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WORLD CHAMPIONS AT THE DOUBLE



OPEN TEAMS WINNERS

POLAND - Krzysztof Jassem, Piotr Gawrys,
Włodzimierz Starkowski, Stanisław Golebiowski,
Michał Klukowski, Marcin Mazurkiewicz



WOMEN TEAMS WINNERS

FRANCE - Sylvie Willard, Bénédicte Cronier
Nathalie Frey, Catherine D'Ovidio, Jennifer Mourgues
Anne-Laure Huberschwiller

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PAIRS

10.30-13.40 SESSION 1 (22 BOARDS)
15.30-18.40 SESSION 2 (22 BOARDS)

As expected, we were treated to a dazzling exhibition of bridge as the team championships reached their climax on day three of the IMSA Elite Mind Games.

In the Open, World Champions Poland were in devastating form right from the start and they had put the result beyond reasonable doubt after two of the three sessions. That left Sweden as runners-up once again, while China came from behind against Bulgaria to secure the bronze medals.

It was a similar story in the Women's – final, with France dominating the first two sessions. China fought back in the last set, but had given up too much ground earlier and had to concede the palm to the World Champions.

England just got the better of the Netherlands to secure their place on the podium.



OPEN TEAMS 2nd

SWEDEN - Tommy Bergdahl, Niklas Warne, Frederic Wrang, Johan Sylvan, Johan Upmark, Fredrik Nyström



WOMEN TEAMS 2nd

CHINA - Li Yiting, Zhang Yu, Shen Qi Wang Wenfei, Wang Hongli, Yan Ru



OPEN TEAMS 3rd

CHINA - Chen Gang, Hou Xu, Hu Linlin, Kang Meng, Li Xiaoyi, Liu Jing, Sun Shaolin



WOMEN TEAMS 3rd

ENGLAND - Sally Brock, Nicola Smith, Nevena Senior, Fiona Brown



Open Teams



Women Teams



MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

by **Mark Horton**

In the original television series each episode began in the same way, with agent Jim Phelps receiving a tape with the following message:



*Good morning, Mr. Phelps.
Your mission, Jim, should you choose to accept it.
As always should any member of your IMF force
be caught or killed, the secretary will
disavow all knowledge of your actions.
This tape will self-destruct in five seconds.
Good luck Jim.*

LISTEN to the message here

(One of these days your Bulletin might contain a message that concludes with the words: 'This Bulletin will self destruct in five seconds'.)

When France met England in the last round their mission was simple:



MISSION:
TO WIN BY ENOUGH IMPs TO OVERTAKE THE OPPONENTS IN THE STANDINGS.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Frey	Senior	D'Ovidio	Brown
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ No major

North led the five of hearts and when declarer played low from dummy South won with the jack and switched to the six of clubs. Declarer won, cashed three more tricks in the suit, played a heart to the ten, cashed another heart and took the diamond finesse; +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Huberschwiller	Smith	Mourgues
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- 1♣ 1+♣
- 2♣ Game forcing with 4+♣
- 2♥ Values in hearts
- 3♠ Values in spades
- 4♦ Cue bid
- 4♥ Cue bid
- 4♠ Cue bid

South led the jack of hearts (theoretically denying the queen) and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the queen. When that held she cashed the ace, ruffed a diamond, cashed two rounds of clubs,



ruffed a diamond, crossed to dummy with a spade, drew the outstanding trump and played a heart to the ten; +940 and 10 IMPs.

On the next deal both EW pairs attempted 4♠ with
 ♠ K Q 10 7 3 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A J 5 ♣ 6 4 2 opposite
 ♠ J 9 6 5 2 ♥ A J ♦ K 8 4 ♣ K 8 7,
 North holding
 ♠ 4 ♥ K 6 4 3 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 10 9 5 3.

Huberschwiller led a diamond which allowed declarer to win with the jack and knock out the ace of spades, after which she could eliminate the red suits and score nine tricks.

Senior led the ten of clubs and South won and played two rounds of spades, after which declarer was booked for three down and -300 handing England 5 IMPs.

When they added eight more on the next deal England had already completed their mission, but could they keep things under control right to the end?

They added a further IMP over the next two deals and then came a long run of relatively straightforward deals where neither team had any difficulty bidding and making game.

With time running out along came:

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Frey</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Brown</i>
1♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
5♣	Pass	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

There was no defence; +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
1♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
5♣	Pass	5♥	All Pass

The three level overcall persuaded South there was little to be gained by doubling so +450 and 5 IMPs for France.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Frey</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Brown</i>
—	1♦	Pass	2♦*
3♣	Pass	3♠	5♦
All Pass			

The fate of 5♦ depended on the location of the king of trumps — today it was attired in the colours of the tricolore. Declarer ruffed the club lead in dummy and cashed the ace of diamonds. She followed that with four rounds of hearts before exiting with a diamond, but the defenders could cash two spades; -100.

Note that declarer would have made the contract whenever West held the singleton king of diamonds, or a singleton ace or king of spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1NT	Dble	2♥*	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

2♥ Spades

West led the king of spades and switched to the ace of clubs, so declarer was +150 for 6 IMPs to France.

On board 30, NS held

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

Brown opened 2♥ and raised her partner's 2♠ to 3♠. When North bid a direct 4♠ the playable slam had been missed, +510.



In the replay Mourgues opened 1♥ and rebid 2♥. Over 3♣ she bid 3NT and then bid 4NT over 4♣. On a diamond lead she also took all the tricks so no swing.

On 31 England attempted 4♥ with
♠ A ♥ J 10 9 4 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ A 10 6 4 3 facing
♠ J 10 8 6 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q 9 4 ♣ 8 7.

South held

♠ K Q 9 7 5 ♥ A Q 8 5 ♦ 5 ♣ Q J 9

and although the defenders dropped a trick that was one down, -50, while France played in 3♣ by East, which was unbeatable, another 4 IMPs to Les Blues.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Frey	Senior	D'Ovidio	Brown
1♣	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♦ Transfer			

There were four trump losers; -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Huberschwiller	Smith	Mourgues
1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	All Pass
2NT Diamonds			
3♣ No fit			

South led the eight of hearts, so declarer escaped for three down; -300 and 8 IMPs to France, who had scored 23 IMPs without reply to turn the match around.

For England, it really had proved to be a Mission Impossible.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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



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FINAL 1 OPEN — POLAND vs SWEDEN

by **Brian Senior**

The final of the 2016 IMSA Teams was a repeat of the 2015 Bermuda Bowl final between Poland and Sweden. Over 3 x 16-board segments, the Swedes have the opportunity to gain a modicum of revenge for that defeat. Sweden would start with a 1.67 IMP carry-over from the round robin meetings between the two teams. We will round that up to 2 IMPs – just remember that Poland would therefore win by 0.33 IMP if the scores ended ‘level’. Meanwhile, Bulgaria would start the third-place play-off against China with a 14.33 IMP carry-over.



Marcin Mazurkiewicz & Frederic Wrang

The Swedish carry-over did not survive even one board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Warne	Gawrys	Bergdahl
–	1♠	3♠	4♠
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Mazurkiewicz	Wrang	Jassem
–	1♠	Dble	1NT
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Wrang’s decision to make a take-out double with the East hand allowed everybody to do their bidding at a comfortable level. Jassem showed his modest values by bidding 1NT and Sylvan in turn could bid a free 2♥ to show his modest values. That silenced Mazurkiewicz and Wrang showed his strong hand by continuing with 3♦. When Sylvan now cuebid 3♠, Wrang contented himself with 4♦ and that proved to be exactly right when Sylvan left him there and he had to lose three club tricks; +130, at least in theory. Whether Mazurkiewicz could have found the killing club lead had Sylvan tried 3NT we will never know.

Gawrys made a jump cuebid of 3♠ to ask for a spade stopper. Bergdahl knew Gawrys had a running diamond suit as he was himself looking at the clubs, and decided to try to get in his opponents’ way by raising to 4♠ on rather thin trump support and equally thin values. Klukowski had a useful high card and wasn’t sure how much defence his partner would provide so competed with 5♣, pass or correct. When Gawrys duly corrected to 5♦, Warne took the save in 5♠, promptly doubled by Gawrys, who cashed a top diamond then the hearts before reverting to diamonds. Warne ruffed and played on spades then, when Klukowski ducked twice, ruffed a heart then played on clubs. Klukowski ruffed the fourth club low so Warne was forced to over-ruff and was left with a heart loser as well as the ace of spades. That



was down three for -500 and 9 IMPs to Poland, who led by 9-2.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 4 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ J 6 5 4 ♣ 6 5 2 ♠ K Q 10 5 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 ♣ K 10		♠ 6 ♥ A 10 9 7 5 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ A Q 9 8 ♠ 9 8 7 3 2 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ 9 ♣ J 7 4 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Klukowski opened a three-way Polish Club and rebid 2NT so Gawrys transferred to 3NT, where Klukowski made 11 tricks after a low diamond lead; +660.

The Swedes had a standard auction to the good diamond slam. Mazurkiewicz cashed the ace of spades then switched to a club. The opening lead is suspicious - why would a defender cash the ace of declarer's known side-suit? Very often, that would mean that he had hopes of a trump trick. Was it possible that Sylvan might therefore cash the ace of diamonds and, on seeing the nine fall on his right, play the opening leader for jack to four? No, his first play was low to the king and he was done down for -100 and 13 IMPs to Poland, whose lead was up to 22-2.

The average club player would no doubt start by cashing the ace of diamonds but it is technically correct to start with the king as you can then pick up jack-nine to five with South, which would require a trump coup after starting with the ace.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 7 4 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ K Q 10 5 2		♠ K 9 ♥ AQ 6 5 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ A 8 4 3 ♠ Q J 8 6 5 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ J 6 ♠ A ♥ J 10 9 3 2 ♦ A K 10 7 6 ♣ 9 7	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Dble	4♣
Dble	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Not for the first time in this tournament, Warne upgraded his hand to a 16+ strong club for no obvious reason. The 1NT response showed 8+HCP with at least five hearts and now Warne followed a series of relays before signing off in 4♥ and the excellent slam was missed; +680.

Mazurkiewicz opened a 15-17 no trump. Jassem transferred then showed his second suit and Mazurkiewicz showed a decent hand with heart support. He signed off over Jassem's 3♠ slam try but committed to slam when Jassem went on. Six Hearts was an easy make on a spade lead and that meant +1430 and another 13 IMPs to Poland. The Poles had scored 35 IMPs in four boards and so led by 35-2. Sweden needed to change the momentum of the match, and quickly.

On Board 5, Gawrys/Klukowski over-reached to a hopeless 4♠, down two for -100, while their Swedish counterparts defended 3♦ down one for another +100. Those 5 IMPs made it 7-35. Would that kick-start a Swedish revival?

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Klukowski opened 1♠ and Gawrys's 2♥ response left room for Bergdahl to overcall at a comfortable level. Bergdahl was not inclined to bid again – 3NT over 3♥ would presumably have shown a secondary diamond suit – as his opponents did not appear, at that point, to have a fit, reducing his own chances of finding one. By the time the Poles reached 4♠, it was too late for Bergdahl to change his mind – a 4NT bid now would have been far too committal. Four Spades was an easy make, the diamond ruff in dummy being the tenth trick; +420.

Sylvan's constructive weak two bid, roughly 10-13, made it possible for Wrang to raise directly to game. That forced Jassem to come in at a far less comfortable level but, of course, he had too much playing potential not to bid. Sylvan doubled the 5♣ overcall and that ended the auction. Sylvan led his singleton heart, Wrang winning and returning a suit-preference jack for his partner to ruff. But Sylvan had a seventh spade so that there might well not be a defensive spade trick to cash, and anyway, he didn't need to cash it just yet. He switched to a diamond and Jassem rose with dummy's ace and led a club to the jack and ace. A diamond return would have seen both defenders get a ruff for down three, but Sylvan wasn't sure of the position and chose to switch to the two of spades, showing an odd number. Jassem ruffed, drew trumps and escaped for one down and -100. Poland gained 8 IMPs where it could have been 2 IMPs to Sweden, so a chance missed, and Poland now led by 44-7.



Johan Sylvan

SWEDEN

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	1♥	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

What would you lead as South on this auction?

Bergdahl didn't like his singleton in partner's suit when the opposition had bid so confidently to 3NT, so he tried a surprise club attack. That did not worry Gawrys who put up the queen and, when that scored, knocked out the ace of diamonds and had ten tricks for +430.

Jassem did lead his partner's suit and that enabled Mazurkiewicz to win and clear the suit so that when he got in with the ace of diamonds he could cash out the hearts for down two; -100 and 11 IMPs to Poland. They led by 55-7.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Warne</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bergdahl</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

the South cards, Warne showing his minimum and Bergdahl therefore settling for a partscore. Ten tricks were made for +170.

Jassem showed a high-card raise to game and Mazurkiewicz declared 4♠ on the lead of the five of spades to the seven, nine and queen. He took a successful club finessed then passed the jack of hearts to Wrang's queen. Back came the jack of spades, Sylvan winning the ace and returning his remaining trump. Mazurkiewicz won in hand and played ace then ruffed a club. There was no good news there so he crossed to the ace of diamonds and led a heart to his eight. When that forced the ace he was home for +620 and another 10 Polish IMPs; 65-7.

Ten tricks can also be made by leading the first round of hearts towards dummy's queen rather than running the jack.

To complete a thoroughly miserable morning for Sweden, on the final board of the set a weak two-suited opening from Mazurkiewicz bought the contract at the two level, just making, where his Swedish counterpart had no such method available to him and passed, eventually declaring the hand but a level higher after a competitive auction for down one and 4 IMPs to Poland.

Bergdahl followed an invitational sequence with

After 16 boards it was Poland 69 Sweden 8.



The **2016 World Bridge Games** have a new format!

The first events, starting on 3rd September, will be the National Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Teams, with each WBF Member Bridge Organisation being entitled and invited to send a team in each category to compete in these exciting and challenging Championships.

The second week is for the new National Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Pairs Championships, and for these there is no limit to the number of pairs each NBO may nominate to participate. The pairs events will start on Tuesday 13th September.

More information can be found on the WBF Website: www.worldbridge.org

and on the special website set up for the event at: www.worldbridgegames2016.com where details of the hotels can be found.

Registration can be done through the website at www.worldbridge.org after 1st April 2016.

The World Bridge Federation and the Polish Bridge Union look forward to welcoming participants from all over the world to enjoy the 2016 World Bridge Games in the magnificent Hala Stulecia in Wroclaw, Poland.



INFERNO

by **Mark Horton**

Inferno (Hell) is the first part of Dante Alighieri's 14th-century epic poem *Divine Comedy*. It is followed by *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*.

Inferno is a 2013 mystery thriller novel by American author Dan Brown and the fourth book in his Robert Langdon series, following *Angels & Demons*, *The Da Vinci Code* and *The Lost Symbol*.

The film, starring Tom Hanks, is due to be released in October this year.

You might think that a three-session final of a bridge match is a mixture of Hell, Purgatory and Paradise, but I couldn't possibly comment.

What I can do is attempt to add some of Dante's words to the narrative.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ K Q J 9 3		
	♥ J 9 4 3 2		
	♦ 5		
	♣ K 7		
♠ A 7 5 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 10	
♥ Q 10 6 5		♥ A K	
♦ J 3		♦ A K Q 10 9 7 6	
♣ 5 4 3		♣ 10 8 6	
	♠ 8 6 2		
	♥ 8 7		
	♦ 8 4 2		
	♣ A Q J 9 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Huberschwiler	Wang	Mourgues
—	1♠	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

East's 3♠ promised what she hoped would be a solid suit and asked for a spade stopper.

It was asking a lot for North to find the lead of the king of clubs (but it is not impossible once you consider that the ace of spades along with seven diamonds leaves declarer only one trick short) and her choice of the king of spades saw declarer rake in eleven tricks for +460.

"Because your question searches for deep meaning, I shall explain in simple words"

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Wang
—	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Rather than raise spades South might have preferred 2♣, which on this deal would have been very effective as it would almost certainly have seen EW bid to 5♦, which is destined to fail.

With less to go on it would have been miraculous for North to find the club lead; no swing.





Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Huberschwiller	Wang	Mourgues
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ Strong
1♦ 0-7

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed four rounds of diamonds, North pitching the five of hearts and South the seven and three.

Declarer exited with a heart and South won with the ten and returned a club, declarer winning with the king and exiting with a club. North cashed another club and played a heart and South won and returned the eight of spades.

When declarer finessed she was two down for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Wang
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the three of hearts and North won with the king and returned the nine. When East put up a hopeful queen, South ducked!

Declarer was home now and the fall of the queen of spades gave her ten tricks for +430 and 11 IMPs to France, ahead by 25.5 thanks to the carry-over.

We have seen this type of accident before — and no doubt we will see it again. Perhaps North's simplest action is to return the five at trick two and trust partner

to do the right thing.

"In the middle of the journey of our life I found myself within a dark woods where the straight way was lost."

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Huberschwiller	Wang	Mourgues
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the queen of spades, cashed the ace, declarer throwing a heart from dummy, and switched to the three of diamonds. Declarer put in the queen and exited with the seven of spades on which West discarded the jack of hearts.

Having won the spade, East returned a diamond and declarer won with the ace and went after the clubs. When they failed to divide she was one down for -100.

"All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

Once West had discarded the jack of hearts, advertising some length in the suit, declarer should cash the top hearts. On the last of these East will be down to ♠ K ♦ K ♣ 10 7 3 2 and have no good discard.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Wang
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Despite the 6-0 split, 2♥ was a comfortable spot and declarer was not hard pressed to arrive at nine tricks, even though West led a heart — with no entry she could not play a second round. Plus 140 meant China had recovered 6 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shen	Huberschwiller	Wang	Mourgues
3♠	Pass	4♠	4NT*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

4NT Take-out

East led an ace.

It was pointed.

Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and played a club, +400.

To my way of thinking it makes more sense to try the ace of hearts. If partner happens to be ruffing the second round the ace of spades might be an entry for a second ruff.

*“In the middle of the journey of our life
I came to myself within a dark wood
where the straight way was lost.”*



Anne-Laure Huberschwiller

FRANCE

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Wang
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led her club and cashed the king of spades, South pitching the two of clubs.

Declarer ducked a diamond and South won and played three rounds of clubs, North pitching her hearts; one down, -50 but 8 IMPs for France.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shen	Huberschwiller	Wang	Mourgues
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♦	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ Strong

South led the five of clubs for the nine, jack and ace and declarer knocked out the ace of diamonds and was allowed to take ten tricks for +430.

*“Heaven wheels above you, displaying to you her
eternal glories, and still your eyes are on the ground
(Roughly translated - lead your partner's suit.)”*

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Wang
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led her heart and North won with the ace and returned the ten; two down, +100 and 11 IMPs for China.

*“If you follow your natural bent,
you will definitely go to heaven”*

Board 12. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shen	Huberschwiler	Wang	Mourgues
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the five of diamonds and declarer took West's queen with the king, played a diamond to the ten and ran the jack of hearts. East won with the queen and switched to the two of clubs, declarer putting up dummy's ace, pitched a club on the ace of diamonds and played a spade.

It would not help West to go up with the ace, so declarer won with the king and played the king of hearts (That was a mistake — declarer has to play the queen of spades, pinning the jack. If West wins and plays a third spade declarer wins in dummy and plays a heart to the eight.)

In with the ace of hearts, all East had to do was play a spade — West wins and exits with a spade, scoring a heart at the end — but she tried the king of clubs



Zhang Yu
CHINA

and declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart and played the ten of spades, putting up the queen, +620.

“O conscience, upright and stainless, how bitter a sting to thee is a little fault”

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Zhang	Cronier	Wang
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

1NT Forcing

China stopped short and took a trick fewer; +140, and 10 IMPs for France.

“My thoughts were full of other things when I wandered off the path.”

On the penultimate deal of the set EW held
♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ A K 9 8 6 4 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ - opposite
♠ Q J ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ K Q 8 6 4 3.

Shen opened 1♥ and when North doubled with
♠ A 8 6 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ A 9 5 2 Wang bid 1NT. South came in with 2♦ and West's 2♥ was raised to 3♥, ending the auction; +200 on the friendly lie.

After the double Cronier raised to 2♥ and Willard jumped to game for +420 and 6 IMPs for France, well ahead at 54.5-21.

“Salvation must grow out of understanding, total understanding can follow only from total experience, and experience must be won by the laborious discipline of shaping one's absolute attention.”



Wang Wenfei
CHINA



PURGATORY

by **Mark Horton**

The word Purgatory, derived from the Latin word purgatorium, has come to refer also to a wide range of historical and modern conceptions of post mortem suffering and is used, in a non-specific sense, to mean any place or condition of suffering or torment, especially one that is temporary.

As the second session of the Women's final got under way China were hoping that their post mortem would bring them more joy than the one they conducted at the end of session one.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Frey	Zhang	D'Ovidio
—	1♠	2♥	Dble*
Rdbl	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

South led the king of spades and when North followed with the four she switched to the ace of clubs and a club, North winning and playing ace of spades, spade, South's ruff being the setting trick; +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huberschwiller Wang	Mourgues	Shen	
—	1♠	2♥	Dble*
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed, crossed to the king of spades and played a diamond, West going up with the ace, cashing the king and playing a third diamond for East to ruff.

Declarer was probably feeling slightly sheepish at

this point, but when the queen of spades fell under the ace she was home, for +420 and 9 IMPs to China.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Frey	Zhang	D'Ovidio
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	3♦*	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

3♦ Limit raise

South started with three rounds of spades and North ruffed and continued with the top diamonds. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the queen and a heart for the ten, queen and king. There was still a club to lose, for three down; -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huberschwiller Wang	Mourgues	Shen	
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

East led the ace of hearts and when West followed with the three she switched to the two of clubs for a fast one down; -100 and 14 IMPs for France.



Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Frey	Zhang	D'Ovidio
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Pending the publication of my collaboration with Eric Kokish entitled, 'Coping with 28 Counts' I will confine myself to the observation that the stonger your hand the more difficult it may be to extract the information you need. +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huberschwiller Wang		Mourgues	Shen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♦*	Dble	3♥*
Pass	Pass!	3NT	All Pass

- 2♦ Multi
- 3♥ Pass or correct

Bidding 3NT is sure to end the auction, but the only alternative is to double and you have no guarantee of a successful outcome. However, I confess it would get my vote.

Declarer took all the tricks, +520 but 9 IMPs to China.

On 29 EW held

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

China bid 1♠-1NT*-2♦-2♠ and declarer took eleven tricks.

France went 1♠-1NT-2♦-2NT-3NT and with South holding ♠ K J 5 ♥ K Q 8 5 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣ J 7 nine tricks were easy, declarer winning North's heart lead with dummy's ace, playing a spade to the queen and



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FRANCE

then knocking out the ace of diamonds, +600 and 9 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

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

South led the ace of spades and continued the suit, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huberschwiller Wang		Mourgues	Shen
—	—	—	4NT*
6♣	All Pass		

4NT Minors

Asked to find a lead North clearly had to choose between the majors.

Out came the.....eight of hearts.

+940 and 11 IMPs for the young French pair, who had already amassed a number of impressive results.

France took the set 43-28 to lead 97.5-49.



OPEN FINAL 2 — POLAND vs SWEDEN

by **Brian Senior**

Trailing by 7.7-69 IMPs after the first session, Sweden needed a fast start to the second of the three 16-board sessions of their Open final against Poland. It was not to be, as the first deal of the new session saw a modest swing to Poland.

again that was all for the defence; ten tricks for +420 but 5 IMPs to Poland, who led by 74-8.

Those IMPs were returned on the second board of the set when the Polish declarer misguessed a partscore, but they still led by 74-13.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
-	1♠	2♥	Dble
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
-	2♦	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Gawrys opened a multi with the North cards and Wrang made a natural overcall. With some values, Klukowski decided to compete in what was obviously his partner's suit and now Gawrys, with a huge hand for a weak two bid, went on to 4♠ over Sylvan's raise to 4♥. Sylvan doubled 4♠ then led three rounds of diamonds, but Wrang's ruff came at the expense of his trump trick and Klukowski had the rest for +590.

Nystrom opened at the one level and Upmark made a negative double of the overcall. Starkowski made an unassuming cuebid to invite the heart game and now Nystrom waited to see whether Golebiowski would bid game to get a little more information about his opponents' hands before bidding the spade game. Golebiowski led a top heart so Nystrom ruffed, led a spade to the king then a diamond off the table. Starkowski went in with the king and played two more rounds of diamonds to give his partner a ruff but once

Starkowski's 1♣ opening was Polish, three-way, and the 2♦ response a natural game force. The Poles explored slam possibilities but judged correctly to stop in game. On a club lead there was a club to be lost and a spade; +600.

Sylvan's 1♣ was either natural or two-plus cards balanced, and the 1♠ response either 6-11 balanced with no major or invitational-plus with diamonds. One No Trump showed a hand that wanted to play there facing the balanced variety, so normally a weak no trump type, and 3♦ was game-forcing with diamonds and no major. After an exchange of cuebids, Sylvan signed off but, mindful no doubt of the match situation,

Wrang went on to slam, hoping for a swing. He got one, just not the sort he wanted. Klukowski led the king of clubs and Wrang ducked. Hre won the trump switch and played three more rounds then a club to the ace and ruffed a club. As the cards lay there was no pressure so he had to concede a trick at the end so was down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland, whose lead grew to 88-13.

Suppose that Wrang wins the opening lead and cashes all the trumps then all the hearts ending in dummy. With three cards remaining both defenders need to retain two spades else declarer can play the suit for two winners if he reads the position. Now he exits with a club and whoever wins is endplayed. This ending is always possible when South holds the spade jack and North the king. If South wins the club declarer should get the spade guess right as he knows, having seen the jack fall on his right, that the defenders could have arranged for North to win the club trick and, had South held the king, that is what top-class international defenders would have done as they would have seen the end position as it developed.

If declarer plays this way it looks as though the only hope for the defence is for one of them to bare his spade honour to keep a second winner and trust that declarer misreads the endgame.

Gawrys opened a multi and Wrang doubled, weakish no trump or strong. Klukowski saw his opponents with game values and jumped to 3♥, pass or correct, to try to get in their way. Unfortunately, when Sylvan now bid 4♠, Gawrys expected better heart support and, having extra playing potential himself courtesy of his six-four distribution, saved in 5♥, which was doubled. Sylvan led a top club then switched to his low trump. Klukowski ran that to his hand, won the eight and cashed the top hearts to draw trumps then played on diamonds. With East forced to win the ace and king of diamonds to prevent the queen winning, Klukowski could develop a diamond trick by leading low on the third round of the suit to drop the by now bare jack. Still, six trumps and one diamond only came to seven tricks so that was -800.

Nystrom opened a natural weak two bid and Upmark made a pre-emptive raise over the take-out double. Starkowski made a responsive double and Golebiowski, rather than pick a minor and go past 3NT, responded in his three-card spade suit. Starkowski made a general slam cuebid then went on over the sign-off, just assuming that his partner would have short hearts. Slam would not have been without play on a non-heart lead, but Upmark had no reason to lead anything else and three rounds of hearts forced Golebiowski to ruff with the king. He lost a trump trick so was two down for -200 and 14 IMPs to Sweden, who certainly needed them; 28-87.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
-	2♥	Dble	3♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
-	2♦	Dble	3♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass



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Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♥
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East picked up the sort of hand you would never see if playing rubber bridge but, of course, both Easts had to contend with a third-seat opening on their right.

Gawrys opened with a multi. Wrang doubled and Klukowski made the pass or correct response of 2♥, Gawrys duly correcting to 2♠. Wrang doubled again then cuebid twice to confirm that Sylvan had clubs but little or nothing in the way of values then raised to the small slam.

Nystrom preferred a one-level opening to try to sound stronger. Golebiowski doubled, cuebid, and jumped to slam.

The appearance of the queen of diamonds meant that both declarers made 13 tricks in double-quick time for a push at +940.



While Nystrom's 1♣ opening was always strong and artificial and Gawrys's 1♣ three-way, the two auctions soon developed along parallel lines. The key decision was South's once he knew he was facing six-four in the majors. Klukowski went on to game while Upmark gave up on the msifit and left his partner to declare 3♠. It is only fair to point out that Nystrom's minimum was 16 HCP, while gawrys had shown 18+ or the equivalent.

Nystrom played 3♠ quite nicely on a club lead. He won and played ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, three rounds of hearts, ruffing the third round, then took a second diamond ruff and cashed the second club winner. He had the first eight tricks and could exit with his heart loser and be assured of a ninth trick in the endgame; +140.

Three No Trump needed some good fortune and none was forthcoming. Sylvan led a diamond round to the queen, which gave a trick but meant that there was no entry to declarer's hand even if the club queen fell. That forced declarer to play on spades and Klukowski duly did so, leading to the king and losing to the ace. He won the diamond return, crossed to a top club and gave up a spade. The defence had two diamonds to cash, a third spade, and could set up the queen of clubs for down two and -200; 8 IMPs to Sweden, who closed a little to 36-91.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K 7				
	♥ 10 8 7 4				
	♦ Q J 10 6				
	♣ 10 7 5				
♠ J 5	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ 9 8
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A K Q J 5 3	♥ -				
♦ 7 2	♦ A K 9 5 4 3				
♣ K 8 2	♣ A Q J 9 3				
	♠ A Q 10 6 4 3 2				
	♥ 9 6 2				
	♦ 8				
	♣ 6 4				

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
-	-	1♦	3♠
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
-	-	1♦	3♠
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Both Easts opened 1♦ and both Souths pre-empted with 3♠. Starkowski now bid 4♥ and Golebiowski showed his second suit. Trusting that his partner must be very distributional to bid this way, Starkowski passed 5♣. Upmark led ace then queen of spades. Nystrom won the king and returned a diamond so Golebiowski won the ace and drew trumps ending in the dummy



Włodzimierz Starkowski

POLAND

then cashed the top hearts to discard all four small diamonds from hand and had 11 tricks for +400.

Sylvan bid 4♦, transfer to hearts, over the pre-empt. When Wrang now showed his clubs, Sylvan judged to play in hearts. Three rounds of spades promoted a trump trick for Gawrys and the contract was one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to Poland; 104-36.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 4				
	♥ K 7 3 2				
	♦ Q J 9 7				
	♣ A 7 5				
♠ A 9 8 6 2	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ K J
N					
W E					
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♥ A J 9	♥ Q 8 5 4				
♦ 4	♦ A K 8 2				
♣ K Q 10 9	♣ 6 4 2				
	♠ 10 7 5 3				
	♥ 10 6				
	♦ 10 6 5 3				
	♣ J 8 3				

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The straightforward Swedish auction saw Sylvan declare 4♠ on a diamond lead. He won and led a club to his queen, ducked by Gawrys, then a spade to the jack. The duck of the first club paid Gawrys a rich dividend as Sylvan go the suit wrong, leading second round to the king and losing two clubs and one in each major to be down one for -50.

Golebiowski's 2♣ response was an artificial game-force and 2♦ the normal response with nothing specific to show. Two Hearts asked and 3♠ showed Starkowski's shape, enabling Golebiowski to choose to play the no trump game. The lead was the ten of hearts to the jack and king and Nystrom switched to the jack of diamonds. Golebiowski won and played a club to the queen and ace. He subsequently took the spade finesse after checking to see if the jack of clubs would fall, a good play to combine two chances, and had nine tricks for +400 and another 10 IMPs to Poland, who led by 114-36.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ K Q 5 4 3		♠ 9 7 2
	♥ 10 8 5		♥ A Q 9 4 3
	♦ -		♦ Q 8 4
	♣ K J 8 7 3		♣ 9 6
♠ 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 7 2	
♥ J 7 6 2		♥ A Q 9 4 3	
♦ K J 10 9 5		♦ Q 8 4	
♣ Q 10 2		♣ 9 6	
	♠ A J 10 6		
	♥ K		
	♦ A 7 6 3 2		
	♣ A 5 4		

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Golebiowski</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Johan Upmark
SWEDEN

Gawrys did not open the North hand and slam was never in the picture; +480.

Nystrom did open it, with 1♠, and Upmark bid slowly and carefully before finally raising to 5♠ to invite the slam, Nystrom accepting. It was all about the queen of clubs and when it was onside Nystrom had 12 tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs back to Sweden. However, they still trailed by 46.7-114 with 16 boards to play.





SNOOKERED

by **Mark Horton**

It sometimes happens that the cards are distributed in such a fashion that a player cannot avoid his fate.

However, it may take exceptional play to take advantage - and that was the case on this deal from the third place play-off between Bulgaria and China.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 7 5 4 3 ♥ 9 6 5 3 ♦ 10 ♣ J 5 2		♠ A 9 ♥ A Q J ♦ K Q 8 7 5 3 ♣ 8 7	♠ J 8 6 2 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ K Q 10 9
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In the other room EW had stopped in 3NT, taking twelve tricks on the lead of the four of spades.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
1NT*	Pass	3♣*	Dble
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- 1NT 13-15
- 3♣ Diamonds
- 4♣ Cue bid

North led the five of clubs and declarer took South's queen with the ace and cashed six rounds of diamonds, followed by the ace and queen of hearts. When he



Kang Meng

China

played the jack of hearts, these cards remained:

♠ K 7 ♥ 9 ♦ — ♣ J		♠ A 9 ♥ J ♦ — ♣ 8	♠ J 6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K 9
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South, forced to keep the jack of spades guarded, pitched the nine of clubs and North, obliged to protect the king of spades, parted with the two of clubs.

Declarer exited with the six of clubs and South won and returned the six of spades.

Kang Meng completed his masterpiece by playing the ten, a stunning +1370.





FINALS

OPEN TEAMS

		C/O	R.1	R.2	R.3	
	POL	0	69	45	28	142.0
	SWE	1.67	6	39	50	96.7

PIOTR GAWRYS, STANISLAW GOLEBIOWSKI,
KRZYSZTOF JASSEM, MICHAL KLUKOWSKI,
MARCIN MAZURKIEWICZ, WLODZIMIERZ STARKOWSKI
TOMMY BERGDAHL, FREDRIK NYSTRÖM,
JOHAN SYLVAN, JOHAN UPMARK, NIKLAS WARNE,
FREDERIC WRANG

WOMEN TEAMS

		C/O	R.1	R.2	R.3	
	FRA	14.5	40	43	38	135.5
	CHN	0	21	28	58	107.0

BÉNÉDICTE CRONIER, CATHERINE D'OVIDIO,
NATHALIE FREY, ANNE-LAURE HUBERSCHWIL-
LER, JENNIFER MOURGUES, SYLVIE WILLARD
LI YITING, SHEN QI, WANG HONGLI, WANG
WENFEI, WANG XIAOJING, YAN RU, ZHANG YU,
HUANG YAN, HU WEN

PLAYOFF

OPEN TEAMS

		C/O	R.1	R.2	R.3	
	CHN	0	32	58	31	121.0
	BUL	14.33	62	20	19	115.3

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

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

WOMEN TEAMS

		C/O	R.1	R.2	R.3	
	ENG	14	26	30	27	97.0
	NED	0	24	37	27	88.0

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

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

