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# HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



Antoine Bernheim, president of the Generali Group, has been selected as the International Bridge Press Association's Personality of the Year. Generali is a longtime supporter of the WBF and the IBPA. Bernheim is shown playing at the World Championships in Estoril, Portugal.

Twenty-four teams are still playing in the Open, Women's and Seniors quarterfinal rounds, and no match has a team so far ahead that the semifinal stage is a lock. The one certainty is that the three quarterfinals will end today.

Two of the favorites in the Open series – Italy and Norway – have reasonably comfortable leads, but the feeling of safety will set in only after the final tally has them still in front. Experienced players have learned to take nothing for granted.

England is the only country with teams in each of the series, and they are leading in two of the three competitions, over Romania in the Open and France in the Women's. The Seniors from England trail Japan with 48 boards to play.



## Today's Schedule

- 11.00 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Q-Final, 4th Session
- 14.20 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Q-Final, 5th Session
- 17.10 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Q-Final, 6th Session

10.30 - 20.00  
Transnational Mixed Teams,  
Swiss Matches 3-7



## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS - Q-Final

Match		1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	Total
1	Poland Italy	30 - 36	18 - 42	21 - 28	69 - 106
2	China Norway	3 - 23	24 - 39	36 - 40	63 - 102
3	England Romania	50 - 13	24 - 27	32 - 22	106 - 62
4	Germany Netherlands	44 - 18	28 - 36	29 - 41	101 - 95

## WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS - Q-Final

Match		1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	Total
1	Germany China	27 - 31	28 - 13	33 - 22	88 - 66
2	Denmark USA	41 - 22	21 - 42	20 - 34	82 - 98
3	England France	25 - 18	38 - 26	34 - 9	97 - 53
4	Turkey Russia	48 - 22	25 - 27	15 - 24	88 - 73

## SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS - Q-Final

Match		1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	Total
1	Hungary USA	42 - 25	18 - 73	32 - 21	92 - 119
2	Egypt Australia	34 - 30	31 - 49	41 - 7	106 - 86
3	Indonesia Netherlands	21 - 62	28 - 15	32 - 21	81 - 98
4	England Japan	28 - 14	19 - 45	5 - 45	52 - 104

### Butler correction

The Butler listings for the Women's series from the round robin incorrectly listed the name of a player from the German team. The fifth-ranked pair should have been listed as Barbara Hackett (Stawowy) and Annaig Della Monta.

### Thanks from Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Open team of Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to thank the sponsors who made their participation in the 1st World Mind Sports Games possible. Their main sponsor was Alfa Graphics. Others were companies Gorenje, Interagent, Triglav osiguranje and Dataprojekt.



### WBF Systems Committee

There will be a meeting of the WBF Systems Committee in the WBF Meeting Room at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15.



### Airport taxes

(free tickets provided by Air China)

We have not seen yet the representatives of the following countries:

Albania, Aruba, Bulgaria, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republik, Germany, Iceland, Lithuania; Mongolia, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine, Lebanon, Uruguay.

They are requested to see one of the following persons urgently:

- Miss Laurene Wolff at the WBF Secretariat office
- Mrs Barbara Nudelman at the BICC's Hospitality desk

If you have a specific problem regarding the settlement, at least come and see Miss Wolff or the WBF treasurer Mr Jean-Louis Derivery (same office).

That is URGENT as we need to close the file.

**OPEN TEAMS ROUND OF 16 - 2ND**

**USA v Poland**

**The Slam Zone**

by Mark Horton

The second session started with two slam deals – well bid by both teams at both tables – this was the third board of the set.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 7 6 3		♠ Q J 10 4
♥ K 8 4		♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ A K Q 3 2		♦ 10
♣ 10		♣ K Q 9 3
♠ 9 2		♠ A 8 5
♥ A 9 7 6 2		♥ J
♦ 8 7 5		♦ J 9 6 4
♣ J 8 6		♣ A 7 5 4 2



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	4♣*
Dble	6♦	All Pass	5♥*

It seems to be asking a lot to expect a passed hand to deliver up enough for a slam to be good, but when South showed a good raise in diamonds and then cue bid in clubs, North put his foot on the accelerator.

East led the queen of hearts and West took the ace and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer's prospects had improved considerably, and may have caused him to take his eye off the ball for just a moment – and as we all know to our cost that can sometimes be fatal.

Declarer let the diamond run to East's ten and dummy's jack – and the contract could no longer be made.

Declarer cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club high, took the king of hearts pitching a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club high, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a club, cashed the queen of diamonds and conceded one down when East discarded.

The winning line is to go up with a top trump at trick two. Then you can ruff a couple of clubs in hand, whilst discarding a spade on the king of hearts. The ace and king of spades bring you up to eight tricks and the last four will be scored on a high crossruff.

Only an initial trump lead is certain to defeat Six Diamonds, as West can play a second round when he gets in with the ace of hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Zawislak</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Pazur</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
All Pass			5♦

East led the king of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the jack of hearts, putting up the king when West played low. After that he was not hard pressed to score eleven tricks, +400 giving Poland 10 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q 8 7 5		♠ J 10
♥ K Q		♥ J 9 5 2
♦ K 6		♦ A 10 9 5 3
♣ A K J 9 2		♣ 7 5
♠ A 9 6 4 3		♠ K 2
♥ A 10 8 4 3		♥ 7 6
♦ 4		♦ Q J 8 7 2
♣ 10 8		♣ Q 6 4 3



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
2♥*	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠*
All Pass			

2♥ 5♥+5♠ 6-10

With West known to have at least five spades it seemed clear South's Three Spade bid showed some scattered values and both minors – but North took a different view when he passed.

West led a heart and declarer won in dummy and played the king of diamonds. East took that and played a second heart, West winning with the ace. A trump now would lead to three down, but West switched to a club and declarer was able to 'escape' for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zawislak	Meckstroth	Pazur
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♠*
3♣*	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

One Heart was multi meaning, in this case 17+ with five or more clubs and a four card major. Two Spades was invitational with four or more spades. Three Clubs promised the majors and when East took a pot at game North expressed his opinion. Despite the lack of high cards declarer was not hard pressed to record nine tricks – still –200, stretching Poland's lead by another 9 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 6	
	♥ Q J 9 8 5	
	♦ J 6 4	
	♣ A 9 4 3	
♠ A Q 10 7 5		♠ 9 4 3 2
♥ A K 10 6		♥ 7 4 2
♦ K Q 2		♦ 8 5
♣ 6		♣ K 10 8 2
	♠ K J 8	
	♥ 3	
	♦ A 10 9 7 3	
	♣ Q J 7 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Compton	Martens	Hamman
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	Pass	INT
Dble	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led his singleton heart and declarer won with dummy's king and played the king of diamonds. When that held he tried the queen of diamonds and South won and played a third round of the suit. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the queen and cashed the ace of spades. He had to lose three more tricks for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zawislak	Meckstroth	Pazur
	Pass	Pass	1♠*
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

One Spade showed 11+ with five or more diamonds and no major.

North's decision to lead his singleton trump just about presented declarer with the contract. He took South's king with the ace and played a club. When dummy's king held he played a diamond to the king and then the queen of diamonds. South

took the ace and switched to his heart, but declarer won and returned a low heart. Ten tricks could not be prevented, +420 handing USA 10 badly needed IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q J 6 4	
	♥ Q 8 7 6	
	♦ Q 6 4	
	♣ 9 2	
♠ 8 5 3		♠ 10 7
♥ K 4 2		♥ A J 3
♦ 10 3		♦ K 9 8 2
♣ 8 7 6 5 4		♣ Q J 10 3
	♠ A K 9 2	
	♥ 10 9 5	
	♦ A J 7 5	
	♣ A K	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Compton	Martens	Hamman
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led a club and declarer won, drew trumps ending in hand and ran the nine of hearts. East won and the defenders cashed two more tricks in the suit and exited with a club. They had to score a diamond trick for one down, +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zawislak	Meckstroth	Pazur
		1♦	Dble
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North/South managed to avoid the doomed 4-4 spade fit. West found the best lead of a low club and declarer won in hand and cashed the ace of spades. He played a low spade to dummy and played the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Declarer took two more spades ending in dummy, West discarding a heart, East a heart and the jack of clubs. Now came the four of diamonds. When East put in the eight, the jack caught West's ten and declarer could set up a diamond for his ninth trick, +400 handing those 10 IMPs back to Poland.

Despite the lead, 3NT can always be made, but it's not easy. Declarer must start diamonds from his hand by playing the five. If West plays the ten, the queen forces the ace and declarer has two spade entries in dummy to finesse twice against East.

If West plays low, so does declarer. East wins and clears the clubs, but declarer goes to dummy with a spade and plays the queen of diamonds, pinning West's ten. There is still a spade entry to dummy for a further finesse.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A Q J 3		♠ 10 8 4				
♥ A K J 7 6		♥ 9				
♦ Q 6 5		♦ K 3 2				
♣ 5		♣ A Q J 8 4 3				
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♥ 8 2	♥ Q 10 5 4 3					
♦ A J	♦ 10 9 8 7 4					
♣ K 9 7 6 2	♣ 10					

Open Room

West <i>Jassem</i>	North <i>Compton</i>	East <i>Martens</i>	South <i>Hamman</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	3♥

When East overcalled in clubs West took the sacrifice – a phantom if the defenders could find their diamond ruff against Four Hearts.

South led the ten of diamonds, covered by the jack, queen and king. Declarer drew a round of trumps, crossed to the ace of diamonds, came back to hand with a trump and ruffed a diamond. When declarer came off dummy with a heart North went up with the ace and continued with the king of hearts. When declarer pitched a spade on that North cashed the ace of spades for one down, +200.

If North had ducked the heart exit – risking that South's show of support was likely to include the queen, the contract would have been two down.

Closed Room

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Zawislak</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Pazur</i>
1♦*	1♥	2♣	Pass
4♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Here South led the queen of hearts. When that held he switched to spades and was soon collecting a ruff, two down, -500 and 7 IMPs to Poland.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 4		♠ K 8				
♥ 8 3		♥ A Q 10 7 6 4				
♦ 9 6		♦ A Q 5 2				
♣ A 10 9 7 6 5 2		♣ 3				
♠ A J 10 5 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 9 7 6 2
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ 5	♥ K J 9 2					
♦ K J 7 4	♦ 10 8 3					
♣ K Q 8	♣ J 4					

Open Room

West <i>Jassem</i>	North <i>Compton</i>	East <i>Martens</i>	South <i>Hamman</i>
	3♣	3♥	4♣
Dble	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The Poles overcame some spirited bidding to reach the eminently playable slam.

South led the jack of clubs, covered by the queen and ace, and North returned the ten of clubs, declarer discarding a heart as dummy's king took the trick. He played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart, cashed the king of diamond, played a diamond to hand, and ruffed another heart. A spade to the king allowed declarer to draw the last trump and reach this four-card ending:

		♠ Q 4				
		♥ —				
		♦ —				
		♣ 9 7				
♠ A J 10 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 8
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ —	♥ Q 10					
♦ —	♦ 5					
♣ —	♣ —					
		♠ 9 7 6				
		♥ K				
		♦ —				
		♣ —				

Declarer cashed his last trump, forcing South to discard a spade. Now a spade to the ten completed East's brilliant combination in both the bidding and play – potential prize winners both – until North cruelly produced the queen of spades and cashed two more clubs for three down, -300.

Bridge can be a cruel game.

Closed Room

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Zawislak</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Pazur</i>
	3♣	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South did not find his counterpart's imaginative raise and West's heavy 3NT closed proceedings. North led the ten of clubs and declarer won and played a spade to the king and a spade, finessing the ten. North won and exited with a diamond. Declarer was safe, and when South made a slight mistake in the endgame, discarding his remaining club, declarer endplayed him in the heart suit for eleven tricks, +660 and 14 IMPs that kept USA in the match.

After two tough sets Poland led 69-55.



# WOMEN TEAMS ROUND OF 16

## Denmark v Netherlands

by Phillip Alder

After 42 of the 56 boards in the women's round-of-16 match between European rivals Denmark and the Netherlands, the Danes enjoyed an 18-IMP lead, 81-63. Could the Dutch recover in the final session?

I went into the closed room, where the very experienced pair of Carla Arnolds and Bep Vriend were North-South for the Netherlands against Stense Farholt and Maria Rahelt.

In the open room, Jet Paskan and Anneke Simons took on Tina Ege and Bjørg Houmøller.

The session produced two interesting card-play problems. (I have rotated the deals to make South the declarer.)

Board 18. Dealer West. North-South vul.

	♠ Q J 2		
	♥ 8 4		
	♦ A K 5		
	♣ K Q J 4 2		
♠ A K 10 4		N	
♥ Q 3		W   E	
♦ Q 9 7 3		S	
♣ A 10 8			
West	North	East	South
1♠	INT	3♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You lead the spade ace: two, eight, five. You use a weak notrump and open a four-card major in preference to a four-card minor with a balanced 15-17 points. Your signaling style is upside-down count and attitude. How would you plan the defense?



Anneke Simons, Netherlands

Board 24. Dealer North. None vul.

	♠ K Q J 2		
	♥ A J 7 2		
	♦ 9 6		
	♣ 10 9 3		
		N	
		W   E	
		S	
♠ A 9 5 3			
♥ Q 5 4			
♦ A K 8 5			
♣ 8 6			

You reach four spades after an uncontested auction. The defenders start with three rounds of clubs. After ruffing the third, how would you continue?

The match began with a deal that had the North-South pairs thinking about a slam, but both stopped safely in game, and the Netherlands gained an overtrick IMP.

The second deal was the first quiz question. This was the full layout:

Board 18. Dealer West. North-South vul.

	♠ Q J 2		
	♥ 8 4		
	♦ A K 5		
	♣ K Q J 4 2		
♠ A K 10 4		N	♠ 9 8 7 6 3
♥ Q 3		W   E	♥ J 7 5 2
♦ Q 9 7 3		S	♦ 4
♣ A 10 8			♣ 9 7 5
	♠ 5		
	♥ A K 10 9 6		
	♦ J 10 8 6 2		
	♣ 6 3		
West	North	East	South
<i>Paskan</i>	<i>Houmøller</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Ege</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Farholt</i>	<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Rahelt</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>
1♠	INT	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Open Room, where Ege intervened over the Stayman auction, there is a case for having the opener pass whatever her hand. Maybe East has values with four hearts and not four spades, when she would be delighted to dou-

ble two hearts.

Be that as it may, Simons had no thought of bidding higher, and Houmøller stayed quiet with her 16-point hand.

In two spades, declarer lost the obvious six tricks (one spade, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs) to go down one.

In the other room, Rahelt traded on the favorable vulnerability to jump to three spades, which gave Arnolds a problem. She made the normal guess of four hearts, reaching the 5-2 fit.

West led the spade ace, East signaling with her eight. I felt East should have played the nine, trying her hardest to get partner to shift to a diamond. Regardless, that looks the logical trick-two play to me. And, as you will have noticed, it would defeat the contract. When East gets in with her heart jack, she plays a club to her partner and receives a diamond ruff in return.

At the table, though, West cashed the club ace at trick two. Why establish declarer's suit for her?

Minus 50 and plus 620 gave the Netherlands 11 IMPs on the board. The margin was down to 6.

The Danes gained 1 IMP for a higher-scoring partscore and two overtrick IMPs. Then came this deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. North-South vul.

♠ 10 6 4 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ 10 6 5 3		♠ J 8 ♥ J 10 9 ♦ A 10 4 3 ♣ A K Q 4
♠ A Q 7 5 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ J 8 7		♠ K 9 2 ♥ A Q 6 4 3 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 9 2

West <i>Simons</i>	North <i>Ege</i>	East <i>Pasman</i>	South <i>Houmøller</i>
		INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

  

West <i>Rahelt</i>	North <i>Arnolds</i>	East <i>Farholt</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
		1♣	1♥
1♠ <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass	INT <sup>(b)</sup>	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- (a) Five-plus spades.
- (b) 15-17 points.

The auction in the open room was predictable after East opened with one strong notrump.

At a first glance, after South leads a low heart, three notrump seems unmakeable, losing four hearts and a spade or a diamond. But watch what happened.

Pasman took the first trick with dummy's heart king,

played a club to her hand, and led the spade jack, covered by the king and ace. Then declarer cashed her other three club tricks to give this position:

♠ 10 6 ♥ 7 5 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ —		♠ 8 ♥ J 9 ♦ A 10 4 3 ♣ —
♠ Q 7 5 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ —		♠ 2 ♥ A Q 6 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ —

Now declarer played a spade to dummy's queen and exited with a heart from the dummy. South took her four tricks, then led the diamond two ... and Pasman ruined a great story by playing low from the dummy! Down one after all.

When you are 3=2=4=4 or 2=3=4=4, the textbooks tell you to open one diamond. But when you are strong, so that there is less risk of interference, one club becomes feasible, trying to maximize your chances of finding the right fit ... but not when you have no major-suit stoppers. In the other room, where the Danes use a weak notrump, East opened one club when one diamond would have been a wiser choice - at least in theory.

One the second round, Farholt felt endplayed into rebidding one notrump despite her lack of a heart stopper. If she had opened one diamond, she could have rebid two clubs. However, when her partner raised to three notrump, she sat for a long time, feeling very uncomfortable. Eventually she ran to four spades, despite knowing it would be a 5-2 fit. Right! Four spades was unbeatable. And when South strangely played her heart queen at trick one, Rahelt came home with an overtrick, collecting four spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

Plus 50 and plus 450 gave Denmark 11 IMPs.

Over the next five boards, Denmark gained an overtrick IMP. However, one of those deals gave both teams a chance to win 10 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ K Q J 2 ♥ A J 7 2 ♦ 9 6 ♣ 10 9 3		♠ 10 8 6 ♥ K 8 6 3 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ A K 2
♠ 7 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ Q 10 3 2 ♣ Q J 7 5 4		♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ A K 8 5 ♣ 8 6

West <i>Houmøller</i>	North <i>Simons</i>	East <i>Ege</i>	South <i>Pasman</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT <sup>(a)</sup>
Pass	3♠ <sup>(b)</sup>	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) Inquiry
- (b) Minimum four-card raise

West <i>Vriend</i>	North <i>Rahelt</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Farholt</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT <sup>(a)</sup>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

- (a) (11)12-14 points

Both declarers played along the same lines, ruffing the third club, immediately drawing trumps, and gambling on hearts coming home for three tricks. But as you can see, that did not happen. Pasman and Farholt lost one heart, one diamond and two clubs. The chance of three heart tricks is 49.1 percent. (In isolation, the best play is to cash the ace, then lead toward the queen.)

The line that would have worked here is to ruff both of declarer's low diamonds in the dummy. That needs spades 3-2, which is 67.8 percent, and no trump promotion for the opponents. Yes, it might get messy, but it will sometimes work when hearts are 4-2 and often when hearts are 3-3.

With the lead at 21 IMPs, the Dutch needed a swing.

Board 27. Dealer South. None vul.

♠ A 10 6 ♥ K J ♦ J 7 5 2 ♣ A K 6 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ 9 3 2 ♥ 8 6 5 4 3 ♦ K 3 ♣ 10 7 5
N					
W      E					
S					
♠ 8 ♥ Q 9 7 2 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q 9 8 4 3	♠ K Q J 7 5 4 ♥ A 10 ♦ A Q 8 4 ♣ J				

## Thanks from Seniors

The Thailand Senior team would like to say thank you to PTT, Government Saving Bank, Thai Beverage Co. Ltd. And Thai Namthip Co. Ltd. For sponsoring everything in sending the Seniors to the 1st World Mind Sports Games in Beijing.

First, the Open Room:

West <i>Simons</i>	North <i>Ege</i>	East <i>Pasman</i>	South <i>Houmøller</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦ <sup>(a)</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>(b)</sup>
Pass	5♥ <sup>(c)</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>(d)</sup>
Pass	6♣ <sup>(e)</sup>	Pass	6♠

All Pass

- (a) Control-bid (cue-bid).
- (b) Roman Key Card Blackwood.
- (c) Two key cards but no spade queen.
- (d) We have all six key cards and seven is still possible.
- (e) Club king.

Ege had to jump to three spades because two would have been nonforcing. In my version of RKCB, if South had bid six diamonds over six clubs, it would have asked partner to bid seven with that king. But maybe Houmøller thought that her partner would bid seven with that key king, given that she was known to have at least four diamonds.

Under no pressure, declarer dropped the diamond king to collect an overtrick.

This was the other sequence:

West <i>Rahelt</i>	North <i>Arnolds</i>	East <i>Farholt</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>(a)</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>(b)</sup>
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

- (a) Control-bid
- (b) Roman Key Card Blackwood

North's two-club response was natural and game-forcing. Most two-over-oners play that South's three-spade rebid promises a stronger suit than K-Q-J-7-5-4. But North had her covered, and over five notrump North decided that her two kings justified bidding seven.

West led her trump, declarer taking five rounds of the suit. Since South had not ruffed a heart in the dummy, West knew she had started with ace-singleton or ace-doubleton, so she threw hearts. East did likewise. Declarer played a club to dummy, then led a diamond to her queen, West dropping the ten.

Note that West must play the nine or ten to give declarer a losing option. But as Farholt and Rahelt use upside-down count, I wondered if West should have played the nine, trying hard to look like someone with the doubleton ten-nine. Regardless, after taking her heart ace and dummy's two round-ed-suit kings, eventually Vriend made the winning guess.

Minus 1010 and plus 1510 gave the Netherlands 11 IMPs. They were down by 10 with three boards to play.

However, those deals were quiet. Denmark gained one overtrick IMP to register a 98-86 win and a quarterfinal match against the United States.

# OPEN TEAMS R15

# France v Italy

## Too little, too late

by Brent Manley

In the penultimate round of the qualifying for the Open series, Italy was comfortably seated at the top of Group A. France was not assured that they would move on to the round of 16 – and they had to make progress against one of the world's top teams.

Italy started with a 2-IMP gain on the first deal when Albert Faigenbaum and Dominique Pilon overbid to 5♥, going down two, while Giorgio Duboin and Antonio Sementa played in a more reasonable 4♥, one down.

Board 3 put the French team ahead to stay.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 3 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ 8 7 6 3 ♣ J 8 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K 10 5 ♥ A K 9 8 6 2 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ —	♠ 9 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 10 9 6 5 4 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Faigenbaum and Pilon sailed right into 6♠ with the East-West cards, and it looked as though they might suffer a



Albert Faigenbaum, France

double-digit swing if Duboin and Sementa bid the grand slam at the other table. They didn't come close.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Bompis</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Quantin</i>
			Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Duboin's opener described a balanced hand with 18-20 high-card points. 3♣ was puppet Stayman, and 3♦ confessed to possession of at least one four-card major. From that point, communication broke down and the Italians stopped short of even a small slam. That was 13 IMPs to France

France was leading 14-5 when they came up with another gain.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 8 6 ♥ Q 5 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 4 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A 10 7 4 2 ♣ K 7 6 5	♠ Q J ♥ A J 10 9 8 7 6 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 10
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W		E										
	S											

West <i>Faigenbaum</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Pilon</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
1♥	1♠	Dble	2♦
4♥	All Pass		

Faigenbaum did not fool around, jumping right to the heart game. He lost two high spades and a trump for plus 420. At the other table, Marc Bompis and Jean-Christophe Quantin did not have to defend a game contract.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Bompis</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Quantin</i>
1♥	1♠	Dble	2♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Duboin won the ♥A at trick one and switched to a diamond at trick two. Sementa won the ♦A and played the ♣K and a club to his partner's hand. Another club trick brought the de-

fense total to five, and there was one more to come. Duboin played the ♠J, ducked by Bompis, and Sementa ruffed with the 10. That was two down but an 8-IMP loss for Italy.

On board 11, Sementa made an expert play to help his side to 4 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 8 7 5 4 ♥ A K 9 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ Q ♥ Q J 7 2 ♦ K 9 8 5 2 ♣ Q 10 9	♠ 9 2 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ A 10 3 ♣ A 8 6 5 3
N		E							
W		S							

The bidding was identical at the two tables.

West	North	East	South
Faigenbaum	Lauria	Pilon	Versace
Duboin	Bompis	Sementa	Quantin
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
All Pass			INT

Against Versace, Faigenbaum started with the ♥6, ducked at trick one. Pilon won the ♥J and returned the suit. Versace played a club from dummy, ducking when Pilon played the 10. Pilon cleared the heart suit, and Versace played another club, going up with the ace to play a third round. When the suit split in his favor, Versace had three clubs, two hearts, one spade and one diamond. Plus 90.

Duboin started with a spade despite North's opener. Quantin ducked in dummy, and Sementa won his singleton



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

♠Q. At trick two, he played the ♦K, knocking out Quantin's quick entry to hand. As you can see, declarer can unblock the ♦J from dummy on the second round of diamonds to get that entry back – easy to spot when you are looking at all the cards. With his ♦A gone, Quantin did not try to develop clubs. Instead, he played the ♠9 from hand, covered by the 10, but Duboin overtook with the ♣J and played a heart. Quantin played low, Sementa won and continued the suit. Now Quantin played a club to his ace and a diamond. Duboin was there with the setting tricks.

It was a pretty flat match, ultimately decided by the missed slam. France entered the final round of qualifying with a 26-9 win over Italy to use for momentum. Ultimately, however, the French were disappointed, losing out on a tiebreaker with Romania for the fourth and final spot in their group.

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## Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

### TRANSPORT TRAVESTIES

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ 7 4 3
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ 10 5 4
♣ 9 6 3

N		E
W		S

♠ A K Q J 10 2
♥ A
♦ A Q J 6
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♠
All pass			

\* 3-card support for spades with at least one control

West leads the queen of hearts to your ace. You cash the ace and king of trumps, hoping for a 2-2 break, but West spoils this dream by discarding a small club. What is the best approach to making twelve tricks?

Solution see Page 13.

**OPEN TEAMS ROUND OF 16 - 3RD, 4TH**

**USA v Poland**

**Doubleheader**

by Mark Horton

A day-night doubleheader is one in which the first game is played in the early afternoon and the other is played at night; in this scenario, spectators have to pay twice to gain admittance to both games.

In times of financial strife many of us can turn to sport for relief. That is certainly the case here in Beijing. This last weekend has featured an England soccer international at Wembley Stadium, an FI Grand Prix in Shanghai and the championship series Baseball games in America.

Baseball terminology contains several words and phrases that are familiar to bridge players, (plus an awful lot that aren't) so I present this article in the style of a Game Day baseball report. (See how many baseball related terms you can spot – I'll list them at the end.)

With 28 deals to go – played as back-to-back sets of 14 (and spectators didn't have to pay at all) USA had to come from behind.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 7 4 ♥ A Q 8 3 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 8 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 9 4 3	♠ A J ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ K Q J 5 2 ♠ 8 5 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ A K J 10 3 2 ♣ A 10
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Gierulski	Nickell	Skrzypczak
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

You can hardly charge anyone with an error, but there were twelve tricks on top, +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawislak	Rodwell	Pazur	Meckstroth
2♣*	Pass*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Over the strong club Two Clubs presumably showed the majors, but the convention card offers no explanation, and East's pass looks odd in that context.

I can't give a precise explanation of the auction, but North got across the game forcing nature of his hand, showed diamond support, then asked for key cards before settling for the laydown slam.

That was a quality start for the USA, +1370 giving them 12 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ K Q 7 6 4 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ K Q J 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q J 10 6 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ 7 4 2 ♠ A 9 7 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K 10 7 4 ♣ A 10 9 3 ♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ 8 6	
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Gierulski	Nickell	Skrzypczak
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

3NT was simply too high. North led the queen of spades and declarer held up the ace until the third round, came to hand with a club and ran the nine of diamonds. South took the queen and the defenders cashed out for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawislak	Rodwell	Pazur	Meckstroth
Pass	2♥	1♦*	1♥!
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Another multi meaning opening bid from the Polish pair, this time equating to an 11+ 4-1-4-4. South's overcall only served to put his side in the hole, as North had enough to raise and West had more than enough to ensure that for once Meckstroth had been caught stealing.

West led his spade and East won with the ace and returned the nine of spades. West ruffed and switched to a diamond, ducked to East's king. A second spade ruff was followed by two club tricks and a third spade ruff. There was still a trump trick to come, down three, -500 costing 12 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 5	♠ K 10 3 2	♠ Q J 8 7 4
♥ 7	♥ A 6 2	♥ J 8 4
♦ 10 8 4 3 2	♦ A J 7 6 5	♦ K
♣ J 8 6 5 2	♣ 9	♣ K 10 4 3

  

♠ A 6		
♥ K Q 10 9 5 3		
♦ Q 9		
♣ A Q 7		



Jerzy Skrzypczak, Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Gierulski	Nickell	Skrzypczak
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣*	Dble	Rdble
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West led the five of clubs to the king and ace and declarer drew trumps and ran the queen of diamonds, claiming when it lost to the king, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawislak	Rodwell	Pazur	Meckstroth
1♠*	2♦	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	4♠*
All Pass			6♥

One Spade promised 0-8 with any distribution, but was not obligatory. Thereafter the hard work the American pair have put into their system paid off as they relayed into the excellent slam.

West avoided the helpful club lead, preferring the five of spades, declarer taking East's deceptive queen with the ace. He cashed the king of hearts and then played the nine of diamonds to the jack and king. East got off play with the eight of hearts and declarer won in hand with the ten, West discarding the six of clubs. When declarer tried to cash the queen of diamonds, East was able to ruff for one down, and a massive 17 IMP pickup.

Poland won the set 37-17 to move into a commanding lead.

SET 4

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 6 4		♠ J 8
♥ 8 7 5		♥ J 10 9
♦ J 9 8		♦ A 10 4 3
♣ 10 6 5 3		♣ A K Q 4

  

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

  

♠ K 9 2		
♥ A Q 6 4 3		
♦ K 7 2		
♣ 9 2		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zawislak	Meckstroth	Pazur
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the four of hearts and declarer won with dummy's king, crossed to hand with a club and played a spade to the queen. When that held he cashed three more club tricks, South discarding a spade and a diamond, played a spade to the king and ace and exited with a heart. South won and in desperation tried a low heart. Declarer won in hand and cashed the ace of diamonds for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Compton	Martens	Hamman
	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Dble	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The same opening lead saw declarer win in hand with the jack of hearts and he cashed all of his club tricks, South making the farsighted discard of two low diamonds. The jack of spades was covered by the king and ace and declarer cashed the queen of spades.

Declarer was in a scoring position, but he was not in a position to know a squeeze play had operated and he exited with the king of hearts, expecting South to eventually be endplayed into leading a diamond away from the king.

Not quite.

After cashing his hearts South produced the nine of spades – a beautiful hidden ball trick – and declarer was one down, -50 that delivered 10 IMPs.

Is Bob Hamman after an IBPA award?



Nick Nickell, USA

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 5 2		♠ 8 4
♥ A		♥ Q 8 6
♦ A Q J 9 6		♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 5		♣ A Q J 9 7 3
♠ A Q J	N	
♥ J 10 9 7 5 3	W	E
♦ 7 5 4	S	
♣ 2		
♠ 9 7 6 3		
♥ K 4 2		
♦ K 10 2		
♣ K 8 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zawislak	Meckstroth	Pazur
		3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East made an attempt to force the play, but it backfired, as North/South reached a game they might otherwise have avoided.

West decided to lead off with his club, and East took the ace and switched to the six of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace, came to hand with a diamond and played a spade. The king of spades was his ninth trick, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Compton	Martens	Hamman
		Pass	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Could it be that the Multicoloured Two Diamonds caused North/South some difficulty? It was hardly a crime to stop in Three Spades, but it cost IMPs (5/6 depending on how much you believe the claim that declarer made eleven tricks).

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 4 3		♠ 5
♥ Q 10 8		♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ A J 2		♦ 9 6 5 4 3
♣ A 10 7		♣ 8 4 3
♠ Q J 8 7 6	N	
♥ A 9 4	W	E
♦ K 10	S	
♣ K J 6		
♠ 10 9 2		
♥ K J 7		
♦ Q 8 7		
♣ Q 9 5 2		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Zawislak	Meckstroth	Pazur
INT		Pass	Pass
All Pass			

No trumps is a decent spot, especially for North/South, who can make ten tricks at that denomination. West's opening bid caused North/South to miss the perfect game and the defence was far from perfect.

North started with three rounds of spades, and declarer won, cashed his spades and exited with a heart. He won the heart return and exited once more in that suit. North cashed the ace of diamonds and played another diamond so declarer was two down, -200.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jassem	Compton	Martens	Hamman
INT	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	Dble	2♦	Pass
Rdble	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble

North led the king of spades and switched to the ten of hearts. When that held he continued with the queen of hearts and declarer won and ruffed a spade in order to play a club to the king and ace. North exited with a heart and South won and switched to the seven of diamonds. When the king lost to the ace the defenders were in complete



Eric Rodwell, USA

control and the contract was five down, -1400. That was worth 15 IMPs to the USA, but they were running out of deals.

When they missed a thin (a bit more than a finesse) grand slam on the very next deal the game was effectively over – it was Poland who advanced to the last eight.

## Glossary

### Error

a fielder misplaying a ball in a manner that allows a batter or baserunner to reach one or more additional bases.

### Quality start

When a starter pitches at least 6 complete innings and allows 3 or fewer earned runs.

### In the hole

The spaces between the first baseman and second baseman and between the shortstop and the third baseman, one of the usual places where a ground ball must go for a hit.

### Caught stealing

In baseball, a stolen base (or "steal") occurs when a baserunner successfully advances to the next base while the pitcher is delivering the ball to home plate. In baseball statistics, stolen bases are denoted by SB. If the catcher thwarts the stolen base by throwing the runner out, the event is recorded as caught stealing (CS).

### Scoring position

A runner on 2nd or 3rd base is in scoring position, as he is presumed to have a good chance to score on a base hit to the outfield.

### Hidden ball trick

A very rare feat in which a fielder has the ball and hides it from a runner, trying to trick him into believing that some other fielder has it or that it has gotten away from them.

### Force play

When a runner must advance to another base (after a hit) or retouch (after a fly out), a tag on the baserunner is not required. A fielder can merely touch the base with the ball in hand to force out a baserunner.

### Lead off

The first batter listed on a team's line-up card.

### Squeeze play

A tactic used to attempt to score a runner from third on a bunt. There are two types of squeeze plays: suicide squeeze and safety squeeze. In a suicide squeeze, the runner takes off towards home plate as soon as the pitcher begins his throw toward home plate. In a safety squeeze, the runner waits until the batter makes contact with the ball before committing himself to try to reach home.

### Perfect game

A special, very rare no-hitter where each batter is retired consecutively, allowing no baserunners via walks, errors, or any other means.

### Grand slam

Home run hit with the bases loaded.

# The foxes and the hounds

by Jos Jacobs

In the quarterfinal between the Netherlands and Indonesia, Willem Boegem for the Netherlands showed his skill in declarer play on the board below.

Board: 12. Dir: West/NS

♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ 10 9 8 2 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ Q 9		♠ K Q 4 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A 7 6 4 ♣ A 8 7
♠ J 7 ♥ Q 6 ♦ K 10 8 5 2 ♣ 10 5 4 2	♠ 8 6 3 ♥ A K J 7 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K J 6 3	

In the Open Room, the experienced old foxes Manoppo-Lasut, who have made it a tradition to always play North/South for Indonesia, bid as follows:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doremans</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
3♦	3♥	All Pass	

In his unambitious but quite normal contract, Lasut lost two aces and two spades to just score his nine tricks, for +140 to Indonesia.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hartono</i>	<i>Janssens</i>	<i>Sawiruddin</i>	<i>Boegem</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Onno Janssens also raised his partner's overcall to three but this inspired Boegem to bid game. Probably, he judged that his 5-4-3-1 distribution might be worth an extra trick. In fact, experience shows that this is quite often the case, contrary to your average fate when holding 5-4-2-2.

Anyway, this contract can be beaten in various ways but the defenders have to be careful. If West had found the lead of the ♠J, we would have no story. An imaginative ♦10 would be as good a start for the defence as anything, as it prevents the ♦Q J to take part in a loser-on-loser play.

However, on winning his ♦A, East should return a low spade rather than a diamond to still make the defence prevail easily. The return of the ♠K might not be good enough, as we shall see soon.

On a low diamond lead, declarer might play low from dummy. Now, East's only chance is a low spade after winning the ♦A. The ♦Q J will be used to throw two losing spades for the loss of just one trick if East fails to find the spade shift.

"Why would a top spade not be good enough?," one might ask. Willem Boegem will be quick to show you why as this is exactly as things went at his table. Bambang Hartono led a low diamond and Munawar Sawiruddin won the ace. He returned the ♠K which held the trick. Now, a low spade would still beat 4♥ as the ♣A remains there as an entry to cash one more spade. However, when Boegem played the ♠6 and Hartono the ♠7 to the first spade trick, things were not completely clear for East who thus continued with a safe-looking diamond. Declarer ruffed this and took his only chance: a direct finesse of the ♣9. When this worked, he landed his contract, after some anxious moments before playing for the hearts to be 2-2. Plus +620 earned the Netherlands another 10 IMPs.

On the next board, Munawar missed a great chance to shine in an "illegal" slam:

Board: 13. Dir: North/All

♠ J 4 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A Q 8 5 ♣ 9 6 3 2		♠ A Q 8 7 6 ♥ 9 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ A 10 8 5
♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ A 7 4 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K Q 7	♠ 10 ♥ K Q J 10 6 5 ♦ K 10 7 2 ♣ J 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doremans</i>	<i>Manoppo</i>	<i>Trouwborst</i>	<i>Lasut</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Over West's cuebid, East/West quickly reached their proper spot and made 11 tricks, Netherlands +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hartono	Janssens	Sawiruddin	Boegem
	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

All the diamond bidding by East, no matter what it may have meant, well and truly talked Boegem out of the diamond lead forever. Apart from that, he seems to have a fully natural heart lead, one might say. So dummy won the ♥A and now, Munawar had to judge his chances. The proper plan looks to try a dummy-reversal line, ruffing all three hearts in hand and postponing most part of drawing trumps. However, if trumps break 2-2, it might save you many a headache if you know that "they" will no longer be lurking for an overruff. So Munawar ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠A and crossed to the ♠K, a fatal error when South showed out. The fall of the ♠10 might have guided him into the right line by adopting the "restricted choice" principle to it. Cross to ♣K, ruff a heart, cross to the ♣Q (thank you for the jack) and ruff the last heart. Now, it's safe to cash the ♥Q, getting the news. As two more clubs will live up now, you can throw a diamond, concede a diamond and score dummy's last two trumps for your 11th and 12th tricks and an overall swing of 26 IMPs: 13 in instead of 13 out.



Eddy Manoppo, Indonesia

## SOLUTION

The main hope is to force an entry to dummy in diamonds. Suppose the full deal is:

	♠ 7 4 3		
	♥ K 7 6 4		
	♦ 10 5 4		
	♣ 9 6 3		
♠ 6	N	♠ 9 8 5	
♥ Q J 10 8	W	♥ 9 5 3 2	
♦ K 9 3 2	E	♦ 8 7	
♣ J 10 5 2	S	♣ K 8 7 4	
	♠ A K Q J 10 2		
	♥ A		
	♦ A Q J 6		
	♣ A Q		

After drawing the last trump, the best approach is to play the queen of diamonds at trick five. When West ducks this, as he should, you will continue with the jack of diamonds. If West takes this with his king of diamonds then the ten of diamonds will be an entry to the king of hearts, your twelfth trick. So West should again withhold his king of diamonds. Now you counter with ace and another diamond. West will be left on play with only hearts and clubs. Consequently, no matter which suit he plays, you will have your twelfth trick.

Clearly this will also be the outcome when either a defender has singleton or doubleton king of diamonds for the ten of diamonds will become an entry to dummy. When diamonds are 3-3 then either the ten will become an entry or, if the king of diamonds is ducked twice, you will make four diamond tricks.

You may ask "What happens on other diamond divisions?" Well, when it is East who has four diamonds to the king, you will be forced to rely on the club finesse. Also, if either defender has five or six diamonds to the king, then he will duck the first two rounds of diamonds and your only legitimate chance of success will be when he has the king of clubs too. Cash the ace of diamonds and run the trumps. If the relevant defender has kept two diamonds, cash the ace of clubs hoping to fell the king of clubs. Otherwise, throw him in with a diamond and hope that your queen of clubs (or king of hearts) scores a trick.



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