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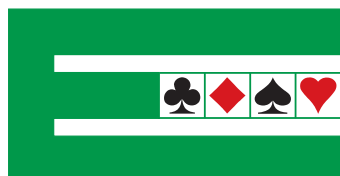
Time for some serious shopping

As the players enjoy a chance to relax **Italy** are once again more than a match clear in the *Open* series. **Norway, Ireland, Hungary, Iceland** and **Sweden** occupy the next five places, and will be pleased that there is some significant daylight developing before we come to the **Netherlands, Denmark** and **Poland**.

Scoring a tremendous 74 VP lifted **England** to the top of the *Women's* table, ahead of the **Netherlands**, who also leapfrogged past **Germany**, who are followed by **France** and **Denmark**. These five teams are already looking like qualifiers, and there is a significant gap to sixth placed **Croatia**.

In the *Seniors* **Turkey** stay on top but they are now followed by **Sweden** and **France**.

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.

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OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 23 Tuesday - 10.30**

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

ROUND 24 Tuesday - 14.15

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

ROUND 25 Tuesday - 17.35

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

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 20 - subject to official confirmation**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 NETHERLANDS	POLAND	38 - 45	14 - 16
2 RUSSIA	HUNGARY	35 - 35	15 - 15
3 SAN MARINO	IRELAND	26 - 74	5 - 25
4 BELGIUM	SCOTLAND	70 - 26	24 - 6
5 WALES	LUXEMBOURG	51 - 18	22 - 8
6 ESTONIA	TURKEY	51 - 34	19 - 11
7 GREECE	ENGLAND	50 - 45	16 - 14
8 FRANCE	FINLAND	21 - 46	10 - 20
9 ISRAEL	CROATIA	53 - 31	20 - 10
10 SWITZERLAND	ITALY	41 - 71	9 - 21
11 ROMANIA	BULGARIA	32 - 14	19 - 11
12 ICELAND	GERMANY	49 - 36	18 - 12
13 SERBIA	DENMARK	41 - 34	16 - 14
14 NORWAY	BELARUS	81 - 28	25 - 5
15 SPAIN	LITHUANIA	53 - 28	20 - 10
16 LATVIA	SWEDEN	62 - 35	21 - 9
PORTUGAL			18 - 0

ROUND 21 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 IRELAND	ROMANIA	47 - 27	19 - 11
2 ITALY	GREECE	82 - 24	25 - 4
3 LUXEMBOURG	CROATIA	21 - 43	10 - 20
4 SCOTLAND	BELARUS	55 - 36	19 - 11
5 TURKEY	SAN MARINO	27 - 44	11 - 19
6 NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	29 - 47	11 - 19
7 SWEDEN	SERBIA	51 - 30	19 - 11
8 PORTUGAL	ESTONIA	52 - 19	22 - 8
9 LITHUANIA	FRANCE	11 - 31	11 - 19
10 GERMANY	SPAIN	55 - 28	21 - 9
11 FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	55 - 39	18 - 12
12 ENGLAND	ISRAEL	43 - 48	14 - 16
13 HUNGARY	NORWAY	20 - 81	3 - 25
14 BULGARIA	LATVIA	38 - 57	11 - 19
15 POLAND	ICELAND	17 - 10	16 - 14
16 DENMARK	WALES	56 - 17	23 - 7
RUSSIA			18 - 0

ROUND 22 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 SERBIA	BULGARIA	56 - 50	16 - 14
2 DENMARK	LUXEMBOURG	72 - 13	25 - 4
3 WALES	SWEDEN	64 - 44	19 - 11
4 SPAIN	POLAND	27 - 70	6 - 24
5 LATVIA	IRELAND	10 - 61	5 - 25
6 BELARUS	NETHERLANDS	39 - 65	10 - 20
7 SWITZERLAND	LITHUANIA	46 - 26	19 - 11
8 SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	18 - 36	11 - 19
9 RUSSIA	ESTONIA	37 - 59	10 - 20
10 ROMANIA	TURKEY	16 - 49	8 - 22
11 ISRAEL	ITALY	49 - 67	11 - 19
12 SAN MARINO	PORTUGAL	34 - 60	10 - 20
13 FRANCE	GERMANY	63 - 53	17 - 13
14 GREECE	FINLAND	47 - 38	17 - 13
15 BELGIUM	ICELAND	11 - 85	1 - 25
16 CROATIA	ENGLAND	47 - 61	12 - 18
NORWAY			18 - 0

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 12 Tuesday - 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	HUNGARY	FRANCE
2	ITALY	ENGLAND
3	SAN MARINO	AUSTRIA
4	GREECE	SCOTLAND
5	TURKEY	CROATIA
6	GERMANY	IRELAND
7	NETHERLANDS	POLAND
8	DENMARK	NORWAY
9	SPAIN	ICELAND
10	SWEDEN	ISRAEL
11	RUSSIA	FINLAND

ROUND 13 Tuesday - 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ICELAND	RUSSIA
2	IRELAND	HUNGARY
3	FINLAND	ITALY
4	DENMARK	SAN MARINO
5	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
6	AUSTRIA	SPAIN
7	POLAND	GREECE
8	CROATIA	SWEDEN
9	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL
10	NORWAY	GERMANY
11	ENGLAND	TURKEY

ROUND 14 Tuesday - 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ITALY	ICELAND
2	CROATIA	ENGLAND
3	ISRAEL	POLAND
4	HUNGARY	NORWAY
5	SAN MARINO	GERMANY
6	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA
7	SPAIN	DENMARK
8	GREECE	FRANCE
9	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND
10	TURKEY	FINLAND
11	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND

**JOURNALISTS' PAIRS**

The 2006 Journalists' Pairs will be on Thursday, 24th August At 9pm (2100 hrs) In the VuGraph room. Please pre-enter in the Press Room with Jan Swaan.

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 12 Tuesday - 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND
2	SWEDEN	FRANCE
3	IRELAND	DENMARK
4	WALES	NETHERLANDS
5	SCOTLAND	GERMANY
6	POLAND	ISRAEL
7	ITALY	TURKEY
8	FINLAND	ESTONIA

ROUND 13 Tuesday - 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	TURKEY	POLAND
2	ESTONIA	SWEDEN
3	ITALY	IRELAND
4	DENMARK	SWITZERLAND
5	FRANCE	SCOTLAND
6	ISRAEL	GERMANY
7	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND
8	ENGLAND	WALES

ROUND 14 Tuesday - 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	IRELAND	POLAND
2	FINLAND	ENGLAND
3	FRANCE	ESTONIA
4	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL
5	GERMANY	TURKEY
6	SWITZERLAND	ITALY
7	WALES	DENMARK
8	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS

**JOURNALISTS' DIARY**

Monday 21st August: The Press Room will ONLY be open from 9am until 10am.

Wednesday, 23rd August: There will be a Journalist' meeting on at 0915 in the VuGraph theatre . It will include the Announcement of the Annual Awards and the ratification of the Annual Accounts.

Thursday, 24th August: Members of the IBPA are invited by the Polish Federation to lunch at the Sofitel Victoria Hotel at 12 noon. Don't forget to register with Jan Swaan if you are able to attend.

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	CROATIA	SPAIN	39 - 49	13 - 17
2	IRELAND	ICELAND	53 - 39	18 - 12
3	ENGLAND	SAN MARINO	73 - 23	25 - 5
4	GREECE	NETHERLANDS	31 - 76	6 - 24
5	NORWAY	FINLAND	43 - 59	12 - 18
6	POLAND	DENMARK	21 - 57	8 - 22
7	ITALY	SWEDEN	27 - 29	15 - 15
8	TURKEY	RUSSIA	58 - 33	20 - 10
9	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	26 - 59	8 - 22
10	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	44 - 44	15 - 15
11	ISRAEL	HUNGARY	44 - 47	14 - 16

ROUND 10 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	CROATIA	39 - 30	17 - 13
2	AUSTRIA	IRELAND	68 - 40	21 - 9
3	HUNGARY	SCOTLAND	45 - 27	19 - 11
4	GERMANY	POLAND	21 - 42	11 - 19
5	SPAIN	ENGLAND	12 - 74	3 - 25
6	ICELAND	NORWAY	53 - 65	13 - 17
7	ITALY	TURKEY	47 - 27	19 - 11
8	DENMARK	FRANCE	27 - 41	12 - 18
9	SWEDEN	GREECE	40 - 48	14 - 16
10	SAN MARINO	FINLAND	46 - 20	20 - 10
11	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	50 - 27	20 - 10

ROUND 11 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ENGLAND	RUSSIA	63 - 25	23 - 7
2	FRANCE	GERMANY	57 - 40	19 - 11
3	FINLAND	SPAIN	46 - 49	14 - 16
4	IRELAND	DENMARK	25 - 90	3 - 25
5	ICELAND	SAN MARINO	27 - 60	8 - 22
6	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS	45 - 71	10 - 20
7	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	55 - 64	13 - 17
8	ISRAEL	GREECE	37 - 50	12 - 18
9	POLAND	HUNGARY	40 - 52	13 - 17
10	CROATIA	ITALY	49 - 25	20 - 10
11	TURKEY	SWEDEN	46 - 49	14 - 16



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3	GERMANY	201.00
4	FRANCE	197.00
5	DENMARK	194.00
6	CROATIA	179.00
7	POLAND	175.00
8	AUSTRIA	174.00
9	SANMARINO	168.00
10	ITALY	167.00
11	HUNGARY	164.00
12	IRELAND	161.00
13	SPAIN	160.00
14	SWEDEN	157.00
15	ISRAEL	156.00
16	SCOTLAND	147.00
17	FINLAND	145.00
18	TURKEY	143.00
19	NORWAY	139.00
20	GREECE	126.00
21	RUSSIA	125.00
22	ICELAND	114.00

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING
after 11 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	TURKEY	208.00
2	SWEDEN	200.00
3	FRANCE	198.00
4	DENMARK	190.00
5	GERMANY	185.00
6	SCOTLAND	183.00
7	ITALY	180.00
8	POLAND	158.00
9	ISRAEL	155.00
10	FINLAND	152.00
11	NETHERLANDS	147.00
12	ENGLAND	146.00
13	IRELAND	142.00
	WALES	142.00
15	SWITZERLAND	137.00
16	ESTONIA	103.00

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after 22 rounds

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1	ITALY	436.00
2	NORWAY	407.00
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4	HUNGARY	385.00
5	ICELAND	384.00
6	SWEDEN	380.50
7	NETHERLANDS	366.00
8	DENMARK	365.50
9	POLAND	361.00
10	ISRAEL	360.50
11	GERMANY	352.00
12	FINLAND	342.00
13	FRANCE	340.50
14	RUSSIA	340.00
15	BULGARIA	336.00
	ENGLAND	336.00
17	SPAIN	329.00
18	BELARUS	328.00
19	TURKEY	324.00
20	BELGIUM	313.50
21	SERBIA	311.00
22	WALES	302.00
23	CROATIA	300.00
24	SCOTLAND	297.00
25	ESTONIA	293.00
26	ROMANIA	292.00
27	LATVIA	290.00
28	GREECE	284.50
29	SAN MARINO	284.00
30	PORTUGAL	282.00
31	LUXEMBURG	254.00
32	SWITZERLAND	253.00
33	LITHUANIA	252.00

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 9** - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	18 - 13	16 - 14
2	POLAND	ITALY	62 - 40	20 - 10
3	SWEDEN	WALES	41 - 33	17 - 13
4	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	48 - 25	20 - 10
5	GERMANY	DENMARK	32 - 25	16 - 14
6	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND	49 - 17	23 - 7
7	ESTONIA	IRELAND	30 - 26	16 - 14
8	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	38 - 10	22 - 8

ROUND 10 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SWITZERLAND	ESTONIA	55 - 18	24 - 6
2	ENGLAND	TURKEY	60 - 57	16 - 14
3	ITALY	GERMANY	55 - 23	23 - 7
4	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	16 - 33	11 - 19
5	DENMARK	ISRAEL	56 - 19	24 - 6
6	WALES	FRANCE	24 - 16	17 - 13
7	SCOTLAND	POLAND	18 - 25	14 - 16
8	FINLAND	SWEDEN	15 - 67	4 - 25

ROUND 11 - *subject to official confirmation*

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ISRAEL	ITALY	27 - 40	12 - 18
2	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	36 - 23	18 - 12
3	FRANCE	FINLAND	42 - 37	16 - 14
4	ESTONIA	WALES	18 - 52	7 - 23
5	GERMANY	POLAND	27 - 25	15 - 15
6	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	43 - 10	23 - 7
7	TURKEY	DENMARK	33 - 44	13 - 17
8	ENGLAND	IRELAND	22 - 48	9 - 21

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OPEN TEAMS

Round 18

Hungary v Turkey

by Mark Horton

Highflying Hungary against a Turkish team moving in the wrong direction — no one was taking any bets on the result of this match.

Board:2. Dealer East. North/South

♠ 8 7 3 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ K 8 6 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ 5 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ K Q 10 6 ♣ A Q 10 4	♠ A K J 10 9 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ 9 3 ♣ J 7 2
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dogan</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Pehlivan</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
2♦	3♠	1♦	1♠
All Pass			

West led the eight of hearts and when East withheld led his king declarer had reduced his number of undertricks to one, -100.



Laszlo Honti, Hungary

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eksioglu</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Sohtorik</i>
Dble	Pass	1♦	1♠
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Knowing his side had a double fit persuaded West to go on to game. On this layout there is no winning defence, but South simplified matters for declarer by trying to cash both top spades, setting up dummy's queen. +420 and 8 IMPs for Hungary.

Board:5. Dealer North. North/South Vul.

♠ A 10 8 5 4 ♥ 8 7 6 4 ♦ — ♣ A K 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ K Q J 7 2 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ 10 2	♠ 9 6 ♥ K J 5 2 ♦ A Q 10 5 ♣ Q 9 7
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dogan</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Pehlivan</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
Dble	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♣	Dble	All Pass	All Pass

I think everyone knows my thoughts on this type of position. South should respond INT and hope to survive. I can't predict what would have happened, but there must be chance that North/South would have got to play Two Clubs undoubled as happened in Wales v Latvia.

East led the two of clubs and declarer won with the king, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and played a spade. West had followed with the six and nine of spades, suggesting an odd number, so declarer ruffed and was overruffed, West's trump exit holding declarer to six tricks, -500.

If declarer, fearing that the spades might be 5-2, simply discards a heart on the third round of spades and continues to discard as West (after taking the ace of hearts) cashes his spades he will come to seven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eksioglu</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Sohtorik</i>
Dble	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	2♦

There is nothing to say about the play, declarer making five tricks, -800, giving Hungary 7 IMPs .

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

♠ – ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A K Q J 5 4 2 ♣ 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center;"> </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 6 3 ♥ A 10 9 3 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A 10 7 2
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	S										
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Yusuf Sohtorik, Turkey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dogan	Honti	Pehlivan	Szilagy
		1♣	2♠

All Pass

I was tempted to include a list of adjectives and invite you to choose the one that best describes South's overall. However, space is at a premium and I'm sure you can find better ways to amuse yourselves. The contract was four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Eksioglu	Winkler	Sohtorik
		1♣	1♠
2♣	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♦	All Pass	

Declarer lost two clubs and two hearts, +110, 7 IMPs for Turkey, trailing 12-16 IMPs.

Board:11. Dealer South. None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Dogan	Honti	Pehlivan	Szilagy
			1♠
Dble	Pass	INT	2♦
2♥	3♦	4♥	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

I was hoping to get an opportunity to use the word Goulash, but the nearest we came to any kind of freak hand was on this deal.

South's aggressive bidding enabled his side to discover their diamond fit and he decided to take the save over the heart game that was destined to make.

West cashed the king of hearts, South discarding a club, then the ace of diamonds (a club is an easier way to get +500) and switched to a club. (The only way to get the maximum now is to play the ace of hearts. That will still hold declarer to eight tricks whatever he does.)

Declarer took dummy's ace and played a spade, East winning and returning a trump, won by declarer, who ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and played the queen of spades — two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Eksioglu	Winkler	Sohtorik
			Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♠
Dble	All Pass		

There is obviously more than one way to approach the South hand — one objection to opening at the one level is the lack of defence — but passing with the idea of bidding later is certainly a reasonable approach — but Two Spades was certainly optimistic.

West led the king of hearts and declarer ruffed — better to discard a club, when you can make as many as seven tricks with careful play. He played the king of diamonds and West won and switched to the seven of clubs, declarer winning with the ace and playing a spade. East took the king and cashed the queen of clubs. At this point it looks as if declarer should be two down, but the play record stops and the result was four down, -800 — maybe there was a revoke? It was worth 11 IMPs to Hungary.

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dogan</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Pehlivan</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
3♥	Dble	All Pass	INT

Marks out of ten for Three Hearts? Given that you might well find yourself on lead against 3NT, not too many.

Declarer took his six trump tricks, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eksioglu</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Sohtorik</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♦
2♥	4♠	All Pass	1♠

South was awkwardly placed on the second round and opted to show his spades. That led to a classic Moysian fit. West cashed two top hearts and switched to a club (only a heart is 100% certain to defeat the contract). Would declarer guess the spades?

He ran the jack, West won and played a heart, so the contract was two down, -200 and 12 IMPs to Hungary.

Board: 16. Dealer West. East/West

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dogan</i>	<i>Honti</i>	<i>Pehlivan</i>	<i>Szilagy</i>
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

North's opening bid caught South with a fair hand, but not one he could make any move with. East led a diamond and declarer won and played the king of hearts. East won and switched to a spade for the eight and jack and West played a diamond, declarer ruffing and cashing the queen of hearts, getting the news. He was two down, -100.



Laszlo Szilagy, Hungary

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Eksioglu	Winkler	Sohtorik
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

To defeat 3NT West has to lead a diamond — and naturally he led a heart. East won and switched to a diamond, but declarer could win and knock out the ace of clubs, +430 and 11 IMPs for Turkey.

However, Hungary added two more swings over the closing boards, this one sealing their victory:

Board:20. Dealer West. All Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dogan	Honti	Pehlivan	Szilagyi
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the four of clubs for the king and ace and North switched to his trump, South winning with the queen and continuing with the king. Declarer won and tried a spade to the ace and a spade. South ruffed and played back the nine of hearts, leaving declarer with no way to avoid two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Eksioglu	Winkler	Sohtorik
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

North found the unfortunate lead of the ace of clubs, which made declarer a present of a trick and he was able to escape for one down, -100 and the 9 IMPs they gained on this deal meant Hungary had won with something to spare, 60-28 IMPs, 22-8 VP and maintained their challenge.

A Different Drum

by Mark Horton

'If you're marching to the beat of a different drummer, you're probably out of step - pay attention!!'

Do you know the famous story about the passing out parade? It's the one where Johnny's mother proudly points out that the other 399 are marching out of step.

What do you make of this hand?

Dealer South. East/West Vul.

♠ Q 10 4 2
♥ 3
♦ A 7
♣ A K Q J 6 2

Your partner is the dealer and opens 4♥. I can tell you that at every table in the Open & Women's series 4♥ was the final contract (the Seniors only play the first 16 deals) - save one.

There the auction went like this:

West	North	East	South
Mossop	Hein	Zivkovic	Helling
			4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West led the two of diamonds and its time to reveal the full deal:

Board:19. Dealer South. East/West Vul.

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

That was +1010 and 11 IMPs for Luxembourg.

Considering North had five tricks and South reckoned to have 7-8, was his evaluation so wide of the mark? Was he the one out of step, or was it the other 53 players in the North seat?

Bravo Soren Hein - along with Stefan Helling my first nomination for the 2007 IBPA award for the best bid hand.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 20

Netherlands v Poland

by Jos Jacobs

On Sunday morning, the local audience were once again given the chance to watch their favourites as the host country's Open Team was scheduled to play on VuGraph against the Netherlands. Poland had made a very bad start but had gradually improved their position as the first week went on. On the other hand, The Netherlands had made an even worse start but had wiped off their first-day deficits from the third round onwards to be among the contenders for a Shanghai berth right from the start of the third day. When this match started, Poland thus needed a big win whereas the Netherlands could not afford a big defeat. The boards also helped the players this time in presenting us with an interesting match.

After a good slam on board 1, missed by both pairs, and a routine game on board 2 this was the third course of the morning buffet:

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

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

West <i>Kowalski</i>	North <i>De Wijs</i>	East <i>Tuszynski</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
Pass 1♥	Pass All Pass	1♣	Pass Pass

Bridge is such an easy game...why go on when partner has a passed hand and there is no need to be afraid of the spades? On a diamond overruff the contract was just made for the rarity of +80 to Poland.

Closed Room

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Chmurski</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>Gawrys</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

What looked such a nice hand to Bertens in reply to Bakkeren's opening bid turned out to be a club duplication

nightmare. Even 3♥ would have been well beyond the safety limits so the breach of discipline did not matter very much. Poland +300 on the same diamond overruff for a gain of 9 IMPs out of nowhere.

The Dutch were compensated a little for this loss when on board 7 they managed a passout whereas the Polish Club by Chmurski and Gawrys led to a 2NT contract off six tricks; 3 IMPs to Netherlands to trail by 7-14 when a sequence of interesting boards came up:

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

♠ Q 9 8 7 6 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ Q 7 4	<table 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		♠ K J 4 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ A J 10 3
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Open Room

West <i>Kowalski</i>	North <i>De Wijs</i>	East <i>Tuszynski</i>	South <i>Muller</i>
	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ was Multi and 3♥ play or correct, but the Poles had no problem whatsoever. When the ♥10 came down quickly the contract was never in danger. Poland +630.

Closed Room

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Chmurski</i>	East <i>Bertens</i>	South <i>Gawrys</i>
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After Gawrys' 2NT relay it was much more difficult for the Dutch to enter the auction so they were more or less forced to sell out to 4♠ undoubled. Gawrys went down two in peace for a loss of 100 and a gain of 11 IMPs. Poland +18.

The IMPs came back to the Netherlands on the next board when they showed a better assessment of their combined hand values:

Board: 10. Dealer: East. All vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Muller</i>
2♠	4♠	1♥	2♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♣
		All Pass	

Well, on a spade lead you would make a slam, but after the logical heart lead De Wijs had to be content with 11 tricks. Please note the sophisticated bidding agreement by NS. Netherlands +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
2♠	3♠	1♥	2♦
All Pass		Pass	4♦



Philippe Cronier, France

Less sophisticated bidding here from NS, and far less enterprise too. When Bakkeren did not bother to lead his partner's suit 12 tricks were made but Poland had lost a vulnerable game swing: 10 IMPs back to the Netherlands.

The next board was an interesting push in our featured match. In some of the other matches, however, all sorts of things happened:

Board: 11. Dealer: South. None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Muller</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	2♠
3NT	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Simon de Wijs' double made the defence easy for Bauke Muller. He won the lead of the ♠J with his king and switched to a low club. De Wijs won the queen and continued the suit to end declarer's chances. As North was eventually squeezed in the red suits the contract was only one down, +100 to Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
Dble	Pass	2♥	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Chmurski too led the ♠J but Gawrys ducked this to declarer's queen. When Bakkeren saw the 4-1 break in diamonds he simply cashed out for down two. Poland +100. No swing.

Kiema was playing 3NT for Finland in their match with France after the following auction:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kiema</i>	<i>Chemla</i>	<i>Elsinen</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
Dble	Pass	2♦	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Chemla led the ♠J which ran to declarer's queen. After two top diamonds and the bad news Kiema led a low club (!) on which Chemla hopped up with the queen to lead another spade to Cronier's king. Cronier exited with a heart, declarer taking the ♥AK and also the ♦J. As Cronier had discarded two spades Kiema now could get off play with a spade, forcing Cronier to lead into the club tenace to hand declarer his contract. Finland +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
DeSainte Marie	Koistinen	Bompis	Nyberg
			1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Nyberg too ducked the ♠J lead to declarer's queen but De Sainte Marie next played ♥A and another. South, on lead with the ♥J, cashed a top spade and now switched to a low club. When North won the queen and continued clubs, declarer had to go two off. Finland another +100 and one more step towards their 20-10 VP win.

Some interesting variations turned up in the Iceland v. Germany match.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fritsche	Baldursson	Marsal	Jonsson
			1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Jonsson ducked the ♠J lead to Fritsche's queen and declarer continued ♥K, ♦Q and a low heart. On play with the ♥J Jonsson next cashed his ♠AK before exiting in clubs. Once declarer ducked this, the count was rectified for a red-suit squeeze on North at this able too. Germany +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Magnusson	Piekarek	Thorvaldsson	Gotard
			1♠
Dble	Pass	1NT	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1NT was a negative response to the take-out double. As a consequence, East had become the declarer in 3NT and South led a low spade on which declarer did well to put up the queen. Three top diamonds followed and then Thorvaldsson exited with a low club, North's nine winning. North next cashed his ♠J, which South could not overtake, and continued the ♣Q and another. All declarer could do now was to cash his ♥AK, give North his two heart tricks and get the ♦K in the end to go down one. Did you see that South did not make a single defensive trick? Germany



Ton Bakkeren, Netherlands

+50 and 10 IMPs to restrict their defeat in the match to 12-18 only.

Back to Netherlands-Poland now after this lengthy excursion.

Board: 13. Dealer: North. All vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
	1♥	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

A weakness of Tarzan Precision caused the Dutch' bad re-

sult here. They have to open 1♥ with a 5-5 in the majors. The contract went down two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

When Bertens made the unlucky lead of the ♣7 declarer finessed to get rid of two losing diamonds. After that, he could ruff out the hearts, overtake the ♠10 with the king and play on trumps, just losing two trumps and a diamond to make an overtrick. Poland +170 and 9 IMPs to lead by 11 again.

On board 15, the Dutch found a good save missed by the Polish:

Board: 15. Dealer: South. N/S vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
Pass	1♦	2♥	1♣
4♥	Dble	Pass	3♣
All Pass			4♠

With spades established at the four-level due to systemic reasons, the Polish saw no reason to save any further and thus conceded -620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys
			1♣
Pass	1♠	3♥	4♥
5♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Bertens' jump to 3♥ made it easy for Bakkeren to show both an outside trick and a willingness to save. Down two, Poland only +300 and 8 IMPs to the Netherlands. The score stood at 36-31 to Poland now.

On the next board, the Polish missed a game but the Dutch misjudged:

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	De Wijs	Tuszynski	Muller
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

1♠ showed either 5 hearts or 4 spades and 5+ diamonds. Though Kowalski responded to Tuszynski's double 1 what was the doubler's best suit, Tuszynski still called it a day. Poland +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Chmurski	Bertens	Gawrys
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
4♦	4♥	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

Bertens' natural 1♦ opening made it easy for the Dutch too to miss game: 3NT only goes down on an unlikely club lead from South. Chmurski bid what he thought he could make, and so did Bertens. When Chmurski accurately (but rather obviously too) switched to a club after winning the ♥A the contract had to go one down for +100 more or 6 IMPs to Poland.

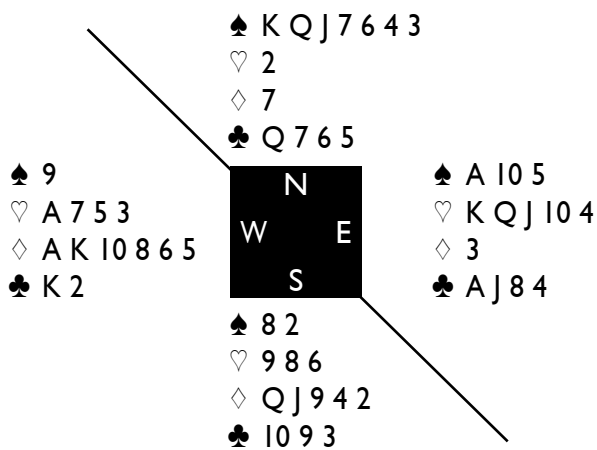
In the closing stages, the Netherlands got back some IMPs to lose the match 38-45 which gave Poland a victory by 16-14 VP. Neither team's cause had been done any real good by this result.

Appeal No. 4 Israel v Netherlands

Appeals Committee: Bill Pencharz (Chairman, England), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Jens Auken (Denmark), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Open Teams Round 13

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Lavinger	Muller	Liran
	4♠	... Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Contract: Seven Hearts, played by East

Result: 13 tricks, NS -1510

The Facts: The NPC of North/South called the Director at the end of the match. East had taken a very long time before passing over 4♠, and again in the next round of bidding. North/South objected to the double and to the raise to 7♥.

The Director: Ascertained that East had indeed taken a long time, and that West had acknowledged this at the table, and decided to allow the late call and rule that there had been unauthorized information. The Director consulted with a number of players, asking them what they would have done with the West hand (not mentioning the break in tempo, of course). All the players would have doubled, and all were thinking about raising to 7♥, but not all eventually would have. When told about the hesitation, all players agreed that it made no difference, since all the information they needed was contained in the bid of 5♠.

Consequently, the Director ruled that there had been no logical alternative to the Double, and that the unauthorized information had not suggested the raise to 7♥.

Ruling: Result Stands

Relevant Laws: Law 16A

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and the Captains and Coaches of

both teams

The Players: All concurred that there had been a break in tempo. East admitted to thinking for a long time. The captain of North/South, who had been sitting on the North/East side stated that he had looked at his watch after one minute and that five more minutes had gone by before East passed. West confirmed that the delay had been "a couple of minutes". The captain of East/West, who had also been sitting on the North/East side, called it "a couple of minutes" too.

As to the alleged break in tempo in the second round of bidding, West did not agree that it had occurred. The tray may have returned "somewhat slower" but one has to accept that as normal at this level of bidding. The Captain of North/South stated he had timed it to 4 minutes.

The Director told the Committee that the table had not been in real time troubles, but that the match finished with only a 2 or 3 minutes left on the clock. For that reason, and because West did not dispute the break in tempo, he had accepted to consider the case even despite the late call.

North/South, by way of their captain, stated that they did not contest that East had no Logical Alternatives to his double, and that they accepted that call. They did not accept however, that 5♠ should have shown the ♣A. With the same hand but only the ♣Q in stead of the ace, East could also have bid 5♠. The break in tempo helped in reducing that possibility. With the extra information, 7♥ became an "educated gamble".

North/South pointed to the fact that not all players that had been consulted had raised to 7♥, which surely must have meant that passing was a logical alternative. Combined with the undeniable unauthorized information, that must lead to an adjusted score.

West stated that in order for East to bid 5♠, he needed to have ♥KQ fifth and the two black aces. He had bid 5NT in order to find out what 5♠ was based on, and raised to seven when he found out it was based on hearts. He would have passed 6♣. He did not believe his partner could have had a two-suited hand, since he would have bid 4NT with that.

The Committee: Ruled that there had been a significant break in tempo by East on the first round of bidding (the Committee preferred to call it "4 or 5 minutes" to "a couple of minutes"), but not on the second round.

The Committee found that 5♠ did indeed show a very great hand, and should be considered a grand slam invitation. The call was very close.

But in the end, the feeling in the Committee prevailed that a break in tempo of 4-5 minutes is very long and contains substantial unauthorized information, and that a player ought to be bending backwards in trying not to take advantage of it.

The Committee's decision: Score adjusted to 6♥ by East, making 13 tricks, NS -1010.

Deposit: Returned

Triple Squeeze and Triple Endplay

by Uri Gilboa (Israel)

In Round 15, Israel played Spain. The match ended 48-46, giving Israel a winning draw. On two of the boards, David Fohrer found very nice endplays that landed two seemingly impossible contracts. Here is the first.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wichmann	Birman	Wasik	Fohrer
	2♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3♦

West led the ♣K and shifted to the ♥8. Fohrer won the ace in dummy and, taking into account that it was WEST who had opened the bidding, ran the ♦8. West had to win his ace and he next underled his ♣Q, hoping to reach his partner and obtain a club ruff. As East thought he had a natural heart trick in which case a ruff would not gain (he was to regret this line of thinking later!) he returned a club. Fohrer ruffed and drew trumps to reach this ending:

♠ A 4 ♥ K J 9 ♦ - ♣ 6	<table 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		♠ Q 5 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ - ♣ 10	
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On the penultimate trump he threw dummy's small spade, and East was caught in a triple squeeze. He had to blank his ♠Q in order to guard the rounded suits. Next came the ♠A and a club ruff, followed by a heart ducked to East's ten. On the forced heart return, the losing spade disappeared and Fohrer had made his contract.

A few boards later, a more substantial swing was at stake:

Board: 11. Dealer: South. None vul

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wichmann	Birman	Wasik	Fohrer
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

West led the ♠8 on which Fohrer won with the ace. He could count only 7 tricks: four spades and one trick in each of the other suits. His first move was to play a diamond to the queen, East winning the ace and returning the ♥J which held. Fohrer won the second heart and played ♦K and another to East's ten. Already sort of endplayed, East could only return a passive spade or diamond. Now declarer could win the return in dummy, throw his heart on the good diamond, cash a third spade trick (not the 4th!) and lead a club from hand, inserting dummy's eight and thus endplaying East for the third and decisive time...

Very well played indeed for a fine +400 and 11 IMPs to Israel.



David Fohrer, Israel

WOMEN TEAMS

Round 8

England v Norway

by Tony Gordon

Going into this match England were fifth and Norway were eighteenth and the result followed the form book.

Board one should have been a defensive test for West, but only the Norwegian West was put under pressure.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Thoresen</i>	<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Remen</i>
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass	2♥	3♠	4♥

Catherine Jagger led the ♠Q against 4♥ and although it seems best to duck to deny East an entry Solvi Remen covered with the king, so Sarah Teshome won her ace and switched to the ♦10. Inserting the jack would have lent interest to later proceedings, but declarer rose with the ace and drew trumps. She continued with three rounds of clubs, so Jagger won the third round and cashed two diamonds for one down and +50 to England.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Smith</i>
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
All Pass	2♥	3♠	4♥

After effectively the same auction, Ann Karin Fuglestad also led the ♠Q against 4♥ and again declarer covered with the king; however, Marianne Harding continued with a spade and not a diamond at trick two so Nicola Smith was better placed at this table. She ruffed and drew trumps and then played three rounds of clubs, but Fuglestad rose to the

occasion and unblocked the queen on the second round enabling her partner to win the third round with the jack and play the ♦10 through declarer. Smith covered with the jack, but Fuglestad completed her fine defence by winning with the queen and exiting with a spade to give declarer a ruff and discard that was of no use as she was marked with four diamonds. Smith ruffed in dummy and hopefully ran the nine of diamonds, but when that lost to the king she was also one down for a flat board.

The next three boards were also flat although England escaped a game swing on board four when the Norwegian North missed a squeeze that the English East could have prevented. However, the first big swing went to Norway on the next board where North opened 1♣ and found her partner with a 3-3-4-3 12 count. The English South responded 2NT whereas the Norwegian South jumped to 3NT. West had an automatic spade lead that gave away the ninth trick so Norway gained 10 IMPs.

Three boards later England finally got on the scoreboard when they defeated game contracts in both rooms to gain 7 IMPs, and at the halfway point Norway led 11-8.

Swings were in short supply over the next six boards which saw England gain 4 IMPs to edge ahead, but then came something more substantial:

Board 17. Dealer North. Love Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Smith</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♥
All Pass	4♣*	4♠	Dble

Heather Dhondy led her singleton club against 4♠ doubled and declarer could not avoid losing two clubs, two diamonds, a heart and a spade for three down and +500 to England. That seemed a gain of two IMPs at best as 4♥ seemed certain to make, but the Norwegian declarer lost her way at the other table.



Solvi Remen, Norway

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jagger	Thoresen	Teshome	Remen
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♥*	4♥
All Pass			

Jagger began with the ♣3 to Teshome's ace and she shifted to her trump. Declarer rose with the ace and threw dummy's low spades on the ♣KQ, which was not the best approach as the ♠K would have been her tenth trick; however all was not yet lost. When Remen exited with a spade Jagger took her ace and played king and another trump which left declarer searching for her tenth trick. Her solution was to win in dummy and try for a 3-3 diamond break, but when that failed she was one down and England gained 11 IMPs. The winning solution was for declarer to win the third round of trumps in hand in order to ruff a spade in dummy. Now she can return to hand with the ♦K and cash the last two trumps to squeeze East in the minors.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jagger	Thoresen	Teshome	Remen
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The ♥Q lead from Teshome saw the defence take the first five tricks with four hearts and the ♦A, so declarer was quickly one down for +100 to England.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fuglestad	Dhondy	Harding	Smith
		Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
All Pass			

The Norwegian's INT opening is 8-12 HCP at this vulnerability and they had no safe haven after Dhondy's double. They eventually settled in 2♥ where Harding emerged with four trump tricks and the ♦A for +500 and 12 IMPs to England who now led by 24 IMPs.

England added one more IMP over the last two boards to make the score 37-12 in their favour and the 20-10 VPs victory moved them up to fourth place.



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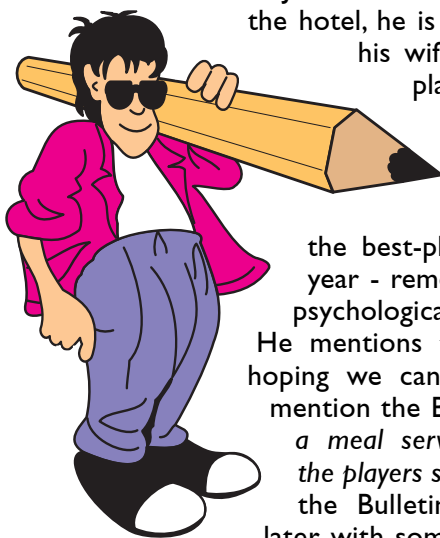
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Championship Diary



I meet Justin Hackett in the lobby of the hotel, he is here to cheer on his wife Barbara, who is playing for Germany.

(He might also be hoping to pick up the IPBA award for

the best-played hand of the year - remember his brilliant psychological play in Estoril.)

He mentions that his father is hoping we can find a space to mention the Buffet Cup (Buffet: *a meal serving system where the players serve themselves*) in the Bulletin. Discussing this later with some colleagues over

coffee we all agree that the European team is very weak - in the buffet stakes Tacchi and Jourdain should be the first names on everyone's list!

We get a huge number of visitors each day - we would like to think it is because of our natural charm - but in reality it's because we have computers linked to the Internet. So great is the demand that one team has started coming down early and putting towels on the chairs.

Maureen Dennison, still coming to terms with her dual role as Captain of Switzerland and IBPA Secretary, happened to encounter the President of the Polish Bridge Union and asked him, 'Who is paying for the IBPA lunch - is it the Polish Bridge Union or the EBU?'

You can get virtually instantaneous results for all three events at www.pzbs.pl/ec.htm - as well as a host of other information.

I am not saying we are devoted to our jobs, but had we been doing the Bulletins on the maiden voyage of the Titanic we would of course have remained at our posts.

Around the Rooms on Board 11

by Herman De Wael

Bulletin 8 showed the same board on pages 15 and 16, and since I am strategically placed in this building (right next to the boxes containing the original recorder forms), I decided to take a look to see what happened at every other table. I checked the recorder forms for the table recordings for 67 tables:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vulnerable.

<p>♠ 10 9 5 2 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ K Q 7 3 2 ♣ 10</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>♠ A K Q ♥ A Q J 9 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ 9 3 2</p>	<p>♠ J 7 4 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ A K Q 7 6 5</p> <p>♠ 8 6 3 ♥ K 10 8 6 3 ♦ J 8 ♣ J 8 4</p>
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Four players found the South hand to be enough to open on. Karlis Rubens for Latvia and Olavi Oja for Estonia, who were actually playing each other, and Maria Rahelt of Denmark and Gudrun Johannesdottir of Iceland. Two opened a Multi 2♦, two a weak 2♥. The North players corrected to 2♥ or passed, and now one East bid 2NT, which was raised to 3, while the three others were content with a double, two of them eventually ending up in 3NT as well.

So at 63 tables, South passed, and invariably, West did the same.

Three North players decided not to open. All three Easts then opened 2NT, with 2 East players ending up in 3NT, one West in 4♠.

Four players thought this was the time for some bluff bidding. We've already told you about Tom Hanlon (see the report on Appeal 3), and two others were playing in a match against one another (this seems to be a recurring theme): Philippe Caputo for Belgium and Fredrik Bjoernlund for Sweden. No doubt happy to be in such youthful company was Victor Goldberg of Scotland. All four opened the North hand 1NT. Of course you cannot stop East from doubling, after which Peter Fredin was allowed to play 2♥, while his Belgian counterpart saw that same bid being doubled, Caputo retreating to 3♣, doubled, for an acceptable score of -300. Derek Diamond decided to pass, and he may well be glad his opponents took that out to 2♦, playing there. We already know what happened when Hugh McGann decided to redouble.

Seven players, including all three Polish Norths, had the gadget of a weakish 2♣ (probably precision style) available, and opened that one. They also all got doubled. One South player thought it right to introduce hearts at this stage. Three South players upped the ante, bidding 3♣, while three others just passed. But in all cases, East/West settled in some contract in diamonds or spades.

Nine North players thought their hand was good enough

for an opening at the one-level (or too weak for 3♣?) and they opened 1♣. Again all Easts doubled. Three Souths chose to pass, while six introduced their heart suit (1♥). All nine tables ended up in some spade contract for East/West.

This left 40 tables with the popular choice in North, 3♣.

One East player (Mine Babac) passed, and defended 3♣ (down two). One other (Andrew Parker) bid 3♦, eventually reaching 4♠ by West. That left 38 doublers.

One South introduced his hearts at this level, while one even bid 3♠ (there is no mention of an alert on that recorder form). Eight players raised the level by one, and 2 Souths (from San Marino and Finland) even went all the way to 5♣. Those two got doubled and had to concede -800, but in all other cases, East/West ended up playing some contract.

This left 26 West players with a decision to make after 3♣ - double - pass. Six chose to show their spade suit, and four were allowed to play in 3♠, because only two Easts raised to 4♠. The other 20 quietly bid 3♦. One East passed on that one, one raised it to 5♦, and four just raised it to 4♦, which allowed two Wests to introduce spades after all (the two others still raising to 5♦). 13 Easts bid 3♥ over 3♦, ending in 4♥ either directly or after a 4♣ cue. One East started with the 4♣ cue and ended up in 5♦.

Let's have a look now at the play in the various contracts:

24 declarers played a spade contract, all from the West side. Most made 11 tricks, while quite a few took the heart finesse too soon and suffered a heart ruff. Three declarers made only nine tricks, but two had the excuse of being only in 3♠. Peter Schaltz has the unique, if unenviable, score of +50 to his name. The Belarus North at his table had started with a high club, and switched to his singleton heart. Peter had finessed, but South had not given his partner a ruff, instead playing another club. And then???

20 declarers played in diamonds, also all from the West side. In the Open series, all but one declarer was restricted to 10 tricks, although half of them were only playing 4♦ or even less. In the Women and Seniors series, 11 tricks was the favourite by 9/4. Again the heart finesse seems to be the main culprit.

15 declarers played 4♥ in East; all but 4 scored 10 tricks, and so did the Belgians while defending 2♥ from Peter Fredin, scoring -250 in stead of -420 for the effort. Patrick Jourdain will have to find consolation from an Michelle Brunner or Julian Klukowski, two of the others to go down in 4♥. Both these declarers had played ♥AJ, which is a correct safety-play if hearts are no worse than 4-2. The fourth, Alexander Dubinin, will probably point to the identity of his opponents (Bocchi-Duboin) as his excuse.

Six East players found themselves in 3NT, two of them without a club opening from North. One of those Souths led a spade, which gave declarer 10 tricks, the other found the more difficult (for him) club lead. We do not know what happened at the table where despite the club lead, declarer managed 11 tricks, but we can guess at the sound level at the end of the hand.

Only four pairs ended up as declarer in North/South, all scoring seven tricks in some ♣ contract.

The lack of interest in *serious bidding* may be because players do not realise how appealing it can be. It is my intention to popularise more intellectual bidding. Do not think it will be an easy ride because I will not be cutting any corners. Discover the beauty and logic of bidding in an intelligent way, as you turn the pages of the book. I shall be very happy if you succeed!

Martens Bridge University has already published four books under a common theme: *Bidding like Music*. The titles are:

The Martens System,

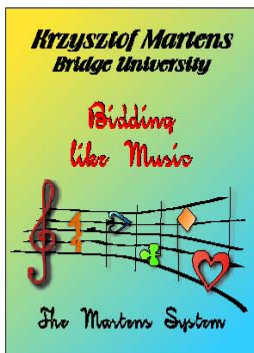
Hand Evaluation. Bidding Decisions,

Extra Length Transfer Bids,
and

The World of Transfers.



THE MARTENS SYSTEM



A modern bidding system should have the same structure as a tree, with its roots deeply established and its limbs flying out to the sky. All its juices pass from the earth to the crown, with the leaves grabbing the light and passing the energy of the sun to the trunk and roots.

In the 21st century, many bidding systems look for a symbiosis between relay bidding and a two-way exchange of information. Specific consideration must also be given to camouflage, wherever this is possible without obstructing the quality of the final contract.

I believe strongly that a pair should use different systems, depending on the vulnerability. **At white (non-vulnerable against vulnerable)**, I suggest a strong club-based bidding system:

- 1♣ opening - strong 15+ HCPs when balanced or any 17+ HCPs;
- 1♦ opening - 12-14 HCPs, 5+ diamonds, 4-4-4-1 shape with four diamonds and any singleton, or 4 diamonds and 5 clubs;
- 1♥ and 1♠ openings should be aggressive within the 9-16 HCPs range;
- 1NT opening weak 12-14 HCPs;
- 2♣ opening - natural 12-16 HCPs (Precision);
- 2♦ opening - 4+ hearts - 4+ spades, within the 4-8 HCPs range;
- 2♥/♠ openings - five in major and 4+ in minor, within the 4-8 HCPs range.

Active bidding, aiming to be destructive, has been demonstrated by the world's leading pairs to be very effective at favourable vulnerability. The Polish systems are very conservative in this respect, not to say outdated. A strong 1♣ opening allows you to bid slowly when there is a chance of a slam contract, which is one of the basic bidding postulates. It is also important for choosing the best part score. A big disadvantage of natural systems is the need to jump to show the strength. Look at this sequence:

W	E
1♥	1♠
3♦	

You waste a level of bidding in a situation when there is still a lot to discuss. There is not enough room for bidding because a whole level has been lost.

A disadvantage of the 1♣ strong opening is the lack of resilience to destructive bidding. Favourable vulnerability practically eliminates the problem. Opponents at red do not usually expose themselves by being too active. They know that a lack of good sense may be too costly. One certainly cannot use four systems. Not only because this would be against the regulations but also because the human memory is fallible. Two bidding systems are permitted and possible to master. My suggestion is that the strong club-based system be used only when **non vulnerable**.

2) When **vulnerable** the bidding will rely on natural openings within the 11-21 HCPs range. An opening 2♣ is game forcing and a 2NT opening is strong.

I have constructed the system based on a big tree metaphor. The idea of two bidding spaces has also proved useful. I have taken care to provide a waiting mechanism that allows one player to take control of the auction. This leads to one-way exchange of information. Alternatively, the opener and the responder can use a wide range of natural bids, which sets in motion a two-way exchange of information.



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Marek Wójcicki

Nasze panie, jak na razie, są jedyną z polskich drużyn walczącą w czołówce swojej klasyfikacji. Do ich awansu walnie przyczynił się rozegrany w sobotę rano mecz z drużyną Finlandii, wygrany 20–10 (51–25).

W meczu tym nasze panie wyraźnie biły przeciwniczki w licytacji. Oto kilka przykładów.

Rozd. 12. Rozdawał W/NS po partii

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

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



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Harasimowicz	Nurm	Pasternak	Suppula
pas	IBA ¹	pas...	

¹ 12–14 PC

Ewa Harasimowicz, Poland

Po ataku ♥2 rozgrywająca wzięła 9 lew, 150 dla Finlandii.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Ahonen	Brewiak	Elsinen	Sarniak
pas	IBA ¹	pas	2♣
pas	2♥	pas	2♠
pas	3♠	pas	4♠
pas...			

¹ 15–17 PC

Po ataku waletem kier, król ze stołu został przepuszczony. Rozgrywająca odautowała i wzięła 11 lew. 650 i 11 imp dla Polski.

Na obu stołach padło otwarcie IBA, ale wskazujące diamentralnie inną siłę. Po słabym bez atu S słusznie spawowała. Natomiast niewątpliwie ręka N mimo zaledwie 14 PC była na pewno warta o oczko więcej – doskonała lokalizacja i dziesiątki uzasadniały otwarcie ze strefy 15–17, jak uczyniła to Grażyna Brewiak. Po takim początku dojście do końcówki było bezproblemowe i Polska zanotowała 11 imp zysku.

Rozd. 17. Rozdawał N/Obie przed

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

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

♠ 8 6
♥ 7 4 3
♦ W 4 3
♣ K W 6 4 2

Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Harasimowicz	Nurm	Pasternak	Suppula
	IBA ¹	ktr. ²	rktr. ³
pas	2♣	pas	pas
ktr.	pas...		

¹ 12–14 PC² siłowa³ transfer na trefle

Po ataku ♣10 bez dwóch, 300 dla Polski.

Po raz drugi w tym meczu słabe bez atu się nie sprawdziło – E dała kontrę, wskazując punkty, S rekon-

trowała, co było transferem na trefle i nasza para wykończyła akcję celną kontrą.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Ahonen	Brewiak	Elsinen	Sarniak
	1♠	pas...	

Po ataku ♣10 bez dwóch, 100 dla Finlandii

Po otwarciu 1♠, E spasowała i licytacja wygasła. 5 imp dla Polski.

Rozd. 19. Rozdawał S/EW po partii

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



Pokój otwarty

West	North	East	South
Harasimowicz	Nurm	Pasternak	Suppula
pas	1♦	pas	1♣
pas	2♥	pas	INT ¹
pas...			2♣

¹ 15-17 PC, układ bezatutowy

Po wiście ♥W rozgrywająca wzięła 10 lew.

Pokój zamknięty

West	North	East	South
Ahonen	Brewiak	Elsinen	Sarniak
pas	1♠	pas	1♣
pas	3♣ ²	pas	2BA ¹
pas	4♣	pas...	3♣

¹ 18-22 PC, układ zrównoważony

² naturalne lub poszukiwanie fitu pikowego

Po ataku ♦4 rozgrywająca wzięła 12 lew.

Po raz kolejny nasze panie wykazały się lepszą oceną karty od przeciwniczek. Tak piękne 17 PC zasługiwało na zakwalifikowanie do silnego trefla i nasza para znalazła się bez problemu w końcówce, zarabiając 7 imp.

BLEF W ATAKU?

Marek Wójcicki

Postawmy się w pozycji wistującego z ręką E:

♠A10743 ♥53 ♦107 ♣W532

po licytacji (runda XIX, mecz Polska – Szkocja):

West	North	East	South
Sime	Gierulski	Sanders	Skrzypczak
1♠	pas	pas	1♥
pas	2♠ ¹	3♠	4♦
	4♥	pas...	

¹ góra pasa z fitem pikowym

Partner zaatakował ♠A i Gierulski wyłożył następującego dziadka:

♠K5 ♥AW74 ♦9863 ♣K97

Jak należy się bronić?

Obrońca doszedł do wniosku, że rozgrywający na swoje 4♦ musi mieć 10 kart w kolorach czerwonych. Singleton pik u rozgrywającego jest pewny (renons raczej nie, gdyż z sześcioma pikami partner wszedłby 2♠ lub zaliczyłoby 4♠ po 4♦). W treflach, niezależnie od tego, czy asa ma rozgrywający czy partner, „co ma być to będzie”. W tej sytuacji, jeżeli ciężko liczyć na lewe w kierach, trzeba szukać

szansy w karach. W przypadku, gdyby rozgrywający miał układ 6♥4♦, są szanse na przebitkę, o ile partner ma w karach asa z damą... Idąc tym tokiem rozumowania, E przejął damę asem i zagrał w karo...

Jaki efekt miało to zagranie, można ocenić, widząc całość rozdania:

Rozd. I. Rozdawał N/obie przed partią.

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

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