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Vanishing Point



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As we reach the half way mark of the European Open Championships the teams know that time is running out if they want to progress to the knockout stages and keep alive their hopes of a European Open Bridge Title. It looks as if we will see some exciting finishes. In both groups of the Women's Teams many of the leaders still have to face each other. In the Senior event 5 teams are fighting for the four qualifying places in Group A, while in Group B no less than 8 of the nine teams still have a chance.

In the Open Teams there are still a lot of matches to play but the thing that is already noticeable is that there are some very strong teams nestling in the wrong part of the table and they will be hoping to put things right today.

Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 Open Teams Swiss (R3)
- 10.30 Women/Senior Teams (R8)
- 11.45 Open Teams Swiss (R4)
- 12.45 Women /Senior Teams (R9)
- 14.30 Open Teams Swiss (R5)
- 15.30 Women Teams (R10)
- 16.15 Open Teams Swiss (R6)
- 17.45 Women Teams (R11)
- 18.00 Open Teams Swiss (R7)
- 19.45 Captains Meeting

Captains Meetings

Please make sure you read page 18 of today's bulletin.



OPEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING - subject to confirmation

GROUP A		
	VPs	IMPs
1 NETHERLANDS J.	120	171-121
2 ANGELINI TEAM	119	168-105
3 WRANG	108	150-145
4 MOSSOP	103	138-146
5 CONSUS RED	102	152-159
6 WLKP	101	161-174
7 PA-JANS NORWAY	92	96-143
8 BLANK ROMANIA	92	92-135

GROUP B		
	VPs	IMPs
1 LAVAZZA	126	158-91
2 COLDEA	122	116-68
3 NIKOLENKOV	110	120-108
4 POLISH JUNIORS	104	112-128
5 SBS ALF	101	121-147
6 POPOVA	97	102-144
7 UELAND	95	89-132

GROUP C		
	VPs	IMPs
1 BOKADIREKT.SE	132	201-116
2 RIEHM	125	222-131
3 JOKER	117	167-124
4 ZALESKI	114	152-122
5 DUMBOVICH	103	159-164
6 VITO	87	106-167
7 KOWALEWSKI	86	120-185
8 TEMPO-KNEKTENE	71	101-219

GROUP D		
	VPs	IMPs
1 DENMARK OPEN	136	198-88
2 MONACO Z	112	196-165
3 SLOVENIA	107	190-166
4 AUSTRIA	100	138-156
5 NADAR	99	119-141
6 GODS OF WAR	98	154-183
7 TEAM LUNNA	93	147-187
8 PHARMA PLUS	89	121-183

GROUP E		
	VPs	IMPs
1 MAHAFFEY	126	159-88
2 ALLFREY	118	163-122
3 ASPE	113	173-141
4 HELLE	113	186-152
5 KANIN	113	162-126
6 KONSTANTA	96	145-181
7 OLIVER	82	110-186
8 NONAME	76	127-229

GROUP F		
	VPs	IMPs
1 MONACO A	139	205-78
2 APTEKER	126	200-123
3 EKREN	110	128-112
4 NETHERLANDS RED	107	158-148
5 MAGYAROK	99	120-141
6 WINCIOREK	89	141-188
7 MARBELLA	86	132-194
8 BC ACE OF SPADE	76	100-200

GROUP G		
	VPs	IMPs
1 TEXAN ACES	137	198-66
2 BESSIS	130	211-104
3 KRAJEWSKI ŁOWICZ	107	122-115
4 PAYEN	100	120-136
5 CAPPELLER	98	159-188
6 NYSHCHYI	96	111-138
7 UNIA WINKHAUS L.	86	110-181
8 JACOB	76	106-209

GROUP H		
	VPs	IMPs
1 SIWIK INTERTRADE M.	139	217-93
2 SHANURIN	124	179-91
3 DE BOTTON	117	184-142
4 ZORLU	115	169-130
5 CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	108	159-137
6 DK NOTUS	96	168-196
7 CHESTNUT MARE	82	96-177
8 MACCORMAC	47	72-278

GROUP I		
	VPs	IMPs
1 A.J.DIAMENT	126	218-149
2 PATANE	121	161-104
3 ISRAEL MONGOS	112	132-108
4 IRENS	109	129-112
5 ROBERTSON	105	132-136
6 SVINDAHL	97	107-135
7 OVAI	86	96-159
8 SLOVAKIA	84	98-170

GROUP J		
	VPs	IMPs
1 HUNGARY STEVE	129	217-109
2 KAMRAS	114	142-110
3 BEGIJNTJE	113	158-128
4 BILAL	108	156-144
5 OTVOSI	107	177-178
6 HAUGE	100	126-145
7 CONNECTOR	85	126-194
8 SAN MARINO	79	88-182

GROUP K		
	VPs	IMPs
1 NETHERLANDS WHITE	128	176-91
2 MIRAGE	116	158-114
3 COOREMAN BELGIUM	115	143-108
4 POLISH U20	99	156-179
5 A-MEDIA SIERADZ	97	151-178
6 TEAM BERG NORWAY	96	160-191
7 KOLATA	96	106-134
8 ALIZEE REITER	90	96-151

GROUP L		
	VPs	IMPs
1 ROSENTHAL	123	210-138
2 GREECE	121	173-115
3 KOPECKY	114	175-143
4 WHITE HOUSE	105	174-173
5 KAMIL	101	134-150
6 SKOV	96	121-150
7 ELLAS	93	122-169
8 PARTOU	85	103-174

GROUP M		
	VPs	IMPs
1 ERIKAS	131	178-89
2 DENMARK U27	124	178-113
3 VILLA FABBRICHE	110	127-112
4 HANLON	104	138-132
5 STARTS	102	145-155
6 FISH AND FRENCH	100	134-148
7 TOTAL FIZ	95	119-153
8 HARRIS	68	100-229

GROUP N		
	VPs	IMPs
1 VAINIKONIS	131	162-72
2 CHINA TRINERGY	131	185-81
3 ISRAEL	108	131-122
4 MARUPE	103	135-147
5 ALLIX	101	143-153
6 BRIDGE PLUS	99	113-133
7 DYNOS	90	135-184
8 DENMARK U25	74	114-226

GROUP O		
	VPs	IMPs
1 LAZY	124	189-123
2 CONSUS	114	165-128
3 ANAVA	112	151-120
4 CRONIER	110	139-121
5 DONBASS	108	138-122
6 NETHERLANDS BLUE	104	165-163
7 MPE	82	119-206
8 LA BOMBA	82	127-210

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING AFTER 7 ROUNDS

GROUP A

		VPs	IMPs
1	CRONIER	144	289-135
2	ITALIA	130	217-112
3	GERMAN LADIES	122	221-153
4	CBC MILANO	118	218-147
5	POLAND CONNECTOR GIRLS	110	210-183
6	KAPADOKYA	108	176-164
7	SEALE	101	213-227
8	BONSIST	91	177-229
9	BULGARIAN LADIES	88	168-227
10	SOMBRA E AGUA FRESCA	82	182-271
11	WHELAN	80	171-270
12	MANO	74	135-259

GROUP B

		VPs	IMPs
1	POLAND	136	253-134
2	NETHERLANDS WOMEN 1	134	225-114
3	PENDER	127	283-145
4	JOEL	120	213-129
5	SABARIAN	119	199-145
6	SWENOR	115	228-182
7	JAZZ	111	185-164
8	BADRANKOVA	102	162-175
9	SAN MARINO	84	206-276
10	BOSPHORUS	69	128-299
11	DENMARK	67	157-297
12	NETHERLANDS WOMEN 2	59	86-265

SENIOR TEAMS RANKING AFTER 7 ROUNDS

GROUP A

		VPs	IMPs
1	KUTNER	126	193-128
2	ITALIA	123	188-99
3	GRENTHE	123	164-112
4	TEAM MARKOWICZ	122	181-123
5	ENERGETYK	115	162-133
6	McGOWAN	98	135-174
7	GERMANY	94	101-151
8	BURAKOWSKI	81	81-181
9	RAIOLA	78	136-240

GROUP B

		VPs	IMPs
1	POL-CH	122	148-96
2	MIROGLIO	121	214-143
3	PHARON	113	106-101
4	IFF	112	180-165
5	NETHERLANDS SENIORS	108	149-143
6	WOJEWODA	106	167-143
7	ESTONIA	101	162-186
8	NO STRESS	100	150-181
9	GORACO	75	130-248

Just the Facts

Sabine Auken



Date of Birth: 04/01/1965

Place of Birth: Bamberg, Germany

Place of Residence: Copenhagen, Denmark

What is your favourite colour?

It depends on the shoes I am wearing

What kind of food makes you happy?

The one that makes my guests smile

And what drink?

Champagne

Who is your favourite author?

Agatha Christie

All time favourite movie?

Shawshank Redemption

Do you have a favourite actor?

Johnny Depp

Actress?

Katherine Hepburn

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Whatever my sons are listening to, at the moment John Mayer, James Blunt and Bruno Mars

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Christo. I wish I could learn his wrapping technique

What do you see as your best ever result?

Whenever my sons score at basketball

Do you have a favourite hand?

The only one I will remember for ever is playing in 4♣ doubled in a 2-1 fit at my first Venice Cup

Who is your favourite bridge player?

Zia Mahmood

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?

How to Read Your Opponents Cards

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Poland

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?

Complaining

What is it you dislike in a person?

Narrowmindedness

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

I never take my cards out first

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?

A genie in a bottle

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Lisbeth Salander, Hercule Poirot, Winston Churchill

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Singing

What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

Any rule that doesn't strive to restore equity, e.g. the revoke rule or having misheard what card was played from dummy

OPEN TEAMS RANKING SWISS A - after 2 rounds

1	LAVAZZA	49	24	BOKADIREKT.SE	31
2	MONACO A	47	25	ANGELINI TEAM	30
3	PATANE	46	26	KANIN	29
4	KOPECKY	42	27	HUNGARY STEVE	29
5	MONACO Z	42	28	DENMARK U27	27
6	A.J.DIAMENT	40	29	MIRAGE	27
7	SHANURIN	39	30	TEXAN ACES	27
8	KAMRAS	39	31	KRAJEWSKI ŁOWICZ	26
9	DENMARK OPEN	39	32	DE BOTTON	25
10	ISRAEL	38	33	SIWIK INTERTRADE MRAGOWO	25
11	WRANG	38	34	RIEHM	24
12	CONSUS	38	35	CHINA TRINERGY	23
13	VAINIKONIS	38	36	JOKER	23
14	MAHAFFEY	38	37	ANAVA	22
15	APTEKER	37	38	GREECE	22
16	BEGIJNTJE	37	39	SLOVENIA	22
17	NETHERLANDS WHITE	36	40	NIKOLENKOV	22
18	COOREMAN BELGIUM	35	41	NETHERLANDS JUNIORS	22
19	ISRAEL MONGOS	35	42	EKREN	21
20	BESSIS	34	43	LAZY	21
21	COLDEA	33	44	VILLA FABBRICHE	14
22	ROSENTHAL	33	45	ALLFREY	14
23	ERIKAS	33	46	ZALESKI	13

OPEN TEAMS RANKING SWISS B - after 2 rounds

1	UNIA WINKHAUS LESZNO	50	38	CAPPELLER	29
2	OTVOSI	48	39	ROBERTSON	29
3	NETHERLANDS RED	46	40	BRIDGE PLUS	29
4	KONSTANTA	46	41	BC ACE OF SPADE	29
5	ZORLU	44	42	HELLE	29
6	OVAI	42	43	HANLON	28
7	PARTOU	41	44	DK NOTUS	28
8	NONAME	41	45	AUSTRIA	28
9	MPE	40	46	TOTAL FIZ	27
10	IRENS	39	47	NADAR	26
11	VITO	39	48	JACOB	26
12	ELLAS	39	49	GODS OF WAR	26
13	NETHERLANDS BLUE	39	50	ASPE	26
14	UELAND	38	51	KOWALEWSKI	25
15	POLISH U20	38	52	ALIZEE REITER	25
16	FISH AND FRENCH	38	53	SAN MARINO	25
17	KOLATA	37	54	CHESTNUT MARE	24
18	SKOV	36	55	DONBASS	23
19	DENMARK U25	36	56	CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	22
20	WHITE HOUSE	36	57	WINCIOREK	22
21	SLOVAKIA	36	58	OLIVER	22
22	BLANK ROMANIA	35	59	PHARMA PLUS	22
23	TEAM LUNNA	35	60	MOSSOP	21
24	NYSHCHYI	34	61	BILAL	20
25	MAGYAROK	33	62	CRONIER	20
26	MACCORMAC	33	63	HAUGE	20
27	DYNOS	33	64	CONNECTOR	18
28	LA BOMBA	33	65	A-MEDIA SIERADZ	18
29	WLKP	32	66	DUMBOVICH	18
30	POPOVA	32	67	TEAM BERG NORWAY	17
31	KAMIL	32	68	SCHUMAN	17
32	PAYEN	31	69	POLISH JUNIORS	17
33	HARRIS	31	70	SVINDAHL	16
34	SBS ALF	31	71	PA-JANS NORWAY	16
35	STARTS	30	72	MARUPE	15
36	ALLIX	30	73	CONSUS RED	13
37	TEMPO-KNEKTENE	30			

Gaining momentum

by Brent Manley

In the third round of the Open Teams round-robin qualifying, the American Jim Mahaffey squad faced a Polish team playing as Aspe. The result was 31-5 for Mahaffey, and these two boards contributed to the final score.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 7 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ K Q 9 8 5</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> W </div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ A 9 8 ♥ A K J 3 ♦ K Q 5 3 ♣ 6 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 5 ♥ Q 9 8 7 ♦ 10 9 7 4 2 ♣ J 7</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Jarosz</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Klimacki</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
	2♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ is Precision, 1♦ negative.

Ireniesz Jarosz led the ♥4 (low from worthless doubletons), taken by Jeff Meckstroth with the ace in dummy. He played a low diamond to his jack and West's ace. West continued with the ♣K, taken by Meckstroth with the ace, and he played a spade to dummy's 8 and East's queen. When East played the ♣J, West made the curious play of overtaking with the ♣Q, setting up Meckstroth's 10. All would have been well had West continued clubs, but he went back to hearts. Meckstroth, won the heart continuation with the king, pitched his third heart on the ♦K, then ruffed a diamond to hand to run the ♠10. When it held and the suit split, he was home, pitching his low club on the ♦Q. That was plus 620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Krzeminski</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Szczepanski</i>
	INT	Pass	2♥
	Pass	Pass	3♥
	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Cezary Krzeminski's 3♣ obviously showed a good hand for spades and, most likely, a doubleton club. That information helped Gary Cohler get off to the lead of the ♣J. Declarer won the ace and played the ♦J, ducked by Mahaffey. This was good news and bad news for declarer. Good: it

looked as though he had no diamond loser. Bad: he had only one diamond winner.

After the ♦J held, declarer played a club from dummy. Mahaffey won the ♣9 and played the ♥5, taken by North with the ace. He then ruffed a diamond and played a club from dummy, ruffing with the 9. East overruffed with the queen and played a heart to declarer's jack. The ♠A was followed by a diamond ruff, dropping the ace, and a club ruff. East could not overruff, but declarer still could not come to 10 tricks. When he tried to cash the ♥K, West could ruff with the ♠7 and still had the trump king for the setting trick.

This deal did not produce a ton of IMPs, but it did create some fireworks.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q ♥ A J 10 7 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 ♣ K 8 7</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> W </div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ A 10 3 2 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ K Q 8 5 3 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ J 10 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Jarosz</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Klimacki</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
		Pass	2♠
	Dbl	2NT	3♥
	4♥	4♠	Pass
	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

West led the ♥A and continued with the jack, ruffed by Meckstroth. He played a club to dummy's queen, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club. Next came the ♠K and a spade to the ace. A diamond to the king lost, but there were no other tricks for the defense – plus 990 for Mahaffey.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Krzeminski</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Szczepanski</i>
		Pass	2♦*
	Dbl	4♦	4♥
	5♥	5♠	Pass
	Dbl	All Pass	Pass


The defenders took the same two tricks, but without the overtrick, the score of plus 850 was still a 4-IMP loss.

Mahaffey v. Allfrey

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The fifth round of the Open Teams Qualifier saw group leader Mahaffey of the USA meet the England squad led by Alexander Allfrey. BBO was down for the match so your intrepid reporter approached Eric Rodwell for a couple of hands. Needless to say he gave two where the opponents had done well against him. Here are the details:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	2♥	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Robson</i>
Pass	2♥	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

The auctions were similar except that Forrester, East, with the INT opening (14-16) acted at once over Two Hearts from North, in effect showing his short heart holding with the takeout double. Both Wests bid 2NT to seek a minor-suit fit so East-West found the club fit without knowing it was good enough to produce ten tricks. The advantage was that they had pushed North-South to a defeatable 3♥.


Both Forrester and Cohler found a top club lead followed by the necessary low spade switch. (Forrester's ace lead asked for reverse attitude and Gold's nine not only discouraged but implied a spade switch; oddly, one supposes the same would have happened on the king lead for reverse count!) Well done anyway to both Easts.

Declarer duly won and led a trump taken by West's ace. But now the play differed. David Gold continued with a

second spade and received a ruff to defeat the partscore, whereas at the other table West tried to enjoy a second club trick first, allowing declarer to ruff and draw trumps. So this was 5 IMPs to Allfrey.

One useful attribute of a pre-empt is to suggest the opening lead. It is unusual to have a choice of suits in which to pre-empt but both Wests made the same decision here:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
3♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	6♠	4♦	Dbl
		All Pass	
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Robson</i>
3♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	5♠	4♦	5♣
All Pass		Pass	6♠

Both Wests, at favourable vulnerability in third seat, opted to open at the three level on a five-card suit. A diamond lead from East duly sank the contract for a flat board. Declarer can win, lay down two trumps, and overtake the club to dispose of the diamond losers in time, but East must still make his trump trick and a heart trick.

Despite the small loss on these two boards Mahaffey emerged the winner of the match 25-15 or 18-12 in VPs. However there is more to say about the second deal.

Six Spades on a high heart lead is a fascinating double-dummy problem. Would you play or defend from then on?

Laying down two top trumps and overtaking the club does not work because East ruffs the third round and exits with a diamond. Declarer has an entry to dummy but insufficient club winners (West has a club guard) to ditch all his losers.

What if declarer cashes only one high trump, unblocks the club queen, and then plays a low trump! If East wins the



Gary Cohler, USA

slam is home. Declarer has the entry to draw the last trump and enjoy four more club winners.

But wait a moment. What if East finds the most unusual play of NOT taking his queen of trumps? Declarer can win the ten of spades and start on the clubs. If declarer plays three rounds, his diamonds have gone, but East ruffs and exits with a diamond. Declarer's trump suit is blocked! He has only the five in dummy and nothing smaller in hand. He cannot reach the clubs without conceding a heart.

The same duck succeeds ofcourse, if North leads the ♠J at trick four. East ducks, declarer advances the ♥10..., and East wins and plays back a heart while there is still a trump outstanding.

BOMBS AWAY!

by Patrick Jourdain

The Dutch Bridge Federation fields six teams in Poznan. Three members of the Girls team, practicing for the Youth Championships next month in Albena, arrived with just two hours to spare before play began. Their train to Poznan had been delayed for four hours in Arnhem due to a bomb scare.

All the passengers had to disembark and the train rapidly departed for a search. Four hours later the same train re-appeared with the belongings some passengers had left behind.

"What was found?", asked the girls of the attendant. "Only drugs!" was the not-particularly-re-assuring answer. Though, of course, nothing to do with the bridge-players, we hasten to add. Anyway, in the interests of reaching Poznan in time, they re-embarked and made the trip safely.

Cute & Clever

by Jan van Cleeff

When two world-class players independently from one another draw your attention to the same board, there may be something to this deal.

Mixed Pairs Semi-Final, session 5

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Heini Berger from Austria explained to me how one should play 3NT as East after North has opened 2NT, weak-with-minors. Of course that type of opening bid is the standard nowadays and naturally the first trick consists of the ♦J ducked round to the queen. Declarer simply unblocks hearts, crosses to dummy in clubs and strip-squeezes North by cashing the remaining two hearts. Eventually North will be endplayed in diamonds or has to give up his club guard. Cute.

At the table of Gert-Jan Paulissen, member of Dutch Team Orange, again North opened 2NT, East doubled and when South tried to escape bidding 3♣, Paulissen (West) competed with 3♥ and of course was raised to game one second later.

Against 4♥ North cashed his two top diamonds and continued with a third diamond. South ruffed with the six, overruffed by declarer. Paulissen played his trump ace and king and tried a low spade from dummy. By now he was certain that North had a void in spades (six diamonds, five clubs and two hearts) so he hoped that South would follow with a sleepy four or five enabling him to win with the six. That way declarer could park his club loser on the fourth spade. Not so. South was alert and inserted the ♠7, won by declarer with the jack.

At this point Gert-Jan Paulissen cashed the ♣K and ace, played a spade to the king and claimed. South with only spades left was obliged to duck, otherwise she had to return a spade into the tenace. It didn't help the defence because Paulissen exited with a third club to North, who was forced to concede a ruff and sluff. Clever.

Poznan Attractions

If you feel like taking a break from bridge and would like to see the sights of Poznan, there are many to consider.

A local guide, Tomasz Brzezicha, has several recommendations. If you want to ask him about them, his email is brezeza1@wp.pl.

Here are some highlights recommended by Tomasz:



Old Market Square, with many shops and restaurants – not to mention history. It has been in existence since 1253.

The Imperial District, featuring many historical buildings with architecture from the days when Prussia ruled.

The Museum of Musical Instruments, with the largest collection in Europe. Includes instruments from all over the world along with an open-air stage.

A building with the curious name of Former Jesuit College, which is now home to the municipal authorities. In 1806, Napoleon Bonaparte lived there briefly, and it was the site of performances by the legendary Frederic Chopin.

Stary Browar (Old Brewery) Culture and Arts Centre, with 130,000 square meters of offices and shopping.



Malta Lake, a vast complex with an artificial ski slope, an ice rink, zoological garden, bike rentals and many opportunities for outdoor activities.

Civic Hospitality



Members of the EBL Executive and other distinguished visitors were guests of the Mayor of Poznan, Ryszard Grobelny and the Deputy Mayor Stawomir Hinc yesterday at the Former Jesuit College (Kolegium Jezuickie) which is home to the municipal authorities. It was founded in Poznan in the late 16th century.



Deputy Mayor, Stawomir Hinc and Polish Bridge Union President Radek Kielbasinski

In a delightful speech of welcome the Deputy Mayor informed everyone that Napoleon Bonaparte lived there in 1806, during a period sandwiched between victorious campaigns against the Prussian and Russian empires respectively. The room in which the reception took place was received was used by Napoleon as his campaign office. It also hosted a concert given by Chopin, and still contains a bust of the famous Polish composer.

After speeches of welcome various mementoes were presented by the Deputy Mayor, the President of the EBL, Yves Aubry, and the President of the PBU, Radek Kielbasinski.



EBL President Yves Aubry and the Director of Sports, Dr. Ewa Bak

Playing the Knave

by Mark Horton

As early as the mid-16th Century the card was known in English decks as the knave (meaning a male servant of royalty as opposed to the more common interpretation of an unprincipled crafty person). It became jack in 1864 when Samuel Hart, an English cardmaker, published a deck using J instead of Kn for the lowest court card. The knave had been called a jack as part of the terminology of All-Fours since the 17th century, but this was not common usage because the word was considered vulgar. However, because the card abbreviation for knave was so close to that of the king, it was very easy to confuse them, especially after suits and rankings were moved to the corners of the card in order to enable people to fan them in one hand and still see all the values. The earliest known deck to place suits and rankings in the corner of the card is from 1693, but these cards did not become common until after 1864 when Hart reintroduced them along with the knave-to-jack change. However, books of card games published in the third quarter of the 19th century evidently still referred to the "knave", and the term with this definition is still recognized in the UK. (Note the exclamation by Estella in Charles Dickens's novel *Great Expectations*: "He calls the knaves, jacks, this boy!")

On this deal from the opening round of the Open Teams, one of the jacks had a significant role to play, but I doubt that anyone realized it at the time.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The vast majority of the field will have reached four hearts on the North/South cards, sometimes with a free run, sometimes with East having mentioned spades.

Let's assume that North is declarer and East leads the queen of diamonds.

Declarer wins in hand and runs the ten of hearts, East discarding a spade. Two more rounds take care of West's trumps and East will no doubt discard a second spade and a club (clearly he can't afford a diamond). These cards remain:

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

Now declarer should play a club. If East plays low declarer puts up the queen (blocking the suit so that East must win the next club) and West wins and switches to a spade, ducked to East's ten. (Declarer can also win, cash the king of diamonds, ruff a diamond and come to hand with a trump, catching East in a type of throw-in squeeze, but ducking is perhaps more natural).

Declarer wins the diamond return and exits with a club, ruffs the diamond and then plays two rounds of trumps, squeezing East in spades and diamonds.

If East puts in the jack of clubs, declarer must not make the mistake of covering, as then West wins and switches to a spade. East wins with the jack and exits with a diamond. If declarer covers, West can win the club exit with the ten and play a second spade breaking up the squeeze. Instead, he ducks and if West overtakes, the same ending as above will be reached.

If we go back to the previous diagram it is clear that East must discard a club and we have seen that a low card does not work. As it is important for West to be able to win clubs and push spades through declarer, perhaps East does better to make the spectacular discard of the king of clubs?

Declarer plays a club and puts in the eight, West winning with the nine and switching to a spade. Declarer ducks the ten (this time an essential play) wins the diamond return, ruffs a diamond, plays a spade to the ace and exits with the queen of clubs, forcing West to win and provide a ruff and discard.

So, is the contract unbeatable?

Not quite. East must match my headline and discard the knave of clubs!

Now when declarer plays a club, ducking in dummy, West wins as cheaply as possible, and exits with a spade. East wins and plays a diamond. Declarer wins and plays the queen of clubs. If East were forced to win this the squeeze we saw earlier would materialize, but here West can win and plays a spade, breaking up the position.

(Note to self: I must ask Eric if this is an entry unblocking concession play!)

Open Teams Round Robin, round 4

by Jos Jacobs

On this board from the Lavazza v. Polish Juniors match, the Polish Juniors got a big swing when their opponents failed to double the final contract.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Tokay</i>
1♦	5♣	Pass	Pass
		5♦	All Pass

As they say, together N/S had a double. Down three, Lavazza a mere +150.

Please note that it was West's light opening bid in third position that caused the N/S problem.



Jon Baldursson, Iceland

In the other room, the Poles had a free run:

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Semeta</i>	<i>Butryn</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
2NT	3NT	All Pass	INT

2NT was a good spade raise but North knew that any serious spade stop would do and thus could bid 3NT with confidence. Polish Juniors +630 when the diamond switch was not found in time.

Later on in the round, we saw some examples of fine declarer play on the board below:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♠	2♣	Pass
Dbl	4♠	All Pass	2♠

East led a heart to dummy's ace and a club was called for. West jumped in with the ace and continued the suit, though a diamond shift looks distinctly better. Declarer ruffed high, crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed another club high. Next came the ♥K and a heart ruffed high in hand, followed by another trump to dummy and the 4th club on which declarer simply pitched a diamond.

East was nicely endplayed. Well done, Mahaffey +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Brekka</i>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

Kvangraven opened 4♠ and played there. East led a club to West's ace and West did indeed return a diamond. As

there had been no interference, declarer put up the king but East took his ace and returned the jack. If West had overtaken this to give his partner a ruff, the contract would have been one down, of course, but this defence looks impossible to find. When the $\diamond J$ held, the rest was a matter of technique for Kvangraven. He ruffed the club continuation, drew trumps ending in dummy, ruffed another club and played off all his trumps, thus creating a perfect double squeeze on EW. East had to hold on to his last club and West to his last diamond, so neither could guard the hearts. Well done at this table too and no swing.

Board 8 was a grand slam bid at not many tables. Here are a few good auctions from some random pairs who did get there.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ J				
	♥ A Q J 9 4 3 2				
	♦ 8 6				
	♣ A Q 6				
♠ K 10 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 8 3
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 8 7		♥ 5			
♦ Q J 5 2		♦ K 9 7 4 3			
♣ 10 9 8 7		♣ J 5 4 2			
	♠ A 9 7 6 5 4				
	♥ K 10 6				
	♦ A 10				
	♣ K 3				

West	North	East	South
<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>Tokay</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

Once Baldursson got the info about the 3 keycards and the $\clubsuit K$, he could immediately bid the grand.

Well done.

West	North	East	South
<i>Purkarthofer</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Fucik</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

A completely different approach by the strong Norwegian pair but nothing wrong with this fully natural auction either. When Helness could go straight to six after Helgemo's two minor suit cuebids, he apparently did not worry too much about spades. In that case, the grand had to be a very good proposition indeed – and so it proved. Well done.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Gotard jr</i>		<i>Gotard sr</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

Father and son Gotard produced a more artificial but certainly no less effective auction.

Two Clubs showed 10+ hcp and at least three hearts. Three Spades showed 6+ hearts, 15-18 hcp and a singleton somewhere. Four Hearts over the 3NT relay confirmed a singleton spade. 4NT was RKC and bidding the grand was just a matter of card evaluation. North would have held the $\diamond K$ had he not been dealt a seventh heart. Well done.

Over now to even more imaginative matters. How would declarer have gone down in 3NT on the board below?

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 9 7 6				
	♥ 7				
	♦ 10 9 8 5 4				
	♣ 10 9 8 2				
♠ Q J 10 8 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 4
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A 4		♥ Q J 9 8 3 2			
♦ A 6 3		♦ Q 2			
♣ A 7 3		♣ Q J 6			
	♠ K 5 3				
	♥ K 10 6 5				
	♦ K J 7				
	♣ K 5 4				

There obviously is no legitimate way to go down but at one table, South led the $\diamond K$ and declarer immediately won it...as soon as South regained the lead, he continued the $\diamond J$ and that was it!



Tor Helness, Norway

Open Teams Round Robin, round 6

by Jos Jacobs

The first board of this round produced the widest range of results I have seen for a long time:

Bessis v. Unia Winkhaus

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Zawislak</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Krupowicz</i>	<i>M Bessis</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♣	4♦	5♣
Dbl	All Pass		

On this auction, guessing the ♠Q was no problem for declarer: Bessis +750.

At the other table, clubs never entered the scene:

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Olech</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Poletyło</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	All Pass

Remarkably the Poles sold out to 4♥, which was made in comfort too when South led a trump...
Bessis another +420 and 15 IMPs.

In the Mahaffey v. Helle match, Meckwell also allowed the Bulgarians to play in 4♥:

West	North	East	South
<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Meckstroth too led a trump, so declarer quickly registered +420 here as well.

WestNorth	East	South	
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Helle</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bryant</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♣	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

More action in the other room, where Bryant found a double and led a club, leaving it to declarer to solve the trump problem. When Pszczola finessed South for the queen, no doubt in view of his double, he suddenly found himself one down. 11 IMPs to Helle.

Netherlands Red had to play Apteker, a match which at the time it was played might well and in fact did decide which of the two was to move into the Swiss A. Both teams had taken well-placed after five rounds.

West	North	East	South
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	3♣	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

For the Dutch, North was on lead after the leaping Michaels overcall. His diamond lead meant a quick two down: ♦A, ruff, ♣A, ruff, ♠A. Netherlands Red +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A trump lead again, so +420 to the Dutch and 11 IMPs gained.

Finally, the Zaleski v. Bokadirekt.se match:

West	North	East	South
<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Intonti</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♥	4♦	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

This proved to be a good save after all as 4♠ is an easy make, as they showed at the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Gustawsson</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♥	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Declarer, Sweden's Tommy Gustawsson, won the diamond lead with his ace and, in view of the double, immediately ran the ♠J. When this held, he could draw the remaining trumps for no loser and cash 7 club tricks later for the unlikely variant of a well-known number: +1390.

This was worth 15 IMPs to Bokadirekt.se

Two boards later, a few declarers ran into trouble on what looked a routine 4♥:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Bessis v. Unia Winkhaus:

West	North	East	South
<i>Zawislak</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Krupowicz</i>	<i>M Bessis</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

West led the ♠Q which held, and exited with a trump. Michel Bessis simply put up the queen and ran dummy's ♦J, West winning. A trump came back which declarer won in hand. He then made the careful play of immediately ruffing a diamond in dummy before returning to his hand with the ♣A to draw trumps and enjoy the diamonds. Bessis +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Olech</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Poletyło</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♦

Here, West led the ♣Q which declarer won performe. Two rounds of trumps followed, ending in hand, and now declarer led a low diamond to dummy's jack. West won the king and returned a club, declarer ruffing. Declarer next drew the last trump, obviously hoping for either the diamonds to break 4-3 or the ♠A to be well placed. When neither was the case, he had to accept one down. Bessis +100 and another 12 IMPs to them.

Mahaffey v. Helle:

West	North	East	South
<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

After the Strong Club, 1♦ was negative and 2♦ showed a heart raise. Playing along the same lines as Michel Bessis, Meckstroth easily made 10 tricks. Mahaffey +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Helle</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bryant</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♦


At the other table, it seems as if declarer was the victim of an optical illusion. He won the club lead and immediately played a diamond to the jack, which won the trick when Lev cleverly did not bother to win it. Rather than drawing trumps and ruffing a diamond low in dummy, he drew only two rounds of trumps and then ran the ♦Q successfully through West. When East was able to overruff the 3rd diamond, the contract suddenly was one down when the ♠A was wrong...so Mahaffey another +100 and 12 IMPs to them as well.

Bessis even managed to create a big swing out of an innocent-enough looking deal:



Michel Bessis, France

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Zawislak</i>	North <i>T Bessis</i>	East <i>Krupowicz</i>	South <i>M Bessis</i>
	INT	Dbl	3NT
All Pass			

The double showed a major-minor two-suiter and East led the ♣K after which North cashed his nine top tricks. Bessis +400.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Olech</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Poletylo</i>
	INT	2♥	Dbl
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	5♦
Dbl	All Pass		




Josef Piekarek, Germany

When South was the declarer, the only thing Smirnov had to do was to make his own natural lead. When Piekarek could ruff the ♠Q and return the ♣K, declarer had no time to dispose of the club loser before losing to the ♥A. So a rather unexpected +100 more to Bessis: 11 IMPs to them.

The next two boards feature the Netherlands Red v. Apteker match:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Delmonte</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Bach</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
			Pass
1♠	2♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

Taking the insurance against 4♠ generally is a sensible idea but on this deal, 4♠ would probably have gone down. When the defenders cashed their two black aces but then continued a spade rather than a club, an undertrick disappeared so the contract was just one down: Apteker +50.

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Gower</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Apteker</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♥	Dbl	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

One Club was strong and East's double showed spades. North led the ♠Q and declarer cashed his two top spades before advancing the ♦J. North ducked, dummy put up the king and declarer ran home, losing only the ♣K. Netherlands Red +420 and 10 IMPs to them rather than losing 3.

And more IMPs for them one board later:

Souvenir Cards

The cards that you have been playing with are now for sale at Jannersten's sales stand (next to the coffee bar).

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 4 ♥ A K 4 ♦ K J 5 3 2 ♣ A J 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K Q ♥ 9 6 5 2 ♦ Q ♣ 10 6 5 4 3	
♠ 3 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ K Q 8 7		♠ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♥ Q J 8 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ 9	

West	North	East	South
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

A routine game for NS in which declarer could hardly avoid losing three trump tricks. Netherlands Red +420.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Dbl	2♦	3♣	3♥
Pass	4♥	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



Sam Lev, USA

3♥ was Smolen, showing four hearts and 5+ spades. One always wonders if there is a link between the NS auction on this board and their score on the previous board. The Dutch were polite enough not to double but five down still gave them +500 and a swing of 14 IMPs.

The Apteker team got a fine revenge on the next board:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 8 5 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ 10 7 4 ♣ A 9 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 10 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A K Q J 8 6 2 ♣ 7 2	
♠ A K 7 3 ♥ K 10 8 7 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ K 10		♠ 9 6 4 2 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ 5 ♣ Q J 8 6 3	

In the Mahaffey v. Helle match, Stamatov, East for Helle, opened 3NT in 2nd seat and played there. When South led the ♣J, he thus was quickly two down.

Bach for Apteker would have suffered the same fate as he too opened 3NT but his partner Ishmael Delmonte came to the rescue. He bid 5♦, a contract that proved unbeatable if played by West! Very well done and +600 for Apteker.

In the Closed Room of their match, Muller for Netherlands Red also opened 3NT and De Wijs left it there. So Muller quickly was two down as well and Apteker had gained 13 IMPs.

Mahaffey also gained a 13-IMP swing as this was their bidding at the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Helle</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bryant</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West was even better than 5♦. Ten tricks, +630 to Mahaffey.

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Making the cut

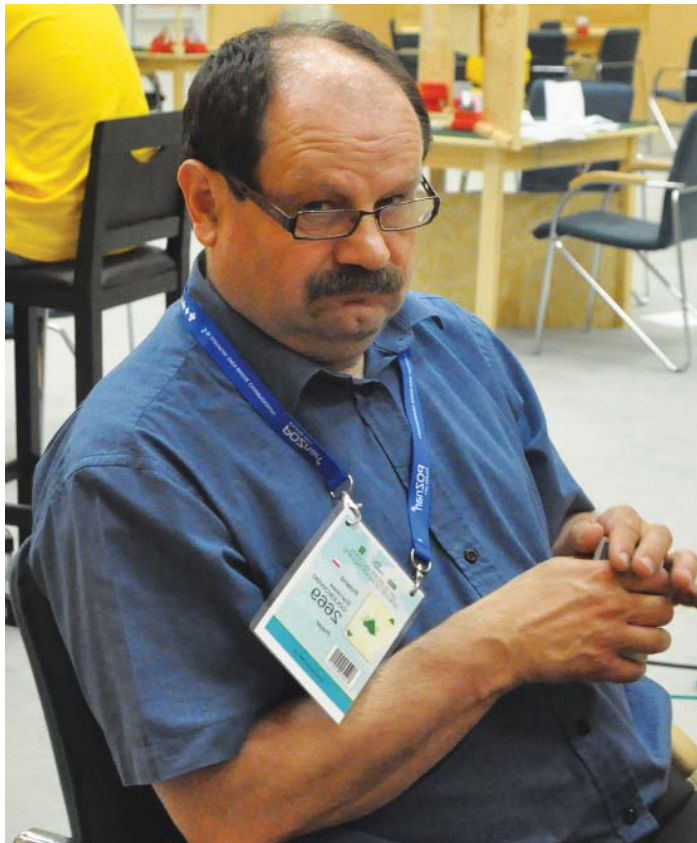
by Brent Manley

In their final round-robin match in the Open Teams, the Jim Mahaffey squad squared off against the Polish team Konstanta. It was a hard-fought match that ended with Mahaffey the winner 18-12. As Mahaffey was leading their group, they comfortably made the next stage of the competition, the Swiss teams (top three teams from each group plus the best fourth-place team for a total of 46 squads).

This deal put Mahaffey ahead 2-0.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Stanislaw Golebiowski, Poland

West <i>Rodak</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Witek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Adam Rodak started with the ♦9, taken by Meckstroth with the ace. He played a club to dummy's king and returned to hand with the ♦Q. He cashed the ♣A and played a heart to dummy's ace. The ♦K revealed the favourable split, and on the run of the diamonds Marek Witek tossed his two heart honors. Meckstroth was soon claiming 11 tricks for plus 460.

Sam Lev and Jacek Pszczola were not so friendly with their discards in defense of the same contract, so Wlodzimierz Starkowski managed only nine tricks for plus 400.

The Polish team took the lead on the next deal, however.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West <i>Rodak</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Witek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Meckstroth had little trouble getting to eight tricks for plus 110. His teammates didn't do as well.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Golebiowski</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>Starkowski</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Redbl	2♣	All Pass

Starkowski led a heart to North's 10 for a switch to a low club, taken in dummy with the jack. The ♥K went to North's ace, and another trump came back to the 9 and king. Pszczola played a diamond to his ace and ruffed a heart, but when he tried to cash the ♦K, North ruffed. Pszczola had one more trick coming – the trump ace – for

two down, minus 200 and 3 IMPs to Konstanta.

On the next deal, both pairs bid to a 6♣ contract that basically hinged on a trump finesse, which failed.

Another slam deal produced a big gain for Mahaffey.

Board.6 Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Rodak</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Witek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		2♠	Dbl
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Dbl	All Pass		

The fact that West doubled nearly guaranteed that East would not find the killing lead – a spade to partner’s ace for a club return. East started with the ♦3, the significance of which was not lost on Eric Rodwell, who was declaring the doubled slam. He considered his play at trick for some time before selecting the ace, followed by a heart to the 9 and another heart to dummy’s ace. That was followed by a club to the 9, East showing out, and Rodwell was soon chalking up plus 1310 for the overtrick.



Mark Witek, Poland

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Golebiowski</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>Starkowski</i>
		2♠	3♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	Dbl	All Pass

Sam Lev started with the ♠A and switched accurately to a low club. Starkowski inserted the ♣10 without much hope, helplessly following suit as Pszczola ruffed. Plus 100 helped the Mahaffey team to a 16-IMP swing.

The score was 18-5 in Mahaffey’s favour when the final deal came along.

Board 10. Dealer East Both Vul.

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

West <i>Rodak</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Witek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		INT	All Pass

Meckstroth started with the ♣8, ducked to Rodwell’s jack. A low diamond went to the queen and king, and Rodwell won the diamond continuation with the ace and cleared the suit with a third round. Witek then played the ♥A and ♥J, ducked by Meckstroth, who won the third round and continued with the ♣10. Witek went up with the ace and cashed his winners for plus 90.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Golebiowski</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>Starkowski</i>
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

On the lie of the cards, this was a wretched contract. Starkowski duplicated the opening lead in the other room, starting with the ♣8, also ducked to North’s jack. The spade switch went to declarer’s ace. A club to the ace was followed by a trump finesse, losing. Pszczola took the heart return in dummy, then played a spade to the 10 and queen, winning the trump return with the queen. He ruffed a club in hand, then threw the ♣Q on dummy’s ♠J, but he still had to lose two diamond tricks for minus 200 and a 7-IMP loss.

Teams Qualifier

by Barry Rigal

Lukasz Brede and Wojciech Strzemecki for Team Connector produced two elegant results – one in the bidding one in the play – during the qualifying rounds.

Round 1

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 9 7 6 5 ♥ J 7 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ A Q 3		
♠ A 10 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A K 5 4 3 ♣ K J 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 8 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ J 8 ♣ 10 9 8 5 2	
	♠ 4 3 2 ♥ K Q 9 6 3 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ 7 4		
West Dbl 3NT	North Pass Rdbl All Pass	East Pass 3♣	South 2♦(Multi) Pass

Strzemecki led the heart jack against 3NT and Brede overtook in the hopes that West would duck. Cautiously West played low so Brede shifted to a spade. Declarer won in hand and advanced the club jack, ducked, then the club king covered by the ace for a second spade back.

North won the next club and exited with his last heart, reducing West down to just his five diamonds and a losing heart. Declarer's last six cards were five diamonds and a heart and he could do no better than lead a diamond to dummy hoping the queen was with North. Brede took his trick and cashed out the hearts for three down – and a 5 IMP gain since 3NT went one down in the other room.

Just for the record, declarer should have played a diamond to his jack after the jack held. Now he gets four diamonds and three spades and one trick in each of the other suits.

Round 4

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ J ♥ A Q J 9 4 3 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A Q 6		
♠ K 10 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q J 5 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 5 ♦ K 9 7 4 3 ♣ J 5 4 2	
	♠ A 9 7 6 5 4 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 3		

West	North <i>Strzemecki</i>	East	South <i>Brede</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣(R)
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠ ¹	Pass	6♣ ²
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

- (1) Two keycards plus the trump queen and no kings
- (2) Asking for the club queen

The sequence benefited when South never bid spades naturally, encouraging North subsequently in the auction. North showed less than 14 HCP at his second turn and obviously had enough to advance after Brede's sign-off in 4♥. After the 4♠ cue-bid the Blackwood response benefited from a quirk I've never seen before. Since North had denied any kings the 6♣ call asked for the club queen; Brede knew that without that card he would need spades 3-3. Once South implied Grand Slam interest North had enough extras in shape to be able to commit to the seven-level with confidence.

Captains Meetings

In all three events the meeting to form the KO bracket will be held at the end of the respective Round Robin, straight after the expiration of the correction period (appeals pending may cause further delay). Women and Senior meetings will be held in Room C5, while the Open will be held in the VuGraph.

The regulation about the Open is published in the Rules & Regulations of the Championships. For the Women and Seniors they are:

The winners of each group are seeded 1 and 2 into the bracket (Number 1 will be the team with the best score) and both choose their opponents from the teams ranked 3 and 4 in the other group. The runners up are seeded 3 and 4, the number depending on the group winners side of the bracket (they are placed in the opposite one) and are paired with the remaining team of the other group. There is no carry over.

Hollywood visits Uppsala

by Brent Manley

It may not be widely known that the booksellers at this tournament – Per and Britt Jannersten – live in Uppsala, Sweden's fourth-largest city.

In the fall of last year, Uppsala had a special event, when a Hollywood crew came to town to film part of the adaptation of Stieg Larsson's mega-bestseller, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*.

Part of the book is set in Uppsala, located about 70 kilometers north of Stockholm, and for part of the film it was necessary to recreate the look from the Fifties.

The movie makers, says Per, "obviously read the book very carefully and made the town look like it should. They were very careful with the details."

That meant changing the signs on the shops and the merchandise in the windows – and even the markings on the streets and roads. It was not until 1967 that Swedish drivers switched from the left-hand to the right-hand side of the road.

The shooting actually took over only a couple of days, but the preparation took months. "We had to live with the queer signs in the street and on the shops," says Britt.

On the other hand, says Per, the locals were impressed with the movie makers' attention to detail and on the whole the locals approved of the project, despite the need to close the roads at times.

It didn't make any difference to Per, who notes that 40,000 students live in his home town and most of them ride bicycles everywhere. That makes driving a car a frustrating exercise, so Per joins the bike riders when he needs to go out.

The shooting of the Hollywood version of the Larsson's book was not the first time Uppsala has been invaded by film crews. The Swedish film adaptation of the book was also shot partly in Uppsala, and years ago an Ingmar Bergman film, *Fanny and Alexander*, was shot in the city.

The *Dragon Tattoo* movie was "all over the newspapers" while the crews were around, says Per, noting that Uppsala residents "like happenings like that."

He did say, however, that inasmuch as the so-called Millennium Trilogy – *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played With Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* – was adapted for three films by Swedish producers, most locals consider the Hollywood efforts a bit superfluous.

"On the whole," he says, "Swedes don't think it's necessary to do a remake, but we might change our opinion when we have seen the result of Hollywood's efforts."

Championship Diary



Chatting with the Honour President of the EBL, Bill Pencarz & his wife Marianna I mentioned that the only way to open a bottle of champagne is with a sabre. When Marianna expressed surprise we told her we never travel without one, although in recent times getting it through airport security has become somewhat harder.

For those readers anxious to learn the technique we append some brief instructions.

The technique of using a saber to open a bottle of champagne is called sabrage. Seriously. There is a name for it. It is a technique wrapped up in tradition, romance and elegance. Step-by-step instructions for opening a bottle of champagne with a saber courtesy of UrbanDaddy.com:

1. Disrobe Your Bubbly: Take your well-chilled bottle of champagne and remove both the foil and the wire cage covering the cork (as you probably know, it's essential the bottle be well-chilled to avoid leakage, foaming and premature cork-popping).

2. Locate Your Target: Locate one of the two vertical seams running up the side of the bottle. Where the seam meets the lower lip of the bottle is the point at which you'll aim.

3. Control Your Saber: Grip the bottle firmly around the base. Point the bottle at a 30-45 degree angle away from all people, windows and, obviously, Fabergé eggs. Now take your saber (or the back edge of a chef's knife) and lay the blade flat, just below the lip at the weak spot.

4. Moment Of Truth: Draw the sword back along the seam and then swing with full force away from your body, upward and into the bottom of the lip. Don't forget to follow through (as with any sport, see the cork popping, be the ball). To minimize spillage, turn the bottle upright immediately afterwards.

5. Victory: If done right, the cork and bottle top will thrust several feet into the air and you will lose no more than an ounce of your champagne. And you will be a hero. Of course, the only thing that looks worse than struggling with a champagne cork is struggling with a saber and a champagne cork, so in a word: practice.

A Director was called to the table by four charming women. When he enquired as to the reason for their summons they said 'Give us 8 Euro.' When the perplexed Director asked why they replied, 'We have calculated that it costs us each 2 Euro a board to play in this event and we have just passed this one out. So you owe us 8 Euro.'

Patrick Jourdain purchased 5 tram tickets, cost 10 PLN. The next day he purchased another 5 for 10 PLN. Meanwhile Tacchi purchased 10 tram tickets, cost 20 PLN. The moral: don't do things by halves.

LICYTUJMY KOLORY SWOJE, A NIE WROGA

Można by sądzić, że licytacja w kolor przeciwnika daje dodatkowe szanse parze ją stosującej... Pozwala coś więcej się dowiedzieć, przekazać więcej informacji. Poza tym, ile w tym szpanu... Jak tajemniczo... Im więcej odzywek w kolor przeciwnika, tym mądrzej, bardziej naukowo, wygląda sekwencja. Ale praktyka mówi, że z reguły nadużywanie koloru przeciwnika powoduje trudności. Z reguły lepiej jest dążyć do pokazywania posiadanych kolorów.


Najbardziej bolesne doświadczenie, jakiego doznałem w tej „branży” pochodzi z mistrzostw Europy w Wiesbaden w 1983 roku, gdzie po licytacji

West	North <i>Kwiecień</i>	East	South <i>Wójcicki</i>
			1♣
1♦	2♦	2♥	ktr.
pas	3♥	pas	3♠
pas	4♣	pas	5♣
pas	6♣	pas...	

zagraliśmy szlemika w trefle na kolorze rozłożonym AKWxxx – 10x zamiast w piki, w których mieliśmy KW10xxx do ADxx. W piki szlemik był z góry, a w trefle po celnej obronie trzeba było zagrać na mniejszą szansę, której nie udało mi się wytropić.

Tutaj, w Poznaniu, w pierwszych rundach turnieju teamów byłem świadkiem dwóch sekwencji, w których nadmiar naukowości doprowadził do katastrofy... No, może nie katastrofy, a kolizji. Popatrzmy:

Rozd. 19 Rozdawał S WE po partii

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


West	North	East	South
<i>Miechowicz</i>	<i>Wójcicki</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Pazur</i>
1♣	pas	1♥	1♠
ktr. ¹	pas	2♠ ²	pas
3♠ ³	pas	6♦ ⁴	pas...

1) mam nowoczesne narzędzie – kontra-fit – muszę z niego skorzystać, 2BA byłoby zbyt trywialne – każdy potrafiłby to powiedzieć

- 2) mam dużo punktów
- 3) ja też, pewnie więcej od ciebie, z czym do ludzi
- 4) mam już tego dość, zjeżdżam do bazy

Na szczęście strata nie była wielka, gdyż na drugim stole nie także nie zagrano szlema, tylko 6BA. ale ze względu na wielokrotne zastosowanie transferów, licytacja była zbyt naukowa, aby dało się do niej stworzyć jakiegokolwiek komentarze, chyba, że mało cenzuralne...

Rozd. 28. Rozdawał E. NS po partii

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Krupowicz</i>	<i>Sunderram</i>	<i>Zawiślak</i>
2♦ ¹	ktr.	pas	pas
pas	4♦ ³	3♦	ktr. ²
pas	5♦ ⁵	pas	5♣ ⁴
pas...		pas	6♣ ⁶

- 1) słabe dwa na karach
- 2) nie po to przyjechałem aby pasować, 4♣ byłoby za proste, trzeba wymyślić coś wyglądające naukowo...
- 3) na kontrę pewnie ma oba starsze, szlemik blisko
- 4) muszę pokazać przy czym gram...
- 5) no pokaż w końcu ten starszy
- 6) jak byłem mały to pokazywałem...

Bez trzech, 300 dla WE.

A jak można było z tego wybrnąć? Naturalnie!

West	North	East	South
2♦	ktr.	3♦	4♣
pas	4♠	pas...	

Jakieś fatum wisiało nad tym rozdaniem, bo na drugim stole para NS także zagrała w trefle, ale tylko na wysokości pięciu... Bez dwóch...

Norweska lekcja prostoty i elegancji

by Wojtek Siwiec

W pierwszym dniu rywalizacji teamów open najwięcej emocji i dyskusji wzbudziło następujące rozdanie wielkoszlemowe:

Rozd. 8/IV; rozdawał W, obie przed partią

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

7♥ jest tu wspaniałym i – na pierwszy rzut oka – wcale nietrudnym do wylicytowania kontraktem, niemniej na 120 stołach turnieju teamów open zostało ono zapowiedziane tylko 26 razy. Na przykład amerykański superduet Jeff Meckstroth – Eric Rodwell licytował to rozdanie następująco:

West	North Rodwell	East	South Meckstroth
pas	1♥	pas	1♠
pas	3♥	pas	4BA1
pas	5♠2	pas	6♣3
pas	6♦4	pas	6♥
pas...			

- 1 blackwood na kierach
- 2 dwie wartości z pięciu plus ♥D
- 3 pytanie: co masz w pikach, gwarantujące też komplet wartości i damę atu
- 4 nie mam ♠D ani ♠K

Meckstroth zdecydowanie pośpieszył się z blackwoodem, mimo to Amerykanie byli bliscy celu. Konwencyjne posunięcia na szczeblu sześciu nie uratowały jednak rozdania, Jeff w żaden sposób nie był bowiem w stanie doliczyć się trzynastu lew. A i Eric nie zdecydował się na dołożenie wielkiego szlema, obawiał się bowiem, że w pikach partner może mieć jedynie piątego asa i nie będzie skąd wziąć trzynastej lewy. Zdaniem niektórych obserwatorów, jego obawy nie były jednak w pełni uzasadnione...

ny jak u Amerykanów: zawodnicy S zbyt szybko chwyтали się blackwooda i... grzęźli w szlemiku, po wskazaniu przez partnera dwóch wartości z pięciu oraz damy atu z perspektywy S nijak bowiem nie było widać trzynastu lew. Tym bardziej iż dla losów ewentualnego wielkiego szlema kluczowe było, aby partner (N) miał w pikach kontrolę drugiej klasy. Proszę jednak zobaczyć, jak prosto i elegancko, w sposób w zasadzie bezkonwencyjny, poradzili sobie z tym problemem norwescy arcymistrzowie Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness:

West	North Helness	East	South Helgemo
pas	1♥	pas	1♠
pas	3♥	pas	4♣
pas	4♥	pas	5♦(!)
pas	6♥	pas	7♠(!)
pas...			

Po standardowym początku także Helgemo wszedł w strefę szlemową, tyle że cuebidem 4♣. A po 4♥ Helnessa, mówiących przede wszystkim o tym, że nie ma on kontroli karowej, zgłosił cuebid pierwszej klasy 5♦, teoretycznie wykluczający posiadanie przez siebie kontroli pikowej (!). Tak, Geir – który był już zdecydowany zagrać w tym rozdaniu co najmniej szlemika – udał, że nie trzyma pików, uzależnił zatem ewentualne zapowiedzenie przez Tora szlemika od posiadania przezeń kontroli pikowej. Skoro zatem Helness skoczył na 6♥, to musiał mieć cuebid pikowy, tyle że drugiej klasy, jako że z zatrzymaniem klasy pierwszej zaliczyłaby w zamian cuebid 5♠. Helgemo wiedział zatem, że partner ma w pikach najprawdopodobniej singletona, mógł więc liczyć na wyrobienie przebitkami co najmniej dwóch fort w tym kolorze (a poza tym uzyskał pewność, że w pikach NS nie mają przegrywającej). Podniósł zatem ostatnią zapowiedź Tora do 7♥ (!). A że Helness miał zarówno siódmego kiera, jak i ♣D, wielki szlem w kiery okazał się kontraktem absolutnie wykładanym, nie było nawet potrzeby wyrabiania pików. Wystarczyło przebić na stole karo, po uprzednim wyrzuceniu stamtąd jednej karty tego koloru na ♣D.

Dla kontrastu licytacja Austriaków z drugiego stołu tego meczu:

West	North Lindermann	East	South Babsch
pas	1♥	pas	1♠
pas	4♥	pas	6♥
pas..			

Najlepiej chyba będzie pozostawić ją bez komentarza...

Podobne kłopoty miało kilka polskich par. Powód podob-

Polski junior nie pęka przed holenderskim mistrzem

by Wojtek Siwiec

W trzeciej rundzie eliminacji mistrzowskiego turnieju teamów open spotkały się między innymi zespoły NETHERLANDS WHITE i POLISH U-20. Rutynowani, utytułowani Holendrzy to zawodnicy najwyższej światowej klasy, nasi juniorzy (młodszy, czyli – jak sama nazwa zespołu wskazuje – gracze w wieku do 20 lat) ani trochę się jednak nie ułękli i przez całe spotkanie toczyli ze swoimi przeciwnikami zaciętą, wyrównaną walkę. Na szczególne wyrazy uznania zasługuje dokonanie Kamila Madeja w przedostatnim rozdaniu meczu...

Rozd. 29/III; rozdawał N, obie po partii

♠ A W 8 4		♠ 3									
♥ D 9		♥ K 7 3									
♦ A K 10 9 5		♦ W 7 4 3 2									
♣ 9 8		♣ D W 7 5									
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Kamil Madej, Poland

Najpierw jednak zobaczymy, co zdarzyło się w nim na drugim stole:

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Kaźmierczak	van Prooijen	Witkowski
	1♦	pas	pas
ktr.	pas	1BA	pas
2♠	pas	2BA	pas
3BA	pas...		

Przeciwko holenderskim 3BA(E) Łukasz Witkowski zaatakował ♥W. Rozgrywający – Ricco van Prooijen – zabił pierwszą lewą ♥A w dziadku, przeszedł do ręki ♣W i zaimpasował piki dziesiątką na stole. Wojciech Kaźmierczak zabił ♠W, po czym zagrał ♦A, ♦K i ♦10. Czekał zatem z ♠A oraz dobrą ♦9. Nie miał żadnych problemów zrzutkowych, więc kontrakt został pewnie położony bez jednej, za 100. (Rozgrywający zabił ♦W, wszedł do dziadka ♣K i kontynuował stamtąd ♠K...).

W pokoju otwartym stawka, o jaką toczyło się to rozdanie, została podwojona...

Pokój otwarty:

West	North	East	South
Lonski	Paulissen	Madej	Jansma
	1♦	pas	2♦1
ktr.	2♥	pas	pas
2♠	pas	2BA	pas
3BA	ktr. (!)	pas	pas
pas...			

I transfer na kiery

... Gert Jan Paulissen bowiem finalne 3BA(E) skontrolował. Przeciwko tej grze jego partner Jan Jansma zaatakował singlową ♦6, co było właściwym pierwszym krokiem ku położeniu kontraktu (kłał go też atak pikowy, pod warunkiem że N pobije dziadkową figurę asem i zagra ♦A, ♦K i ♦10...). Paulissen zabił ♦A, ściągnął też ♦K i wyszedł ♥D. Rozgrywający – 19-letni Kamil Madej, reprezentant Polski juniorów młodszych na zbliżające się mistrzostwa Europy w bułgarskiej Albenie – wziął tę lewą ♥A na stole, zagał ♣A, trefla do ♣D w ręce oraz ♣W (N zrzucił ♠4), a następnie wyszedł z ręki singlową ♠3 – do dziadkowego ♠K. N mógł zabić go ♠A i odejść ♥9 albo ♦10 (wówczas w czwartej rundzie musiałby pozbyć się ♥9) – i rozgrywający oddałby jeszcze dwa kara, to on bowiem musiałby wykonać kluczowe zagranie w tym kolorze – do wideł ♦9 5 w ręce przeciwnika.

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