

Deadlier than the Male

After one session there are 6 nations represented in the top four places, thanks to the fact that there are two transnational partnerships included in the highfliers.

But top of the list comes a pair who only decided to play that afternoon. Nathalie Frey and Monika Kümmel are four percent clear of the field after a gigantic 67% game. Who knows what heights they can reach as soon as they start developing some partnership agreements!

Our sincere apologies to our Czech hosts for carelessly using the outdated name Czechoslovakia rather than referring to the Czech Republic on page one of the previous bulletin. The bulletin editor can only use the excuse of stupidity - rather than any malign intent. Apologies again.



OPENING CEREMONY - SHORT AND SWEET

Juniors are not known for their ability to tolerate long speeches, and so it was clearly a good tactical decision for the organizers of the world Junior Pairs Championship to focus on a short and sweet presentation.

And they were right; after three short pieces played by musicians from the orchestra of Prague castle, the Juniors were only given two short welcoming speeches, each in themselves models of brevity.

Petr Hebak of the Czech Federation and Panos Gerontopoulos of the World Bridge Federation both succinctly welcomed us all, and then after an introduction of the senior organizers of the tournament we were all free to go and sample drinks and appetizers, courtesy of the organizers. The start of play was set back to nine o'clock - a small price to pay.

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(Continued from Bulletin No. 1)

When the Italians met the Russian team it was very much a case of a team on the up meeting one on the way down. Russia reached their peak after this deal:

Dealer West. Game All

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With Five Clubs cold, would you expect to score well for playing in 4♠ down two? Russia reached that spot like this:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Biondo</i>	<i>Matouchko</i>	<i>Intonti</i>	<i>Lobov</i>
1♦	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the lead of the king of diamonds and played on hearts. Eventually he manoeuvred to ruff all his diamonds in the dummy and escaped for -200. Meanwhile in the Closed Room this was the auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doubinine</i>	<i>Pagani</i>	<i>Krasnosselski</i>	<i>Marino</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
INT	Pass	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	3♦	4♥
All Pass			

The name Marino always conjures up a picture of the Miami Dolphins famous American Football quarterback Dan Marino. His Italian namesake failed to 'touchdown' on this board. Of course he had a difficult hand to deal with, but it looks more

natural to mention the club suit rather than double for a second time. Repeated diamond leads put the contract four down to give Russia five IMPs.

Congratulations to the pairs who managed to reach Five Clubs, especially in the match between Sweden and Turkey where they did it at both tables. At this point in our featured match, Russia held a lead of 10 IMPs but it was downhill all the way from here.

Dealer North. NS Game

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In the Open Room Russia played quietly in 3♦ on the North-South cards and scored +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doubinine</i>	<i>Pagani</i>	<i>Krasnosselski</i>	<i>Marino</i>
	1♣	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

As so often happens a pre-emptive bid pushed the opponents into a contract they would have been unlikely to reach under their own steam. East led a heart and declarer won and returned the suit.

East took his ace and at this point one would have expected the king of spades to fall out of his hand. However, he woodenly continued with another heart and declarer claimed nine tricks.

When Russia appeared next on Vugraph they were competing against Israel. Here the Russian West was punished heavily for breaking a golden rule

Board 7. Dealer North. Game All

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

West	North	East	South
Zack	Matouchko	Amit	Lobov
Pass	INT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♦
Dble	All Pass	Pass	4♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Doubinine	Shaham	Krasnosselski	Levin
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	5♥	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room West opened at the one level and East made a semi-forcing INT response which led naturally to game in hearts. North made a speculative double based on the view that he had three trump tricks, so at least they could not make any overtricks.

North led the spade queen. Declarer won and played a trump, taken by North. West ruffed the next spade, to play another trump, again won by North, who exited with a third trump to dummy.

Declarer cashed the top clubs throwing three diamonds from hand, and led a diamond to the king, the ten dropping from North.

Now comes this choice: has North made a natural play from ♦J10 doubleton or a very clever one from ♦J10x. In the latter case you must follow with a low diamond to fell South's bare ace.

However, we would expect most Wests to get it right, as they would not wish to credit their oppo-



Phil Matouchko (Russia)

nents with such skill! Zack did get the diamonds right, following with a high diamond from hand, and recorded +790 for Israel.

On VuGraph Doubinine's opening of Two Hearts showed a weak two suiter with hearts. When East raised to Four West realised that he needed very little from East for a slam to succeed (the ace of diamonds, and four hearts to the king or ace is enough, or even just good trumps), and he moved on with 5♣. This broke the normal rule of limited auctions, and West was duly punished.

Against Five Hearts doubled North led a diamond, and soon after it was 200 to Israel for a swing of 790 or 14 IMPs.

The Greek team is probably not competing for a qualifying spot on the next World Junior Championships but they seriously competed for the luckiest board of the tournament. Watch board 6 from Round 9:

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Game

♠ J ♥ K 9 6 4 3 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ 8 7 4 3	♠ Q 10 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ Q J 10 5 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		♠ A K 9 6 5 4 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 6
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The bidding started as in many tables with a slightly dangerous 3♠ pre-empt by East. Manousakakis, with the South cards doubled, West passed and North bid a conservative 4♣. Now, our candidate for the luckiest board of the tournament found an inspired bid: 4♦ and North raised to 5♦.

This has the advantage of being the only available game for NS. If West leads a spade, East wins the ♠K, and, if he cashes the next spade, declarer simply refuses the heart finesse and ruffs a spade in dummy, bringing his total to 11 tricks: 4 diamonds, 5 clubs, ♥A and the spade ruff. And if East plays back a heart, declarer takes the ♥A and discards 2 spades in dummy's clubs.

If the lead is a club, South wins, cashes 3 rounds of trumps and discards again 2 losing spades on dummy's clubs.

When the British Schools team played Israel this was the biggest gain for Britain.

Dealer South. EW Game

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In the Closed Room Israel made no move towards a slam, stopping in 3NT and making 11 tricks for +660. In the other room N/S were too ambitious.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Hydes</i>	<i>Lellouche</i>	<i>Teltscher</i>
Pass	3♦	Pass	INT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	3NT

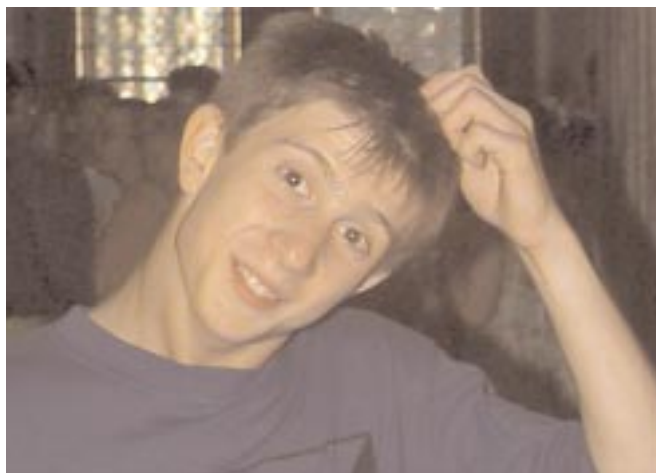
West led the ten of spades and Mark Teltscher won in dummy and came to hand with the queen of diamonds, He played a low heart and on winning with the king West continued with another spade. Declarer won and took his diamond winners and

should have reached this ending:

Dealer South. EW Game

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He would still have the club finesse in reserve, but when you cross to the ace of hearts West has to part with a club. Now you cash the queen of spades and East is in a similar situation.



Mark Teltscher (GBR)

A non-simultaneous double squeeze! Just the sort of move Tal would have been proud of!

Mark didn't quite appreciate this possibility, keeping an extra club instead of a spade, so he had to guess he had squeezed East in the round suits and drop the queen of clubs, a play he managed to find.

No matter how difficult a deal may seem to be, you can usually rely on the majority of pairs to get it right. That was not however the case on this board from round twelve.

Only three pairs managed to make a game and one of them was sitting in the 'other' direction!

Dealer East. NS Game

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♦ 10 9 8 3											
♣ 7 3											

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Dacic</i>	<i>Sebbane</i>	<i>Krakovic</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A controlled auction with both players appreciating the value of their intermediate cards. Here West led a spade and on winning with the jack declarer ran the eight of diamonds. East won and switched to the eight of hearts. West won and played back a heart, but to no avail, declarer having an easy route to nine tricks. (As Steen Møller pointed out later, a shift to the KING of hearts is devastating - though it is not easy to see why at the table. Whatever declarer does he can be defeated now.)

Let's start with the two pairs who managed to reach 3NT on the North South cards. First for Poland:

This was the most dramatic result:

West	North	East	South
<i>Biondi</i>	<i>Kucharzyk</i>	<i>Intonti</i>	<i>Suchodol</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Amit</i>	<i>van Prooijen</i>	<i>Zack</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

East led the two of clubs and after winning declarer simply played ace and another diamond, making nine tricks in comfort. North did well to bid INT, but I suspect South was expecting a better hand when he went on to game. Now for Yugoslavia

North found the terrible lead of the ace of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and played the nine of spades. North won and belatedly switched to the king of clubs. Declarer went up with the ace and got rid of his losing club on the king of diamonds. He could now crossruff his way to ten tricks.



Success in the Pairs tournament two years ago has led to significant happenings for at least two of the people shown in the photo-

graph. Mette Drøgemüller represented Denmark with distinction in the Ladies Championships at Malta, and her team

qualified for the Venice Cup in Bermuda next January. Boye Brogeland competed in the Junior championships in Toronto and won the Silver Medal there. He also was part of the Norwegian Open team in Malta, winning the Bronze medal, and qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl.

But perhaps the greatest distinction goes to Sebastian Reim, Mette's partner in Santa Sofia. He has been selected for perhaps the most prestigious honour of all, namely the right to be an organizer at these championships. Congratulations, Sebastian!

Deja Vu?

by Ulrich Auhagen

Bridge Magazine, edited by Mark Horton, is the oldest periodical in the world devoted to the game having been founded in 1926. It recently acquired International Popular Bridge Monthly and welcomes new readers, especially Junior players who can take a one year subscription for US\$50, 20% below current rates.

Try your skill on the deals in the following article written by one of the regular contributors to the magazine.

A keen reader often enough has a certain feeling: I must know this hand, where have I seen it before?

In the following deals you are always South.

E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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Third in hand you open One Spade and North bids Two Spades. After two passes West doubles and partner redoubles. East bids Two No-Trumps (minors) and West Three Diamonds. You double and hope for the best, i.e. +200 or more. Your expert partner leads the four of diamonds. Dummy wins with the queen and plays the king of hearts.

Over to you.

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Against silent opponents you bid One Spade - Two

Spades - Four Spades. West leads the three of hearts. East wins with the ace and surprises you by the expert defence of the queen of spades. You take the ace as West plays the seven of spades.

If 'never say die' is your maxim you'll fight on.

What is your plan?

Game All. Dealer South.

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You open One Diamond, West doubles and when your partner passes East bids Two Spades. In an attempt to show your tremendous hand you bid four clubs but West's Four Spades ends the auction.

You lead the queen of diamonds and await further developments but nothing happens. After a long silence the expert declarer politely informs you that it is your lead. You realise that he played the six of diamonds from dummy at trick one!

To the kibitzers it may seem that you dozed off. To regain your reputation you desperately look for a recovery shot. Do you spot your chance?

You will find the answers on page 10.

Players are reminded that in general the only time they are permitted to leave the room is for the smoking break after eight and 16 boards. Otherwise, they must ask permission of the Director at the door to leave the room. Repeated breaches of this prohibition will lead to the imposition of disciplinary penalties.

JUNIOR PAIRS SESSION I

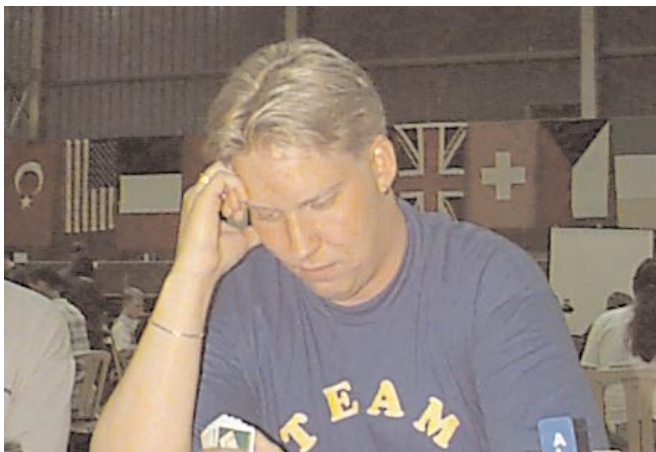
I sat down to watch a battle between two of the leading Swedish pairs, Eliazohn-Wiklund and Nystrom-Stromberg. As it happened, the first deal gave both pairs a chance to demonstrate aggressive Pairs technique, with the defence coming out on top.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

<p>♠ A J ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ K Q 4 3 ♣ K 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q 4 ♥ A J 8 ♦ 9 8 ♣ J 9 8 6 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 8 6 5 3 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ A 7 6 2 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 2 ♥ K 10 6 5 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ Q 10 5</p>
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As you can see, the play in INT is fundamentally unexciting. The defence can set up the clubs before declarer gets the spades going, and seven tricks appears to be the limit. Meanwhile unless the defence cash their hearts at once against 2♠, declarer might be allowed to collect 140 (actually a diamond lead might work to hold declarer to 110 also). Anyway, Nicklas Eliazohn on lead to INT after the auction 1♣-1♦-INT led the ♦9, not the best start.

There is something to be said for winning that in dummy to play on spades at once. Nystrom actually won in hand and led a club to the ace. Back



Nicklas Eliazohn (Sweden)



Roger Wiklund (Sweden)

came a diamond, so now Nystrom won in hand and unblocked the spades, then led a diamond to dummy and a third spade. Eliazohn won his king of spades, and had to take four heart tricks to hold declarer to seven tricks. He correctly shifted to the jack of hearts, covered by the queen and king. When a low heart came back Nystrom played low, and now Eliazohn had to work out whether to win cheaply with the ♥8 (correct if declarer started life with the ten of hearts) or whether to win the ace to unblock the suit. He guessed right and held declarer to 90 for a decent score - 107 out of 184.

A couple of boards later routine matchpoint technique against Icelandic opponents saw the Swedes collect a decent score. It is surprising sometimes how simply avoiding error is good for a 70% board or so.

Board 8. Dealer West. Love All

<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ Q 9 8 4 ♦ Q J 6 2 ♣ 8 6 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 7 2 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ A K 10 ♣ Q J 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q 9 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ 9 8 5 4 ♣ A K 10 4</p>	<p>♠ K J 8 6 3 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 9 7 3</p>
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You would expect everyone in the field to reach the routine game of 4♥. The question is really



Fredrik Nystrom (Sweden)

whether there is any way that East can keep his hand off the top club lead which costs a trick as the cards lie. I could see that Sigurdsson was unhappy on lead, but eventually he selected a top club as his opening salvo.

When he found his partner following with a discouraging eight, he astutely shifted to a heart rather than the natural-looking diamond. That left Eliazohn with the hard work still to do on the hand. He followed low from dummy and took Sigurjonsson's ♠8 with the king. Now he drew trumps in two rounds and played for his only legitimate shot for the overtrick, namely a diamond to the ♦10. When that held the trick he had +450 and a very fine score, 129 out of 184.

A couple of boards later Nicklas and Roger defended to their favourite contract, INT, and this time they doubled it for good measure. On the previous hand they had run into a sharp match-point double, and had conceded 200, so they were thirsting for revenge - and on this occasion they did not have to wait long!

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Game

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When Eliazohn opened 1♣ in fourth seat Filipowicz overcalled 1♠ - this is the sort of bid we all make and generally get away with but it does not have a lot to recommend it. When Koluda as West responded INT, this was passed round to Wiklund, who doubled - and now either East or West should have worked out to run from this spot I think. As it was, Eliazohn knew what to do on opening lead to INTx. He led the ♠10, and now the defence had eight top tricks, and the question was whether they were due a ninth or not.

In fact careful declarer play might be able to hold the loss to -500 after a heart switch at trick two. When declarer won the heart in dummy and led the ♣10 the defence could have endplayed dummy for +800 until a slip in the endgame limited declarer's losses to two down. But +500 was still an excellent score nonetheless, 178 out of 184.

This is the sort of board that can produce all manner of results. This was the bidding at another table:

West <i>Thibaut</i>	North <i>Jelinek</i>	East <i>Charletout</i>	South <i>Martynek</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♥
4♣	Dble	All Pass	

South's double showed values in spades and he did well to compete further with Three Hearts.

North must have thought Christmas had come early but things did not quite work out as he had intended.

Declarer won the opening heart lead and perhaps placing South with the ace of diamonds took a second round before coming to hand with a spade ruff to discard a diamond on the ace of hearts.

He then exited with a diamond and North won and exited with a spade. Declarer ruffed and embarked on a cross ruff. Eventually North was able to over-ruff with the queen of clubs and had only to play ace and another club to ensure a one trick defeat.

Taking his eye off the ball he exited with a low club to the now singleton king. That meant declarer could now score the ten of clubs *en passant*.

What else would you expect when the declarer was from France?

Session One Continued

The tenth round of the first session did not feature boards that were going to set the world on fire.

We stopped off at a table where Great Britain faced Italy and both pairs were comfortably placed in the top quarter of the field.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Game

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

jack of clubs and declarer won with the king and played three rounds of hearts. North won the last one and played the ten of clubs but the hand was already over. Declarer had time to set up a diamond trick.

West <i>Guariglia</i>	North <i>Green</i>	East <i>Callea</i>	South <i>Hazel</i>
Dble 2NT	Pass All Pass	2♥	INT Pass

East might have passed the double of INT - its hard to see how declarer will ever arrive at more than five tricks - but playing in 2NT and scoring +120 proved to be almost as good. North led the

Board 20. Dealer West. Game All

♠ A Q 6 2 ♥ K 8 5 4 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ K 10	N W E S	♠ 9 7 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ J 9 6 4 ♣ Q 5 4 2	♠ J 10 ♥ A J 9 3 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ 9 6 3
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West <i>Guariglia</i>	North <i>Green</i>	South <i>Callea</i>	East <i>Hazel</i>
INT 2♥	Pass Pass	2♣ 4♥	Pass All Pass

The opening bid was either 12-14 or 4441.

This looked a normal enough contract and declarer took the obvious twelve tricks but when the results were posted it was another comfortable average plus result for the Italians that moved them close to the leaders.



Ruggero Guariglia (Italy)

Deja Vu?

Answers

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After partner's redouble and his trump lead you can be sure that your side holds most of the high cards. Since West's delayed take out double showed at least four hearts there is no hurry to take your ace immediately. If you duck the defence may later have an opportunity to play a second and even a third round of trumps.

In a Swiss Teams event South took the ace of hearts and then neither a forcing defence in spades nor another trump could beat the contract any more for West had enough time to develop the heart suit and to enjoy it.

However, after ducking the king of hearts declarer is lost. He may try a club to the ace and the ten of hearts. If North rises to the occasion by playing the queen of hearts; eight tricks are the limit of the hand.

As usual a risky double needed a double dummy defence.

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If you try to ruff two hearts you will probably go down since you would lose at least a trump, a dia-

mond and two hearts. A better line is to play West for both red kings ruffing only one heart and to try a strip endplay against West. Even if the king of clubs cannot be ruffed out you may succeed.

Cash the ace of clubs, ruff a heart, ruff a club, cross to the jack of trumps and ruff another club. Now you draw East's last trump and West has to surrender. He is down to ♥K10 and ♦K1072.

If he discards the ten of hearts you duck a heart. If he discards a diamond you play a diamond to the queen. West has to play low and now ace and another diamond forces West to give you the last trick in hearts.

This line of play succeeds even if South does not ruff clubs twice because West is squeezed in three suits including clubs by South's last trump but one.

Game All. Dealer South.

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Why did declarer duck your diamond lead?

He is trying to develop the heart suit without letting North gain the lead for a club switch discarding two hearts on the ♦AK and ruffing out the queen of hearts. Having scored the queen of diamonds you can spoil this plan if partner holds the precious nine of clubs. You switch to the ♣Q.

East is helpless. After winning with the king of clubs he can play a trump but you take your ace and play the two of clubs. If North's nine of clubs wins - another unexpected trick for the defence! - your partner would be happy to give you a heart ruff.

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Results after First Session

Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%	Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%
1	Frey	- Kümmel	Fra/Aut	67.52	46	Roland	- Thomsen	Den	55.00
2	Nyström	- Strömberg	Swe	63.47	47	Iavicoli	- Uccello	Ita	54.89
3	De Groot	- De Groot	Nth	63.39	48	Brink	- Vreeswijk	Nth	54.71
4	Heller	- Wooldridge	Can/Usa	63.07	49	Charletout	- Girault	Fra	54.68
5	Drijver	- De Wijs	Nth	62.10	50	Luks	- Naber	Est	54.58
6	Bianchi	- Medusei	Ita	61.58	51	Madry	- Strzemecki	Pol	54.56
7	Katz	- Varshavski	Isr	61.41	52	Kotorowicz	- Kotorowicz	Pol	54.39
8	Eliazohn	- Wiklund	Swe	61.21	53	Piasecki	- Piontke	Pol	54.31
9	Brink	- Groosman	Nth	61.17	54	Balasy	- Hegedus	Hun	54.15
10	Buras	- Kapala	Pol	60.69	55	Czeczko	- Wittenbeck	Pol	54.12
11	Green	- Hazel	Gbr	60.68	56	Gunnarsson	- Olgeirsson	Ice	53.78
12	Kucharski	- Lutostanski	Pol	60.14	57	Keil	- Szabo	Hun	53.58
13	Fonteneau	- Willard	Fra	60.09	58	Allik	- Lokk	Est	53.52
14	Cullin	- Jansson	Swe	60.05	59	Lasota	- Wantke	Pol	53.34
15	Mortensen	- Tylvad	Den	60.04	60	Fung	- Greig	Gbr	53.30
16	Blachnio	- Szczepanski	Pol	59.99	61	Bimblis	- Charonitis	Gre	53.15
17	Biondo	- Mazzadi	Ita	59.90	62	Staszczuk	- Wojeczko	Pol	52.94
18	Callea	- Guariglia	Ita	59.63	63	Sigurdsson	- Sigurjonsson	Ice	52.93
19	Burghout	- Hasper	Nth	59.52	64	Bruggeman	- Hoekstra	Nth	52.89
20	Clarson	- McCormac	Ire	58.35	65	Gjalbæk	- Sivholm	Den	52.88
21	Coldea	- Rótaru	Rom	58.29	66	Di Bello	- Di Bello	Ita	52.74
22	Daux	- Geitner	Fra	57.95	67	Slodki	- Rudnicki	Pol	52.65
	- Greenberg	- Kitces	Usa	57.95	68	Andersson	- Sivelind	Swe	52.55
24	Marciniak	- Skalski	Pol	57.83	69	Jonsson	- Ohlsson	Swe	52.43
25	Bessis	- Courrias	Fra	57.64	70	Caplain	- Gleyze	Fra	52.19
26	Szafarewicz	- Wlodarczyk	Pol	57.41	71	Kalita	- Kossut	Pol	52.14
27	Lindermann	- Schifco	Aut	56.92	72	Hegedus	- Tichy	Hun	52.03
28	Roll	- Schnieder	Isr	56.83	73	Birdsall	- Jones	Gbr	51.98
29	Karamanlis	- Karamanlis	Gre	56.76	74	Marjai	- Minarik	Hun	51.88
30	Phillips	- Stanghelle	Usa/Nor	56.74	75	Van Dijk	- Keller	Nth	51.81
31	Askgaard	- Bjarnarson	Den	56.73	76	Erdogan	- Sermen	Tur	51.64
32	Gloyer	- Saurer	Aut	56.65	77	Müller	- Ritmeijer	Nth	51.61
33	Arason	- Jonsson	Ice	56.47	78	Grümm	- Kriftner	Aut	51.56
34	Baranowski	- Rozkrut	Pol	56.02	79	Dubinski	- Plat	Isr	51.55
35	Wade	- Zivan	Gbr	55.99	80	Filipowicz	- Koluda	Pol	51.49
36	Bathurst	- Epley	Usa	55.85	81	Hoffman	- Lalouche	Isr	51.37
37	Jonsson	- Tryggvason	Ice	55.70	82	Kraemer	- Smirnoff	Ger	51.34
38	Michaux	- Oldenhove	Bel	55.51	83	Bessis	- Gaviard	Fra	51.27
39	Araszkiewicz	- Dajnowicz	Pol	55.46	84	Hegener	- Morton	Swi	51.17
40	Galek	- Konieczny	Pol	55.40	85	Gaigals	- Germanis	Lit	51.02
41	Przyjemski	- Zaremba	Pol	55.39	86	Bergson	- Cockburn	Gbr	50.99
42	Kotanyi	- Marjai	Hun	55.27	87	Gustavsson	- Linder	Swe	50.97
43	Bloch	- Golabek	Pol	55.18	88	Anzengruber	- Eglseer	Aut	50.96
44	Konow	- Madsen	Den	55.13	89	Genosar	- Reshef	Isr	50.90
45	Baranowska	- Sokorowska	Pol	55.02	90	Albertsson	- Cohen	Swe/Gbr	50.88

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91	Karłowicz	- Zielinski	Pol	50.68	139	Barton	- Nolan	Ire	46.22
92	Ginda	- Pilch	Pol	50.54	140	Cassar	- Garrigou	Fra	46.05
	- Bozinakis	- Konidakis	Gre	50.54	141	Dzierzawski	- Karpala	Pol	46.04
94	Janssons	- Klidzeza	Lit	50.21	142	Tessières	- Tessières	Mtq	46.04
95	Ciborowski	- Szuminski	Pol	50.19	143	Swiatec	- Witkowski	Pol	46.03
96	Pilipovic	- Sasek	Cro	49.93	144	Comajnan	- Masia	Spa	45.50
97	Berg	- Berg	Swe	49.88	145	Goded	- Ivanov	Spa	45.23
98	Halldorsson	- Haraldsson	Ice	49.69	146	Raudsepp	- Tärglä	Est	45.02
99	Henriksen	- Marquardsen	Den	49.69	147	Carr	- Marshall	Gbr	44.87
100	De Roos	- De Roos	Bel	49.62	148	De Roos	- Toutenel	Bel	44.76
101	Baldi	- Torielli	Ita	49.59	149	Langeveld	- Vunderink	Nth	44.72
102	Gruca	- Kufłowski	Pol	49.51	150	Duy	- Gruber	Aut	44.64
103	Ferrando	- Rômbaut	Fra	49.27	151	Konopko	- Matusik	Pol	44.58
104	Fabijan	- Kubicki	Pol	48.96	152	Crank	- Feldman	Usa	44.49
105	Ericsson	- Lindholm	Swe	48.94		- Balschun	- Linde	Ger	44.49
106	Cornelis	- Louveaux	Bel	48.80	154	Pancel	- Szikszay	Hun	44.40
107	Linerudt	- Sivelind	Swe	48.74	155	Tejada	- Yanes	Spa	44.14
108	Malla	- Villalonga	Spa	48.50	156	Cizkova	- Petrova	Cze	43.80
109	Maripuu	- Tihane	Est	48.47	157	Ergen	- Soyuer	Tur	43.67
110	D'Avossa	- Mallardi	Ita	48.34	158	Hlavac	- Vrkoc	Cze	43.45
111	Ortmann-Nielsen	- Schaltz	Den	48.33	159	Desset	- Piret	Bel	43.07
112	Grandemagne	- Lechenne	Fra	48.23	160	Hêche	- La Spada	Swi	42.98
113	Stefansson	- Thornsson	Ice	48.14	161	Andersson	- Andersson	Swe	42.95
114	Flanek	- Kielichowski	Pol	48.11	162	Jelínek	- Martynek	Cze	42.90
115	Olofsson	- Olofsson	Swe	47.98	163	Berthold	- Pürstl	Aut	42.83
116	Karapanagiotis	- Koussis	Gre	47.88	164	Piasini	- Sbariglia	Ita	42.05
117	Gogoman	- Gogoman	Aut	47.86	165	Eitler	- Jerolitsch	Aut	41.95
118	Kozicki	- Ochocinski	Pol	47.81	166	Blundell	- Elstein	Gbr	41.73
119	Van Parijs	- Van Parijs	Bel	47.79	167	Kreglewska	- Postupalski	Pol	41.48
120	Pulkr b	- Voz bal	Cze	47.76	168	Flirski	- Potz	Pol	41.39
121	Brikmane	- Straume	Lit	47.71	169	Preiss	- Ulenicki	Pol	40.96
122	Lo Presti	- Magrini	Ita	47.67	170	Brede	- Rejniak	Pol	40.86
123	Galazka	- Lula	Pol	47.63	171	Ewald	- Stoszek	Ger	40.81
124	Pinsky	- Wolford	Usa	47.61	172	Arutiunianc	- Baczek	Pol	40.55
125	Stensrud	- Upmark	Nor/Swe	47.43	173	Kuzselka	- Pahl	Ger	40.29
126	Meurs	- Termaat	Nth	47.27	174	Shah	- Shillitoe	Gbr	39.50
127	Dybicz	- Holowacz	Pol	47.23	175	Baldwin	- Schonfeldt	Usa/Den	39.40
128	Krupp	- Möller	Ger	47.14	176	Danhøj	- Knappe	Den	38.67
129	Egle	- Matisons	Lit	47.11	177	Andersen	- Schaltz	Den	38.63
130	Lagàs	- Schollaardt	Nth	47.07	178	Grzejdziak	- Warzocha	Pol	38.19
131	Van de Veire	- Van de Veire	Nth	47.06	179	Maurins	- Stamere	Lit	37.98
132	Nyaradi	- Zalai	Hun	46.84	180	Liskova	- Pekny	Cze	36.70
133	Weiler	- Westman	Swe	46.61	181	Lindmaa	- Proosa	Est	36.17
134	Becker	- Poslednik	Usa/Cze	46.56	182	Lewinson	- Wickham	Usa	35.23
135	Gold	- Probst	Gbr	46.48	183	Fox	- Mitchell	Ire	33.95
136	Kowalczyk	- Pieopoirä	Pol	46.45	184	Donovan	- Wilson	Can	29.02
137	Amstrup	- Hansen	Den	46.28	185	Levell	- Warren	Usa	28.35
138	Noberius	- Thörnqvist	Swe	46.24	186	Rosenfeld	- Jackson	Usa	26.20