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THE EUROPEAN FACTOR



Although the USA Open team scored the most victory points in the first three qualifying rounds on Saturday, Europe dominated the standings early. Out of nine brackets in the Open, Women's and Senior qualifying series, European teams held the top spot in six of them.

In the Open, USA led with 71 of a possible 75 VPs. The leaders of the other three groups were Norway, Denmark and Hungary. In Group C, the top four teams after three rounds are from Europe.

In the Women's, Poland, Spain and Germany led the three groups. Japan and Canada were ahead in the two Senior brackets.

The Americans, captained by Nick Nickell, started their day with a 51-21 rout of Jordan, then defeated the Philippines 58-21 and Botswana 75-24.

Norway dispatched a tough team from Egypt 48-28 and followed with easy wins over Bermuda and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Germany had the top score of 64 VPs in the Women's series, followed by Spain and Poland.

In the Seniors, Canada led with 67 VPs. Japan finished the first day of play with 65. Qualifying play will continue through Friday. Knockout play begins on Saturday.









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OPEN TEAMS



Your badge is an essential piece of equipment here in Beijing. Staff badges carry the letter D. We were wondering what this stood for – then the light dawned – Drone.

Searching for a precise definition unearthed the following alternatives:

The male of a bee that has no sting and gathers no honey; One that lives on the labours of others;

An unmanned aircraft or ship guided by remote control.

We leave you to decide which is the most appropriate!

Sabine Auken was an early visitor to the Bulletin office (alas we had no coffee) – she was seeking directions to East Beichen Road. 'I wouldn't start from here' was our suggestion.

We are delighted to pass on belated congratulations to Ger-

many's Bernhard Sträter (playing for the Senior team) from his wife Margit. Friday's opening ceremony coincided with his 60th birthday!

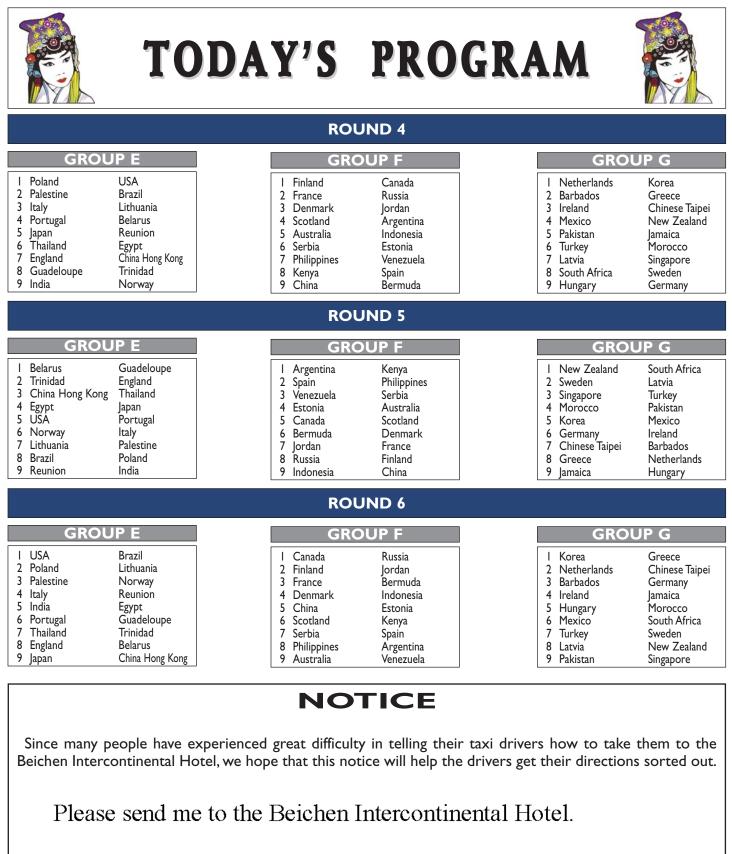
Another, slightly younger, birthday boy is England's David Gold, well behind Bernhard on 30!

The gourmets and gourmands in Beijing will already have discovered that the buffet in the Intercontinental Hotel is both excellent and generous in the extreme.

On the second day of his stay, it would both be impolite and imprudent to identify the team official who was asked to order a la carte rather than from the buffet as the restaurant had lost their profit margin for the day because of him on the previous night.

Take it from me, Harvey Fox, our IT Manager, is an absolute genius!

WOMEN TEAMS



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SENIOR TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

	ROUND 4								
GROUP K					GRO	UP L			
Ι	Estonia	Brazil		I	Guadeloupe	Germany			
2	Denmark	Japan		2	China	Indonesia			
3	South Africa	Sweden		3	Poland	Italy			
4	New Zealand	Hungary		4	Egypt	Canada			
5	China Hong Kong	USA		5	Reunion	Thailand			
6	England	Chinese Taipei		6	Australia	Belgium			
7	France	Kenya		7	Ireland	Finland			
8	Pakistan	Wales		8	India	Netherlands			

ROUND 5

GROUP K					GRO	UP L
Ι	Hungary	France		I	Canada	Ireland
2	Kenya	England		2	Finland	Australia
3	Chinese Taipei	China Hong Kong		3	Belgium	Reunion
4	USA	Pakistan		4	Thailand	India
5	Brazil	New Zealand		5	Germany	Egypt
6	Sweden	Denmark		6	Italy	China
7	Japan	Estonia		7	Indonesia	Guadeloupe
8	Wales	South Africa		8	Netherlands	Poland

ROUND 6

GROUP K					GRO	UP L
Ι	Brazil	Japan		Ι	Germany	Indonesia
2	Estonia	Sweden		2	Guadeloupe	Italy
3	Denmark	Wales		3	China	Netherlands
4	South Africa	USA		4	Poland	Thailand
5	Pakistan	Chinese Taipei		5	India	Belgium
6	New Zealand	France		6	Egypt	Ireland
7	England	Hungary		7	Australia	Canada
8	China Hong Kong	Kenya		8	Reunion	Finland

WBF Laws Drafting Subcommittee



Please note that a meeting of the subcommittee is summoned for 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8th. (in the WBF meeting room).

A second hearing

Phillip Alder reported this deal from the Individual with the comment that if he had heard correctly, Geir Helgemo had reached $5\clubsuit$ here after a $3\bigstar$ opening bid. In fact he nearly heard it right but not quite...

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There was a point of interest in the auction: what should South's double of 4 mean? Cards, take-out, or penalty? And given that this was an unfamiliar partnership, what would be the significance or otherwise of the tray taking 30 seconds to come through with South's double and West's pass on it?

You could argue that unless there was a clear meaning to the double, a slow double does not demonstrably point in any direction. And since no TD was called, the point was moot.

Now let's look at West's position when the spade ace is led. How should he signal –and again to simplify matters, let us assume that if West discourages spades, East will shift to a diamond, the 'obvious shift'. If West wants a heart switch he will have to drop an unusual card and hope partner works it out.

So what should West do? A low card would get a diamond shift, the Alpha Q would deny the king, the Alpha J might get a heart shift...but what does the Alpha K say? Does it suggest six spades to the Alpha KQ (with or without the $\Diamond K$?) or could it be played from seven? And does it deny a diamond honour? So many questions, so few answers, although with six spades to the Alpha K and no $\Diamond K$ maybe West should just encourage without playing an honour.

At the table West dropped the $\bigstar K$. Now should East have over-ruled his partner and played a diamond anyway, knowing that there was time to revert to spades if the diamond shift brought no rewards? maybe so; but obviously if West had a 6-3-3-1 pattern then dummy's spade would vanish on the hearts. At the table East played a second spade and the contract made.

The diamond loser would have gone too.

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IS RESULTS

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GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D		
I Denmark	68	I Hungary	62	I Norway	70	I USA	71	
2 Canada	61	2 Israel	60	2 Poland	58	2 Germany	63	
3 Italy	59	3 Portugal	57	Spain	58	3 Turkey	61	
4 Estonia	58	4 Sweden	55	Bulgaria	58	4 Belarus	57	
5 South Africa	52	Netherlands	55	5 New Zealand	56	England	57	
6 Brazil	51	India	55	6 Bangladesh	55	6 Reunion	54	
7 Romania	50	7 Austria	54	7 Georgia	49	7 Indonesia	53	
8 Ireland	45	8 San Marino	52	8 Iceland	47	8 Serbia	51	
Japan	45	9 Scotland	49	9 Guadeloupe	45	9 Lebanon	50	
Trinidad & Tobago	45	10 Argentina	46	Ukraine	45	10 Thailand	48	
II Pakistan	44	II China	45	II Chinese Taipei	44	II Switzerland	42	
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	42	13 China Hong Kong	35	13 Singapore	39	13 Jordan	35	
13 France	37	14 Latvia	33	14 Egypt	33	14 Botswana	30	
14 Kenya	36	15 Mexico	31	Bosnia & Herzegovina	33	15 Philippines	29	
15 Slovakia	34	16 French Polynesia	26	16 Belgium	28	16 Australia	28	
16 Finland	30	17 Jamaica	19	17 Bermuda	20	17 Lithuania	15	
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I Poland	57	I Spain	61	I Germany	64
2 England	55	2 Russia	60	2 Netherlands	62
3 Brazil	51	Philippines	60	3 Sweden	61
4 Belarus	50	4 Indonesia	55	4 Hungary	60
5 Norway	48	5 Estonia	50	5 Chinese Taipei	59
USA	48	China	50	6 Greece	58
7 China Hong Kong	47	7 Venezuela	49	7 Singapore	55
Italy	47	France	49	8 South Africa	52
9 Trinidad and Tobago	44	9 Finland	48	9 Morocco	49
Portugal	44	Australia	48	10 Latvia	45
II Reunion	42	II Jordan	42	11 Mexico	42
Lithuania	42	Serbia	42	12 Korea	41
Egypt	42	13 Denmark	39	13 Turkey	36
14 India	41	14 Canada	37	14 Pakistan	28
15 Thailand	38	Argentina	37	15 New Zealand	25
Japan	38	Scotland	37	16 Barbados	24
17 Guadeloupe	37	17 Bermuda	20	17 Ireland	22
18 Palestine	35	18 Kenya	18	18 Jamaica	20

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 3 ROUNDS

GROUP K								
I Japan	65	China Hong Kong	41					
2 USA	63	10 Kenya	40					
3 South Africa	57	Brazil	40					
4 Chinese Taipei	54	12 Wales	38					
England	54	13 New Zealand	35					
6 Denmark	49	14 Estonia	34					
7 Hungary	42	Sweden	34					
8 France	41	I 6 Pakistan	32					

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I Canada	67	9 Guadeloupe	43					
2 Australia	63	10 China	41					
3 Poland	59	II Finland	37					
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5 Egypt	53	13 Thailand	30					
6 Indonesia	50	14 India	29					
7 Netherlands	48	15 Italy	28					
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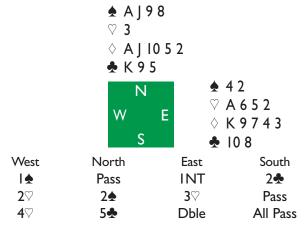
It can only get better from here

by Phillip Alder

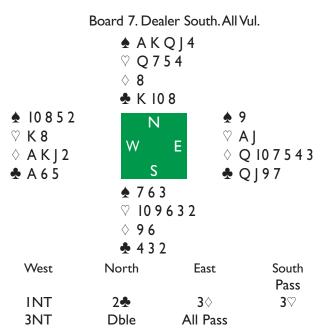
As you will have gathered if you read yesterday's article about the first session of the men's individual, there was some poor play witnessed. But that article did not give the worst. So that we can be confident in the knowledge that it can only get better, here are the two strangest deals that I saw. And I will mercifully leave the protagonists unnamed.

First, though, here is a defensive problem.

Board 17. Dealer South. None Vul.



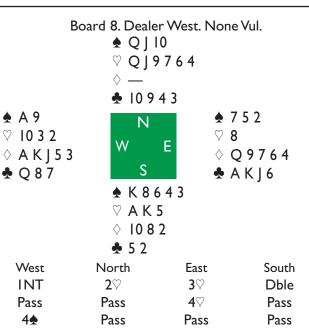
Your partner leads the spade king.What are your thoughts? Now to the horror movie.



Two Clubs showed the majors. After that, neither East nor West seemed worried about 3NT doubled.

You would assume that North cashed his five spade tricks for down one. But no. After three rounds of them, he shifted to a low heart! West, the declarer, ran his eight red-suit winners, bringing everyone down to two cards. North tried to recover by blanking his club king, but West dropped it to get home with an irrelevant overtrick. Minus 950 was, of course, a zero for North-South; plus 200 would have been worth 15.

The points went back on the very next board when East and West bid with too much imagination.



This ungainly contract went down only three tricks, but that was still a top for North-South.

It had been just another average round, 16 points to each side! Finally, back to the defensive problem given earlier. I have rotated the hands to make South the declarer.

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♣ 76	S		10.8
	∳ 5 ♡ Q 8 ◊ Q 8 ♣ A Q		
West	North	East	South
	Pass	INT	2 🌺
2♡	2♠	3♡	Pass
4 ♡	5 🜩	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass		

About the only cautious action during this auction was North's pass over One Spade. When West raised to Four Hearts, North gave him a quick glance, trying to decide what was going on. Everyone was bidding aggressively and he had 13 high-card points. Eventually North bid Five Clubs, which East doubled. West led the spade king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the singleton heart. To defeat the contract, East had to win with his ace and give his partner a diamond ruff. But when East played low, it was all over. West won and shifted to a trump, but declarer drew two rounds and established dummy's diamonds. Plus 550 was worth 15 matchpoints; minus 100 would have given East-West 11.

Open Series Round I - Egypt vs. Norway

by Phillip Alder

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Norway, one of the favorites for the title, started its campaign against Egypt. In the Open Room, the teams' leading pairs faced off: Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness from Norway took on Walid El Ahmady and Tarek Sadek.

Before reading the report, try these problems. On the first board Walid picked up

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West	North	East	South
INT	3♡	Pass	?

Three Hearts is natural and game-invitational. Would you accept and bid Four Hearts?

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What would you lead after INT-3NT-Pass?

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\diamond	1064
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The auction starts like this:

West	North	East	South
INT	Dble ^(a)	2◊ ^(b)	?

(a) Penalty

(b) Five-plus hearts

What would you do, if anything?



Tor Helness, Norway



With both sides vulnerable, this is the auction:

West	North	East	South
		♣	$ \diamond $
	Pass	INT	Pass
2◊ ^(a)	Pass	3NT ^(b)	All Pass

(a) Artificial, at least game-invitational values

(b) Maximum, usually only two spades

What would you lead?

♠ A 9	
♡ K 10987	
♦ 7	
📥 K Q 10 9 5	,

With only your side vulnerable, partner opens One Heart and the next player makes a takeout double. What would you do?

•	🛦 J 10 4 3 2
	♡ j 4
	♦ Q 8 4 2
	📥 J 6

At favorable vulnerability, the auction starts (1 \heartsuit)-Dbl.-(2NT) to you, 2NT showing four-plus hearts and at least game-invitational values. What would you do?

On the first quiz hand, clearly Three Hearts showed a prime hand in the Egyptian methods because Walid raised to Four Hearts. It turned out badly, the contract going down two. But if Tarek had had one diamond and two clubs, instead of the other way round, Four Hearts would have made.

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

 ▲ K 10 8 4 2 ♡ 8 5 ◊ 5 ♣ K Q 10 8 	N W E S ◆ 973 ♡ A Q 96 ◇ K 106 ◆ A 73	 ▲ 6 ♡ J 10 7 2 ◇ A 7 ♣ J 9 6 5 4 2

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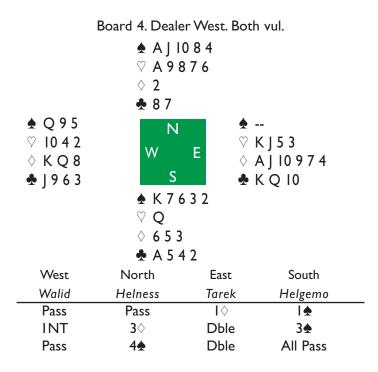
West	North	East	South
Walid	Helness	Tarek	Helgemo
			\odot
2♠	3♡	All Pass	

Two Spades promised a strong hand and gave Helness an awkward problem. He took the middle road, raising to three hearts. This was passed out.

Walid led the spade ace: five, six, three. The Egyptians use upside-down count and attitude signals, so West knew his partner started with a singleton or doubleton. One might have expected him to cash the spade king or shift to his singleton. Either would have worked well, but he chose to play his partner for the club ace and switched to the club king, trying to freeze out the dummy.

It did not work well. Declarer ruffed in the dummy, drew three rounds of trumps and played on diamonds. Since East was out of spades, the contract made with an overtrick, South losing only one spade, one heart and one diamond.

The Egyptians misjudged the next deal too.



Three Diamonds showed at least four spades and gameinvitational values with a singleton or void diamonds. East presumably intended his double to show excellent diamonds. But West, not anticipating the danger, did not bid Four Diamonds. And when he passed, East doubled Four Spades.

West led the diamond king and shifted to a club. Helgemo took the trick, played the heart queen to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart in his hand, played a spade to dummy's jack, ruffed another heart, trumped a diamond in the dummy, ruffed a heart with his spade king, took another trump finesse and claimed an overtrick for plus 990.

After INT-3NT-Pass, many would lead the spade five, but Helgemo found the best start: the heart seven. Tarek could have made his contract if playing with glass cards, but he went a normal down one. Three boards later, Helgemo was clutching:

> 108652 **♡ Q** ◊ 10 6 4 8754

♦ 7542 ♡ K 9 7 ♦ 983 뢒 Q 9 7

The auction started like this:

West	North	East	South	
Walid	Helness	Tarek	Helgemo	
INT	Dble ^(a)	2◊ ^(b)	?	
(a) Penalty				

(b) Hearts

Most players would pass without thinking. Helgemo isn't most players. He bid Two Spades. Right again! Partner raised to Four Spades with:

	K Q 4 3
\heartsuit	A 7 5
\diamond	A K 9
•	A J 9

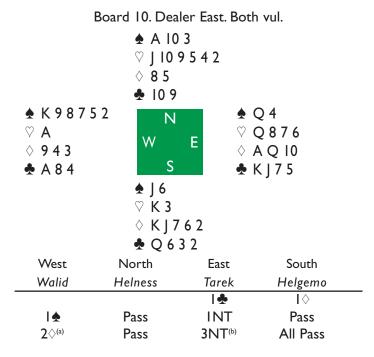
The contract could not be defeated.



Waleed El Ahmady, Egypt

On the next deal, Helgemo held:

Next came the board for the fourth quiz question.



(a) Artificial, at least game-invitational values

(b) Maximum, usually only two spades

Yes, it is surprising West did not retreat to Four Spades, which might have made - especially since Helgemo was on lead against three notrump, and he did it again, with no noticeable hesitation finding the killing heart-king start.

Declarer won perforce with dummy's ace and called for the spade nine.

Now Helness went into the office. Was declarer trying to sneak his ninth trick with hearts wide open?

Eventually Helness played his spade ace and returned a



Tarek Sadek, Egypt

low heart. Declarer put in his eight and took the rest of the tricks for plus 690.

If Helness had played his low spade, the contract would have stood no chance.

On Board 11 the Norwegians bid Five Diamonds, which was on a finesse through the opening bidder, but it lost: down one.

Tarek underbid on board 15 and was unlucky when partner had the perfect hand, so a nonvulnerable game was missed.

The match ended with a deal that serious partnerships should discuss.

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West vul.

	 ▲ K 8 7 ♡ 5 ◇ A K J ◆ 8 4 3 	10 9	
▲ Q 5 ♡ A Q 6 3 2	N W	F	A 9 K 10 9 8 7
◇ 6 5 3 ♣ A 7 2	S	 ♦ ♦ 	7 K Q 10 9 5
	≜ J I0 4 ♡ J 4	132	
	♦ Q 8 4	4 2	
	📥 J 6		
West	North	East	South
Walid	Helness	Tarek	Helgemo
$ \heartsuit$	Dble	2NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	5 🛧	Pass
5♡	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Tarek might have used Blackwood on the first round, but settled for an artificial raise. Then Helgemo found a great auction-jamming advance when he bid Four Spades. But Tarek made a Five-Club slam-try. Understandably, despite his useful club ace, Walid signed off in Five Hearts. (If Five Diamonds had been last train, not a control-bid, that would have been a reasonable choice.) But when North bid Five Spades, why didn't Tarek pass to make one last try? Assuming Five Hearts denied the diamond ace, West would bid the slam only when it was right, with the heart ace and club ace.

Note that with hearts 2-1, both of West's queens are unneeded for slam.

Five Spades doubled went down only three tricks, minus 500, which was less than the value of a vulnerable game.

Conditions of Contest – amendment

The Rules & Regulations Committee has agreed that in Condition of Contest no. 17 the first sentence shall be amended by the insertion after 'with the captain of the team' of '(or in his absence with the players present)'

OPEN TEAMS R1 AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND

The Mysterious Art of Bidding

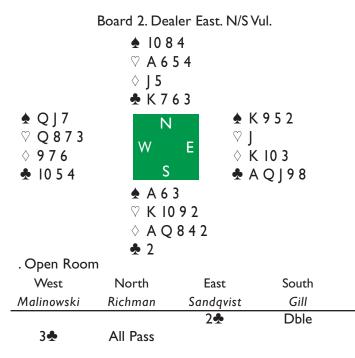
by Mark Horton

A sporting encounter between England and Australia is to be savoured at any sport, not least when they meet across the green baize. Both teams include some excellent card players, but in this match it was mainly a question of doing the right thing in the bidding – and England generally proved to be much better in that department.

On the opening deal the players in the East seat, Sandqvist for England and Mullamphy for Australia picked up:

≜K87 ♡AJ109854 ◊A5 **♣**6.

With North due to open the bidding the BBO commentators forecast an overcall of $4\heartsuit$. Those red meat eaters were quickly disavowed, as Sandqvist bid $1\heartsuit$ over North's 15+ 1 \clubsuit and Mullamphy contented himself with $2\heartsuit$ over a natural 1 \bigstar . Guess what? $2\heartsuit$ was the limit.

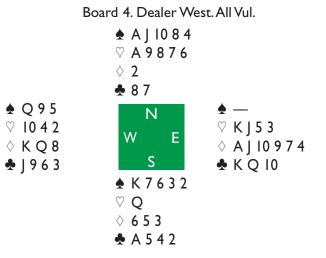


Two Clubs promised 11-16 and promised six clubs unless opener, as here, held a four card major. West's raise was enough to deter North.

South led the ten of hearts and North won and switched to the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. South cased the queen of diamonds and gave his partner a ruff to ensure one down, +50.

Closed Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend	
		🕭	Dble	
$ \diamond$	$ \heartsuit$	♠	2♡	
All Pass				

East led the three of diamonds so declarer won in hand, repeated the diamond finesse and disposed of a spade on the ace of diamonds. He then played a club to East's nine, won the spade return with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades and discarded a spade on a diamond as West ruffed. Declarer claimed ten tricks, +170 and 3 IMPs.



Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Malinowski	Richman	Sandqvist	Gill	
Pass	♡*	2♦	4♠	
Pass	Pass	Dble*	Pass	



Artur Malinowski, England

One Heart promised at least four spades in a limited hand, so it was clear for South to jump to game. When East showed a good hand West had an easy Five Diamond bid.

South led the three of spades so declarer ruffed and played the queen of clubs. When that held he cashed the jack of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played a heart to the jack. South won with the queen and exited with a diamond. That was two down, -200.

West	North	East	South	
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend	
Pass	Pass	I \diamond	Pass	
INT	2◊*	2NT*	4♠	
All Pass				

Two Diamonds showed the majors, and 2NT promised good clubs or diamonds.

West led the king of diamonds and switched to a club. Declarer won with the ace and proceeded to crossruff the red suits. When hearts broke he cashed the king of spades, took the marked finesse and claimed ten tricks, +620 and 9 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	≜ K 9 3 ♡ Q J 8 ◇ K 10 ♣ 6 5 3	3 5 4	
▲ J 10 8	N		AQ6
♡ A 4	W		10632
♦ A J 7 5 2	S		Q 6 A K 4 2
\Lambda J 10 8			A K 4 Z
	▲ 7 5 4		
	♡ K 9 7		
		}	
	🛧 Q 9 '	7	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Malinowski	Richman	Sandqvist	Gill
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the five of spades for the eight, nine and queen and declarer ran the queen of diamonds. North took the king and returned the king of spades, so declarer had eleven tricks, +460.

West	North	East	South
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣ *	Pass	2◊*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Full marks to South, who found the testing lead of the seven of hearts. Declarer took dummy's ace and ran the jack of clubs. South won and the defenders cashed their heart tricks, leaving North to take the setting trick with the king of diamonds, giving England 11 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

A 7 K J 8 Q J 7 5 K Q 3 2	 ★ K Q 4 3 ◇ A 7 5 ◇ A K 9 ▲ A J 9 N E 5 ▲ 10 8 6 5 2 ◇ Q ◇ 10 6 4 ♣ 8 7 5 4 	 ▲ J 9 ♡ 10 9 6 4 3 2 ◊ 8 3 2 ♣ 10 6

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Malinowski	Richman	Sandqvist	Gill
INT	Dble	2♡*	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♡*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

With the cards perfectly placed – as foretold by the opening bid – declarer romped home with eleven tricks, +200.

You could argue that by bidding Three Hearts North was attempting to land on a pin head, but for my money, South, with five spades and a singleton had enough to risk Four



Ron Klinger, Australia

Spades - what S J Simon might have called a 'master bid'.

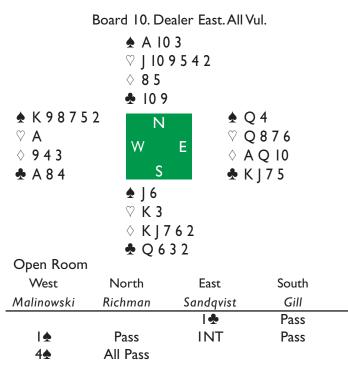
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West	North	East	South	
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend	
INT	Dble	2◊*	Pass	
20	2NT	All Pass		

If South had elected (assuming he was able to do so) to bid Three Hearts as a transfer North would surely have jumped to the spade game.

North ducked a couple of hearts then knocked out the ace of spades, quickly recording ten tricks, +180 and a rare IMP for Australia.

Round about this point one of the less well-informed BBO commentators asked if other sports were included.A colleague was quick to type in yes – followed by "Drafts"!



Four Spades is the normal contract, and in order to make it declarer will usually have to take a very good view in the club suit. However, when North elected to lead the ten of clubs declarer's problems were immediately solved. Putting up the jack, he took South's queen with the ace and simply played on trumps, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend
		🐣	$ \diamond$
♡*	Dble	INT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2◊*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I am pretty sure that One Heart showed at least five

spades, but when East insisted on notrumps South led the king of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the queen, South unblocking the jack. North won the next spade with the ten and switched to a diamond. South took East's queen with the king and went back to hearts. Declarer won and played a club to the ace and a club, accidentally ducking North's nine. That left North on play to cash a lot of winners, down four, -400 giving England a whopping 16 IMPs.



	 ★ K ♡ 10 9 8 5 3 2 ◊ 6 2 ★ Q 10 9 5 	
 ▲ A Q 7 6 3 ♡ A 7 ◊ Q 9 ♣ A K J 4 	N W E S ◆ 95 ♡ K Q 4 ◇ A 10753 ◆ 873	 ▲ J 10 8 4 2 ♡ J 6 ◊ K J 8 4 ♣ 6 2

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Malinowski	Richman	Sandqvist	Gill	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
♣*	Pass	◊*	Pass	
♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♣	Pass	4 \diamond	Pass	
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass	
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass	
5♠	All Pass			

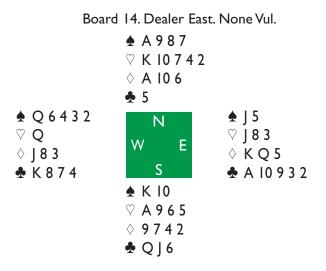


David Gold, England

One Club was Polish, but after the negative response it was a little surprising that West went in search of a slam. Five Spades would have been interesting on a heart lead but North led the ten of clubs and declarer could win and, as would any student of the Rabbi, simply lay down the ace of spades. +680.

Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♡	Pass	
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass	
4♠	All Pass			

On the ten of hearts lead declarer won, cashed the ace of spades, but lost an IMP.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Malinowski	Richman	Sandqvist	Gill	
		♣	Pass	
I ♠	2♡	Pass	2♠*	
Pass	3♡	All Pass		

It was no crime to stop in Three Hearts, but on the lead of the jack of spades declarer was in clover. That had sorted out one suit and when he subsequently picked up the trumps he had ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend
		🕭	Pass
♡*	Dble	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	

2 4 hearts, 7-10

The same lead of the jack of spades led to the same story, declarer recording +420 for 6 IMPs.

В	oard 15. Dea	ler South. N/S	Vul.	
	♠ Q 5 ♡ 10 7 ◇ A 10 ♣ Q 9	4) 6		
▲ 10 9 7 3 2	N		K 8 6	
♡ A Q 6 ◊ Q 2	W	E \heartsuit J	93	
√ Q 2 ♣ 7 6 5	S	• N • 1	•	
	∳ J			
	♡ K 8	52		
	♦ 8 5 4	4		
	📥 A K	J 4 2		
Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Malinowski	Richman	Sandqvist	Gill	
			$ \diamond$	
	2♡	4 ♣*	4 ♠*	
Pass	5 🛧	5♠	6 🙅	
Dble	All Pass			

Not for the first time in the match the Australian's version of Moscito appeared to bite back. Perhaps its best to draw a veil over the auction - it cost 1400 points.

Closed Roor	n			
West	North	East	South	
Klinger	Gold	Mullamphy	Townsend	
			♣	
Pass	♠*	Pass	2♣	

One Spade denied a major or the values for game. Declarer scrambled eight tricks – and gained 16 IMPs.

England won 66-4 – and for the moment at least Australia's hopes had turned to ashes.

Appeals Committee



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Please note:

Sunday October 5th - 9.30 a.m.

Appeal: France v Scotland - see notice boards