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ALLEGRA VS K1 REVISITED



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The most exciting of the two main semifinals no doubt was the one between Reggio Emilia and Bulgaria K1. In the first segment, the Italians took an early lead which they lost as the segment went on, trailing by four IMPs after 16 boards. In the second segment, the Italians recovered well to take a 19-IMP overall lead with 16 boards to play. Over the first ten boards of the final segment, the Bulgarians just recovered 5 IMPs on a partscore swing but then, Nanev and Gunev stole a slam missing an AK combination. They followed this with a series of good partscores on which they registered another number of small swings so with three boards to play, they managed to level the scores. After that, it turned out that their remaining three partscore results were good enough to emerge victorious in the end by a margin of 6 IMPs, even though there was a

thin game on for them on the final board .

The other semifinal, between GS Allegra, the holders, and Poland's Rch team from Wrocław was less exciting. The Italians took an early lead and, although the Poles came back to within 10 IMPs of their opponents from time to time, the Italians managed to increase the margin again every time they were threatened. When Madala found the killing lead against a slam, ten boards from the end, it looked all over though the Poles hit back immediately with a thin slam making their way. On the remaining boards, the Italian consistency in the partscore battles saw them home easily enough in the end, winning by 39 and thus creating an interesting final against the runners-up from their Round Robin group.

There was far less tension or excitement in the matches for today's lower-ranked playoffs, the match between Real Russia and Israel's Bareket being the only exception. In this match, the Russians posted a 20-IMP lead after the first segment but in the next, the Israelis hit back fiercely to take an 18-IMP lead all-over of which they still had 7 IMPs left after the final board was played.

The Monaco-'t Onstein match looked more interesting on paper than it turned out in reality. Monaco took an early lead of 30 after the first segment and they never ran into serious danger afterwards to finally win by 28.

Even lower down, England's Hinden team showed our poor hosts all corners of the room and the Bamberger Reiter from Germany, whose name derives from their local hero, took a small lead in the first segment which became much bigger in the second. In the final segment, however, the Swedes came back but it was not enough: the Germans won by 7 eventually.

Tonight's Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will take place in the lobby of the hotel Milenij tonight at 19:30 hrs.

Message to all players

A complete film of this Champions' Cup has been registered.

You will be able to download it from the EBL Website on Tuesday 19th November

SEMIFINAL

Teams	c/o	1st	Tot	2nd	Tot	3rd	Total
G.S. ALLEGRA	0	40	40	25	65	41	106
RUCH SA AZS PWR WROCLAW	0	16	16	20	36	31	67

Teams	c/o	1st	Tot	2nd	Tot	3rd	Total
ASD REGGIO EMILIA	0	34	34	44	78	4	82
K I	0	38	38	21	59	29	88

Teams	c/o	1st	Tot	2nd	Tot	3rd	Total
MONACO FMB	0	51	51	27	78	24	102
BC'T ONSTEIN	0	21	21	20	41	33	74

Teams	c/o	1st	Tot	2nd	Tot	3rd	Total
BRIDGE CLUB REAL	0	47	47	6	53	34	87
BAREKET	0	27	27	44	71	23	94

Teams	c/o	1st	Tot	2nd	Tot	3rd	Total
STORSJOBYGDEN BK	0	41	41	21	62	34	96
BAMBERGER REITER	8	47	55	41	96	17	113

Teams	c/o	1st	Tot	2nd	Tot	3rd	Total
DR J. TOMLJENOVIC BRIDGE	0	27	27	31	58	16	74
HINDEN	0	72	72	45	117	44	161

QUALIFICATION

Round 5



CLUB REAL

v

BC'T ONSTEIN



REGGIO EMILIA

v

RUCH WROCLAW



At the start of this match, Real Russia were about 6.5 VP ahead of 't Onstein but the situation was such that if 't Onstein would manage to pass real Russia in the standings, they would almost surely go through to the semis, as the other two close contenders were also playing each other. For these two, the situation thus was basically the same: the winner would go through with the mental note that the Italians could afford about a 9-11 VP loss.

So an intriguing position from which to start this match, for all teams involved.

Here are a few highlights from both matches.

On board 4, the Poles were a shade unlucky when they reached a reasonable slam:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vulnerable.

♠ J 7 6 5 3 ♥ A J 3 ♦ 6 5 ♣ Q 8 4	♠ K 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ A K J 9 2 ♣ A J T 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #006400; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 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		♠ T 8 ♥ K 9 6 5 2 ♦ T 7 4 3 ♣ 7 2
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	♠ A Q 9 ♥ T 8 7 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ K 9 6 3											

The Italians had reached a quantitative 4 NT in which they made 10 tricks for +630.

This was the Polish auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Basile	Golebiowski	Mina	Starkowski
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Dbl	6♣	All Pass	

Strong version of the Polish Club, 3♣ showing this type of hand, followed by a few cuebids. When North did not lo-

cate the trump queen, he was one down...Reggio Emilia +100 and 12 IMPs.

However, the Italians handed back most of these IMPs on the next board:

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vulnerable.

♠ 6 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ A K J 8 6	<table border="1" style="background-color: #006400; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 8 ♥ K Q J 4 2 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ Q 5	♠ AT ♥ 8 7 6 5 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ 9 4 3 2
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	S											
	♠ Q 9 7 4 3 ♥ AT 9 ♦ AT 7 ♣ T 7											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Sabbatini	Kwiecien	Comella
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

Carefully bid and just made for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Basile	Golebiowski	Mina	Starkowski
	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Had East led a diamond, the contract would have gone down but his lead of partner's suit paved the way for declarer. So the Poles scored +620 and 10 IMPs.

Board 7 was really tense in both matches. It was a matter of making your contract at the risk of going down quite a lot, vulnerable.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
Basile	Gotebiowski	Mina	Starkowski
Pass	1♠	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		Pass

3♣ showed a red two-suiter.

In their match v. Reggio Emilia, the Poles let 4♥ through on the auction above by leading the ♠A followed by the ♣A and a club. Now, declarer had ample time to draw trumps and concede a diamond trick for +620.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Sabbatini	Kwiecien	Comella
1♦	1♠	Dbl	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

At the other table, where South had supported spades, the lead was a low spade to the ace and a spade back, forcing declarer. When declarer next drew four rounds of trumps and misguessed in diamonds, he found himself down three. 14 IMPs to the Poles.

In the other match, mainly the same problem arose but the auctions were a little different.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Gromov	Muller	Dubinín
Pass	1♠	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

De Wijs did not open the bidding and Muller showed the reds with his 2♠. After West's 2NT East thus became the declarer in 4♥ which enabled Dubinín to find the fine lead of the ♠K. He continued a spade to shorten declarer. After drawing two rounds of trumps and thus getting the bad news, Muller continued the ♦A and another to restrict his

possible losses. South ruffed and returned a club to put the contract one down very quickly. Real Russia +100.

At the other table, Versace showed no sign of nerves.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Van Prooijen	Lauria	Verhees Jr
1♦	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lauria's 2♣ already showed hearts, which explains Versace's 3♥ bid. Versace ruffed the second round of spades, drew four rounds of trumps, led a diamond to his king and ran the ♦J. That was +620 and 12 IMPs to Real Russia to take the lead.

More IMPs to Real Russia on the next board when a very thin 3NT came home on a slightly unlucky lead but on board 9, there probably was a misunderstanding:

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Gromov	Muller	Dubinín
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

When South did not show his heart support at any moment, the Russians ended up in a strange contract. De Wijs led a diamond which declarer won in hand but when Muller ducked his ace when declarer led a heart up to the queen and king at trick 2, dummy was soon dead, as was declarer's hand when he played a club back to his ace when in dummy with the ♥K. Down four, 't Onstein +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Van Prooijen	Lauria	Verhees Jr
All Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥

In the Closed Room, the Dutch had a no nonsense auction to a no nonsense contract. 't Onstein another +420 and 12 IMPs back to them.

Then came a long series of quiet boards until the BBO connections broke down. On board 16 both the Russians and 't Onstein missed the slam, as did the Poles. When Reggio Emilia bid it, this brought them 11 IMPs.

On board 19, both the Italians and the Dutch scored:

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vulnerable.

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

In their respective matches, both the Polish and the Dutch N/S pairs were allowed to play in 4♠.

Against the Italians, the Polish E/W went on to 5♣ which pushed the Italians to 5♠ -one too high for a loss of 10 IMPs. At this point, this match was tied which meant that the Italians would go through, no matter what the result of the Russia-Onstein match would be

Against the Russians, the Dutch E/W went on to save in 5♣ which went one off, doubled for an 8-IMP Dutch gain. The Dutch thus approached the Russians to 0.11 VP behind, still not enough to keep the Russians out of the semis.

When the last board was a push in both matches, it turned out that the Poles had just stayed about 2VP clear of the Russians and thus had made it into the semis, where GS Allegra would be their next opponent.

SEMIFINAL **Round 1**



REGGIO EMILIA

v

K1



The action began immediately on the first board when the Italians outbid the Bulgarians.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vulnerable.

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

Sabbatini opened the North hand and that gave his partner a push to try for the slam. Aronov bid his diamond suit, Stefanov managed to show his clubs but the Italians were in control and after North found a heart cuebid on 5♦ they landed in a good slam for +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gianardi</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Fornaciari</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Sabbatini</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Comella</i>
	1♠	Pass	2NT
3♦	Pass	4♣	4♦
5♦	5♥	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Nanev passed with the North hand as dealer, so Gunev gave up slam ambitions immediately. 4♠ scored 12 tricks for +480 Bulgaria but 11 IMPs for Italy.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vulnerable.

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

	♠ K Q T 7 5 2	
	♥ 9 2	
	♦ -	
	♣ 9 8 5 4 2	

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sabbatini	Stefanov	Comella
	Pass	1♦	3♣
Dbl	Pass	4♥	All Pass

On the nebulous diamond opening, the 3♣ preempt created havoc and left the Bulgarian EW in the dark. Aronov couldn't see the massive diamond fit so he settled for 4♥ in the Moysian fit.

A club was led and after Stefanov tried to cash the ace of

diamonds the contract was quickly down 2.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gianardi	Nanev	Fornaciari	Gunev
	Pass	1♦	3♣
Dbl	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

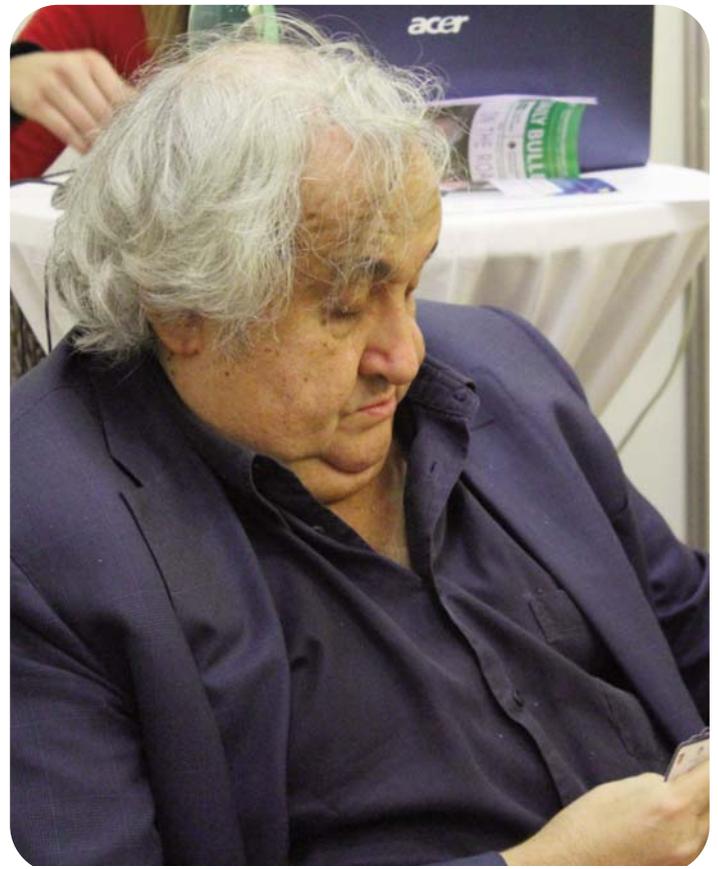
In the Closed Room the bidding went the same up to 4♥ but here West had a bit easier task. East's opening promised 4+ diamonds so West had no problems in bidding 5♦. Although 6♦ is very good, the trump layout makes it unmakeable so 5♦ was the best spot to be in on this board. Italy +600 for 13 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vulnerable.

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	



Board 10 turned out to be a test for the systems.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sabbatini	Stefanov	Comella
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

The Bulgarian Precision 2♣ opening allowed West to bid a non-forcing 2♥, but East could not pass it with a singleton. 3♣ was a bit too high and went 2 off in the end, +200 Italy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gianardi	Nanev	Fornaciari	Gunev
		1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

A transfer bid by Italians worked like a charm when East accepted it and West passed 2♥ for +110 and 7 IMPs to Italy.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vulnerable.

	♠ 9 4	
	♥ Q 7	
	♦ AT 8 4 3 2	
	♣ AT 2	
♠ QJT 7 6 3		♠ K 8 5
♥ A 5		♥ KJT 8 3 2
♦ QJ 6		♦ -
♣ Q 8		♣ 9 7 4 3
	♠ A 2	
	♥ 9 6 4	
	♦ K 9 7 5	
	♣ KJ 6 5	

At this moment of the match, Italy was leading 34-6 and feeling comfortable with the way things were going but the winds were just about to change in this set.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sabbatini	Stefanov	Comella
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Sabbatini led the ace of diamonds and Aronov was in problems. He decided to play for a ruffing finesse in diamonds so after a diamond ruff in dummy he crossed to hand with the ace of hearts and ran the queen of diamonds. Comella took the king and for some reason decided to play ace of trumps and another trump. Aronov was pretty happy to take the gift so he took 11 tricks for +450 to Bulgaria.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gianardi	Nanev	Fornaciari	Gunev
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

2♠ was a pretty comfortable contract to play and after Nanev led a spade, Gianardi eventually came to ten tricks, +170 for Italy, but 7 IMPs to Bulgaria.

But the Bulgarian comeback had only just started. Board 13 was a slam hand but Italians failed to bid it.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vulnerable.

	♠ QT 9 8 6 4 3	
	♥ 7 4 3	
	♦ A 7 3	
	♣ -	
♠ A K 5		♠ -
♥ AT 9 8 6		♥ KJ 2
♦ -		♦ 9 6 5 4 2
♣ A Q 9 5 3		♣ JT 7 6 4
	♠ J 7 2	
	♥ Q 5	
	♦ K QJT 8	
	♣ K 8 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Sabbatini	Stefanov	Comella
	2♦	Pass	2♥
Dbl	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

After multi 2♦, Aronov entered the auction with a double of the pass/correct 2♥ bid by Comella. Stefanov bid some sort of Lebensohl, and after Aronov showed hearts Stefanov showed some slam interest with 3♠ bid. That was enough for Aronov to bid 6♥ which made 12 tricks on the heart lead.

Bulgaria +1430

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gianardi	Nanev	Fornaciari	Gunev
	2♦	Pass	2♥
Dbl	2♠	Pass	3♠
Dbl	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

In the closed room the auction started the same, but Fornaciari bid his hand a bit timidly and that kept Gianardi away from the slam as she simply bid game on partners 4♣.

On the king of diamonds lead Gianardi collected 12 tricks when she took the losing finesse of the heart queen.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vulnerable.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Madala</i>
5♦	Pass	1♦	4♠
	All Pass		

The high intervention made it difficult for West to explore the possibilities of his hand. He thus settled for 5♦ only to find out his side had somewhat fortunately stayed out of a good slam. Poland +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferraro</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>
4♠	Pass	1♦	3♠
6♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Well done by the Italians. One down, of course, +100 to Poland.

On board 13, it would be anybody's guess how high you should bid and in what denomination. If you are given a free run, you might be able to exchange some information but in real life, this rarely happens nowadays. This board was no exception to this modern rule:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vulnerable.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

In the Open Room, west got his first chance to speak when the opponents were in 4♠ already. The Poles did very well to end up in what probably is the proper contract. 4NT showed two suits and 5NT suggested any slam, maybe even a grand. When declarer took all the finesses correctly, he made all the tricks for +1390 to the Poles.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferraro</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>
4♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
	All Pass		

In the other room, the Italians got much more room to explore when South passed 3♠. Ferraro overcalled 4♣ which, according to Sementa, should show clubs and hearts – which it actually did.

Not being 100% sure about this as E/W are an unfamiliar partnership, Sementa wisely raised to 5♣ which definitely had to be a good contract, even more so if Guido happened to have a heart suit after all. Right he was, as Ferraro immediately raised to six on his powerful hand opposite a certainly constructive dummy. So a purely logical way for the Italians to score the same +1390 for no swing but some good bridge here and there.

On the final board of the set, for once the scorers were troubled again:

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vulnerable.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

This was the proper contact, GS Allegra +620. Declarer lost a club and two trump tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Klukowski	Sementa	Tuczynski
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Over 2NT, North did indeed hold a nice hand but his values did not fit very well into the South hand. The same three losers, one down and 12 IMPs to Allegra.

Most of them came back when the Italians reached a playable slam on the next board:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vulnerable.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Bocchi	Kwiecien	Madala
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Well judged by Gawrys, who took partner's 4♥ cuebid as a warning sign opposite his blank ace. Just made, +400 to the Poles. The slam is slightly odds-against on a little more than a finesse.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Klukowski	Sementa	Tuczynski
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The Italians merrily bid on to the slam, only to find out that the needed finesse was wrong this time... 10 IMPs back to the Poles.

On the next board, either team might have gained a double-figure swing had they had the courage to diagnose their opponents' complete misfit and double the final contract for down three. Because they did not, we will skip this board and move over to the final board of the session on which we saw a misunderstanding that would rarely occur outside Poland.

Board 32. Dealer West. E-W Vulnerable.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Bocchi	Kwiecien	Madala
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In classic Polish Club, the 1NT rebid would show 18-19 balanced. This explains the auction...

On the normal spade lead, declarer had no chance whatsoever. As you can easily see, the defence did not have to do anything special to extract the maximum penalty of down five. Allegra +500 to finish the set.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Klukowski	Sementa	Tuczynski
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Duboin's 1NT rebid closed the auction but he too had no chance. On a spade lead to the ten and ace, he managed to come to five tricks when North discarded a club prematurely... -200 meant that GS Allegra gained 7 IMPs on this deal and thus had restricted their losses in this segment to just the odd IMP. The Poles were on their way back alright but at this particular pace, they would never make it into the final on time...

Still, the match was by no means over, even less so when you take a closer look at the chances missed here and there.