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CANADA TAKES BRONZE



The fountain in the central park area of the Sydney Olympic Park

Canada took the bronze medal, defeating France by 140-107 IMPs, including carry-over, in the 64-board play-off yesterday. Canada led throughout and seemed to be coasting home when they led by 103-35 at the half-way point. However, France came back strongly in the third quarter and, with seven deals to go in the final set, had closed to only 18 IMPs behind. Canada pulled away a little once more over the last few deals, so congratulations to Tim Capes, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, Gavin Wolpert and NPC Jonathan Steinberg on taking the bronze.

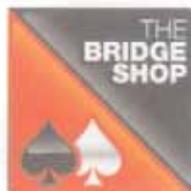
Meanwhile, Poland have led the final throughout, by 45 IMPs at the half and by a similar margin late in the fourth set. But USAI had a big finish yesterday and closed up to just 5.5 IMPs behind with 32 boards to

play. Poland leads by 148.5-143, having extended their carry-over advantage by a single IMP on the day. The fourth set was as lively as anything we have seen all through the Championship. Alas, you will have to wait until our evening Bulletin to read about it.

SCHEDULE

10.30-12.50	Final Segment 5
14.10-16.30	Final Segment 6
20.00	Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony will be held on the first floor of the Novotel Hotel starting at 8:00pm.
Dress is smart casual.





RESULTS



FINAL

TEAMS	POLAND	USA I
Carry-over	4.5	-
Boards 1-16	45	27
Total	49.5	27
Boards 17-32	49	35
Total	98.5	62
Boards 33-48	24	15
Total	122.5	77
Boards 49-64	26	66
Total	148.5	143
Boards 64-80	-	-
Total	-	-
Boards 81-96	-	-
Final Result	-	-

PLAY-OFF

TEAMS	FRANCE	CANADA
Carry-over	-	16
Boards 1-16	32	38
Total	32	54
Boards 17-32	3	49
Total	35	103
Boards 33-48	49	10
Total	84	113
Boards 49-64	23	27
Final Result	107	140



Individual Final Ranking

Rank	Player	Country	Sess. 1	Sess. 2	Total
1	Yuichi IKEMOTO	JPN	60.50	54.10	114.60
2	Abdel. MEHILBA	EGY	60.10	46.70	106.80
3	Haakon KIPPE	NOR	56.60	52.50	109.10
4	Gilad OFIR	ISR	55.80	59.60	115.40
5	Gabby FEILER	AUS	55.10	54.20	109.30
6	Daniel GEROMBOUX	AUS	53.90	49.70	103.60
7	Ben GREEN	ENG	52.70	53.10	105.80
8	Daniel SKIPPER	NZL	51.60	59.50	111.10
9	Erik EIDE	NOR	51.60	51.90	103.50
10	Joern RINGSETH	NOR	51.20	50.50	101.70
11	David SKIPPER	NZL	50.40	56.90	107.30
12	Nye GRIFFITHS	AUS	50.00	43.30	93.30
13	Justin WILLIAMS	AUS	49.60	48.20	97.80
14	Blair FISHER	NZL	49.60	46.30	95.90
15	Griff WARE	AUS	48.80	41.10	89.90
16	A. WOODCOCK	ENG	48.10	43.40	91.50
17	Alex MORRIS	ENG	46.50	46.50	93.00
18	John WHYTE	NZL	43.00	52.90	95.90
19	Ally MORRIS	AUS	42.20	44.90	87.10
20	Fraser REW	NZL	41.80	44.70	86.50
21	Michael BYRNE	ENG	40.60	50.10	90.70
22	Michael WHIBLEY	NZL	40.30	49.60	89.90

Swiss Pairs Final Ranking

Rank	Pair	Country	IMPs	VPs
1	Joaquin PACAREU & Jack SMITH	CHI	73	112
2	CY TSENG & WB WANG	TPE	61	108
3	Roberto BARBOSA & Jose BRUM	BRA	58	107
4	Petter EIDE & Joern RINGSETH	NOR	52	107
5	Mate MRAZ & Balazs SZEGEDI	HUN	41	103
6	Haakon KIPPE & Espen LINDQVIST	NOR	26	98
7	Michael WHIBLEY & J. WILLIAMS	NZL/AUS	25	97
8	Michael BYRNE & Alex MORRIS	ENG	20	96
	Ben GREEN & Duncan HAPPER	ENG	20	96
10	Yuichi IKEMOTO & Shugo TANAKA	JPN	16	96
11	Fraser REW & John WHYTE	NZL	20	95
12	Cheuk-hin LEUNG & Chi-cheung NG	HKG	11	94
13	Mohammed HAMMAD & Karim NABIL	EGY	7	91
14	Abdelrehim MEHILBA & S. NOSHY	EGY	5	91
15	Erik EIDE & Allan LIVGARD	NOR	3	91
16	Gilad OFIR & Danielle STERN	ISR/AUS	0	91
17	CH HUNG & LH KUO	TPE	-8	87
18	Andras RIESZ & Csaba SZABO	HUN	-23	84
19	KF MAK & WS YIU	HKG	-20	83
20	Daniel GEROMBOUX & Griff WARE	AUS	-25	80
21	Gabby FEILER & A. WOODCOCK	AUS/ENG	-36	80
22	YH WU & TL WU	TPE	-35	79
23	Eduardo ROSSI & Levy VIANNA	BRA	-37	78
24	Andrew BRADY & Blair FISHER	AUS/NZL	-65	69
25	Daniel SKIPPER & David SKIPPER	NZL	-76	66
26	Nabil EDGTTON & Adam EDGTTON	AUS	-113	55

SEMI-FINALS

SEGMENT 2



FRANCE

v

POLAND



An Elegant Ending

by Ron Klinger

If you simply glance down at a scorecard when looking for deals to report, it is easy to miss a pretty play when there is no swing, especially if it is a partscore. Take a look at this board from the second session of the semi-finals:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

In Canada versus USA1, the bidding started the same way at both tables:

West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	1♠	2♣
...

At one table this was passed out. At the other, South reopened with 2NT, both minors with longer clubs, and West bid 3♠ at once. Both declarers were one down after a club lead.

France v Poland:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Araszkievicz</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Buras</i>
2♠	Pass	1♠	2♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
	All Pass		

Lead: ♠A



At trick two, South shifted to the ♣J, taken by the ace and the ♠Q fetched the king. North shifted to the ♥6, won by the ace and South carefully unblocked the ♥K. The ♠J drew the last trump. Declarer discarded a heart loser on the third club and exited with a heart. North naturally overtook South's ♥10 and switched to the ♦6. That was one down for +100 to Poland.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>
2♠	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
	3♣	All Pass	

Lead: ♠3

This looked like a swing to Poland. South has to lose three trump tricks and the ♥A, and how can he avoid a diamond loser if the opponents hold off on the first round of hearts, assuming South starts with the ♥K?

De Tessieres showed us how. He won the spade lead and led the ♣J, ducked to the queen. Back came the ♠5. Most of us would throw a diamond loser, win with the ♠K and take a diamond finesse. At the end of the day we would lose a diamond for one down.

Despite dummy having no sure re-entry, De Tessieres ruffed the ♠5 and played the ♥K, ducked, followed by the ♥10, taken by the ace. A spade from East now would allow declarer to pitch two diamond losers and finesse the ♦Q to make the contract. East therefore returned the ♣4, to West's ace.

As he could not afford a major-suit exit, West played the ♦2 to the king and ace. This was the position:

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

De Tessieres cashed the ♦Q and exited with a trump. East won and, as he had only major-suit cards left, away went South's diamond losers.

SEMI-FINALS

SEGMENT 3

3NT the Hard Way

by Ron Klinger

All four tables played in 3NT on this deal from the third session of the semi-finals. In each match one declarer succeeded while the other failed.

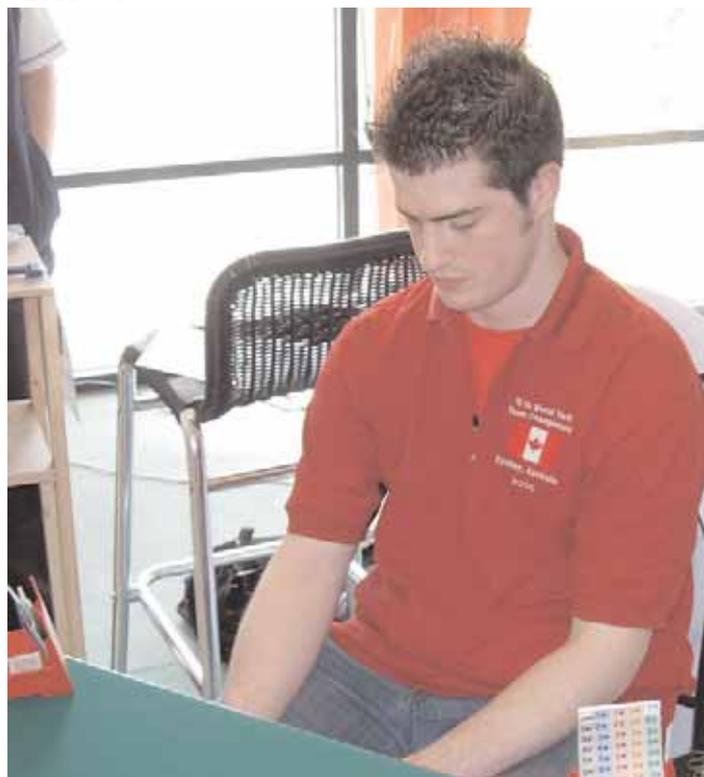
Board 47. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K Q J 7 6 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ 5</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ A 5 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ K J 7 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A 10 8 4 2 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ Q 9 8</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Canada v USA I

West <i>Greenberg</i>	North <i>Wolpert</i>	East <i>Lall</i>	South <i>Demuy</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♦5



Daniel Lavee, Canada

Declarer won with the ♦K and led the ♠5: four – king – three. A heart to the ace was followed by the ♠9 to the queen. Declarer exited with the ♣5 from dummy and North flew ace to return the ♦J. The ♦A was cashed and South threw the ♠8. Declarer cashed the ♥K and was one down for +50 to Canada.

West <i>Lavee</i>	North <i>Hurd</i>	East <i>Grainger</i>	South <i>Wooldridge</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♠2

Declarer ducked in dummy and won with the ♠9. He continued with the ♠5: ten – king and North discarded the ♦J. The ♠Q came next, ducked by South, with North and East throwing clubs. When the ♣5 was played North played the ♣10 and declarer the ♣K, followed by the ♣2 to North's ace. North shifted to the ♦10, taken by the king, and the next club went to South. When South did not cash the ♠A, declarer had the rest of the tricks for +460 and 11 IMPs to Canada. That was 3NT the easy way.

France v Poland

West <i>De Tessierres</i>	North <i>Kalita</i>	East <i>O.Bessis</i>	South <i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♥4

North played the ♥J on dummy's ♥9 and East won to play the ♠5: four – king – three. Dummy's ♦2 went to the jack and king, and East continued with the ♠9 to the queen. North pitched the ♦10. On the ♣5, North grabbed the ace since he could lock declarer in dummy. The ♦6 went to the ace and declarer cashed the ♦Q, South discarding the ♣8. The low heart from dummy was taken by North's ♥Q and he cashed the diamond winner. The heart return left declarer in dummy to lose the last two spades for one down; +50 to Poland.

West <i>Buras</i>	North <i>T.Bessis</i>	East <i>Araszkiewicz</i>	South <i>Gaviard</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♦J

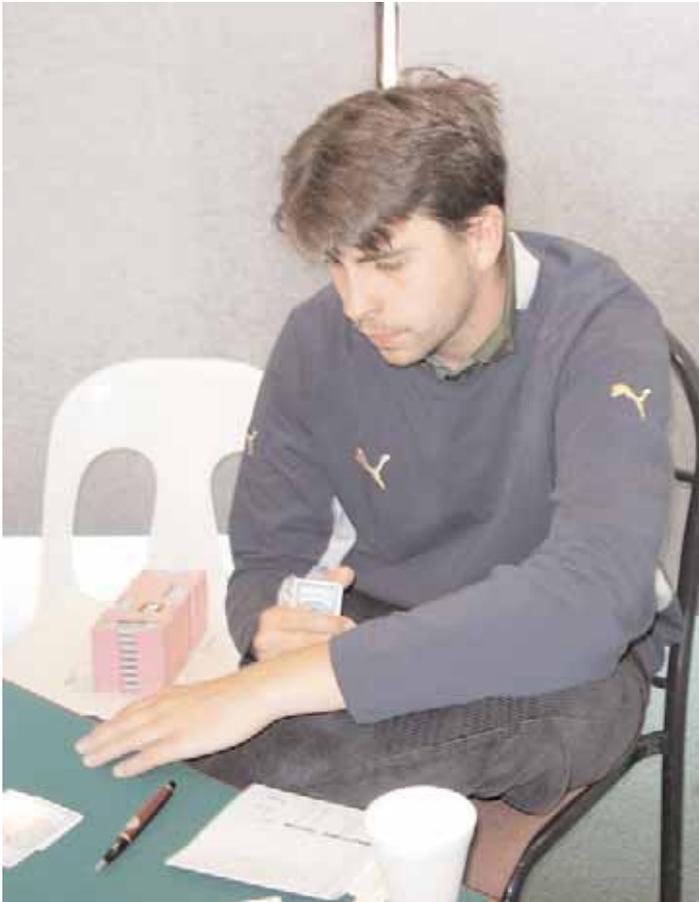
This was the only table where West was declarer. The ♦J lead went to the ace and declarer played the ♣5: four – king – eight. Had he known clubs were 3-3, he could have

continued clubs and had an easy time with four club tricks and five red-suit winners. However, with one club trick in the bag, it was natural to try for three spade winners. How hard could that be?

At trick three, the ♠5 went to the king, followed by the ♠Q. Bad news, as North discarded the ♣10. South took the ♠A and played the ♦5 to the king. Declarer reverted to clubs to North's ace, discarding the ♥9 from hand. North exited with the ♦10 to the queen, South letting the ♥3 go. This was now the position:

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

East cashed the ♥A and ♥K and exited from hand with the ♠7. South won with the ♠8 and cashed the ♣Q, but declarer had the last two tricks. Declarer had made 3NT the hard way for +400 and 10 IMPs to Poland.



Krzysztof Buras, Poland

Sport News

Golf

USPGA Final Ranking



- 4 Phil Mickelson
- 3 Steve Elkington (Aus), Thomas Bjorn (Den)
- 2 Tiger Woods, Davis Love
- 1 Retief Goosen (SA), Geoff Ogilvy (Aus), Pat Perez, Michael Campbell (NZ)

Cricket



Australia's last-wicket pair secured a draw in a desperately tense finish to the third Test at Old Trafford to keep the Ashes series level at 1-1. Captain Ricky Ponting batted for six hours for 156 but was dismissed with 25 balls left, leaving Brett Lee and Glenn Mc-

Grath to see Australia to safety.

Shane Bond recorded his best figures in a Test by taking 6-51 as New Zealand bowled out Zimbabwe for 231 on the opening day in Bulawayo. He took a wicket in each of his first three overs as the home side, bowled out for 59 and 99 in the first Test, slumped to 74-6. They were rescued by skipper Tatenda Taibu, who made 76 before he was caught by Daniel Vettori off Bond. The Kiwis had reached 48-2 in reply from eight overs at close of play.

Soccer



Lyon have announced that they have agreed a £26m fee with Chelsea for Ghana midfielder Michael Essien. Essien now just needs to complete a medical before he can sign a five-year deal and so bring the summer's longest running transfer saga to an end.

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Appeal No. 3



Semi-final Set 2

France v Poland - Open Room

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	O.Bessis	Kalita	De Tessieres
Pass	Dble	I♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Dble(i)	3♦

All Pass

- (i) East to North: 'Extras'
West to South 'I think penalty'

Play to Trick One: ♠7, ♠5, ♠Q, ♠3

Table result: 3♦-1 by South; -100

Result in other room: 3♥ = by East; +140

TD: Marc Van Beijsterveldt

TD's Statement of Facts:

I was called to the table after the next board had been played. South claimed damage because he might have been given a wrong explanation. He played East for long spades and hence the stiff king of diamonds. Had he known that East was short in spades, he might have played a diamond to the ten and would probably have made the contract.

TD's Decision:

No infraction so result stands

Law References:

Law 75

Appellants: N/S

Appeals Committee Statement:

The committee saw the two different written explanation of the meaning of the double of 2♠, made by East to North and by West to South, and took into account that there is no clearly relevant explanation of the double either on E/W's convention card or in their system notes. Having taken into account the complexity of the auction and

complicated nature of the play in 3♦, the committee believes that there may have been misinformation given by West to South. Given the explanation he was given at the table, there was no possibility for South to find the winning play in 3♦. Had he been given the correct explanation, the committee is unanimous in believing that declarer would have made 3♦ a substantial amount of the time. The committee members agreed that this would be 60% of the time and adjusted the score accordingly.

Laws applied:

75C and 12CE

Score Adjustment:

3♦ makes 60% of the time for N/S +110. 3♦ goes one down 40% of the time for -100. This gives a swing to France (N/S) of 4 IMPs against the table result of France +1 IMP.

Appeals Committee:

Joan Gerard (USA) (Chairman), Stefan Back (Germany), Paul Hackett and Brian Senior (England), John Wignall (New Zealand)

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SEMI-FINALS

SEGMENT 4



FRANCE

v

POLAND



Big Swings

The last set of the semi-final match between France and Poland featured two huge swings, one to each team, as France desperately tried to turn the match around.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Thomas Bessis agreed hearts then co-operated with a diamond cuebid, but Julian Gaviard was not prepared to go past game with no spade control and slow club losers and Bessis in turn was not willing to risk the five level with his minimum hand and weak trumps. Gaviard ducked the spade lead to the king and later played diamonds from the top so had three discards for his little clubs; twelve tricks for +680.

Krzysztof Buras forced to game with his initial response then showed his balanced hand with strength in the unbid suits. When Konrad Araskiewicz went on with 4♥, he had to be strong so Buras cuebid, confirmed that he held first-round spade control, then showed his key cards.

Against 6♥, the lead was again a spade. Araskiewicz ducked to the king and back came a second spade. He cashed all but one of the trumps then finessed the jack of

diamonds and now had no way to get to the three winners stranded in dummy. On the club switch, he conceded four down for -400 and 14 IMPs to France.

Of course, playing diamonds from the top would have made the slam, but that was heavily against the odds.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I prefer Gaviard's weak jump to Araskiewicz's simple overcall but it was Araskiewicz whose side won the board.

After the simple overcall, Olivier Bessis made the obvious raise to 2♥ and, as French style is that this will always deliver four-card support, Godefroy De Tessieres raised



himself to game. De Tessieres ducked the lead of the ♠K and Araskiewicz switched to a club for the queen and ace. Now we saw the benefit of the simple 1♠ overcall, as that call suggested high cards where 2♠ would have suggested length but overall weakness. Declarer played the king of hearts next and could not recover. He played a second heart to the ten and queen and back came a third round. De Tessieres played the ♣J and Buras took the king to play a fourth trump. Now the eight of clubs took the ten followed by a losing diamond finesse meant that Buras had the ♣9 to cash for down two; -200.

Though Jacek Kalita also showed four-card heart support, Krzysztof Kotorowicz suggested 3NT as an alternative contract in the other room. Having no real shortage, Kalita left him to play in 3NT, even after Thomas Bessis doubled, liking his club holding. Gaviard duly led a club to the queen and ace and Kotorowicz promptly made the key play when he got the hearts right, leading to the ace then passing the jack. When the ♥J scored, Kotorowicz played the ♣J to the king and Bessis switched to a spade. Declarer ducked two rounds of spades and Gaviard switched to a diamond. When the finesse lost, declarer had the rest for +750 and 14 IMPs to Poland.

The rest of the set went in favour of Poland, who won it by 36-20 IMPs and ran out comfortable winners of the match.

Chile Team Profile

Benjamin Robles, 20, was born in Los Angeles, California but has always lived in Chile. Benjamin is a student of business, economics and administration at the university. He is playing his second WYTC and actually plays in the Chilean Open team also. Benjamin was a 2002 Junior South American Champion.

Joaquin Pacareu, 18, is in his last year of high school. Joaquin played in Paris in 2003 and partners Benjamin in the Chilean Open team.

Jack Smith, 23, is a student of economics and administration at the university. This is his first WYTC experience and he also plays on the Chilean Open team. Jack used to be a tennis player until bridge knocked at his door.

Paula Riedel, 25, is another student of economics and administration. This is her first WYTC, and she plays competitively in the Chilean Women's Trials.

Marcelo Caracci, NPC, is a successful engineer who works in a popular bank in Chile. This is his first time as an NPC at a WYTC. Marcelo has played in the Chilean Open team for the last thirty years and his partner is Benjamin Robles' father.

France Team Profile

All six French players are the sons of French champions, so they have all been accustomed to hearing bridge conversations at home since childhood. They have all played their favourite game for many years in Schools and Junior events, and now they have begun to play in Open and Mixed team events with their parents, which I find very commendable.

The **Grenthe** brothers: **Gillaume** (26) and **Jerome** (25). Both work in a bank now that they have finished business high school. They were runners-up in the pairs in Tata in 2003. Guillaume lives in Lyon and plays football, tennis and golf. Jerome lives in Paris and loves relaxing and good restaurants.

The **Bessis** brothers: **Olivier** (23) and **Thomas** (21). Olivier is a student of mathematics in the Lyon High School. He plays football and volleyball. Thomas is also a student of mathematics but in a high school in Paris. He too loves football and volleyball. They play together very, very rarely!

Julien Gaviard (24) is a student of engineering in high school in Lille. For him, the best sports stadium is his bed, and it is even better when his girlfriend is also in it.

Godefroy De Tessieres (24) is another engineering student in high school, but in Paris. He is very often playing bridge while waiting for his diploma. Godefroy is always talking... and talking... and talking...

Herve Mouiel (55) is a professional bridge player and teacher in Cannes.

WARNING!!

Australian girls, the following words are for you: All my six boys are staying in Sydney until Saturday, they are very kind, good looking, intelligent and... not married! So all suggestions will be accepted!! And maybe more if the chemistry is right!!

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FINAL & PLAY-OFF

SEGMENT I

A Minor Consideration by Ron Klinger

At each table North bid diamonds on this deal from Session I of the final, but each North introduced them at a different level.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

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Firstly the one level:

Bronze medal play-off, Canada v France:

West	North	East	South
G.Grenthe	Wolpert	J.Grenthe	Demuy
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
3♥	4♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♥	5♦
		Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♥4



Jerome Grenthe, France

Declarer cashed the hearts, pitching a spade, then led the ♠7: jack, king, ace. With diamonds 1-1, he could ruff the two spade losers and score an overtrick for +650.

Then the two level:

West	North	East	South
Grainger	T.Bessis	Capes	Gaviard
		1♣	Pass
1♥	2♦	2♥	3♣
3♥	5♦	All Pass	

Declarer made the same twelve tricks, but not doubled it was +420, so 6 IMPs to Canada.

Next the four level:

Final, Poland v USAI:

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
		2♥(i)	Pass
2NT	4♦	Pass	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

(i) 10-15, three-suiter with short diamonds

Lead: ♠7

East won cheaply with the ♠8 and led the ♥3. South took the ♥A and switched to the ♦6. North won with the ♦A and gave South his spade ruff. South cashed the ♥A and exited with a low club. He still had a club trick coming for three down and +500.

Finally, the five level:

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araszkiewicz	Lall
		1♣	Pass
1♥	5♦	All Pass	

Declarer scored the usual twelve tricks for +420, but 2 IMPs to Poland.

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SEGMENT I



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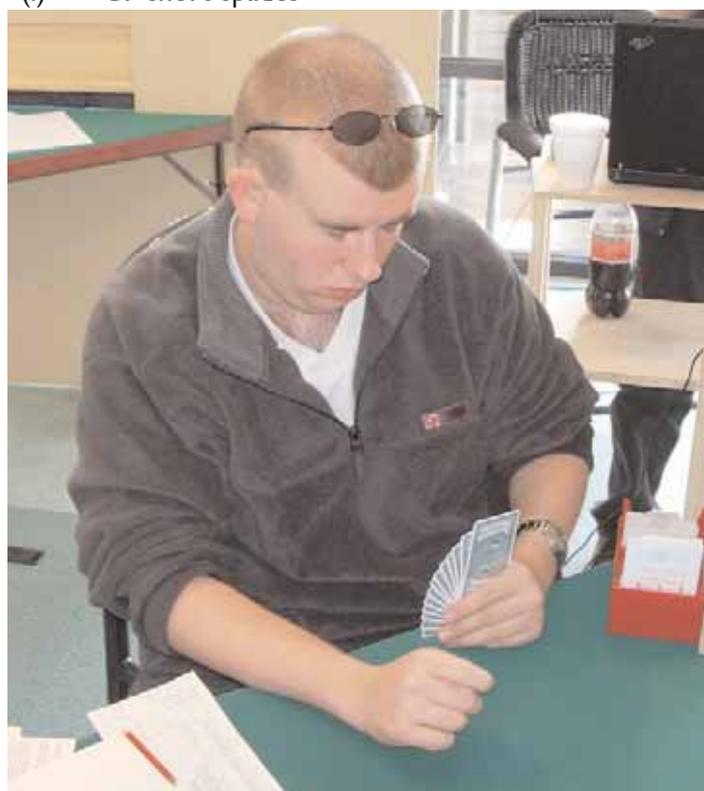
Poland went into the 96-board final with a 4.5 IMP carry-over advantage – not a lot, but matches and championships have been decided by fewer IMPs than that often enough.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ A Q J ♦ A J 8 5 2 ♣ A 10 8 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 10 9 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ K 7 ♣ K J 7 3 2
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W E					
S					
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♠ J 7 6 2 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 9 6 4 3 ♣ 9 5 4					

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Dble	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

(i) GF short spades



Joe Grue, USA

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
	Pass	1♣(i)	Pass
2♦(ii)	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

- (i) Polish, strong ART or weak NT
- (ii) GF natural

Both East/West pairs did well to bid to the cold slam to start the match – cold as the cards lie, that is as, looking only at the two hands, slam needs a little more than picking up the trumps without loss; a push at +920.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 6 5 4 ♥ A 9 8 2 ♦ K 10 3 ♣ J	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K J 8 3 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 10 8 7 6 2
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W E					
S					
♠ A 2 ♥ K Q 5 4 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ Q 5 4 3					
♠ 9 7 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ A J 9 7 6 ♣ A K 9					

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♠	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Why did Jacek Kalita start with a 2♠ cuebid rather than a negative double? We don't know, but as South's next call came over a 3♠ raise from East at both tables, it did not affect the issue too much.

When 3♠ came back around to North, Ari Greenberg tried 3NT, knowing that he had the values for game and had a spade stopper. Of course, if partner could not help out in spades there would have to be nine running tricks.

Greenberg won the spade lead and ran the queen of diamonds. When that lost the defence had six winners; -200.

Kalita preferred to reopen with a double, which gave Krzysztof Kotorowicz an unattractive range of options. Having already shown genuine diamonds, Kotorowicz decided to bid his three-card club suit and Kalita raised to game. Five Clubs would not have been much of a spot at the best of times, but the five-one trump break made it completely hopeless and Kotorowicz drifted three down for -300 and 3 IMPs to USA1.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 7 ♥ J 10 8 6 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ 6 4 2	N W E S	♠ K 8 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ 10 9	♠ 10 ♥ A K 9 5 3 ♦ K J 10 3 2 ♣ 8 3
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West	North	East	South
Kranzyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
			1♥
Dble	2♥	2♠	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Dble
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
			1♥
Dble	2♥	2♠	4♦
4NT	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

For the second time in three deals the Polish East/West pair bid to 6♣, but this time with less success. Slam is only on an even spade split but, when the spades proved to be three-one, 6♣ went more down than would have 6♠. Greenberg led the ♥J and Justin Lall overtook to switch to the jack of diamonds. Krzysztof Buras won the diamond and drew trumps then tried to split the spades; down three for -300. Note Greeneberg's nicely judged 5♥ bid, which took away the space required for East/West to discover that the queen of spades was missing.

The American East/West did have room to check for the queen of spades and so stopped in 5♠ when they discovered that it was missing. Kotorowicz cashed a top heart then switched to the king of diamonds to dummy's ace. Joe Grue cashed the top trumps then played on clubs to take eleven tricks for +650 and 14 IMPs to USA1.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 10 6 5 2 ♥ A 9 7 5 3 ♦ 10 ♣ Q 7	N W E S	♠ Q 7 3 ♥ K Q 10 4 2 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ 8	♠ A ♥ 8 ♦ Q J 9 8 7 6 4 ♣ A J 9 2
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West	North	East	South
Kranzyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
1♠	2♥	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
2♥	All Pass		

The Polish East/West auction was short and sweet - 2♥ showed a weak hand with at least five hearts and any second suit of at least four cards. As he could suspect which was the second suit, Araskiewicz passed out 2♥. Greenberg cashed a top diamond then switched to the two of hearts - a great play on this layout - for the jack and ace. Buras ran the queen of clubs to the king. A spade came back to the bare ace and the ♦Q was ruffed and over-ruffed. Buras cashed the king of spades then tried a club towards dummy, but Greenberg could ruff the club and draw trumps. He had the ♠Q and ♦K to cash but then had to conceded the last trick to dummy's ♦J; down three for -150.

John Kranzyak opened a shaded 1♠, which was no surprise after some of the other openings we have seen from this partnership. Even in the context of a limited opening style, the 3NT rebid was pretty ugly, but what else could Kranzyak do? Joe Grue preferred to play his shapely hand in 5♦, ending the auction. Grue won the heart lead and ran the queen of clubs. That lost and the club return was ruffed. There were just the two top diamonds to lose from here; down two for -100 but 2 IMPs to USA1.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
	3♦	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	3♦	4♦	5♣
Dble	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Kalita showed a healthy disregard for the four-card side-suit and missing seventh diamond to open with a pre-empt of which I wholeheartedly approve, and it caused big problems as the five-four spade fit was missed. East/West did have a diamond stopper and ten running tricks, but Kotorowicz had six club winners to cash for down two; -200.

Greenberg did not open the North hand but came in later with a weak jump overcall, probably implying four hearts to explain the lack of an opening pre-empt. With their opponents in 4♠, the best that North/South could do was to save in 5♦, promptly doubled by Araskiewicz, who cashed two top spades then played three rounds of hearts; down three for -500 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

	♠ K Q 9 4 2	
	♥ Q 8 2	
	♦ Q 7	
	♣ 10 8 6	

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Grue/Kranyak had a standard weak no trump auction - crude but giving away the minimum of information. Giving the opposition a blind lead is a winner more often than the scientists care to admit, but not this time. Kotorowicz had an easy low spade lead and the Poles took the first five tricks for down one; -100.

The Polish Club auction left room for Lall to overcall so

that the spade weakness was discovered early and Buras/Araskiewicz were never in danger of playing in no trump. Five Clubs is the place to be, with a vulnerable game bonus at stake, and that is where the Poles alighted. The defence began with three rounds of spades. Araskiewicz ruffed the third round, drew the outstanding trumps, and played one top heart before turning his attention to diamonds. When his first play was low to the nine, he was home; +600 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
		2♥	Pass
2NT	4♦	Pass	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
		1♣	Pass
1♥	5♦	All Pass	

Grue's 2♥ opening was the old Precision 2♦ hand, three-suited, 10-15 with short diamonds. Kranyak enquired then bid 4♥ when Kalita's pre-empt took away Grue's chance to describe his hand further. Kalita went on to show his second suit and Kranyak initially passed 5♦ round to Grue but then pulled the double to 5♥ when Kotorowicz expressed confidence with his redouble. And right they both were, as there are twelve tricks to be had in a diamond contract for North/South. Kotorowicz led his spade to the declarer's eight. Grue played a trump and Kotorowicz won the king to play a diamond to his partner to get his spade ruff. There was still a top heart and the ♣K to come; down three for -500.

Greenberg was not about to let his opponents get together after the Polish Club opening and natural positive response. He pre-empted all the way to the five level and was left to play there, making twelve tricks for +420 but 2 IMPs to Poland.

At the end of a lively set, Poland had extended its lead to 49.5-27.

MEET THE STAFF

A few days ago we read about our sponsors, but behind this event are a number of Australian volunteers who are dedicated to youth bridge, as well as showing the world how well we can run bridge tournaments in Australia. Here they are:

David Stern – Co-convenor: David, (51) has been a self-employed finance and property consultant for more than 20 years. Having learned bridge around 40 years ago, he has a passion for the game and its future. His other interests include sports, but strictly as a spectator.

Peter Gill – Co-Convenor: graduated from playing in Australian youth bridge events to become a professional bridge player. Peter has worked tirelessly for youth bridge for more than 15 years, also having worked as a helper at overseas youth events, including Stargard in 2001 and Torquay in 2002. Peter and his partner won \$A100,000 in the 1997 Cavendish and he won the IBPA's Best Defended Hand prize in 2004. It is hard to think of youth bridge in Australia without thinking of Peter!

Matthew McManus – Scorer: Born in Sydney, Matthew is a speech pathologist by training and shares his time between this occupation and bridge. He learned bridge at university and has been one of Australia's top players ever since.

As Chief Director for the New South Wales Bridge Association for 10 years he is considered by many to be Australia's leading authority on the laws of the game.

His bridge highlights include making the Australian Open Team in 2002, as well as being captain of the Australian Open team in Istanbul and Japan. His other interests include music, golf and theatre.

Pauline Gumby – Web Presence: a member of the thriving 1960s youth program, Pauline learned bridge in 1968. She worked as a system programmer for many years before retiring and becoming the webmaster for both the New South Wales Bridge Association and the Australian Bridge Federation. Formerly one of Australia's leading woman players, Pauline now plays open bridge and successfully represented New South Wales in the 2005 National Championships.

Nick Fahrer – BBO Supervisor: Nick (41) has a degree in marketing but has found that he can follow his passion for bridge as well as earn a living by owning the Bridge Shop, one of the world's largest bridge supply businesses. His bridge successes include representing NSW in the National Championships, as well as marrying Linda King, a fine bridge player in her own right. Nick is well known to the BBO community as one of the hidden 'public' faces doing a lot of organising of BBO events in Australia and commentating on others overseas.

Kim Neale – Event Secretary: Has just celebrated a special birthday but won't say which one. Married with two children (Nicola 7 & Alec 9) she is a stay at home mum who is getting very involved with bridge administration – convening some local events and national championships

and the WYTC. Kim formerly worked in computer administration and management, She learned to play bridge at high school at 16 years of age, played at Uni and has played ever since. 'I love the game – I am not sure how I would classify myself - having made the finals of the Australian Butler three years running in the women's is an achievement but, having said that, one of the things I love about the game is the way things change and how much more there is to learn!'

She loves escaping to a good movie and playing computer games (although she perhaps shouldn't admit to that).

Richard Grenside – Chief Tournament Director: Richard (67) held the position of ABF Chief Tournament Director for 25 years and has directed for the WBF at the last 19 World Championships.

Laurie Kelso – Director: Originally from North Queensland (Great Barrier Reef country) Laurie, aged 42, now resides in Melbourne. Aged 42, he holds a PHD in Inorganic Chemistry and has been a tournament director for more than 25 years. He started playing competitive Bridge in 1979 - yet another product of the fine 70s youth program. Bridge - better than the average director, but not top class. Laurie currently holds the position of CTD for a number of Australian national events and he reports that this is his first time working at a WBF event - and he is hoping it won't be his last!

Nada Radimir – Hospitality Manager: retired, Swiss and US national, born in Sarajevo. A university trained journalist and languages teacher, she worked in international tourism, shipping and commodities. Her parents played bridge and as a child had to pitch in when one player was missing and in adult life played social bridge and learned modern bridge in retirement. Her youngest internet partner is 13 years old. When she was young the definition of a Lady was 'she plays bridge, smokes and has a lover'. Now all this is obsolete. To play bridge is normal. To smoke is a crime. To have a lover is nothing exceptional. She does play bridge, she does smoke (and enjoys it) and she does have a lover (he is available 24 hrs a day, is blind, takes very little space in bed and can make agreeable sounds. He also loves music and his name is Mico. With a touch she can silence him. His only unpleasant words ever are: ERROR or LOST CONNECTION. She does love her wireless laptop Mico.

And behind them is another group of people to whom the organisers and ABF are so very grateful.

David Thompson (BBO), **Richard Willey** (BBO), **Wayne Burrows** (BBO), **Susan Doty** (BBO), **Chris Diment** (Site Supervisor), **Sean Mullanphy** (Helper), **David Lusk** (Helper and Bulletin contributor), **Barbara Johnston** (Hospitality), **Doroty Cser** (Duplicating), **Ishmael Del'Monte**, **Ted Chadwick**, **Ron Klinger**, **Paul Lavings** and **Bruce Neill**, who all contributed to a sensational vugraph commentary.

To this we must add the WBF staff and personnel who have come a long way to be part of this event including:

Dimitri Ballas (Operations Manager), **Brian Senior** (Bulletin Editor), **Marc van Beijsterveldt** (Director), **George Georgopoulos** (Bulletin Layout Editor), **Fotis Skoularikis** (Internet Editor), as well as WBF executives, **Panos Gerontopoulos**, **Joan Gerrard**, **John Wignall**, **Charlott Blaisse** and **Stefan Back**.

And finally there are so many others who we would like to collectively recognise, including the numerous chauffeurs who picked up and returned our guests to the airport and excursions, the online BBO commentary team who provided entertainment for the wider bridge world, and in particular their organiser, **Roland Wald**, the numerous people who assisted Matthew with data entry, and finally all those people who came out for caddying and recording duties.

It would be remiss if we did not thank the families of these people who, while not directly involved with the event often took on additional domestic and work duties to free up our team to run an event of which we are very proud.



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Nice Defence

France were up against it in their semi-final match against Poland but this deal from the third session did their cause no harm.

Board 43. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ Q 7 ♦ A K 10 9 5 4 2 ♣ A 3 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A K Q 7 3 ♥ A 8 6 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ Q 7	♠ J 5 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ J 7 ♣ K J 10 9 6 5
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E							
S							
♠ 9 8 6 2		♥ K J 10 9 5					
		♦ 8 6					
		♣ 8 4					

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♠	2♣	2♥
3♦	4♥	Pass	4♠
4NT	Dble	5♣	Dble
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
			1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Something dark and mysterious happened at the first table. Julian Gaviard led a spade against 5♣ doubled and Thomas Bessis won the queen then switched to ace and another heart to Gaviard's king. Gaviard switched back to spades and Konrad Araskiewicz ruffed low in dummy and played ace of diamonds, unblocking the jack, ace of clubs, then king of diamonds. He continued by ruffing a diamond with the ten, ruffing his last spade loser in dummy, and leading another diamond. The play record ends here and one would imagine that declarer would be ruffing with the jack or nine, cashing the ♣K and claiming down one. However, Araskiewicz is credited with down two for -300.

Not to worry, it is the action at the other table that we like. Olivier Bessis led the jack of diamonds against 3♠ and Godefroy De Tessieres won the king then underled his ace of clubs to the queen and king. Bessis reverted to diamonds, De Tessieres winning the ace. He continued by cashing the ace of clubs then playing a third diamond - and that promoted East's jack to three spades into the setting trick; nicely done for -50 and 8 IMPs to France.

FINAL

SEGMENT 2



USA I

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POLAND



Poland had won the first session of the final to extend their lead to 49.5-27 but there was still a long way to go.

club against 4♠. Joe Grue scooped in the ♣K and played a heart to dummy then a spade to the queen and ace. Grue won the heart return, cashed the ♠J and unblocked the diamonds before cashing the third heart and crossing to the ♠K; ten tricks for +420.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
		2NT	Pass
3♣	Dble	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Buras	Hurd	Araskiewicz	Wooldridge
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With nothing in the other suits, Jacek Kalita's double of the 3♣ enquiry to attract the lead hardly looked to be a terrible call, but it proved to be fatal to his side's prospects on defence as Krzysztof Kotorowicz led ace and another

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
			2♦
Dble	2♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Buras	Hurd	Araskiewicz	Wooldridge
			2♦
Dble	2♥	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Both Souths opened with a multi and both Wests doubled to show either a weak to intermediate no trump type or maybe a big hand. The respective Norths chose different pass-or-correct bids. Kalita was left to play in 2♠, while at the other table Araskiewicz convinced himself that North would not have great hearts for his 2♥ response so competed to 3♥, where he played.

Grue led a club against 2♠ and Kalita won dummy's king to play a heart. Grue won the ♥A and switched to a diamond and Kranyak took the ace and king then switched to a trump. Grue won the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff; down one for -50.

Araskiewicz won the spade lead in dummy and ducked a heart to North's ten. Hurd switched to a diamond to dummy and declarer took the two diamond winners, crossed to the ace of hearts, then ruffed his diamond loser.



Araskiewicz next led to his ace of spades, Hurd correctly discarding, and that was all for declarer; down three for -300 and 8 IMPs to USA I.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 ♥ Q 10 8 4 ♦ A ♣ A Q 9 7 6 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 10 3 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ K J 6 2 ♣ 10 8 4	♠ A 6 ♥ J 9 5 2 ♦ 10 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ K ♠ K Q 7 5 4 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ J 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Kranyak opened 2♣, Precision, and showed his heart suit in response to the 2♦ enquiry. He could have passed Grue's 3♣ call but, by his standards, had a pretty good opening bid, so made a try for game, which Grue declined.



Jacek Kalita, Poland

On a diamond lead, there are some prospects of making 4♣, but Kalita knew that his opponents had tried for game then chosen to play a minor-suit partscore. Most likely they were missing stoppers in one or more suits and spades seemed the most likely weakness so he led ace and another. Kotorowicz won the second spade and played a third, so Kalita could over-ruff with his bare king. He switched to a diamond and Kranyak won the ace then ran the ♥Q. That lost to the king and back came a second heart to the nine and ace. There was still another heart to be lost so that was down two for -200.

Araskiewicz transferred to 3♣ and Buras duly obliged. Joel Wooldridge competed with 3♠ and played there. Buras cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a trump. Wooldridge won in dummy and played a heart to the king then drew trumps. There was nowhere to park any of his losers so he was two down for another -200 and 9 IMPs to Poland.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10 9 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ A J 7 6 ♣ 8 7 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 6 4 ♥ K Q J 4 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ A K Q ♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ 8 6 5 3 ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ 6 ♠ A Q 5 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 10 4 ♣ J 10 9 5 4 3	♠ 7 6 4 ♥ K Q J 4 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ A K Q ♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ 8 6 5 3 ♦ K 9 8 5 ♣ 6 ♠ A Q 5 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 10 4 ♣ J 10 9 5 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♦	INT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Kranyak, true to form, found a third-seat opening that his counterpart in the other room did not. One Diamond was Precision, not really promising the suit, so Grue led a heart anyway. Kranyak won the ace as Kalita dropped the jack in hope of encouraging a continuation. Which is what he got. Kalita cashed two hearts and the top three clubs then crossed to the ace of spades to cash three more club tricks; +400.

Araskiewicz led a low spade and Hurd had no option but to put in dummy's queen. He continued by unblocking the clubs then trying the ♥J from hand. Buras won that and switched to the jack of diamonds to surround the queen and collect five defensive winners; down one for -50 and 10 IMPs to Poland.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ J 10 8 7 4 ♣ Q J 4	N W E S	♠ 8 7 ♥ A K Q 8 3 ♦ K 9 ♣ A 10 8 5	♠ J 5 4 3 ♥ J 10 7 2 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 7 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	All Pass	INT

Kranyak opened another non-opening bid, this time in second seat and, when his opponents stretched to 3NT, Grue doubled. Kranyak led the ♦J and that went to the king and ace. A second diamond was ducked to the ten and a third round cleared the suit. Kotorowicz played nicely now – a club to the jack and ace and a second club to the king. After cashing two rounds of hearts he reverted to clubs, hoping that Kranyak might be endplayed after taking his diamond(s). Endplayed he was, but the contract was still two down for -300.

At the other table Buras did not open the West hand and North/South bid peacefully to 2♣. Even with the spade off-side, that made a comfortable nine tricks for +110 and 9 IMPs to USA1 – a triumph for Kranyak's light opening.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q ♥ 10 9 5 2 ♦ A 10 9 5 4 ♣ 7 5 3	N W E S	♠ K 9 7 5 2 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ 3 ♣ K J 10 6	♠ A J 10 8 4 3 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 8 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

Flushed with success, Kranyak found an aggressive double of 3NT, and he might well have been right had Grue managed to find a small spade lead – if declarer wins the ♠K the defence has three spades and two aces to take as soon as they get in, while if he ducks he may not be able to find a ninth trick. In practice, Grue led the ten of spades to the queen and now it was clear to win the king. A diamond to the dummy was ducked and the ♥K played. Grue won the ♥A and played back a diamond but now Kalita had nine tricks for +750.

In the other room, Poland again played a doubled contract, when Wooldridge first overcalled then showed his extras by doubling. Looking at ♠K9752, Hurd elected to play for a penalty rather than bid 3♣ and perhaps find his partner with only three cards in the suit. Araskiewicz won the diamond queen lead with the ace and played the queen of spades to the king and ace. He then exited with ace and another heart to the queen. Wooldridge cashed the third heart then played ♦J and ♦K, ruffed. Declarer cashed a top spade then exited with a club. The defence cashed a second club winner and had to come to one trump trick in the endgame for down one; -100 but 12 IMPs to Poland.



John Kranyak, USA

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K Q 5 3 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ A J 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 7 6 2 ♥ A J 9 5 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 5 3	♠ A 9 ♥ 8 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ Q 10 8 7 6 4
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West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♣	2♦	2NT
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Buras	Hurd	Araskiewicz	Wooldridge
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
		2♠	All Pass

The Polish Club silenced Hurd, who left his opponents to an uncontested auction to 2♠. Hurd led his singleton heart and Buras put in dummy's jack, which held the trick. He played a spade to the queen and ace and back came a club for the king and ace. Buras cashed the ♠K and ♥K then played two more rounds of hearts, ruffing, and had eight tricks for +110.

Kranyak's 1♦ opening did nothing to discourage Kalita from overcalling in clubs and North repeated his suit when Kotorowicz tried 2NT – that was hardly likely to be the right spot when South had already passed. Grue led a spade to the king and ace and Kalita returned the suit. Kranyak switched to a heart to the ace and now Grue tried the queen of diamonds, which Kalita won in hand with the ace. He played a club to the king and ace and Kranyak tried to cash the king of hearts. Kalita ruffed, cashed the queen of clubs, and his diamonds went away on the ♠J and ♥Q; another +110 and 6 IMPs to Poland.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 7 6 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ 9 7 6 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 4 2 ♥ K J 10 9 3 2 ♦ 9 2 ♣ A K 4	♠ J 8 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ Q J 7 6 ♣ Q J 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz
Pass	INT	2♥	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3♦
West	North	East	South
Buras	Hurd	Araskiewicz	Wooldridge
Pass	INT	2♥	1♠
Pass	INT	2♥	All Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, Kotorowicz decided to compete to 3♦ via a Good/Bad 2NT, while Wooldridge went quietly and defended 2♥.

Wooldridge led his club against 2♥ and the ten forced the ace. Araskiewicz led a spade up and Wooldridge took the ace and switched to a low diamond to dummy's ace. A heart to the nine and ace was followed by a low diamond to the queen and the queen of clubs, the king being ruffed out. But Araskiewicz had a spade entry to dummy to pick up the hearts and there was just a club to concede; +110.

Meanwhile, Kotorowicz bought a very suitable dummy with four-card diamond support. He just lost a trick in each suit so scored a further +110 to give Poland another 6 IMPs.

After USAI had started the set well, Poland had come back well to take the set by 39-27 IMPs. After 32 boards, they led by 98.5-62.



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Let's celebrate together at the Victory Dinner!

China Hong Kong team