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Just the two of us



The expert tournament directing staff, led by Head TD Max Bavin, far right.

It's down to the championship round for the three main events, with one surprise guest at the party in the Open series – the young team from Sweden.

Going into the final 16 boards against mighty Monaco, the Swedes had a 171-146 advantage – hardly secure considering the 58-0 blitz Monaco put on Canada in the last set of their quarter-final match. Over the first five boards, it looked as though Monaco was at it again, trimming the deficit to 4 IMPs. At that point, Sweden went on a 47-0 tear over the next five boards to seal the deal. The final score was 220-174.

In the Open final, Sweden will face Poland, 252-185 winners over Ireland. Sweden has never won a major Open world title.

In the Women's, neither semi-final was close, Russia defeating Poland 243-160 and England knocking off France 201-150.

In the Seniors, USA broke open a close match against France to win 156-133. Hungary beat Sweden 201-184.

The Women's and Seniors champions will be determined tomorrow. The Open will conclude on Thursday.

In the World Transnational Mixed Teams, the semi-finalists are Canada, SAIC Red, Yeh Bros and Milner.

For a report on the World Computer-Bridge Championships, see page 11.

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OPEN TEAMS

Semi-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
1	Poland	0	56	5	63	51	42	35	252
	Ireland	0	12	61	27	11	26	48	185
2	Monaco	0	33	33	29	20	31	28	174
	Sweden	0	18	20	59	34	40	49	220

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Semi-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
11	Poland	0	16	8	64	16	38	18	160
	Russia	0	25	52	55	21	49	41	243
12	France	0	26	28	21	14	25	36	150
	England	0	15	29	40	40	55	22	201

SENIOR TEAMS

Semi-finals

Tbl		c/o	Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Boards 49 - 64	Boards 65 - 80	Boards 81 - 96	Total
21	USA	0	10	24	50	12	18	42	156
	France	0	36	17	14	4	34	28	133
22	Hungary	0	27	41	45	25	28	35	201
	Sweden	0	29	31	32	37	33	22	184

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

Quarter-final

Tbl		Boards 1 - 16	Boards 17 - 32	Boards 33 - 48	Total
31	Canada	22	52	45	119
	Shapour	14	18	12	44
32	Rossard	23	29	33	85
	Saic RED	32	34	44	110
33	Ventin	15	14	14	43
	Yeh Bros	26	53	68	147
34	Milner	36	28	30	94
	Sprung	37	30	15	82

VUGRAPH PRESENTATIONS

10.30

VG	Poland – Sweden	Open Teams (Final)
BBO 2	England – Russia	Women's Teams (Final)
BBO 3	USA – Hungary	Senior Teams (Final)
BBO 4	Ireland – Monaco	Open Teams (Play-Off)

14.00 and 17.00

To be decided

*You can follow live play of the Transnational Mixed Team
semi-final matches at www.bridgecardreader.com*



International Mind Sports Association President José Damiani with Chen Yeh and Mrs. Chen Yeh. IMSA is very grateful to Mr Yeh for his generous support of the 2nd World Mind Sport Games.

BAM Coupe de Ville

Ranking after 20 matches

1	LU	54.4	22	SAIC BLUE	39.8
2	ZIA	53.4	23	CROATIA	39.4
3	NORLAT	52.4		WHY NOT	39.4
4	BARIBAL	50	25	TOP ONE	39
5	SLOVENIA	48	26	SALSA VERDE	38.8
6	DINAMO RIGA	47.8	27	CLEER	38.4
7	INDONESIA LADIES	47.4		SCOTLAND SENIOR	38.4
8	MIXERS	46.4	29	BARRETT	37.8
9	UKRAINE	45.4		DI FEBO	37.8
10	BADGER	44	31	CBC MILANO	36.4
11	ANALIA	43.4		GOTARD	36.4
	MPE	43.4		VENTOS	36.4
	RONPA	43.4	34	OURSEL	35
14	OUTRED	43	35	BELAKRUZ	34.8
15	MONAFRIENDS	42.8	36	BUSSE	34.4
16	SCOTLAND TUESDAY	42.4		NAIROBI	34.4
	STANSBY	42.4	38	ASIAN TIGERS	33.4
18	ASCOT	42	39	SCOTLAND-HONG KONG	31.4
	SVENJA 17	42	40	KENYA3	27.4
20	KARSIYAKA	41		MILLICENT 5	27.4
21	SIGMA	40	42	GAYET	24

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Final / Play-off (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

OPEN

Tbl	Final
1	Poland Sweden

Tbl	Play-Off
2	Ireland Monaco

Final / Play-off (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

WOMEN

Tbl	Final
11	Russia England

Tbl	Play-Off
12	Poland France

Final / Play-off (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

SENIORS

Tbl	Final
21	USA Hungary

Tbl	Play-Off
22	France Sweden

Semi-finals (10.30, 14.00 and 17.00)

WTMT

Tbl	c/o	Tbl	c/o
31	12	32	1
	0		0
	Canada		Yeh Bros
	Saic RED		Milner

Duplimates for sale



The Duplimates used during the tournament are sold at the Jannersten book stall for €2350.

Smoking forbidden in Grand Palais

Please be reminded that the Grand Palais is a non-smoking facility. Players who smoke in the Grand Palais are subject to penalty for doing so.

Here are the rules and regulations regarding smoking at this tournament:

“Any player smoking in the building will cause his team to be fined 2 victory points (6 IMPs in a knockout match), plus a fine of 100 euros. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.”

The last six deals

by Barry Rigal

With six deals to go in the quarter-finals, there were still at least five matches with everything to play for. You've read the reports on Sweden's and Monaco's victories in the open. Since England had won their match against Sweden in the women, and Ireland were already 37 IMPs up against Russia in the Open, let's focus on our close matches.

These are Italy-Poland (O), France-Netherlands (W) plus Hungary-Poland and Denmark-USA (S).

Going into those last six deals Poland led by 22, France led by 3, Hungary were down by 10 and Denmark trailed by 29.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

At most tables you'd expect South to bid one red suit, North the other, and for E/W to buy the hand in spades. On a heart lead the defenders can set the hand by force (on the third heart South discards the ♦Q to get North to play the fourth heart for the trump promotion) but on a top diamond lead it is open to declarer to guess spades I suppose. If declarer misguesses in trumps, then the defenders really should get it right – South plays the ♥K before the second diamond and North should encourage to prevent partner from doing something stupid...

Italy defeated the game while Poland did not after the heart lead. 12 IMPs to Italy, down 12 now.

Denmark gained 7 imps, making 450 against 170 in the other room, reducing the margin to 22, as did Hungary against Poland to leave them down by 3 IMPs. Both France and Netherlands stopped low, but France gained an over-trick and now led by 4 IMPs.



Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Game is tricky here; in 4♠ on the normal ♦Q lead you would expect declarer to win ♦A and try to build a heart or club trick at once before dummy's entry is dislodged. The heart play looks more normal, but South will win the ♥K and shift to the ♣8 or ♣10. Even a diamond continuation works fine. Now unless declarer is psychic he is doomed – he will cash the ♥Q and pitch a club, then lead a spade to the ♠K and lose two trumps, a heart and a club. That was what happened to the Italians, but the Poles found a way to go two down. Italy trailed by 10 IMPs.

There was no other swing here except in Netherlands-France. The French women went down in 4♠, the Dutch played 3NT and on a heart lead and continuation declarer could clear the spades and leave the defenders helpless. Netherlands were up by 6 IMPs now.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

A quiet board everywhere in 4♠? Not exactly; in the Seniors the American North/South had an accident and reached the giddy heights of 5♣, down 300. 14 gift IMPs to Denmark, down just 8 IMPs now.

A truly quiet deal followed, with no IMPs changing hands, except for an over-trick to Italy, to reduce the deficit to 9. Two deals to go, with the margin in all four matches down to single digits.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

As Mark Horton documented yesterday, 4♥ on a top diamond lead can be made at dubble-dummy. No one found the line required, but in the match between the Seniors from Denmark and the USA, Peter Schaltz drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and the jack and then played a low heart. When North put in the eight he won with the jack, drew the missing trump and played a heart to the king and ace. He could use the king of clubs as an entry to lead towards the ten of hearts for +420 and 10 IMPs to give the Danes the lead by 2 IMPs.

France managed to stay out of game against Netherlands, and collected 50 in one room, 140 in the other for 5 IMPs, but that still meant they trailed by an IMP. Equally, Hungary trailed Poland by the same number, and Denmark were up by two – a comfortable lead indeed.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

If West opens 2♠ then a double by North should see East advance with a McCabe 3♣ fit-bid. South will bid to 4♥, letting West bid 4♠, and now South might well bid to 5♥. If that happens, then the defenders rate to double and have to extract the maximum by doubling. What the defenders must do is play a club early before cashing the ♦AK. If they take their diamond honours too early declarer emerges with a precious ninth trick, by ruffing out ♦Q.

Italy played 4♠ for 650, and sacrificed in 5♥x, against which the defenders erred and collected only 300, for 8 IMPs. Not quite enough – a heart-stopping win for Poland by 1 IMP.

USA played in a spade partscore and the defenders took only one of their aces for -230. Surely that would be enough

for Denmark to squeak through? No, in the other room the Danes doubled 4♥ and played diamonds prematurely (on an auction where East had never shown clubs), letting declarer out for -100 and a 4 IMP pick-up for USA, giving the Americans a win by 2 IMPs.

In the other two matches one team bid game, one team tried to stop in partscore (2♠) was re-opened and settled in 3♣. In each case it was the trailing team (France and Hungary) who bid game, while Netherlands and Poland missed game. 10 IMPs for each, and victory snatched from the jaws of defeat.

Sole Success Story

by Brian Senior

Board 50 of the semi-finals was played ten times in 4♥ and failed on nine occasions. The sole success story was Heather Dhondy for the England Women's team.

Board 50. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Senior	Dauvergne	Dhondy	Hugon
		INT	Pass
2♣	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The normal defence was three rounds of clubs, with declaring ruffed low and being over-ruffed. With the heart king offside, that meant the contract was down.

Dhondy also received the defence of three rounds of clubs. Playing as though she could see through the backs of the cards, she ruffed with the queen then played ace followed by a low heart to drop the doubleton king. North led a spade through but Dhondy rose with the ace, led the seven of hearts to the jack to draw the missing trump, and ran the diamonds; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to England.

With North having shown long clubs, it was all about who held the heart king, with there being a very good chance that it would be short if in the North hand. But suppose that South had actually held king-to-three. If she over-ruffs the remaining trumps would split two-two and the contract will be made. So she must discard in tempo and now declarer will follow the line she had started out upon and go down.

WOMEN

England v France

by Mark Horton

**SF
SET 3**

In the third session of their Women's semi-final the teams swapped a couple of overtricks to pick up 2 IMPs apiece. Then came:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

East led the three of clubs and the defenders took the first three tricks (imagine how embarrassing it would be if you played in 3NT going down with 7♦ cold); +430 but 14 IMPs to England.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	Senior	Poizat	Dhondy
Pass	INT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

INT 15-17 Bal, may have 6m, or 5M
 3♥ Cue Bid
 3♠ Cue Bid

When North could not cue bid 4♣ it was easy for South to ask for key cards.

7♦ would be laydown if North's spade queen was moved into the heart suit, but there is no obvious way to find out.

Declarer won the trump lead, drew a second round, cashed three rounds of spades and played trumps. The defenders discarded enough hearts for declarer to be spared a guess in the suit, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Dauvergne	Brown	Hugon
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I think South was under the impression that 3♠ denied a heart control, so a diamond slam might have been at risk on a heart lead. Even so South might have made another move, but a grand slam was never going to be in the picture.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vives	Senior	Poizat	Dhondy
Pass	2♥*	All Pass	2♦*

2♦* Weak in ♥ or strong in a minor

East led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played the eight of hearts. East went in with the king and switched to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart, and when East took the ace declarer had eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Dauvergne	Brown	Hugon
Pass	1♣	INT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	2♦*
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

2♦ Hearts
 2♥ Spades

Overcalling INT with a singleton is all the rage here in Lille - and it has not worked out too badly.

South did well to avoid a heart lead as declarer would be able to put up the jack and play on either minor. She preferred the two of spades. When declarer played low from dummy it was apparently impossible for North to play low and she put in the ten, losing to the queen. (If North plays low the defenders should come to five tricks - when South gets in with the ♣K a spade will eventually enable North

to set up a trick in that suit to go with the four minor suit winners). Now declarer does best to attack clubs, but she played the queen of diamonds, North winning with the king and switching to the ten of hearts. Declarer put up the ace and played the queen of clubs. Now if South plays low - as she surely should - North wins and plays another heart, cooking declarer's goose. When South put up the king there was no further defence and declarer was soon claiming +400 and 11 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vives	Senior	Poizat	Dhondy
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Accurate bidding to the almost laydown game, +600.



Rokia Poizat, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Dauvergne	Brown	Hugon
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♦

2♦ IM-2♦ may be weak fit (0-5) or nat GF or 11+

When North went on to 6♦ East made no mistake, leading the two of clubs for a rapid one down, +100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vives	Senior	Poizat	Dhondy
Pass	1♥	4♠	DbI
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

East cashed the ace of spades and switched to a club. Declarer won with dummy's ace, ran the jack of diamonds, drew the outstanding trump, played a heart to the king and a heart to the nine and ace and claimed +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stockdale	Dauvergne	Brown	Hugon
Pass	1♥	4♠	DbI*
All Pass			

I asked my French correspondent about this auction and he said it was possible that with a strong desire for partner to take out 4NT might be used.

As usual he was spot-on since the convention card confirmed that the double would be take out up to 4♥ and then became optional, with 4NT showing at least 5-5 in the other suits.

The defenders collected a trump, a heart, a diamond and three clubs for +800 and 9 IMPs to France.

England won the set 40-23 to lead 84-77 overnight.

SENIORS **USA v France** **SF SET 4**

All quiet on a Senior front

by Brent Manley

In five of the six semi-final matches in the Open, Women's and Senior series, an average of 53.8 IMPs were exchanged over 16 boards in the fourth set. The one exception was the USA-France match, won by the Americans 12-4. IMPs were flying all over the place in the other matches, but in USA-France, there were six swings total – seven in a row at one point, and none more than 4 IMPs.

Each side had some chances, however, and some of the deals had points of interest despite the quiet nature of the match.

USA started the set in the lead 84-67.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Schermer	Leenhardt	Chambers
		INT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Neil Chambers led the ♣5 to the queen, and the ♣A was next. The ♣K was ruffed with the ♥7 and overruffed with the 8. Chambers exited with a heart, ducked by declarer to John Schermer's king for the setting trick.

The odd auction at the other table put Sam Lev and Steve Landen one level higher.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
		INT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Redbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Lev must have considered that Landen's pass of 2♣ doubled denied a major, so the 4-4 major fit was missed. The defense started with two top clubs. On the third round,

Landen discarded a heart as Philippe Vanhoutte ruffed. Landen still had to lose to the ♥K, so he was two down, minus 100 and 2 IMPs to France.

If the play record is correct, Lev let 13 IMPs get away from him on the following deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

The auction was the same at both tables.

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Schermer	Leenhardt	Chambers
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Schermer started with his fifth-best spade, which went to Chambers' queen and Francois Piganeau's king. Piganeau, in need of a lucky lie of the cards, cashed his top hearts and exited with a third. The defenders took two hearts and four spades – two down, minus 200.



John Schermer, USA

Lev also got a low spade lead, but instead of guessing which suit to play on, he exited with his other spade to let the defense sort things out.

Patrick Grenthe played the ♠9 on Lev's 6, but Vanhoutte overtook with the ♠10 to switch to a low heart. Lev let that run to dummy's 9. The next heart went to the jack and Lev's ace, and by returning to dummy he could take another heart finesse for nine tricks: four hearts, two diamonds, two clubs and a spade.

Apparently convinced that South had started with a doubleton spade, however, Lev ran the ♦8 to Vanhoutte's 9, and the spade return reduced Lev's trick total to eight. Minus 100 was a 3-IMP gain, but it could have been 13.

The following deal is instructive if nothing else.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Schermer	Leenhardt	Chambers
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣**	All Pass		

*Forces 2♦ by East

**Five or more clubs, four spades

Schermer started with the ♥Q, taken by declarer in dummy. He cashed the ♠A, played a spade to his king and ruffed the third round with the ♣8. Chambers overruffed and exited with a low trump, catering to the possibility that his partner had a singleton queen. Playing a low club could not cost – it still gets the trump out of dummy, and if North's singleton is a low one, there are only two more club tricks coming anyway. Declarer lost three clubs and a spade for one down.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Grenthe	Landen	Vanhoutte
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Many pairs use this sequence to show the hand that Lev held (weakish with six or so in the minor and four in the major). Grenthe also led the ♥Q, taken in dummy. The ♠A was followed by a spade to the king and a spade ruff. Van-

houte overruffed with the ♣10, but instead of exiting with a low club, he cashed the ace, reducing his side's trump tricks to two. Lev lost another club and a spade, but he made his contract for a 4-IMP gain.

The final swing of the quiet set featured good card reading by Schermer.

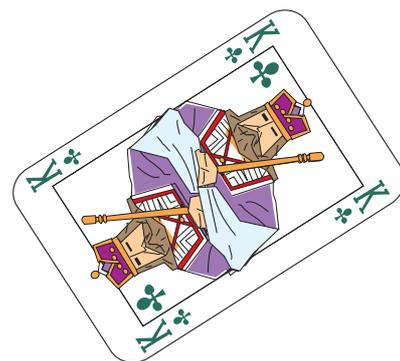
Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

At both tables, North opened 1NT after two passes and played it there.

In the open room, Landen led a low heart, taken by Lev with the ace. Lev returned a low club to Landen's ace, covering the ♣J on the return with the king. He then cleared the suit with the ♣9 to the queen. Grenthe, starting at a near Yarborough, played the ♦3 from his hand. Lev overtook Landen's ♦10 with the queen and cashed two more clubs. Declarer pitched two spades, Landen a heart and a spade. Lev exited with a spade, taken by Grenthe with the ace. He cashed his heart honors and could have taken two more tricks by playing the ♦A, but he got out with his low heart. Landen won and cashed the ♠K before giving declarer the last trick with a diamond.

At the other table, Leenhardt also led a low heart. Piganeau also switching to a low club. When Leenhardt took the ♣A, he played the ♠K, returning to clubs when Schermer ducked. Piganeau took the ♣K, but instead of knocking out declarer's queen, he played a spade. Schermer took the ♠A, cashed the ♣Q and exited with his ♠J. Leenhardt won but was endplayed. A low heart would give declarer three tricks in the suit, so Leenhardt switched to the ♦K, ducked. Leenhardt continued with the ♦10 to the queen and ace. The two high hearts and the ♦J got Schermer to six tricks for one down. That was worth 3 IMPs to USA, winners of the set 12-4 and leading at that point 96-71.



Stepping from one stone to another

by Phillip Alder

The stepping-stone play is both pretty and pretty rare. One occurred during Round 10 on this deal from the Women's series (rotated to make South the declarer):

Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Deas</i>		<i>Palmer</i>
Pass	1♠	2♠ (b)	1♦ (a)
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (a) 11-15 points, 2-plus diamonds
- (b) 5+-5+ in hearts and clubs

If North-South had gone for the throat after East described her two-suiter, they could have taken 800 from three clubs doubled, but probably would have collected only 500.

Against three no-trumps, West led her lowest club. Beth Palmer from the United States held up her ace until the third round, then played a heart to dummy's ace and ran the diamond queen, East discarding a heart. West shifted to a low spade, which was taken by South's king. Declarer played a spade to dummy's jack and cashed the diamond jack-ten and heart king to give this position:

♠ Q 10 ♥ — ♦ 9 ♣ —	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 5 ♥ J ♦ — ♣ —	♠ — ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ K 10
N						
W E						
S						
		♠ — ♥ — ♦ A 8 ♣ 8				



Beth Palmer, USA

Palmer cashed the spade ace and played another spade, using West as a stepping-stone to the diamond ace, her ninth trick (three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club).

At the other table, New Zealand played in five diamonds, going down one.

Plus 600 and 100 gave the USA women's team 12 IMPs.

Remember the bidding

by Phillip Alder

Here is a declarer-play problem from the semi-finals (rotated to make South the declarer).

Board 45. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	3♥	1♣	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

West leads the club seven. What should declarer do?

Answer on page 15.

The 16th world computer bridge championship

Entries:

Shark bridge, Defending champion, by John Norris DK
 Q-plus Vice-champion by Hans Leber Germany,
 Jack 6 times champion by Hans Kuijf, Nedelands
 Wbridge5, 3 times champion, by Yves Costel France,
 Bridge Baron from Great Games Product, Stephen
 Smith, USA
 Microbridge by Tomio Uchida Japan,
 RoboBridge by Job Scheffers Nederlands
 Moose bridge by Pete Boton USA

At the end of the Round robin the first 4 are qualified for the semi-finals- 64 boards, Tuesday 21 at the Charles de Gaulle I Room 7th floor. Spectators are welcome

Results of the round robin (7 rounds of 30 boards each)

1. Jack 146
2. Microbridge 135
3. Wbridge5 125
4. Q-plus 111
5. Bridge baron 107
6. Shark 86
7. RoboBridge 68
8. Moose bridge 14

Semi finals

Jack versus Q-Plus
 Microbridge vs Wbridge 5
 Microbridge will meet Wbridge5
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Explosion Blackwood

by Mark Horton

There are a million and one ways to ask for aces. You have all heard of Roman Blackwood, and some of you will recall Byzantine Blackwood. Exclusion Blackwood is no longer the new kid on the block so I want to introduce you to the latest interpretation of the 4NT bid, Explosion Blackwood.

It is a very distant relative to the ace asking conventions (and you might argue it is not related at all) but it arises when the level of the auction is raised after a pair have tried to play in 3NT and they press on to 4NT. The convention comes into play when that contract is doubled and the opponents stand their ground.

We saw an example in the last set of the USA-Sweden match but in the last round of the Transnational Mixed Teams an even better one came along:

Dealer North. E/W Vul

♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K 8 7 4 ♦ A K J 7 ♣ 10 5	♠ A K 10 9 7 6 ♥ J ♦ 9 6 ♣ K 8 7 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 8 5 2 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A J 9 3 2	♠ J ♥ A Q 10 9 2 ♦ Q 10 5 3 2 ♣ Q 4
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At the other table in the match between Barrett and Austria East-West scored +620 in 4♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Schifko	Bertens	Weigkricht
	1♠	2♥	Pass
2♠*	Dbl	3♥	3♠
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led the ace of spades and when South followed with the two he switched to clubs. That gave the defenders eleven tricks, +2300 and 21 IMPs.

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SENIORS **Sweden v Hungary** **SF SET 4**

Buckets of blood spilt in the Grande Palais

by Micke Melander

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Dahlberg	Szappanos	Nilsland
	1♦*	Pass	4♠
5♦	Dbl	All Pass	

*2+♦ might be weak no-trump hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Axne	Dumbovich	Trapp	Kovacs
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dbl	INT	3♥	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

A fast arrival by Nilsland to 4♠ made life difficult for Magyar, a double would have come in handy and would certainly have worked out better than trying to pick the right suit to play in after guessing what kind of hand North had. Dahlberg led a spade, which went to declarer's ace, Magyar then tried to sneak a club through to the king in dummy,

but Dahlberg went up with the ace and returned his last spade to Nilsland's queen. Declarer was now in serious trouble, since the defense had set up their suits for a cross-ruff. Nilsland continued with the queen of spades which was ruffed by declarer with the eight and overruffed with the jack from North. Back came a heart ruffed by South, another high spade followed which declarer tried to ruff in with the ten but again got overruffed, this time with the king. The defense took another heart ruff leaving;

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

The defense had already won six of the first seven tricks and when Nilsand played another spade declarer tried to ruff with the three of diamonds – to be overruffed for the third time, this time with the six of diamonds. Dahlberg excited with a trump and declarer had to concede a heart as well. Six down was 1400 to the Sweden who had closed the gap to Hungary who had been on top after the first three segments by 113-92.

At the other table none of the players knew who was making the highest contract. But the Swedes also decided to play the hand, though not in diamonds but in hearts. Three down was 500 to the Hungarians but 13 IMPs to Sweden with that huge result from the Open Room.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Mats Nilsland, Peter Magyar, Borje Dahlberg and Geza Szappanos

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Dahlberg	Szappanos	Nilsland
Pass	1♠	INT	2♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Axne	Dumbovich	Trapp	Kovacs
Pass	1♠	INT	2♠
2NT	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Dbl
All Pass			

In the Open Room the Swedish pair came to play in a very reasonable 2♠. The defense took their five tricks but had to concede the rest to declarer.

More blood was spilt on the green tables in Lille's "Grande Palais" in the Closed Room, Axne's attempt to escape in 3♣ (via a Lebensohl action) backfired on the Swedes. North bid on in spades and the Swedes would have had a really good result also on this deal provided E-W just would have passed it out. But they eventually got beaten up in 4♦ doubled. Trapp got a spade lead from Kovacs, which went to the two, ten and king. Declarer ducked a heart, which South won with the king, and another spade followed to North jack. Dumbovich continued with the ace of spades, ruffed low by declarer. Trapp who had set up his heart ruff, continued with the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy on route to escape for two down. But when he played a club to the jack instead of the king he was down three. 500 to Hungary was 9 IMPs and their first real swing of this segment.

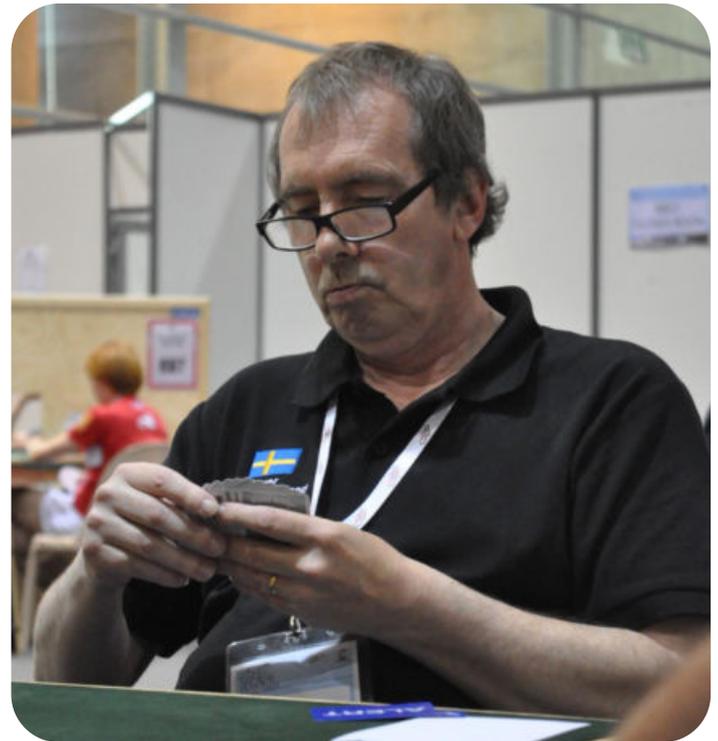
Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Axne	Dumbovich	Trapp	Kovacs
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Partner kicks off with the three of clubs (2/4th and low from doubleton), declarer calls for the king from dummy



Mats Nilsland, Sweden

which you win with the ace, and declarer follows with the two. You continue with the jack (still 2/4th) to see: the six, partner's ten and dummy's five. Plan your defense.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Dahlberg	Szappanos	Nilsland
	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Dbl	3♦*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Axne	Dumbovich	Trapp	Kovacs
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

If partner had held 10973 of clubs would he have played the ten at trick two? And if so why?

Wouldn't the ten be a strong indicator for a spade shift? Is it ever possible for declarer to go down in the contract if he has the ace of spades and just two clubs? The only realistic chance should probably be to work out that we have to try to get a trick from trumps to defeat the contract, and that has to be done by getting a ruff from partner with a card higher than dummy's nine of trumps. Axne shifted to the jack of hearts and it was all over. That was 6 IMPs to Hungary when their team-mates on the other table pre-sacrificed against the game in hearts that Nilsland - Dahlberg were heading to.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Dahlberg	Szappanos	Nilsland
	1♦*	Pass	1♥
DbI	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	DbI
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Axne	Dumbovich	Trapp	Kovacs
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Another 11 IMPs went to Sweden after more blood was spilt in this hand. One might guess that the Hungarian pair would have some firmer defensive bidding agreements to sort out when they play against a diamond opening which might be short...

2♦ in the Closed Room was just made when declarer tried to pull trumps in the end and the suit broke 4-1. That didn't matter to much when Magyar-Szappanos got doubled in 4♣ at the other table. Nilsland led the king of diamonds, declarer won in dummy with the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and the ace and king of spades when every-

one followed suit. Szappanos then exited with the last spade from dummy, North still following with the queen, both declarer and South discarding hearts. The remaining cards when declarer only had lost one trick were:

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

North exited with the queen of diamonds, and declarer won in dummy with the ace when South discarded the six of hearts. Another diamond followed, which North won with the jack South discarding his last heart, North now made the mistake of not returning a trump and instead went for his last heart, which endplayed partner in to having to lead away from the king of clubs, giving declarer an extra trick. Still down two was 11 IMPs to Sweden who now were the leader in a very close match.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magyar	Dahlberg	Szappanos	Nilsland
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♣*	3♦
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Axne	Dumbovich	Trapp	Kovacs
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

Another sacrifice from the Hungarians, but this time it was worth 9 IMPs when Dahlberg didn't believe in saving in the Open Room. 4♠ couldn't go more than two down, especially after West led the ace of diamonds. E-W had a cold game in hearts and could even (if they could have found the singleton king of clubs) be able to make a small slam on their combined 22 HCPs.

The standing in the match after the fourth segment was 129-138 to Hungary.

Remember the bidding
Answer

by Phillip Alder

Board 45. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

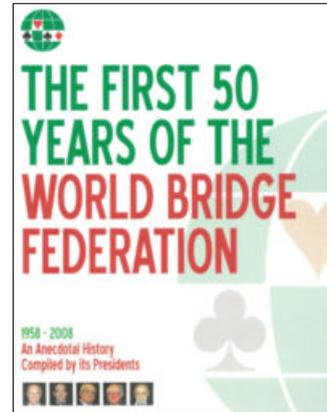
West	North	East	South
1♠	3♥	1♣	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

When you have nine trumps missing the queen, the mathematicians will tell you that cashing the ace and the king works slightly more often than taking a second-round finesse of the jack. But is that right here? East opened one club. How many cards does he have in the suit?

Given that West led a club, East can have only three clubs. And if he has a doubleton heart, his hand shape would presumably be 4=2=4=3 or 3=2=5=3, with which he would have opened one diamond, not one club. So, East must have three or four hearts.

After winning the first trick, South should play a heart to dummy's ace, followed by a heart to the jack. He draws the last trump and loses one spade, one diamond and one club.

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Case for the Defence

by Mark Horton

Two deals from the fourth session of the semi-finals may give some of the defenders a few sleepless nights.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 7 4 3 ♥ J ♦ Q 10 ♣ A Q J 8 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 8 ♥ A K 10 7 6 ♦ A J 4 ♣ 9 7 6 2</p> <p>♠ A 6 5 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 9 8 6 3 2 ♣ 10 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 ♥ 9 8 5 4 2 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ K 5</p>
N						
W E						
S						

On this deal there were two popular contracts, 4♥ and 4♠.

The latter is only one down, a fine save against 4♥ - except that contract can be defeated. Indeed, it went down at more than one table, but only as a result of poor declarer play.

Suppose East leads the ten of clubs against 4♥ (which happened at several tables). When declarer put up the king West took the ace and cashed a second club. As you can see, another club promotes a trick for East's queen of hearts and a spade will be the fourth trick for the defence.

No player in the West seat found the winning defence (not even the one who saw declarer obligingly follow with the nine on the second round of clubs). If the East/West spade honours had been reversed then West could have laid down the ace of spades at trick three and when East discourages it becomes obvious to play a third club.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 8 ♥ 10 ♦ K J 9 6 2 ♣ K J 9 8 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #336633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ Q 10 9 ♥ K 9 7 5 2 ♦ A 5 4 3 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ K 7 4 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ A Q 10 5</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 3 ♥ A Q J 6 4 ♦ 10 ♣ 7 6 4</p>
N						
W E						
S						

Imagine you are defending against 5♣ doubled.

You lead your diamond, partner wins with the ace and returns a suit preference card for you to ruff. You underlead

your hearts and partner wins and gives you another ruff. Realising declarer will only have two discards you exit with your trump and in due course you get two spades, +800 and a number of IMPs.

That is exactly what happened in the match between Poland and Ireland, but it was the exception rather than the rule. For example in the Sweden-Monaco match South led a trump against 5♣ doubled and collected only +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
2NT*	4♣*	5♣	1♥
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	Pass

South led his diamond and North won and played back the three. South ruffed, returned the six of hearts to North's king and ruffed another diamond.

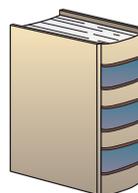
Remarkably that fine score might have been beaten in the replay:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>McGann</i>
2NT*	4♥	5♣	1♥
Pass	Pass	6♣	5♥
All Pass			Dbf

South cashed the ace of spades, took the ace of hearts and belatedly switched to the ten of diamonds. He got a ruff for +500 and lost 7 IMPs when he might have gained them.

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