

Issue No.3

# Mixed Emotions



Beatlemania in Poznan

As we move into day three of the European Open Bridge Championships, the players will be experiencing mixed emotions; those who are still alive in the teams event will be trying to secure a berth in the quarter final, while those who fell at the previous hurdle must regroup as they start out on the long road that might lead to qualification for the Mixed Pairs Final.

### **BBO Poznan**

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### **Registration for the Mixed Pairs**

Players still involved in the knock out phase of the Mixed Teams who intend to play in the Mixed Pairs if they are eliminated **must register before the start of play today.**  Today's - Schedule

Monday, 20 June 2011

- 08.30 Mixed Pairs Registration
- 10.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R1)
- 10.00 Mixed Teams Round of 32 (RI)
- 12.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R2)
- I 2.30 Mixed Teams Round of 32 (R2)
- 15.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R3)
- 15.30 Mixed Teams Round of 16 (R1)
- **17.00** Mixed Pairs Qualification (R4)
- 18.00 Mixed Teams Round of 16 (R2)
- 19.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R5)

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## MIXED TEAMS RANKING

SWISS A - subject to official confirmation

1	GOLDCAT	105
2	WILD GRIFFINS	99
3	CONNECTOR	97
4	COUPLES	95
5	CHINA TRINERGY	95
6	FINLAND	75 91
7	DUCK N DALES	91
8	PAYEN	89
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	PENFOLD	84
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	PONY	81
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18	KHANDELWAL	80
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21		79
	GEWANNA	78
23		78
24		77
25	RUSSIA	77
26	ROSSARD	77
	BADGER	76
	FOX&FOXY	75
29		72
30	JACOB	70
31	VYTAS	69
32	CK ZYRARDOW	68
33	FANTONI	67
34		66
35	CEDEVITA	66
36		65
37	BATOV	65
38	DESPERATE BRIDGEWIVES	65
39	DENMARK	63
40	KARL MORTEN LUNNA	60
41	ADAMS FAMILY	60
42	HEARTS	58
43	CZAJKA	57
44	NYA BRIDGESKOLAN	49
45	BERIK	47
46	KENNY	47

### MIXED TEAMS RANKING SWISS **B** - subject to official confirmation

I	BALTI	113
2	ZARKESCH	99
3	GREEN EYES	97
4	AUSTRIA	92
5	ASPE TEAM	89
6	HANSEN	89
7	LAMFORD	87
8	JANKOVA	85
9	EIDE	85
10	THE LOW COUNTRIES	83
	MMMM	83
12	BURLA	82
13	TEAM MATE	82
14	NEVE	81
15	SEALE	81
16	FISCHER	80
17	ISTANBUL	80
18	LADY	78
19	HOYLAND	78
20	BINDERKRANTZ	77
21	TEAM BANZAI	77
22	NOR-WEST	73
23	HALSINGLAND	73
24	HERBST	72
25	ECHO	71
26	AUBONNET	70
27	LEDGER	70
28	Sonata	69
29	BIRMAN	68
30	BILSKI	68
31	HEIDEMARIE	66
32	CMN	66
33	MCGOWAN	65
34	BAILEY	65
35	COMHAR	64
36	APACHE	63
37	WALSH	62
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39	ISTAMBUL 2	59
40	ALBERTI	58
41	MANO	56
42	BLUE ROSE	55
43	STAHL	55
44	DHONDY	52

### Of Mice and Men

by Jan van Cleeff

Cruising in the closed room your reporter kibitzed a while with Anna Malinowski, a Polish bridge star living nowadays in Norway. Anna is playing with Rune Hauge. Both were members of the Hauge team that won the mixed teams gold medal in San Remo, 2009.

Round robin 4, mixed teams championships

In her match against powerful Gewanna from Poland Anna saw herself for four boards in a row confronted with tough decisions.

### Quiz

I. On board 7 sitting East Anna had:

**▲**Q J 10 7 2 ♡ A Q J 6 ◊ — **♣** A 8 7 3

S/All

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	3♢	dbl	Pass
4♠	Pass	?	

Pass or shoot?

2. Board 8 produced another decision for her:

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♦ ♡KQJ643 ◇AK73 ♣Q 105
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W/-

West	North	East	South
Pass	♠	2♡	2♠
Pass	4♠	?	

Pass, dbl or 4NT?

3. Then came mysterious board 9:

**▲** 5 4 ♡ 9 6 ◊ Q J 7 **♣** A K 9 8 4 3

N/EW

West	North	East	South
	$\square$	2♣	2NT*
<b>4</b> $\diamond$	<b>4</b> ♠**	?	
* 3+ cards	heart fit, inv+		

\*\* Cue bid agreeing hearts

Mice (Pass) or man  $(5\diamond)$ ?

4. Board 10 was the final board of the match and of this quiz. Anna had:

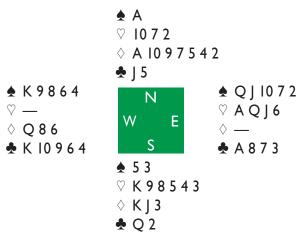
**▲** Q 3 ♡ K 7 6 ◊ A Q J I 0 **♣** K Q J 5

E/All			
West	North	East	South
		♣	2♡*
Pass	Pass	?	

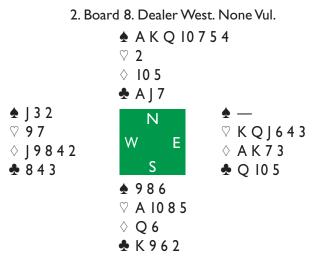
Pass, dbl or 2NT?

### Solutions

I. Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



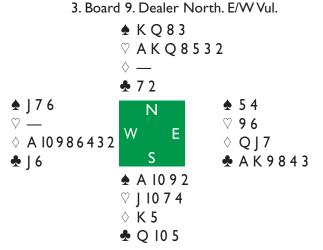
At the critical moment Anna decided to pass. Maybe a 5 $\diamond$  cue might lead to 6 $\pm$ . Still, the slam depends on clubs to break (which they did).



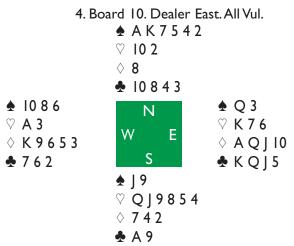
Anna passed again, though 4NT (showing a 6-4) might have led to  $5\diamond$  which goes down for three hundred (due to a heart ruff). However, if North would have pressed to  $5\clubsuit$ , there still was something to play for. Eleven tricks are on the table as East will be squeezed in hearts and clubs.



Anna Malinowski by Elizabeth van Ettinger



Red against green Anna passed and NS signed off in 5 $^{\circ}$  duly made after the club lead. However if Anna would have bid 5 $^{\circ}$  instead and NS would bid 5 $^{\circ}$ .What would have happened? West might give it another shot with 6 $^{\circ}$  and the pressure is on North when his side elects to defend (and double) the diamond slam. He definitely should lead a spade to defeat the slam or elsewhere thirteen tricks are on the table for EW.



Much to my surprise Anna passed again and defended  $2^{\heartsuit}$  down one. I admit I would have bid 2NT with her hand and probably would end up in 3NT doubled by North for a spade lead. Indeed that lead (ducked by North at trick one) would be killing.

### A Simple Safety Play

by Jan van Cleeff

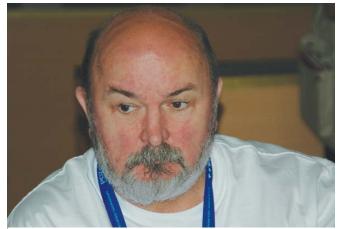
When team Mano from Poland met Blue Rose from Bulgaria in the first round of the mixed teams championships it was merely a one-way traffic. The Poles won by 81 to 0. On this deal Iman Chammaa showed why she selected the great Krzysztof Martens as her partner:

Bc	oard 10. Dea	4 3 0	Ι.
<ul> <li>▲ J 8 2</li> <li>♡ K Q</li> <li>◇ A J 5 4</li> <li>◆ 10 7 6 5</li> </ul>	N ₩ \$ Q I ♡ J I0 ◊ 9 8 \$ A K	0 6 7 6 7 3	52
West	North	East	South
Martens		Chammaa	
		♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT(!)	Pass
All Pass			

Raising 2NT to game showed great confidence by Mrs. Chammaa in her partner's dummy play.

North kicked off with a fourth best heart. Declarer won the king and played a club. North went up with the queen, which was not so brilliant from his (or indeed anyone's) perspective. South, in with a top club, continued hearts. This gave Krzysztof the tempo to execute a simple safety play in diamonds as the maestro mentioned later: he won the  $\heartsuit Q$ , cashed the  $\Diamond A$  and king and returned to clubs. Curtains.

A spade switch at some point definitely would complicate matters for declarer. Still he could survive by ducking the ace twice. In that case it is imperative for him to play for the drop of the  $\Diamond Q$ . Not easy.



Krzystzof Martens by Elizabeth van Ettinger

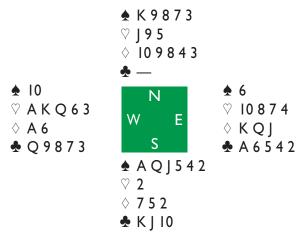
### **Mixed Teams Qualifications, Round 4**

### by Jos Jacobs

In Round 4 of Saturday's qualifications, three boards presented all sorts of problems to many players.

Here is what happened on them in three of the matches. On the first of our three boards, the difficult defence to beat 5 $^{\circ}$  was not found, as you can imagine after seeing the hands. The point is that South can win the A, give his partner a club ruff and still collect the setting trick in clubs later.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Gotard	Brogeland	Eggeling	Brogeland	
		Pass		
2♠	4♠	5♡	5♠	
Pass	Pass	DЫ	All Pass	

Eggeling made the right decision when she doubled  $5 \pm$ , rather than bidding on.

An easy two down, 500 to Pony.

West	North	East	South	
Helness	Gotard	Helness	Gotard	
		Pass	I ♠	
2♡	4♠	5♡	5♠	
6♡	Dbl	All Pass		

Helness apparently trusted his opponents, as he decided to bid one more over  $5 \bigstar$ . One down only but still another +100 to Pony, 12 Imps to them.

In the Herbst v. CMN match,  $5^{\heartsuit}$  was the popular contract:

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Lund	Herbst	Mortensen	Barr	Ivanov	Callaghan	Ivanova	Duckworth
		Pass				Pass	♠
2♡	4♠	5♡	Pass	2♠	4♠	4NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass		5♣	All Pass		

West

S Cope

2♠

When North led a diamond, the losing spade quickly went on the diamonds so declarer ended up with a doubled overtrick: CMN +750.

West	North	East	South	
Herbst	Korsholm	Nosatzki	Mortensen	
		Pass	♠	
2♡	4♠	5♡	All Pass	

On a spade lead and a diamond continuation, 11 tricks were easy enough so Herbst registered +50 but lost 12 Imps in the process.

In the Dhondy v. Batov match, we had another big swing:

West	North	East	South	
Aronov	Dhondy	Zobu	Dhondy	
		Pass	♠	
2♠	4♠	5♡	All Pass	

A twosuited overcall and a normal enough auction; Batov +450.

West	North	East	South
Wojcieszek	Batov	Długosz	Pilipovic
		Pass	♠
2♡	4♠	5♡	5♠
6♡	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Just as in the Brogeland v. Pony match, South's  $5 \pm$  bid induced a phantom save from West. One off, 11 lmps to Batov.

In our last featured match, Penfold v. DuckNDales, the former team just scored I Imp on an overtrick. Please note that they played in clubs at both tables, their best fit. Playing in a minor might cost an Imp if it makes, but it certainly does not cost if you are going down, it's just 50 per trick for all denominations.

East

Stockdale

Pass

5 🜩

South

S Penfold

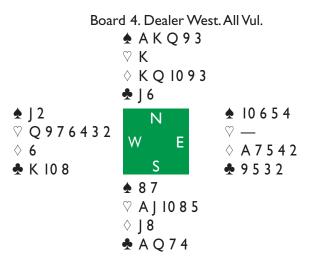
All Pass

North

**B** Senior

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Two boards later, there was more serious stuff as variations in treatments of the weak two/Multi made a world of difference.



In the Dhondy-Batov match, after West's Multi the former had enough bidding space left to find out that 3NT was their proper contract.

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Dhondy	Zobu	Dhondy
20	Pass	20	Pass
Pass	30	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

II tricks, Dhondy +660.

West	North	East	South	
Wojcieszek	Batov	Długosz	Pilipovic	
3♡	<b>4</b> $\diamond$	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

When Wojcieszek opened one level higher, NS were in trouble. North launched a nice convention to show his twosuiter, only to find out that they were already beyond their safety level. Down one and 13 Imps to Dhondy. (If the operation is successful and the patient dies does it say something about the convention?).

Herbst v. CN	1N:			
West	North	East	South	
Lund	Herbst	Mortensen	Barr	
2◊	Dbl	Pass	3♡	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

No problems here for NS either, after the Multi. Herbst +660.

West	North	East	South
Herbst	Korsholm	Nosatzki	Mortensen
2♦	Dbl	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass All Pass	5♡	Dbl	5♠

A curious problem for South here: what is West's suit? North might have saved the day by passing 4NT but that does not look a sensible action opposite a still unlimited South hand. Down three, 14 Imps to Herbst.

Penfold v. D	uckNDales:			
West	North	East	South	
S Cope	B Senior	Stockdale	S Penfold	
20	<b>4</b> $\diamond$	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

Here, leaping Michaels came into operation against the natural weak two but again, it was the wrong moment for this nice convention. Down one, 100 to DuckNDales.

West	North	East	South
Ivanov	Callaghan	Ivanova	Duckworth
Pass	♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♢	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the other room, East did not open at all so NS got a free road to the proper contract. +660 to them and 13 lmps won.

#### Contract Result : 3NS+2

Finally, the Brogeland v. Pony match:

West	North	East	South
 Gotard	Brogeland	Eggeling	Brogeland
2♡	Dbl	All Pass	



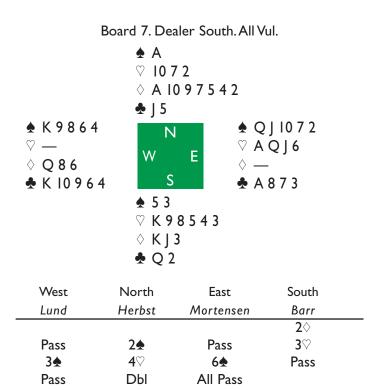
Steliana Ivanova, Bulgaria

This is the auction I like most of the eight shown: short and very sweet. Down three, NS +800 and the best score in their direction.

West	North	East	South	
Helness	Gotard	Helness	Gotard	
3♡	3♠	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

When Gotard could not use a nice convention, he was forced to just make a spade overcall. After that, all his partner could do was convert to 3NT – which happened to be the proper spot. Well done but their +660 still meant a 4-imp loss to Pony's team.

Three boards later, we again saw swings of all sorts.



Lund struck gold when he ventured a little overcall at his second turn. East could hardly do less than raise to slam. North must have been disappointed to find out that only his ace of trumps stood up.

#### CMN +1660.

North	East	South	
Korsholm	Nosatzki	Mortensen	
		<b>2</b> ◇	
2♠	Pass	3♡	
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
	Korsholm	Korsholm Nosatzki	KorsholmNosatzkiMortensen22Pass3♡

At the other table, Herbst ventured a second-round double which, disappointingly for him, did not inspire his partner to bid a slam. Herbst +680 but 14 lmps to CMN.

Dhondy v. Batov:

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Dhondy	Zobu	Dhondy
			20
Pass	<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass	

A remarkable auction. Down two, Batov +200.

West	North	East	South
Wojcieszek	Batov	Długosz	Pilipovic
			Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

A remarkable auction, even more so after looking at what happened at the other table.

12 tricks and 10 Imps to Dhondy.

Not much more action in the Penfold v. DuckNDales match either:

West	North	East	South
S Cope	B Senior	Stockdale	S Penfold
			20
Pass	3♢	Pass	<b>4</b> $\diamond$
Pass	40	Dbl	All Pass

At least, NS did not escape undoubled here. Penfold -500.

West	North	East	South
lvanov	Callaghan	Ivanova	Duckworth
			2◇
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♢
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

When East never bid, Penfold could only recoup +200 so DuckNDales won 7 on the board.

West	North	East	South
Gotard	Brogeland	Eggeling	Brogeland
			20
Pass	<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass	

#### Just one off, Brogeland -100.

West	North	East	South
Helness	Gotard	Helness	Gotard
			<b>2</b> ♦
2♠	3♡	40	Dbl
4♠	Pass	5♠	All Pass

The Helnesses also missed the slam but the Brogeland team still gained 13 Imps for their combined efforts.

### A stumble at the finish line

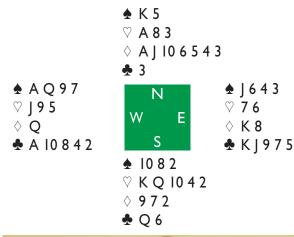
by Brent Manley

After two boards in their match against the French Neve team, Fulvio Fantoni and his teammates in the Mixed Teams were trailing 20-0. With one board to go, they had come all the way back to lead 21-20. Even better, they were poised to win 13 IMPs on the last deal ... but something happened on the way to victory.

Fantoni was playing with his wife, Iolanda Riolo.Their teammates were Claudio Nunes and Mihaela Balint. Opposing them were Jean Francois Allix, Joanna Neve, Jerome Rombaut and Vanessa Reess.

This is how the Fantoni team fell behind.







Mihaela Balint, Romania

West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Allix	Riolo	Neve
			Pass
♣	$ \diamond$	Dbl	$\square$
♠	Dbl	Pass	2♡
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

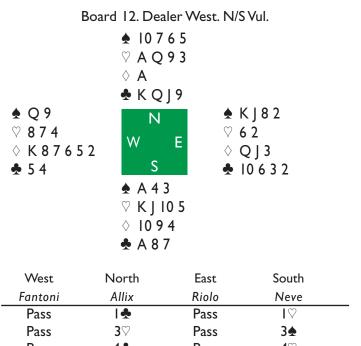
Fantoni led his singleton diamond, taken by Neve with the ace. She continued with the  $\Diamond$ J to Riolo's king. Riolo played a club to South's queen and Fantoni's ace, and he had his last chance to take a spade trick to hold declarer to 170. Instead, he played a trump, and Neve was soon claiming plus 200.

The auction was much more spirited at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Rombaut	Nunes	Reess	Balint
			Pass
♣	$ \diamond$	$\bigtriangledown$	2♡
3♠	<b>4</b> ♡	4♠	5♢
Dbl	All Pass		

The defenders took their two aces and trump trick for plus 100 and a 7-0 lead.

The lead grew substantially on the next deal.



Pass	4 👁	Pass	4	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◇	
Pass	6♡	All Pass		

Once Neve cuebid the A, slam was inevitable, and Neve

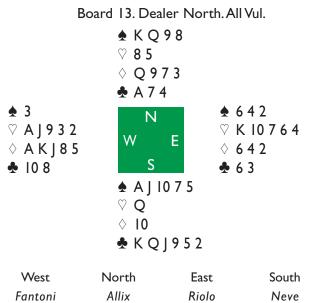
made the play look easy.

She won the low diamond opening lead in dummy, played the  $\heartsuit A$  and a heart to the 10, then ruffed a diamond, returned to hand with a club to the ace, and ruffed her last diamond. Now a spade to the ace allowed her to pick up the last trump and claim, conceding a spade at the end for plus 1430.

West	North	East	South	
Rombaut	Nunes	Reess	Balint	
Pass	INT	Pass	2 🙅	
Pass	2♡	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡	
All Pass				

Nunes' decision to open INT did not work out well, as it was difficult for Balint to envision slam with only 12 highcard points herself. Nunes played the contract the same way that Balint did to arrive at the same 12 tricks, for a loss of 13 IMPs.

The next board was a strange push as both pairs got overboard.



Fantoni	Allix	Riolo	Neve	
	Pass	Pass	♣	
$\square$	♠	2♡	40	
5◇	5♠	6�	6♠	
Dbl	All Pass			

Two red aces cashed, and that was that. Plus 200 to Fantoni.

West	North	East	South
Rombaut	Nunes	Reess	Balint
	Pass	Pass	♣
$\square$	Dbl	40	4♠
5♡	Dbl	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Balint did well to pull the double of  $5^{\circ}$  – the payoff would have been only 500 – and she was rewarded for her good judgment by being lifted to the no-play slam. The fact that it turned out to be a push was no doubt small consolation.

The comeback for Fantoni started on the next deal.

<ul> <li>▲ K 3</li> <li>◇ A 10 9 5 3</li> <li>◇ J 9 7</li> <li>◆ 5 2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲ 10 4</li> <li>♡ Q 4</li> <li>◊ 10 8</li> <li>▲ K 10</li> <li>N</li> </ul>	6 3 8 3 E ♀ K ♦ K ♥ K ♥ K	Q 6 ( J 8 7 ( Q 5 4	
West	North	East	South	
Fantoni	Allix	Riolo	Neve	

West	North	East	South	
Fantoni	Allix	Riolo	Neve	
		$ \diamond$	♠	
Dbl	Pass	2♡	2♠	
<b>4</b> ♡	All Pass			

Riolo could not avoid the loss of two clubs, a spade and a diamond. Plus 50 to Neve.



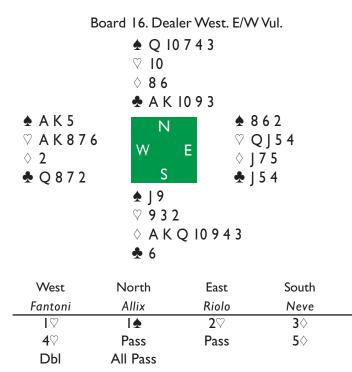
Jean Francois Allix, France

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West	North	East	South	
Rombaut	Nunes	Reess	Balint	
		$ \diamond$	♠	
2♡	2♠	<b>4</b> ♡	4♠	
Dbl	All Pass			

This contract was ironclad. West led a low diamond, and Reess falsecarded with the king. Balint won the  $\Diamond A$  and continued with the  $\bigstar A$  and a second spade. When the  $\bigstar K$  and  $\bigstar Q$  fell together, there were only two more tricks to lose. Plus 590 meant an 11-IMP gain for Fantoni.

Fantoni picked up an overtrick IMP on the next deal, then added 5 IMPs on this one.



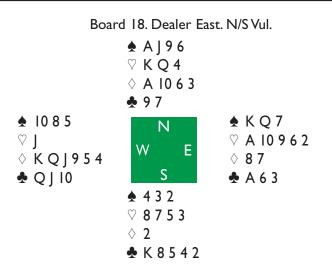
At the vulnerability, the save was just too tempting to pass up, but it did not work out well. Fantoni cashed his  $\heartsuit A$ , the followed with the  $\bigstar K$  and  $\bigstar A$  for one down and plus 100.

West	North	East	South	
Rombaut	Nunes	Reess	Balint	
$\bigtriangledown$	2♡	3♡	<b>4</b> $\diamond$	
40	All Pass			

Nunes cashed his high clubs and gave his partner a ruff. From there, Rombaut could not avoid the loss of a diamond for one down and minus 100. Fantoni had inched 5 IMPs closer. The score was 20-17 for Neve.

Fantoni picked up 2 more IMPs when Balint and Nunes took eight tricks against INT by Reess for plus100 while Neve and Allix managed only seven tricks against the same contract. It was now 20-19 for Neve.

Another INT contract allowed Fantoni to pull ahead, 21-20.

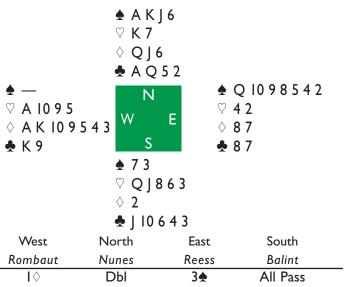


The contract was INT by West at both tables.

Against Rombaut, Nunes started with the  $\pounds 6$ . Rombaut went up with dummy's king and played a diamond to his king, Nunes ducking. The  $\oiint Q$  went to South's king, and another spade was returned to the jack and queen. When declarer played another diamond, Nunes won and cashed two spade tricks and exited with a club. Declarer finished with two spades, two diamonds, two clubs and a heart for plus 90.

At the other table, Allix started with a low diamond, and when dummy's 7 held at trick one, Fantoni was in business. He played a second diamond to his king at trick two. In with the  $\Diamond A$ , Allix switched to the  $\heartsuit K$ , which did not paralyze declarer. He won the ace, played a low club from dummy, South ducking, to his queen. He cashed only three more diamonds because he was squeezing dummy. A spade to the king was followed by the  $\heartsuit 10$ . North was able to get two spade tricks in the end, but Fantoni finished with plus 150 for a 2-IMP gain. At that point, Fantoni and company were leading 21-20. On the penultimate deal, 3NT by West went down a trick at both tables for push. This was the final deal:

Board 20. De	aler West. All Vul.
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The bid of  $3 \oplus$  with 7-2-2-2 shape would not be everyone's choice. North, after all, was likely to hold spades as part of his takeout double.

Balint led her singleton diamond, taken in dummy with the ace. Declarer cashed the  $\heartsuit A$  and played another heart. Nunes won the  $\heartsuit K$  and played the  $\diamondsuit$  (suit preference), ruffed by Balint, who continued with the 🛃 to the king and ace. Nunes cashed the  $\clubsuit Q$  and played his last diamond. Reess ruffed with the  $\bigstar$ 8 and erred by playing a low spade from hand. Balint won the  $\bigstar7$  and exited with a club. Balint, down to all trumps, ruffed and was forced at trick II to lead from  $\Delta Q$  10 9 into Nunes'  $\Delta A$  K J. That was plus 400 to Fantoni, now looking good for a two-digit gain on the final board considering how the bidding ended.

It was not to be.

West	North	East	South	
Fantoni	Allix	Riolo	Neve	
I $\diamond$	Dbl	♠	2♡	
3♢	3NT	All Pass		

A diamond lead would have allowed Fantoni to clear the suit and wait to get back in – and it probably would not have been long.

If Allix tried to drop a singleton  $\clubsuit K$  by cashing the  $\clubsuit A$ first, he would have been down four. The net of plus 800 would have earned Fantoni 13 IMPs.

After Fantoni bid his suit at the three level, it seemed certain he would get the killing diamond lead. Instead, Riolo chose the  $\triangleq 10$  for her opening shot – and now the contract could not be defeated.

Allix gratefully took the  $\blacktriangle$  and put the  $\heartsuit K$  on the table. Fantoni had to duck or Allix would have access to dummy for the club finesse and a probable overtrick. After winning the  $\heartsuit K$ , Allix simply cashed the  $\clubsuit$ A and continued with the queen. Fantoni won and cashed the  $\Diamond K$ , continuing with the  $\Diamond I0$ . His suit was ready to run, but Allix had his nine tricks: three spades, one heart, one diamond and four clubs. Plus 600 was good for a 5-IMP gain and an unlikely 25-21 victory.

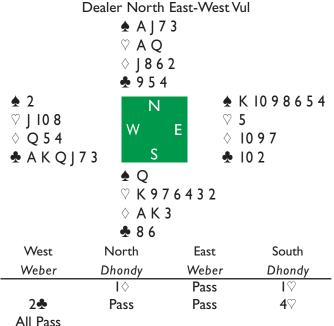


Joanna Neve, France

### **Clear and Present** Danger

by Mark Horton

Sometimes when everything in the garden appears rosy a nasty shock may lie in store. England's Heather Dhondy, a member of the winning Mixed team in 2007, reported this classic instance from the second day's play.



West led the two of spades and with East having sounded no warning note declarer played low from dummy. East won with the king and did not make the mistake of returning a spade, which would have seen declarer discard a club, but instead switched to the two of clubs. West won and returned a low club. East won with the ten and now played a spade promoting a trump for her partner.



Heather Dhondy, England

### Thor's Hammer

by Mark Horton



In Norse mythology, Mjölnir is the hammer of Thor, a major god associated with thunder in Norse mythology. Distinctively shaped, Mjölnir is depicted in Norse mythology as one of the most fearsome weapons, capable of leveling mountains.

The Prose Edda gives a summary of Mjölnir's spe-

cial qualities in that, with Mjölnir, Thor would be able to strike as firmly as he wanted, whatever his aim, and the hammer would never fail, and if he threw it at something, it would never miss and never fly so far from his hand that it would not find its way back, and when he wanted, it would be so small that it could be carried inside his tunic.

In the first round of yesterday's Swiss Brogeland's Norwegian hammers did not always find the mark, but they still stuck more than enough blows to secure a convincing victory.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

<ul> <li>▲ A 10</li> <li>♡ 9 5 2</li> <li>◊ K 10 8 2</li> <li>♣ Q 10 5 4</li> </ul>	<ul> <li></li></ul>	<ul> <li>★ K Q 8 6 5 4</li> <li>♡ Q 7 3</li> <li>◊ 5 4</li> <li>♣ 8 2</li> </ul>
Open Room		

West	North	East	South	
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland	
	Pass	2◊*	2NT	
All Pass				

When East applied the Multi South made a natural overcall. With no idea which suit East might hold West led the five of hearts. Declarer put up dummy's jack and took East's queen with the ace. A low diamond went to the jack and now declarer ran for home, cashing all her winners. When West discarded the ten of spades on a heart declarer was even able to score an overtrick, West having to present declarer with a diamond at the end, +120.

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Helness	Voldoire	Helness	Avon	
	Pass	2♠	Dbl	
3♠	Pass	Pass	<b>4</b> ◇	
All Pass				

The defenders started with three rounds of spades and when declarer discarded the six of hearts she could not avoid two down, -100 and a fast 8 IMPs for Brogeland.

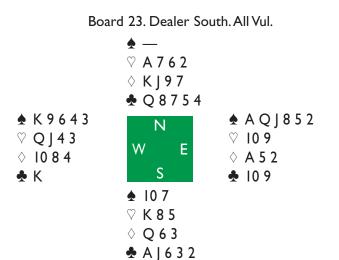


Open Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland	
		INT	3♡	_
Pass	3♠	Pass	<b>4</b> ♡	
All Pass				

West led the four of diamonds and East won with the king and switched to the king of clubs, trying to kill the entry to the spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of spades. East took the ace and switched to a trump, but declarer won, ruffed a diamond, cashed a spade for a club discard, came to hand with a club and claimed +450.

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Helness	Voldoire	Helness	Avon	
		INT	3♡	
All Pass				

Play developed as at the other table, but +200 cost another 6 IMPs.



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland
			Pass
Pass			2 📥
3♠	4♣	4♠	4NT
Pass	5 🛧	All Pass	

I would be happy to open the North hand in a limited system (and it is also possible to open  $2\heartsuit$  – a limited three suiter with hearts as described in a recent book about the Multi). West led the king of spades and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a club to the jack and king (only a Rabbi would get this one right). The diamond suit provided a discard for the losing heart finesse, +600.

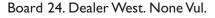


Marshall Lewis, USA

#### **5th EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Helness	Voldoire	Helness	Avon	
			Pass	
Pass	Pass		Pass	
3♣*	Dbl	3♢	Pass	
3♠	All Pass			

Although North came in on the second round it was not enough to persuade South to get involved. She cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a trump, declarer winning in dummy and playing a heart. South won with the king and when she again failed to find the diamond switch declarer was able to record an overtrick, handing the Norwegians 13 IMPs.



	<ul> <li>▲ K 7 5 2</li> <li>♡ A 10 8 6 4</li> <li>◊ Q 9 4</li> <li>♣ 9</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ A 3</li> <li>♡ 9 7 3</li> <li>◇ 8 7 5</li> <li>♣ K Q 10 7 4</li> </ul>	N W E S ▲ Q 9 6 4 ♡ K J 5 ◇ A K 6 2 ♣ 8 5	<ul> <li>▲ J 10 8</li> <li>♡ Q 2</li> <li>◇ J 10 3</li> <li>▲ A J 6 3 2</li> </ul>

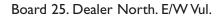
#### Open Room

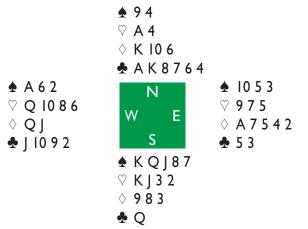
West	North	East	South
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	Pass	♣*
Pass	◊*	Pass	♡*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2◊*
Pass	2♡*	All Pass	

- I♣ Can be two
- $I\diamond$  Hearts
- I♡ Three hearts
- 2 Forces 2
- 27 Invitational

West led the king of clubs and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart to the jack. She got the spades wrong, but still had ten easy tricks, +170.

In the Closed Room North/South were able to locate their spade fit and reach game, although declarer did not guess the spade position getting the hearts right was enough for a 7 IMP pick up.





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland
	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2◊*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3⊘*	Pass	3♡*
Dbl	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the five of hearts and after considerable thought declarer went up with dummy's king, unblocked the queen of clubs and played the king of spades. When that held he came to hand with a heart and tried the clubs. When they failed to divide the game was up, and the defenders made no mistake, cashing all their tricks for +100.

With all four hands on view one can see that taking the



Tonje Aasand Brogeland, Norway

first heart in hand and attacking spades will lead to success thanks to the position in diamonds, but there is no particular reason for declarer to follow that path.

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Helness	Voldoire	Helness	Avon	
	INT	Pass	2♣*	
Pass	2◊*	Pass	3♡*	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

Her East had little reason to avoid a diamond lead and declarer won with the king, crossed to the queen of clubs, played a heart to the ace and tried the clubs. When they failed to break he turned his attention to spades. He had pitched a spade, so he scored nine tricks, +400 and 11 IMPs.



	<ul> <li>▲ 972</li> <li>♡ Q 97653</li> <li>◊ K 84</li> <li>♣ 2</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ J 10 8</li> <li>♡ 10 4 2</li> <li>◇ Q 6 3</li> <li>♣ K 10 6 4</li> </ul>	N W E S ◆ 5 4 3	<ul> <li>▲ A K Q 6</li> <li>♡ J</li> <li>◊ A J 9 2</li> <li>▲ A J 8 7</li> </ul>
	♡ A K 8 ◇ 10 7 5 ♣ Q 9 5 3	

Open Roon	n		
West	North	East	South
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland
			Pass
Pass	2◊*	Dbl	2♡*
Pass	Pass	DЫ	Pass
3 📥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5 🙅	All Pass		

North led the six of hearts and South won and continued the suit, forcing declarer to ruff. A spade to the jack was followed by a club to the jack and queen. South played a third heart and declarer ruffed with the ace of clubs and played a club to the king. A third loser was inevitable, -50.

Closed Roo	m		
West	North	East	South
Helness	Voldoire	Helness	Avon
			Pass
Pass	2♡	Dbl	3♡
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♣	Pass	5 📥	All Pass

The defence started in similar fashion, but at trick three declarer played the jack of clubs and ran it. He cashed the ace of clubs, crossed to hand with a spade and played the queen of diamonds for the king and ace. Now he simply drew trumps and cashed his winners, +400 and 10 IMPs.

	Board 28	. Dealer	West. N/S Vul.
<ul> <li>▲ A J 9 8</li> <li>♡ J 7 4 2</li> <li>◇ A J 3</li> <li>♣ 7 2</li> </ul>		7 6 4 10 3 10 8 7 6 K Q 10 N / E S Q 5 3 A K 8 6 K 9 2 9 6 4	8

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Lewis	Brogeland	Kenny	Brogeland	
	Pass	2♣*	Pass	
2♠	All Pass			

When West suggested a very modest hand East shut up shop. Declarer ducked the opening lead of the king of clubs, took the next club with dummy's jack and played a heart to South's king. He pitched a diamond on the club return and played another heart, South winning and giving her partner a heart ruff. Declarer won the diamond exit in hand and although he failed to locate the queen of spades he was +110.

#### Closed Room

	West	North	East	South	
_	Helness	Voldoire	Helness	Avon	
	$\bigcirc$	Pass	2♣	Pass	
	2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North led the six of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the jack and played a heart to the nine. South took the king, cashed the ace and played a third heart. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the nine. When that held he did not mess about, quickly claiming his contract, +400 and 7 IMPs.

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The Editor of the new edition of the Official Encyclopaedia of Bridge Brent Manley is here in Poznan. When he returns to Memphis it will be too late for you to update your biography. Here is an example of the type of thing we are looking for (your bridge results we know all about!):

Fritz Babsch (1933-) He was born in Vienna and has lived there ever since. He married lnge in 1959 they have two sons (only one is playing bridge) and three granddaughters. He learned bridge in the cold winter 1946/47 when he found a book on bridge in the library of his grandfather. He then played with the family (and never knew that there was something like Tournament Bridge) and some LOLs until 1963 when he discussed the result of a match with a colleague with whom he played basketball. It transpired that what he thought was a basketball result was a bridge result. He told him that he also played bridge. His colleague was enthusiastic and invited him to the bridge club and that was it for the rest of his life. Many good players found their way to bridge through similar accidents. In the early 70's he started a career as organizer and TD. He was successful at the first seminar of the EBL and has directed not only in Austria but also in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Germany and later in Croatia. He was TD in four EBL championships. In the last ten years he has played little bridge.

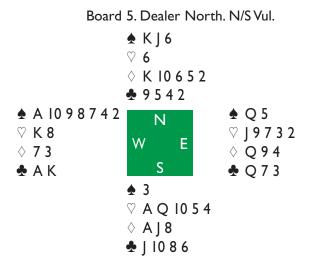
He was a civil engineer by profession but bridge was always number one in his life. His hobbies are travelling, alpine flowers, especially wild growing orchids, and classic music.

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### **Mixed Teams Swiss Round 2**

by Jos Jacobs

In Sunday's second round of the Swiss, two boards drew my attention, numbers 5 and 7. Here is what happened on both of them in three of the matches.



This is a hand on which West can bid any number of spades he likes over South's opening  $I^{\heartsuit}$  bid. The risk is of course that the higher you bid, the greater the chance of being caught for speeding.

Mr lvanov was our first victim in this respect as this was the bidding at his table:

West	North	East	South
Ivanov	Brogeland B	Ivanova	Brogeland
	Pass	Pass	$\heartsuit$
Dbl	Pass	INT	Pass
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

The play was easy enough. Heart lead, heart ruff, diamond to the Jack,  $\Diamond A$  and another heart. Declarer ruffs with the ace and loses a trump trick later for down two. NS +300.

West	North	East	South
Helness T	Senior	Helness	Penfold
	Pass	Pass	$\heartsuit$
♠	INT	Pass	2♣
2♠	3 🛧	3♠	All Pass

This contract was apparently brought home on less than stellar defence: a heart lead and heart ruff, but then repeated club exits from North... so +140 and 10 Imps to the Brogeland team

When the Wild Griffins faced the Adams Family, both EW pairs reached game but along completely different routes from what we saw earlier.

Kostadinov, for the Adams family, found himself quickly in 4<sup>4</sup> and got the same defence as was found by the Brogelands. Down two.

At the other table, we saw interesting variations in bidding and play.

West	North	East	South
Khven	Ignatov	Gulevich	Mineva
	Pass	Pass	$\heartsuit$
♠	<b>2</b> ◇	Pass	2♡
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Here, North led the  $\heartsuit$ 6 and South did not put up her ace! Declarer won the eight and immediately led a low trump, North rising with the King. When a club came back, a red loser disappeared and nine tricks were thus made for a 5-Imp gain to the Wild Griffins.

In our last featured match, Gotard jr. immediately took the bull by the horns:

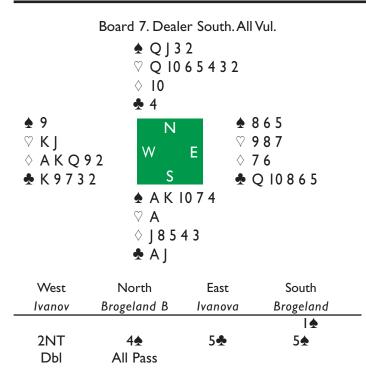
West	North	East	South
Gotard	Taczewski	Eggeling	Taczewska
	Pass	Pass	$\circ$
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

...only to find out that this had not been the right moment to do so. Heart to the ace, heart ruff and a club back but when declarer next played the A, dummy was out of reach forever so down two was inevitable. Couples +300.

West	North	East	South	
P Busse	T Gotard	G Busse	B Gotard	
	Pass	Pass	$ \heartsuit$	_
	All Pass			

Busse was left alone in his modest overcall and got a very sharp defence indeed: Heart lead to the ace, heart ruff, diamond to the Jack and the  $\heartsuit Q$ . Having no relevant information at all from the auction, declarer ruffed with the eight but North overruffed and played another diamond. South now could win his ace and lead yet another heart to promote North's trump king. Well defended but to no avail: Couples +80 and 9 Imps to them.

The other board to be discussed is an interesting declarer play problem, even more so when the opponents have competed a bit.



Now, how would you play this contract, in view of the auction in which West had showed the minors?

West leads top diamonds and you ruff the second round low in dummy. As you intend to set up dummy's hearts, your next move is to cash the  $\heartsuit$ A on which West plays the Jack. What next?

It looks so easy, double dummy, but it's a nasty guess at this point, especially as you are in Five Spades. Maybe, the best line now is to cross to dummy's  $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{Q}$ . If West shows out, he is a favourite to have started with  $\heartsuit KJ$  bare and this seems your only hope as well, now. You would have been better off if you had been in slam, as your best line for 12 tricks seems to be felling the doubleton  $\heartsuit K$ .. However, it's all mere speculation, I feel.

At our table, Tonje Brogeland tried to cater for very bad breaks (she was doubled, mind you) so she ruffed a diamond high, crossed in clubs to ruff another diamond high and then played the  $\heartsuit Q$ , throwing her last diamond when East did not cover. West won and had a trump to return, sealing the fate of the five-level contract as declarer was left with a club loser in the end. One down.

At the other table, NS were much more enterprising:

West	North	East	South	
Helness T	Senior	Helness	Penfold	
			♠	
<b>2</b> ◇	4♠	Pass	5 📥	
Pass	5♢	Pass	6♠	
All Pass				

On the same defence of two top diamonds, declarer went on to cash the  $\heartsuit A$ , lead a spade to the Queen and ruff a

heart with the ten. When the King appeared, it was all over in a flash. Penfold had +1660 and 17 much-needed Imps back.

Both the Wild Griffins and the Adams Family treated us to a good show in their match:

West	North	East	South
Kostadinov	Orlov	Nalbatska	Dikhnova
			♣
$\bigtriangledown$	Dbl		Dbl
2 📥	2♡	3 🙅	Pass
4♣	40	5 🛳	Dbl
All Pass			

Strong Club, a two-way two-suited overcall and finally a good fit found. South did her best to show her real spades but North was not impressed. A good save by EW anyway, with  $4 \ge$  cold and  $6 \ge$  on. One down, +200 to the Griffins.

West	North	East	South
Khven	Ignatov	Gulevich	Mineva
			♣
2 📤	Dbl	3 🙅	3♠
5 🙅	5♠	All pass	

Strong Club here too, followed by a two-suited overcall establishing the fit. North's double showed less than 8 hcp but his distribution was such that he went on after  $5 \stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow}$ .

As the play went, declarer should have made her contract after ruffing out the  $\heartsuit K$  but she then had a blind spot somewhere, ending up with only10 tricks...another +100 to the Griffins for 7 Imps to them.

West	North	East	South
Gotard	Taczewski	Eggeling	Taczewska
			♠
<b>2</b> ♢	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5◇	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Playing 6 $\bigstar$ , Taczewska followed the recommended line when the  $\heartsuit$ J appeared. She crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed a heart with the ten. Curtains. Couples +1430.

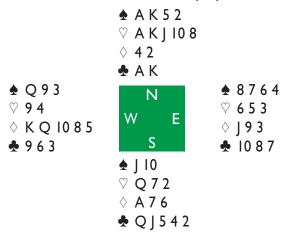
West	North	East	South	
Busse	T Gotard	G Busse	B Gotard	
2☆	4♠	All Pass		

A quiet raise by North saw NS end up in a quiet contract in which declarer played safe for her 10 tricks. She ruffed diamonds high and a club low and that was all she needed. However, scoring just +620 meant that Couples had gained a slam swing: 13 Imps to them.

### REKORD

W I rundzie eliminacji grupowych padł rekordowy, jak dotychczas, wynik - 81-0 w 10 rozdaniach to prawdziwy nokaut. To wynik meczu Mano – Blue Rose. Jak do tego doszło? Obie pary teamu Mano – Renata Wajdowicż i Andrzej Hycnar oraz Imam Chamaa i Krzysztof Martens zagrały perfekcyjnie, a do tego wykorzystały wszystkie prezenty od przeciwników. Popatrzmy na dwa rozdania z tego meczu. Pierwsze, o dziwo, było remisowe:

Rozdawał S WE po partii



Rozdanie to sprawiło mikstom wiele kłopotu. Wystarczy powiedzieć, że na 90 stołów wielki szlema wylicytowano tylko 11 razy! Wajdowicz – Hycnar doszli do szlema w



Ewa Grabowska, Poland

następujący sposób.

West	North	East	South
	Hycnar		Wajdowicz
			Pas
Pas	♣ <sup>1</sup>	pas	I BA <sup>2</sup>
Pas	<b>2</b> ♡³	pas	3 🛧
Pas	3♡⁴	pas	<b>4</b> \\$
Pas	<b>4</b> ♠⁵	pas	4BA <sup>6</sup>
Pas	7♡	pas	

I) zmodyfikowana "Strefa" – naturalne, przygotowawcze, albo Acol

2) po pasie – 10-11 bez starszej czwórki

3) Acol na kierach lub rewers 4 5+

4) Acol na kierach

5) cue bidy

6) cue bid ogólny

Dzięki temu zremisowali rozdanie, gdyż na drugim stole Nenova – Georgiew także dolicytowali się do 7 $^{\odot}$ .

Drugie rozdanie to problem wistowy. Po licytacji:

West	North	East	South
	$ \diamond$	pas	$\bigcirc$
pas	2BA	pas	3BA
pas			

Jesteś na pierwszym wiście z ręką:  $\clubsuit$  A J 7 3  $\heartsuit$  8 2  $\diamond$  J 6  $\clubsuit$  J 10 9 6 4.W co wistujesz?

Andrzej Hycnar doszedł do wniosku, że trefle są bez przyszłości – W powinien mieć nieźle w tym kolorze... Wobec tego jedyną alternatywą jest wist pikowy. Oto cały rozkład:

Roz ♠ 6	2dawał S Obi ♠ A J 7 3 ♡ 8 2 ◊ J 6 ♣ J 10 9 6 4	
♡ 6 ◊ K Q 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 8 2	W E S ▲ K Q 2 ♡ J 10 7 ◊ A 10 8 5 ♣ 7 5 3	♡ A K Q 9 5 4 3 ◇ — ♣ K

Obrona zdjęła cztery piki i asa karo. Oczywiście można dyskutować o licytacji, ale to w końcu turniej mikstów! Na W grał pan... Więc pani na E nie chciała, a może nie mogła wykazać się brakiem zaufania...

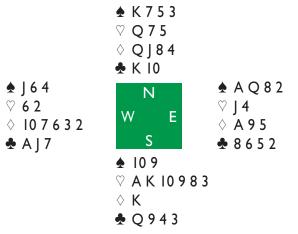
#### 22,8 VP/MECZ

W eliminacjach najwięcej punktów zdobył team VITAS, złożony z graczy z Polski i Litwy – Grażyna Brewiak, Swetlana Bodrenkowa, Ewa Grabowska, Vytautas Vainikonis, Andrej Orlovich, Grzegorz Narkiewicz. Jak zdobywa się 114 VP w 5 meczach?

Oto jedna z odpowiedzi: w co wistujesz z ręką  $\bigstar$  A Q 8 2  $\heartsuit$  J 4  $\diamond$  A 9 5  $\bigstar$  8 6 5 2 po licytacji (obie po partii, rozdawał S):

West	North	East	South I♡
pas	♠	pas	2 📤
pas	3BA	pas	

Ewa Grabowska – mistrzyni Europy juniorek z Brasov – wyszła pasywnie – w waleta kier, niech rozgrywający sam szuka lew z boku, gdzie mamy honory... Oto cały rozkład:



Rozgrywający pobił asem i zagrał króla karo. Przepuszczono. Teraz dama kier do ręki i dama karo. E pobiła asem i zagrała czytelnie óśemką trefl. Vytas posłusznie pobił asem i zwieńczył dzieło, grając waleta pik – obrona wzięła trzy lewe pikowe i bez jednej.

#### ZACIEMNIENIE

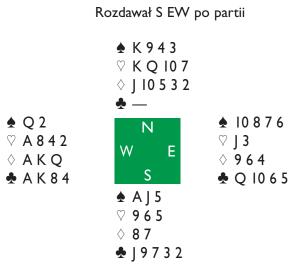
l jeszcze praktyczna rozgrywka Piotra Tuszyńskiego z ostatniego meczu eliminacji:

Po licytacji:

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I) Wspólny Język

2) Stayman



Niestety, nie dało się zagrać 3 ź z kontrą, a nawet z rekontrą. Trzeba było walczyć o kontrakt 3BA. Sprawa wygląda beznadziejnie, ale na błąd przeciwnika zawsze można liczyć, zwłaszcza, gdy nieco się pomoże go zrobić.

N zaatakował królem kier, a S zrzuciła (odwrotnie) dziewiątkę. Tuszyński przepuścił. Przepuścił również zagraną w następnej lewie damę kier. N kontynuował kiery blotką, licząc na ósemkę u partnerki... Tuszyński, wiedząc o zacinających się treflach nie ruszył tego koloru, ale zagrał damę pik. N puścił, a S wzięła asem i "podegrała" karo. As i as kier. S zrzuca pierwszego trefla. Teraz dwa kolejne kara i do ostatniego S zrzuca drugiego trefla... W ten sposób rozgrywający skompletował 9 lew – dwa kiery, trzy kara i cztery trefle.



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