open Room

| West       | North       | East       | South           |
|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gur</i> | <i>Knap</i> | <i>Sen</i> | <i>Bordallo</i> |
|            | 2♦          | Pass       | 3♦              |
| All Pass   |             |            |                 |

With the EW strength (if any) evenly divided between the two hands, it was not so easy for either of them to enter the bidding at any stage, even more so after South's ambiguous raise to 3♦. The contract quietly went one down for +100 to Turkey.

In the Closed Room, the auction was even more uneventful:

## Closed Room

| West            | North           | East         | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Wichmann</i> | <i>Eksioglu</i> | <i>Wasik</i> | <i>Sohtorik</i> |
|                 |                 | Pass         | Pass            |
| Pass            | Pass            |              |                 |

At this table, NS gave their opponents every chance to enter the auction but apparently they did not bother. A curious way for Turkey to earn 3 IMPs to lead 7-1 at this stage.

At the end of the first half of the match we finally saw a substantial swing. It went to Turkey and they fully deserved it, in view of their superior bidding:

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul.

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

## Open Room

| West       | North       | East       | South           |
|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gur</i> | <i>Knap</i> | <i>Sen</i> | <i>Bordallo</i> |
|            |             | 2♦         | Pass            |
| 2NT        | Pass        | 3♣         | Pass            |
| 4♥         | All Pass    |            |                 |

In the Open Room, 2♦ was Multi and 3♣ asked partner to place the declaration in his own hand. Gur saw no reason to breach discipline. He had his anxious moments in the play, however. North led his top spades, declarer ruffing the second. He went on to cash top diamonds for spade discards but when South ruffed the second round he needed some luck. He won the club return and led the ♥10 to his queen. When this held, he could not lose more than just one heart trick. Contract made, Turkey +620.

## Closed Room

| West            | North           | East         | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Wichmann</i> | <i>Eksioglu</i> | <i>Wasik</i> | <i>Sohtorik</i> |
|                 |                 | 2♥           | Pass            |
| 3♦              | Pass            | 3♥           | Pass            |
| 5♦              | Dble            | All Pass     |                 |

In the Closed Room, strange things happened.

We have always been taught that playing in the trump suit of the weak hand generally is a sensible idea. This hand clearly confirms the value of this rule, even more so when North had the last word in the auction by expressing an explicit opinion about playing in the long suit of the strong hand.



Huub Bertens, Netherlands

Though the defence lost a trick in the play the contract stood no chance whatsoever. Turkey another +200 and a 13-IMP swing. Yes, it could have been 15 IMPs as well but who cares too much about that?

This hand also caused a big swing in the Russia v. Netherlands match. Here are the two auctions:

## Open Room

| West            | North         | East           | South          |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bakkeren</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Bertens</i> | <i>Dubinin</i> |
|                 |               | Pass           | 2♦             |
| Dble            | 3♥            | Pass           | 3♠             |
| 4♦              | Dble          | 4♥             | Pass           |
| Pass            | Dble          | All Pass       |                |

2♦ was Multi and 3♥ was to play or correct. On the singleton diamond lead, Bertens won the ace throwing a spade from hand and immediately took the trump finesse. When this held, he cashed the ♥A, crossed to the ♣A and simply discarded two more spade losers on the top diamonds. Contract made, for +790 this time.

## Closed Room

| West             | North         | East           | South          |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Krasnosel</i> | <i>Westra</i> | <i>Rekunov</i> | <i>Ramondt</i> |
|                  |               | Pass           | 2♦             |
| Dble             | 3♥            | Pass           | 3♠             |
| 4♦               | Pass          | 4♥             | Pass           |
| 5♦               | Dble          | All Pass       |                |

The Dutch did not drop a trick on defence here so they collected another +500 to make it a very useful 15-IMP swing to them. They were leading by 18 now.

A few boards later, we again saw a substantial swing in both our matches.

Board: 13. Dealer: North. All vul.

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



## Open Room

| West       | North       | East       | South           |
|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gur</i> | <i>Knap</i> | <i>Sen</i> | <i>Bordallo</i> |
| 1♠         | 1♣          | Pass       | 1♥              |
| Pass       | 2♣          | Pass       | 2♥              |
| All Pass   | Pass        | 2♠         | 3♦              |

On the lead of the ♠Q, ducked, and a spade continuation the defence collected two spades, a trump, a ruff and two hearts for a two-trick set and +200 to Turkey.

## Closed Room

| West            | North           | East         | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Wichmann</i> | <i>Eksioglu</i> | <i>Wasik</i> | <i>Sohtorik</i> |
| Pass            | 1♣              | Pass         | 1♥              |
| 2♠              | 2♣              | Pass         | Pass            |
|                 | All Pass        |              |                 |

North led his singleton heart won by dummy's ace. Next came the ♠A and another spade but this did not help declarer too much. North won, cashed a top club and played a low club for his partner to ruff. Next came the ♥K and another so declarer's ♥Q was ruffed out. North put declarer back on play with another top club, which left declarer with at least two more red losers. He was down three when he eventually misguessed the diamonds. Turkey another +300 and 11 more IMPs to lead by 36.

In the other match, the Netherlands recorded a strange type of swing.

## Open Room

| West            | North         | East           | South          |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bakkeren</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Bertens</i> | <i>Dubinik</i> |
| Pass            | 2♣            | Pass           | 2♥             |
|                 | 3♣            | All Pass       |                |

2♣ was Precision-style and thus 2♥ was not forcing. East led a diamond to West's king and the suit was returned, dummy winning the ace. Next came a spade to the queen, king and ace. East returned a diamond, ruffed by West who cashed two more spades. On the 4th round of spades everybody discarded a heart but the last spade ensured a five-trick set as East still had exits in hearts with declarer having to ruff dummy's possible winners. Netherlands +500.

## Closed Room

| West             | North         | East           | South          |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Krasnosel</i> | <i>Westra</i> | <i>Rekunov</i> | <i>Ramondt</i> |
| 1♠               | 1♣            | Pass           | 1♥             |
|                  | 2♣            | All Pass       |                |

On the fortunate lead of the ♠A and a diamond switch declarer managed to collect no less than seven tricks for a meager loss of 100 points. The swing of 400 gave the Netherlands 9 more IMPs.

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

|                |   |                 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|----------------|---|-----------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ Q 10 5       |   | ♠ A 8 4         |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ 7 5 3 2      |   | ♥ Q 8 6         |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ 10 9 8 4 3   |   | ♦ A K J 7       |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ 3            |   | ♣ J 8 7         |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♠ -            | <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 |  |  |
|                | N   |                 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| W              |   | E               |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|                | S   |                 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♥ A 10 9       |   | ♠ K J 9 7 6 3 2 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♦ Q 6 5 2      |   | ♥ K J 4         |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| ♣ A 10 9 6 5 2 |   | ♦ -             |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|                |   | ♣ K Q 4         |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |

## Open Room

| West       | North       | East       | South           |
|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gur</i> | <i>Knap</i> | <i>Sen</i> | <i>Bordallo</i> |
| 1♣         | Pass        | 1♦         | 4♠              |
| Pass       | Pass        | 5♣         | Pass            |
| 6♦         | All Pass    |            |                 |

This contract looks quite OK on paper but at the table it was a different story. Down two for a loss of 200 when Knap for Spain was polite enough not to double this.

## Closed Room

| West            | North           | East         | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Wichmann</i> | <i>Eksioglu</i> | <i>Wasik</i> | <i>Sohtorik</i> |
| Pass            | Pass            | INT          | 2♦              |
| Pass            | 2♠              | Pass         | 4♠              |
| 5♣              | Pass            | Pass         | Dble            |
| All Pass        |                 |              |                 |



Metin Eksioglu, Turkey

2♦ promised one major. Over South's jump to 4♠ West could no longer make any sensible investigations so he settled for 5♣. This was a reasonable enough shot and West must have felt even more pleased with the sight of dummy after South ventured a double. There were quickly 11 tricks for +750 and 14 IMPs to Spain. Their deficit had been reduced to 24 now.

In the other match, Russia missed a great chance when the Dutch bid as follows in the Open Room:

Open Room

| West            | North         | East           | South        |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Bakkeren</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Bertens</i> | <i>Dubin</i> |
| 1♣              | Pass          | 3NT            | 4♠           |
| Dble            | Pass          | 6♣             | Dble         |
| Pass            | Pass          | 6NT            |              |

This went four down but as nobody had doubled it brought the Russians only +400. Please note that the possible escape to 7♣ would have netted only 500 but only if EW had run...

Closed Room

| West              | North         | East           | South          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Krasnossel</i> | <i>Westra</i> | <i>Rekunov</i> | <i>Ramondt</i> |
| 1♦                | Pass          | 2♦(1)          | 4♠             |
| 5♣                | Pass          | 6♦             | All Pass       |

A simple inverted minor raise to a sensible but unlucky contract. Down two, 200 to the Netherlands and thus only 5 IMPs to Russia.

On the final board of the session, club preempts by West as dealer were popular. The only difference was the level. In the Latvia v. Italy match, for example, the hand was a push at 4♣ doubled, down 1100. Russia and the Netherlands shared the honours at the three-level, going down only 800 apiece.

Reminiscences of Namyats were to be seen in our other match:

Board: 20. Dealer: West. All vul.

|                   |   |           |   |   |   |           |
|-------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|
| ♠ 2               | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table> | N         | W | E | S | ♠ 8 6 5 4 |
| N                 |   |           |   |   |   |           |
| W                 |   |           |   |   |   |           |
| E                 |   |           |   |   |   |           |
| S                 |   |           |   |   |   |           |
| ♥ 10 6            |   | ♥ 9 5 4 3 |   |   |   |           |
| ♦ 8 3             | ♦ K 10 9 4  |           |   |   |   |           |
| ♣ A K 9 8 6 5 4 3 | ♣ J   |           |   |   |   |           |
|                   | ♠ A Q 9 7 3   |           |   |   |   |           |
|                   | ♥ A Q 8 7   |           |   |   |   |           |
|                   | ♦ A 7 6 2   |           |   |   |   |           |
|                   | ♣ -   |           |   |   |   |           |

Open Room

| West       | North       | East       | South           |
|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gur</i> | <i>Knap</i> | <i>Sen</i> | <i>Bordallo</i> |
| 3♣         | Pass        | Pass       | Dble            |
| All Pass   |             |            |                 |

Nothing special (!), Spain +800.

Closed Room

| West            | North           | East         | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Wichmann</i> | <i>Eksioglu</i> | <i>Wasik</i> | <i>Sohtorik</i> |
| 4♣              | Pass            | 4♥           | Dble            |
| Pass            | Pass            | 5♣           | Dble            |
| All Pass        |                 |              |                 |

For once, Wasik seemed to believe in a tremendous heart fit. When this came back to him, duly doubled, after a long huddle he decided to rather believe his partner than himself and went back to clubs. Two levels higher, so two more undertricks for a loss of 1400 and 12 IMPs. All of a sudden, Turkey had won the match by 23-7 VP.

The final score in the other match was 24-6 VP to the Netherlands. After being virtually last in the table, early in the morning when the Portuguese were going well against them, they found themselves back in 10th position, ready to join the chase for the Shanghai berths.



**OPEN TEAMS**

**Denmark v England**  
**England Defuse Danish Dynamite**

by Mark Horton

**Round 6**

Two ambitious teams not far from the top of the table, separated by only 3VP. However, apart from Denmark's first round clash with France neither had faced any serious opposition, so this might be a marker as to how their respective tournaments might unfold.

England immediately got on the scoreboard:

Board:1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West      | North                     | East    | South     |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Armstrong | D_Schaltz                 | Holland | P_Schaltz |
| All Pass  | 2♦*                       | Dble*   | 3♥        |
| 2♦        | Majors                    |         |           |
| Dble      | 13-16 balanced or any 19+ |         |           |

West led the six of diamonds and East took the ace and cashed his top clubs before returning a diamond. That left declarer with two losing spades, one down, -50.

Closed Room

| West       | North | East     | South   |
|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Bjarnarson | Price | Askgaard | Simpson |
| 1♦         | Pass  | 1♣       | Pass    |
| All Pass   | Dble  | Pass     | 3♥      |

West led the six of diamonds and East took the ace and mysteriously switched to a trump. That meant declarer could dispose of a losing club and he was +140, 5 IMPs for England.

Board:3. Dealer South. East/West Vul

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

Open Room

| West      | North     | East    | South     |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Armstrong | D_Schaltz | Holland | P_Schaltz |
| Pass      | 1♠        | Pass    | 1♣        |
| All Pass  |           |         | 2♣        |

South could not rebid INT as that would have promised 15-17, so at this table there was no real chance of the diamond fit being located.

West got the defence off to the right start by leading the ace of hearts, East playing the three, but then switched to the six of spades. Declarer won with the ace, and following the strategy advocated by Terence Reese on this type of deal, started to develop the side suit, playing a diamond to the king and ace. He then took a spade finesse and discarded his losing heart on the king of spades. He ruffed a heart and played a diamond, taken by West, who gave his partner a diamond ruff. Declarer played the nine on East's club return and West won with the queen and played a heart. The contract was safe and when East elected to ruff with the king of clubs declarer had an overtrick.



Gregers Bjarnarson, Denmark

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| Pass              | 1♠           | Pass            | 1♣             |
| Pass              | 2♠           | All pass        | INT            |

When South rebid INT, North could not offer his partner a choice of contracts by bidding Two Diamonds, as that would have been artificial. Still, on this layout Two Spades was a routine affair, indeed there was nothing the defenders could do to prevent declarer emerging with nine tricks, +140 and 1IMP.

Board: 4. Dealer West. All Vul

|         |         |          |
|---------|---------|----------|
| ♠ AK73  |         | ♠ J95    |
| ♥ Q9    |         | ♥ AJ1075 |
| ♦ AK103 |         | ♦ 74     |
| ♣ 763   |         | ♣ J109   |
|         | ♠ 64    |          |
|         | ♥ K8432 |          |
|         | ♦ J62   |          |
|         | ♣ AK5   |          |
|         | ♠ Q1082 |          |
|         | ♥ 6     |          |
|         | ♦ Q985  |          |
|         | ♣ Q842  |          |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| 1♦               | Pass             | 1♥             | Pass             |
| INT              | Pass             | 2NT            | Pass             |
| 3NT              | All Pass         |                |                  |

North led the ace of clubs and the defenders cashed four rounds of the suit and South then switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer won and passed the queen of clubs. When it held he appeared to be in with a shout, but his hopes were dashed on the next round when South discarded the eight of diamonds. He overtook the nine of hearts and cashed the ace. Its possible to escape for one down by endplaying South in spades, but that involves playing a high spade from dummy planning to run it if not covered, and when declarer simply cashed his top spades he was two down, -200.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| 1♣*               | Pass         | 1♦*             | Pass           |
| INT               | Pass         | 2♦*             | Pass           |
| 2♥                | Pass         | 2NT             | All Pass       |

As before the defenders took four club tricks and switched to a diamond. Declarer ran the queen of hearts

and when that held he not unreasonably tried a low spade to the nine. South won and played a diamond, and when neither major suit divided declarer was one down, -100, but 3 IMPs for Denmark.

Board:7. Dealer South. All Vul.

|         |         |          |
|---------|---------|----------|
| ♠ K92   |         | ♠ J764   |
| ♥ QJ3   |         | ♥ 6      |
| ♦ A1096 |         | ♦ J53    |
| ♣ AJ5   |         | ♣ 109763 |
|         | ♠ A8    |          |
|         | ♥ K8542 |          |
|         | ♦ K872  |          |
|         | ♣ Q8    |          |
|         | ♠ Q1053 |          |
|         | ♥ A1097 |          |
|         | ♦ Q4    |          |
|         | ♣ K42   |          |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| Pass             | 2♦*              | Pass           | INT              |
| Pass             | 4♥               | All pass       | 2♥               |

West could see three tricks in his hand, could he get a fourth? As the cards lie the answer is not really, but as on so many hands there is many a slip twixt cup and lip.

He led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer won in hand, played a heart to the king and a heart



David Price, England

to the ace, East discarding the three of clubs. Declarer played a club to the queen and when that held he was in a position to make the contract by cashing the king of diamonds, ruffing a diamond and then exiting with a trump to endplay West who would be forced to give up a trick in a black suit. Indeed, declarer did cash the king of diamonds, but he discarded a club from his hand and had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
|                   | 1♦           | 1♥              | Dble           |
| 1♠                | 2♦           | 2♠              | Dble           |
| 4♠                | Pass         | Pass            | Dble           |
| All Pass          |              |                 |                |

South played a single note during the auction, but it didn't pay a dividend. North led the king of diamonds and South won and switched to as spade. Declarer played low and took North's king with dummy's ace. He played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart (South playing the ace), ruffed a club and ran the queen of hearts discarding his losing diamond — an easy +790 and 7 IMPs for Denmark.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
|                   |              |                 | 1♥             |
| INT               | Dble         | 2♣              | Pass           |
| Pass              | 4♥           | All Pass        |                |

Once again the defence started with an ace, but this time it was the ace of clubs — and that handed declarer the contract on a plate, +620 and 12 IMPs to England.

Board:9. Dealer North. East/West Vul

|               |   |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
|---------------|---|--------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|----------|
| ♠ K           |   | ♠ A 8 7      |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♥ K 7 6 3     |   | ♥ Q J 10 4 2 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♦ K Q J 5 4 3 |   | ♦ 10 9 8 7   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♣ 9 7         |   | ♣ 3          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♠ Q J 9 6 3 2 | <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 |  | ♠ 10 5 4 |
|               | N   |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| W             |   | E            |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
|               | S   |              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♥ -           |   | ♥ A 9 8 5    |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♦ 6 2         |   | ♦ A          |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |
| ♣ A K 8 4 2   |   | ♣ Q J 10 6 5 |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |          |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
|                  | 1♦               | Pass           | 1♥               |
| 2NT*             | 3♥               | 3♠             | 4♥               |
| 4♠               | 5♦               | Dbl            | All Pass         |

Once East had volunteered some spade support West could happily advance to game and North sacrificed. East led his club and West won and switched to the nine of spades. East won with the ace and looking at some solid hearts he ignored the message sent by his partner's spade and returned the suit. If declarer plays for the distribution that exists it is now possible to escape for two down—you ruff, unblock the ace of diamonds, ruff a spade, draw trumps and endplay East in hearts — but these things are never easy at the table. Declarer tried to return to hand with a heart, ruffed by West, so the contract was three down, -500.

Board:10. Dealer East. All Vul

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

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
|                  |                  | 1♥             | 1♠               |
| Pass             | 2♣               | Pass           | 2♠               |
| Dble             | 3♣               | Dble           | All Pass         |

Overcalls have such a wide range that now and then you can get into trouble if partner is very weak. Maybe can only bid Two Clubs if it is non-forcing or you are prepared to bid Three Clubs later. Of course, you won't get into trouble very often, and everyone would probably do as North did here — but the consequences were horrendous.

East led the king of diamonds and when that held switched to his spade. That held the trick, so he played the queen of diamonds and declarer won and tried to ruff a diamond. East ruffed in with the nine of clubs and switched to the five of hearts. Declarer finessed and after winning with the king West cashed the ace of spades and followed it with the ten. (That was an error — the king of spades is best.) Declarer should discard the nine of hearts on that, but she ruffed with the jack of clubs and was not punished when East did not overruff and return a heart for West to ruff. She exited with the three of clubs and had escaped—if that is the right word—for three down, -800.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| 2♦                | Dble         | 1♥<br>2♥        | 1♠<br>All Pass |

There was no excitement at this table, as West was not disposed to look for a penalty. Two Hearts drifted one down, -50 and 14 IMPs to England, now well ahead at 37-10 IMPs.

Board:14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

  

|              |  |              |
|--------------|--|--------------|
| ♠ A Q J 8    |  | ♠ A Q J 8    |
| ♥ A Q 10 8 4 |  | ♥ A Q 10 8 4 |
| ♦ Q J 3      |  | ♦ Q J 3      |
| ♣ 7          |  | ♣ 7          |

  

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

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| 2♦<br>Pass       | 3♣<br>4♥         | 1♦<br>All Pass | Dble<br>3♥       |



Colin Simpson, England

North/South powered into a thin game — and found it could not be defeated.

West led the six of diamonds and the defenders cashed two tricks in the suit and switched to a spade for the king and ace. Declarer pitched a spade on the queen of diamonds, ruffed a spade, played a heart to the queen and cashed the ace of hearts, +420.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| 1♦*               | 2♣           | 1♣*<br>All Pass | Pass           |

Two Clubs was a comfortable spot and declarer made ten tricks, +130, but lost 7 IMPs

Board:6. Dealer West. East/West Vul

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

  

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

  

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

  

|             |  |             |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| ♠ 7 5 4     |  | ♠ 7 5 4     |
| ♥ Q 7 4 3   |  | ♥ Q 7 4 3   |
| ♦ A Q 6 5 4 |  | ♦ A Q 6 5 4 |
| ♣ 6         |  | ♣ 6         |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| Pass<br>2♥*      | INT<br>All Pass  | 2♦*            | Dble*            |

2♦ six plus hearts or spades

North cashed three spades and switched to a club, +140.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| Pass              | 1♦           | 1♥              | 3♦             |
| Pass              | Pass         | Dble            | Rdble          |
| 3♥                | Pass         | Pass            | Dble           |
| Rdble             | Pass         | 4♣              | Pass           |
| Pass              | Dble         | All Pass        |                |

East's reopening double met with an unlucky fate. West may have been tempted to convert it to penalties — but that would not have worked. Three Hearts is the best spot for East/West — the defenders need to take a club ruff to defeat it — but it was not easy for West to pass that out and he went in search of a black suit fit. One existed — but only at the four level.

To get the maximum from Four Clubs South has to lead a spade, but of course he went for the ace of diamonds.

Declarer ruffed and rather than play on hearts — ace, king followed by the jack, planning to pitch a spade if not covered is the way to escape for one down — declarer played a spade himself. The defenders played ping pong in the black suits for the next five tricks and the contract was two down, -500 and 12 IMPs to England.

Board:18. Dealer East. North/South

|  |  |   |         |   |  |  |
|--|--|---|---------|---|--|--|
| ♠ A 8 7 4<br>♥ 8 6<br>♦ A J 8 3<br>♣ K Q 7 | <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 | ♠ —<br>♥ Q 7 4 3<br>♦ 7 6 5 4 2<br>♣ 8 6 4 2 | ♠ K Q J 10 6<br>♥ A J 9 2<br>♦ K<br>♣ 10 9 5 |
| N  |  |   |         |   |  |  |
| W     E                                    |  |   |         |   |  |  |
| S  |  |   |         |   |  |  |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| Pass             | 2NT*             | Pass           | 1♠               |
| Pass             | 3♥*              | Pass           | 3♦*              |
| Pass             | 4♦*              | Pass           | 4♥*              |
| Pass             | 4NT*             | Pass           | 5♠               |
| Pass             | 6♠               | All Pass       |                  |

North forced to game via the support showing 2NT and North/South cue bid their way to a slam that had no play at all, -100.



Dorthe Schaltz, Denmark

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| Pass              | 2NT*         | Pass            | 1♠             |
| Pass              | 3♠           | Pass            | 3♦*            |
| Pass              | 4♠           | All Pass        | 4♥             |

Once South denied a club control North was not interested - +650 and another 13 IMPs for England, who were in complete control.

Board:19. Dealer South. East/West Vul

|  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---------|---|---|---|
| ♠ J 4 2<br>♥ A 9 7 3<br>♦ 9 3<br>♣ A J 9 5 | <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 | ♠ A 10 9 7 5 3<br>♥ —<br>♦ A K Q 7 6 5 2<br>♣ — | ♠ Q 8<br>♥ K Q J 10 8 5 2<br>♦ 10<br>♣ 10 8 3 |
| N  |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| W     E                                    |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| S  |  |   |         |   |   |   |

Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| 3♥               | Pass             | 4♦             | Pass             |
| 4♥               | Pass             | 4♠             | Pass             |
| 5♥               | Pass             | 5♠             | Pass             |
| 6♥               | Pass             | 6♠             | All Pass         |

You don't get a hand like East's every day of the week! What is more the textbooks are not exactly full of how you should develop it, not least when partner starts with a preempt.

What do you make of West's decision to bid Six Hearts? Partner has heard you bid hearts three times and is surely now asking you to either pass, raise spades or go back to diamonds.

Since partner is clearly prepared for you to bid Six Diamonds maybe possession of the queen of spades is enough to justify a raise?

Whatever, the contract rolled home, +1430.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| Pass              | 5♣           | 6♦              | 3♣             |
|                   |              |                 | All Pass       |

Holding two aces it was very difficult for North to sacrifice in Seven Clubs — and if you give West South's king of spades you might be glad you didn't. Declarer was +1370 and lost a couple of IMPs.

Board:20. Dealer West.All Vul

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



Open Room

| West             | North            | East           | South            |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Armstrong</i> | <i>D_Schaltz</i> | <i>Holland</i> | <i>P_Schaltz</i> |
| 1♠               | Dble             | 2♠             | All Pass         |

North led the king of diamonds and when that was ducked continued with the queen. Declarer took dummy's ace, cashed two top trumps and played a club to the king. When that held he drew another round of trumps and gave up a club, +140.

Closed Room

| West              | North        | East            | South          |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bjarnarson</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Askgaard</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| 1♣*               | Pass         | 1NT             | Pass           |
| 2♣*               | Pass         | 2NT             | Pass           |
| 3NT               | All Pass     |                 |                |

Had South made the boring lead of a heart the hand would have been over in no time, but he selected the seven of spades and declarer won and played a club. It was hardly obvious to North to win this trick and switch to hearts, but when the jack of clubs was followed by a diamond to the nine North won with the king and promptly switched to the ace of hearts, South playing the nine, followed by a heart to West's king.

Now declarer made a very strange play — the jack of diamonds — and was two down, -200.

Why strange?

Well, first of all South had followed to the club with the three — an odd number if you believe it. Secondly he had followed to the diamond with the three — and odd number if you believe it. Thirdly he had played the nine of hearts followed by the three — an even number if you believe it (ignoring the attitude situation). Finally it would have cost declarer nothing to cash three spades, discovering South had led from a three-card suit.

All that would have pointed to leading a low diamond, thereby bringing home the contract.

As it was England picked up another 8 IMPs to record a handsome victory, 72-22 IMPs, 25-5 VP. They moved into second place and would be in good heart for the difficult matches to come.

For Denmark it was a case of regrouping quickly — their next match would be against Italy.

## Two Brilliances for the Prize of One

by Mark Horton

In my report on the match between Hungary & Poland (elsewhere in this issue) I asked if anyone might have found the winning line of play on this deal:

Board: 15. Dealer South. North/South Vul.

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



In the match between France and Bulgaria Vladimir Marashev and Marc Bompis combined as declarer and defender to produce a story that will undoubtedly be remembered long after the Championships are over - it might even win them both a prize!

Open Room

| West                | North           | East          | South         |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Sainte Marie</i> | <i>Marashev</i> | <i>Bompis</i> | <i>Petkov</i> |
|                     |                 |               | 1♠            |
| 3♦                  | 4♣              | Pass          | 4♦            |
| Pass                | 4♥              | Pass          | 4♠            |
| Pass                | 4NT*            | Pass          | 5♦            |
| Pass                | 6♣              | All Pass      |               |

In the closed room Alain Levy had made eleven tricks in Four Spades, so there were a lot of IMPs on the line.

East led the three of diamonds and declarer won and played three rounds of clubs, followed by the two of spades. East played his required part in the brilliancy by putting up the king of spades - and he did it in perfect tempo. When declarer ducked he continued with the four of spades, but declarer countered by putting up the ace, landing his contract in spectacular style.



## Polskie drogi

by Marek Wójcicki

Przeglądając składy drużyn, zgłoszonych do konkurencji open, polskie nazwiska możemy znaleźć nie tylko w naszej reprezentacji. W reprezentacji Hiszpanii występują już od ładnych paru lat Artur Wasik i Andrzej Knap. Wyjechali oni w cieplejsze strony i po zdobyciu znaczącej renomy wiodą tam wygodny żywot brydżowych profesjonalistów. W tym roku zakwalifikowali się do reprezentacji, wygrywając hiszpańskie kwalifikacje. W drużynie niemieckiej od dawna wiodącą parą są Tomek Gotard i Józef Piekarek. Skutecznie w rozgrywkach kadry litewskiej walczył Wojtek Olański, kwalifikując się do reprezentacji i także możemy go tutaj oglądać w akcji. Wielu graczy urodzonych w Polsce występowało w reprezentacji Izraela, ale to temat na dłuższą opowieść...

Popatrzmy na kilka zagrań naszego kontyngentu. Najpierw w akcji Gotard – Piekarek:

Board: 2. Dlr: East/NS

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <p>♠ A Q 3<br/>♥ K Q 10 6 4<br/>♦ Q J 5<br/>♣ K 3</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W      E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div> | <p>♠ K 10 8 2<br/>♥ 7<br/>♦ K 8 7<br/>♣ A Q J 8 2</p> | <p>♠ J<br/>♥ A J 9 3<br/>♦ A 10 9 6 3<br/>♣ 10 5 4</p> <p>♠ 9 7 6 5 4<br/>♥ 8 5 2<br/>♦ 4 2<br/>♣ 9 7 6</p> |
|---|---|---|---|

Gdy to rozdanie pokazało się w brydżamie (w czasie transmisji meczu Hiszpania – Turcja), a licytacja potoczyła się jak niżej:

| West            | North           | East             | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Wichmann</i> | <i>Eksioglu</i> | <i>Wasik</i>     | <i>Sohtorik</i> |
|                 |                 | 1♣               | pas             |
| 1♥              | pas             | 1♠               | pas             |
| 2♦ <sup>1</sup> | ktr.            | 2BA <sup>2</sup> | pas             |
| 3BA             | pas..           |                  |                 |

<sup>1</sup> czwarty kolor – sztuczny forsing

<sup>2</sup> zatrzymanie karo, brak fitu kier

w momencie, w którym N skontrował 2♦, Barry Rigal skomentował: „widzimy kolejną kontrę na sztuczną odzywkę, która woła o pomstę do nieba... najlepsze co WE

mogą zrobić, to przystawić rekontrę i liczyć nadrobki. Może warto byłoby stworzyć w systemach licytacyjnych narzędzia, dające sposobność do gry takich kontraktów z rekontrą wtedy, kiedy jest to sensowne...”

Że takie narzędzia istnieją i są skutecznie używane, pokazało dwóch naszych ekspatów w meczu Niemcy – Estonia z czwartej rundy mistrzostw:

| West               | North  | East             | South |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| <i>Gotard</i>      |        | <i>Piekarek</i>  |       |
|                    |        | 1♣               | pas   |
| 1♥                 | pas    | 1♠               | pas   |
| 2♦ <sup>1</sup>    | ktr.   | pas <sup>2</sup> | pas   |
| rktr. <sup>3</sup> | pas... |                  |       |

<sup>1</sup> transfer na 2♥

<sup>2</sup> brak fitu kier

<sup>3</sup> nadwyżka w sile bez krótkości karo

Rozgrywka nie nastroczała problemu – N wziął trzy lewe atutowe i asa kier – 760 dla WE i 8 imp dla Niemiec.

Charakterystyczną cechą dla wszystkich naszych brydżystów jest ostry „drive” do przodu. Gotard – Piekarek nawet wśród tych graczy wyróżniają się niezwykłym ciągiem do przodu:



Artur Wasik, Spain

Board: 13. Dlr: North/All

♠ 10 6 2

♥ K J 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ Q J 9 2

♠ J 9 8  
♥ Q 8 7 2  
♦ K 8 7 5  
♣ 6 3

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

♠ K Q 7 4  
♥ 10 9 6 4 3  
♦ Q 10  
♣ A 4

♠ A 5 3

♥ A

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ K 10 8 7 5

Open Room

| West            | North    | East   | South  |
|-----------------|----------|--------|--------|
|                 | Piekarek |        | Gotard |
|                 | pas      | 1♥     | 2♣     |
| 3♥ <sup>1</sup> | 3BA!     | pas... |        |

<sup>1</sup> 6-9 PC, fit czterokartowy

3BA Piekarka na pewno nie było odzywką książkową. Ale skądś trzeba brać te imp-y... E zaatakował ♥4. Po lewie na asa, rozgrywający zadysponował piątkę trefl, którą pobił w ręce damą. E wziął na asa i doszedł do słusznego wniosku, że gra w kiery nie ma przyszłości. Spróbował więc króla pik. Ale gdy rozgrywający przepuścił, najprawdopodobniej E nie odczytał zrzutki partnera i zmienił na damę karo. Piekarek zabił asem i odwrócił w karo do waleta, wyrabiając sobie dziewiątą lewą!

Oczywiście można mieć wiele zastrzeżeń do obrony pary WE. Ale brydż jest grą błędów i nieporównanie więcej punktów zdobywa się po błędach przeciwników niż po własnych genialnych zagraniach. Zwycięski styl to także, poza doskonałą techniką, stwarzanie przeciwnikom okazji do zbłądzenia tak często, jak to tylko jest możliwe... A tutaj mocno naciągnięta odzywka 3BA stworzyła taka presję...



Andrzej Knap, Spain

## ACTIVE PROTECTION

by Marek Wojcicki

The modern school says "if opponents play a slam, and you have a king, lead this suit". I am not sure if this rule applies also to the case when the king is in the trump suit. Sometimes the trump king requires some active treatment to take the trick... Particularly underleading the king of trumps can mislead the declarer and persuade him to reject a successful finesse.

Board: 15. Dlr: South/NS

♠ A J 9 8 6 2

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ A 7

♣ 2

♠ 7 5  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ Q J 10 9 6 2  
♣ 10 7

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

♠ K 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ Q J 9 8 5 4

♠ Q 10 3

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ K 4

♣ A K 6 3

In his board from the fifth round of the championships, in the match between San Marino and Germany, the NS pair reached the contract of 6♠ played by North after a bidding sequence in which, South showed a strong balanced hand with 3 keycards. The East seat was occupied by Dr. Entscho Wladow who chose the deceptive lead of the ♠4, hoping to see the trump ace in dummy. When the dummy came down, he prayed not to find declarer with a seven-card trump suit... Declarer played the queen from dummy which held and continued the suit with the ten. When West followed the suit, Wladow relaxed slightly. Declarer finessed and Wladow cashed the heart ace after taking the trump king.



## Zmiana w reprezentacji Polski

W tegorocznym turnieju po raz pierwszy w mistrzowskiej imprezie w reprezentacji Polski wystąpią Bogusław Gierulski i Jerzy Skrzypczak.

Gierulski – Skrzypczak od kilku lat ocierają się o reprezentację. Parą rezerwową byli już w 2002 roku, kiedy to osiągnęli swój największy sukces na arenie międzynarodowej – zwycięstwo w prestiżowym turnieju teamów „Spring Foursomes” w drużynie z Adamem Żmudzińskim i Wojtkiem Olańskim. W ubiegłym roku wraz z drużyną wygrali drużynowe mistrzostwo Polski, a w tym roku zakończyli rozgrywki ligowe na II miejscu. Ich sukcesów w turniejach parami nie będą wyliczać, gdyż zabrakłoby tu miejsca.



Jerzy Skrzypczak, Poland

Ostatni bardzo dobry występ zanotowali w turnieju teamów Bonn Nations Cup, gdzie wraz z Bartoszem Chmurskim i Piotrem Gawrysiem zajęli II miejsce, ulegając w finale drużynie Holandii. Oto rozdanie z tego turnieju z meczu przeciwko reprezentacji Anglii, w którym popisali się precyzyjną obroną:

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

| West             | North        | East              | South          |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Gierulski</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Skrzypczak</i> | <i>Simpson</i> |
| pas              | pas          | pas               | 1♠             |
| pas              | 2♥           | pas               | 2♠             |
| pas              | 4♠           | pas...            |                |

Gierulski zaatakował ♠4. Skrzypczak zabił asem i wybrał daleki od oczywistego odwrót waletem trefl. Rozgrywający zabił w ręce damę, a Gierulski, po lewie na asa, kontynuował koncepcję partnera, grając trefla. Rozgrywający połączył się w tej lewie na przebiecie w stole i nie miał już szans na realizację kontraktu.

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