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The President of IMSA Kirsan Iyumzhinov checks out the form of Swedens World Champions on day one of the Open Teams event

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At half-time in the teams events in the 2016 IMSA Elite Mind Games it is far from clear as to how the teams will finish in the race to contest the gold medal round.

In the Women's event England led for most of the day, but a heavy defeat in the last round saw China occupy pride of place, and they enjoy a healthy (but not yet decisive) lead while the other three teams are bunched together, with the Netherlands having a small advantage over England and France.

In the Open, the lead changed hands three times, Bulgaria and Sweden taking it in turns to sit at the top of the table before the reigning World Champions Poland moved into the lead. The team they defeated in last year's Bermuda Bowl final, Sweden are lying second, but while Bulgaria are still well within striking distance, China will need a following wind in order to make up the lost ground.



THE FOURTH ESTATE

by **Mark Horton**

The Fourth Estate (or fourth power) is a societal or political force or institution whose influence is not consistently or officially recognized.

In current use the term is applied to the press, with the earliest use in this sense described by Thomas Carlyle in his book *On Heroes and Hero Worship*. Burke said 'There are Three Estates in Parliament; but, in the Reporters' Gallery yonder, there sits a Fourth Estate far more important than they all are'.

In Round 1 of the Women's teams I had intended to watch England's match against the Netherlands, but there were problems with the transmission from the Closed Room, so I switched to France v China. Although the situation was no better, things improved as the match progressed and, as luck would have it, most of the interesting deals occurred in the second half.

As you will see, from time to time I have had to rely on the 'power of the press' to attempt to reconstruct what happened.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the Open Room, North opened a Precision 1♦. My guess is that East overcalled 1♠ and West introduced her hearts, eventually finishing in 4♥ which cannot be defeated.

In the other room EW played in 4♠ and that had to go one down, handing France 11 IMPs.



Jennifer Mourgues and Yiting Li

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Zhang	Frey	Wang
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

East led the six of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and continued with the jack, covered by the king and ruffed. A club ruff was followed by the ten of spades, declarer pitching a heart, and she then cross ruffed her way to twelve tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Li	Huberschwiller	Yan	Mourgues
—	—	—	2♥*
3♣	Dble	All Pass	

2♥ Weak, both majors

If I may be permitted a golfing analogy, 2♥ may be a useful club to have in your bidding bag, but it might have been the wrong one to use on this particular hole.

The strongest defence is for North to lead a club (the two allows declarer the short lived pleasure of winning the first round with dummy's four) retaining a diamond entry that allows North to subsequently play the jack of clubs.

As long as South does not duck when a spade is played from dummy, declarer should be held to six tricks.

However, it is hard to blame North for starting with a top diamond. She continued the suit and declarer ruffed and came to seven tricks, the play record having vanished into the ether. -500 gave China 3 IMPs.



Hongli Wang

CHINA

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Zhang	Frey	Wang
—	1♦*	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1♦ Precision

East's preempt took away a lot of space and it was very tough for South to envisage a grand slam opposite a limited opening bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Li	Huberschwiller	Yan	Mourgues
—	1♦	4♥	4NT*
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

4NT Two places to play

South tried a different approach, but with an identical outcome. No swing.



Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ K 8 2		
	♥ 9 8 7 3		
	♦ 8		
	♣ J 10 8 7 3		
♠ J 10	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 9 4 3	
♥ A K Q 6		♥ 5 2	
♦ K J 10 9 7 4		♦ A 3 2	
♣ 6		♣ Q 9 5 2	
	♠ Q 7 6 5		
	♥ J 10 4		
	♦ Q 6 5		
	♣ A K 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>Wang</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

1♦ Precision

Tough, but if partner is interested in playing in diamonds despite the fact that South has bid the suit, then East should not be passing out 2♦.

Declarer took eleven tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	1♣	1♦	Dble*
2♣*	Pass*	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Clearly this auction makes no sense.

However, if we assume that the board was turned through 180 degrees then the auction looks like this:

West	North	East	South
			1♣
1♦	Dble*	2♣*	Pass*
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Still mysterious and obviously not correct, but closer to the truth.

The play record has vanished, but I was vaguely watching at the time and as far as I could tell, declarer did not divine the trump position and one down gave France 6 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 10 9		
	♥ 8 7 5 3		
	♦ K 10 9 7		
	♣ A K Q		
♠ K Q J 5 4	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 7 6 3	
♥ J 10		♥ A 2	
♦ 5 3		♦ Q 8 6 4	
♣ J 7 5 4		♣ 6 3 2	
	♠ 8 2		
	♥ K Q 9 6 4		
	♦ A J 2		
	♣ 10 9 8		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>Wang</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	All Pass

North led the eight of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and drew trumps. She could not avoid going two down, -100.

Closed Room

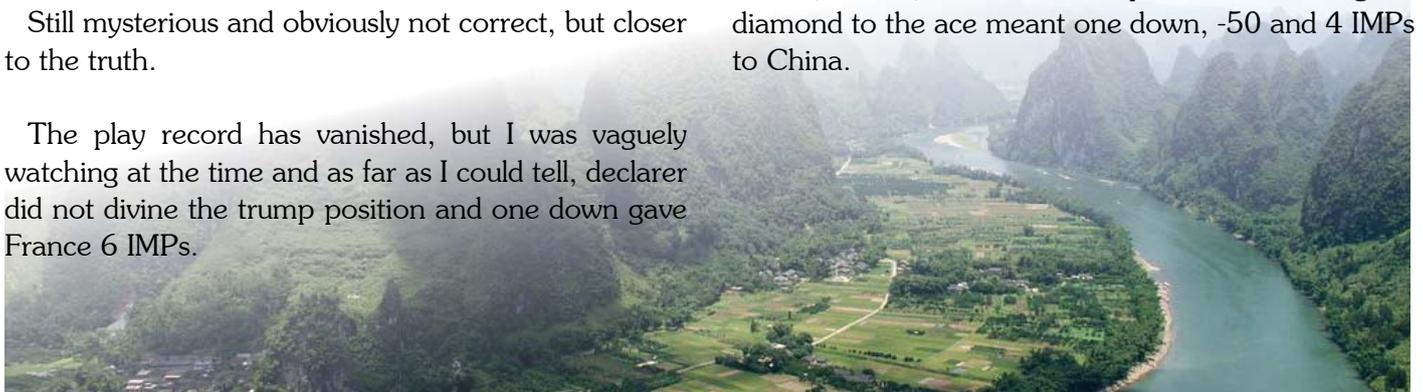
West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	2NT*	4♥
All Pass			

2NT Good raise to 3♠

West led the king of spades and when it held she continued with the jack and then switched to the five of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's queen, played a heart to the king, crossed to dummy with a club and played a second heart, East winning and exiting with a club.

How would you tackle the diamonds?

Declarer may well have had an inferential count on West (5-2-2-4) but she had opened the bidding. A diamond to the ace meant one down, -50 and 4 IMPs to China.





Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

	♠ 9 6 3		
	♥ J 2		
	♦ A Q 8 7		
	♣ K J 10 7		
♠ 8 7 4 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ J 10	
♥ A 6		♥ K 10 9 8 5 4	
♦ K J 10 3 2		♦ 5	
♣ Q 4		♣ A 9 8 2	
	♠ A K Q 5		
	♥ Q 7 3		
	♦ 9 6 4		
	♣ 6 5 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>Wang</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

North led the jack of clubs and declarer won with the queen and played three rounds of hearts, pitching the two of spades. South won and returned the nine of diamonds, North winning with the queen and returning a spade. South won, played a second diamond to North's ace and could cash her spades for what appears to be two down.

I can't be sure, but I think she may have forgotten the five of spades was a winner, as declarer is credited with seven tricks, -50. More likely West had parted with the ♦2?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Huberschwiler</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	3♥	Dble*
Rdbl	All Pass		

South led the ace of spades and switched to the six of clubs, declarer taking North's ten with the ace and playing a diamond to the jack and queen. A trump switch appeared to be in order, but North erred by preferring the two to the jack, declarer winning in hand with the eight. A heart to the ace was followed by the king of diamonds, covered and ruffed and now all declarer needs to do to escape for one down, is draw the outstanding trump and play a club, eventually establishing a second club trick.

However, she played a club immediately and North won and returned a spade (simpler to cash the jack of clubs and play a fourth round) South won and when

the defenders did not find the trump promotion she was a very lucky lady, only one down, -200, still 4 IMPs to France.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

	♠ 6 4		
	♥ K Q J 9 3 2		
	♦ K J 8		
	♣ 10 5		
♠ 8 7 5 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A K J 10	
♥ —		♥ 8 6 5 4	
♦ A 9 6 5		♦ 10 7 3	
♣ K 8 4 2		♣ A 7	
	♠ Q 9		
	♥ A 10 7		
	♦ Q 4 2		
	♣ Q J 9 6 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Frey</i>	<i>Wang</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

- 2♦ Multi
- 2♠ Invitational opposite hearts
- 3♦ Transfer

Despite having a hand that might have opened 1♥ North was not interested in bidding game opposite a hand with invitational values (of course, South was simply bidding defensively).

Declarer lost the obvious five tricks, one down, -50.

Could EW have got into the auction?

Not obviously, unless East stretches a little and doubles 2♦, or if West is brave enough to double 3♥. In either case you would expect EW to reach 4♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Huberschwiler</i>	<i>Yan</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Only a paper tiger would be able to overcome this barrage - an extra one down to lose a couple of IMPs, but in reality a big save.





RR1 OPEN - POLAND vs SWEDEN

by **Brian Senior**

The first round of the Open round robin featured a rematch of the 2015 Bermuda Bowl final between Poland (the Bermuda Bowl winners) and Sweden (the runners-up in Chennai).

Wrang went into a long study before eventually allowing it to hold the trick! Gawrys led a club to the queen then cashed out the spades and the three-three break meant that he had his contract for +90 and 6 IMPs to Poland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
1♠	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Playing strong club, Bergdahl saw no reason to respond with the East cards. However, that allowed Jassem into the auction with a balancing 1NT overcall and now Mazurkiewicz transferred then made a natural try for game, offering a choice between no trump and hearts. Looking at a bare minimum for his overcall, Jassem declined the game try but went back to the known nine-card heart fit. Warne cashed three top spades then switched and the even trump split meant that there was just a club to be lost; nine tricks for +140.

Gawrys too was facing a limited opening, though Starkowski could have had as many as 17 HCP where Warne had been limited to 15. He responded 1NT and was left to play there on the lead of the three of hearts, third and fifth. Sylvan won the ace of hearts and wondered how to convince his partner that he held five cards. His choice was to return the six and, when Gawrys followed with the queen, perforce,

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
-	-	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
-	-	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Gawrys opened a three-way Polish Club and Wrang overcalled. When Sylvan raised to 2♠, Gawrys doubled for take-out, thereby showing the strong club version of his 1♣ opener, and Starkowski jumped to the heart game in response. Starkowski won the spade lead and played three rounds of clubs, ruffing out the queen. He drew trumps, took a spade pitch on the established club winner then ruffed dummy's spade. A diamond to the eight now meant an overtrick for +650.

Bergdahl's 1♣ opening was strong, 16+, and Jassem too overcalled 1♠ with the South hand. After a pass from Warne, Mazurkiewicz psyched a 2♥ bid and that worked out perfectly for him as Jassem repeated the spades and nobody had anything to add. A club lead meant that Warne got his ruff to defeat 2♠ by a trick for -50 but that was worth 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q		
	♥ J 3		
	♦ A K Q 10 5		
	♣ J 10 6 5 2		
♠ K 8 5 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 9 7 6	
♥ K 7		♥ Q 6 5 4	
♦ J		♦ 8 7 6	
♣ A Q 9 7 3		♣ K 8 4	
	♠ A J 10 4		
	♥ A 10 9 8 2		
	♦ 9 4 3 2		
	♣ -		

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
-	-	-	2♣
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	4♣*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Board 9. Dealer . Vul.

	♠ A 4 3		
	♥ -		
	♦ K Q J 6 4		
	♣ K 6 5 3 2		
♠ 7 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ J 10 9	
♥ 10 9 6 2		♥ A K J 8 7 5 4 3	
♦ 9 2		♦ 3	
♣ Q J 10 8 4		♣ 7	
	♠ K Q 8 6 5		
	♥ Q		
	♦ A 10 8 7 5		
	♣ A 9		

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
-	1♦	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
-	1♦	4♥	4NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Sweden had not managed to score many points in the first half of the set but now the Polish methods achieved what their opponents could not as Jassem opened the South hand with 2♣, 6-11 with at least four cards in each major and, when Warne overcalled 2♠, Mazurkiewicz passed the misfitting North hand and the Poles had missed their diamond game.

Mazurkiewicz cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to the jack of hearts. That ran to declarer's king and Warne led a low spade from hand, losing to the bare queen. Mazurkiewicz led his second heart to Jassem's eight and Jassem switched to diamonds, forcing Warne to ruff. With no way to get to dummy to lead towards the king of spades, Jassem ruffing when he tried a club to the king, Warne had to lose three more trump tricks and was two down for -200.

In the other room, Wrang passed the South hand and Starkowski opened 1♠ as West. When Sylvan chose to overcall in his strong diamond suit rather than make a two-suited overcall, Wrang splintered in support and Sylvan jumped to game. He won the spade lead with the ace and came to 12 tricks after taking the double heart finesse and ruffing finesse in spades; +620 and 9 IMPs to Sweden.



I know that E/W are vulnerable against not, but I find Bergdahl's 3♥ pre-empt to be hugely conservative and I think he was lucky to find that his opponents were unable to take advantage of the extra level of bidding available to them.

The board was flat at +940. Seven N/S pairs played the small slam, with China Open stopping in game to lose 11 IMPs. Nobody could find a way to the cold grand.



Marcin Mazurkiewicz
POLAND

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	Pass
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♥	1NT	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

Mazurkiewicz opened a Polish Club and his opponents found their diamond fit so that the bidding was at the three level when it came back to him. He doubled for take-out and bid his longer major over Jassem's choice-of-games cuebid. There were two hearts and a club to be lost; +420.

Sylvan opened 1♥ and Wrang made a pre-emptive

raise over Gawrys's 1NT overcall. When Sylvan now raised himself to game, Starkowski made what he presumably intended as a take-out double in pass-out seat and Gawrys left it in. There was nothing to the play, with Sylvan losing the same two trumps and one club as in the other room but chalking up +880 and 10 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

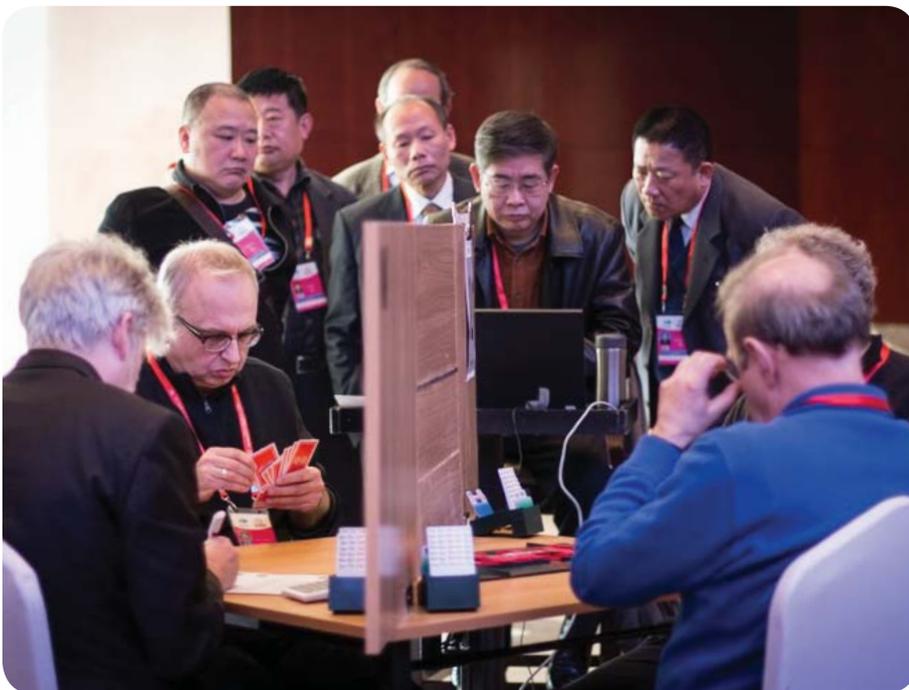
	♠ K 8 2		
	♥ 9 8 7 3		
	♦ 8		
	♣ J 10 8 7 3		
♠ J 10	N W E S	♠ A 9 4 3	
♥ A K Q 6		♥ 5 2	
♦ K J 10 9 7 4		♦ A 3 2	
♣ 6		♣ Q 9 5 2	
	♠ Q 7 6 5		
	♥ J 10 4		
	♦ Q 6 5		
	♣ A K 4		

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Polish E/W pair had a very simple auction to 3NT after Gawrys responded 1♠ to his partner's overcall. Wrang cashed the ace of clubs then switched to the jack of hearts. Gawrys won that and ran the jack of diamonds, losing to the queen, but had nine tricks for +600.

The Swedish auction was less straightforward after Bergdahl's unassuming cuebid and they ended up in the diamond game. Mazurkiewicz led the jack of clubs and, when that held, continued with the ten to the queen and ace. Warne ruffed that but then proceeded to get the trumps wrong and was one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland.



Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
-	-	Pass	1♥
1♠	2NT	3♥	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	4♥
All Pass			

Opening bids are becoming more and more devalued these days. In one room we saw Jassem open the South hand, while in the other Wrang passed as South and Starkowski opened the West cards. The final contracts were identical, however, with both Souths declaring the heart game.

Warne led the king then queen of spades, Bergdahl

overtaking to switch to his low trump. There was no guess, Jassem winning the king and crossing to dummy with a club to lead a second heart up. However, Bergdahl could exit with a club and Jassem proceeded to get the diamonds wrong so was down one for -50.

In the other room, Starkowski led a diamond and dummy held the trick with the ten. A heart to the king, a club to dummy and a second heart, meant ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Warne	Mazurkiewicz	Bergdahl	Jassem
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Sylvan	Gawrys	Wrang
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Sylvan opened a 10-13 constructive weak two bid and 3♦ was either natural and game-forcing or invitational in hearts. Sylvan was minimum so rebid 3♥ to decline the invitation and Wrang, who did indeed have the invitational variety, passed. There were five top losers so Sylvan was down one for -50.

Mazurkiewicz opened at the one level and caught a constructive single raise from Jassem. Now Warne made one of the lighter take-out doubles we have seen at this, or indeed any other championship, and went on to game when Bergdahl could jump to 3♠. Needing two club ruffs in hand, there was no temptation for Bergdahl to finesse in trumps and the even split meant ten tricks for +620 and 11 IMPs to Sweden, who had snatched a narrow victory at the death.

Sweden won the match by 44-41 IMPs, 10.41-8.59 VPs.



Tommy Bergdahl
SWEDEN



RR 2 OPEN - POLAND vs CHINA

by **Brian Senior**

Poland had played out a small loss at the hands of Sweden in their first match, while China had suffered a 0-20 VP thrashing at the hands of Bulgaria and needed to get their tournament started quickly. The match started quietly, with both N/S pairs bidding smoothly to slam on the second deal.



Krzysztof Jassem

POLAND

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hou</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hou</i>
–	–	Pass	2♦
2NT	3♠	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
–	–	Pass	2♣
2NT	3♠	3NT	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Hou opened a Precision strong club and rebid 1♥, natural or strong balanced. His third bid showed a balanced hand of roughly this strength and Liu asked about majors then jumped to slam on finding a four-four fit.

Jassem's 1♣ opening was Polish, three-way, and 1♥ natural. One Spade was forcing and, once Mazurkiewicz had shown his spade support, Jassem just launched into Key-card. Finding his partner with the missing key card, Jassem asked about kings next then bid the small slam on finding his partner without any.

Both declarers lost a club so the board was flat at +1430.

Both Souths could open to show a weak hand with both majors and both Wests made a natural 2NT overcall and were raised to game despite North's competition in spades. Now Hou went quietly as South while Jassem, with two extra cards than he might have had in his suits, went on to 4♠, which was doubled.

There was little to the play of either contract. Starkowski received a spade lead in 3NT and that meant he had ten top tricks for a quick +630. With both majors dividing evenly, Mazurkiewicz had to lose only the six obvious tricks in 4♠ doubled so was three down for -500 but 4 IMPs to Poland.



Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ J 9 7 5 3		
	♥ A 8 3		
	♦ A 8 6		
	♣ J 10		
♠ 6	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: red; color: white; line-height: 40px;">N W E S</div>	♠ A K Q 10 8 4	
♥ J 10 6		♥ K 9 4	
♦ 10 9 4		♦ Q 2	
♣ K Q 7 4 3 2		♣ 9 6	
	♠ 2		
	♥ Q 7 5 2		
	♦ K J 7 5 3		
	♣ A 8 5		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hou</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ A 6 5		
	♥ J 2		
	♦ A 9 3		
	♣ K Q J 9 4		
♠ K Q 9 8 3	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: red; color: white; line-height: 40px;">N W E S</div>	♠ 10 4	
♥ Q 6 5 3		♥ A K 9 8	
♦ 10 6 2		♦ K J	
♣ A		♣ 10 8 7 6 5	
	♠ J 7 2		
	♥ 10 7 4		
	♦ Q 8 7 5 4		
	♣ 3 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Hou</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	1NT	Dble	Rdbl
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♣	All Pass	Pass

Liu passed in third seat and saw his left-hand-opponent open 1♠. When that came back to him, he passed, as who would not? Hou led a heart to Liu's ace and Liu continued with a second round, run to Hou's queen by Gawrys. Now Hou switched to a low diamond and the defence took two of those before reverting to hearts. Gawrys won the king and led a club up. Hou won and returned a diamond, which Gawrys ruffed. He cashed two top spades, discovering the bad break, and could cross to dummy in clubs then take a second ruff but had to concede a trump at the end; just made for +80.

Mazurkiewicz opened 1♠ in third seat and that left Kang with no good bid. He passed, but then doubled when Jassem's 1NT response came around. Sun removed to 2♣, which he might well have made, but Kang couldn't bear to put those beautiful spades down in the dummy in a club partscore so converted to 2♠, where he played. Again the lead was a heart to the ace and second round to South's queen. Jassem, however, now switched to ace and another club. Kang won the king and continued with the queen, discarding a diamond as Mazurkiewicz ruffed. Kang had to lose a diamond and a trump so was one down and the third-seat light opening had worked out nicely for Mazurkiewicz, albeit in a slightly unusual manner.

Plus 100 meant 5 IMPs to Poland.

Both Wests opened 1♠ but the two Norths made different overcalls. Mazurkiewicz chose 2♣ and Kang decided to play for a penalty so passed. Unfortunately for him, Sun was short in clubs but also minimum for his 1♠ opening and judged to settle for whatever money might be coming his way on defence to 2♣ undoubled, so the penalty was not quite what Kang had been hoping for. Two Clubs drifted three down for -150.

Liu overcalled 1NT and Gawrys doubled. Hou redoubled as the start of a get-out into a long suit and Starkowski introduced his second suit, thereby showing a minimum opening, and was raised to game by Gawrys. Liu led the king of clubs. Starkowski won the bare ace and played the king of spades, which was ducked, then tried a diamond, Liu grabbing his ace and trying to cash a club. No, Starkowski ruffed that and cashed the kings of spades and diamonds then was allowed to ruff a club low as Hou discarded the jack of spades. Starkowski therefore continued with a winning spade for a club discard. Hou ruffed and returned a low diamond, permitting declarer's ten to win - not that it mattered by this stage as Starkowski could always get rid of the club loser - and that was that, declarer having four trump tricks to cash and ten in all for +420 and 7 IMPs to Poland.



Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Liu	Gawrys	Hou
-	-	-	1♦
1♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sun	Mazurkiewicz	Kang	Jassem
-	-	-	1♣
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Hou opened 1♦, Precision, then raised Liu's weak jump shift to game. Gawrys cashed three top clubs then switched to a spade for the jack and ace. Liu led the nine of hearts but, when Gawrys did not cover, went up with the ace and was one down, the spade loser going away on the ace of diamonds; -100.

Jassem opened the weak no trump variety of his three-



Sun Shaolin

CHINA

way 1♣ and Mazurkiewicz bid only 2♥ over the 1♠ intervention. That left room for Kang to get involved on his 13-count and he solved his problem with a raise to 2♠ on a small doubleton but with compensating high-card values. Sun liked the sound of spade support and, looking at such a distributional hand, jumped to the spade game. Mazurkiewicz led the nine of hearts to the jack, queen and ruff. Sun crossed to dummy with a club and led a spade to the jack and ace, ruffed the heart continuation and laid down the king of spades. When they proved to be three-two he had only to knock-out the ace of diamonds and claim ten tricks for +420 and 8 IMPs to China, their first significant gain of the set.

Alas for the hosts, the final deal saw them give back those 8 IMPs and more.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Liu	Gawrys	Hou
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sun	Mazurkiewicz	Kang	Jassem
2NT	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It feels as though either Chinese pair might have done better here. Hou might have doubled 3NT for a spade lead, though of course declarer might have held a four-card suit and hence a stopper (two Souths in the Women's event did double). And in the other room it seems wrong to play in 3NT after South has overcalled. Perhaps better is for East to double 3♠. With only two hearts and no spade stopper, West might leave that in and lead a trump, collecting +300.

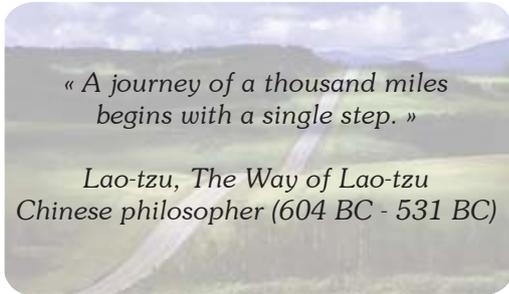
Anyway, Sun was quickly one down as Mazurkiewicz led his partner's suit, while Liu led a club so Starkowski could run for home with nine tricks for +600 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

The Poles ran out winners by 31-11 IMPs, 15-5 VPs.



A SINGLE STEP

by **Mark Horton**



The attempt to win a bridge match consists of many deals, but always starts with Board 1 and many players like to attempt to stamp their authority on the opening one.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ Q 10 4 2		
	♥ Q J		
	♦ A K 7 6		
	♣ K 7 4		
♠ J 7 6	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: red; color: white; font-weight: bold; line-height: 1;">N W E S</div>	♠ K 9 3	
♥ 9 8 7 5		♥ 3 2	
♦ Q J 5 2		♦ 10 8 4 3	
♣ Q 3		♣ A J 9 5	
	♠ A 8 5		
	♥ A K 10 6 4		
	♦ 9		
	♣ 10 8 6 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Huberschwiller Senior	Mourgues	
—	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Dble	Pass	3♦	Dble*
All Pass			

2♦ Transfer
Dble Takeout

West's lead directing double was not a triumph.

South led the ace of hearts and when North followed with the queen she continued with the four, North winning with the jack and switching to the four of spades. When declarer played the three South won with the ace and returned the three for the ten and king. Declarer exited with a spade and North won and played three rounds of diamonds, declarer winning in dummy and playing the queen of clubs for the king and ace. After cashing the jack, she ruffed a club and played a heart, South winning with the ten, three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brock	Cronier	Smith
—	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the three of diamonds and declarer took West's jack with the ace, unblocked the hearts, played a spade to the ace, cashed three hearts pitching a club, a diamond and a spade and played a spade to the ten and king. East exited with a diamond and declarer claimed, +400, but 3 IMPs to France.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ 8 5 4 3		
	♥ A Q 5 4		
	♦ 6 4		
	♣ J 6 5		
♠ 9 6 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: red; color: white; font-weight: bold; line-height: 1;">N W E S</div>	♠ J 10	
♥ 8 2		♥ J 10 9 7 6	
♦ J 10 8 3		♦ Q 7 5 2	
♣ K 8 7 3		♣ 10 4	
	♠ A K Q 7		
	♥ K 3		
	♦ A K 9		
	♣ A Q 9 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Huberschwiller Senior	Mourgues	
—	—	2♥	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Dble	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

4NT RKCB
5♣ 4 key cards
5♦ ♠Q ask
5♥ ♠Q + ♥K

Undeterred by the pin prick on the previous deal East was immediately back in the fray, posing NS a nasty problem.

North did well to bid on over 4♠, but take away the queen of clubs and 6♠ would have had no play.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brock	Cronier	Smith
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ Weak 2♦ (0-9) or 23+ balanced or any gameforce
- 2♦ To play facing diamonds
- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ A major
- 4♦ Both majors, weak

Here too North was gambling to a certain extent - a hard fought flat board.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Huberschwiller Senior	Mourgues	
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- 2♦ Game forcing
- 3♠ Fragment
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♦ Cue bid

West led the three of spades and with little at stake declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the queen and king. She won the spade return with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds then took dummy's ace and king of clubs, pitching a spade.

She now played on cross ruff lines, East's queen of hearts becoming the defenders second trick, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Brock	Cronier	Smith
—	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ 1+♣
- 1♦ Hearts
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♦ Cue bid
- 4♠ Cue bid

East led the six of spades and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the queen and king, West switching to the four of clubs.

Declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the ace followed by the nine of diamonds. The play record ends here but as declarer went one down, I'm guessing she ruffed, hoping to fell the jack.

Had she pitched a spade on the diamond, she would have been able to ruff a spade in hand and then draw trumps via the finesse, the losing diamond going on a club.

It had been all France so far and they led 20-0.



Sally Brock

ENGLAND

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	—	Pass	2♥*
2NT	3♠	3NT	4♠
4NT	All Pass		

2♥ Both majors, weak

North led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace, played five rounds of diamonds followed by the ten of clubs, claiming her contract when North won and returned a heart, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	4♠

Declarer lost two diamonds, a club, two hearts and a spade, three down, but 10 IMPs for England, halving the deficit.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	2♥*	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the four of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played the ace then queen of spades, North ducking.

A club to the nine saw South win and return the nine of hearts, declarer winning with dummy's king and playing the queen of clubs. She had nine tricks on top now, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the four of hearts and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a spade to the queen and king. Back came a heart and she won in hand and played a club to the nine and king. South returned a heart to dummy's king and declarer continued with a spade to the ace followed by a club to the queen. South took the ace and played back a club, North taking the last two tricks with the queen of diamonds and the ten of hearts, -100 and 12 IMPs to England.

Declarer's plan must be to score two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. Notwithstanding that she knew the king of spades was likely to be offside I think Brown's line is best.



Fiona Brown
ENGLAND

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 10 9 8 7		
	♥ K 10 8 6 5 3		
	♦ 7		
	♣ Q 9		
♠ K	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 5 2	
♥ J 2		♥ Q 7	
♦ A K 8 5 3 2		♦ J 10 9 4	
♣ A K 10 2		♣ 8 7 5 4	
	♠ Q J 6 4 3		
	♥ A 9 4		
	♦ Q 6		
	♣ J 4 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♥	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Victor Mollo's immortal Hideous Hog was want to remark that you don't need a stopper for notrumps if the opponents don't lead the suit, but here East demonstrated that even if they do you may survive.

South led the four of hearts and when North put in the ten, declarer was soon claiming eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
3♦	All Pass		

2♦ Weak major, could be light non vulnerable

2♥ Pass or correct

North led the ten of spades and declarer won, drew trumps, cashed the top clubs and claimed eleven tricks, +150, but a loss of 11 IMPs.



Benedicte Cronier

FRANCE

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♥	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Victor Mollo's immortal Hideous Hog was want to remark that you don't need a stopper for notrumps if the opponents don't lead the suit, but here East demonstrated that even if they do you may survive.

South led the four of hearts and when North put in the ten declarer was soon claiming eleven tricks and the same number of IMPs.

Board 31. Dealer South. NS Vul.

	♠ A 10		
	♥ 10 9 8 7 5 4 2		
	♦ —		
	♣ J 7 4 2		
♠ K J 9 8 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 5 4	
♥ —		♥ K J 3	
♦ K Q J 10 6		♦ 9 7 5 2	
♣ 9 8		♣ A K Q 5	
	♠ Q 7 6		
	♥ A Q 6		
	♦ A 8 4 3		
	♣ 10 6 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	—	—	1♣
4♠	All Pass		

North led the four of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade for the jack and ace. She ruffed the heart return, cashed the king of spades and claimed, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♦*	Dble*	2♥
4♦	4♥	Dble	All Pass

2♦ Hearts

West led the eight of spades and after along think declarer went up with dummy's ace and played the ten of hearts, going up with the queen when East followed with the three. She could get rid of dummy's losing spade, but still had to surrender a heart and three clubs, one down, -200 but 6 IMPs to England, cruising at 48-25.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Huberschwiller Senior</i>		<i>Mourgues</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

3♦ Transfer

North led the ten of diamonds and declarer won with the king and ran the queen of hearts. South won with the king, cashed the ace of spades, followed by the king and played a diamond - one down, -100.



Sylvie Willard

FRANCE

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Smith</i>
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the four of clubs and declarer won with the ace and cashed her nine top tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs back to France at the death, avoiding a heavy defeat.



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OPEN, RR 2

 POL	15.38 - 4.62 (32 - 10 IMP)	CHN	
 BUL	1.34 - 18.66 (10 - 55 IMP)	SWE	

OPEN, RR 3

 CHN	15.74 - 4.26 (43 - 19 IMP)	SWE	
 POL	10.00 - 10.00 (38 - 38 IMP)	BUL	

RANKING AFTER RR 3

1. POLAND 33.97

PIOTR GAWRYS, STANISLAW GOLEBIEWSKI, KRZYSZTOF JASSEM, MICHAL KLUKOWSKI, MARCIN MAZURKIEWICZ, WLODZIMIERZ STARKOWSKI

2. SWEDEN 33.33

TOMMY BERGDAHL, FREDRIK NYSTRÖM, JOHAN SYLVAN, JOHAN UPMARK, NIKLAS WARNE, FREDERIC WRANG

3. BULGARIA 31.34

DIYAN DANAILOV, VLADI ISPORSKI, VLADIMIR MIHOV, IVAN NANEV, JERRY STAMATOV, JULIAN STEFANOV

4. CHINA 20.36

CHEN GANG, HOU XU, HU LINLIN, KANG MENG, LI XIAOYI, LIU JING, SUN SHAOLIN

RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

WOMEN, RR 1

 CHN	8.52 - 11.48 (19 - 24 IMP)	FRA	
 ENG	11.76 - 8.24 (21 - 15 IMP)	NED	

WOMEN, RR 2

 NED	9.39 - 10.61 (37 - 39 IMP)	CHN	
 FRA	6.72 - 13.28 (36 - 48 IMP)	ENG	

WOMEN, RR 3

 CHN	16.58 - 3.42 (46 - 17 IMP)	ENG	
 NED	10.91 - 9.09 (38 - 35 IMP)	FRA	

RANKING AFTER RR 3

1. CHINA 35.71

LI YITING, SHEN QI, WANG HONGLI, WANG WENFEI, WANG XIAOJING, YAN RU, ZHANG YU, HUANG YAN, HU WEN

2. NETHERLANDS 28.54

CARLA ARNOLDS, LAURA DEKKERS, HANS KELDER, JET PASMAN, ANNEKE SIMONS, DORIS VAN DELFT, WIETSKA VAN ZWOL

3. ENGLAND 28.46

SALLY BROCK, FIONA BROWN, CATHERINE DRAPER, NEVENA SENIOR, NICOLA SMITH

4. FRANCE 27.29

BÉNÉDICTE CRONIER, CATHERINE D'OIDIO, NATHALIE FREY, ANNELAURE HUBERSCHWILLER, JENNIFER MOURGUES, SYLVIE WILLARD