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# WARMING TO THE TASK



Hungary's Gabor Macskasy celebrates being the 1,000 player to register for the Championships

As the temperature rises both inside and out, pride of place in the Women's groups goes to **Poland**, well clear in Group A and **Netherlands** and **Penfold**, who are joint leaders of Group B.

In the Seniors, **Share** and **Kaminski** top their respective groups.

The Open series has already moved on to stage 2, and after two matches, **Mahaffey** have 51 VP (remember there was a carry over).

Just to show you what a difference a day – okay two days makes – just check page 4 to see who is languishing at the bottom of Group B of the Open Swiss.

### Today's Schedule

Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 5 rounds)	10.30
Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin	10.30
O/W/S Pairs Registration	12.00/20.00
Captains meeting	20.15

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**OPEN TEAMS RESULTS (after 7 rounds)****GROUP A**

1	IVAR	129
2	DENMARK WHITE	125
3	KALISH	108
4	CZE	103
5	SEA&SUN	99
6	FRANCE JUNIORS	96
7	DUMBOVICH	91
8	KOLANKAYA	88

**GROUP B**

1	LENGY	136
2	PONT	133
3	KASIMIR	122
4	PROSAN	104
5	HAUGE	98
6	JUSTE	90
7	KAHYAOGLU	88
8	AYDIN TEAM	60

**GROUP C**

1	ZALESK	135
2	VITO	119
3	CIMA	112
4	ISRATUR	110
5	VAN HELSING	103
6	SHANURIN	99
7	ANTALYA	78

**GROUP D**

1	POLAND	134
2	PURKARTHOFER	130
3	QUANTUM	121
4	RUSSIA	118
5	LIMOR	97
6	ROMANIA K.A.M.D.	79
7	KASAPOGLU	74

**GROUP E**

1	MAHAFFEY	119
2	HOLLAND	117
3	CARETTA INTER.	117
4	ALLIX	112
5	WALDI	104
6	SHATO ROSSENOVO	96
7	ROKYTA	91

**GROUP F**

1	DINOZAVR	126
2	TOWNSEND	123
3	LEWIS	121
4	ERGIL	116
5	MIROGLIO	102
6	MARK	96
7	HELL'S ANGELS	81
8	DE MESMAECKER	66

**GROUP G**

1	DE BOTTON	128
2	WOFARTH	120
3	KIRILENKO	115
4	TEXAN ACES	111
5	AKSUYEK	95
6	GRAIZER	93
7	IZMIR SPOR	91
8	EGYPT-2	86

**GROUP H**

1	ORANGE I	129
2	ETI	126
3	BO	124
4	BAUSBACK	103
5	BING BANG	103
6	ALLFREY	101
7	KEFELI	63

**GROUP I**

1	VENETINA	129
2	HUNGARY GAMAX	122
3	KORDOV	121
4	LESNIEWSKI	110
5	EGYPT-I	96
6	DIYARBAKIR-DISKISPOR	95
7	HOYLAND	81
8	MALPOL	73

**GROUP J**

1	ZIA	134
2	IZISEL	125
3	DENMARK RED	118
4	UPMARK	118
5	MERSIN	100
6	LEVINGER	81
7	LIZ	78

**GROUP K**

1	MARMARA	130
2	VARENNE	126
3	GARSU PASAULIS	116
4	MARASHEV	112
5	ANADOLU BK	111
6	POCKET KINGS	101
7	LA SIDRA	58

**GROUP L**

1	BESSIS	150
2	VILLA FABBRICHE	116
3	ORANGE 2	116
4	SAMSUN POLIS GUCU	115
5	DALEY	95
6	BUCURESTI	84
7	RAINWATER	65

**GROUP M**

1	DINOS	139
2	RKK	117
3	ZIMMERMANN-ANGELINI	116
4	DUTCH JUNIORS	113
5	COOREMAN	103
6	RUI PINTO	87
7	POPOVA	78

**GROUP N**

1	APTEKER	131
2	MOSSOP	121
3	YILANKIRAN	115
4	KVANGRAVEN	95
5	ROMANIA LE ROUMAINS	94
6	GILLIS	94
7	NATALE	93
8	ASLANLI	91

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**  
 (after 5 rounds)

**GROUP A**

1	POLAND	100
2	NORDEN	88
3	DENMARK	84
4	SHENKIN	77
5	NL WOMENI	76
6	AUSTRIA	76
7	RONNIE BARR	72
8	SHEEKA	60
9	N.DITTO - ITALY	55
10	SANEM	52

**GROUP B**

1	NL LADIES2	93
2	PENFOLD	93
3	LA CUCINA ITALIANA	86
4	GER-CRO	84
5	DAMA	81
6	LIKOM	66
7	PTNZ	66
8	RUYA	63
9	EFE	59
10	NYHEIM	54

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**  
 (after 5 rounds)

**GROUP A**

1	SHARE	96
2	NL SENIORI	95
3	RICCIARELLI	95
4	SWITZERLAND	91
5	EICHHOLZER	91
6	HARPER	67
7	RAND NISSAN	61
8	OTVOSI	50
9	POLEMICS	48
10	JOURDAIN	48

**GROUP B**

1	KAMINSKI	109
2	SORVOLL	102
3	MARKOWICZ	80
4	FRANCE SENIORS	80
5	MARINO	78
6	SISSELAAR BV	71
7	MEFO	66
8	NL SENIOR2	57
9	GOLDENFIELD	40

**OPEN TEAMS RESULTS - SWISS A (after 2 rounds)**

1	MAHAFFEY	51	22	ZIA	33
2	ORANGE I	49	23	ETI	33
3	ZALESKI	48	24	DE BOTTON	32
4	PONT	47	25	RKK	32
5	VARENNE	44	26	DINOZAVR	31
6	YILANKIRAN	40	27	LENGY	31
7	HUNGARY GAMAX	40	28	GARSU PASAULIS	31
8	IZISEL	39	29	POLAND	30
9	DENMARK WHITE	39	30	BO	30
10	DENMARK RED	39	31	VENETINA	29
11	DINOS	38	32	VILLA FABBRICHE	28
12	APTEKER	37	33	KALISH	26
13	BESSIS	37	34	CIMA	25
14	PURKARTHOFFER	37	35	ORANGE 2	24
15	ZIMMERMANN-ANGELINI	36	36	LEWIS	23
16	MOSSOP	35	37	QUANTUM	23
17	KASIMIR	35	38	KORDOV	22
18	VITO	34	39	HOLLAND	21
19	IVAR	34	40	CARETTA INTERNATIONALA	17
20	TOWNSEND	33	41	WOFARTH	15
21	MARMARA	33	42	KIRILENKO	15

## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS - SWISS B (after 2 rounds)

1	RUSSIA	49	33	KVANGRAVEN	29
2	MARASHEV	48	34	KAHYAOGLU	29
3	BUCURESTI	45	35	DUTCH JUNIORS	29
4	NATALE	45	36	LEVINGER	29
5	HOYLAND	44	37	UPMARK	29
6	SHATO ROSSENOVO	43	38	SEA&SUN	28
7	AKSUYEK	42	39	EGYPT-2	28
8	BAUSBACK	41	40	ROMANIA K.A.M.D.	27
9	CZE	40	41	HAUGE	26
10	LIMOR	40	42	COOREMAN	26
11	ANADOLU BK	39	43	BING BANG	26
12	DUMBOVICH	39	44	SAMSUN POLIS GUCU	25
13	ANTALYA	39	45	POCKET KINGS	25
14	ERGIL	38	46	PROSAN	24
15	ALLFREY	37	47	LIZ	24
16	WALDI	36	48	GRAIZER	24
17	FRANCE JUNIORS	36	49	MALPOL	23
18	KOLANKAYA	36	50	MIROGLIO	23
19	LESNIEWSKI	35	51	LA SIDRA	22
20	TEXAN ACES	35	52	HELL'S ANGELS	21
21	ROMANIA LE ROUMAINS	35	53	ISRATUR	19
22	IZMIR BUYUKSEHIR BELEDIYE SPOR	35	54	AYDIN TEAM	19
23	ROKYTA	35	55	RAINWATER	19
24	RUI PINTO	34	56	VAN HELSING	17
25	EGYPT-I	34	57	DIYARBAKIR-DISKISPOR	16
26	ALLIX	34	58	KEFELI	13
27	MERSIN	32	59	DE MESMAECKER	11
28	GILLIS	32	60	KASAPOGLU	8
29	ASLANLI	32	61	MARK	5
30	DALEY	31	62	POPOVA	2
31	SHANURIN	31			
32	JUSTE	30			

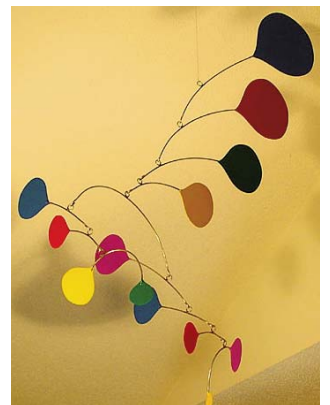
## BADGES



Within each of us, oftentimes, there dwells a mighty and raging fury... Ton Kooijman speaks again.

Yes, you have to wear your badge. Let me tell you how I translated my anger. If you are discovered not wearing your badge you will be asked to get it. Lost badges can be replaced by a new one, to be bought at the registration desk for a cost of five Euros. If this results in a late arrival you know the penalty.

From tomorrow on we will add the following variation. We shall ask you to empty your pockets, bag etc, which may (or may not) reveal your mobile telephone. The 100 Euro penalty may lighten your pockets – but the food is guaranteed to be free here. However the 2 VP penalty may affect your qualification. This might not be a joke.



(This mobile *can* be brought into the playing room)

## Even Money?

by Patrick Jourdain

Here is a play problem from the first final session of the Mixed Pairs:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

With no opposition bidding you reach Four Hearts as North and East leads diamond five to the jack, king and ace. How would you continue?

One line is to cross to dummy with a club and finesse the trump queen. Another line that appeals is to lay down the heart ace. If both opponents follow and the king remains out, you cross to dummy with a club, ruff the second diamond, play winning clubs and then exit with a trump. If East is on lead he is endplayed.

The Bulletin analysts have come to the conclusion the choice between the two lines is very close to even money. The lines are the same when the trumps are 3-0 or when there is a singleton king onside. The first line gains a trick when there is a singleton jack or eight offside ( $2 \times 13\% = 26\%$ ). The second line gains a trick when there is singleton king offside (13%) and also when there is a small singleton onside plus the ace of spades offside (half of  $26\% =$  a further 13%). The full deal was:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

And so laying down the ace of hearts reaped a rich reward. Anton Maas reported that Rosen Gunev of Bulgaria chose the elimination and endplay to give Maas the sort of undeserved bad score most of us resent, which was just enough

for declarer to win the Pairs gold medal. Nick Sandqvist, by contrast, reported that the Teams gold medallist, Jeremy Dhondy, had taken the finesse to give Sandqvist a good result.

Can we draw any conclusions? One might say that a true expert would always rather play for an endplay or a squeeze than take a finesse. But since Jeremy Dhondy just won the Mixed Teams Gold Medal that can't be it! I wonder whether East's failure to make a weak jump overcall with apparently long diamonds might tilt the balance to his having defensive values on the side?

## Pretty Bad Defence

Masochists among our readers have asked for more unsuccessful defences.

Who would we be denying them such satisfaction? Here is a particularly unsuccessful effort by North/South who could make a grand slam in spades or no-trumps if it weren't for the fact that the opponents hold the heart ace.

So how many tricks can East-West make with spades as trumps, and assuming the most imperfect defence?

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

Trick 1. Heart king, ace, queen, three.  
 Trick 2. Heart eight, nine, ten, diamond ace.  
 Trick 3. Diamond three, jack, queen, heart jack.  
 Trick 4. Diamond four, seven, nine, eight.  
 Trick 5. Diamond six, five, club five, heart jack  
 It is high time to draw a round of trumps;  
 Trick 6. Spade queen, ten, two, eight.  
 Before playing hearts allowing opponents a version of ruff and sluff - a ruff and ruff;  
 Trick 7. Heart three, spade ace, heart seven, spade king.  
 Trick 8. Spade nine, jack, seven, club two.  
 Trick 9. Spade six, five, club three, diamond king.  
 Trick 10. Spade four, three, club four, club nine  
 Trick 11. Heart five, club eight, heart six, club king.  
 Tricks 12-13 West wins the last tricks with his red twos.  
 It would have been difficult to make a grand slam when you are off the two highest trumps, but you must admit that twelve tricks is rather impressive, four each in spades, hearts and diamonds.

# Mental Arithmetic

by Jan van Cleeff

Green against red you have this exciting hand:

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

LHO starts the bidding with One Spade and partner preempts Three Diamonds. RHO jumps to Five Diamonds, Exclusion Blackwood. Your bid please.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

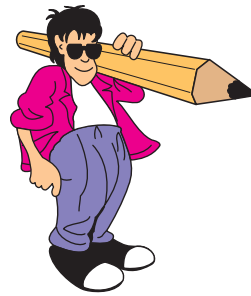
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♣ 7 5 3		♣ 4										
	♠ A J 8 2											
	♥ Q J 7											
	♦ –											
	♣ A K J 9 8 2											

The owner of this exciting hand was Lilo Popilov. Over Five Diamonds, he paused for a little while, because he was using his fingers again and again to count up the numbers. Apparently Lilo was calculating. Then the bidding proceeded:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lilo</i>		<i>Lucacia</i>	
7♣ (!)	1♠	3♦	5♦
7♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

After Lilo's highly unusual bid of Seven Clubs North South could do no better than double. South felt unable to bid the Grand Slam since he was worried about the club ruff. The grand went seven down: NS plus 1700. At the other table Bo and Marill, Lilo's teammates, duly bid and made Seven Spades: NS plus 2210. So when the smoke had cleared Lilo had won 11 IMPs for his team. Good calculations by Lilo Popilov.

# Championship Diary



While attending the General Assembly we asked a member of the EBL Executive what would happen in the event of a tie during the elections. 'There would have to be a re-count.' 'What if there was no error?' 'Then,' chipped in Assistant Chief Tournament Director

Eitan Levy, 'there are 8 extra boards.'

Following the retirement of Anna Maria Torlontano, Panos Gerontopoulos is the longest serving member in the history of the EBL. Anna Maria served for 22 years and Panos was elected 30 minutes before her all those years ago!

Some of you may be aware that Mixed Pairs Gold Medal winners Dessy Popova & Rosen Gunev have both won the odd event with the Editor and silver medallist Victor Aronov is his regular partner in the Rabbi Leonard Helman's globe trotting bridge team. Luckily for them they have all learnt to ignore totally his advice.

Pressure of space prevents us from bringing you our intended 6 page special on Thursday's IBPA outing.

The standard of play in the final of the Mixed Teams Final was – how can we put it politely – indifferent. On one deal declarer mistimed the play so badly she had to lead away from ♥KJ at trick 12 (yes, they were both on-side). As Tacchi remarked, 'Even in Vaupillon they know the best chance of a trick with KJ is to lead towards it.'

Paying an all too rare visit to the Bulletin office, Sabine Auken overheard the Editor remark that he had already wasted 45 minutes trying to get his computer to work.

'Computers are like pets, in the course of time they assume their owners' habits,' she commented.

Fearghal O'Boyle was approached by two charming Irish ladies, who asked if they could play in the event that was about to start. Somewhat preoccupied he nodded his assent. Not much wrong with that, save that it was a Mixed pairs!

Not a single opponent objected.

Today is Ron Tacchi's 35th wedding Anniversary.

'If I'd shot her I'd be out by now.'

When I mentioned this to Mrs T she said it had been a mistake to marry Ron. I asked her when she had first realised.

'At the Reception.'

Yesterday the temperature outside reached a whopping 42°C (108F). BBO coordinator, Roland Wald commented, 'Maybe they should play in the swimming pool. Then we could get a new bridge term: the contract is water proof.'

## Bridge at the (Desk) Top

by Ib Lundby, Denmark

These Championships are being followed all around the world, and from time to time we get comments and contributions from interested observers and journalists who are watching from home. Here is one such comment.

As editor of a monthly bridge magazine I have visited most of the world to report from World Championships and European Championships during the years. Lots of wonderful experiences, lovely hospitality, exciting moments, etc.

I don't travel much anymore, but thanks to the excellent internet service it is possible to cover an event even better than before. Results, bulletins, photos, news, on-line vugraph ... you name it. Very easy! You can collect the facts for your articles, and save the expenses of travel and accommodation.

As usual the number of interesting hands from the championships this time is too numerous to be shown in the Daily Bulletin, but I think that this one deserves some space – though it belongs to the department of 'bridge at the desk top'.

The hand occurred in the Women's Series, the match between Denmark and Israel:

Dealer West. North/South Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Anita Jensen</i>		<i>Helle Rasmussen</i>	
1♠	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a spade to the seven, and South erred by letting the nine of clubs ride to East's jack. This way the lay-down contract went one off (a club to the queen solves declarer's problems).

Lay-down? One of the tools that lazy journalists use in their daily work is 'Deep Finesse', and I gave the program a chance to show that 3NT always will be defeated with another opening lead.

Yup: DF told me there are four cards with the West hand that lead to success: the king of spades, the ace of hearts, the king of diamonds and the three of diamonds!

The solution is a double Merrimac Coup – removing dummy's entries to the club suit before it is established.

However, if your choice is the ace of hearts, a diamond shift is necessary (♦K or ♦3).

Yes, I know that this hasn't anything to do with bridge, but it is fascinating ... right?

*The trick with Deep Finesse is to remember it sees all four hands and sometimes finds a line of play or defence that is beyond the powers of the human mind, especially when playing under a time limit.*

Editor

## Overall Ranking (presented by BEKO Company)

# BEKO

The ranking after two events (players who have played both):

		MT	MP	Tot.	
GROMOVA	Victoria	66	55	121	2
GROMOV	Andrei	66	55	121	2
POPLILOV	Lilo	72	47	119	2
POPLILOV	Matilda	72	47	119	2
PONOMAREVA	Tatiana	66	45	111	2
DUBININ	Alexander	66	45	111	2
SENIOR-DELEVA	Nevena	59	38	97	2
SANDQVIST	Nicklas	59	38	97	2
VON ARNIM	Daniela	37	49	86	2
WELLAND	Roy	37	49	86	2
WILLARD	Sylvie	26	58	84	2
LEVY	Alain	26	58	84	2
DHONDY	Heather	72	10	82	2
DHONDY	Jeremy	72	10	82	2
BESSIS	Veronique	46	35	81	2
GUNEV	R. Georgiev	11	65	76	2
POPOVA	D. Borissova	11	65	76	2
DE FALCO	Dano	16	60	76	2
OLIVIERI	Gabriella	16	60	76	2
SOULET	Philippe	46	29	75	2
VENTIN	Juan Carlos	59	16	75	2
ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD	Daniele	59	16	75	2
ZOBU	Ahu	11	62	73	2
ARONOV	Victor	11	62	73	2
FANTONI	Fulvio	46	22	68	2
HARASIMOWICZ	Ewa	46	13	59	2
LESNIEWSKI	Marcin	46	13	59	2
BESSIS	Michel	59	0	59	2
FREY	Nathalie	59	0	59	2
MALINOWSKI	Artur	59	0	59	2
DE BOTTON	Janet	59	0	59	2
MAHMOOD	Zia	37	21	58	2
AUKEN	Sabine	37	21	58	2

# The Zia-test: Will you become the new Zia? (Part one)

by Peter Ventura

As usual there was a crowd of people hanging around Zia's table despite the fact that he and Sabine Auken were lying somewhere in the middle of the field for most of the final session in the Mixed Pairs. With Zia at the table something fascinating always happens, but did he give the spectators anything spectacular in return? In general he made the best of things, as he spiced up his bids and play, which the audience enjoyed.

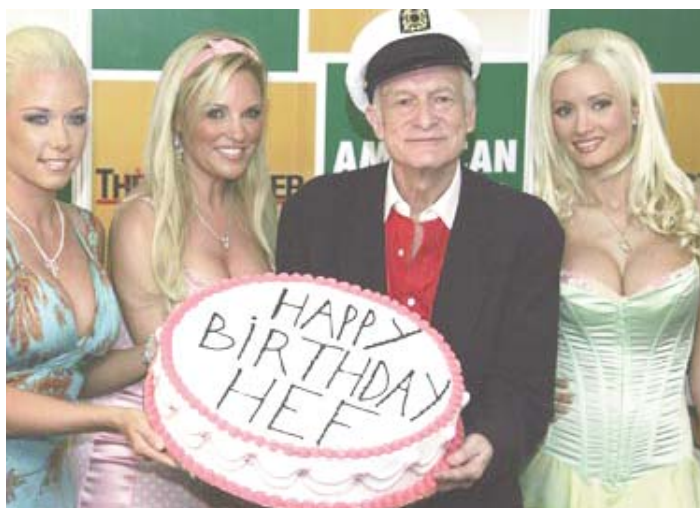
Even though Zia will certainly be around for quite a while, a fact that was confirmed when the press claimed that the 81 year old enchanter and Playboy boss Hugh Hefner would become a father, as one of his three (!) girlfriends, Kendra Wilkinson, 27 (!), announced she was pregnant, the bulletin staff is seeking for more enertainers (in the game of bridge). And that is why we put in this small test. Please, answer the questions and at the end of each test you can see how close you are to becoming a bridge star. We would like to point out that the points are not necessarily given in order to be the best choice on the individual board, or even in the long run; the only criterion is it has to be a 'Zia-move'! Please note, that you are sitting West on all hands. Let the test begin!

Two goods boards in a row is rather common, but how often do you get 100% on a two boards round in European Mixed final? Zia and Sabine Auken actually scored the maximum on the round that contained board three and four. Let's see what happened!

Test no. 1

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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♦ 3 2	♦ Q J 8 5										
♣ K 9 7 4	♣ -										



Hugh Hefner

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Kokten</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Aluf</i>
2♦*	2NT	3♣*	Pass
3♠	All Pass		Pass

Two Diamonds by Zia was a weak two, this time in spades. Two No-Trumps was natural and Three Clubs asked West to bid his suit. North led the ace of diamonds and then shifted to a low club.

Question: What card do you play from the table. STOP reading until you have made your decision.

This was the deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Zia followed a quite a fancy line here. Double dummy, how many tricks can you manage to take as declarer? Eight or maybe nine? Namik Kokten led the diamond ace then did not see any obvious shift. He tried a low club from the ace, but Zia was not deceived as he discarded a heart, winning in hand with the king. Next came a diamond up and North hopped up with the king. The club ace was ruffed in dummy then Zia played a deceptive nine of hearts. When South erred, by not playing the ace, Zia took the queen, ruffed a club then discarded the losing heart on a high diamond. The heart king was covered and ruffed and a club was ruffed in dummy. Now Zia had only four spades left in hand, so he played a high diamond from dummy. Here came the overtrick as South erred by ruffing, overruffed by declarer's ten. North would have to win another trick with his trump ace, but that was it all for the defence; N/S - 170. Zia had managed to conjure ten tricks, with a little help from the defence, and that was worth the whole pot on this board, 100%. At most tables N/S bought the contract in Three Clubs for +110, so even -140 would have been worth 100%, and if E/W could have beaten Three Spades it still would have been a good board for E/W, leaving only 18% to N/S.

It was essential for North to shift to a heart at trick two in order to beat the contract. South can win the ace then



shorten dummy's trumps by shifting to a club. From here on declarer cannot succeed unless the defence slips.

How many Zia-points did you get? Look here:

- I ruffed (played a spade) 0 points
- I discarded a red card 10 points

Test no. 2

All vulnerable, would you take some action on the following hand?

♠ J 10 6 2  
♥ -  
♦ K 7 4 3  
♣ Q J 6 5 4

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	INT*	Pass	2♦**
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
?			

\* 15-17 HCPs

\*\* Transfer to hearts

Question: What's your bid? STOP reading until you have made your decision.

Man or mouse? Perhaps Zia feared that he would be defending Two Hearts if he doubled, so he came up with a reasonable Two Spades instead. This was the whole deal and the continuing auction:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Zia	Kokten	Auken	Aluf
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Zia knew the heart suit would split badly, so when Tuna Aluf of Turkey took rather too aggressive position, he

hammered Four Hearts.

A low spade was led, which was won in dummy. Declaring Namik Kokten of Turkey then played a club to the king and ace. Auken switched to a diamond to the king and ace. The heart ace followed and the bad trump split was revealed. Declarer continued by cashing the spade king then ruffing a club. Kokten was on the right track and from here on declarer can make his game by playing a diamond to the queen, ruffing a diamond, then ruffing a spade to reach this position:

♠ -	♠ -
♥ 5	♥ K Q 7
♦ 10	♦ -
♣ 10 8	♣ 7

♠ J	♠ -
♥ -	♥ K Q 7
♦ 4	♦ -
♣ Q 6	♣ 7

♠ 7	♠ -
♥ J 10 9	♥ K Q 7
♦ -	♦ -
♣ -	♣ -

When declarer plays his high diamond, East cannot prevent declarer from taking two more tricks. In practice declarer finessed the ten of diamonds instead of playing the queen. Now Auken could cash her winning hearts leaving declarer with only seven tricks and that was three down for -800. The borderline is thin between heaven and hell! That was the second 100%-board in a row for Zia and Auken.



Zia Mahmood

How many Zia-points did you get? Look here:

- Pass 0 points
- 3 ♣ 1 point
- Double 2 points
- 2 NT 5 points
- 2 ♠ 10 points

Test no. 3

You hold the West cards sitting over dummy, South.

♠ 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>
♥ 9 8 7 2	
♦ A J 6 4	
♣ 8 6 5 3	
	♠ A J 7 5 2
	♥ 6
	♦ K 8 3 2
	♣ 10 7 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Birman</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sabine Auken led the king of clubs and declarer David Birman held up the first club winning the second with the ace. Declarer played a diamond to the king and Zia's ace. The defence cashed two club tricks, leaving Zia on lead. It was time for partner's suit, so he played his singleton spade to the queen, king and ace. Declarer called for the six of hearts from the table.

Question: Which heart do you play? STOP reading until you have made your decision.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ K 10 9 8 4
♥ A K Q 10 5 4		♥ J 3
♦ Q 9 5		♦ 10 7
♣ A 9		♣ K Q J 4
♠ 6		♠ K 5 2
♥ 9 8 7 2		♥ A K 9 2
♦ A J 6 4		♦ K 9 5 2
♣ 8 6 5 3		♣ K 4
	♠ A J 7 5 2	
	♥ 6	
	♦ K 8 3 2	
	♣ 10 7 2	

At this point Birman had to read the heart position to make his game. Zia contributed the heart two on this trick. With one diamond and at least nine black cards in East's hand, it was likely for Auken to hold no more than two



David Birman

hearts. Would it contain the jack? Birman instinctively believed that East did not have the jack, thus he finessed the ten; one down. 'In a cash game, I would have had led the hearts from the top', Birman commented. N/S -50 was worth 78% for Zia and Auken. If Birman had made his game he would have received 54%.

West must give the declarer the impression that he holds a whole a lot of hearts, so he has to play as low as possible. The Zia-points are therefore spread like this:

How many Zia-points did you get? Look here:

- ♥8 or ♥9 0 points
- ♥7 2 points
- ♥2 10 points

Test no. 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>
INT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
?			

\* Transfer for spades

Question: What's your bid? STOP reading until you have made your decision.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K 5 2 ♥ A K 9 2 ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ K 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	♠ A 8 7 6 3 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A Q 10 9 6	♠ Q J 4 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ A 8 4 3 ♣ 5 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Auken hoped for some power in Zia's spade suit, for his jump to Three Spades, so she took the quick road to the small slam without giving the defence any information. It would have been reasonable for South to double the slam, since it's unlikely for East to jump to Six Spades without any of the spade tops. Whenever the slam is making, for example if East is void in diamonds, you can probably not expect a decent score anyway, so why not double? Six No-Trumps is not likely to succeed!

North led the queen of hearts but there proved to be no way to make the slam, unless South refuses to take a trick with the diamond ace; N/S +100 and a result that gave E/W a very poor score, only 2%, since they shared the bottom with only one other pair.

Let's see how the winning pair, Rossen Gunev and Dessy Popova, handled the very same cards.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Huntz</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Labaere</i>
INT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

After the transfer Three Hearts showed 5-5 in hearts and clubs and after some cue bids Popova passed Five Spades since one ace and the spade queen apparently were missing. NS -650 and that was worth 52% for the becoming European Champions. The real matchpoints experts ignore their 5-3 spade fit and play notrump.

How many Zia-points did you get? Look here:

2♠	2 points
3♠	10 points

*To be continued in tomorrow's bulletin!*

## Pipe-Dreams; or what might have been

by Doug Doub

You pick up the following hand:

♠ A J 9 8
♥ A K 3
♦ K Q J 9
♣ 10 8

And hear your partner open One Spade at favourable vulnerability. Over your Jacoby Two No-trump response, he bids Three Hearts to show shortage. Since slam would be lay-down if he has the top spades and two top clubs, and slam should at worst be on a finesse, you use Keycard.

Over the response of Five Clubs, showing the three missing cards, your sights become set on the Grand Slam.

You now ask for the trump queen, and all of a sudden a vision occurs to you. What might happen if partner shows the trump queen but no side kings?

You can imagine partner has something in the order of:

♠ K Q x x x
♥ x
♦ A x x
♣ A x x x

Now the limit of the hand in spades is 12 tricks. Yes but...you have a cunning plan!

How about playing Seven Diamonds? You have four diamonds, two hearts and a ruff, to go with your six black winners. Your chance of winning the bidding hand of the year flashes in front of your eyes, only to be snatched away when partner's actual response to your queen-ask is to deny the queen of trumps.

You still have the chance to scramble a decent match-point score in two different ways. The first is to put the grand slam in diamonds hoping to negotiate the spade queen in due course. Bidding the grand slam in spades is a slightly longer shot.

The second is to assume that partner will produce the club king for you and bid six no-trumps. Now you can afford to lose a spade trick and still come to 12 winners. Since partner has no more than seven points in spades, hearts and diamonds, this is a fair assumption.

As it happens spades are 2-2 with the queen offside. For making 13 tricks in Six Spades you would score 37, 13 tricks in no-trumps earn you 69, and bidding and making the grand slam gets you at least a 90% board.

# Round Robin Seven

by Barry Rigal

The opportunity to watch a close match between a good team on the cusp of qualifying and another excellent squad was too much for me to pass up. I sat down behind Cesary Balicki, who was taking on Stefanov/Aronov of Bulgaria, with the help of the Usual Suspect, Adam Zmudzinski.

The Poles were playing for Team Russia against Team Quantum and needed a moderate victory to be sure to qualify. The first deal saw them gain a couple of overtrick IMPs. Then an opportunity:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 9 8 6 2 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ 10 7 5 4 3 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ A Q J
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S					
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N					
W E					
S					

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Stefanov	Balicki	Aronov
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	3♣	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

- 1♣ Strong
- 3♣ Fit

Aronov drove to five of a minor facing the take-out double, sensibly enough; but dummy had far too much wasted values in spades, and on a spade lead the defenders had no problem in taking their three winners.

At the other table Gromov/Dubinina also reached Five Diamonds for no swing. But in another match Gierulski/Skrzypczak found their way to a game with 'play' – that is to say a contract that technically cannot be defeated. After a Two Diamond (Multi) opening Skrzypczak North overcalled Two No-trumps and Gierulski raised to Three No-trumps. Try and defeat that if declarer wins the



spade lead and crosses to a diamond to lead a heart towards his king! If West takes the ace the heart queen will fall, if West ducks declarer wins the heart king and shifts his attention to clubs to set up his ninth trick. It was just as well that E/W saved in 4♠ doubled for -300.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 4 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ Q 10	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ J 6 2 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ Q J 10 9 6 4 ♣ A
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W E					
S					

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Stefanov	Balicki	Aronov
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
	Pass	2♦	All Pass

1♦ Precision

This appears to be a terrible hand for Precision. Aronov's One No-trump bid had just got his side to a sensible enough spot, though Three No-trumps by South is probably where you want to be. But when Balicki balanced with Two Diamonds neither North nor South was prepared to commit themselves any further. Two Diamonds made +90. That was a good score for E/W but Gromov/Dubinina played Five Clubs down one when after a 12-15 no-trump the duplication of values in spades and diamonds was too difficult to diagnose. No swing.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K ♥ Q 10 7 3 ♦ A J 10 8 ♣ A 10 3 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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	♠ 5 4 ♥ A 8 6 2 ♦ K 9 7 6 4 ♣ 8 4
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# The Senior Teams – Day 1

by Patrick Jourdain

The Senior Teams may be low in quantity (20 teams in two qualifying pools) but it is certainly high in quality. No doubt the Seniors believe the average standard is higher than the Open.

Your reporter is now doubling up as a player. (“You must be very important to have TWO badges”, said an opponent.) So these reports will have to concentrate on what happened in our match.

Our first round draw was against Nissan Rand, a former World Senior champion. Here are two of the most interesting deals:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Mattsson</i>	<i>Czerniewski</i>	<i>Rand</i>
	1♥	Dble	1♠
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stanley</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>	<i>Pencharz</i>	<i>Tedd</i>
	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	All Pass	

The dull auction in the Open Room led to the normal Two Hearts. The defence duly made two spades, a diamond and three trump tricks to defeat it by one.

The decision of Bill Pencharz to overcall on his four-card spade suit increased the excitement in the Closed Room. As my six-card suit was the senior of the remaining suits the re-opening double was safe – if partner, Mike Tedd, removed to a minor I could correct to Two Hearts. When he chose to pass for penalties rather than bid INT I felt able to double Keith Stanley’s run.

Against One Notrump doubled I led a spade. Stanley rose with the ace and started very well by leading a diamond to the king and a second diamond. Any other play (for example, running the jack) gives the defence a chance to set up the spades whilst South still has an entry. I won the second diamond and continued with the nine of spades covered by jack and queen. South returned a club to my king and a third spade was taken by dummy’s king.

Declarer had had to make two discards and he chose a heart and a diamond. The queen of clubs lost to the ace, and ace and another heart left him with only six tricks. There is some interesting analysis as to whether West can succeed, but even playing a low club from both hands on the second round does not help because ace and another heart means West cannot untangle the clubs.

This was another 100 to our team for a 5 IMP gain.

The other deal of interest began with a lead problem. At game all right hand opponent opens Three Notrumps showing a solid minor with little outside and this ends the auction. What do you lead from:

♠ K 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 6 4
♣ Q 6 3

It is really a straight guess so the best tactic is to shuffle your 11 cards outside diamonds face downwards and get partner to pick a card. That way you are 7-4 on to locate the winning lead. Our man chose a spade, and this was the full layout with the more exciting auction from the other table:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q 7 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ A K Q J 9 7 5 3 ♣ —	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           N            W                  E            S         </div>	♠ K 10 5 3 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ 6 4 ♣ Q 6 3	♠ A 9 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ J 10 8 5 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Stanley	Jourdain	Pencharz	Tedd
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Redble	2♥	Pass
3♥	4♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The spade lead against Three Notrumps, as you can see, led to declarer claiming nine tricks instead of going four off, a swing of 18 IMPs as it transpired.

In the Closed Room had I let the opponents play Four Hearts partner's possession of the ♦10 would have allowed us to beat it. When the ten holds the first trick, North playing the TWO, South should switch to a club. North can obtain two ruffs to set the game one.

However Five Diamonds doubled was also a close affair. East led ♥10 to the king and West accurately switched to a trump won in dummy. One possible line is to lead a low spade, playing West to hold the king of spades and no more trumps, but if either of those hopes go astray the contract will unnecessarily go two off. Fortunately I chose to ruff a club (West rising with the king), ruffed a heart, ruffed another club and ran the trumps. This was the ending when the last was led:

♠ Q 7 ♥ J ♦ 5 ♣ —	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           N            W                  E            S         </div>	♠ K 10 ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ Q	♠ A 9 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ J
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This ending has many fascinating aspects. As the cards lay declarer had no chance against the accurate defence: East

threw his club queen, dummy the small spade, and West the eight of spades. As I knew West had both missing aces the only hope was that he had bared the spade king. When this hope failed the contract was one light for 13 IMPs to Rand.

But just suppose West had held the ten of spades instead of the eight. Then he is caught in a three-suit vice squeeze. He has to keep the club ace as dummy still has the jack. If he throws the heart ace East is subject to an endplay when declarer exits with a heart. And finally if he throws a spade honour declarer leads the queen to pin the other honour and establish the nine.

How annoying for your reporter to see West's discard was the EIGHT of spades dooming hopes of the unusual vice squeeze.

The final score was Jourdain beat Rand 29-23 or 16-14 in VPs.

## Round 2

The second match saw us up against the reigning World Senior champions from Verona, Netherlands I.

This was the first key decision. Vulnerable against not you hear from the dealer on your left Two Spades (showing spades and a minor) raised to Three Spades. What do you do holding:

♠ K 7
♥ 8 4
♦ A K 10 9 6 2
♣ A 9 7

If you choose Three Notrumps and are doubled would you run?

The winning actions were Three Notrumps and stick a double because you have the ♦9. This was the full deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 7 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A K 10 9 6 2 ♣ A 9 7	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           N            W                  E            S         </div>	♠ Q J 6 3 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ — ♣ K Q J 4 3	♠ A 9 8 5 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ Q 8 7 3 ♣ 6 2
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As you can see Three Notrumps on a top club lead is a nerve-wracking affair. If you duck two rounds of clubs a heart switch cuts you off from dummy before you have tested the diamonds. So you win the second club and lay down a top diamond. When East shows out the good news is that your diamonds are just good enough to pick up the suit, the bad news is you still have only eight tricks. You are

forced to take the heart finesse. When this loses and a spade comes back you are held to three tricks if the ace is wrong.

On the actual deal as North I made the cowardly Pass over Three Spades (perhaps, if partner was close to bidding over Two Spades he might still re-open). Roald Ramer took the winning action of bidding Three Notrumps. He was undoubted and made nine tricks on a spade lead for 13 IMPs to the Dutch.

A few boards later Trouwborst faced this key guess in a vulnerable slam:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ A Q J 5	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ K 10 ♥ J 9 7 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 2 ♣ K 4
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Their auction, explained below, was unopposed:

West	East
<i>Doremans</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>
1NT	2NT
3♣	4♣
4♥	4♠
4NT	5♦
6♦	Pass

1NT = 15-17, 2NT = ♦ transfer  
 3♣ = ♦ fit; then three cue-bids;  
 4NT = RKCB; 5♦ = one key.



Patrick Jourdain

South leads a club. You win the ♣K, draw trumps, North discarding a small spade, run the clubs throwing two hearts from hand and lead the jack of spades from dummy. North plays low in tempo. As the other table stopped in Three Notrumps and the spade honours are split 25 IMPs hang on your choice. Trouwborst put on the king and found this was the full deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ A Q J 5	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ K 10 ♥ J 9 7 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 2 ♣ K 4
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♠ Q 5 4 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ 9 6 3 2
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Well done indeed. It is almost a straight guess but occasionally North, holding the queen but not knowing the position of the ten, might cover the jack. That was enough to persuade Trouwborst to put on the king for 12 IMPs to the Dutch.

An unusual point arose during the auction when West cuebid hearts. As North I could not double for a heart lead because the opponents had not yet bid the trump suit and could arrange for me to be on lead! Of course, even if South leads a heart, declarer plays the same way to reach the spade guess.

Our team struck back on this deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K J 10 7 5 2 ♥ - ♦ A J 9 6 4 3 ♣ 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ Q 8 6 4 3 ♥ J 10 9 7 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 7 6
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♠ A 9 ♥ A 4 2 ♦ K Q 8 ♣ A Q J 9 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Doremans</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Tedd</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	2♠	3♥	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Five Hearts showed two keycards without the queen of spades.



West	North	East	South
Dixon	Ramer	Czerniewski	Klaver
2♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	4♥	5NT
All Pass	6♠	Pass	7NT

Two Clubs was an artificial relay; Five Notrumps was pick a slam. 6♠ looks surprising compared with 6♦; Seven Notrumps had snags.

Both Norths opened the shapely nine points. In Six Spades I won the heart lead in dummy to play ace and nine of trumps, ducked by East. The king of diamonds was overtaken, then spade king and jack to the queen, win the club switch, ruff a heart, draw the last trump and claim.

Seven Notrumps was played identically by Nico Klaver and, in another match, Barnet Shenkin. They won the heart lead, overtook the diamond king, finessed the nine of spades, unblocked the ace, and ran all the diamonds. In the three-card ending all they needed was king of clubs onside because East was known to be squeezed down to the winning spade and two clubs. When the club finesse lost the contract was two light as West had a heart to cash.

This was a further slam hand:



Mike Tedd

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Doremans	Jourdain	Trouwborst	Tedd
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 2♣ Either weak with both majors or game forcing
- 2♦ Either negative or strong depending on opener's hand

West	North	East	South
Dixon	Ramer	Czerniewski	Klaver
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 2♦ Multi
- 2NT Enquiry
- 3♣ Maximum weak two in hearts

Even on a trump lead the club suit provides the twelfth trick. On the king of diamonds lead Peter Czerniewski won, cashed the two clubs to ditch his losing diamond, and played ace and another spade. The two spade losers were then ruffed, for 11 IMPs to the good guys. The final score was a tie in victory points.



## Homeward Bound



Will you please make sure that you go to the Bentour desk in the lobby to give them details of your return flight. This will ensure that suitable transport to the airport can be arranged. Please do this during the next few days. Thank you!

## Açık Dörtlüde Swiss Turları

Hazırlayan: Murat Molva

Avrupa Açık Dörtlü Takımlar Şampiyonasında eleme grupları aşaması tamamlandı ve Gruplarında ilk 3 sırayı alan takımlar Swiss-A Grubuna katılma hakkını kazandılar. Toplam 42 takımlık bu gruptan 27 takım, turnuvanın nakavt aşamasına kalacak.

Gruplarında ilk 3 sıraya giremeyen takımlar ise Swiss-B grubuna (yani Mağdurlar Grubu) kaldılar. Toplam 74 takımlık bu grupta ise sadece ilk 5 takım, A grubundan gelen 27 takıma katılacaklar ve ondan sonra yenilen takımın elendiği nakavt maçları başlayacak.

Yukarıdaki açıklamadan da göreceğiniz gibi A grubunda Avrupanın (hatta Dünya'nın) en iyileri arasından sıyrılıp ilk 27'ye girmek gerek. B grubu ise... Neyse Allah kimseyi B grubuna düşürmesin ne diyelim.

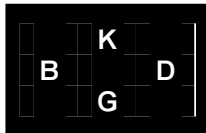


Bülteninizin takımı Dinos, Grup birincisi olarak kazasız belasız Swiss A grubuna kaldı. Ve ilk maçta Norveç'ten gelen Ivar takımı ile eşleşti.

**Swiss Tur:1, Bord 3; D:Güney, Zon:DB**

Batı	Kuzey	Doğu	Güney
Sesyılmaz		Molva	
			1♠
Pas	1NT	Pas	2♦
Pas	3♠	Pas	4♠
H.Pas			

♠ Q95	♠ 862	♠ K4
♥ 86	♥ K7	♥ QJ5432
♦ 105432	♦ KQJ8	♦ 9
♣ A98	♣ Q1032	♣ KJ54
	♠ AJ1073	
	♥ A109	
	♦ A76	
	♣ 76	



Fazla düşünmeden içinizden geldiği gibi ve eliniz doğal olarak hangi karta giderse onu oynadığınız zaman sanki daha iyi oynuyormuşsunuz hissi gelir mi size zaman zaman?

Evet tabii biliyoruz ki sizin ortağınızın eli hiç bir zaman doğru karta gitmez diyorsunuz. Siz de haklısınız.

Rakibin 4 pik deklaresine ortağım Turgay Sesyılmaz karo 3 lüsünü atak ediyor. Oyunun buraya kadar olan kısmı gayet güzel. Şimdi kontratı batırmak için benim yapmam gereken tek iş hiç düşünmeden elimdeki kartları münasip bir şekilde masanın ortasına doğru atmaktan ibaret.

Fakat maalesef ben bunu yapamıyorum. Peki ne yapıyorum? İşi gücü bırakıp düşünüyorum “bu kontrat nasıl batar” diye. İşte briççi tayfası bir kere düşünmeye başladı mı iflah olmaz.

“Turgay iyi bir atak yaptı, şimdi bana düşen görev de onun bu güzel atağının boşa gitmemesi için gerekli önlemleri almak” diye düşünüyorum.

Oyunu batırmak için Turgay'da bir As gerekiyor herhalde. Şimdi bu as eğer trefl ası ise sorun yok. Ama ya pik ası varsa?

Muhtemelen pik ası 3 parça olacak. Deklaran yerden pik oynayacak ve elden dam veya vale oynanacak. Turgay Pik asını kazanıp bana karo çakası vermek için bir karo daha dönecek ve ben süklüm püklüm alıcı pik ruam ile çakmak zorunda kalacağım. Buyrun cenaze namazına. “Gül gibi atağımı heder ettin” dese haklı olur adam.

Buna önlem olarak yerden oynanan pike derhal pik rua'mı giriyorum! Şimdi eli tuttuğum zaman Turgay'ın asının hangi renkte olduğunu bir şekilde tahmin edebilirim oyunu batırıp gideceğim. Fakat deklaran maalesef elden pik asını çıkartıyor ve o anda klima ile soğutulmuş o koskoca salon öyle bir ısınıyor ki anlatamam.

Şimdi artık tek ümit Turgay'ın elinde trefl as olması ve deklaranın elinde 3 parça trefl olması. Ama tabii işler bir kere ters gitmeye başladı mı her şey ters gider. Tabii ki deklaranda sadece 2 tane trefl olduğu için bu kontratı batıramıyoruz.

Burada beni teselli eden tek şey Turgay'ın aklımdan geçenleri anlayıp fazla mırın kırın etmemesi.

Bu gibi durumlarda "Pik ruanızı neden oynadınız acaba?" şeklindeki bir soru ile karşılaşmak insanın hızlı yaşlanmasına sebep oluyor.

Esasen diğer masada karo atak bulunamadığı için bu bord egale oluyor ama kıssadan hisse: Düşünmek her zaman iyi değildir.

Hatta bir heykeltıraş bulsam da "Fazla düşündüğü için kontrat yaptıran adam" heykeli yaptırsam diyorum. İbret olsun herkese.



Swiss grubunda ilk maçımızı kazanınca sıralamadaki yerimiz oldukça yukarılara çıkmış olacak ki ikinci maçımızı BBO Vugraf naklen yayın odasında oynamamız gerektiği söylendi.

Eh zaten biz de bu durumu beklemiyor değildik. Garçi Mahaffey takımına yenilip tekrar halkın arasına dönmek zorunda kaldık. Ama olsun, onlar bizim sadece saçımızı (yoksa sakal mıydı) kestiler. Biz ise onları finalde yenmek için dün kasten yenildik.

Bu maçta Fallenius-Fredin çiftinin bulduğu güzel bir grandşlem elini vereyim sizlere.

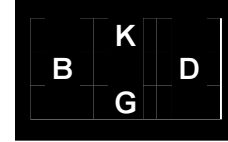
**Swiss Tur:2, Bord 14; D:Doğu, Zon:Kimse**

Batı	Kuzey	Doğu	Güney
Sesyılmaz	Fredin	Molva	Fallenius
		3♥	Kontr
4♥	4NT	Pas	5♥
Pas	7♠	H.Pas	

Bu el ile 3 kör açmış olmaktan dolayı gurur duymuyorum tabii, ama bu 3 açışlarını yapmamak ileride daha kötü sonuçlara yol açabiliyor. Çünkü biliyorum ki Antalyada elinde bir renkten 7 tane gören herkes 3 açmadan duramıyor. Dolayısı ile ben de kervana katıldım.

♠ KJ9753  
♥ K2  
♦ A1092  
♣ 6

♠ Q864  
♥ 1093  
♦ J4  
♣ 10752



♠ -  
♥ QJ87654  
♦ Q65  
♣ J98

♠ A102  
♥ A  
♦ K873  
♣ AKQ43

Esasen deklarasyonun başlangıcı beni oldukça memnun etti. Turgay'ın 4 kör şeklinde barajı yükseltmesi 3 kör açışımın pek de yersiz olmadığı hissini uyandırdı bende.

Fredin'in 4 NT deklaresinin ne olduğunu merak ediyorum tabii ama deklare vermeyi düşünmediğim için o an sormamın bana yararı olmayacağına karar verdim.

Fallenius'un 5 kör deklaresi herhalde iyi birşeyler gösteriyor olmalı ki Fredin hemen 7 pik dedi. Şimdi atak etmem gerek.

Fredin o sırada muhtemelen benim koz atak etmemi bekliyor herhalde. Oysa bende koz yok.

Ben de kör dam atağı yaparken bir taraftan da yüzüme "Ben koz atak edemiyorum çünkü bende koz dam 3 parça, hay Allah ne yapsam ki" şeklindeki ifademi takındım.

Bu esnada yerde kör as çıkınca ve Fredin'in kör renginin şıkan olmadığını görünce de oldukça canım sıkıldı.

Ben böyle ne zaman toptan grandşlem söylesem rakipler genelde 3-4 tane as çekerek defansa başlarlar. Ama Fredin söylediğinde herşey yerli yerinde çıkıyor nedense.

Ayrıca Fredin benim yüzüme takındığım ifadeden de etkilenmedi ve vermiş olduğum deklarasyona daha çok güvenerek kozları oynamaya pik as çekerek başlayınca 7 pik maalesef tam oldu.

Demek ki benden tiyatrocu veya aktör olmaz. Yüzümdeki ifadeler pek inandırıcı olmuyor.

# Misbid this Hand with Me

by Entree ce Seer

I am playing in a Mixed Teams event where so far the standard of play has been somewhat variable. Hoping things can only get better I pick up the following hand:

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10  
♥ –  
♦ A Q 10 8 3  
♣ K J 8 5 3

Partner opens Two Diamonds and I am considering how high to raise when I remember that we have agreed to play a convention that I helped to develop in the seventies.

East gives this some thought and bids Three Diamonds, which I double with fair confidence. East jumps to Four Hearts and partner doubles. When East passes I have a decision to make.

We are in uncharted waters, but taking partner for a maximum weak two in spades and trusting there will be a play for it, I make the master bid of Six Spades.

East doubles this and everyone passes. Perhaps I have done the wrong thing.

This has been the story of our auction:

West	North	East	South
	2♦*	3♦	Dble
4♥	Dble	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West leads the two of diamonds and dummy is disappointing:

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

N  
W     E  
S

♠ K Q 10  
♥ –  
♦ A Q 10 8 3  
♣ K J 8 5 3

Rather than describe the play in detail suffice it to say that I manage to take seven tricks, losing only 1400, not so bad

when you see the full hand:

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

N  
W     E  
S

♠ A J 7 5  
♥ 2  
♦ K J 9 7 6 5 4  
♣ 6

♠ K Q 10  
♥ –  
♦ A Q 10 8 3  
♣ K J 8 5 3

Post mortem

We would have murdered them in Four Hearts.

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Ton Kooijman