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Twelve teams, comprising the top ten in the previous European Championship, the Cup-holders and the hosts, played a Round Robin to determine semifinalists for knockout play. Like last year, we had the luxury of being offered three matches on BBO in each round. That enabled me to report about the highlights of these three matches simultaneously. I'll do that for Round I, where there were lots of crucial high-level decisions. These three BBO matches were Rigainvites.lv versus Allfrey, Harplinge BK versus Zaleski and KI versus Vytas RAL Poznan.

Round Robin I (Jacobs)

After three pushes or near-pushes ...

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Rigainvites.lv vs. Allfrey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Neimanis</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Rubenis</i>
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Artificial, 22-24 balanced or game-forcing
2. Waiting

Latvian intervention and East/West uncertainty led to the slam being missed: Allfrey plus 710. If one assumes that a direct five-heart bid over three spades would have asked partner to raise to slam with a spade control (would it?), then the later five hearts showed something like the hand West held. On the other hand, West might have bid four spades over three spades, then five hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorencs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Bell</i>
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♥ ²	3♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Artificial, 22-23 balanced or game-forcing
2. Double negative

On a diamond lead from South, declarer called for dummy's ace and claimed his 12 tricks. Rigainvites plus 1430 and 12 IMPs to them.

In the **Harplinge BK vs. Zaleski** match, they had entirely different ideas about this Board.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>C.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Eriksson</i>
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	3♠
Pass	4♠	Double ³	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Game-forcing
2. Waiting
3. Discouraging

When Cronier opted for hearts, Zaleski thought his trump support was worth a polite raise. And when the diamond finesse worked, the French wrote plus 2210 in their scorecards.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	3♠
Double ³	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT ⁴	Pass	5♦ ⁵	Pass
6♣ ⁶	Pass	6♦ ⁷	Pass
7♥	7♠	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. (a.) Weak with diamonds; (b.) 22+ balanced; (c.) Game force
2. Pass or correct
3. Option (b.) or (c.)
4. RKCB
5. 0 or 3 key cards
6. Asks for help in clubs
7. No help in clubs; something in diamonds (?)

It looked as if Ola Rimstedt was expecting something useful in diamonds. This may or may not have been the case, but J.-C. Quantin certainly believed it and that was all that mattered. The sacrifice cost only 1100, so the French gained 15 IMPs on the board.

In the **KI vs. Vitas RAL Poznan** match, there was only a bit less excitement ...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
1♣ ¹	Pass	1♦ ²	3♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. (a.) 12-14 balanced; (b.) 15+ with clubs; (c.) Any 18+			
2. 0-7			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Damianova</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
2♣ ¹	Pass	2♦ ²	3♠
Double	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
1. 23-24 balanced or any game-force			
2. Waiting			

A noble push at plus 1460.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Rigainvites.lv vs. Allfrey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Neimanis</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Rubenis</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♠	Pass	3♥	4♥
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	



The joyous winners of the 2017 European Champions Cup: BC't Onstein (Netherlands) – Tim Verbeek, Danny Molenaar, Magdaléna Tichá, Richard Ritmeijer, Geon Steenbakkers, Peter Ijsselmuiden

This turned out not to be the right moment to sacrifice. Down two, Allfrey plus 200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorencs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Bell</i>
—	—	—	3NT ¹
Pass	4♣ ²	Pass	4♦ ³
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1. Good 4M opening			
2. Bid the suit under your major			
3. Hearts			

The English had a nice tool available for the South hand, which easily led them to the right suit, albeit at a dangerous level. However, the Kantar Three Notrump bid had the advantage of completely concealing the North hand from the defence.

On the seven-of-diamonds lead to declarer's ace, the nine of spades to West's ace, and a trump return, the defence had to be very careful on the run of the hearts. Here was the end position with two trumps left to be played:

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

On the penultimate heart, West discarded the five of diamonds and East, not yet certain of North's distribution, pitched the ten of clubs. That was not yet fatal since the defence had two spades to cash if allowed to get in with the ace of clubs. On the last heart, both defenders threw their black kings. The defence was still in command. However, when declarer next led dummy's club, West let go the ten of spades. Thus, the defenders had only the ace of clubs and the queen of spades to take before leading a diamond to declarer's king; declarer also had the good queen of clubs remaining. Plus 620 added to the plus 200 from the other table meant 13 IMPs to Allfrey.

Harplinge BK vs. Zaleski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	C.Rimstedt	Cronier	Eriksson
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♣	2♠	4♥
4♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Swedes did the right thing here when they elected to defend. Declarer ruffed the third round of hearts high and, when he continued with the ace of spades, he (unluckily) had to lose a trump trick as well as the two tops in each red suit. Down two, Harplinge plus 500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O.Rimstedt	Quantin	M.Rimstedt	Lorenzini
—	—	—	1♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led his king of clubs and shifted to a trump to end declarer's chances. One down, Harplinge another plus 100 and 12 IMPs to them.

KI vs. Vytas RAL Poznan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Karakolev	Russyan	Mihov
—	—	—	1♣ ¹
1♠	Double ²	2♠	4♥
4♣	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Precision, any 16+
2. 5-7

Mihov had a tough decision to make when four spades came back to him. The defence lost a trick, but one down still meant plus 100 to the Poles.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Gierulski	Damianova	Skrzypczak
—	—	—	4♣ ¹
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Good 4♥ opening

When the defence led a spade to the ace and continued with another spade, rather than a trump, declarer could ruff and had his ten tricks; Poznan plus 620 and 12 IMPs to them.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

Rigainvites.lv vs. Allfrey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Neimanis	Forrester	Rubenis
Pass	1♦	1♥	4♦
4♥	5♦	5♥	Pass
Pass	6♦	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North/South decided to bid one more and thus conceded one down for plus 100 to Allfrey. This is what happened at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorencs	Gold	Rubins	Bell
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On the lucky spade layout, declarer could not go down. Riga plus 590 and 10 IMPs.

Harplinge BK vs. Zaleski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	C.Rimstedt	Cronier	Eriksson
Pass	1♣	1♥	Double
4♥	4NT	5♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

With five diamonds a make, the French did well to bid on to five hearts, one down; Harplinge plus 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Double
4♥	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

A similar start to the auction at the other table but, here, five diamonds was left undisturbed by East/West.; the French registered plus 400 for an 8-IMP gain.

KI vs. Vytas RAL Poznan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
2♦ ¹	3♣	3♥ ²	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Double	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Multi
2. Pass or correct

Russyan produced an extraordinary auction, first bidding only three hearts, then, perhaps nonplussed by Kowalski's non-correction, passing four diamonds and, finally, emerging with five hearts. Everyone looked at that very suspiciously, but passed. East went one off for minus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Damianova</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
2♦ ¹	3♣	4♦ ²	Pass
4♥	4NT	5♥	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. Multi
2. Bid your suit

Gierulski ruffed the heart opening lead and led the king of clubs. West won with the ace and played a spade to East's ace. East led another spade, won by North, who crossed to dummy with a diamond to take a club finesse; two down, minus 100 and 4 IMPs to KI.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Insisting on solid diamonds proved not always the right thing to do on the penultimate board of the match ...

Rigainvites.lv vs. Allfrey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Neimanis</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Rubenis</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

When North led the ace of clubs, declarer's problems were over, as one black loser could go on a top heart; Allfrey plus 600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorencs</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Bell</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Double	Pass	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Gold found a great lead, the two of hearts. Knowing that the ace of clubs was offside, Lorencs finessed the jack of hearts for two pitches but, when South could ruff the third round of the suit, declarer had to concede down two for an additional plus 200 and 13 IMPs to Allfrey.

Harplinge BK vs. Zaleski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>C.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Eriksson</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Eriksson led the two of clubs. Declarer ducked to North's queen. When she tried to cash the ace of clubs, declarer ruffed, played the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, cashed the ace of spades and took heart discards on the king of clubs and ace of diamonds. He ruffed a diamond and surrendered the king of spades for plus 650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Double	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT ¹	Pass	5♣ ²	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. RKCB
2. 1 or 4 key cards

When South led a heart, declarer was able to win, ruff a heart and take two pitches on the diamonds for plus 680 and 1 IMP to Sweden.

K1 vs. Vytas RAL Poznan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Karakolev	Russyan	Mihov
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Kowalski also got a heart lead. He too finessed the jack but, rather than trying to discard two losers, he just cashed one more top heart, ran the queen of spades and tried a club to the king, not having had the benefit of North telling him the ace was offside. When this lost to North's ace, the contract was one down, K1 plus 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Gierulski	Damyanova	Skrzypczak
—	2♥ ¹	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT ²	Pass	5♣ ³	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 5+♥ and (4)5+ either minor, 5-10 HCP
- RKCB
- 1 or 4 key cards

The Bulgarians managed to reach a better spot, which made with an overtrick on a heart lead. Plus 680 and 13 IMPs to K1.

The final results of the three matches were:

Allfrey	36	–	Rigainvites.lv	25
Zaleski	24	–	Harplinge BK	13
K1	24	–	Vytas RAL Poznan	14

Round Robin 5 (Gulyás)

Zaleski vs. CB Firenze

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mariani	Lorenzini	Buratti	Quantin
—	—	—	1♣
1♥	1♠ ¹	Pass	2♣
Double	3♣	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. No 4-card major

Buratti could not be sure that her partner held four spades, so she chose to go safely, playing in the known 5-2 fit. This would have worked out fine had Quantin not found the perfect defence: after cashing four minor-suit winners (Lorenzini encouraged in diamonds on the third club, so Quantin could cash the king), South played the fourth club to promote the trump jack. Down one, plus 50 to the French.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Michelini	Cronier	Papini
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
Double	Redouble	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

That was 5 IMPs to Zaleski when three spades rather fortunately made at this table.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mariani	Lorenzini	Buratti	Quantin
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	3♣	Double	5♣
6♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Quantin found the heart lead, achieving a later trick with the king to defeat six diamonds one trick, plus 200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Michelini	Cronier	Papini
1♠	3♣	3♥	5♣
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The nice-looking six-heart contract eventually went two down on the bad trump split, flattening the board.

Round Robin 8 (Jacobs)

Allfrey vs. Monaco FMB I

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

The problem was not how to get to six hearts, but rather how to play the contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bell</i>
—	—	—	2♦ ¹
2♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1. Multi			

North led the five of spades. Helgemo won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. He led a heart to dummy's ace, felling the jack, cashed the queen of spades for a club discard and ruffed another diamond in hand. Declarer continued with a heart. When North took the king and returned his last trump, declarer had to accept down one. If he ruffed another diamond to set up the long one, he'd have no entry to the king of clubs; if he cashed the ace of clubs, he'd have no entry to the fifth diamond. He tried in vain to drop the queen of clubs doubleton and it was plus 50 to Allfrey.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	3♣	Double	3♦
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

When Multon led the five of spades and followed with the six to dummy's second top spade, Robson cashed the ace of hearts and cashed another top spade, throwing two clubs from hand, before continuing with the ace of clubs, a diamond ruff, the king of clubs, and a club ruff with dummy's eight of hearts. When that

held, he could continue with the ten of hearts and claim his 12 tricks for a fine plus 980 and 14 IMPs.

Round Robin 10 (Jacobs)

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

CB Firenze v. Allfrey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Fossi</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Pauncz</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Andrew Robson showed excellent technique in dealing with the 5-0 trump break, choosing one of the roads to success in what was the normal contract. North led the ace of clubs and continued with the queen. Dummy's king won, the last club loser went on the ace of diamonds and the ace of spades then revealed the distribution.

Declarer led a spade to the ten and played the jack of hearts from hand. What could South do? Playing low did not seem to be an option, but winning the trick did not help either. South returned a diamond (a heart is no better on the actual lie), declarer ruffed, cashed one more top trump, crossed to the queen of hearts and led a heart toward his ace-nine. South discarded, but now Robson could win with his ace and exit in hearts, scoring the last two tricks with his queen-nine of spades. Well done. Allfrey plus 420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mariani</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Bell</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

When the Italians stayed out of game, they duly scored plus 140 for nine tricks, but 7 IMPs went to Allfrey.

This board also decided the outcome of the Vikersund BK vs. Zaleski match:

Vikersund BK v. Zaleski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Saur	Bessis	Aabye
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Volcker was faced with the same task as Robson in the Allfrey match. He had identical information to start with and the play to the first four tricks was the same as well. In hand with the ten of spades, Volcker continued with the nine of hearts to dummy's queen rather than the jack from hand. Then South could win and return a heart, setting up a winner for North prematurely. With dummy out of reach, Volcker had to go one down ... Vikersund plus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Lorenzini	Evjen	Quantin
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In this room, North led a diamond, so declarer had an extra entry to dummy, of which he made good use later on. Smith won with the ace of diamonds, cashed the ace of spades, led a spade to the nine and a club to North's ace. After that, the king of clubs became an entry for a low heart to the jack. When the ace of hearts brought down the king, declarer's problems were over. Vikersund BK plus 420 and 10 IMPs to them, the only sizeable swing in that match.

Round-Robin Standings

VP

1	Allfrey (England)	137.82
2	Zaleski (France)	130.04
3	BC't Onstein (Netherlands)	122.60
4	Vikersund BK (Norway)	117.82
5	Circolo BR Firenze (Italy)	117.12
6	Harplinge BK (Sweden)	116.00
7	Monaco FMB I (Monaco)	104.24
8	München (Germany)	99.83
9	KI (Bulgaria)	95.14
10	Monaco FMB II (Monaco)	93.19
11	Rigainvites.lv (Latvia)	90.21
12	Vytas RAL Poznan (Poland)	82.99

Semifinals (Jacobs)

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Allfrey vs. Vikersund BK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aabye	Forrester	Saur	Bakhshi
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

East made the effective lead and continuation of the ace and another diamond. Declarer won with his king and led a spade to dummy's jack, followed by a low club to the eight in hand. The ace, king and another club gave West his natural trick in the suit (heart discards from East, diamond from dummy), but Aabye countered by playing the queen and ten of diamonds to put declarer back in dummy. At this point, declarer had a choice of evils. Cashing the ace of spades would give East two spade tricks and exiting from dummy with a low spade would result in the defence coming to a spade and a heart trick in the end. Either way, it was one down; Vikersund BK plus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Evjen	Allfrey	Smith
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

As South had become the declarer in this room, West was on lead. He too led a diamond, the ten, but this time, East ducked to declarer's jack. Smith played a club, upon which West split his honours, his jack being allowed to win the trick. West shifted to the queen of hearts, but East could no longer avoid the endplay: ace of hearts, four rounds of clubs, spade to the queen and a low diamond to East's now-bare ace. Had East led a spade, that would have given declarer two spade tricks in the dummy; the king and another heart would have given declarer two heart tricks in hand. Just made, plus 400 and 10 IMPs to Vikersund BK.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ 10 2 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ K J 10 9 8 4 ♠ Q 8 5 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q J 7 2 ♣ Q 7 5 ♠ K 10 6 ♥ Q 9 7 5 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ A 3 2	♠ A J 9 2 ♥ A K J 6 4 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ 6
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Zaleski vs. BC 't Onstein

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tichá</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♣ ¹	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Splinter

North led a low diamond. This ran to South's eight and declarer's queen, freezing the suit. Declarer led a spade to the jack and king. South shifted to a low club, North winning with the eight and returning the suit to tap the dummy. Dummy ruffed and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing the third round successfully in hand with the eight of spades. Tichá led a spade to the ace and ruffed another heart with her last trump. She went on to ruff her final club with dummy's remaining trump, bringing South down to the thirteenth trump and the ten-five of diamonds. When declarer led the established heart, South was helpless. He could ruff and lead into the split diamond tenace or he could refrain from ruffing, not even giving declarer a guess. Very well played indeed for plus 420 to 't Onstein.

Had Cronier continued with a spade after winning with his king, declarer could still have succeeded by establishing the hearts with two ruffs, losing just one spade, one diamond and one club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Ijsselmuiden</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Steenbakkens</i>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♣	4♣ ¹	Double
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Splinter

South's double of the splinter-bid enabled North to find an annoying lead: a low club. South won with the ace and continued the suit, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer played three rounds of hearts, ruffing successfully with the eight of spades in hand. The jack of diamonds was covered by the king and ace and declarer also cashed the queen of diamonds. A spade went to the jack and South's king; South

cashied his ten of diamonds for the third defensive trick before returning a trump. In dummy with the nine of spades, declarer could not both ruff out the queen of hearts and enjoy the last heart because of the lack of entries and thus had to concede one down. That was plus 50 to 't Onstein and 10 IMPs for their fine combined efforts.

When the eight of spades stood up, declarer could almost have survived this defence by ruffing his third club and ruffing the fourth heart with the queen of spades. Then he could have arranged for South to win the third diamond by leading the queen and, if not covered, by continuing with the jack. South would have had to win the third diamond with the ten and lead into dummy's spades at the end. Two rounds of spades and the established heart would then have restricted South to one trump trick. North could have foiled this line of play by discarding a diamond, ruffing the third round of diamonds and leading a trump – not so easy.

Here are the results of the semifinals:

	1	2	Total
Allfrey	20	25	45
Vikersund BK	58	3	61
Zaleski	28	33	61
BC't Onstein	39	41	80

The Final (Jacobs)

Vikersund BK vs. BC 't Onstein

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Aabye</i>
—	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT ¹
Pass	5♣ ²	Pass	5NT ³
Pass	6♠ ⁴	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. RKCB
2. 0 or 3 key cards
3. King ask
4. No kings

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881. Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J 4 ♥ A Q J 6 3 ♦ K 8 7 5 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 6 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ — ♣ A Q 10 7 5</p> <p>♠ A 7 2 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q J 10 9 4 ♣ 8 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 5 3 ♥ 10 8 2 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ K J 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♦
Double	1♥	1♠	2♦ ¹
2♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1. 6+ diamonds, fewer than 3 hearts

North judged it likely that the king of hearts was well-placed, and so bid what he thought his side could make. When West led the ten of spades, declarer paused to consider his options. It was soon clear that only the heart suit offered any chance of bringing the contract home. The best option in the suit was to play West for three or four hearts headed by the king.

So, after winning the first trick with the ace of spades, declarer led his heart. West played low and dummy's queen of hearts won the trick. After throwing a spade on the ace of hearts declarer called for the three of hearts. After ruffing this with the ace of trumps, declarer cashed the queen of trumps and then led the jack of trumps to dummy's king. Next, the six of hearts was ruffed with declarer's ten of trumps, thereby establishing the jack of hearts as a winner.

Declarer drew East's remaining trump by leading his carefully preserved four of diamonds to dummy's seven. He cashed the jack of hearts, throwing a second spade from hand, for his ninth trick. Then declarer gave up two clubs and claimed his contract by making his two remaining trumps separately, by ruffing a club in dummy and a spade in hand.

882. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 10 7 6 3 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q 6 5 ♣ J 10 2</p> <p>♠ K J 9 5 4 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ A 8 2 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ A 6 5</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ 9 4 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 4 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	—	3♣	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the queen of hearts. Declarer counted only eight winners and put into action a plan to make a game-going second trick in clubs. Declarer's idea was to strip East of his non-clubs and then endplay him in clubs. Assuming that East held all seven of the missing clubs, this would always work if East had at most two spades, at most three hearts, and thus at least one diamond.

After allowing the queen of hearts to hold, declarer took the heart continuation with dummy's king and put the next part of his plan into action by ducking a spade. West overtook East's queen of spades with his king and continued hearts with the jack. After winning with the ace of hearts, declarer cashed the three high diamonds and the ace of spades.

Declarer was now in safe territory as East was marked with an original distribution of 1=2=3=7 and had only clubs remaining. So declarer played a diamond to the king to lead dummy's jack of clubs. East covered this with the queen and declarer followed with the five. East had to lead a club and that ensured that dummy's ten of clubs would be declarer's extra trick. Declarer made a spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs for a total of nine tricks.

883. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 ♥ A 7 ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ Q 10 6 4 ♠ Q J 4 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ 9 6 4 3 ♣ A K 9	♠ — ♥ 10 8 5 3 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ J 8 7 5 3 2 ♠ A K 9 6 5 3 ♥ K Q J 6 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ —
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West	North	East	South
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the ace of clubs. Declarer ruffed and played the ace of trumps. All would have been well if East had followed suit; declarer would have had twelve easy tricks. However, East's club discard reduced declarer to needing a trump endplay to bring the contract home.

The first requirement was that declarer needed West to have three clubs, because he needed to reduce his trump length as West followed suit. As will be seen, in the endgame, declarer needed to have two trumps and a good heart and West three trumps.

The specifics in the red suits were a little different in that, once the assumption in clubs was fulfilled, declarer could have made twelve tricks at double dummy if West had held 2=4, 3=3 or 4=2 in the red suits. However, this was a single dummy problem. So, as playing three rounds of diamonds would work in the first two cases, declarer did just that.

When East discarded on the third round of diamonds, declarer cashed the remaining diamond winner and threw a heart from hand. After ruffing a club, declarer played a heart to the ace and ruffed another club. After cashing the king of hearts, declarer held the king-nine of spades and the queen of hearts; West held the queen-jack-four of spades; dummy had the ten-eight of spades and the queen of clubs. When declarer led the queen of hearts, West was skewered: if he had ruffed high, declarer would have made the last two tricks with trumps and, if he had ruffed low, declarer would have scored a trump in dummy and the king of trumps to make his contract.

You should note that if West had had four clubs and two hearts, he could have avoided the trump endplay by ruffing the third heart and exiting with a club.

884. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ 8 5 2 ♦ 6 4 3 2 ♣ K J 7 4 3 ♠ J 10 6 4 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A K J 8 7 ♣ 9 6 ♠ A K Q 5 ♥ K Q J 10 6 ♦ 10 ♣ A 8 5	♠ 9 7 2 ♥ A 9 7 3 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ Q 10 2
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West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
2♥ ¹	Pass	2♠	Double
Pass	3♥ ²	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. 5+ spades and 5+ of either minor
2. Some values in context

Terence Reese classified bids such as two hearts as extremely dangerous if the bidder's side did not play the hand. Reese believed that, in such cases, declarer could often adopt an almost double dummy line to bring home an otherwise tricky contract.

West began by playing the ace of diamonds followed by the king. Declarer ruffed the second diamond low then cashed the ace of spades. After ruffing the five of spades in dummy, declarer played a trump to his king. East took the next trump with the ace to lead a third diamond. This return marked West with a 5=1=5=2 distribution originally and East with a corresponding 3=4=3=3 shape which, in turn, allowed declarer to be certain that there was no remaining link between the defender's hands as East had 1=1=0=3 shape remaining.

So, declarer ruffed the third round of diamonds and played his last trump, throwing dummy's remaining diamond. After cashing the king of spades, declarer had the queen of spades and the ace-third of clubs left, while East was down to the nine of hearts and queen-ten-third of clubs. When declarer played the queen of spades, East had a choice of unpleasant outcomes. If he ruffed, he would be endplayed and declarer would make three club tricks and his contract. If instead East discarded a club then the queen of spades would be declarer's eighth trick with the ace and king of clubs to come. As a result, East folded his cards and conceded the contract to declarer.

South reasoned that North could not have a balanced hand, so must have good clubs and shortage in a red suit. A 3-2 trump break was about all declarer needed. West led a trump. Declarer won in hand, unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed back in trumps, ruffed a diamond, crossed in clubs, ruffed another diamond, crossed to the ace of hearts, drew trumps and cashed the clubs. Vikersund BK a tremendous plus 1510 to start.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eide	Ijsselmuiden	Røren	Steenbakkers
—	1♣	1♦	1♥ ¹
Pass	3♠ ²	Pass	3NT ³
Pass	4♥ ⁴	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Spades
2. Unbalanced, invitational
3. Serious slam try
4. Short diamonds

As South could not be sure of partner's good club suit, he called it a day in four spades, like a number of other pairs who did not get to slam either. That meant 't Onstein plus 510 but 14 IMPs away.

The match result:

	1	2	Total
Vikersund BK	17	9	26
BC't Onstein	31	2	33



The 2017 Premier League Tournament (formerly the A-Level Club Tournament) at Taicang Jiangsu Province, was held November 14-20.

Sixteen teams went through two elimination stages: in the first stage (1st March-7th March) eight of the 16 teams qualified for the second stage; in that stage (12th July-18th July), four of those eight teams went through to the final. The teams in the final were:

HUABIN (Xiangdong Bao/Yanhui Sun, Junjie Hu/Yichao Chen, Krzysztof Buras/Grzegorz Narkiewicz)

PIONEERS (Patrick Huang/Yanpei Zhao, Gang Sun/Yongge Zhang, Jianwei He/Xin Li)

PD TIMES (Marc Chen/Xu Hou, Zhong Fu/Jerry Li, Sjoert Brink/Bas Drijver)

PAN CHINA (Chuancheng Ju/Zhengjun Shi, Tong Jiang/Xiaofeng Zhang, Jacek Kalita/Michal Nowosadski).

The final format was a double knockout. The winners of Stage 2, HUABIN, chose the No. 4 team, PAN CHINA, leaving PIONEERS to play PD TIMES in 96-board matches. The winners of those matches played for a place in the final. The losers played against each other to keep their hopes alive in a 64-board lower-bracket match. The winner of that match would play against the second-match loser from the upper bracket to decide the second team in the final, also a 96-board match. Finally, the two other teams in the lower bracket would play off for third place.

PAN CHINA, the best team in China, had won the Chinese National Club tournament and they were runners-up in the Transnational Teams in Lyon. They beat HUABIN 192:122 IMPs, winning all six sessions. The other match was very close: after five sessions, PIONEERS led by 27 IMPs, but in the last set PD TIMES outscored them by 52 IMPs and won the match. One board was very important:

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Li Xin	Drijver	He	Brink
—	Pass	1♥	3♦
Double	5♦	Pass ¹	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Forcing

In the other room, four hearts had made five, plus 650. At this table Pioneers East/West went to slam; unfortunately for them, the slam couldn't make because of the black-suit distribution. Declarer tried his best: he ruffed the opening diamond lead, drew trumps, played a club to the king and a club to the ace. His plan was endplay an opponent to lead away from the queen of spades, but North, World Champion Bas Drijver, did very well – he dropped his queen of clubs under the king! There was then no way for declarer to succeed. PD TIMES won 13 IMPs on this board and the match by 25. If the PIONEERS' declarer had made the slam, they would have won the match.

So, in the upper bracket, PAN CHINA met PD TIMES for a place in the final. They also had a very close match.

In the final stanza, both declarers missed a very small extra chance.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Both Wests received the ten-of-spades opening lead in four hearts. Both declarers won with the ace, cashed the ace, king of hearts and led a low trump to South. The defence thus got two hearts, one spade and one diamond. However, before playing the third round of trumps, the queen of clubs to the ace would have dropped the king – very small odds, yes, but it was there. Here, it would have meant 13 IMPs to a more-careful player.

PAN CHINA won by 10 IMPs, thus earning the first berth in the final. PD TIMES was relegated to the lower bracket against HUABIN, who had beaten PIONEERS earlier; PD TIMES won by 36 IMPs. In that match, the biggest swing came on this board:

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jerry Li	Bao	Fu	Sun
—	Pass	Pass	2♦ ¹
Double	3♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	Double	Redouble ²	Pass
Pass ³	Pass		

1. Both majors, 9+ cards, weak
2. For rescue
3. Thinking redouble was for business

East/West had a misunderstanding. East said, "I want to run, Partner!", but West thought, "After one opponent has passed and the other has made a weak bid, why we should run?"

West can always make three notrump if he can see the North/South hands: on the defence of a low heart lead to the ten, declarer must duck.

In practice, North actually led the jack of spades; West won with the queen. West knew from the auction that the South hand had four spades and five hearts and, when he cashed the clubs, one club, thus exactly 4=5=3=1. However, needing four diamond tricks, the diamonds could not be double-finessed, because there was no third entry to the dummy, so declarer dropped the king-queen of diamonds and made three notrump redoubled. Another factor was that North could not possibly have had a double of three notrump without both diamond honours, so the play of a low diamond toward the jack, then a finesse (or drop, depending on North's play) was contra-indicated.

At the other table, North/South beat two notrump, resulting in a 24-IMP swing.

PD TIMES thus came back into the final through the repechage, to meet PAN CHINA. PAN CHINA won the first set by 39 IMPs and were the better team in the final, winning the 2017 Premier League. Congratulations to them.



Threescore and Beyond – A Rookie's Perspective of the 2014 European Senior Teams Championship Marshall Lewis, Zagreb

The following article (abridged here – Ed.) was written as a memoir of my adventures in the Seniors Teams event at the 2014 European Championships in Opatija, Croatia. It is dedicated to Davor Antonic, one of our comrades in that event, who died earlier this year. RIP Cincar.

I was chagrined to learn that the main benefit accruing to me as a sexagenarian was the right to compete in Seniors bridge events. Along the way, I'd transferred my whereabouts and WBF affiliation from the USA to this splendid land of Croatia. Under my new red-white-and-blue flag, together with a stalwart quintet of indigenous veterans, I was to compete in a European Championship. Our aspirations were not exalted: to be impeccable hosts and to emerge victorious from any contest against one of our geographical neighbours and perennial rivals. It is, after all, the Sacred Honour of the Village which is of paramount importance, however large or small the relevant village may be.

Happily, we did achieve these modest objectives. In this narrative, I will not focus on awesome feats of derring-do, but on a selection of quaint moments that have left a strong impression on me from a “Human Comedy” perspective. My little curios all involve something a bit more than lapses in attention.

Exhibit A:

“It’s going to be a looonnnngggg tournament”

The Tale of the Other King of Clubs

As hosts, we were featured on Vu-Graph in the opening match, and against the current holders, France.

Qualifying, Round 1 – Croatia vs. France

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ 9 6 3 2 ♦ A K 5 ♣ Q 6</p> <p>♠ J 10 5 ♥ 8 ♦ Q 9 8 3 ♣ A K 8 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ 10 9 4 3</p> <p>♠ 7 3 2 ♥ A K Q J 7 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ J 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Lamza</i>	<i>Léenhardt</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
—	INT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Already a pile of IMPs was up for grabs, as both three notrump and four hearts could either make or fail. After mature reflection, François Léenhardt finally fished out a club spot.

If playing in four hearts, declarer must be instantly battle-ready, accurately leading a spade to the nine on the first round of that suit as an extra-chance play. Meanwhile, back at our own three-notrump ranch, the defence has only to cash out the club suit – but accidents (and miracles) do occasionally happen. Léenhardt could hardly be expected to block the suit, even in a Posthumous Teams, but it is not totally impossible for West to play the lead to have been from a three-card holding and, accordingly, return a low club at trick two.

Once the lead hit the table, everyone followed promptly to the first trick, won by the king – which the defender then twirled about thoughtfully in his fingers as he pondered his next move: “Should I try to cash five quick clubs?” Everyone else had long ago turned their cards face down as a matter of course but, at length, West concluded his five-finger exercise with the king of clubs and slapped it down on the table again face up and began to ask to see everyone’s

card (which was his right as he had never turned his own card over, so it was not yet a quitted trick). Unfortunately, before West could get a syllable out, declarer simply assumed that West was done deliberating and was now leading his other club honour to trick two (no doubt having fatalistically expected this dreaded outcome all along), and accordingly put the club queen on the table. Once the defenders had finished digesting what had occurred and the associated implications, West eventually continued with the club ace, while East carefully unblocked his ten, allowing five clubs to be run for down one. I hoped a pushed board, but it was lose 11, not a great start.

Exhibit B:

Pass-Double Inversion and Directional Asking Bids, Croatian-Style

The Tale of the Eight of Clubs

The curious feature of my next miniature does not feature an irregularity; however, since the situation arose as a result of my bidding, many would say that, by definition, it was an irregularity. Once again, it was the first board of a match, now against Germany.

B Final, Round 7 – Croatia vs. Germany

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ K 9 7 6 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A Q 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ Q 10 7 2 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ K 9 5 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ A Q 10 8 4 ♦ 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ A K J 8 3 ♥ 5 ♦ A Q J 2 ♣ J 10 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Strater</i>	<i>Lamza</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
—	Pass	2♥ ¹	Double
3♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Double(!)	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Hearts + a minor, below opening strength

I have long been preaching to anyone who would listen (and she agrees) that, against such weak two-suited openings, one should add a full trick to one’s values (or a second trick to the one already added in all circumstances). Thus, to keep the faith with my own dictum, I started with a takeout double, planning to rebid spades and rejecting the more orthodox approach of two spades-then-double.

A heart went to the jack and king and in short order we were plus 550, despite the 4-1 club break. Partner’s

heart nine was also a potentially-vital asset, as it made the contract foolproof on any other lead as well.

It was an unusual variant of the concept, “Pass-Double Inversion” – or, from another standpoint, my sequence proved the equivalent of a directional ask which said: “I have some high cards – can your passed hand produce a stopper and a source of tricks plus some crucial spot-cards, just in case?”

**Exhibit C:
Letting Sleeping Dogs Lie
The Tale of the Queen of Hearts**

In the final match of the tournament, our team played for the Sacred Honour of the Village against Slovenia. Despite extremely amicable relations, we were still keen to achieve this last and most important of our team objectives. Unfortunately, things had started poorly for us when I moodily withdrew my cards on the following board:

**B Final, Round 8 – Croatia vs. Slovenia
Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.**

	♠ 5		
	♥ K J 10 8 6 3		
	♦ Q 3		
	♣ A K J 8		
♠ J 6 3		♠ A K Q 9 7	
♥ 7 4		♥ Q 9	
♦ A J 7 5		♦ K 8	
♣ 9 6 5 2		♣ 10 7 4 3	
	♠ 10 8 4 2		
	♥ A 5 2		
	♦ 10 9 6 4 2		
	♣ Q		
West	North	East	South
<i>Gavran</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Gornik</i>	<i>Lamza</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

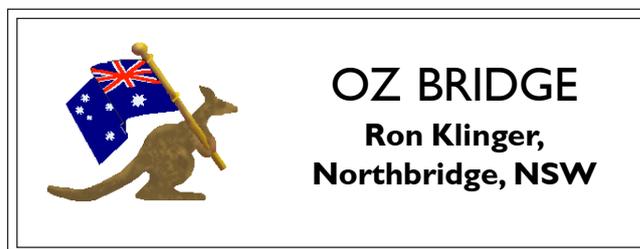
Four hearts was reached in brisk fashion, whereupon my LHO, and screenmate, suddenly sank into a trance. I concluded that he had some sort of very distributional hand, light in high cards, so he hadn't felt it safe to enter the auction vulnerable, until we had shown a significant fit, from which he concluded that his side likewise had a good fit. Eventually he passed, which seemed inevitable, since it is very hard to justify remaining silent until the opponents reach game and then suddenly entering the auction, especially vulnerable.

He duly led out the queen, then ace of spades. As he might easily have a diamond honour too, the position of the heart queen was marked. After a trump to the ace and another one to the supremely-confident jack, a cruel surprise befell me. In a mild daze, I asked if I

might see the silent-throughout dealer's entire hand, and he sheepishly exposed his reasonable facsimile of a strong notrump for me to read and weep, all the while profusely apologizing for having slept through the auction until my four-heart bid. There was little I could do but laugh it off and graciously reply: “It's no problem, my friend, we all have to win IMPs whenever and however we can.”

Happily, things picked up after that and our teammates produced a fine set. So, when we conducted our comparison, the rather ironic good news was that the dozen IMPs lost on that deal were almost the only ones conceded in the match. And, despite the myriad wounds suffered throughout, our final Parthian shot enabled us to make our exit from the European Senior Teams with unfurrowed brows and heads held high.

In closing, I want to thank our captain, Tvrtko Perkovic, and all my gallant teammates: Davor Antonic, Slobodan Babic, Zvonko Petrovic, and especially my partner Goran “Bumbar” Lamza. The deepest appreciation of all, however, I offer to our sixth Musketeer, the intrepid Zeljko Pintaric (“Pinta”), who suffered a heart attack before the tournament but who refused to mangle in Intensive Care surrounded by a bevy of gorgeous nurses attending to his every need when his country needed his services in Opatija. The world still needs heroes, Pinta, even crazy ones. You are an inspiration to us all.



Dick Cummings was one of Australia's top players from the 1960s through to the 1990s. The Dick Cummings Open Swiss Pairs (twelve 10-board matches, Swiss format, match-point scoring, with the average over ten boards converted to Victory Points) is an annual event in Australia.

Round 11. Board 2. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Double	1♠	2♣	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

This deal arose in the 2017 Australian Spring Nationals in the Dick Cummings Open Pairs:

West led the two of clubs. From that lead, South could deduce that West, a passed hand, did not have the king-queen-jack of spades and probably not the spade king-queen or the club queen-jack. Where were West's points for the takeout double? It looked as though West had the ace of hearts, likely to be short.

South took the ace of clubs, crossed to the ace of diamonds, and played the two of hearts: five – king – four. Then came the king of diamonds and a third diamond, won by West, who switched to a spade, taken by the ace. Next came a diamond winner. East discarded (it would not have helped to ruff) and South threw the ten of spades. West ruffed with the ace of hearts and played another spade, ruffed by declarer. After the seven of clubs, ruffed in the dummy, and a trump, South had ten tricks, plus 420 and a 92% board.

At the start of the next match, North said, "My partner played Board 2 very nicely. He made ten tricks."

West replied, "Oh, that's nothing. Against us they made eleven when I led the ace and another heart."

Making eleven tricks was worth 99%.




COINCIDENCE?

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Coincidences, by British chess grandmaster Jim Plaskett, is a great read. One reviewer wrote that while he read the word "synchronicity" in a previous review, his wife shouted out from another room "synchronicity", about a totally different coincidence! At one point on Saturday morning, November 11, we started discussing squeezes at bridge, noting that it was unnecessary to know the names of the various types that can arise, just as long as you can execute them at the table. At around 15:00 hours, I logged in to BBO to see what was happening in the Champions Cup final in Riga. This deal was on the screen:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

The result in the Closed Room had already been posted, plus 620 from five diamonds. In the Open Room ...

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Allfrey	Cronier	Robson
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

After West doubled for a spade lead, East started the defence with the five of spades. West won with the queen and switched to a diamond. Declarer won and cashed two more rounds of the suit, discarding two spades from dummy as West pitched the seven of clubs. To have any chance, declarer knew that he would need to find East with the king of clubs but, even then, he needed to find another trick – and that surely had to come from a squeeze. So, declarer cashed another diamond, discarding a club from dummy as East pitched the three of spades and West the three of clubs. Now declarer took the ace of hearts and then played another diamond, throwing the ten of hearts as East released the two of clubs and West the jack of hearts. This was the position:

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

If declarer now plays his penultimate diamond what does East discard?

- A spade allows declarer to pitch a club, take the club finesse and advance the king of spades, pinning East's ten.

- A heart allows declarer to cross to the heart king, establishing another trick in the suit
- So, East must pitch a club.

Now declarer plays a club to the king and ace and cashes the queen of clubs, pitching a heart.

- If East releases a spade, declarer continues with dummy's king of spades
- If East throws a heart, that allows declarer to cash the king of hearts, establishing a long heart.

Tragically, declarer played a heart to the king instead of a trump, followed by the nine of spades but, when the hoped-for ace did not appear, he had to go one down. So, what kind of squeeze is this? East had to hold on to two spades to prevent declarer from taking a ruffing finesse against his partner, so perhaps it is a type of guard squeeze.

What is perhaps most annoying from my point of view is that, had declarer succeeded, the deal would have been a candidate for "Declarer Play of the Year".



Here is a little play problem from the bridge table at the Otago Bridge Club in Dunedin, New Zealand. You have bid a little aggressively to seven hearts and, as South, receive the lead of the heart six. As they say in the best of problems, plan your play.

Board 13. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ A 10 2
♥ 10 8 4 2
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ J 9

♠ J 8
♥ A K 9 7 3
♦ A
♣ A K Q 7 5

West	North	East	South
Stewart Kerr	Estelle Maxwell	Anne Marie Russell	Murray Barron
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣ ¹
Pass	4♥ ²	Pass	5♣ ³
Pass	5♥ ⁴	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Ace-asking
2. 1 ace
3. King-asking
4. 1 king

You play low from dummy and East contributes the jack of hearts to the first trick ... and next?

Well, it really does look like West has exposed his partner, who must have the queen and jack of hearts, with or without the five. So, like declarer, Murray Barron, you cross to the ace of spades and play another heart from dummy. The five comes from East and you play the nine from hand, thinking that had West led any other suit, you would have played the ace-king of hearts and gone down.

You are about (in your head, of course ... no gloating!) to thank West for his lead when West wins the nine of hearts with the queen! To complete the débâcle, West leads a spade to East's king (considerate partner that he is) for two off. Ouch!

This was the full deal:

♠ A 10 2
♥ 10 8 4 2
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ J 9

♠ 9 7 6 4 3
♥ Q 6
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 8 3

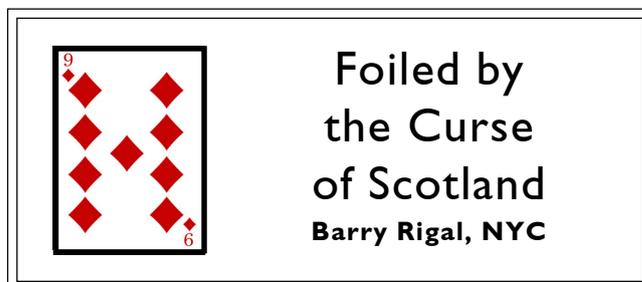
♠ K Q 5
♥ J 5
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ 10 6 4 2

♠ J 8
♥ A K 9 7 3
♦ A
♣ A K Q 7 5

Surely this is one on which to dine out. West, Stewart Kerr, said he remembered Zia's advice suggesting a trump lead against grand slams.

I doubt that Zia ever executed the amazing coup achieved by Kerr simply by taking Zia's advice.

The only clue pointing declarer in the right direction was that, usually, an East player with queen-jack-low in trumps would have played the queen at trick one.



This spectacular deal is from Honors, the Manhattan bridge club. It featured Judy Wiseman and Mike Lipkin on defence as North and South respectively. Lipkin was robbed of a chance for a brilliancy because of the nine of diamonds. (See top of next page.)

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ J 10 5 3 2
 ♥ 8 3 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ K 4

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

♠ 6
 ♥ Q J 9 7 6
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ Q 8 7 6 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Southern</i>	<i>Weisman</i>	<i>Kozlovsky</i>	<i>Lipkin</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Weisman started the defence on the right track when she led the club king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played two top spades. Mike Lipkin then found the defence that would set the hand whenever his partner had three diamonds or more. He ruffed with the ace (a really unnatural play) to return the ten of diamonds; that killed declarer's chances.

As the cards lie, Lipkin could have ruffed low because his partner had the nine of diamonds (the Curse of Scotland). However, by switching the diamond nine and the diamond eight, ruffing with the ten would have allowed declarer to overruff the ten of diamonds and play the ace of hearts and ruff a heart. Declarer could then have led a spade and maneuvered to draw trumps without South being able to promote a trump trick for North.

NEWS & VIEWS



Hugh Ross

ACBL Hall of Famer Hugh Ross, a Grand Life Master from Oakland CA, died Nov. 20. Ross was a three-time Bermuda Bowl champion (with three different partners: Erik Paulsen, Peter Pender and Mike Lawrence) and had four silver medals in world-level play. He had won 19 North American championships.

Ross was born and raised in Montréal, Québec, Canada. He was a graduate of McGill University.

Longtime friend Mike Lawrence said, "Hugh was as close to having a perfect personality as possible. My wife observed that Hugh never had to apologize because he never had anything to apologize for."

Steve Landen

Grand Life Master Steve Landen of Ellicott City MD died Oct. 29. The 64-year-old, who had battled the effects of Alzheimer's for several years, died of hypothermia complicated by a fall he suffered walking near his home. Landen was a six-time NABC champion with two medals in world play.

European Championships

In addition to the Women's Pairs, which was reintroduced in Budapest in 2016 at the beginning of the European Teams Championships, the Ostend Championships in June 2018 will feature a Seniors' Pairs event. Both Women's and Seniors' National Pairs will start on Wednesday 6 June and will finish on Saturday 9 June 2018. Entry will be through the Championship Microsite which will be available from the beginning of December.

White House Junior International Teams

Kees Tammens is retiring from junior bridge and organising bridge (25 years organising the White House Junior Invitational Teams). Tim Heeres and Bob Drijver will try to make everything go smoothly for the White House Juniors International 2018. They can be reached via email at: whjuniors2018@gmail.com

The German Doctors

According to *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf has ruled that, according to its own rules, the WBF cannot bar individual players. The court did not address the matter of the conviction for cheating, nor did it overturn the stripping of Elinescu and Wladow's titles and medals.

ACBL

Dennis Bilde has earned 2017 ACBL Player of the Year honours (most MP won in NABC events).

IBPA member Jan Martel has been selected as the ACBL's Honorary Member of the Year for 2018.

Jay Whipple has been elected ACBL President for 2018.

Maria Teresa Lavazza

Madame Lavazza is back in charge of Italy's national team, the current trials selection process having been a complete failure. Lavazza agreed to return as Non-Playing Captain of Italy's teams in European and World Championships. Rumour has it that the Italian team will be Bianchedi-Madala, Bocchi-Sementa, Duboin-Donato.



Major Event Winners

Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams

Yuxiong Shen/Zijian Shao,

Jack Zhao/Yinghao Liu (all CHN)

North American Swiss Teams

Wubbo De Boer/Agnes Snellers,

Joris van Lankveld/Berend van den Bos (all NED)

Open Board-a-Match Teams

Diyan Danailov/Jerry Stamatov (BUL),

Richard Schwartz (USA),

David Gold/Michael Bell (ENG)

Senior Knockout Teams

Mike Levine/Eddie Wold,

Dennis Clerkin/Jerry Clerkin,

Marc Jacobus/Mike Passell (all USA)

Women's Board-a-Match Teams

Ljudmila Kamenova/Rozanne Pollack,

Cheri Bjerkan/Pam Wittes (all USA)

Mixed Swiss Teams

Valentin Kovachev/Lynne Rosenbaum (USA),

Ahu Zobu (TUR)/Viktor Aronov (BUL)

Blue Ribbon Pairs

Eric Greco/Joe Grue (USA)

Life Master Open Pairs

Dennis Bilde (DEN)/Alon Birman (ISR)

Women's Life Master Pairs

Katarzyna Dufurat/Justyna Zmuda (POL)

Senior Mixed Pairs

Rhonda Harper/Gerry McCully (CAN)

Super Senior Pairs

Patricia Dovell/Mark Jones (USA)



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Not having heard a thing about the Fantoni-Nunes appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, I wrote to the CAS, asking for an update. This is the answer I received.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your message and for your interest in the activities of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Please be advised that the Arbitral Award which contains the Panel's decision is being finalised and has not yet been issued to the parties.

Best regards,

Katy Hogg, Communications Officer
Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS) | Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

I copied Laura Camppneschi of Neapolitan Club and received this in reply:

Dear John,

About the Italian judicial proceedings: At the end of last year, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes filed an appeal to TAR (Regional Administration Tribunal) in Rome against the Italian Bridge Federation (FIGB). As you may recall, in March 2016, the Italian Federation suspended Fantoni and Nunes for three years, after finding them guilty of a sport offence. The hearing before TAR will be held on December 18, 2018 in Rome.

Regards, Laura Camponeschi, Rome

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World Bridge Calendar

DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
2017			
Dec 2-10	2 nd International Festival	Barcelona, Spain	www.sunwaybridgefestival.com
Dec 5-10	Lanzarote Festival	Lanzarote, Canary Is., Spain	www.aebridge.com
Dec 6-12	2 nd SEABF Championships	Jakarta, Indonesia	bert_toar@hotmail.com
Dec 8-15	IMSA Elite Games	Huai'an, China	www.imsaworld.com
Dec 16-22	Winter Nationals	Vishakapatnam, India	www.bfi.net.in
Dec 27-30	Year-End Congress	London, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Dec 30-Jan 7	13 th National Bridge Holidays	Pavel Banya, Bulgaria	www.bridge.bg
2018			
Jan 10-21	Summer Festival of Bridge	Canberra, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Jan 25-28	Winter in Vienna	Vienna, Austria	www.bridgeaustria.at
Jan 25-28	Reykjavik Bridge Festival	Reykjavik, Iceland	www.bridge.is
Jan 27-Feb 2	59 th Bermuda Regional	Southampton, Bermuda	www.bermudaregional.com
Feb 1-7	British Overseas Congress	Budapest, Hungary	www.ebu.co.uk
Feb 11-18	27 th Sun, Sea & Slams	Christ Church, Barbados, W.I.	roglyn@caribsurf.com
Feb 14-18	Commonwealth Nations Championships	Broadbeach, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Feb 16-24	57 th Gold Coast Congress	Broadbeach, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Feb 17-23	2 nd European Winter Games	Monte Carlo, Monaco	www.eurobridge.org
Feb 23-25	International Festival	Cannes, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
Feb 24-25	Lederer Memorial Trophy	London, England	www.metrobridge.weebly.com
Feb 27-Mar 4	San Miguel Allende Regional	San Miguel Allende, Mexico	www.acbl.org
Mar 8-18	ACBL Spring NABC	Philadelphia, PA	www.acbl.org
Mar 25-30	White House Junior Invitational Teams	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	whjuniors2018@gmail.com
Mar 27-Apr 1	123 rd Easter Regional	Toronto, ON	www.unit166.ca
Apr 1-10	Asia Cup	Dhaka, Bangladesh	www.pabf.org
Apr 19-22	XIX President's Cup	Starachowice, Poland	www.senatorbrydz.pl
Apr 25-29	5 th Palace Cup	Warsaw, Poland	www.pzbs.pl
Apr 26-30	Australian Autumn Nationals	Adelaide, Australia	www.abf.com.au
Apr 27-May 4	South African National Congress	Cape Town, South Africa	www.sabg.co.za
Apr 27-May 6	International Festival	Juan-les-Pins, France	www.festivalsdusoleil.com
Apr 27-May 6	Lambourne Jersey Festival	Jersey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
May 4-6	Schapiro Spring Foursomes	Stratford-upon-Avon, England	www.ebu.co.uk
May 5-7	German Bridge Team Trophy	Berlin, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
May 11-19	68 th South American Championships	Bahia, Brazil	http://comandatuba2018.csabridge.org/?lang=en
May 11-20	United States Bridge Championship	Houston, TX	www.usbf.org
May 19-27	Turkish Summer Open Championships	Kusadasi, Turkey	www.tbricfed.org
May 26-Jun 3	Canadian Bridge Week	Montréal, QC	www.cbfc.ca
Jun 6-16	54 th European Team Championships	Ostend, Belgium	www.eurobridge.org
Jun 9-17	20 th German Bridge Festival	Wyk-auf-Föhr, Germany	www.bridge-verband.de
Jun 19-Jul 1	36 th International Bridge Festival	Albena, Bulgaria	www.bridge.bg
Jun 29-Jul 10	Biarritz International Festival	Biarritz, France	www.festival-bridge-biarritz.com
Jul 26-Aug 5	ACBL Summer NABC	Atlanta, GA	www.acbl.org
Jul 27-Aug 5	24 th Swedish Bridge Festival	Örebro, Sweden	mme@svenskbridge.se
Jul 29-Aug 3	Chairman's Cup	Örebro, Sweden	mme@svenskbridge.se
Aug 3-7	Summer Festival Swiss Pairs	London, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Aug 3-12	Norsk Bridgefestival	Drammen, Norway	www.bridgefestival.no
Aug 8-18	17 th World Youth Team Championships	Suzhou, China	www.worldbridge.org
Aug 15-19	Summer Festival Swiss Teams	London, England	www.ebu.co.uk
Aug 18-Sep 2	18 th Asian Games	Jakarta, Indonesia	www.ocasia.org
Sep 7-16	Guernsey Congress	Les Cotils, Guernsey, Channel Is.	www.ebu.co.uk
Sep 22-Oct 6	11th World Bridge Series	Orlando, FL	www.worldbridge.org
Sep 29-Oct 6	New Zealand National Congress	Hamilton, NZ	www.nzbridge.co.nz
Oct 19-21	Vilnius Cup	Vilnius, Lithuania	www.vilniuscup.lt
Oct 25-28	9 th World University Championships	Suzhou, China	www.worldbridge.org
Nov 5-11	21 st Madeira Bridge Festival	Madeira, Portugal	www.bridge-madeira.com
Nov 22-Dec 2	ACBL Fall NABC	Honolulu, HI	www.acbl.org
Dec 27-30	Year-End Congress	London, England	www.ebu.co.uk