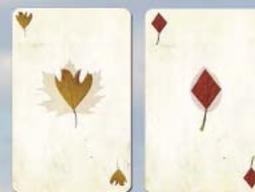




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The French Connection



The new European Open Mixed Teams Champions

Franck Multon, Sylvie Willard, Pierre Zimmermann, Benedicte Cronier, Philippe Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio captured the *European Open Mixed Teams* title, overwhelming **Bep Vriend, Anton Maas, Carla Arnolds, Ton Bakkeren, Martine Verbeek, Huub Bertens** in a final that featured some outstanding bidding, play and defence.

Senior Teams: The teams will be split into two groups of 8, playing a round robin of 16 board matches over three days (2,3 & 2). The top four teams in each group advance to the quarter finals. All knock out matches will be played over three sets of 16 boards.

Women Teams: The teams will be split into two groups of 11 & 10, playing a round robin of 12 board matches over three days (2,3 & 2). The top four teams in each group advance to the quarter finals. All knock out matches will be played over three sets of 16 boards.

Mixed Teams and Pairs Prize Giving

Medals will be presented to the Mixed Teams and Pairs today, immediately after the end of the last round, in front of the playing area C1.

Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 Mixed Pairs Final A & B (R1)
- 12.00 Mixed Pairs Final B (R2)
- 14.00 Mixed Pairs Final A (R2)
- 15.00 Mixed Pairs Final B (R3)
- 17.00 Mixed Pairs Final B (R4)
- 17.30 Mixed Pairs Final A (R3)
- 19.00 Mixed Pairs Final B (R5)
- 20.30 O/W/S Teams Welcome & Mixed Prize Giving Ceremony





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- Barley soup **PLN 6.00**
- Chicken de rolaille with butter and parsley **PLN 14.00**
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Badger upsets Russia

by Mark Horton

With only 1 IMP separating the teams as the second half got underway, no doubt the nerves were jangling.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 5 ♥ A 10 8 6 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 10 8 6 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 7 3 ♥ J 9 ♦ A Q J 9 7 2 ♣ 7 4	♠ 9 8 6 ♥ K ♦ K 10 4 3 ♣ K Q J 9 5
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North led the six of clubs and declarer won with the ace, crossed to ace of diamonds and played the queen, covered and ruffed. He cashed the king of spades, played a spade to the ace and pitched a club on the jack of diamonds. If the suit had broken declarer would have been home, but North's discard meant an inevitable one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♠	1♦ All Pass

South led the king of hearts and when that held switched to the king of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to the ace of diamonds and played the queen, covered and ruffed. When he crossed to dummy at once with the ace of spades he could only come to eight tricks, still a useful 5 IMP pick up.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
1♠	Dbl*	2♣	1♣ Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
2NT	1♣	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		



Paula Leslie, Scotland

MIXED TEAMS

FINAL

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	VRIEND	27	9	5	41
	ZIMMERMANN	15	50	70	135

Once East had overcalled West was always going to drive to game. South led the ten of clubs and switched to the nine of spades. Declarer won with the king, crossed to dummy with a heart and played another spade. In due course South was squeezed in the red suits for +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
	INT	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Dbl	2♠	All Pass

2♣ Hearts and another

The defenders started with two rounds of clubs and declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy with a heart and played a spade to the king. When that held she elected to play a low spade from hand, so she was +140, a 7 IMP loss that gave Russia the lead.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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



Frances Hinden, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
		Pass	Pass
5♦	Dbl	All Pass	

As I predicted, West opened 5♦. The trouble with doing that is that it frequently leads to a situation where the opponents double and have no real alternative but to sit for it, which is exactly what happened here.

North cashed the king and ace of clubs (South following with the three and five) and switched to the king of spades. (I expected South to play the ten on the second round, but perhaps they play upside down suit preference signals.) Declarer had to lose two more tricks, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♠
4♦	All Pass		

North cashed the king and ace of clubs, South playing the ten and three, and switched to the king of spades. Declarer lost the same four tricks, but -50 meant 9 IMPs and a new leader.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

North led the seven of diamonds and declarer took South's jack with the king and played a club to the king and a club to the ten. North won and played another diamond, South winning with the ace and switching to a heart for the seven and queen. North cashed the ace of clubs and then played a diamond, declarer winning with dummy's queen

and running the queen of spades to North's king. Declarer had the rest, +120.

Closed Room

West <i>Osborne</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Hinden</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Here North led the queen of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a club to the king and ran the nine of clubs to the jack. North cleared the hearts and declarer took the losing spade finesse. Now a diamond to the ace enabled South to cash out for one down, those 6 IMPs making the match all square.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Dubin</i>	North <i>Allerton</i>	East <i>Ponomareva</i>	South <i>Leslie</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	2♠
Dbl*	3♣	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

2♣ Precision style

West led the queen of clubs and East took the ace and switched to the jack of hearts, South winning with the king and playing a spade to the ace and a spade, which sorted out the trump position. West won and played a heart, declarer winning with dummy's ace, drew the last trump and played the king of diamonds. She had to lose a second diamond, but had the rest, +140.

Closed Room

West <i>Osborne</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Hinden</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dbl	2♥*	3♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♥ Spade raise
3♥ Four card support

South led the nine of spades and North took the ace. With the king of clubs offside declarer had to go one down, but that was only -50, putting Badger back in front by 3 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Dubin</i>	North <i>Allerton</i>	East <i>Ponomareva</i>	South <i>Leslie</i>
Pass	3♦	Dbl	Pass
3♥	All Pass		Pass

It was Terence Reese who wrote that a preempt that is always weak is a blunt sword, so full credit to North for his inspired opening. East gave 3♥ a long look, but bidding on would be a real case of Russian Roulette.

North led the king of diamonds and declarer won, played three rounds of spades pitching a diamond, ruffed a diamond and took a losing club finesse. South switched to a trump, and declarer was not hard pressed to score a couple of overtricks, +200.

Closed Room

West <i>Osborne</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Hinden</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦*	INT	Pass
2♣*	2♦	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The first five tricks were identical, but then declarer played a heart. North went up with the ace and played a club. South won and returned a club for North to ruff, but on the diamond return, South's six of hearts was not big enough and declarer had +420 and 6 huge IMPs.

It seems to me that declarer might have refused the club finesse, going up with the ace and cashing the king of hearts. Then she simply ruffs a diamond and gives up a club.

It was Badger who advanced.

Bad day in Poznan

by Brent Manley

It's too bad you can't predict when so many things will go wrong at the bridge table. If you could, you might just stay home – or in your hotel room. On the other hand, living through the tough times makes the good ones all the sweeter.

In the Mixed Teams round of eight, the Harding team (Norway, England and Ireland) ended their run in the event on a sour note, losing handily to the American Mahaffey squad.

In the first half of the set, captain Jim Mahaffey, playing with Judi Radin, faced Hugh McGann and Fiona Brown at one table, while Jacek Pszczola (Pepsi to most American players) and Janice Seamon-Molson, playing for Mahaffey, sat down against Tom Hanlon and Marianne Harding.

The set started with three pushes before Harding grabbed a 5-0 lead on board 4.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>McGann</i>	<i>Radin</i>	<i>Brown</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Radin had a natural heart lead, which McGann ran to his ace, followed by the ♠J, which went to Mahaffey's king. Mahaffey played the ♦A and the ♦J, taken by McGann with the queen. The 3-3 spade break gave him four tricks in that suit, but the 4-2 heart split doomed the contract. Still, he was only one down. Harding was ahead 5-0. It was their only positive score until the penultimate board of the first half.

Mahaffey picked up an overtrick IMP on board 5, then went ahead on the following deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 10 9 ♥ 7 ♦ A J 10 7 6 ♣ 8 5 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 5 ♥ J 10 9 2 ♦ 9 8 5 4 ♣ A Q	♠ A Q 4 3 2 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ K ♣ J 7 6 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Dbf	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The auction developed ideally for Harding and Hanlon, whose double of the 2♦ checkback got Harding off to the best lead. Hanlon took the ace, and continued with the jack, ducked by Pszczola. A third diamond went to the queen. Pszczola entered dummy with the ♥K and played a club to the 9. Harding astutely exited with a spade instead of continuing with her fourth diamond. Declarer had to duck, and when the smoke cleared he was three off for minus 300.

The auction was less revealing at the other table.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 4 ♥ K 10 ♦ A 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ K 9 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 10 8 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ A 10 8	♠ Q 7 5 2 ♥ Q 9 8 6 5 ♦ Q ♣ 5 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass	INT	Pass

1♠ was the equivalent of a INT bid (presumably INT shows spades). Unfortunately for East-West, the contract was wrong-sided. On the normal club lead by North, nine or 10 tricks would have been easy because South can never get in to push a heart through declarer's doubleton king. The only lead to defeat 3NT by West is a heart – not likely from the North hand.

Seamon-Molson started with the ♥9, declarer putting up the king. Pszczola won the ♥A, cashed the jack and switched to a spade. Declarer won the ♠A and played the ♦J, covered by the queen and ace. A second round of diamonds was won in the East hand, and when Harding

knocked out the king, Pszczola played a heart to his partner. That was two down for minus 200.

At the other table, Lev played in 2♦ from the West seat, losing only two hearts and a diamond after the opening low club lead eliminated his losers in that suit. Plus 130 put Mahaffey ahead 9-5.

Seamon-Molson engineered another useful swing on board 8 with a bold bid.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>McGann</i>	East <i>Radin</i>	South <i>Brown</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Brown started with the two high diamonds, dropping Radin's doubleton queen, but the ♦J and ♦10 were the last two tricks for the defense. Plus 400 to Mahaffey.

At the other table, Hanlon opened the West hand 1NT (weak) and was raised to 3NT by Brown. Seamon-Molson was right there with 4♥, a gutsy move that paid off handsomely when the opponents could take only four tricks – their three high trumps and the ♠A for plus 100. That was 7 IMPs to Mahaffey, now in the lead 16-5.

The team tacked on another 5 IMPs on this deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Hanlon</i>	North <i>Pszczola</i>	East <i>Harding</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	1♠	2♣	Dbl
2♠	4♥	5♣	All Pass

Harding took 12 tricks when Seamon-Molson led a low heart, allowing declarer to discard her losing diamond. The ♣A was the only loser. Plus 620 for Harding.

McGann and Brown were unlucky to lose IMPs on the board.

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>McGann</i>	East <i>Radin</i>	South <i>Brown</i>
	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♠	Dbl	5♣	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Everything that could go wrong did. Mahaffey cashed his top two hearts and gave his partner a ruff with her singleton trump. Now Radin cashed her two high spades, Mahaffey signalling a doubleton, and Mahaffey was able to over-ruff the third round of spades with the queen for plus 800 and another 5 IMPs.

Mahaffey's 21-5 lead went to 31-5 on the next deal, thanks to some excellent guessing by Pszczola.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Hanlon</i>	North <i>Pszczola</i>	East <i>Harding</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Harding hit on the lead of the ♦J, finding her side's best suit, although double dummy it would have been better to start with the low diamond, considering that West has the entry in spades.

Even so, making the game was not trivial for Pszczola. He covered the ♦J with the queen, and he took his time at trick two after Hanlon won the ♦A and continued with a

low one. If West had both high diamond honors and East the 9, declarer had to rise with the 10, but that would have been fatal in the actual situation. After thinking about it, Pszczola made the right decision in putting in the 7 (he had played the 8 at trick one). Harding won the king and cleared the suit.

That was hurdle one. Pszczola still had to negotiate the club suit. He cashed the ♣K and played a low club, Harding following with the 8. Pszczola took even longer before making his decision, but he finally inserted the 10 to get home with two overtricks for plus 660. A wrong guess in either minor would have left him at least two down.

McGann and Brown underachieved at the other table, doubling 2♦ by East and defeating it one trick for plus 200 and 10 IMPs away.

More IMPs went to Mahaffey on the next deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Hanlon</i>	North <i>Pszczola</i>	East <i>Harding</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
2♥ Pass	2NT 5♥	4♠ All Pass	1♥ Pass

This contract was unbeatable. Seamon-Molson took the opening spade lead in hand and played a trump to West's ace. A second spade allowed her to win and pull trumps, after which she cashed the ♦A and played another. Two tricks was all the defenders could take.

At the other table, the auction took a curious turn, one that Brown had cause to regret.

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>McGann</i>	East <i>Radin</i>	South <i>Brown</i>
2♥ Pass 4♠	3♦ 4♥ 5♦	3♠ Pass All Pass	1♥ 4♦ Pass

Radin did not miss out on her chance to make the killing lead, starting with the ♣J: queen, king and ace. McGann had to hope the diamond finesse was on, and when it failed, he was one down for minus 50 and another 11 IMPs away.

The one bright spot for Harding occurred on the penultimate board of the first half of the match.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q J 4 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ J 7 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 10 9 8 7 ♥ 7 ♦ 8 5 4 2 ♣ A K 10	♠ A 6 3 2 ♥ A K 9 4 2 ♦ A J ♣ 8 4
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West <i>Hanlon</i>	North <i>Pszczola</i>	East <i>Harding</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	1♠ Dbl	2♥ All Pass	Pass

Despite his light opener, Pszczola no doubt felt obliged to reopen with a double in case his partner had a strong hand with a big heart stack. In fact, she had a modest hand with a modest stack – and an aggressive attitude.

Seamon-Molson started with her singleton spade. Harding put up the queen, covered by the king and ace. Warned by the bidding, Harding played a low heart from hand. Sea-

mon-Molson took the ♠Q and switched to a low diamond. Harding played the ♦Q, which held the trick. She then played a club, taken by Pszczola with the king to switch to a heart. Seamon-Molson ruffed, played a club to her partner's ace and ruffed another spade before exiting with her last heart. That was it for the defense, however, as Harding scored up plus 670.

It was a different story at the other table.

West Mahaffey	North McGann	East Radin	South Brown
	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Brown started with her singleton spade. Radin put up the queen, ducked by McGann. Radin played a diamond to her jack and Brown's king, and a club was returned to North's king. Radin won the diamond shift in hand and exited with a low club, taken by North with the 10. The ♣A was ruffed, and when Radin cashed the ♥K she was in a bad way. She exited with a heart to Brown's queen, and the defense took two more tricks in the ♥10 and ♣Q. Two down was minus 200 and 13 IMPs to Harding.

Mahaffey tacked on 4 more IMPs on the final board to lead 46-18 at the break.

In the second half, Sam Lev and Irina Levitina came in for Mahaffey and Radin, and they played against Hanlon and Harding while Pszczola and Seamon-Molson opposed McGann and Brown.

The third board of the second half shows just how badly things were going for Harding.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 5 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ K J 8 7 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K Q J 6 4 3 2 ♥ J ♦ A 9 5 ♣ Q
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West McGann	North Pszczola	East Brown	South Seamon-Molson
	1♥	Dbl	2♦
Pass	2♥	4♠	All Pass

Seamon-Molson led a heart to her partner's king, and he continued with another heart, ruffed by Brown, who ran trumps in hopes of some poor discarding by the opponents. It didn't happen, and she eventually had to surrender two diamonds and a club in addition to the loser at trick one. That was one down and minus 50.

West Lev	North Hanlon	East Levitina	South Harding
	1♥	Dbl	2♥
3♣	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Harding led a low heart to Hanlon's king, and he switched at trick two to the ♦3, which normally indicates a holding such as the ace or king. Levitina ducked, and when Harding took the ♦Q, she innocently continued with a low diamond, providing declarer with her 10th trick. Had Hanlon chosen the ♦8 or ♦7, it seems likely the accident could have been avoided.

In any case, it was 10 IMPs away, and the match was getting out of hand at 57-20 in Mahaffey's favour.

It didn't get any better from there, and Mahaffey – scoring 46 IMPs in each half – marched into the semifinal round with a 92-26 victory.

Women & Senior Teams Schedule

FRIDAY

- 14.00 Women Teams RR (R1)
- 14.00 Senior Teams RR (R1)
- 16.15 Women Teams RR (R2)
- 17.00 Senior Teams RR (R2)
- 18.30 Women Teams RR (R3)

SATURDAY

- 10.30 Women Teams RR (R4)
- 10.30 Senior Teams RR (R3)
- 12.45 Women Teams RR (R5)
- 14.00 Senior Teams RR (R4)
- 15.30 Women Teams RR (R6)
- 17.00 Senior Teams RR (R5)
- 17.45 Women Teams RR (R7)

SUNDAY

- 10.30 Women Teams RR (R8)
- 10.30 Senior Teams RR (R6)
- 12.45 Women Teams RR (R9)
- 14.00 Senior Teams RR (R7)
- 15.30 Women Teams RR (R10)
- 17.45 Women Teams RR (R11)



Vox Populi

In this new feature the players give us their thoughts on the tournament



England's **Rob Helle** considered the venue to be fantastic and was full of praise for the technical innovations developed by the Polish Bridge Union. He thought that the Daily Bulletin was terrific (and available at breakfast).

Ireland's **Patsy Mehan** was in a rush, searching for a copy of *Bridge Magazine*! She observed that she would like to have enough time between sessions to change her outfit at least once a day.



Germany's **Josef Harsanyi** wryly observed that a player's view of any venue was directly proportional to their results at the table! (A man wise beyond his years.)

Sabine Auken said she was dressed for the beach!

Denmark's **Trine Binderkrantz** and **Nadia Bekkouche** are in Poland for the second time, having represented their country in Warsaw in 2006. They think the venue is excellent (they were keen to talk about their partner's performance, but we only have a limited number of pages). They wondered if the lunch break might be shortened so that play finished earlier, allowing more time for a leisurely dinner.



Mixed Teams Semi-finals

by Jos Jacobs

In both the semi-finals, Mahaffey v. Vriend and Zimmermann v. Badger, the board below was one of the very few boards of any real bridge interest in the first half.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Pszczoła</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
1♦	1♥	Dbl	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

From this auction, South may well have deduced that EW might be playing in a 3-4 fit. Holding four trumps herself, she decided to defend accordingly so, after winning the second heart trick, she simply continued the suit. Wherever declarer ruffs this, he will lose control as there is no longer a way to either ruff all the clubs or enjoy the good diamonds after trumps are drawn.

Well defended and one off, Mahaffey +50.

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>Radin</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
2♦	2♥	3♦	Pass
All Pass			3♥

In the other room, NS were lucky that they escaped undoubled (but see above - since no one can double for penalty, anymore) but the +150 Mahaffey got here added up to the +50 in the other room to give them 5 precious IMPs.

The score in this match at halftime: 9-8 to Vriend.

In the Zimmermann-Badger match, there also was a swing on this board. It occurred when the right defence against 4♠ was missed.

West <i>Allerton</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Leslie</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
1♦	1♥	Dbl	Pass
Dbl	3♥	Dbl	2♥
3♠	All Pass		Pass

Here too, from the auction it looked as if EW might be playing in a 3-4 fit but this did not help North to find the winning defence. He cashed two top hearts and exited with the ♠J. Now, declarer could win the queen in dummy, test the diamonds, cash the ♠A and play on diamonds. After South ruffs one of them, the ♠K will serve both to draw the last trump and as entry to the remaining diamonds. Ten tricks, Badger +170.

West <i>Zimmermann</i>	North <i>Osborne</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Hinden</i>
1♦	1♥	Dbl	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♥	3♥
4♠	All Pass		Pass

Here, East's double of 1♥ showed at least four spades. East might have left the double of 3♥ in to collect 500 but she settled for a choice of games by bidding 4♥. Thus Zimmermann too put himself in a 3-4 fit in the end. Please note that 5♦ is cold, due to the lucky breaks.



Jeffrey Allerton, England

As their opponents were playing in game, it was essential for NS to find the same killing defence as Janice Seamon-Molson did in the other match. They kicked off along the same lines but then South, in with the ♠A, exited with the ♦J. Now, declarer could win, cash the ♠AQ and play on diamonds until South ruffed. Just made, Zimmermann +420 and 6 equally precious IMPs to his team.

The halftime score in this match: 10-8 to Badger.

The second half again produced a lot of routine boards but also a few quite exciting ones. Here is the first example:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 4 2 ♣ J 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 Q 9 3 ♥ A Q 10 7 ♦ A J ♣ 9 7 3
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W E					
S					
♠ 10 8 7 6 4 2 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ 5 ♣ 6 5 4					
	♠ J ♥ J 8 6 3 ♦ 8 6 3 ♣ A K Q 10 8				

West <i>Allerton</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Leslie</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Dbl	1♥
1♠	3♦	3♥	3♠
4♥	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

Theoretically speaking, the French were right to take the save as 4♠ is a make as long as declarer takes the right view in trumps – not obvious as he will take the actual bidding into account and might thus play opener (South) for the blank ♠K.

Down two, Badger +300.

West <i>Multon</i>	North <i>Osborne</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Hinden</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Dbl	2♦
2♠	3NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

1♠ was intended as a transfer to diamonds but it had the side effect of making EW's life difficult. They were no longer able to assess the values of their tremendous spade fit and thus sold out to 4♦ rather than trying game themselves. As South was declarer, West led a spade to East's queen and east tried to cash the ace as well. Now, South could ruff and throw both his heart losers on the good clubs, west ruffing the second. That was just the defenders' second trick so with only the ace of trumps to lose, declarer had

succeeded in making her contract for another +130 to Badger, 10 IMPs. They led comfortably enough by 25-10 at this point.

In the Mahaffey-Vriend match, there also was a major swing:

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Pszczola</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Dbl	Redbl
2♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dbl	All Pass

North was obviously expecting the ♦A with his partner in view of the redouble but he wisely retreated to 5♦ when 4NT was doubled on his right. Down two, 300 to Vriend.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>Levitina</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Dbl	1♥
1♠	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

At the other table, EW did indeed reach the game against which their teammates had saved but the problem was in the play. Lev did in fact go up with the ♠A in view of South's opening bid so he was one down, 100 to Vriend instead of 620 to Mahaffey. The overall swing thus amounted to 17: +8 or the actual -9 IMPs. Vriend led by 11 now where they might as well have been down by 6.

Four boards later, the first of a sequence of three consecutive slam boards came up.

As you can see from all the cards, the best contract is 6♦ but I am very much open for suggestions how to get there. Second best clearly is 6♣. It would already be quite an achievement to get as far as that, as we shall see. The snag is that 6♣ will probably go down, as you will have to ruff a spade with one of the goodies if they lead spades and continue the suit after winning their ♦A. After that, East will have a natural trump trick.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ A Q J ♦ K ♣ K 8 7 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 2 ♥ 10 9 7 2 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ 10 9 5 3
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♠ K J 10 8 7 4 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 6					
	♠ 6 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ Q J 10 9 7 4 ♣ A Q J				

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>Pszczola</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
			1♦
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Dbf	Redbl
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

With the spade lead so easy to find, declarer had no chance to make his contract. It took Ton Bakkeren quite a while to go up with his ♦A when declarer led low from dummy at trick 3, but when he did so and continued a top spade, one down was inevitable. Vriend +100.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>Levitina</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
			1♦
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Though 2NT conventionally established the club fit, reaching 6♦ was out of the question. In fact, the Dutch were fortunate not to go beyond 3NT as the club slam would no doubt have failed. Vriend thus added another 600 and gained 12 IMPs rather than losing the same amount. They had extended their lead to 23 with only five to play.

In the other match, the French NS never came anywhere near a slam:

West <i>Allerton</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Leslie</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
			1♦
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Just made, 600 to Zimmermann.

West <i>Multon</i>	North <i>Osborne</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Hinden</i>
			1♦
2♠	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The Brits were in with a very good chance of reaching the proper contract, it seems. Once North can cuebid in diamonds, the only remaining question is whether this would be a plain singleton or by definition a singleton honour. Pushing partner into a slam with just a low singleton does not seem to make any sense, so South might well have realised at the table that 6♦ was the place to be.

When she did not, the Badger team suffered the same

fate as the Mahaffey's in the other match: they lost 12 IMPs where they might so easily have won 12. Suddenly, Zimmermann led by 6.

Two boards later, Zimmermann put the match out of reach when Philippe Cronier brought home a difficult slam:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Allerton</i>	North <i>Cronier</i>	East <i>Leslie</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
	1♠	2♣	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

East led a club to dummy's ace and declarer led a trump to the king and ace. Back came another club rather than the more testing diamond, ruffed in hand. Cronier's next move was to try the ♦Q. When East (perhaps unwisely) covered this, his problems were over. He went back to the ♦10 and cashed the ♥Q. When both defenders followed suit, the ♥J could draw the last trump and also serve as the entry for the good diamonds. Just made, Zimmermann +980.

West <i>Multon</i>	North <i>Osborne</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Hinden</i>
	1♠	2♣	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

The British seemed to have had a bidding mix-up here. If South knew about the 6-5 in North, then 4NT looks like Blackwood. If she did not, then how was North ever to show his actual distribution?

When the diamond finesse worked, the play was easy enough. Badger +460 but 11 IMPs more to Zimmermann who now led by 15 with just three boards to play.

Nothing very much was in the closing boards, so Vriend won by 22 (35-13) and Zimmermann by 21 (49-28). The two teams would be worthy contestants in Wednesday's final.

Bridge Down Under

by Mark Horton & Tim Bourke

When a major championship is taking place you can be sure that it is followed by bridge players in every part of the globe. Australia's Tim Bourke, one of the best analysts in the world spotted this deal which was briefly mentioned in Bulletin 5.

This deal is particularly instructive. First in the bidding and, secondly in the play in the first room below:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 10 9 8 7 ♥ 7 ♦ 8 5 4 2 ♣ A K 10	<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 6 3 2 ♥ A K 9 4 2 ♦ A J ♣ 8 4	♠ 5 ♥ Q 10 8 6 ♦ K 9 7 3 ♣ Q 9 6 5
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The pass of the reopening double is ill advised; the trumps just aren't good enough and the correct answer is to bid 2NT (see the other room).

The five of spades was covered by the queen, king and ace and declarer cashed the ace of hearts.

Declarer can allow South to make two spade ruffs provided she does not also make the ♥Q. Declarer should abandon trumps now and play ♦AJ (she can afford to play a club but a diamond is clearer). South wins and plays the ♣5 to the ♣K. After ruffing the spade return she crosses back to partner's hand with a club and gets a second spade ruff. These cards remain with South to play:

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Orlov	Cronier	Dikhnova
Pass	1♠ Dbl	2♥ All Pass	Pass

And declarer makes the last five tricks.

However, at trick three declarer continued with a low heart and South took the queen and switched to a club, North winning with the king and returning the ten of spades for South to ruff.

The ♠10 was an awful card, as we shall see. If North returns the ♠7, South ruffs and plays ♣6. North must play ♣10 and then give South a second spade ruff. This allows South to get off play with a club in a way that does not cost a trick.

Instead, South played a diamond and declarer won with the jack, cashed the ace, crossed to dummy with the jack of hearts and cashed the jack of spades, +670.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Khven	Multon	Gulevich	Willard
Pass	1♠ Dbl	2♥ Pass	Pass 2NT
All Pass			

West led the three of hearts and East won and returned the four, West winning with the jack and returning the five. East cleared the hearts and the defenders took four hearts and two aces for +100 and 11 IMPs.



Sergei Orlov, Russia

Is poker bad for your bridge? The Story of Tom Hanlon

by Jan van Cleeff

The well known bridge journalist Patrick Jourdain has developed an interesting theory: *the more you play poker the more it will have an adverse effect on your bridge.*

Perhaps so, but this 'Golden Rule' may not apply to Tom Hanlon from Ireland. Many years back Hanlon quit his job to follow a successful career as a professional poker player and as a bridge player. I would recommend reading Hanlon's *A Bridge Too Far*, a book he wrote together with Enda Murphy about his exotic life in the world of poker and bridge.

Here in Poznan, Hanlon was playing the mixed teams championships for team Harding. The team reached the quarter-finals where it was stopped by Mahaffey. Still, Tom Hanlon can look back on three fine days of play. Partnering charming Marianne Harding, a Norwegian female expert player, Hanlon took his chance to shine on a couple of boards. First:

Berik v. Harding

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Tom Hanlon, Ireland

North	South
Hanlon	Harding
1♥	2♥*
4♥	All Pass

* 8-11, 3card heart

East kicked off with a diamond. Her partner won the ace and returned the ♣Q to the ace. Declarer played a heart to the ace and saw the bad news. He continued with a spade from his hand. East flew with the ace and tried to cash her ♣K. Hanly ruffed, cashed two spades and two diamonds ending in dummy. This was the position:

♠ —	♠ 8	♠ —
♥ —	♥ K 10 4	♥ J 9 8 6
♦ 9	♦ —	♦ —
♣ J 9 8	♣ —	♣ —
	♠ 10	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ —	
	♣ 10	

When Hanlon ruffed the ♣10 with the trump king and exited with a spade, East was endplayed in trumps. Ten elegant tricks.

One day later Harding met Balti in the Round of 16:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

North	South
Hanlon	Harding
INT	2♥*
2♠	3NT
All Pass	

* Transfer

Fearing a club switch Hanlon took East's lead of the ♥Q right away and continued with the ♦K. East won the ace and returned the ♠10, 2, 5 and ace. Declarer cashed all his diamonds:

♠ Q 9 8 ♥ 2 ♦ — ♣ K J	♠ 6 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ — ♣ 7 3 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K J 7 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A Q 2	♠ 3 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ — ♣ 10 8
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Hanlon advanced his ♥J, pitching a club from dummy. East won the king and cashed another heart. From dummy a small spade disappeared and from West as well. When East returned a club Hanlon took the ace and end-played West with the ♣Q.

Great play by Hanlon, who always followed his instinct that West had the remaining key cards (♣K and ♠Q). If East had not cashed his second heart winner, the endplay would still be intact. So there was not much E/W could do as long as declarer could manage to guess the position of the relevant honours.

On Board 27 of Segment 2 of the same match (Harding versus Balti) Tom Hanlon once more followed his instinct:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 7 ♥ A J 10 6 3 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 6 5	♠ 9 6 5 2 ♥ — ♦ J 8 6 2 ♣ J 10 9 8 7 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K J 10 3 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ K 7 5 4 ♣ 3 2	♠ Q 8 4 ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ Q 9 3 ♣ A Q 4
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In the open EW played 4♥ +1. In the closed room however Harding and Hanlon bid all the way to 6♥ to be played by West, Tom Hanlon. The contract looks pretty desperate on a spade lead, though it still can be made. When declarer plays low from dummy at trick one South, with his ♦K and ♠K, sooner or later will be strip squeezed on the run of the hearts and the clubs.

The slam is equally challenging on a neutral club lead. Against Hanlon's 6♥ North indeed led a club. Declarer

won in dummy and finessed in hearts. After four rounds of trumps four reasonable options came into view for declarer: ♠A and another spade (works with the ♠K on side), ♦A and diamond to the queen (works with ♦K on side) or ♦A and finesse ♦J. The latter is the winning option with this lay-out and Hanlon found it. Making the slam was pretty decisive for Harding to win this close match.

In another match De Botton's Nick Sandqvist found the fourth winning line. After drawing trumps he simply advanced the ♦Q. Curtains.

Three tricks – or 10?

On this deal from the fourth qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs, Turkey's Tezcan Sen (winner of the event in SanRemo two years ago) awaited the sight of dummy with some trepidation.

This was the deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K Q 9 5 3 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ 8	♠ A ♥ 4 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ K Q 10 7 6 4 3 2 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 7 6 4 2 ♥ A 10 9 8 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ A J	♠ J 10 8 ♥ K 7 3 2 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ 9 5
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Sen was North in this auction:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♣	3♣	Dbl
3♠	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

South's double promised the ♣A or ♣K. Sen knew which one because he was looking at the king.

He didn't know, however, whether the ace was singleton or accompanied by another card. If it was singleton, the spade lead would knock out the only entry to his hand and the club suit would be hopelessly blocked. In all likelihood, he would end up four down or worse (he did have good heart spots).

To his great relief, dummy came down with two clubs, and he was soon chalking up an overtrick for plus 950, which did not hurt his score at all.

Precise false-carding

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Bridge literature includes the subject of false-carding but most players give it too little attention, particularly in a Pairs event where you are meeting several opponents with a variety of methods. The best known, perhaps, is that where declarer has a small doubleton and LHO makes a lead seeking count, use the same method as the opponents to leave the leader with less information.

This deal from the Mixed Pairs Semifinal "A" showed the importance of knowing which cards to play when declarer has three and the opponents have cashed two rounds! Declarer was Artur Malinowski. (As I write for a British newspaper I refer to Artur and his partner Janet de Botton as British though both Poland and Norway lay some claim to Malinowski.)

This was the deal:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 9 8 5 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ 8 3</p>	<p>♠ 4 2 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ J 10 9 6 2</p> <table style="margin: 10px auto; border: 2px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K Q J ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ A K Q 5</p>	<p>♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A K 9 8 ♦ K Q J 8 ♣ 7 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Artur		<i>de Botton</i>	
1♠	Pass	1♣	Dbl
		4♠	All Pass

Looking at the East-West cards you would want to reach Three Notrumps as nine tricks seems the limit whatever the denomination. That spot is always difficult to find when you have no stop in the opponent's suit and most of the field were in spades. Malinowski was one of the very few to manage ten tricks.

Against Four Spades North led the ♥4 won by South's king and South continued with the ace. What cards should West play to leave South in doubt about whether a third heart is cashing?

The opponents led fourth highest so South will always know on the second round that North does not have five. The doubt will have to be between three and four. So the card you must conceal is the SIX. When declarer contributes the three and jack South is not sure

whether North has led from ♥Q 7 6 4 or ♥Q 7 4. (Though spot-watchers might wonder why North from the former would not simply play the six on the second round.)

Anyway, after the second heart South switched to the king of diamonds, which Malinowski allowed to hold. When South continued diamonds declarer was home. He won the ace and rattled off five trump winners. On the last North, holding the ♥Q and four clubs was squeezed.

A score of 620 collected most of the matchpoints.

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Familiar foes

by Brent Manley

It was not a surprise that the French and Dutch teams – Zimmermann and Vriend, respectively – made it to the championship round of the Mixed Teams. They did not disappoint the spectators, playing a tight opening first set that turned in the favour of the Dutch team near the end. With 32 deals to play, however, the issue was not settled.

The first two boards produced a 1-0 lead for Vriend on an overtrick by Ton Bakkeren.

On board 3, however, Vriend and Anton Maas had an accident.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♥	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The 10-trick game on a 4-2 fit was not a happy contract. Benedicte Cronier led a heart to Pierre Zimmermann's ace, and he continued with the ♥Q, ruffed in dummy. Maas cashed the ♣A and attempted to cash the ♣K, but Zimmermann ruffed with the trump ace and played his other trump to dummy's now-singleton queen. Maas ruffed a club low and cashed his two remaining trumps, but the ♦A was the only other trick he managed. That was down four, minus 200.

At the other table, Catherine D'Ovidio played skilfully to land nine tricks in her more reasonable contract.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>P. Cronier</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
			1♣
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♦
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Ton Bakkeren started with the ♥A, continuing with the ♥9 in hopes that his partner had a useful spot-card in diamonds. D'Ovidio covered with the ♥10 and overruffed Arnolds' ♦5 with the 7. She then played the ♠Q to Bakkeren's ace and ruffed his return of the ♥Q. She cashed the ♣A and ♣K, Bakkeren pitching his last spade. When D'Ovidio played a spade from hand, Bakkeren ruffed low and continued with the ♥J, ruffed by D'Ovidio with the trump queen. She ruffed a low club in dummy and ruffed the ♠K with the ♦A, leaving her to play a club from hand with ♦J 10 8 in dummy. West, down to all trumps himself, could get only one more trick. It was a well-earned plus 110 and 7 IMPs to the French team.

There were different contracts at the two tables on the next deal, but the result was the same.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Carla Arnolds, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Maas	B. Cronier	Vriend
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After Cronier started with a low diamond, Maas needed some luck in hearts to take nine tricks. With Cronier holding the ♥A Q, he had no chance. She won the first heart and established her suit by playing the ♦A and another diamond, then waited for declarer to play hearts again. Plus 100 for East-West.

D'Ovidio was also doomed by the diamond suit in her game.

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	P. Cronier	Arnolds	D'Ovidio
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Bakkeren started with his doubleton diamond, and 4♥ was doomed. Arnolds won the first trump lead and gave her partner a ruff. That was four tricks for the defense and a push board.

The next deal was also a push, but D'Ovidio came close to making it a big swing for Zimmermann.



Ton Bakkeren, Netherlands

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Maas	B. Cronier	Vriend
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Cronier started with the ♣Q, taken by Maas with the ace. With no warning about the bad break in trumps, declarer played the ♥A, getting the bad news. He cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond low, then played a club from dummy, West pitching a spade. Another diamond ruff followed, and declarer played a spade to the 10, jack and ace. On the return of a high club, declarer ruffed with dummy's ♥10, overruffed by Zimmermann to play another diamond, taking dummy's next-to-last trump. At the end, Maas was two tricks short for minus 200.

At the other table, D'Ovidio knew trumps were breaking badly.

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	P. Cronier	Arnolds	D'Ovidio
	INT	2NT	3♦
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
Dbl	All Pass		

Bakkeren started with the ♦K, taken in dummy with the ace for a club discard. D'Ovidio played a low spade from dummy, and Arnolds went up with the ace (playing low would have given East-West three quick spade tricks) and played a diamond. D'Ovidio ruffed low and played a spade from hand.

Bakkeren took his time before playing the king, and as it happens it was vital for him to do so. Had he ducked, D'Ovidio could win the ♠J, ruff a diamond, play a club to the ace and ruff another diamond, reducing her trump holding to K J 10. She could then exit with a spade, leaving Bakkeren on play with all trumps. On the forced heart return, D'Ovidio would win the ♥10 in hand, play a spade, overruffing whatever trump Bakkeren played with the trump ace, then exit with a club. Forced to ruff again, at trick 12 Bakkeren would have to lead from the ♥Q 9 to D'Ovidio's ♥K J.

Bakkeren did not err, however, winning the ♠K and play-

ing his singleton club to dummy's ace. Try as she might, D'Ovidio could not come up with more than nine tricks. Still, it was a push.

Three more pushes followed, then a big swing for the Dutch.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 6 ♥ A Q 7 4 ♦ J 5 ♣ Q 9 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K 5 3 2 ♥ K 8 3 2 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 10 6 5	♠ A Q J ♥ 10 6 ♦ A K 9 6 4 3 ♣ J 3
N							
W							
E							
S							
	♠ 9 4 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ A K 7 4 2						

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Cronier's slightly off-shape INT opener worked out badly by putting the hand with the five-card club suit on lead. On the low club lead, the contract had only one chance: ♦Q 10 doubleton with either opponent. When that hope was dashed, so was the contract. Plus 100 for the Dutch.



Benedicte Cronier who celebrates her birthday today!
Joyeux Anniversaire!

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>P. Cronier</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♦	Pass

The opening low spade lead was taken by the jack in dummy, and Bakkeren played a low diamond at trick two to the jack and North's queen. A heart switch went to his queen, and he played another round of diamonds, confirming that the suit would run. In the end, he could have taken a second spade finesse, but he played to the ♠A for his ninth trick rather than risk D'Ovidio's having ducked at trick one.

Plus 600 gave the Dutch team 12 IMPs and a 13-7 lead.

Zimmermann, trailing 14-8, surged back into the lead on board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ A 10 5 2 ♣ 9 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A K 3 ♥ A Q 10 5 4 ♦ K 9 ♣ Q 5 3	♠ 10 5 4 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ J 8 3 ♣ A K 7 2
N							
W							
E							
S							
	♠ Q 6 2 ♥ J 9 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ J 10 8 6						

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
Pass	Dbl	INT*	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	2♣

* 10-12

INT doubled would not have been much fun for Cronier, but Vriend pulled to 2♣, passing when her partner bid his long suit.

Cronier cashed two high clubs and gave Zimmermann a ruff. He exited with a low diamond, which ran to dummy's queen. The ♥J went to Cronier's king, and she played a fourth round of clubs, allowing Zimmermann to ruff. Maas overruffed, later conceding a diamond for plus 110.

D'Ovidio and Phillipe Cronier got to game at the other table.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>P. Cronier</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Bakkeren started with a low spade, taken in dummy with the ace. D'Ovidio played a low club from dummy, and Arnolds erred by playing low. Had she won the king and continued with a spade, the timing would have been right to defeat the contract. When she played low, D'Ovidio won and played the ♥J, ducked by Arnolds. Another heart went to the queen and king. D'Ovidio took the spade switch in hand and led a diamond. West ducked, and the ♦K held. D'Ovidio had four hearts, three spades and a trick in each minor for plus 400 and a 7-IMP gain. Zimmermann was ahead 15-14.

The Dutch went back in front on the penultimate deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Zimmermann</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>B. Cronier</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
1♣	1♥	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

Cronier's 2♠ was a club raise. Zimmermann took the opening low heart lead with the jack and played a diamond to dummy's ace to float the ♣J. Maas won the ♣A and continued with the ♥K. Zimmermann won and, apparently fearful that Maas had falsecarded in clubs, cashed the ♣K. At that point, he needed the diamond suit to cooperate to get to nine tricks. Fortunately for his side, the diamonds were 3-3, giving Zimmermann the game and plus 400.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>P. Cronier</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
1♣	1♥	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

Cronier led the ♥K, taken by Bakkeren with the ace. He went to dummy with a diamond and ran the ♣J to Cronier's ace. That was the last chance for the defense to take a second trick, so when Cronier exited with the ♠8, Bakkeren took the second club finesse and was soon claiming for plus 490 and a 3-IMP gain. The Dutch were leading 17-15.

They expanded the lead on the final board.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Zimmermann</i>	North <i>Maas</i>	East <i>B. Cronier</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Not blessed with X-ray vision – in which case she would have started with the ♥K – Cronier made the normal opening lead of her fourth-best heart. Dummy's ♥Q held the trick. Maas then simply knocked out the ♦A and cashed his winners: three diamonds and two tricks in each of the other suits.

At the other table, the French got to a better contract that was certainly unlucky not to make.

West <i>Bakkeren</i>	North <i>P. Cronier</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>D'Ovidio</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

If either black-suit finesse had worked – a 75% proposition – the contract would have succeeded. The bad breaks doomed the contract, however, and Vriend ended the first set up by a score of 27-15.

Pierre Zimmermann – Joie de Bridge

Patrick Jourdain interviews a newly crowned European Open Champion

PDJ: It is the lunch break during the final of the European Mixed Teams Championship in which you are playing, so the Daily Bulletin is most grateful for your time. Many of our readers are familiar with your successes in the bridge world so the idea now is to concentrate on other matters. Please tell us first something about your family life.

PZ: I am 56 years old with five children ranging in age from 21 down to 10. The two eldest are very bright (my 21-year old son has an IQ of 160) and both are studying at the Ecole Polytechnique in Lausanne. My second marriage, with Christine, is now 15 years old. Christine is an artist, a good painter.

PDJ: Did you start bridge or business first?

PZ: Bridge. I was studying Maths at the same Ecole in Lausanne that my children now attend and I founded the bridge club there. We knew so little that my partner would open INT with a void because he knew it showed 16-18 points but not that it also needed a balanced hand! I persuaded Philip Morris the tobacco company to sponsor us with bridge tuition from a professional bridge teacher, Gergely Szentes. In the Swiss League the University bridge team was in the bottom Division, the Sixth, and was steadily promoted until it reached the First Division. The University bridge club has been a big success providing quite a few of the Swiss national team in later years.

My father was a doctor-in-law but the family was not wealthy so I had to find a job to help finance my studies. Fortunately I was the top student at Maths in my second year and got work as an assistant to Professors at the University. In my last year I did something no-one else had tried and combined Maths with a course in High Commercial.

PDJ: What happened when you left University?

PZ: I immediately obtained a job with IBM in the finance department of their headquarters in Zurich. I was there for four and a half years and had worked my way up their hierarchy when I received the offer of a massive challenge from another company. Hill & Knowlton was at the time perhaps the world's leading PR company (it has since been taken over by WPP). Their European Division was losing money and, with the offer of a much increased salary over my job at IBM, they put me in charge of turning it around. That succeeded and with the money I made, in 1990, I founded my own Real Estate Company concentrating on property in Geneva. It bears my name, Regie Zimmermann, and I am the sole shareholder. We specialise in buying property that is in poor condition, refurbishing it, and then selling it but often still remaining the

manager of the building with a management fee from the new owner. The business has expanded so much that although we subcontract all work on the buildings we have 43 employees working on the buying, managing and selling. We have properties in Geneva as well as Lausanne but nothing outside that area so we are in close touch with everything.

PDJ: What about your interests outside business and bridge?

PZ: I love golf but play very badly, just enough to warrant the maximum handicap! I like opera and classical music and Geneva provides excellent opportunities to enjoy that. I also like musicals and have seen Les Miserables in four different cities.

PDJ: What are your aims for bridge?

PZ: I would like to develop bridge in Europe with new events similar to those already shown to be a success in the USA. This year in Monaco I have the Prince Cup with eight invited teams

of quality meeting before the Bermuda Bowl. I pay the cost and prizes but the teams make a contribution to a Monaco charity. In the Autumn of 2012 in Monaco I plan to have a European equivalent of the Las Vegas Cavendish, and have the blessing of Bob Hamman for this. In France I hope to support an equivalent of the American majors like the Reisinger to attract teams from around the world.

PDJ: Do you work with the bridge authorities?

PZ: Yes, indeed. Although my interest is mainly catering for the bridge professionals and the higher end of the game I am ready to assist the authorities with their events. As yet we have no World Bridge Championship announced for next year. If asked for help I am ready to do so.

PDJ: Our readers know of your new team in Monaco with three different nationalities which is hoping to represent Monaco as soon as possible in EBL and WBF national based events. Can you tell us about the eligibility problems?

PZ: I believe all six of us have fulfilled the conditions of residence necessary to represent Monaco in the 2012 WBF World Championships. We all have Monaco citizen cards beginning with residence in December 2010. There is a slight difference in wording between the EBL and WBF regulations on residence which means there is a question mark over our participation in the 2012 EBL event. Obviously we would prefer two years before 2012 to mean 2010, rather than 24 months before June 2012. The oddity is this. The 2012 Europeans are the qualifying event for the 2013 Bermuda Bowl. Can it make sense that we would be eligible for the 2012 WBF event as Monaco but not eligible for the 2013 event?

PDJ: Thank you, Pierre. By the time this is published the world will know the colour of your medal.



CO SŁYCHAĆ?

MAKSY – GRA PRAKTYCZNA

Po pierwszej części półfinału A turnieju par na prowadzeniu, ze sporą przewagą (69,81%) znaleźli się Ewa Miszewska z Apolinarym Kowalskim. Oto dwa rozdania, ilustrujące, jak osiąga się taki wynik. Są to rozdania, w których nie trzeba było wielkich wyczynów technicznych, ani licytacyjnych, ale dobrze ilustrują praktyczne aspekty gry na maksy, głównie stwarzanie przeciwnikom szans na popełnienie błędu.

Rozd. 15

Rozdawał S NS po partii

♠ A Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 10 7 5 3
♦ —
♣ 3 2

♠ 7 2
♥ A 6 4
♦ K J 9 4
♣ 10 9 7 6

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5 4
♥ Q J 9 2
♦ Q 10 6 5
♣ A 5

♠ K 3
♥ 8
♦ A 8 7 3 2
♣ K Q J 8 4



Apolinary Kowalski, Poland

West	North	East	South
<i>Prochorow</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Klidzeja</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>
pas	4♠!	pas?	pas pas...

Kowalski na trzeciej ręce zdecydował się na praktyczne otwarcie 4♠, które niewielu z jego ręką przyszyłoby do głowy. Po tym otwarciu E nie zdecydowała się na wejście, chociaż w korzystnych założeniach 4BA wydaje się automatyczne. Być może przeważyła jakość koloru karowego... To był pierwszy sukces otwarcia 4♠... Drugi nastąpił w chwilę później. E zaatakował ♣K. Rozgrywający zabił i zaimpasował pika. E, po lewie na króla, ściągnęła lewą treflową i zagrała w singletona kier. W wziął asem, ale nie wyobraził sobie, że N może mieć pięć kierów i nie zagrał do przebitki! Za wygrane 4♠ NS zapisałi sobie 94%.

Rozd. 30.

Rozdawał E Obie przed partią

♠ K
♥ Q J 3
♦ Q 9 7 3
♣ J 10 9 7 6

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 8 4
♦ A 6 2
♣ 8 5

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ K 3 2

♠ A Q J 10 9 8 6
♥ 5
♦ K 10
♣ A Q 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Wernle</i>	<i>Miszewska</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>
pas pas...	1♥ ²	Pas pas	1♣! 4♠

- 1) 17+PC
- 2) półpozytywne

Kowalski nie miał łatwego wist. Po długim namyśle wyszedł w atu. Rozgrywająca wzięła w stole królem i zagrała na impas trefl. Ale, sądząc po wyborze pierwszego wistu, że W ma honor w każdym z pozostałych kolorów, zagrała trefla blotką do damy. W ten sposób obrońcy wzięli trzy lewe – trefla i dwa czerwone asy. Dało to naszej parze 88%, gdyż wielu wistujących atakowało z ręki W w trefla, co dawało automatycznie 11 lew, a tam, gdzie E zachował się zgodnie z zasadą „trzecia ręka bije i płacze”, nawet 12.

Jak utrudniać życie przeciwnikom pokazał także Andrzej Hycnar w rozdaniu 9 czwartej sesji półfinału turnieju par:

Rozdawał S.WE po partii

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

West	North Hycnar	East	South Wajdowicz
			pas
pas	1♥	pas	2BA
pas	4♥	pas...	

E zaatakowała w atu. Po wzięciu lewy na figurę w stole, rozgrywający zagrał w trefla. W dołożył ósemkę, a Hycnar z ręki blotkę... Najwyraźniej uspiło to przeciwników. E nie widziała powodu, aby przejmować, a W nie zagrał w pika do asa z waletem w dziadku. Powtórzył atu i to już wystarczyło. Ta lewa została wzięta w stole. Teraz impas trefl, as trefl... Po oddaniu kara przegrywający pik z ręki zniknął na wyrobionego trefla. Za wygraną końcówkę NS zapisali sobie 78%.

KU POKRZEPIENIU SERC

Każdy robi błędy... Co więcej, można powiedzieć o brydżu, że jest grą błędów. W wielu meczach o wynikach nie decydują błyskotliwe zagrania, a popełnione błędy. Nawet na poziomie finału mistrzostw Europy. Nad rozdaniem 19 finałowego meczu zawisło jakieś fatum:

Rozdawał SWE po partii

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

West Bertens	North Multon	East Verbeek	South Willard
			pas
pas	IBA	pas	3BA
pas...			

Willard spasowała na pierwszej ręce... Nie bardzo wiadomo dlaczego, ale to także może podnieść na duchu tych, którym zdarza się czasem nie doliczyć punktów... Ale to jeszcze nic. Popatrzmy na przebieg rozgrywki, a raczej obrony! Verbeek wyszła trójką pik (trzecia-piąta). Rozgrywająca zabiła od razu asem i zaczęła grać kara. Do dwóch pierwszych kar w dołożył szóstkę i czwórkę, a E prawdopodobnie nie odczytała potwierdzenia i wyrzuciła pika i trefla! Rozgrywająca zagrała teraz kolejne karo, wyrabiając kładącą lewą obrońcom (od E kier, ze stołu trefl), po czym zagrała trefla do dziesiątki. E po wzięciu na damę „odeszła” w trefla. Walet z ręki wziął, ale rozgrywającemu ciągle brakowało lewy... Zagrał damę kier na impas, a E po lewie na króla, odeszła w kiera... Nadróbka!

Na drugim stole, po licytacji:

West P.Cronier	North Maas	East d'Ovidio	South Vriend
			1♦
pas	1♥	pas	2♦
pas	3♣	pas	3♥
pas	3♠	pas	3BA
pas...			

Cronier zaatakował królem pik. E dołożyła trójkę (zrzutki



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naturalne). Nie znam alfabetu sygnałów tej pary... Być może król żądał odblokowania bądź ilościówki. Odblokowanie byłoby tragiczne w tym rozdaniu, a ilościówka? Trójka na pewno wskazywała nieparzystą ilość pików (dwójka leżała w dziadku), a rozgrywająca nie mogła mieć czterech. Cronier, ogólnie mówiąc, miał szanse doliczyć się pięciu pików u partnerki. Odszedł jednak w trefla i kontrakt został zrealizowany.

CZYTANIE RĄK

Kolejny przykład rozgrywki, w której wskazówki z licytacji umożliwiły realizację kontraktu zademonstrował w turnieju par Vitas Vainikonis.

Po licytacji (rozdawał N, NS po partii):

West	North	East	South
Vainikonis	1♦	ktr.	2♠
pas	3♦	ktr.	Pas
3♥	4♦	pas	pas
4♥	pas...		

N zaatakował asem, królem, a następnie blotką karo. S dołożył waleta i dziesiątkę, a damę przebił szóstką atu:

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

Jak należy kontynuować po nadbiciu? Rozgrywający ściągnął dwa razy atu, które w tym momencie były już 2-2. Rozkład był jasny – S miał w tym momencie 6♠ i 2♣. Vainikonis ściągnął teraz asa i króla trefl, po czym zagrał pika do waleta. S musiał puścić, od N, zgodnie z oczekiwaniami, karo. Teraz pik do króla – S ponownie musi puścić – po zabiciu asem musiałby „nawinąć się” spod dziesiątki. W aktualnej końcówce:

♠ 6	♠ Q 9
♥ 10 9	♥ Q
♦ -	♦ -
♣ J	♣ 6

nastąpiło zagranie w trefla... N wziął na damę i musiał zagrać w podwójny renons, umożliwiając pozbycie się pika z ręki i realizację kontraktu. Oto pełny rozkład:

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



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Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	A KOWALSKI - E MISZEWSKA	60.73	69	K DUFRAT - M NOWOSADZKI	50.14
2	E KATER - T TOWNSEND	59.52	70	D BIRMAN - D BIRMAN	49.97
3	N SAADA - Y ZACK	59.13	71	T DIKHOVA - S ORLOV	49.95
4	M CANONNE - P SUSSEL	58.78	72	E BANASZKIEWICZ - F SVINDAHL	49.86
5	J SEAMON-MOLSON - J PSZCZOLA	57.59	73	R KOWALEWSKI - K TYSZKIEWICZ	49.84
6	H DHONDY - J DHONDY	56.41	74	G GOTTLIEB - B KUZSELKA	49.81
7	M SAUTAUX - R SZCZEPANSKI	56.07	75	M EGGELING - T GOTARD	49.72
8	S SUN - R YAN	55.96	76	E A GRABOWSKA - V VAINIKONIS	49.72
9	S AUKEN - N BOCCHI	55.80	77	D FORGE - V VENTOS	49.63
10	M CICHOCKI - D HOCHERER	55.60	78	V LESKELA - K VIRTANEN	49.54
11	A MADALA - C RIMSTEDT	55.15	79	C BALDYSZ - P TUSZYNSKI	49.52
12	N BEKKOUCHE - J UPMARK	55.12	80	A ARLOVICH - S BADRANKOVA	49.40
13	M STEGAROIU - B MARINA	54.95	81	M O SEN - I SUT	49.28
14	B EFRAIMSSON - A ZACK EINARSSON	54.93	82	D FISCHER - B SAURER	49.28
15	A IVANOV - S IVANOVA	54.90	83	G HAMPSON - L PEARLMAN	49.00
16	T SCEPANOVIC - N SVER	54.89	84	J F ALLIX - J NEVE	48.87
17	H McGANN - F BROWN	54.77	85	O SVOBODA - P SVOBODOVA	48.85
18	J DE BOTTON - A MALINOWSKI	54.64	86	H KHANDLWAL - R KHANDLWAL	48.85
19	E MAUBERQUEZ - V REESS	54.34	87	B CALLAGHAN - C DUCKWORTH	48.84
20	R RITMEIJER - M TICHA	54.34	88	C GOLIN - M LANZAROTTI	48.63
21	M ROMANOVSKA - K RUBINS	54.21	89	F AYDOGDU - S AKIN	48.61
22	P B NEHMERT - M YUEN	54.16	90	J MACHOTKA - N MERCAN	48.52
23	J TACZEWSKA - M TACZEWSKI	54.05	91	W KWIATKOWSKI - E MIELCARZEWICZ	48.45
24	G COHLER - I LEVITINA	53.87	92	G CAPPELLER - J CAPPELLER	48.23
25	P FREDIN - M MICHIELSEN	53.74	93	A GROMOELLER - A KIRMSE	48.17
26	A DUBININ - T PONOMAREVA	53.66	94	L GOLDBERG - U GOLDBERG	48.17
27	P ERKKILA - K KOISTINEN	53.61	95	J ROMANOWSKI - M ROSSARD	48.01
28	A GROMOV - V GROMOVA	53.60	96	P BUTRYN - N SAKOWSKA	48.00
29	A SARNIAK - L SZTYRAK	53.46	97	C GIAMPIETRO - Y YENER	47.75
30	D KAZMUCHA - C SEREK	53.35	98	C VECHIATTO - B ENGEL	47.49
31	M BALINT - C NUNES	52.65	99	M JELENIEWSKA - P LUTOSTANSKI	47.48
32	M LOEFGREN - E WEBER	52.50	100	R JUNIK - J ZIETARA	47.19
33	Y KHIUPPENEN - T TAZENKOVA	52.44	101	L MORTENSEN - J O PEDERSEN	47.18
34	M KHVEN - A GULEVICH	52.39	102	M GROMOELLER - R KUERSCHNER	47.14
35	H KLUKOWSKA - M TERPILOWSKI	52.13	103	M ALLGOWER - E OLSSON	47.12
36	T BINDERKRANTZ - T VANG-LARSEN	52.11	104	V CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - A LABAERE	47.11
37	A KOWALSKA - M TYRAN	52.10	105	C LUND - M D MORTENSEN	47.04
38	J JANSMA - A SALDZIEVA	52.08	106	S HUMPHRIES - N JACOB	47.00
39	E KONDAKCI SEN - T SEN	52.00	107	D A JACKSON - T RIGNEY	46.90
40	D LU - Y WANG	51.93	108	A ELSINEN - T ELSINEN	46.83
41	B GOTARD - T GOTARD	51.89	109	A KUPCZYK - R WACHOWIAK	46.74
42	N SANDQVIST - N SENIOR	51.81	110	G BUSSE - P BUSSE	46.69
43	B BROGELAND - T A BROGELAND	51.75	111	L FISHER - G WASSERMAN	46.69
44	S PENFOLD - B SENIOR	51.68	112	K DE RAEYMAEKER - A ONISHUK	46.64
45	T BESSIS - V BESSIS	51.48	113	B JAROTA - J ROMANIUK	46.56
46	I KHAZANOV - M LEBEDEVA	51.44	114	L MOLLE - M TER LAARE	46.41
47	T HELNESS - G HELNESS	51.43	115	S SIMANAITIENE - A TYLA	46.22
48	A K FUGLESTAD - E SAELENSMINDE	51.29	116	D GAVIARD - B PAYEN	46.21
49	F HINDEN - G OSBORNE	51.27	117	R DANCEWICZ - T WINCIOREK	46.14
50	G JANKUNAITE - G SARKANAS	51.24	118	F CAKICI - E OZTURK	45.76
51	J SMEDEREVAC - S WERNLE	51.20	119	M R SAKIRLER - U SEMERCI	45.73
52	C CURTIS - P FEGARTY	51.13	120	L SZKUDLAREK - O ZABULEWICZ	45.71
53	J ALLERTON - P LESLIE	51.10	121	P ANDERSSON - A LARSSON	45.27
54	R BOEDDEKER - F ZARKESCH	50.82	122	J MAHAFFEY - J RADIN	45.25
55	V CHEDIAK - E MORKEN	50.75	123	T KACZANOWSKI - H SWIECH	45.24
56	G HELGEMO - D B POPOVA	50.75	124	R HAUGE - A MALINOWSKI	45.23
57	J JANKOVA - M MACURA	50.70	125	P ANDREASSON - K HOLMGREN	44.92
58	M HARDING - T HANLON	50.65	126	P LEITNER - E PICHLER	44.92
59	S PETERKIN - S PUNCH	50.57	127	A HYCENAR - R WAJDOWICZ	44.72
60	E KLIDZEJA - D PROKHOROV	50.57	128	W FRUKACZ - G NASTASE	44.57
61	N FREY - J ROMBAUT	50.53	129	I GROMANN - R HELLE	44.52
62	M FAYAD - G HARFOUCHE	50.49	130	D ANGEBRANDT - B UTNER	44.28
63	G BREWIAK - G NARKIEWICZ	50.47	131	H BERGER - R HANSEN	44.21
64	S COPE - S STOCKDALE	50.44	132	M MAJ-RUDNICKA - J MOSZYNSKI JR	44.00
65	S CHAPLEAU - J MECKSTROTH	50.42	133	G BILSKI - M SOLAR	43.98
66	A BABSCH - U SCHRECKENBERGER	50.32	134	B AMBROZ - M AMBROZ	42.77
67	M WOZNIAK - E RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ	50.28	135	B ATALAY - A WITKOWSKI	41.97
68	M S LUPU - S LUPU	50.19	136	P BAHNIK - E BAHNIKOVA	41.24

MIXED PAIRS - SEMI-FINAL B

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Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	T ALUF - N KOKTEN	58.87	68	H KOWALSKA - A MAJCHER	50.31
2	P KARLYKOV - M TETYUSHEVA	58.14	69	B KAPICA - D KOZLOWSKI	50.25
3	R BARR - I HERBST	57.59	70	F McQUAKER - I SIME	50.23
4	J CZYZOWICZ - M SAWICKA	56.73	71	M AGHEMO - A BURATTI	50.22
5	H KONDOCH - M WUERMSEER	56.59	72	M KOPECKY - J REITZER	50.15
6	J O HENNEBERG - M KIRSTAN	56.41	73	T OLCZYK - L PIOTROWSKI	50.10
7	L ATALIK - S ATALIK	56.16	74	A JANKAUSKAS - J ROTOMSKIENE	50.00
8	M JANECZEK - A KASPRZAK	56.08	75	L LESZCZYNSKA - W TOMASZEK	49.91
9	R GHOSN - M HACHEM	55.88	76	E SOBOLEWSKA - M SZYMANOWSKI	49.83
10	E CAPLAN - W FRISBY	55.56	77	I KANDEMIR - S NUHOGLU	49.80
11	I CZAJKA - B SZULEJEWSKI	55.40	78	L KUZNIATSOVA - A TIMAKHOVICH	49.71
12	M ASKGAARD - C L MADSEN	55.13	79	S DISSARD - G J PAULISSEN	49.53
13	F FANTONI - I RIOLO	55.13	80	I CHAMMAA - K MARTENS	49.46
14	A KUSION - M LEPIARCZYK	54.96	81	C KRZEMIANSKI - M OSTROWSKA	49.16
15	J PHELAN - L PHELAN	54.77	82	O CAMP - A SHAMI	49.14
16	L GLAERUM - S O HOYLAND	54.35	83	A JESENICNIK - T ORAC	48.96
17	B HANDLEY-PRITCHARD - L RUSO	54.20	84	V MILMAN - N STELMASHENKO	48.95
18	L BREDE - M ROZMAN	54.15	85	H GWINNER - D LANGER	48.92
19	J YARDIMCI - H PEYRET	54.14	86	K LATOSZEWSKI - A MANDECKA	48.80
20	M CATELLANI - V BIANCHI	54.05	87	S GEORGIEV - S NENOVA	48.79
21	R PACTHMAN - R RONEN	53.79	88	L FRESEN - W VOGT	48.77
22	N LEPESHKEVICH - D YASKEVICH	53.78	89	K O SHEA - J WALSH	48.69
23	J SLAWENTA - J SLAWENTA	53.62	90	J KLIMCZAK - D KRUPNIK	48.66
24	O DLUGOSZ - J WOJCIESZEK	53.60	91	S JANIUK - Z MIKOLAJCZYK	48.55
25	S HAVLICEK - M TESLA	53.41	92	A KOWAL - J KOWAL	48.42
26	T DOBBELS - R VAN MECHELEN	53.38	93	J N HANSEN - L S HANSEN	48.33
27	K AHLESVED - C FORSBERG	53.22	94	B AUBONNET - C CARDE	48.21
28	P KARLSSON - A ROOS KARLSSON	53.02	95	S JACOB - T JACOB	48.12
29	J FENESS - K O KOPSTAD	52.97	96	D RUTTER - J RUTTER	48.11
30	E PETRYLA - N PETRYLIENE	52.95	97	B BARAGA - B RASULA	48.01
31	P MEEHAN - M RUDZINSKI	52.88	98	A KREGLEWSKA-WNUK - T WNUK	47.76
32	J JACOSZEK - P MALISZEWSKI	52.64	99	B JAKUBOWSKA - P KORECKI	47.74
33	L MARIETTI - L C PORRO	52.59	100	A SEGALOV - Z STACHNIUK	47.46
34	B FALLENIUS - L TARNOPOL	52.57	101	M WHELAN - B KEABLE	46.98
35	L IGNATOV - P MINEVA	52.37	102	S MLYNARCZUK - D ZABICKA	46.98
36	W BUZE - A JARMOCIK	52.29	103	J KULCHYCKY - B J O BRIEN	46.94
37	F VANHOUTTE - P VANHOUTTE	52.18	104	M SCHNEIDER - G SMYKALLA	46.51
38	V KHOLOMEEV - T NOKHAEVA	52.17	105	P CLAIR - C PAGNINI-ARSLAN	46.35
39	M DRUKIER - U HUSTEN	52.13	106	E NETSMAN - P NETSMAN	46.24
40	V ARONOV - A ZOBU	52.12	107	A NOVOTNA - J NOVOTNY	46.09
41	M NOSATZKI - P SAADA	52.07	108	N ANIDJAR - D BRENNER	45.94
42	B OSTROWSKI - R ZIEBICKA	52.02	109	E HOMME - M HOMME	45.92
43	M KWIECINSKA-WILK - M STEFANIUK	51.97	110	Z LASTOVICKA - V SCHULZOVA	45.82
44	A FOLKMANE - G GAIGALS	51.95	111	G LUCCHESI - R MICHELOTTI	45.80
45	D GOLD - S GROSS	51.85	112	J SIKORA - M SIKORA	45.77
46	C LUSSMANN - I LUSSMANN	51.81	113	D TOKAJ-WOJTCZUK - R WOJTCZUK	45.58
47	B DRINOVEC DRNOVSEK - M ZADEL	51.69	114	S LANE - P TAPSTER	45.51
48	M PISAK - M YILMAZ	51.59	115	M AUGUSTYN - A PESZKE	45.19
49	J KENNY - M LEWIS	51.58	116	H KRAAKENES - J STOROY	45.04
50	P KLEBANOVICH - E SHOKHAN	51.53	117	C BEARPARK - S BEARPARK	44.90
51	I BOBKO - D ZEMBRZUSKI	51.53	118	A KRZEMIANSKA - P KRZEMIANSKI	44.63
52	N ROSEN - C SEALE	51.29	119	J BALCEROWSKI - M BYSTRON	44.51
53	D BYLUND - H STROMBERG	51.02	120	B FAEHR - W STAHL	43.68
54	J ERDEOVA - J MASEK	51.02	121	T KOSTADINOV - C NALBATSKA	43.51
55	L M GRUDE - L A JOHANSEN	51.02	122	G ENGBRETSSEN - T HAUGEN	43.35
56	W HOEGER - P v MALCHUS	50.91	123	M PSILOU - N THEOTOKIS	43.00
57	L DUC - S MAGNUSSON	50.87	124	P GALAZKA - J PRZYTYCKA	42.28
58	V BATOV - M PILIPOVIC	50.83	125	A CHAUDHURI - E ENGSTROM	41.28
59	N SAYER - Z ZAHARIEV	50.78	126	A BUDAEV - S KOVTUN	40.87
60	A COLOMBARO - J DANIC	50.76	127	M ALFHEIM - M EIDE	40.83
61	D AVON - J VOLDÔIRE	50.63	128	A BUCZEK - W SIUDA	40.55
62	J SKELTON - M THEELKE	50.59	129	A REKOSIAK - L WILCZAK	40.32
63	B N OIGARDEN - S F SIMONSEN	50.56	130	M HANNAH - J LEDGER	40.20
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