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IT'S A GOLD RUSH IN OSTEND

Mixed Pairs Important Information

There has been a change in the schedule for the Mixed Pairs final, which begins today.

Competitors will play 50 boards on Monday and 52 on Tuesday.

Today's first session begins at 10:00 a.m. On Tuesday, the first session will start at 9:45 a.m.

As stated in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest, there will be carry-over scores from the qualification into the final.

The carry-over will be linear, ranking-based and capped at 150 matchpoints, representing just under 3% of the available total.



The Jannersten bookstall on the Mezzanine level.

After 90 boards, the field for the Mixed Pairs is set. The 52 qualifying pairs – led by the Israelis Ronnie Barr and Eldad Ginossar – will begin the battle for matchpoints today, the prize being gold medals for first place. Barr-Ginossar finished the first day of qualifying in 16th place. They improved on Sunday to end with 60.31%, just ahead of the first day's leaders, Catherine D'Ovidio and Philippe Cronier of France, with 59.42%.

During Sunday's play, Jan Kamras, a member of the Championship Committee, took the microphone and apologized on behalf of the organizers for the delays on Saturday that resulted in the cancellation of one round (10 boards). To compensate, as Kamras said, non-qualifiers for the Mixed Pairs are invited to play for free in the Side Events on Monday and Tuesday. This announcement was greeted with applause.

Schedule for Monday, June 17

Mixed Pairs final at 10:00 in the "Ridderzaal" (3rd floor)

Side Events

Open Pairs at 10:00 in the "Delvaux" (3rd floor)

Open Teams at 10:00 in the "Hall of Honour" (2nd floor)



The Deceivers

by Mark Horton

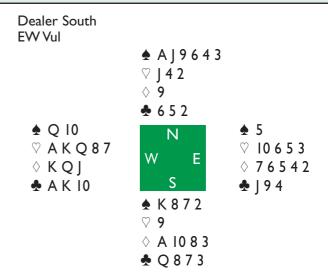
Tony Forrester's BOLS Bridge Tip revolved around the power of the closed hand and showed how a resourceful declarer can take advantage of the defenders' uncertainty. Within the space of a day, two declarers in the PABF Championships in Hong Kong managed to hoodwink a defender.

Dealer North EW Vul ♠ | 4 ♥ Q | 9 4 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ K874 **★** A 8 6 2 **♠** Q 5 3 ♥ A K 8 6 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ 16 ♦ A O 9 8 3 **♣** 652 ★ K 10 9 7 ♡ 5 2 ♦ 754 ♣ A 10 9 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lian	Но	Shi	Chao
	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the queen of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. He now tried a deceptive manoeuvre by exiting from dummy with the jack of clubs! (This type of play has been seen before, but can be very hard to counter.) South took the ace and returned a heart, ducked to North's jack. The heart return went to dummy's ten and declarer was now in a position to get home by crossing to the ace of spades, cashing a heart and then collecting four more diamond tricks. However, he was not done yet, and he played the queen of clubs! When that held, he crossed to dummy with a spade and cashed the king of hearts. Taking pity on his opponents he pitched a diamond rather than a spade, so when the diamonds came in he was 'only' +600.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Loo	Но	Hua
2♣*	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	DЫ	All Pass

In this situation where you can be sure you will only be on lead once there is a lot to be said for leading from a suit where you have an honour. However, East opted for the three of hearts and West won with the queen and switched to the queen of spades, which declarer won in hand.

The technical play is to hope that the $\Diamond KQJ$ will fall in three rounds, and although it is a remote possibility it would have worked here. However, declarer saw another possibility and he crossed to dummy with a spade (East discarding the six of diamonds) and played the three of clubs.

West put up the king (declarer playing the six and East the four) and switched to the king of diamonds, East following with the two. Declarer saw the possibility of establishing a diamond, but placing East with \lozenge J7652 he continued his plan by playing the seven of clubs.

When West went in with the ace of clubs and tried to cash a diamond, declarer could ruff and claim.

Perhaps West should have worked it out; he knew declarer had started with six spades and three hearts and East had played high-low in diamonds, suggesting he had started with five (using upside-down count signals). However, in his mind's eye he could 'see' the jack of clubs in declarer's hand — the one that was hidden from view.



Bits and Pieces

Partnership Desk

There is no formal partnership desk, but there is a board in the tent next to the registration where one can search for partners/team-mates.

Internet access

There is free wifi in the whole building, including the tent and its immediate vicinity. The network name is ebl-bridge-I or ebl-bridge-2. No password is necessary.

Food and beverages

There is a stand selling sandwiches, soups and beverages in the tent, open at least until the start of the final playing session each day. A more substantial but quickly served lunch will be available at special attractive prices at the Aqua del Mar and Ostende Queen restaurants. The latter is also providing a specially priced dinner menu for our participants.

There Is Nothing Like A Dame!

We are delighted to congratulate Janet de Botton, who has been made a DBE (Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire).

The official citation says that Janet is an exceptional philanthropist,

whose personal generosity has been complemented by her energetic chairing of the Wolfson Foundation. In the last two years alone, the Foundation has announced grants of up to £20 million to support research into neurological diseases, with a further £10 million allocated to some 36 museums and galleries. She has also served Tate as Chair of Tate Modern Council, Chair of its International Council and trustee of the Tate Foundation.

Prize Giving Ceremony

A prize giving ceremony for the Mixed Pairs and Side Events will take place

Tuesday at 19:45 inside the tent.

New Mobile Device Policy

Please take note that we are using a new policy for mobile phones at these championships. It **is allowed** to bring your mobile phones to the table provided they are completely **switched off** at all times. When going to the rest rooms however, they **must** be left at the table or with the person escorting you to the restrooms. Any breach of these rules (such as a phone ringing or vibrating) will be penalized in accordance with the General Conditions of Contest (available at http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/130Ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf).

Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.

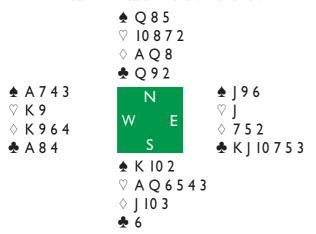


Mixed Pairs Session Four

by Jos Jacobs

In Saturday's final session, there were a few boards on which North-South could bid as high as they wanted, helped by some very favourable distributions. The first board of the session was one of them:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Ionita	Wernle	Stegaroiu	Smederevac
	Pass	Pass	2◊
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♡
DЫ	Pass	4♣	All Pass



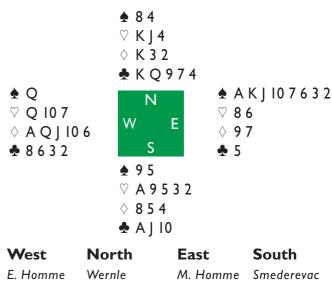
Egil Homme, Norway

With both the spade and the diamond finesse working and the trumps 2-I, North-South can easily come to 10 tricks with hearts as trumps. So the only way for them to get a decent score is to double 4 and then beat it by three tricks. With South on lead, exactly two rounds of diamonds, followed by a spade shift, would do the job, as the defence will have six tricks for the taking before declarer

can make good use of either of her established kings. At the table it was not too easy for North-South to find a double of $4\frac{1}{2}$, so their defence did not matter very much — the difference between +100 and +150 being about 10%. Needless to say, +500 would have brought most of the matchpoints to North-South.

A few boards later, we saw a well-timed pre-empt:

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

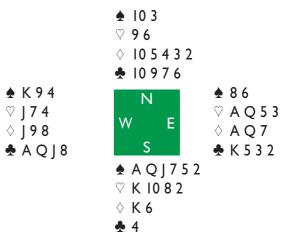


3♠ All Pass

Even vulnerable against not, 4♠ was a popular opening bid. It was in fact a good save against the cold 4♡, though I have to admit that reaching this game might be a different story, even more so after this pre-empt. When Marianne

story, even more so after this pre-empt. When Marianne Homme decided to open a careful 3\(\Delta \) only, she hit the jackpot as nobody had anything more to say. Making +140 was worth 65% of the matchpoints to EW whereas scoring +100 would have brought NS 68%.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



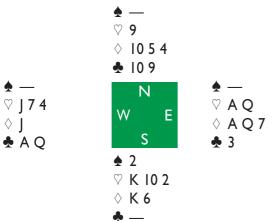
On the next round, Latvian Edite Klidzeja really took her time to set up an attractive ending, to escape for just one down in an overly ambitious contract.

West	North	East	South
Prokhorov	Wernle	Klidzeja	Smederevac
			I♡
Pass	Pass	INT	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Jovanka Smederevac, Austria

North-South were using the Austrian Canapé style, which explains South's opening bid. Jovanka Smederevac made the good lead of the A and continued with the queen. Dummy's king won the trick and now, declarer went on to cash the K and A before exiting in spades. South could take her four tricks in the suit to reach the following end position:



On the last spade, dummy discarded a heart, North a diamond and declarer let go the $\heartsuit Q$. South now had a safe exit in hearts only to find out that she was well and truly squeezed a few tricks later. Declarer won the $\heartsuit A$ and simply cashed her two remaining clubs, throwing a diamond from hand. South could not keep both her established $\heartsuit K$ and the guarded $\diamondsuit K$. Well played, for just one down and a 40% score. Going down two would have brought her only 10%.

My Friend Seymon

As a tribute to his late friend Seymon Deutsch, former WBF President Bobby Wolff offered the following reflections.

Seymon, who died June 13, lived a very active, productive life with a wonderful family – a beautiful and lovely wife Linda, together with four children, Terri, Debby, Lisa and Mark.

Linda and Terry were very active in the store, which was a showplace in Laredo and attracted many wealthy Mexicans who traveled from as far away as Mexico City to visit the Joe Brand department store, owned and operated by Seymon. It was established by his father-in-law, but Seymon had been running it for nearly 40 years.

In bridge, Seymon is the only player ever to win both the Rosenblum Cup and the Open Teams in the World Bridge Games, formerly known as the World Team Olympiad. The latter victory – in 1988 in Venice, Italy – is the only time the USA has ever won that event.

Seymon was a generous, personable, fun-loving guy who was very easy to be around and always upbeat. When he went into seclusion during the past year, I knew he was sick with leukemia, but didn't know how serious. Knowing Seymon, it was very unusual for him to stay out of view, so I feared the worst and even told my wife, Judy, that I wouldn't be surprised to hear what I feared for him.

He loved life and lived it to the hilt. He had a house in Aspen, which allowed me as president of the WBF in the summer of 1993 to have a management meeting there at the Little Nell Hotel. I knew Seymon would help me with arrangements. It turned out to be a spectacular location and most of the WBF leaders proclaimed it to be the best WBF management meeting ever.

We were in each other's weddings, exactly two weeks apart. Mine was on Dec. 20, 1958, and his on Jan. 3, 1959.

We met at Trinity University in San Antonio in late 1953 and stayed friends for all these years, although he had a hiatus from bridge from the early Sixties to 1979, when my job at Ira Corn's company led me to Laredo to talk to him about selling his beautiful store to Michigan General (Ira's company) and continuing to run it himself. He declined that offer, but it got us back together. From there, he started playing bridge again and found time to stay with it until right before his death.

He was very active with the ACBL and was an influence at the Cavendish, his favorite tournament.

We had many adventures together. All were fun and, for the most part, had happy endings.

It is indeed difficult for me to think of him as gone and will definitely take some adjusting.

Mixed Pairs Session Five

by Barry Rigal and Jos Jacobs

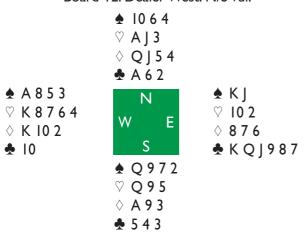
My victims for the first ten deals of the second day of qualifying were Sam Lev and Irina Levitina, who were hovering around the qualification mark after the first day.

On the first deal they scored an average for defeating a partscore; then Levitina was faced with a lead problem on the second deal.



Sam Lev, USA

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Kandemir	Lev	Nuhoglu	Levitina
Pass	I ♦	2♣	Dbl
Rdbl	3♣	All Pass	

Levitina made the sensible choice to broach trumps rather than spades (assuming that partner had denied either four hearts or four spades by his pass over the redouble). Lev took the club ace and shifted to spades. Declarer finessed, won the Δ A then used the Δ K to cross back to hand to draw trumps. Once a heart to the king lost to the ace, declarer needed to establish a diamond trick simply to escape for down one. That was worth 156 MPs to North-South (-110 would have been 76 MPs).

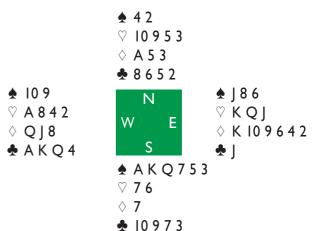
At another table, North-South also tried to compete -

but here they were left alone by their opponents:

West	North	East	South
Sakamoto	Bahnik	Nishimura	Bahnikova
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
I♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Notice North's initial disciplined pass; who knew there was anyone brave enough to pass a 12-count? Against 2♠, West led his club and declarer immediately won dummy's ace. A low spade went to the jack, queen and ace, and a heart came back which declarer ran to her queen. Another spade was ducked to East's king. When East next cashed her club tricks, West could shed one diamond. Thus when East led a diamond, he could win his king and return the suit to block declarer's communications. She could win in dummy and unblock the ♠10 but she now had no way to get back to her hand in time to draw West's last trump, so had to concede a diamond ruff for one down instead. This was about an average score: 97-107 to NS.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



This deal was a death-trap for East-West. Any pair who could escape for -100 rated to do no worse than average, while any pair stopping in partscore and making it could expect a spectacular result. The best of the games in theory is 4%, but the defenders can take a ruff in the short hand and tap out the long trump hand in spades. One must have a little sympathy with the new East-West pair, the Zietmans, who fell into a quite reasonable trap

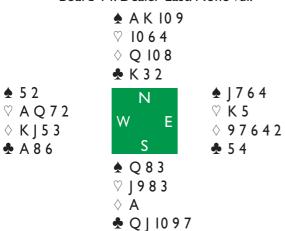
West	North	East	South
Brian	Lev	Maggy	Levitina
	Pass	I ♦	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Maggy hoped to buy a spade holding such as ♠Qx or ♠Kxx in dummy while Brian was simply assuming that the no-trump bidder would have a full stopper. Levitina had one of the less challenging opening lead problems of her career and the defenders collected +300 for 186 MPs. Just for the record -100 was pretty close to an average (more than half the field recorded this result).



Brian Zietman, Israel

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Brian	Lev	Maggy	Levitina
		Pass	Pass
I ♦	I ♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Brian and Maggy play five-card majors and $I \lozenge$ promised only three, but a very good case could be made for the simple raise to $2 \lozenge$ or $3 \lozenge$ by East at her first turn or a pre-balance into $3 \lozenge$ over $2 \clubsuit$ once the opponents' spade fit is confirmed by the $2 \lozenge$ cue-bid. Maggy led a diamond to dummy's $\lozenge A$ and Lev ran the $\lozenge 9$ to Maggy's king. Back came a heart and Brian won and shifted to trumps, cobbling his partner's $\spadesuit J$. Declarer captured that card with dummy's $\spadesuit Q$, and passed the $\clubsuit Q$ successfully as East started an echo, then played a second club to West's ace and his own $\clubsuit K$. Now the defenders had a heart and a ruff to come, but

when West exited in trumps, dummy was high bar a heart loser. +140 scored 178 MPs for North-South — but +110 would still have been 153 MP.

At another table, East found the immediate jump to 30:

West	North	East	South
Lunna	Bahnik	Oigarden	Bahnikova
		Pass	Pass
I ♦	Dbl	3♦	4♣
All Pass			

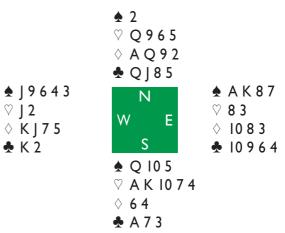
In a sense, North-South might consider themselves lucky that South opted for her solid enough clubs rather than her shaky hearts. Of course, had there been a 4-4 fit in the latter suit, we would have praised her for her courage in picking the major. But as it was, 3° might well have gone down more than one. Four Clubs lost the obvious four tricks for yet another 97-107 score.

The new East-West pair to face Lev and Levitina were Jerolitsch and Illner. I thought they combined very nicely here.



Stefan Jerolitsch, Austria

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

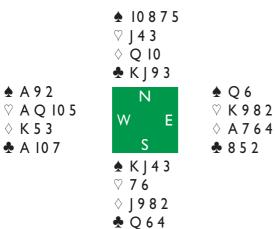


After Lev-Levitina bid to 4% on a somewhat confused sequence, Jerolitsch led a spade to his partner's king. Illner shifted to trumps, and Levitina's ten held. A case could be

made for leading a low club from hand immediately, but if trumps are 3-1 the entries are somewhat inconvenient. Levitina chose to ruff a spade to dummy and pass the $\clubsuit Q$. Illner won and fired back a low diamond, forcing declarer to commit herself prematurely. When she tried to combine her chances (3-3 clubs or a club diamond squeeze) by rising with the $\lozenge A$ and then crossing to hand to ruff her last spade before running trumps, she could take no more than ten tricks for a 22% result, +650 being a 55% score.

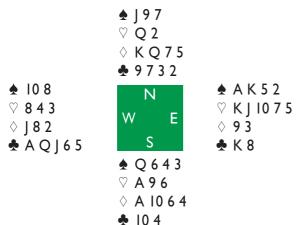
On the next deal I wondered if I was simply being a results-merchant. You be the judge!

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



The standard auction here was INT - $2\clubsuit$ - $2\heartsuit$ - $4\heartsuit$ - Pass. Is that East hand really worth a drive to game, or should she simply invite, and let partner make the decision? Here it seems to me that if partner had any additional jack they would accept game, and that would be the right decision. Conversely, with the actual hand East has, game is essentially no play on a club lead, and after a spade lead to the queen, king and ace it needed both red suits to be friendly. One down scored East-West 113 MPs (85 of the 103 tables did this) so maybe taking the field action does have something to recommend it?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



The next pair to come to the table had a significant opportunity to inflict damage on their opponents, but ended up shooting themselves in the foot. Gouverith and De Muller held the East and West cards respectively.

West	North	East	South
De Muller	Lev	Gouverith	Levitina
	Pass	I 💝	Pass
2♡	Pass	Pass	DЫ
3♣	3♦	4♡	All Pass

Gouverith took a restrained position at her second turn but was unable to resist temptation at her next opportunity. After an initial spade lead declarer hastened to cash three rounds of clubs to shake a diamond loser. Levitina ruffed in, and underled her $\Diamond A$ to let her partner lead a fourth club. Gouverith ruffed with the $\heartsuit J$ and Levitina discarded a diamond. From here on in declarer is just supposed to lose two trump tricks, but when she cashed her second top spade and ruffed a spade then ducked the first trump that let Levitina won the $\heartsuit 9$, give her partner an overruff with $\triangledown Q$, and the $\triangledown A$ represented the second undertrick for 201/204 MPs.

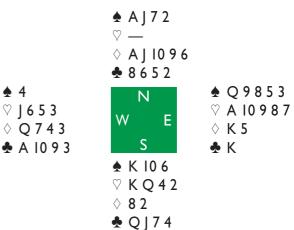
As the cards lie declarer cannot make more than nine tricks against accurate defence, and that would still have earned North-South 177 MPs.



Irina Levitina, USA

East-West earned their revenge on the next deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



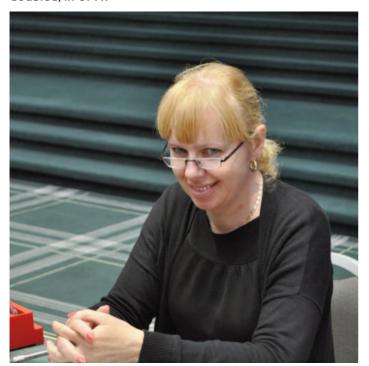
West	North	East	South
De Muller	Lev	Gouverith	Levitina
		I♠	Pass
INT	2◊	2♡	2NT
3♡	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Levitina judged well not to defend 2 % x but could not resist temptation and awarded 3 % the red card. She led a diamond (as would we all?) but found she could no longer defeat the hand (yes, Sam Lev's initial action may come under scrutiny but we can all understand his motivation). The only defence is to lead a top heart then win the first spade and play two more rounds of trumps. Not surprisingly, -530 earned East-West a 90% score with the matchpoints being reversed if the defenders had beaten 3 % x.

At another table, North might as well have entered the auction earlier:

West	North	East	South
Trapani	Bahnik	Рора	Bahnikova
		I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Dbl	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3NT
Dbl	All Pass		

I wonder what might have happened if North had over-called $2\lozenge$ immediately over INT. As we saw from how it went at Lev's table, Bahnik had already done quite well by not doubling $2\heartsuit$ when it came round to him. His problem was, of course, that he could not know if $3\clubsuit$ would be a decent contract. In fact it was, but -200 would have netted just 25% instead of the I7% NS actually got for down two, doubled, in 3NT.



Eva Bahnikova, Czech Republic

For the final round Levitina-Lev bid to a normal pushy game (needing the $\triangle A$ onside and to find the $\lozenge J$) and the defenders gave Lev all the help he needed to bring home his game for a 65% result. On the final deal Tobias Tornqvist found himself in an awkward position; let's just look at the East-West cards for the time being.

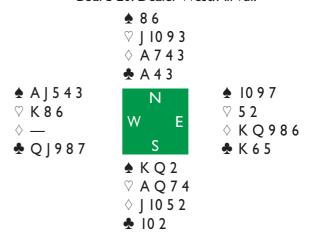


As West you settle in 2Φ when partner gives you a simple raise. North leads the $\heartsuit J$ to South's ace, and back comes the $\Phi 10$. You cover with the jack, North takes the ace and returns the suit, and you win, take the $\heartsuit K$ and ruff a heart then advance the $\Phi 10$ from dummy. When South follows low impassively, what is your plan?

Tornqvist had to weight up South beginning life with either a small doubleton heart or honour-fourth in spades, (when rising with the ace is best) as opposed to KQx(x) when finessing brings home the bacon. Faites vos jeux, mesdames et messieurs!

This was the full deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



Tornqvist misguessed by rising with the ace to hold himself to +140. Even though an initial trump lead does the job legitimately, few defenders managed four tricks on the hand, so -140 earned Levitina an 85% result, and they finished the ten deals with 63% to move into 23rd place.

Remarkably enough, this auction and play were duplicated exactly at the only other table where the Bulletin Staff was watching. England's David Gold was faced with the same problem and also led a spade to the ace, thus also collecting a meagre 15%.



Making Their Move

by Brent Manley and Jos Jacobs

Mixed Pairs Session 6

At the start of play on Sunday, Americans Sue Picus and Alex Kolesnik were in 119th place in the Mixed Pairs. Their first-session score of 67.16% helped them jump up to 66th, and a good sixth set put them in 50th place with three 10-board sessions to go.

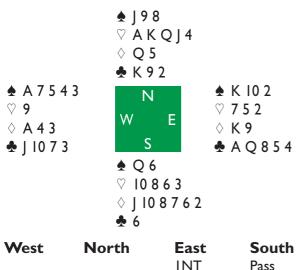
The following are deals from the sixth session, in which they scored 56.35%. Picus was South, Kolesnik North.



Sue Picus, USA

The first board was not a good start when an opponent scored plus 140 in 24, only 90/204. The following deal, however, brought good news when the opponents missed a game.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



The 12-14 INT seemed to impede East-West rather than help them discover the double fit in the black suits.

2♠

DЫ

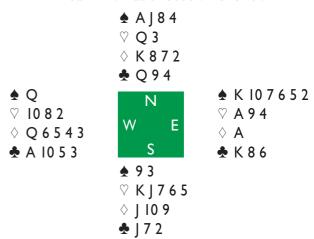
All Pass

On a different auction, say $I - Pass - I - 2\heartsuit$; Dbl (three-card spade support), West could make a game try of 3 - 3 + 2 and the excellent game would be reached.

Picus led a heart to the 9 and jack, and Kolesnik continued with the \heartsuit A. Declarer had no problem from there, cashing two high diamonds and ruffing a diamond in hand before cashing the top spades. When the club finesse succeeded, declarer conceded a spade to North for plus 200 but only 76 matchpoints.

There was even better news for Picus and Kolesnik on the next deal.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	I ♦	I♠	DЫ
Pass	INT	2♠	All Pass

INT by Kolesnik was going down on proper defense, but East had a chance for plus 110 and let it slip away.

Picus led the $\lozenge J$, ducked around to declarer's singleton ace. She played a spade to dummy's queen at trick two. Kolesnik won the trump ace and continued with the $\heartsuit 3$, ducked to the jack. Picus continued with the $\lozenge 10$, ruffed by declarer, who then cashed the $\clubsuit K$. At that point, she was down to three trumps: 10 7 6.

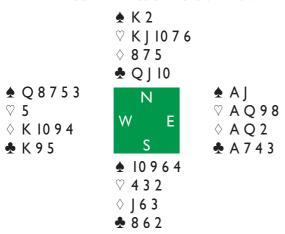
Had she abandoned trumps at that point, she could have arranged to take at least two more ruffs in her hand or reach an end position with North on lead with only his two trumps.

Instead, declarer exited with a trump, which would have been okay had they divided 3-3. Kolesnik, however, won the ♠8 and cashed the ♠J, leaving declarer with only one trump. That was not enough for her to come to eight tricks. Plus 50 was worth 151.48 matchpoints for Picus and Kolesnik.

Their worst board of the afternoon was not of their making. It was played against Apolinary Kowalski and E. Miszewska of Poland.

2♡

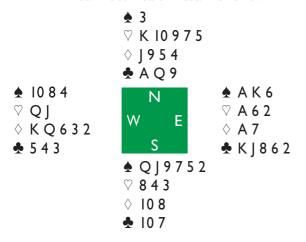
Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♡	DЫ	Pass	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4♡	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The long slow auction ended with Kowalski giving a shrug as he made his final pass. After finding clubs 3-3, the $\bigstar K$ on-side doubleton and picking up the $\lozenge J$ as well (he could deduce the location of the $\heartsuit K$ from the auction), Kowalski might have been thinking about buying a few lottery tickets or visiting the casino. Plus 1370 gave the Poles 188 match-points. They gave almost all of it back on the next board.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



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

East's I♠ was the Polish version, and the 2NT rebid showed a balanced hand with 18-20 high-card points.

Picus started with the ΦQ , taken by declarer with the ace. She played four rounds of diamonds, and when Kolesnik got in with the $\Diamond J$, he put the ∇K on the table. Had declarer ducked, she would have been okay. When the won the ace, however, the only way for her to get to the good diamond in dummy was to play a heart. Now Kolesnik was poised with the ΦA and good hearts, so declarer ended up

a trick short.

Had she ducked the heart, she could have won the continuation in dummy, cashed the diamond and led a club up to score the king sooner or later.

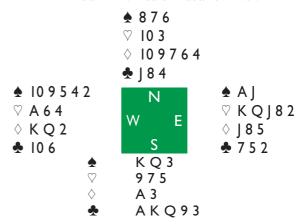
Plus 50 added 175.87 matchpoints to the Picus-Kolesnik total.



Alex Kolesnik, USA

They got all the matchpoints this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	INT	DЫ
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Dbl	All Pass		

Picus's double was for penalty, as was West's. He led a low spade to his partner's ace, and East seemed to be on the right track for a plus when she continued with the ♡K. After it held, however, she played the ♠J at trick three. Picus cashed the ♣A and when all followed she wasted no time claiming eight tricks for plus 490. East-West could console themselves with the realization that plus 100 would not have been a good score.

The top helped Picus and Kolesnik to a 56.35% score and into qualifying position with two sessions to go.

At another table, East-West found their heart fit on board 22.

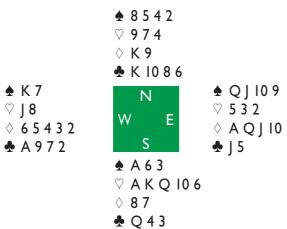
West	North	East	South
Piedra	Ginossar	Saesseli	Barr
		$I \heartsuit$	Dbl
2◊	Pass	2♡	3♣
3♡	All Pass		

When South led her top clubs, declarer was able to ruff her last club in dummy for her ninth trick and a good score. Remarkably enough, mainly the same applies to 34: If the defence take their heart tricks first, the ruff of the third heart in dummy will be declarer's ninth trick.

As so often in contested partscores, a trump lead is vital either way for the defence, making sure that no declarer can make more than eight tricks.

Finally, on this deal, South's opening bid could have a significant influence on whether East-West get to the right spot. Picus played in 2° , down one, for minus 100 and a score of 115/204.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



If South opens I^{\heartsuit} and North responds INT, it might be difficult for East-West to reach their proper spot in 3^{\diamondsuit} . Double-dummy, you can make 2^{\heartsuit} easily. At the table, finding the \P doubleton off-side might be asking just too much.

If South elects to open INT, East would need suitable conventions and some courage to enter the bidding. Lionel, for example, would do very well here. A double by East would show spades and another, which would enable West to venture something even at the three-level if South next bids 2 %.





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2	CRONIER Philippe	D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	59.42
3	BOMPIS Marc	WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	58.06
4	KOWALSKI Apolinary	MISZEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	57.81
5	GULEVICH Anna	MATUSHKO Georgi	RUS - RUS	57.29
6	GOLIN Cristina	LANZAROTTI Massimo	ITA - ITA	56.64
7	RITMEIJER Richard	TICHA Magdalena	NED - NED	56.34
8	MOLLE Linda	TER LAARE Marco	NED - NED	56.14
9	MARINO Leonardo	PISANI Rosanna	ITA - ITA	55.96
10	HODEROVA Pavla	SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE	55.91
11	HELNESS Gunn	HELNESS Tor	NOR - MON	55.90
12	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ZALESKI Romain	ITA - ITA	55.50
13	ODLUND Bim	ODLUND Max	SWE - SWE	55.41
14	IONITA Marius	STEGAROIU Marina	ROM - ROM	55.41
15	DUFRAT Katarzyna	NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	55.40
16	SAYER Netsy	ZAHARIEV Zahari	TUR - BUL	55.16
17	CAPLAN Eva	FRISBY William	AUS - ENG	55.13
18	GOLDBERG Lars	GOLDBERG Ulla-Britt	SWE - SWE	55.06
19	NORLING Lars	NORLING Vivianne	SWE - SWE	54.95
20	CICHOCKI Miroslaw	HOCHEKER Danuta	POL - POL	54.91
21	GUNEV Rossen Geourgiev	POPOVA Desislava Borissova	BUL - BUL	54.90
22	ENGEL Berthold	VECHIATTO Claudia	LUX - GER	54.86
23	BROCK Sally	MYERS Barry	ENG - ENG	54.66
24	FANTONI Fulvio	RIOLO Iolanda	MON - ITA	54.59
25	CASPERSEN Henrik	FARHOLT Stense	DEN - DEN	54.53
26	WENNING Karin	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	54.50
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