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Where Eagles Dare



The magnificent Congress Center

As we enter the last day, who will rise to the occasion and capture a European Open Title? In the Open Pairs Ismail Kandemir and Suleyman Kolata lead from Cezary Balicki and Jacek Pszczola and Mikjail Cherny and Leonid Greenbaum. Familiar faces are at the top of the *Women's* leader board, **Bep Vriend** and Carla Arnolds from Bénédicte Cronier and Sylvie Willard and Veronique Bessis and Jovi Smederevac.

In the Senior Pairs Poland have high hopes as they occupy the top three places thanks to the efforts of Aleksander Jezioro and Jerzy Russyan, Irena Chodorowska and Jan Chodorowski and Stanislaw Owczarek and Zdzislaw Radwanski.

Pairs Prize-Giving and Closing Ceremony

The pairs Prize-Giving and Closing Ceremony will be held today 2nd July immediately after the end of the play, in front of the playing area C1. Snacks will follow

Awards:

I. Medals and titles will be awarded to the 3 pairs best classified in Final A of each category

2. Plaques will be presented to the first 3 pairs classified in Final B of the three categories

3. Challenge Trophies will be assigned to the Presidents of the Federations to which the first European Pairs in each category belong. Replicas will be presented to the first, second and third classified pairs. This only applies to those European pairs where both players are from the same country.

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Today's - Schedule

10.00 O/W/S Pairs Final A (R4)

14.30 O/W/S Pairs Final A (R5)

Just the Facts Pony Nehmert



Date of Birth: Too long ago to remember! Place of Birth: Home Place of Residence: Wonderful Wiesbaden, meet me in the mainstreet What is your favourite colour?

I love all colours What kind of food makes you happy? Chinese And what drink? This year: Mojito Who is your favourite author? Margaret George (The Autobiography of Henry VIII with notes by his fool Will Somers) All time favourite movie? Blade Runner Do you have a favourite actor? Sean Connery Actress? Helen Mirren as The Queen What kind of music do you like to listen to? All kinds while driving my car Do you have a favourite painter or artist? The one that is painting my apartment What do you see as your best ever result? Winning an Xmas tournament with my niece Do you have a favourite hand? Yes, I had ♠-♡-◊753 ♣AKQJ1098754 and opened 6♣. Partner raised to 7♣ and the lead was the ♣3. Dummy held: ♠AK53 ♥AK86 ◊862 **♣**62 Who is your favourite bridge player? The one sitting opposite me - well, most of the time Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you? Kelsey's Logical Bridge Play and Dorothy Hayden Truscott's Bid Better Play Better What is the best bridge country in the world? Wherever I have been it was great What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)? Cooking and dining out What is it you dislike in a person? Too much talk Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge? Scnhick-Schnak Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself? I have got pretty well used to being myself so why change? Which three people would you invite to dinner? First of all a good cook! Is there something you'd love to learn? To recognise people I have only met briefly What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

No rule, but I'm too cold when the air conditioning is on. That's bad for the environment and for your health.

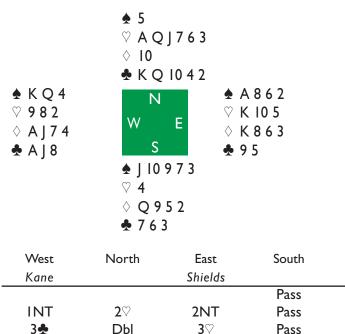
Points from the Pairs

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Sadly, there is only one player here whose allegiance is Wales (your reporter is not playing), namely Pat Shields, and his country of birth is, as for his partner Martin Kane, Scotland.

This deal from the Open Pairs Semifinal "A" gave Kane the problem of picking up four diamond tricks:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



2NT was Lebensohl, $3\clubsuit$ compulsory, $3\heartsuit$ promised four spades and a heart stop.

All Pass

3NT

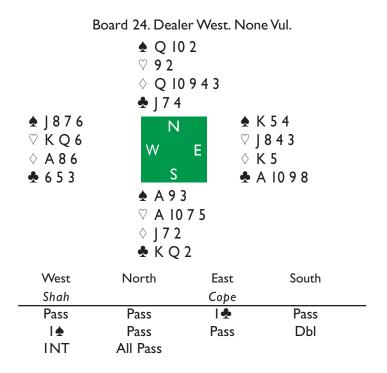
Against West's 3NT, North led $\heartsuit Q$ which held, followed by a switch to $\clubsuit K$ which also held. North now cleared the hearts by playing ace and another with South discarding both remaining clubs.

Kane knew North had six hearts and at least four clubs. In practice he laid down $\Diamond K$ and when the ten appeared from North, followed by running the eight to make his game.

But Kane was not entirely happy with his line. Perhaps he should have tested spades first. If you lay down the king and queen North discards a club. If he has a singleton spade you might be tempted to play him for a doubleton diamond and go wrong in the suit. But you can verify the layout by next cashing the ace of clubs. If South shows out, as he does, North's shape is known and you still have two entries to dummy to pick up the diamonds.

Had South thrown a spade instead of the third club this count would not be sure, so you might need to check the count signal on the club switch.

Shivam Shah is a junior from England who has made the Semifinal "A" with partner Simon Cope, coach to the juniors. Shah achieved an endplay on this deal:



West was declarer in INT. North led \diamond 10, which held, and a diamond to dummy's king. A heart to the king was fol-



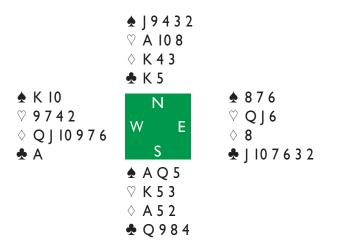
Simon Cope, England

lowed by a club to the ten and queen. A third diamond cleared the suit for the defence and dummy released a spade.

Declarer now led a second club towards the dummy and North played low. It may be best for declarer to put in the nine as declarer can endplay South later. Shah actually chose to rise with the ace and South failed to unblock. And so after a heart to the queen and a third club South had to concede an extra trick to dummy.

The players who made it to the Team finals were included in the Pairs semifinals session six. Paul Hackett & Tony Waterlow from Team Pharon had only a hard luck story to report after an interesting and exciting auction here:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Hackett		Waterlow
		Pass	INT
Dbl*	Rdbl	2♣	Dbl
2 ◇	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	All Pass

West's double was for takeout and East's later redouble intended for rescue, but West had nowhere better to go.

The final contract was Two Diamonds redoubled by West. North led the club king. Can the defence still succeed? We are indebted to Deep Finesse for the analysis that says the defence can still triumph.

Declarer won the club lead and played trumps. The defence has to continue with a LOW club ducked allowing West to discard a heart. Later the queen of clubs is ruffed by West as North ditches a heart and a heart ruff for North beats the partscore.

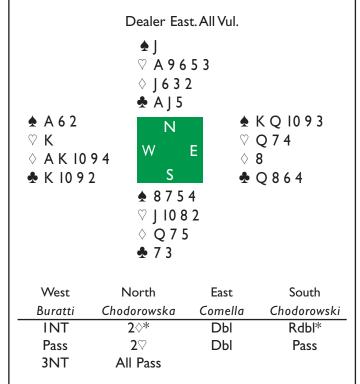
In practice when South was in with the trump winner he made the natural spade switch. The defence made only their obvious five winners of a spade and four top red cards.

One can say -560 was not a profitable score for the Senior Teams silver medallists.

Counted Out

by Mark Horton

On this deal from Session 6 of the Senior Pairs semifinal, declarer was able to get a perfect count on the defenders' hands.



²⁰ Diamonds and a major, at least nine cardsRdbl Bid your major

Fearing that the penalty from 2° doubled might not be enough, declarer tried for the game bonus.

When North did not table the ace of hearts (would you?) declarer appeared to have done the right thing. However, his next move was a club to the queen followed by a club to the ten and jack. Now North cleared the hearts. Knowing that North was likely to be 1-5-4-3 declarer ran the ten of spades and was mortified when it lost to the singleton jack.

All he could do was curse the Gods of distribution.

Souvenir Cards

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

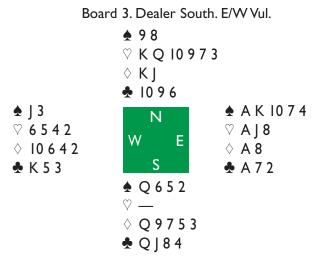
Open Pairs Semifinals Bits and Pieces

by Jos Jacobs

Being able to watch the same board at various tables in a pairs' event has always been the journalist's dream and the director's nightmare. There is no good way to stop a player thinking that something special is going on if a journalist suddenly approaches his table just at the moment the play of any specific board gets underway. With the help of BBO technology and the Polish staff this problem has now been solved. Once there are sufficient competent operators, any limited number of tables can be broadcast, provided the event itself is played as a barometer.

So, with some virtual running between the many tables in play, I managed to see a lot of interesting bids and plays come by. Below, you will find a selection.

Take for example board 3.



Many North players opened 3^{\bigcirc} , giving East a problem which they often solved by simply bidding the contract they wanted to be in: 3NT. This would usually be an easy make, even on a club lead, as the \clubsuit J and the \clubsuit K are the two entries to dummy to lead hearts twice to the AJ8. Declarer should be careful to win any suit led immediately as a diamond lead ducked and a club shift might sink the contract.

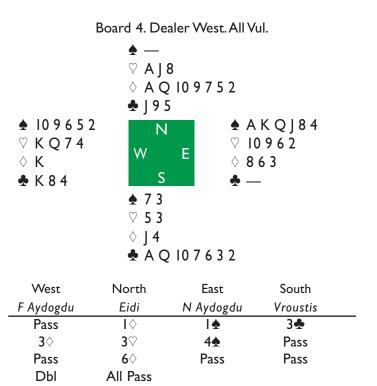
At one table, EW managed to play the contract in hearts when South opened $2\Diamond$, showing four spades and any second suit, 6-11 hcp:

West	North	East	South	
Multon	Omernik	Zimmermann	Henclik	
			2 ◇	
Pass	2NT	Dbl	Pass	
3♡	Dbl	All Pass		
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2NT enquired about the other suit. How could East ever tell what to do, on an auction like this?

The contract went only one down but -200 only was worth 3% to EW.

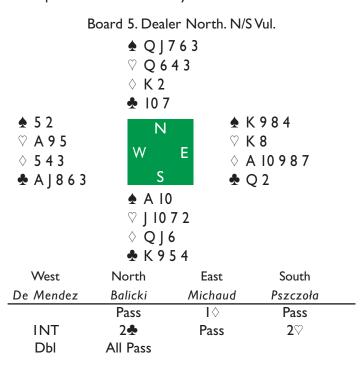
On the next board, Lebanon's Michel Eidi showed his abilities in declarer play:





Pierre Zimmermann, France

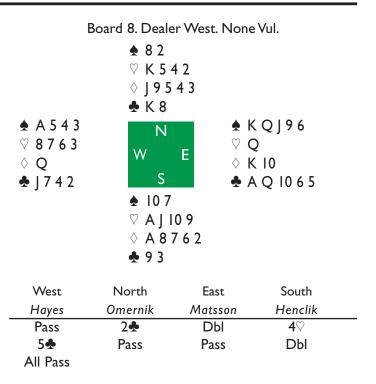
When East led the A rather than a heart, declarer had a chance. From the bidding, West was likely to have a singleton diamond, in which case taking the trump finesse would be senseless. So Michel cashed the A and when the king came down, the rest was easy as the losing hearts went on the established clubs. Plus 1540 was achieved by only one other pair: Winciorek-Wreczycki from Poland.



This is what matchpoint bridge really is about. Two aces and opponents vulnerable is the ideal situation to try and go for +200. As East would always be able to overruff dummy in clubs or else create a trump promotion, one down was inevitable. EW +200, exactly what they wanted.

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Omernik	Gower	Henclik
	2 桊	2♦	30
All Pass			

In this round, the Polish pet weak opening on four of a major and any second suit, came up again. This time, 24 did the trick, showing hearts and a minor. South took a shot at 3° which was miles too high, even though nobody could double it. The play was quite different, however, from what we saw before. West led a spade to declarer's ten and next, the \Diamond was run. A second diamond went to the king and ace. Now a cluv to the king lost to the ace and West continued the \clubsuit which was overtaken by East with the queen. East exited with a spade and now, finally, declarer could start drawing trumps. He led the $\heartsuit 10$ from hand, East winning the king and returning a spade which South ruffed with the two, overruffed by West with the nine. A club came back, North threw a winning spade and East ruffed with the eight. That was six tricks for the defence so with the $\heartsuit A$ still to come the contract was no less than three down, 95% for the South Africans.



The third example of their pet openings seemed to work well again for Omernik-Henclik, after their earlier disaster. Apparently, E/W had no good agreement about dealing with the destructive actions. Leaping Michaels would have solved the problem easily but once West took the double of $2^{\text{(m)}}$ primarily as showing that suit, we can understand his jump to $5^{\text{(m)}}$. With $4^{\text{(m)}}$ making the normal contract, this would have been a good score for N/S until South came to E/W's rescue. When South returned a trump after winning partner's heart lead the diamond loser vanished so declarer emerged with +650 and nearly all the matchpoints rather than a complete zero.

On the last board, there was also an accident or two:

Bo	oard 10. Dea	ler East. All V	ul.	
	▲ J ♡ A 9 6 ◊ J 6 3 2 ▲ A J 5	2		
▲ A 6 2	N		Q 10 9 3	
♡ K	W	-	974	
♦ A K 10 9 4 ♦ K 10 9 2	S		864	
T K 1072	♦ 875		7007	
	v 10 8			
	♦ Q 7 5			
	♣ 7 3			
West	North	East	South	
F Aydogdu	Balicki	N Aydogdu	Pszczoła	
		Pass	Pass	
🛧	\bigcirc	Dbl	Pass	
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

We will never know if West really meant INT to show a heart stopper but when Balicki led a low heart, the blank king was worth more than a stopper, since dummy happened to hold the queen.

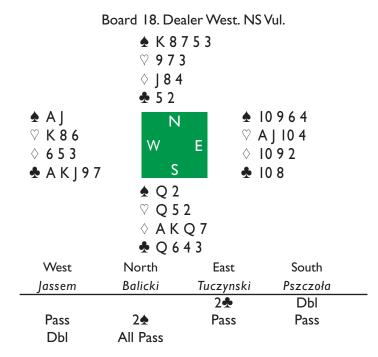
After running the spades, declarer led the \clubsuit K from hand as South had discarded one club on the spades, and thus by later finessing the \clubsuit J through North he chalked up 11 tricks for +660 and 97% of the matchpoints.

Another wonderful mp score, but this time for N/S, arose when they managed to make their opponents' Strong Club system crash.

West	North	East	South	
Rybnikov	Piekarek	Nikolayenko	Smirnov	
♣		Dbl	2♠	
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4 🙅	Pass	5 🛧	All Pass	

Against Strong Club, $I \triangleq$ showed either reds or blacks, so Smirnov's raise was OK even though he had not seen the alert on $I \triangleq$ and thus thought that the overall had been natural. East cleared the spade smoke by bidding $3 \triangleq$ but this was asking too much for West. Whether or not $5 \triangleq$ would make, E/W were booked for a bad mp score. The contract actually went one down so the N/S score improved from a possible 25% had the contract made to a nice 97%.

On board 18, two Polish pairs were meeting and they really ignited some fireworks:



2 showed the majors one which South could hardly pass. So he doubled, an action he was soon to regret. The defence was merciless, as could be expected from these players. 10 lead which held, followed by the \heartsuit J which also held. Heart to the king, \oiint A, \oiint K ruffed with the eight and overruffed with the nine, \heartsuit A and the I3th heart which was ruffed by Jassem with the jack,. Declarer overruffed with the king and next cashed his three diamond winners. When

he played the 13th diamond, West ruffed with the ace, thus eloping another trump trick for his partner's ± 106 over declarer's ± 75 . Down three and 95% for EW.

On board 27, I saw a bid that, as I heard someone saying, was "the most daring jump overcall ever made by a Frenchman playing abroad:" My own view is that this was a little exaggerated but it was certainly a very aggressive action that paid rich dividends too:

B	oard 27. Dealei	5 3	one Vul.
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♡ J I0	W	E 🌣	Q 9 6 2
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•	🔶 Q 9 5		
	∀ Κ 4		
	♦ A Q 4	4 2	
	A K C		
West	North	East	South
Volcker	Malinowski	Levy	Rasmussen
			♣
2♠	Dbl	3♠	Dbl
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	

As both opponents held three spades, neither could imagine partner would hold three as well. E/W did well to stay out of 3NT but 4% was not the place to be.Three spades and two trumps meant an easy two down and 96%, beating all those who were only one off in the popular 3NT.

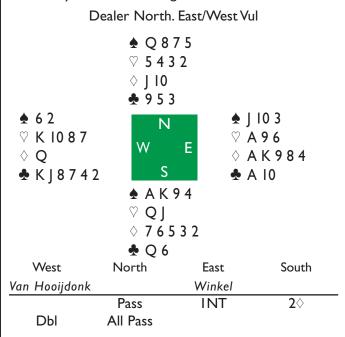


Artur Malinowski, England

Grand Defence

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

If you look at the diagram below you will see that East-West cannot make a slam because South, on lead, can cash the top spades. But as my story will reveal, in the Open Pairs Semifinal "A", Marcel van Hooijdonk & Marcel Winkel had no problem making all thirteen tricks because they had the advantage of the lead!



Winkel, sitting East, opened INT (14-16). South overcalled $2\diamond$ showing diamonds and a major. West doubled for take-out and that concluded the auction.

Van Hooijdonk led his singleton queen of trumps which held, and switched to a club. East won and drew four more rounds of trumps, using the eight at the third round so West could tell what was happening. West had two spade losers to dispose of at the start but then had a choice of winners to keep.

At trick seven East switched to a low heart. The defence quickly made the rest.

 $2\Diamond$ doubled -8 gave the two Marcels a score of 2000, more than bidding and making their own grand slam. It was certainly a "grand" defence.

Thank you!

On behalf of the IBPA-members in Poznan I would like to thank the EBL and the Polish Bridge Union for the facilities offered in the Press Room. A special thank you goes to Radoslaw Kielbasinski for organizing the IBPA-outing to Kornik Castle and a wonderful lunch!

Jan Swaan - Press Room Manager

Just the Facts

Kathrine Bertheau



Date of Birth: 31/03/1975 Place of Birth: Bergen, Norway Place of Residence: Stockholm, Sweden

What is your favourite colour? Green What kind of food makes you happy? Asian And what drink? Gin & Tonic All time favourite movie? Dirty Dancing Do you have a favourite actor? Richard Gere, Anthony Hopkins **Actress? Jodie Foster** Do you have a favourite painter or artist? M.C. Escher What do you see as your best ever result? European Championships, Malmö 2004 Do you have a favourite hand? Yes, I have a collage at home of Geir Helgemo's intra finesse hand. It was a wedding present Who is your favourite bridge player? lessica of course What is the best bridge country in the world? USA Which three people would you invite to dinner? Richard Gere, Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise Is there something you'd love to learn? Playing the Saxaphone What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

In Sweden, the new rule about not alerting doubles

onship, Kielbasinski said. "From organizational and

Poznan tournament a 'great success'

The 5th European Open Bridge Championships is nearly over, and the officials involved expressed satisfaction that it was a successful tournament, enjoyed by the players in a fine venue.

That said, there may be some changes for future tournaments organized by the European Bridge League – most of them aimed at accommodating the wishes of the players.

EBL President Yves Aubry said there will be consideration given to changes in the format, possibly even in-

cluding some time off for players during the two-weeklong tournament.

"Some players have said they want to play every day," said Aubry, "but I think it might be a good idea to have a day off, perhaps between the Mixed Pairs and the Open."

Aubry said scheduling some half days of play will also be considered.

The comments were made during a press conference on Friday morning hosted by the International Bridge Press Association. On the podium with IBPA President Patrick Jourdain were Aubry and Polish Bridge Union President Radek Kielbasinski.

Aubry had praise for the results of all the preparation by the local organizers and the PBU. "It has been a great success," he said.

Aubry said the 10-board sessions and the ability for players to scan their badges to get their scores immediately were welcome innovations.

Kielbasinski agreed that the tournament was successful, and he credited the cooperation of the Poznan authorities for much of that success.

The PBU president noted that the mayor of Poznan lent important support to the effort, and upon visiting the tournament was "very impressed with that he has seen."

The Poznan tournament is the second major bridge event hosted in Poland in recent years, including the European Teams Championship in Warsaw in 2006. The PBU now has its sights set on hosting a world champi-

Answering questions about some issues with event formats, Aubry said decisions in some cases were dictated by participation, but considering will be given to

changes for future tournaments.

technical aspects, we are ready."

Other items of note from the EBL president:

The Pierre Zimmermann team will not meet residen-

cy requirements in time to represent Monaco in the 2012 European Championships.

San Remo, Italy, is under consideration to host the 2013 European Open Bridge Championships. The 4th edition of the tournament, in 2009, was in San Remo.

The EBL is not concerned that the

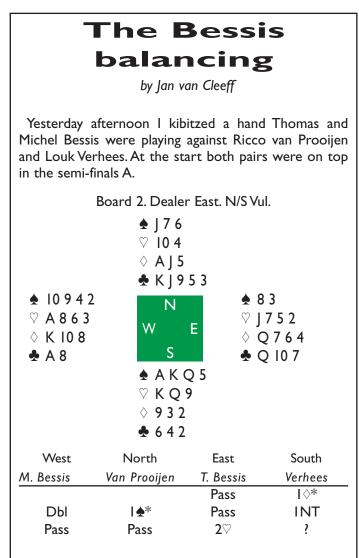
economic crisis in Greece will affect the European Championships scheduled for that country next year.

The EBL web site will undergo significant changes over the next 18 months.



Behind every great man.....Sevinc Atay and Claude Aubry organize the President's Dinner





I Precision style, may be short

I ▲ Transfer to INT

At this point Louk Verhees thought for quite some time. Of course he was well aware that Thomas Bessis is a player who could balance on almost any hand. Several bids crossed his mind: pass, dbl, $2 \pm$ or 2NT. Finally Verhees opted for the latter. But when Ricco van Prooijen bid 3° he quickly removed to 3NT, passed out.

Michel Bessis lead a low heart to the four, jack and king. At trick two declarer played a club to the jack. East won the queen and returned a heart to the king and ace. If West had switched to the $\diamond 10$ (not easy) the contract was doomed. In that case the defence was in the position to score two diamonds, two clubs and the $\heartsuit A$. West however persisted with the hearts. Declarer won in his hand and continued in clubs which insured him nine tricks for a score of 79%.

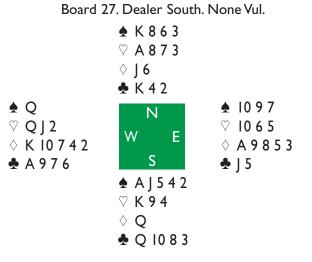
Final Bulletin

For logistical reasons there will be no printed Bulletin this evening, but it will be posted on the Internet as usual.

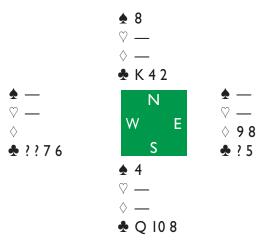
Variations on a Theme

by Barry Rigal

Svetlana Badrankova has contributed some interesting deals for the bulletin. One of them saw Dubinin at the helm in $4\frac{1}{2}$ after West had doubled $1\frac{1}{2}$.



Declarer took with the $\heartsuit K$ and drew trumps, ducked a heart and eliminated the red suits to reach this position:



Dubinin played a club to the $\clubsuit Q$ and when West won his $\clubsuit A$ and exited with a club, declarer played low from the table – and finished an unlucky one off.

We at the bulletin somewhat unsympathetically suggested a deceptive variation – perhaps ducking the first heart might have led to a continuation of the suit – then the diamond loser goes away.

Matija Senk of Slovenia dropped by the bulletin and suggested an even finer improvement. Win the first trick and duck a diamond, then win the heart return, take the trumps out, eliminate the second diamond and exit with a heart. If the hearts do not break you can fall back on Dubinin's line. If they do break then West must leave East on lead with the $\heartsuit 10$ to have a chance. Now you should not misguess; assuming the club ace is on your left, you will make unless both the jack and nine are also misplaced – which looks a far better chance to me.

Statistics from the Appeals Committee

by Herman De Wael



20 cases were brought before the Appeals Committee in Poznan. That brings the Board Appeal Ratio to 0.20 appeals per 1,000 boards, which continues downward the trend (0.22 in Antalya, 0.28 in Sanre-

mo, 0.19 in Oostende).

7 appeals were from the Teams' tournaments and 13 from the Pairs, which is a reasonable match for the number of boards played in each.

The Seniors had two cases (BAR: 0.24), the Women none. There were 5 appeals in the Mixed (0.16) and 13 in the Open (0.22).

In only 2 cases the Director's ruling was changed, significantly less than in previous tournaments.

Two deposits were kept.

9 different members served on the Appeals Committee. An average of 4.65 members served on the Committees. Only one Committee had to be convened composed of the minimum number of 3 members.

All the Appeals have been written up and will be published on the Web (http://www.eurobridge.org - follow links to departments - appeals)

Board-Appeal Ratio's (BARs)

In order to compare the rates of appeals, the EBL Appeal Committee have developed the notion of a Board-Appeal Ratio. In essence, this is the number of appeals that are heard in relation to the number of boards played. It is expressed as the number of appeals per 1,000 boards played.

BARs throughout the years:

Team championships:	
Tenerife 2001	0.81
Salsomaggiore 2002	0.56
Malmö2004	0.33
Warszawa 2006	0.36
Pau 2008	0.36
Oostende 2010	0.19
Open championships:	
Menton 2003	0.32
Tenerife 2005	0.26
Antalya 2007	0.22
Sanremo 2009	0.28
Poznan 2011	0.20

Total number of boards:

109,734 boards have been played during these championships (Menton 123,647; Tenerife 77,393, Antalya 89,882, Sanremo 102,826). In order to compare the championships to those in the ACBL, we have also counted the number of "tables", which is the way the Americans usually measure tournaments. This number was 4,577, which makes this event of the same order of size as the largest regionals.

1,585 players attended the championships.

Farewell to Arms



Puccini's last opera, Turandot, was never completed. An habitual cigar smoker, Puccini was diagnosed with throat cancer in 1923. He underwent experimental radiation therapy at a clinic in Brussels but died of heart failure after surgery, in 1924. Toscanini conducted the premiere performance of Turandot at La Scala, Milan in 1926. Stopping the orchestra after the

final bars written by Puccini, it is reported that he turned to the audience and said 'Here the opera finishes, because at this point the Maestro laid down his pen.'

As we prepare to take our leave I must pay tribute to the efforts of the Bulletin team here in Poznan. Jos Ja**cobs** was his usual industrialous self, supplying quick fire reports of key matches. Brent Manley not only delivered a series of outstanding reports, he also found time to interview the mighty Meckwell. Barry Rigal spotted many excellent deals, as did Patrick Jourdain and Jan Van Cleef. Our Polish readers were right royally served by Marek Wojcicki and Wojtek Siwiec. George Chatzidakis was our magnificent layout Editor. Herman De Wael (an honorary member of the team) was a contributor without portfolio, and Fotis Skoularikis (the Web Editor) made a number of useful contributions. I have left the best until last - the ebullient, egregious and eclectic Ron Tacchi without whom the Bulletin would be much the poorer.

And so, we lay down our collective pens.

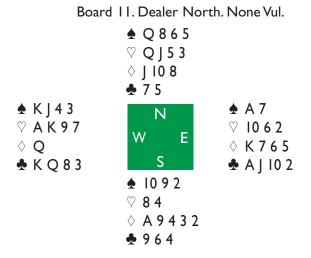
Mark Horton, Daily Bulletin, Poznan

Krzysztof Martens Bridge University Best Hands of the Championship Awards

The Jury consisting of Mark Horton, Barry Rigal and Marek Wojcicki selected the following winners, who receive - for the player - 3 books from the Martens University collection, together with t-shirts and polos and for the journalist - I book from the Martens University collection, together with t-shirt or polo. (Bulletin reporters are ineligible for prizes.)

Best Played Award To Giorgio Duboin Written up by Jos Jacobs Qual R2.11

One of the best played hands I have seen for a long time was the first board of this second round of the day. On the EW cards, 6^{-1} looks ambitious enough, but if you bid them up, you have to play them accordingly.

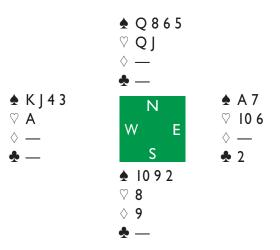


In the Open Room, East/West quickly reached 3NT and took their nine top tricks.

In the Closed Room, the Italians were more enterprising:

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Jankauskas	Lavazza	Rotomskiene
			Pass
🐣	Pass	2 📥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
5 🙅	Pass	6 🙅	All Pass

Repeated trump leads are best, as they will eventually destroy the end position declarer (West) needs. He has to ruff two diamonds in his hand and thus needs two entries back to dummy. Say you win the first trump in hand, concede a diamond and win the next trump in dummy. Now, you can ruff a diamond but your only entry back to dummy, to ruff the last diamond, is the A. After that, you would be stranded in your hand and thus have to play for the A to come down in three rounds or maybe, you might have taken the spade finesse earlier on. So much about the best defence. Against Duboin, North led the $\Diamond J$ and South won her Ace and returned a heart. Now, Duboin could win in hand, lead a trump to dummy's ten, ruff a diamond, cross to the \bigstar A, ruff the last diamond and overtake his top trump with dummy's ace to draw the last trump. Next, on the lead of the $\Diamond K$, he throws the last heart from his hand (blanking the King) and North has to find a discard from \bigstar Q86 and \heartsuit QJ.A classic trump squeeze.



A heart is obviously impossible as declarer's last trump will be the entry to the 13th heart but on a spade discard, declarer simply cashes the $\bigstar K$ and ruffs out the Queen, using the $\heartsuit K$ as the entry for the established $\bigstar J$. Very well



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

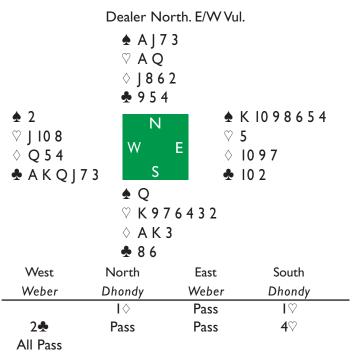
played and a fully deserved +920, 11 IMPs, to the Lavazza team.

Best Defence

To Elke Weber

Provided by Heather Dhondy (Written up 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.





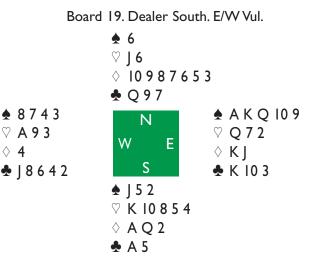
Elke Weber, Germany

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 – the systemic card from her holding being the ten. West won and returned a low club – perhaps expecting his partner to ruff. East won with the ten and now played a spade, promoting a trump for her partner.

Best Bid Hand

To Thomas Bessis

Written up by Mark Horton



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Lev	Bessis	Pszcola	Bessis	
			$ \heartsuit$	
Pass	INT	Dbl	Pass	
2♠	4 \diamond	Pass	5◇	

All Pass

The textbooks might recommend a pass on the North cards, but as I suggested in my Bols Bridge Tip many years ago, you should not be afraid of responding. On BBO Michael Rosenberg was all in favour of North's choice. Having said that, I'm not sure I would have found North's next call, which led to what might be described as a thin game.

East led the ace of spades and switched to the three of clubs. Declarer had to run that and must have been pleased to see his queen score. He played the six of hearts and put in dummy's ten, collecting the ace from West. He ruffed the spade return and played a diamond to the jack, queen and four, claiming a somewhat miraculous +400.

Congratulations to the award winners (shown in Bold). You can collect your prizes from the Martens bookstall.

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Championship Diary



R. Venkatesh from India, during a BBO commentary session, complimented the Bulletin staff on the great job they were doing and sent us his good wishes.

It has finally been established that Herman is indeed the worst player of these championships. During the last round of the

Semi-final B, he sat down opposite a pair having a bye, and played one board. He opened his hand and found a 22-count. He opened 2NT and played there. 8 tricks were easily made. But that would have earned only 26% if played for real. At the same time, we now know the most unlucky player in the field: it is General Manager Maurizio di Sacco, who was sitting opposite Herman at the time: he also played one hand, picked up one jack, passed once and was dummy, for the equally low average of 26% over two weeks.

"One more top and I'd have qualified with 63% though" said Herman.

Looking at the scores we spotted the name of Greece's Giorgos Oikonomopoulos. There's a man who might be able to help out in the economic crisis.

The world's funniest joke is a term used by Richard Wiseman of the University of Hertfordshire in 2002 to summarize one of the results of his research. For his experiment, namedLaughLab, he created a website where people could rate and submit jokes. Purposes of the research included discovering the joke that had the widest appeal and understanding among different cultures, demographics and countries.

The winning joke, which was later found to be based on a 1950 Goon show sketch by Spike Milligan, was submitted by Gurpal Gosall of Manchester:

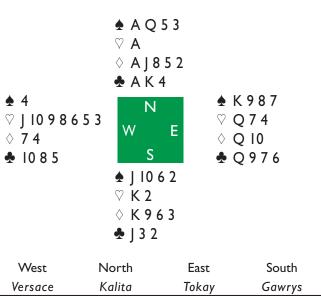
Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps, "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says, "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says "OK, now what?"

After working a 25-hour day for 14 days our brilliant Local Championship Manager Slawek Latala will not be with us today – amazingly he considers attending his son's wedding to be more important! (Our advice is to turn off your phone during the ceremony Slawek – we could not have done it without you.)

Open Pairs Final, Session I by Jos Jacobs

In the opening session of the Open Pairs Final, the boards did not yet produce the excitement one so often sees in pairs events. Luck also played its part, as was demonstrated on board 7.

Board: 7. DIr: South/All

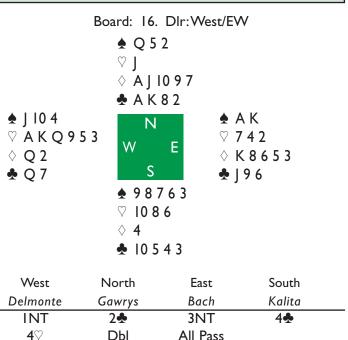


Versace	Kalita	Tokay	Gawrys	
	🐣	Pass		
Pass	2◇	Pass	2♡	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♢	
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 \diamond	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◇	
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♡	
Pass	6NT	All Pass		

I \clubsuit was Polish Club and 2 \Diamond showed the suit as well as one of the strong types of hand.

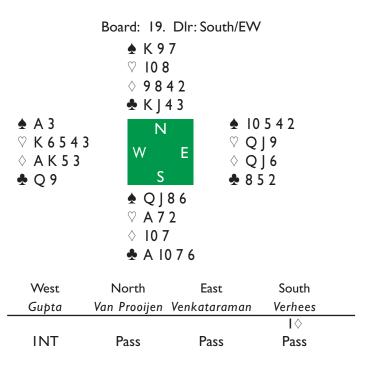
Slam was not reached all round the room and some pairs went off in 6^{+} , one of them redoubled. One can imagine them misguessing the diamonds when there has been no interference by the opposition. The same happened to Kalita, even though he received a club lead on which he successfully put up dummy's jack. After losing the spade finesse, he knew that East had started with 4-4 in the blacks so for the diamonds to be 2-2, the hearts had to be 7-3 and West had not bid. So who can blame him for going wrong in diamonds? This way, the only pair to reach the superior contract missed out on the clean top score their achievement deserved.

The Poles got their revenge later in the session when Gawrys, along with Thomas Bessis and Ricco van Prooijen, were the only ones to find a lucrative double:



The defence was easy enough: cash your aces and give partner a diamond ruff. No doubt, Kalita's raise on zero defensive tricks helped Gawrys in finding his double as he would now hold a ruffing value instead...

The Dutch also feature in board 19, this time because they did nothing at all:



As you can see, a heart contract for EW is a much better spot to be in so NS actually were quite right to do nothing. North led a club, the defence taking their four tricks in the suit. Next, South led a spade which declarer immediately took with his ace to get after the hearts but upon winning the $\heartsuit A$, the defenders had three more spades to cash. Down two, +200 and all the matchpoints.

At another table, NS did take action:

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Guła	Townsend	Taczewski
			INT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2♡	2NT	Pass	3 🙅
All Pass			

After South's weak NT, East ventured a typical pairs' double and West showed his suit. North now made the aggressive bid of 2NT, asking partner to show a minor. When South retreated to 3⁴, NS had managed to land in a very playable 4-4 fit. Going two two, undoubled, would already give NS an 80% score but declarer even managed to make nine tricks. West led the $\Diamond A$ on which East played the queen. A low diamond went to East's jack and the $\heartsuit Q$ was led now, winning the trick. Declarer won the second heart and played the \clubsuit A and another, felling the queen. Next, a diamond was ruffed in hand and a spade played to the king. When this held, declarer continued spades, West winning the ace and returning a diamond for declarer to ruff with his last trump. East got rid of his last heart on this but he was known to hold two more spades and the last trump, so declarer could simply cash a spade, ruff a spade and enjoy dummy \Im s \clubsuit] as the last trick. Well played for a fine +110 and the second best matchpoint score on the board.



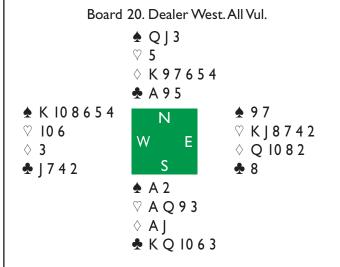
Mikolaj Taczewski, Poland

The dog that didn't bark

by Brent Manley

In one of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories of Sherlock Holmes, the legendary detective solved a case because a dog didn't bark in the night when it might have.

On this deal from the Open Pairs semifinals, Per-Ola Cullin detected the correct line to make a slam when an opponent didn't do something he might have done.



It was two Swedish pairs playing against each other – Cullin with Johan Upmark against Fredrik Bjornlund, West, and Niklas Sandqvist.

Sandqvist opened a Multi $2\Diamond$ (weak two-bid in a major) and Cullin eventually found himself in $6\clubsuit$.

Bjornlund led the $\heartsuit 10$ to Cullin's queen, and Cullin cashed the $\Diamond A$ and continued with the $\Diamond J$. When Bjornlund showed out but declined to ruff, Cullin took the right inference – that he had four clubs to the jack (it was no good if Bjornlund had all the missing clubs because in that case the slam was hopeless).

Accordingly, Cullin won the $\Diamond K$ in dummy and ruffed a low diamond with the $\clubsuit K$. Next he played the $\clubsuit 10$ from hand and let it run. When that card held, Cullin played a low club to the 9 and ruffed another diamond with the $\bigstar Q$.

Dummy now had two good diamonds. Cullin cashed the \heartsuit A, removing that exit card from West, and played a club to dummy's ace. Bjornlund could play a good diamond for a heart pitch, and West could ruff, but he would have had to play a spade to let declarer back into the dummy to enjoy the other diamond. If West refused to ruff either diamond, he would have to bare his \bigstar K at trick 12.

It would not have helped Bjornlund to discard his second heart on the \Diamond J. Declarer would have had to take a different route to 12 tricks, but he still would have been able to make his slam.

Zmyłkowy walet Aleksandra Skopa

by Wojtek Siwiec

W jednym z rozdań w półfinale B mistrzowskiego turnieju par open fortelem godnym samego Onufrego Zagłoby popisał się Aleksander Skop, grający w parze z Adamem Wujkowem. Oto ten rozkład...

Rozd. 30/VIII; rozdawał E, obie przed partią

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	♠ 9 2 ♡ A I0 ◇ K I0 ♣ A K I	5		
 ★ 7 4 ♡ K W 5 2 ◇ A W 7 2 ★ 6 5 2 	N W S	E	W 10 8 6 3 9 8 4 6 3 W 9 7	
	🕭 A K [D 5		
	♡ D 7 €)		
	0 D 9 8	3 4		
	🕭 D 4			
West	North	East	South	
Adam	Włodzimierz	Aleksander	Tadeusz	
Wujków	Maryniowski	Skop	Niedźwiadek	
		pas	IBA'	
pas pas	3BA	pas	pas	

I 15-17 PC

Przeciwko 3BA(S) Adam Wujków zaatakował czwartą na-



Aleksander Skop

jlepszą ⁽⁷⁾2. Rozgrywający zadysponował ze stołu blotkę i dołożoną przez Aleksandra Skopa ósemkę zabił damą w ręce. S postanowił rozpocząć od sprawdzenia, co słychać w treflach (kiedy miał jeszcze pewne dojście do dziadka $\heartsuit A$), w drugiej lewie wyszedł więc z ręki damą tego koloru. A kiedy do damy spadł od obrońcy E &W (!!), wszystko stało się dla rozgrywającego jasne: trefle dzieliły się 5-1, a w tym momencie w ręceW pozostała jeszcze tt9 x x x.W lewie trzeciej S wykonał więc śmiało impas ósemką trefl w dziadku i... po chwili przecierał ze zdumienia oczy, karta ta została bowiem zabita przez Skopa dziewiątką. Niestety, w lewie kolejnej nasz bohater nie ochłonął jeszcze z wrażenia, które i na nim samym zrobił tak efektowny i udany fortel, nie powtórzył bowiem kierem (co sprawiłoby, iż S zdobyłby tylko dziewięć wziątek, W czekałby bowiem z $\Diamond A$ i fortami kierowymi), tylko wyszedł ♦W. Rozgrywający zabił w ręce ♦K, zagrał karo do dziadkowego króla, po czym puścił wkoło 010. Wujków wziął tę lewe δW i kontynuował $\heartsuit K$. S pobił w dziadku asem i ostatecznie skompletował dziesięć wziątek (cztery treflowe, trzy pikowe, dwie kierowe i karową), za 430.

Mimo że obrońca E nie wykorzystał do końca konsekwencji swojego spektakularnego zmyłkowego zagrania, już samo skradzenie rozgrywającemu lewy treflowej okazało się dla punktacji rozdania decydujące. Za minus 430 para Aleksander Skop – Adam Wujków otrzymała bowiem znakomitą notę w wysokości 93,06% maksa, zatem za ewentualne minus 400 – choć takim właśnie rezultatem rozdanie to powinno się zakończyć – nagroda nie mogłaby już być dużo wyższa (97,92%). Zdecydowana większość rozgrywających standardowe 3BA brała bowiem jedenaście, a niektórzy nawet dwanaście lew.



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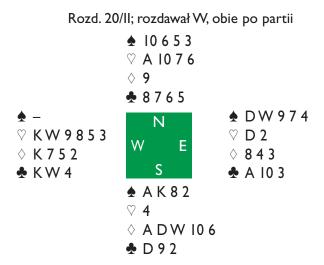
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Jacka Pszczoły droga do złota (2)

by Wojtek Siwiec

W finale mistrzowskiego turnieju teamów open MAHAF-FEY spotkał się z silną francusko-niemiecką drużyną BESSIS i po pierwszej tercji (grano 3 x 16 rozdań) przegrywał różnicą piętnastu punktów meczowych. W drugiej części spotkania do gry usiedli Jacek Pszczoła ze swoim znakomitym partnerem Samem Lvem. Sam urodził się w Polsce w roku 1947, a w brydża zaczął grać w połowie lat sześćdziesiątych ubiegłego stulecia. Ciepło wspomina jednego ze swoich pierwszych ówczesnych partnerów Leszka Budzyna. Potem wyemigrował do Izraela i przez wiele lat występował w reprezentacji Izraela, która święciła sukcesy zarówno w mistrzostwach Europy, jak i w czempionacie światowym (Bermuda Bowl). Obecnie Lev mieszka w Nowym Jorku i jest uważany za jednego z najlepszych brydżystów amerykańskich.

Oto kilka rozdań z drugiej i trzeciej tercji meczu finałowego, które przesądziły o zwycięstwie teamu Jima Mahaffey'ego, a w których główne role odegrali Jacek i Sam. – To był nasz najlepszy turniej w życiu, a Jacek grał wyśmienicie – powiedział tuż przed ceremonią wręczenia medali Sam. A w ustach nieskorego do pochwał wobec innych graczy Lva na pewno nie był to tylko komplement.



Pokój otwarty:

West	North	East	South
Lev	T. Bessis	Pszczoła	M. Bessis
\bigcirc	pas	♠	2 ◇
2♡	pas	pas	ktr.
pas	pas(?)	pas	

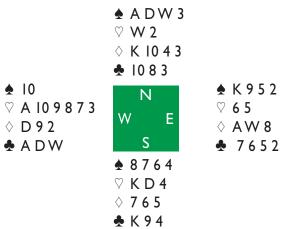
Po ataku karowym – zabitym przez S asem, odwrocie $\Diamond D$ i przebiciu przez N króla – Lev łatwo zrobił swoje, ponadto oddał bowiem tylko asa atu i jeszcze dwa kara. Oczywiście, ukarmienie przez N wywoławczej kontry partnera nie było posunięciem racjonalnym.

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek	Meckstroth
\heartsuit	pas	♠	2 ♦
2♡	pas	pas	ktr.
pas	2♠(!)	ktr. (?)	pas
pas	pas		

W pokoju zamkniętym zaczęło się podobnie, ale Rodwell odniósł rzecz jasna kontrę Meckstrotha na 2^A. A te zostały przez gracza E – na pewno zbyt pochopnie – skontrowane. Atak nastąpił w ^A4, ale Eric puścił tę lewę do ręki i wziął ją tam ^A5. A następnie, grając superbezpiecznie, zrobił swoje i tym razem to po stronie NS pojawił się doskonały zapis w wysokości 670 punktów. W sumie dało to MA-HAFFEY'EMU aż 16 impów.

Rozd. 25/II; rozdawał N, WE po partii



Pokój otwarty:

West	North	East	South
Lev	T. Bessis	Pszczoła	M. Bessis
pas	I \diamond	pas	♠
2♡	2♠	pas	pas
ktr.	pas	2BA	pas
3♡	pas	3♠	pas
40	pas	pas	pas

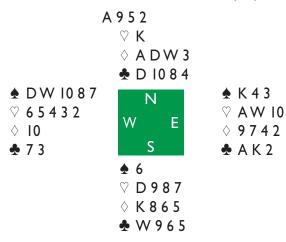
Po nadwyżkowej kontrze Sama na 2 \pm przeciwników Jacek wskazał pozytywną (w ramach zaistniałych okoliczności) rękę z zatrzymaniem pikowym i tolerancją kierową, Lev zapowiedział zatem końcówkę w kiery. A potem sprawnie ją zrealizował: zabił \pm K asem w ręce (N zawistował \pm 3) i zagrał \heartsuit A i kiera, a w toku dalszej gry na trzynastego trefla wyrzucił z ręki singla pikowego i bezlitośnie wyimpasował Thomasowi Bessisowi króla z dziesiątką karo. Ostra popartyjna końcówka została zatem wygrana z nadróbką, ale Sam – jako również doświadczony i wysokiej klasy gracz kółkowy – w takich kontraktach po prostu się lubuje. 650 dla WE.

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek	Meckstroth
pas	$ \diamond$	pas	
2♡	2♠	pas	pas
pas			

W pokoju zamkniętym gracz W – ze swoją bardzo obiecującą, ofensywną reką – ograniczył się tylko do jednokrotnego zabrania głosu w licytacji (?). Przy grze utrzymał się więc w kontrakcie 2 Jeff Meckstroth. Swojego zrobić w żaden sposób nie mógł, ale zdołał się wybronić tylko bez jednej, za 100 (choć po optymalnej obronie powinien leżeć bez czterech, za 400). Stąd 11 impów dla MAHAFFEY'EGO.

Rozd. 28/II; rozdawał W, NS po partii



Pokój otwarty:

West	North	East	South
Lev	T. Bessis	Pszczoła	M. Bessis
pas	$ \diamond$	ktr. (!?)	2 ◇
2♠	3♢	pas	pas
3♡	4♣	pas	4 ◇
pas	pas	pas	

Po zgłoszeniu przez Jacka typowej kontry lubelskiej (przyrzekającej punkty, ale niekoniecznie odpowiedni, wywoławczy układ) Sam walczył aż do wysokości 3° . Przeciwnicy jednak przelicytowali go – najpierw 4° , a ostatecznie 4° . Po dobrym wiście Pszczoły w atu i niespecjalnie trafnej rozgrywce Thomasa Bessisa kontrakt zakończył się wpadką bez dwóch, za 200.

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek	Meckstroth
pas	IBA ¹	ktr.²	rktr. ³
pas	2 🛧	ktr.⁴	pas
2♠	pas	pas	2BA⁵
pas	3♣	pas	pas
pas			

I w tych założeniach i pozycji licytacyjnej 14–16 PC, zasadniczo w składzie zrównoważonym

2 kontra siłowa

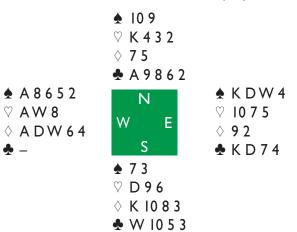
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4 kontra wywoławcza

5 wywoławcze: możliwość gry w trefle i co najmniej jeszcze jeden inny kolor

W pokoju zamkniętym WE walczyli jedynie do szczebla 2♠, ostatecznie Rodwell rozgrywał zatem i zrealizował z nadróbką kontrakt 3♣ (po ataku ♣A, ♣K i ♣2). I 30 dla NS i 8 punktów meczowych dla MAHAFFEY'EGO.

Rozd. 31/II; rozdawał S, NS po partii



Pokój otwarty:

West	North	East	South
Lev	T.Bessis	Pszczoła	M.Bessis
			pas
	pas	3≎ ^ı	pas
6♠(!)	pas	pas	pas

I 10–11 PC w składzie zrównoważonym z czterokartowym fitem pikowym

Kolejna praktyczna, wybitnie w stylu brydża robrowego licytacja Sama. Po ataku ♡2 dzięki udającemu się impasowi ◊K Lev szybko zrobił swoje, warte 980 punktów.

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek	Meckstroth
			pas
	pas	2BA'	pas
3 ♠ ²	pas	3BA ³	pas
4♣ ⁴	pas	4 ♠⁵	pas
pas	pas		

l wygląda to na inwit do końcówki z fitem pikowym, choć od biedy mógłby to również być forsing

2 pozytywne (czyżby z tego wynikało, że 2BA były forsingiem do końcówki?)

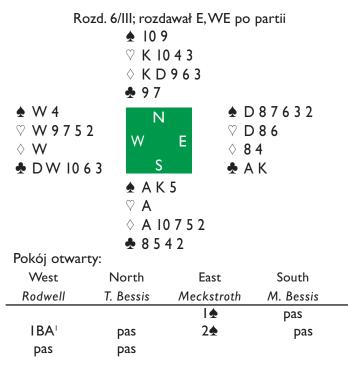
3 najprawdopodobniej wskazanie ręki bez krótkości

4 cuebid

5 brak cuebidów w kolorach czerwonych

Po wykluczeniu przez partnera kontroli w karach i kierach Smirnow – z dziurami w obu kolorach czerwonych także w swej ręce – poprzestał na końcówce. 480 dla WE i kolejne 11 impów dla MAHAFFY'EGO.

Mimo wszystko w drugiej części gry team Jacka odrobił tylko dziewięć punktów i przegrywał jeszcze szesnastoma impami. Trzecia tercja była już wszakże grą do jednej bramki...



I półforsujące

Nie pierwszy raz swoją agresywną licytacją Jeff z Erikiem wyblokowali przeciwników i utrzymali się w kontrakcie 2 \clubsuit . Po ataku \heartsuit A, \bigstar A i \bigstar K, a następnie \bigstar 5 Meckstroth wpadł tylko bez jednej, za 100 (a powinien leżeć bez dwóch, za 200).

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Lev	Piekarek	Pszczoła
			2¢(!)
ktr.'	2 ♠ ²	pas	3 🛧
pas	3♢	pas	3BA
pas	pas	pas	

I kontra negatywna

2, 3 dobre podniesienie z fitem karowym

W pokoju zamkniętym natomiast Jacek wszedł 2◊. Wprawdzie jego longer był marnej jakości (to samo można powiedzieć o jego longerze treflowym), ale ręka S zawierała śliczne 15 PC (w asach i królach) w składzie 543 I, było zatem bardzo prawdopodobne, że rozdanie należy do stony NS. Tak też było w rzeczywistości, a Sam – z półpozytywną kartą, ale znakomitym fitem karowym – najmocniej, jak tylko mógł, zainwitował dograną. Wprawdzie optymalną końcówką było 5◊, ale i 3BA, które zapowiedział Jacek, nie można było położyć. Po pierwszym wiście ♠W Pszczoła szybko pokazał przeciwnikom dziewięć lew. Stąd 400 dla NS i 7 impów dla MAHAFFY'GO.

I tak przez całą trzecią tercję Jacek oraz jego znakomici partnerzy bezlitośnie punktowali francusko-niemicki team. Na mecie przewaga MAHAFFEY'EGO wynosła 22 punkty meczowe i to właśnie Jacek Pszczoła z Samem Lvem, Jeff Meckstroth z Erikiem Rodwellem oraz Jim Mahaffey z Garym Cohlerem zostali nowymi mistrzami Europy teamów open. Serdeczne gratulacje!

Wyczyn triumfatorów jest szczególnie godny podkreślenia ze względu na fakt, że po 24 rozdaniach, czyli dokładnie w połowie spotkania finałowego, przegrywali je oni 58 (!) impami (62:120). Druga połowę wygrali jednak aż 80 punktami i to oni właśnie – a wśród nich nasz reprezentant Jacek Pszczoła oraz nasz rodak Sam Lev – stanęli ostatecznie na najwyższym stopniu poznańskiego podium.



Sam Lev, USA

OPEN PAIRS - FINAL

(standings after 3 sessions - subject to confirmation)

Ran	k Names	Percentage	27	I RADJUKEVICH - A TIMAKHOVICH	50.33
I	I KANDEMIR - S KOLATA	56.65	28	J JANŠMA - G J PAULISSEN	50.28
2	C BALICKI - J PSZCZOLA	56.08	29	K SIKORSKI - W WEJKNIS	50.24
3	M CHERNY - L GREENBAUM	56.05	30	M LANZAROTTI - A MANNO	49.87
4	A MALINOWSKI - A RASMUSSEN	55.87	31	A GROMOV - W STARKOWSKI	49.64
5	K BURAS - G NARKIEWICZ	55.86	32	d Israeli - d Padon	49.45
6	A GULA - M TACZEWSKI	55.45	33	M DUGUET - F RIEHM	49.41
7	G MIHAI - R MIHAI	55.17	34	P BUSSE - A SYREK	49.20
8	R v PROOIJEN - L VERHEES JR	55.16	35	A HUSSEIN - T SADEK	49.07
9	V ARONOV - A ZOBU	55.09	36	CIECHOMSKI - W SKORA	48.71
10	P GAWRYS - J KALITA	54.88	37	P CULLIN - J UPMARK	48.66
	F MULTON - P ZIMMERMANN	54.76	38	K DOXIADIS - P KANNAVOS	48.29
12	D BAKHSHI - T TOWNSEND	54.65	39	L K NIELSEN - M SCHALTZ	47.51
13	E GINOSSAR - R PACHTMAN	54.47	40	R NIEDZIELSKI - J PRZYGRODZKI	46.76
14	M KHVEN - E RUDAKOV	54.29	41	R RITMEIJER - M TICHA	46.60
15	A APTEKER - C GOWER	53.99	42	M KLUKOWSKI - T KLUKOWSKI	44.82
16		52.89	43	W GAWEL - P WIANKOWSKI	44.60
17 18	M NOWOSADZKI - PTUSZYNSKI	52.87	44	B POPOV - S SKORCHEV	44.06
18	M BESSIS - T BESSIS P CRONIER - G D TESSIERES	52.76 52.55	45	S MLYNARCZUK - W TOMASZEK	43.68
20	S GUPTA - K R VENKATARAMAN	52.10	46	R OPALINSKI - P ZAWADA	42.55
20	L SEBBANE - L THUILLEZ	51.94	47	W SZELKA - C WOLCZAK	42.47
22	A BACH - I DELMONTE	51.66	48	T HELNESS - J MOLBERG	42.33
23	R JAGNIEWSKI - M KWIECIEN	51.64	49	A JASZCZAK - M LESNIEWSKI	41.98
24	R ROHOWSKY - E SANSOUR	50.98	50	P ZATORSKI - S GOLEBIOWSKI	40.54
25	J FJAELBERG - J E OLSEN	50.75	51	ROMBAUT - P SCHMIDT	40.43
26	M EIDI - V VROUSTIS	50.33	52	E MISZEWSKA - S ZAKRZEWSKI	39.76

WOMEN PAIRS - FINAL

(standings after 3 sessions - subject to confirmation)

7 M ROSSARD - J 8 M VERBEEK - R I 9 S AUKEN - J SEA	CRONIER 5 V BESSIS 5 DE BIASIO 5 LARSSON 5 CHEVA - R MIRCHEVA 5 NEVE 5 BARENDREGT 5 MON-MOLSON 5 JMRUKCUOGLU 5	age 12 7.71 6.77 14 6.69 15 4.58 16 3.44 17 2.71 18 2.29 19 0.94 20 0.83 21 0.52 22	J KENNY - E JOYCE E WEBER - C VECHIATTO V YANEVA - B PANCHEVA S THORESEN - G HELNESS E SHOKHAN - Z BELIANKINA K McCALLUM - L BAKER J SPANGENBERG - S SPANGENBERG J TACZEWSKA - M HOLEKSA S KURANOGLU - D YAVAS M STEGAROIU - M BALINT C SEALE - C JAGGER	49.48 49.48 48.33 47.81 46.67 46.35 45.94 45.52 44.38 44.27 44.06
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SENIOR PAIRS - FINAL

(standings after 3 sessions - subject to confirmation)

Ran	k Names	Percentage	12	W WALA - J STASICA	49.95
I	a jezioro - j russyan	64.02	13	C NIEMEIJER - L VERHEES Sr	49.61
2	I CHODOROWSKA - J CHODOROWSK	S 59.09	14	F LEENHARDT - P PIGANEAU	48.69
3	s owczarek - z radwanski	55.18	15	P WEYMANN - W KWIATKOWSKI	47.76
4	A BURATTI - A COMELLA	54.82	16	A VERMUND - B O SORENSEN	47.46
5	J POCHRON - W TOMASIAK	53.17	17	L LANIEWSKI - Z KUNC	45.90
6	g salliere - p adad	52.18	18	A KOWALSKI - G BONGIOVANNI	45.66
7	C MARI - S WALTER	51.85			
8	G GIGLI - G VIOLINI	51.15	19	O EKINCI - F FALAY	45.16
9	W HOEGER - S KOSIKOWSKI	50.69	20	J SUCHARKIEWICZ - S KOWALCZYK	42.74
10	V MARKOWICZ - J KLUKOWSKI	50.49	21	V MELMAN - S ZELIGMAN	42.66
11	P D HACKETT - T WATERLOW	50.29	22	M ROESLER - E WOJEWODA	41.50

CONSOLATION

(final standings - subject to confirmation)

Ranl	k Names Perc	entage	57	A KOKORYKA - K WARZOCHA	52.75
	I CZAJKA - B SZULEJEWSKI	60.48	58	J ROMOT - M MACIAZEK	52.73
2	A KASPRZAK - M SZALINSKI	59.34	59	B SATYANARAYANA - K NADAR	52.71
3	P STOPA - K LATAWIEC	59.14	60	R WAJDOWICZ - A HYCNAR	52.57
4	M JELENIEWSKI - P ILCZUK	59.14	61	N SANDQVIST - F BJORNLUND	52.54
5	S PETERKIN - S PUNCH	59.05	62	A WILKOSZ - J JELEN	52.24
6	W NICINSKI - A PAWLOWSKI	58.29	63	M TYRAN - D WARWAS	52.08
7	M ARUTIUNIANC - J GACKOWSKI	58.14	64	C S GEBECELI - M E COPUR	52.06
8	T WINCIOREK - M WRECZYCKI	58.13	65	E SHANURIN - V TATARKIN	51.96
9	L BREDE - K KOTOROWICZ	57.96	66	P WITTENBECK - J OSTROWSKI	51.94
10	M MATISONS - J ALFEJEVA	57.44	67	D PILON - G IZISEL	51.87
11	PVANHOUTTE - P GRENTHE	57.38	68	J IWANSKI - I GLOWACKI	51.76
12	S HENCLIK - K OMERNIK	57.23	69	M R SAKIRLER - H PEYRET	51.73
13	A GORZEWSKI - P SUCHODOLSKI	57.22	70	J UJMA - A HERMANSDORFER	51.67
14	J BETHERS - M LORENCS	57.15	71	R BUDZIK - A PIESIEWICZ	51.66
15	P TOMCZAK - S PIEPIORA	56.96	72	J HOLMBAKKEN - F JOHNSTUEN	51.65
16	N AYDOGDU - F AYDOGDU	56.63	73	M SAMUJLLO - P BLASZCZYK	51.61
17	B SHUKHMEYSTER - P KARLYKOV	56.60	74	A ARLOVICH - E VAINIKONIS	51.60
18	T E HOFTANISKA - J OVESEN	56.23	75	M BARTOSZEWSKI - T SINKIEWICZ	51.58
19	M KOPECKY - J KURKA	55.98	76	R SLIWINSKI - H ORR	51.50
20	T RUSEV - K KARAIVANOV	55.91	70	J MAJKUT - L MOKRZYCKI	51.39
21	E RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ - O RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ		78	R ZALESKI - V GIUBILO	50.88
22	K RUBINS - M ROMANOVSKA	55.69	79	U BETHERS - J BALASOVS	50.87
23	M KANE - P SHIELDS	55.55	80	A KONDEJA - W ANDRUK	50.87
24	T DE MENDEZ - X MICHAUD-LARIVIERE	55.51	81	V PLATONENKO - K TRETYACHENKO	50.82
25	A JELENIEWSKI - J WACHNOWSKI	55.41	82	A HINTERTAN - R URBANSKI	50.67
26	M McGREGOR - J COOPER	55.38	83	A DEBOWSKI - R SZLACHETKA	50.62
20	P BETHERS - A IMSA	55.27	84	K GOLAS - J ZABROCKI	50.62
28	B O AASAN - K M LUNNA	55.13	85	A WITKOWSKI - A GOLYGOWSKI	50.58
28	M JAWORSKI - T PILCH	55.00	86	P ZUBIEL - M SZALEWICZ	50.38
30	R KIELCZEWSKI - A WLAD	53.00 54.67	87	G KARAKOLEV - Z ZAHARIEV	50.37
31	KOWAL - G GAWRON	54.51	88	M KEMENOVA - J TOMCANI	50.27
32		54.39	89	R KOWALEWSKI - J JAGODZINSKI	50.23
33	l Mielczarek - j borowinski j janowski - s pajak	54.27	90	GRANSTROM - K PATANA	49.94
34	M MODLIN - M NIEHAUS	54.26	91	P KACPRZAK - P LECKI	49.91
35		54.13	92	S GAWRYSZCZAK - K KRAJEWSKI	49.90
36	A SMILGAJS - U JANSONS T GOTARD - T GOTARD	54.07	93	-	49.88
37	M WALCZAK - R CHMIELAK	54.01	94	J HANSEN - K SKOV J STEPINSKI - E OTVOSI	49.88
38	P ANGELOPOULOS - G OIKONOMOPOULOS	53.91	95	S COPE - S SHAH	49.67
39	J SZCZERBOWSKI - M JANECZKO	53.81	96	W MARYNIOWSKI - T NIEDZWIADEK	49.63
40	T WASILEWSKI - T JARMOLINSKI	53.78		T BAKKE - I HOYLAND	49.46
40 41	MYERGIN - V DENIZCI	53.78	97 98	A BLEWITT - D GEORGEVIC	49.42
42	A KOZIKOWSKI - U KIELICHOWSKI	53.57	99	W OLANSKI - V VAINIKONIS	49.39
42 43					
43 44	M SINKIEWICZ - T KUS	53.55		g rangevall - b liljekvist l rosochowicz - w robinski	49.16
44 45	J BLAJDA - G SUPERSON	53.47			49.16
45 46	s cieslak - p chindelewicz m felmy - v khanukov	53.39		J ZNAMIROWSKI - M PIETRASZEK	49.10 49.08
		53.37			
47	M HENC - EVELECKY	53.32		G DRIVER - K DRIVER	49.01
48	P KLIMENTOWSKA - A POMARANSKI	53.31		C SJOBLOM - C HALLKVIST	48.98
49 50	Z KULESZA - Z SABALA	53.30		S MARTINUSSEN - D H PAULSEN	48.74
50	B PAWSZAK - M BARTKOWSKI	53.27		G SZOTS - C CZIMER	48.57
51	T BISPING - W STRZEMECKI	53.26			48.46
52	J NOWAK - S JANIK	53.02		R KLEJNY - J HLIWA	48.43
53	T MacCORMAC - R McMAUGH	52.99		R VAN MECHELEN - E DEBUS	48.43
54	W BUZE - J POLEC	52.93			48.39
55	P BOCKEN - F BIGDELI	52.87		G MALAZDREWICZ - R KUJAWSKI	48.22
56	P GRUSZCZYNSKI - M NOWACZYK	52.83	113	B ATALAY - J YARDIMCI	48.21

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126	E McGOWAN - D LIGGAT	46.97		h dowling-long - g pender K bednarek - z szyszkowski	41.81 41.79
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	G LIOSSIS - C SIRAKOPOULOU	46.69	166	A BOWLES - S MOHANDES	40.87
	J BENDIKS - J BENDIKS	46.60	167	M KRZYWINA - S SAMOL	40.45
	H KOPERNOK - T SZYMCZYK	46.41 46.39	168	M CZEREPAK - G JARZABEK	39.55
	C C UNGUREANU - D UNGUREANU K HANSEN - H K PETERSEN	46.39		E COUNIHAN - K O SHEA	38.77
	LW KUARSVIK - T BIRKELUND	46.28	170	C TORSTENSSON - A NORDBJORK	37.59
	T BARDSEN - K C BAUMANN	46.12		T SOKOLOW - G JOEL	37.14
138	J BOJKO - B JAKUBOWSKA	45.98		J SKWARK - M WITEK	36.05
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140	M ROBAK - M FECHNER	45.59	174	F ZARKESCH - R BOEDDEKER	33.07
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