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QUALIFIERS GOLD

K1 PLUS (BULGARIA) Top Swiss League
FORMIDABLES Leap 13 Places In Last Round To Qualify
5 Out Of 11 Foreign Teams Qualify

Overnight leaders **K1 Plus (Bulgaria)** continued from where they left off, to top the 10 round Swiss League.

The big story, however, was the resurgence of last year's runners-up, Kiran Nadar's **Formidables** who were lying 25th with just one round to go. They had a huge **19.86 VPs** last set. Like they say, *'It ain't over till it's over'*. **5 Foreign teams out of 11** made it to the last 16, with Teams K1 Plus (Bulgaria), South Sweden (reigning champs) and Team Russia doing a *one-two-three*. The lineups for the Pre-Quarters (Gold & Silver) are given on the last page.

SILVER

I-DOCTORS Top Swiss League
CAPTAIN'S IV Do A Houdini To Qualify

I-Doctors, Mumbai, occupied Table-1 from the word go with a 20-0 victory in the 1st round. They never took their foot of the pedal to comfortably top the league by a margin of almost 20 VPs.

Lying at the 32nd spot with 1 round to go, Captain's IV virtually did a Houdini's act to qualify, finishing 15th.

BRONZE

GALAXY Top Swiss League

The overnight top 3 teams, Galaxy, Pink Panther and Apanjan retained their spots to qualify for the quarter finals.

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WHERE THE SHARPEST MINDS PARTNER TO CONQUER

RESULTS OF SWISS LEAGUE (10 ROUNDS)

GOLD

| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | K1 Plus | 138.35 |
| 2 | South Sweden | 133.84 |
| 3 | Team Russia | 132.68 |
| 4 | Hemant Jalan | 130.26 |
| 5 | Eager Eagles | 130.15 |
| 6 | C B C | 125.58 |
| 7 | Alpha | 124.90 |
| 8 | Monika Jajoo | 122.66 |
| 9 | DonJulio | 120.84 |
| 10 | Bedis | 116.17 |
| 11 | Poddar Housing | 114.83 |
| 12 | Formidables | 112.70 |
| 13 | Pentagon | 112.66 |
| 14 | FII | 112.23 |
| 15 | Hansa Narasimhan | 112.12 |
| 16 | COGITO | 111.72 |
| 17 | Liberty | 109.92 |
| 18 | Mohota | 106.88 |
| 19 | NCR Blue | 106.07 |
| 20 | Delhi Blues | 104.67 |
| 21 | Rampage | 104.64 |
| 22 | Aristos | 104.51 |
| 23 | Shri Radhey | 103.53 |
| 24 | Team Solaris | 103.17 |
| 25 | ITSRC | 100.95 |
| 26 | Ladprao Bridge | 100.17 |
| 27 | Arun Jain | 99.73 |
| 28 | Bangur Cement | 99.27 |
| 29 | Maya Mira Sneha | 97.90 |
| 30 | Texan Aces | 96.89 |

SILVER

| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | I-Doctors | 153.25 |
| 2 | ICSA Group | 134.79 |
| 3 | Hope N Prey | 130.90 |
| 4 | Dazzle | 130.57 |
| 5 | Pradeep | 130.48 |
| 6 | Chandannagar Card Club | 127.62 |
| 7 | Setu | 126.31 |
| 8 | Jiya | 125.99 |
| 9 | Amol | 123.61 |
| 10 | PBA | 123.28 |
| 11 | Team Saju | 122.78 |
| 12 | Invincibles | 120.53 |
| 13 | Muktadhara | 119.25 |
| 14 | S. Roys IV | 118.79 |
| 15 | Captains IV | 118.74 |
| 16 | Five Diamonds | 118.33 |
| 17 | Dr. P.K. Banerjees VI | 118.15 |
| 18 | Bridge Lovers | 118.03 |
| 19 | Atha Group-2 | 115.82 |
| 20 | Uttarakhand | 115.65 |
| 21 | BSC- Red | 115.23 |
| 22 | Rohit Wrappers | 114.54 |
| 23 | Rajputana | 114.32 |
| 24 | Bridge Punery | 112.99 |
| 25 | Dart | 112.48 |
| 26 | Brig Aggarwal Avengers | 112.04 |
| 27 | PBA II | 110.51 |
| 28 | Dr SSMC | 110.50 |
| 29 | Kosmos | 109.98 |
| 30 | Hindmotor Bridge Club | 109.90 |

BRONZE

| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Galaxy | 142.70 |
| 2 | Pink Panther | 135.11 |
| 3 | Apanjan | 134.88 |
| 4 | IRIS | 115.99 |
| 5 | Unpredictables | 115.33 |
| 6 | Antus 4 | 113.81 |

| Rank | Team | VPs |
|------|--------------|---------------|
| 7 | Ms Kc | 111.24 |
| 8 | Shiva | 110.14 |
| 9 | Tulips | 109.91 |
| 10 | GBBR | 109.25 |
| 11 | Sargam | 107.96 |
| 12 | ABCS | 107.67 |

Little Fish are Sweet - Mark Horton

Gold Teams - Round - 6 - Texan Aces Vs. Russia

My instructions from the Editor were to cover the match between Team Russia and Texan Aces. The first thing I spotted was that the player sitting in the East seat is a household name in India, although I suspect that this might not be the former World Chess Champion! (*The erudite Mark was referring to Anand Samant and his namesake, Viswanathan Anand, the chess maestro - Ed.*)



Waiting for the first deal to appear on screen I reflected that life is so much easier for the writer if the deals are exciting - in principle it is much easier to analyze a game or slam contract than a modest part score. However, a part-score can be instructive from time to time.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Desai</i> | <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Anand</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♦* | 1NT |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♠ | All Pass |

That 1♦ looks Precision like. There is an old Russian proverb that says, 'having said A you have to say B' but West was unwilling to double 2♦ (on a trump lead the defenders have a shot at +500) and when East also avoided it NS were out of danger.

South led the ♦K and switched to the ♥J! Declarer put up dummy's king and then played two rounds of spades, finessing dummy's jack. North won and exited with a spade and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the king. When it held he tried the ♦Q, but South won and exited with a diamond. Declarer won in dummy and played the ♣Q. South won and now does best to exit with a club for two down. When he played a diamond declarer ruffed and



G. Venkatesh (Texan) of Texan Aces

played a club and although North ruffed and played the ♥8 declarer could duck and score a seventh trick with the ♥Q for one down.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Dubin</i> | <i>Venkatesh</i> | <i>Rogov</i> | <i>Padhye</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♣ | 1NT |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | 2♦ |

All Pass

West led the ♦3 and declarer won and ducked a club, East winning and returning a club. Declarer won and played with a third club, East taking that and exiting with a diamond. Declarer won and continued the game of ping-pong by playing back a diamond as East discarded the ♠5. Now the spotlight was on West. To get the maximum he needs to play the ♠K and then continue with the jack. East will win and can exit with a club after which the defenders must score two hearts tricks for +200. West did play a spade, but he started with the jack. East took dummy's queen with the ace and exited with a club, but declarer could ruff and play a spade and was sure to escape for one down, holding the swing to 4 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

| | | | |
|--------|---------|---------|--|
| | ♠ KJ5 | | |
| | ♥ 63 | | |
| | ♦ 10763 | | |
| | ♣ K762 | | |
| ♠ A983 | | ♠ 1062 | |
| ♥ AQ98 | | ♥ 542 | |
| ♦ K42 | | ♦ QJ9 | |
| ♣ 95 | | ♣ QJ103 | |
| | ♠ Q74 | | |
| | ♥ KJ107 | | |
| | ♦ A85 | | |
| | ♣ A84 | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Desai</i> | <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Anand</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣ |
| Dble | 1♠* | Pass | 1NT |

Looking at an old convention card I suspect North's 1♠ was the equivalent of a 1NT response.

West led the ♠3 and declarer won with dummy's jack and ducked a diamond, East switching to the ♥5 for the jack and queen. The ♠9 went to dummy's king and declarer played two rounds of diamonds. West won, and cashed two spade but declarer claimed his contract - he could win a club exit in dummy, cash a diamond and play a heart, setting up a seventh trick.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Dubin</i> | <i>Venkatesh</i> | <i>Rogov</i> | <i>Padhye</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣ |
| Dble | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | 2♣ | All Pass | |

2♣ was a miserable spot - West led the ♣5 and the defenders were not hard pressed to collect their tricks for an easy +100 and 5 more IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

| | | |
|---------|----------|---------|
| | ♠ 86 | |
| | ♥ 9763 | |
| | ♦ A8 | |
| | ♣ KQ973 | |
| ♠ K1072 | | ♠ A |
| ♥ J104 | | ♥ AQ852 |
| ♦ 1032 | | ♦ KQ975 |
| ♣ AJ6 | | ♣ 104 |
| | ♠ QJ9543 | |
| | ♥ K | |
| | ♦ J64 | |
| | ♣ 852 | |

Open Room

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Desai</i> | <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Anand</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> |
| — | — | — | 2♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

2NT* Lebensohl

Defending 2♠ doubled was an option, but it takes a diamond lead to put the defenders on track for +500.

North led the ♠8 and declarer won perforce with dummy's ace and played the ♦K, North winning and returning a spade for the jack and king as declarer pitched a diamond from dummy. Declarer ran the ♥10 and South won and switched to the ♣8, North winning with the queen and exiting with a diamond. Declarer won with dummy's queen and cashed his winners for one down, -100.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Dubin</i> | <i>Venkatesh</i> | <i>Rogov</i> | <i>Padhye</i> |
| — | — | — | 2♦ ¹ |
| Pass | 2♥ ² | Dble | 2♠ |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |
| 2♦ ¹ - Multi | | | |
| 2♥ ² - Pass or correct | | | |

South led the ♠Q and declarer won in hand, crossed to the ♣A, pitched a club on the ♠K and ran the heart jack. South won and played a club and declarer ruffed in dummy and cashed the ♥A getting the bad news. The hand was out of control now and when declarer crossed to dummy with trump and played a diamond North won and played a winning club ensuring two down, +200 and 3 IMPs.

Having pitched a club on a second spade suppose declarer plays a diamond to the king. If declarer then guesses to duck a diamond he should be in no danger - even if North holds ♥K9xx. On the actual layout suppose North plays a club after winning with the ♦A and declarer ruffs and plays a winning diamond. North can ruff, but is then helpless - he must play a trump to stop a high cross-ruff, but then declarer has the rest on top.

I suspect the best line is to play the ♦K at trick two. If North wins and plays a top club declarer wins with dummy's ace, pitches a club on the ♠A and plays two rounds of diamonds, South winning and returning a club. Declarer ruffs and cashes the ♥A. Here the king falls, but suppose North has the ♥K9xx? Declarer now ruffs a diamond and if North discards declarer can ruff a club and then ruff the last diamond.

Declarer will need to decide how the trump suit is divided, but he may get a count on the South hand. The key point is to follow the principle expounded by Terence Reese and develop the side suit first.



Dmitry Rogov (Russia)

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>♠ —</p> <p>♥ KJ862</p> <p>♦ A10874</p> <p>♣ Q102</p> | <p>♠ J95</p> <p>♥ Q107543</p> <p>♦ J53</p> <p>♣ 8</p> |
| <p>♠ —</p> <p>♥ KJ862</p> <p>♦ A10874</p> <p>♣ Q102</p> | <p>♠ KQ742</p> <p>♥ A</p> <p>♦ KQ9</p> <p>♣ A976</p> |
| | <p>♠ A10863</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ 62</p> <p>♣ KJ543</p> |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Desai</i> | <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Anand</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> |
| 2♥ ¹ | Pass | 2NT ² | 3♥ ³ |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♦ | All Pass |

2♥¹ - Hearts and a minor

2NT² - Relay

3♥³ - Spades and another

When South intervened West elected to introduce his minor and with so much in spades East made no move towards slam. The alternative for West was to pass and await developments - 3♠ doubled would not have been a bargain for declarer.

North led the ♣8 and South won with the king and switched to the ♦2. Declarer won with dummy's nine, unblocked the ♥A and played ♠K, ruffing South's ace. He ruffed a heart, cashed the ♦K, pitched a heart on the ♠Q, ruffed a spade, drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +400.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Dubin</i> | <i>Venkatesh</i> | <i>Rogov</i> | <i>Padhye</i> |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3♣* | Dble |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 4♥* | Pass | 6♦ | All Pass |

3♣* - Fourth suit forcing

North led the ♣8 and declarer put up dummy's ace, unblocked the ♥A and played the ♠K, covered and ruffed. He tried to cash the ♥K but South ruffed, cashed the ♣K and exited with a club, North ruffing and playing a diamond. That led to three down, -150 and 11 IMPs that gave the Aces the lead.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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| <p>♠ K63</p> <p>♥ Q432</p> <p>♦ K74</p> <p>♣ A52</p> | <p>♠ A108752</p> <p>♥ AJ865</p> <p>♦ —</p> <p>♣ J6</p> |
| <p>♠ —</p> <p>♥ K107</p> <p>♦ AQJ932</p> <p>♣ KQ84</p> | <p>♠ QJ94</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ 10865</p> <p>♣ 10973</p> |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Desai</i> | <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Anand</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♦ |
| Dble | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♠* | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

I am not a fan of West's double. 2♠ was alerted, but not explained. Although the heart fit never came to light a playable contract was reached.

East led the ♠Q and when West followed with the three he switched to the ♥9 for the ten, queen and ace. Now declarer could play on clubs establishing the tricks he needed, +400.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Dubin</i> | <i>Venkatesh</i> | <i>Rogov</i> | <i>Padhye</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♦ |
| Dble | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

Here too West saw fit to double. I wonder in which doubled contract EW would have played if North had redoubled?

2♦* = I'm guessing that 2♦ promised hearts, but may be not.

East led a club and declarer had to lose four tricks, so one down and 10 IMPs that saw the lead change hands once more.



Anand Samant of Texan Aces

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8 6 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ A K 7 2</p> <p>♠ K 7 5 4 3 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 9 5</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 10 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K Q 8 6 2 ♣ 10 8 4 3</p> <p>♠ Q J 9 2 ♥ J 10 9 7 ♦ A J 9 7 ♣ 6</p> |
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Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Desai</i> | <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Anand</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> |
| — | 1♣ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1♠* |
| Pass | 2♥ | All Pass | |

East led the ♦K and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top hearts. When the queen fell he drew the outstanding trump and having seen West's ♦10 continued with the ♦J for an effortless ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Dubin</i> | <i>Venkatesh</i> | <i>Rogov</i> | <i>Padhye</i> |
| — | 1♣ | 1♦ | Dble* |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

East led the ♦K and declarer won in dummy and played the ♥J. When he let it run East won, cashed the ♦Q and the ♠A and then gave West a diamond ruff, the ♠K representing the second undertrick, -200 and a comfortable win for Team Russia, 28-17.

Round - 7 - K1 Plus Vs Russia No Lack of Finesse

One of the first techniques that you study as declarer is the finesse. As you gain in experience you discover that sometimes you will have an alternative option.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 10 7 2 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ 5 4 3</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 3 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ J 9 7</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8 4 ♥ A J 10 5 3 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ A 10 6</p> <p>♠ K 6 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A J 8 4 ♣ K Q 8 2</p> |
|---|---|

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Khiuppenen</i> | <i>Stefanov</i> | <i>Kholomeev</i> | <i>Gunev</i> |
| — | — | 1NT | Pass |
| 3♣* | Pass | 3♥* | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

3♣* - Puppet Stayman

South led the ♥8 and declarer won with the ten and immediately ran the ♠8, North winning with the ten and returning the ♦6. Declarer played the king and when South followed with the four he took dummy's top hearts and played the ♣7 for the ten and queen. When South exited with the ♠5 declarer put in the queen and cashed dummy's ace, pitching a club from hand. When South turned up with the ♦A the contract was one down.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Mihov</i> | <i>Gromov</i> | <i>Nanev</i> | <i>Gulevich</i> |
| — | — | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♣ ¹ | Pass | 3♣ ² | Pass |
| 3♦ ³ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

3♣² - A five-card major

3♦³ - Which Major?

South led the ♥8 and declarer won with the ten, crossed to dummy with a heart and ran the ♣J, South winning with the queen and exiting with the ♦4. Declarer won with the king, played a spade to the queen, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade and drew the outstanding trump with dummy's ♥K.

This was the position:

| | |
|--|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 9 ♥ — ♦ 7 3 ♣ 9 7</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">♠ J ♥ — ♦ 6 5 ♣ 5 4</p> <p>♠ — ♥ A ♦ Q 9 ♣ A 10</p> <p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ A J 8 ♣ K 8</p> |
|--|---|

Declarer could be sure the ♦A was offside, but the club finesse was a possibility. However, he could infer that South held only five cards in the major suits and he rejected the club finesse, preferring to ruff dummy's remaining spade. That made life impossible for South tried pitching a club. However it was to no avail, as declarer cashed the ♣A and claimed a tenth trick with the club ten.

Gold Teams - Round 7 - K1 Plus Vs. Team Russia

The first blood went to the Russians on Board 2

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>♠ J 10 7 2 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ 5 4 3</p> <p>♠ AQ93 ♥ KQ6 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ J97</p> | <p>♠ 8 4 ♥ AJ1053 ♦ KQ9 ♣ A106</p> |
| <p>♠ K 6 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ AJ8 4 ♣ KQ8 2</p> | |

Open Room : N-S - K1 Plus

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Yury | Stefanov | Vadim | Gunev |
| - | - | 1NT | Pass |
| 3♣ ¹ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

1. Do you have a five card major ?

South led a trump, won by the declarer in hand. He then passed the 8 of spades to North who won with the Ten. North returned a diamond which South encouraged with a low card. Declarer won in dummy, drew trumps ending in dummy and finessed for the Queen of Clubs which lost to South. South subsequently exited with the Spade, which declarer finessed and got a club pitch, but he then had to lose 2 diamonds to go 1 down.

In the Closed room, the bidding was slightly different

Closed Room : N-S - Russia

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Vladimir | Gromov | Ivan | Gulevich |
| - | - | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ ¹ | Pass |
| 3♦ ² | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

1. I have a five card major
2. Which one?

The Russian South also led a trump. However, the Bulgarian declarer Ivan, after winning it, played the Jack of Clubs around to South's queen. South returned a diamond to the declarer, who then played a simple finesse of the spade queen. When it won, he cashed the spade Ace, ruffed the third spade high in his hand, led a trump to dummy's King and ruffed the last spade in his hand.

South could see himself being thrown in, so he pitched a club. Declarer, however was alert and cashed the Club Ace bringing South's King crashing and made two club tricks for plus 10 imps to Bulgaria.



Ivan Nanev - Team K1 Plus

The Bulgarians pulled 13 IMPs more on board 4.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Closed Room : N-S - Russia

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Vladimir | Gromov | Ivan | Gulevich |
| - | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

After the Stayman, South's 3♥ clearly showed a spade fit and a long heart with forcing values. North happily went on to bid the spade game.

East cashed his Ace and King of Diamonds and exited with a club. Declarer now played a heart to the Ace and tried the spade finesse. East won and again backed a club. South ruffed a diamond and again tried the spade finesse. When that failed he could not escape another heart loser for 2 down.

Gold Teams - Round 7 - K1 Plus Vs. Team Russia

Contd.

In the open room, the bidding was took a slightly different path

Open Room : N-S K1 Plus

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|----------|-------|
| Yury | Stefanov | Vadim | Gunev |
| | 1NT | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

The play to the first three tricks was identical. Thereafter, declarer took the heart finesse. West backed a Spade, but declarer rose with the Ace and pitched 2 spades on the Ace and King of Clubs for plus 13 imps.



Rossen Gunev - Team K1 Plus

More misery was to come the Russian way on the next deal Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

In the open room the bidding went as below

Open Room : N-S - K1 Plus

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| Yury | Stefanov | Vadim | Gunev |
| - | 1♠ | 2♣ | 2♠ |
| 3♣ | Dbl | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

East led the Club King and then another Club for North to ruff. North drew two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy and led the Jack of Hearts. When East failed to cover he let it run. After it held, he drew the last trump and played a diamond to the 10. West won and played his third club, but now declarer was in control. He ruffed it, finessed the diamonds again, and cashed the Ace of Diamonds and then finessed the heart again making 10 tricks conceding a club and two diamonds. If West had covered the Jack of Hearts with the King, then the story would have been completely different.

The bidding in the other room was as below

Closed Room : N-S - Russia

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Vladimir | Gromov | Ivan | Gulevich |
| | 1♠ | 2♣ | 2♥ ¹ |
| Pass | 3♦ ² | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

1. We believe it is constructive in spades
2. Help suit

West led the Ace and King of Clubs. Declarer ruffed the second round and took the double finesse in diamonds immediately. West won and played the Queen of Clubs which declarer ruffed again and led the queen of hearts from hand. West won and backed a second heart which declarer won in dummy. Now, declarer played his fourth club and West pitched a diamond. Now there was no way for declarer to reach dummy to draw the last trump and he had to concede 1 down.

In 3 boards, Team Russia had conceded 35 Imps and by now the match looked all but over. However, Team Russia managed to win two big boards to make the difference fairly narrow.

This was the first

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Gold Teams - Round 7 - K1 Plus Vs. Team Russia

Contd.

Closed Room : N-S - Russia

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Vladimir | Gromov | Ivan | Gulevich |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 2♣ ¹ | Pass | 2♠ ² | Pass |
| 3♣ ³ | Pass | 3♦ ⁴ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

1. Precision Style
2. One Round Force
3. Minimum Hand, no support for spades
4. Forward going

In the Closed room however, the bidding went

Open Room : N-S - K1 Plus

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Yury | Stefanov | Vadim | Gunev |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 2♠ ¹ | Pass |
| 3♣ ² | Pass | 3♦ ³ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♣ ⁴ | Pass |
| 4♦ ⁴ | Dbf | Re-Dbf | Pass |
| 4♥ ⁴ | Pass | 4NT ⁵ | Pass |
| 5♣ ⁶ | Pass | 6♠ | All Pass |

1. Long spades, good hand
2. Minimum hand
3. Forward going
4. Controls
5. RKCB
6. 0-3 Key Cards

There is nothing to play in this hand and it salvaged 13 Imps for team Russia



Vadim Kholomeev - Team Russia

Team Russia bid another slam on the last board which went as follows

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room : N-S - K1 Plus

| West | North | East | South |
|------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Yury | Stefanov | Vadim | Gunev |
| - | - | 2♣ ¹⁷ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♦ ² | Pass | 4♥ ³ |
| Pass | 4NT ⁴ | Pass | 5♥ ⁵ |
| Pass | 5♠ | All Pass | |

1. Looks like weak 2 in diamonds
2. Splinter
3. Control
4. RKCB
5. 2 Key Cards, no trump Q

South could see 1 Key card missing and didn't like the chance of guessing the spade Q if the Spade Ace was the missing key card.

However, as the cards like the spade queen came rolling in without anybody having to guess and declarer got 12 tricks. In the other room, the K1 Plus East elected to pass and the bidding thereafter went

Closed Room : N-S - Russia

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Vladimir | Gromov | Ivan | Gulevich |
| - | - | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♣ ¹ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4NT ² | Pass | 5♥ ³ |
| Pass | 6♠ | All Pass | |

1. Game force
2. RKCB
3. 2 Key Cards, no trump Q

This fetched Team Russia another 13 impes and the match eventually was won by K1 Plus 40-26.

Sleeping Beauties

Bridge Is Such An Exhausting Sport !



Wake me up
before you go, go



Sleep is
a waste of time -
Einstein



Forty Winks 🤪



IBPA AWARDS - DEFENCE

Featuring The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) Awards for the Best Defence, 2018-19. The Winner bags \$5000 while the Contributor rakes in \$2500. Cool, huh?

Deschappelles For The Defence

Liam Milne, Australia

(A Club Tale - Ron Klinger, Australia)

Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Grude | | Milne | |
| Pass | 1♥ ¹ | 1♠ | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

1. 5+ hearts, 11-15 points

With South prepared for a spade lead, West chose the ten of diamonds for the opening lead. East took the ace and returned the jack. After a little thought, South played low and West followed with the nine. If West had started with the king-ten-nine-to-five diamonds and a certain entry, such as the ace of clubs, West would have followed with a low card at trick two to encourage East to continue the suit.

The diamond nine therefore denied such a holding. East interpreted the message correctly. Logically, the diamond nine must be simultaneously discouraging and showing tolerance for a shift. South's choice of three notrump was also revealing. Would South have bid three notrump without the ace of clubs? As a spade was out of contention, East switched to a club. Not the two or the ten, which would have been fatal, but the king!

South took the ace of clubs, cashed the king of diamonds and ran dummy's hearts. The first three discards for East and West were three spades each. On the last heart, East discarded the ten of clubs, and West the 'five of clubs. Thinking that East had started with the king-queen-ten and had been strip-squeezed down to the spade king-ten and the club queen, declarer exited with the two of clubs from dummy, expecting to endplay East. West promptly claimed the last three tricks for one down.

East/West's plus 50 scored 99% for a shared top. East/West minus 400 for three notrump making would have been an average board.

(Deschappelles Coup, is the lead of an unsupported honor, to establish an entry into partner's hand. Milne, created an illusion of a holding of KQx.. in clubs, lulling declarer into playing for a pseudo strip squeeze - Ed)

The Boomerang

Wildavsky & Doub, USA

(Suzi Subeck, USA)

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|------|---------|
| Wildavsky | Garner | Doub | Wolfson |
| — | — | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

Adam Wildavsky led the seven of spades to the four, ten and declarer's ace. Declarer played a club to the ace and a club to the jack and West's queen. Doug Doub, East, followed with the four-two of clubs, a Hawk Echo, showing an even number of spades remaining. It looked as though declarer had nine tricks on passive defence, so West switched to the ten of hearts. Declarer covered with the jack, forcing Doub's ace. He returned the three of hearts. Declarer did well to go up with the king but Wildavsky unblocked the queen to prevent declarer from ducking a spade to East's queen.

Declarer instead played a diamond to the ace, cashed the king of clubs, and led a diamond to the ten and cashed the king as Doub pitched two winning clubs. Declarer exited from dummy with a heart, which Doub ducked to Wildavsky's eight so that West could lead a spade through. Down one.

(You unblock twice, Queen and ten, to create an entry into partners hand, and yet the entry comes back to you with the eight! -Ed)

Hi-Jack Pablo Ravenna, Argentina (Ana Roth, Argentina)

Chagas v Lavazza

The following board saw an excellent defence by Ravenna (East), Team Chagas, that managed to fool the declarer into going down in a cold contract.

Board 52. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| Thoma | Bilde | Ravenna | Duboin |
| 1♣ | 1♠ | Double | Pass |
| 4♥ | 4♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Double | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Ravenna led the ace of clubs. After winning the first trick, East shifted to a trump to stop declarer's potential heart ruffs. Looking at dummy's ♠98, he led the two so that declarer could not develop a late entry to the table with the nine of spades. Bilde played the eight of spades, Thoma the queen, and declarer won with his trump ace.

The BBO commentators thought that it looked like minus 590 at this point. However, Bilde continued with a club and Ravenna discarded the eight of hearts. He was still thinking about denying declarer the nine of spades as an entry to the clubs in dummy. Declarer won the trick with the king of clubs. At that point, Bilde believed that Thoma had both of the remaining trumps.

Declarer played another club and, after this play, he could no longer make the contract. When Bilde played dummy's six of clubs, Thoma played his queen, Bilde ruffed with the seven of spades and Ravenna discarded another heart. Declarer continued with the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart in dummy, and played a club. Thoma ruffed with his four of spades and Bilde threw his last heart loser. Ravenna pitched his last heart too. Thoma returned the king of hearts; Bilde ruffed with the six of spades, but Ravenna now over-ruffed and the diamond trick to come meant one off. That was fantastic defence. Bravo!

Double dummy, there is no legitimate way to beat four spades. After the ace of clubs lead and, say, a spade shift, declarer deduce that West holds all the red high cards and draws trumps, squeeze-endplaying him.

Diamonds Are Forever John Diamond, USA (Suzi Subeck, USA)

Fleisher v. Kriegel

Board 7. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| Greco | Smith | Hampson | Kriegel |
| Platnick | Grue | Diamond | Moss |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

Both Wests led a fourth-best spade. Both declarers ducked in dummy and both Easts won with the king. In the Open Room, Hampson continued spades and Kriegel won with his jack. Declarer played a club toward the ten, West ducking. A club to the queen followed, Greco winning with his king. Greco played another spade to the queen in dummy. Kriegel cashed the ace of spades, played the king of hearts and the jack of hearts to the ace. He cashed the clubs and made nine tricks, plus 600.

In the Closed Room, Diamond won the opening spade lead with his king and found the critical switch... Diamond switched to diamonds! His five of diamonds rode to Platnick's queen, ducked in dummy to isolate the suit if the diamonds were 5-2 and the king of clubs was offside. (If diamonds were 4-3 with the ace-ten-fourth in East there was nothing to be done.) Platnick continued diamonds to the jack and ace, and the ten of diamonds went to the king. Moss played a spade to his jack. He tested hearts by cashing the ace and leading to the king. When the queen didn't drop, he took his high spades and finessed for the king of clubs. When Platnick won, he was able to cash his remaining diamond for down one. It was very disappointing to Moss to find the thirteenth diamond with West. Twelve IMPs to Kriegel. Well-played and well-defended.

Double-dummy, Moss could have succeeded by winning the first diamond and taking an immediate club finesse without cashing two hearts.

Jannerstein Revisited - The Only Chance

Justyna Zmuda, Poland

(Championship Defence - Marek Wójcicki, Poland)

In the European Team Championships Women's series, from the Poland-Italy match, Justyna Zmuda was sitting East with: ♠ AQ1053 ♥ K8 ♦ A876 ♣ 97

With both sides vulnerable, the bidding went ...

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|-------|------------|
| Duftrat | Pomares | Zmuda | Campagnano |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♦ |
| Double | 2♥ | 2♠ | 4♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

After a 15-17 notrump and transfer, Zmuda led the diamond ace. This is what she saw (hands rotated):

East (Zmuda)

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ K 8
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ 9 7

South (Dummy)

♠ 2
♥ Q 7 6 5 3 2
♦ Q
♣ Q J 8 6 2

On the diamond ace, the nine appeared from partner and the two from declarer. What next?

Except for diamond honours, partner has at most a jack. The only chance was in trumps. Zmuda found the only defence to defeat four hearts.

Zmuda cashed the spade ace and continued with another spade. (Duftrat followed by four-eight, upside-down signals). When declarer took the second spade in hand with the jack and played the ace of trumps and another, Zmuda won with her king and played one more spade, promoting a trick for the trump jack and setting the contract.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

It was the only table in the Women's series where the contract was set.

(The only chance- Leading the ace from ace- queen, giving declarer a 5 card spade suit in spite of the 1 NT opening, hoping to find partner with the trump jack..... And it all fell into place. Good on ya, Justyna- Ed)

A Well Oiled Machine

Ajay Khare & Raju Tolani, India

(The Shoe Is on the Other Foot - Anant Bhagwat, India)

This bewitching deal came up in the Otters Club State Level tournament in Mumbai.

Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| — | Raju Tolani | 1♣ ¹ | Ajay Khare |
| 1♦ ² | Pass | 1NT ³ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

1. 16+ HCP 2. 0-8 HCP 3. 16-18 balanced
At some tables, South led the jack of spades. East won with his ace and immediately played back the nine of spades. South covered with the ten and dummy won. Now East made sure of his ninth trick by playing a heart from dummy towards his king. Later, declarer finessed the seven of spades. The defence could take three clubs and the ace of hearts, but that was all. Nobody noticed anything amiss in the defence and they happily proceeded to the next deal.

The defenders, Ajay Khare and Raju Tolani however were wide awake. Khare knew dummy had four cards in spades, so it was pointless to lead the spade jack. He also noted that declarer had four cards in hearts. That left only the club suit, so Khare led the six of clubs. Tolani, North, won with the ace and played back the two of clubs, dropping declarer's queen.

Khare found the deadly shift to the seven of hearts; dummy played the eight, Tolani the nine, and declarer won with his king. When declarer cashed the ace of spades and North discarded, East had to resort to the club suit for his ninth trick. He travelled to dummy with the king of diamonds and played a club. Tolani won with his jack and played the jack of hearts. Declarer covered and Khare won. Then, because of the farsighted unblock of the seven of hearts, Khare was able to lead the five of hearts to partner's six. The four of hearts brought the three from declarer to take the contract two down. It was a perfect defensive intra-finesse.

(The defense worked in harmony like a well oiled machine. Even a low heart shift would suffice for down one. - Ed)



Relics - A Brief History

We dug deep, real deep, to find the remnants of the civilization that is bridge. Thanks to the wealth house of information, in the IBPA archives, which, is like a bridge museum, we discovered a few relics.

1742 : Edward Hoyle's Short Treatise was a sensational best seller for decades. It was the first book on card play with rules for a new kind of whist. Hoyle opened his readers' eyes to the finesse, suit establishment, partnership cooperation, etc. The next thing came in 1925, with Vanderbilt's invention of bridge.

18th Century : Of Sandwiches and Tram Tickets

a) The Fourth Earl of Sandwich, not wishing to leave the card table, ordered his kitchen to serve him a ready-to-eat convenient meals on the table. Thus was born the sandwich. Was it a club (♣) sandwich?

b) **The Earl of Yarborough** : made a practise of offering £ 1000 to 1 odds against being dealt a hand with cards no higher than the nine. Abandon hope all ye HCP seekers. The odds, incidently, are 1827 to one.

1892 : Move Please : **John Mitchell** of Chicago, and, 5 years later, **Edwin Howell** of Boston produced the iconic movements, thus named after them, in duplicate bridge.

Multi Media

With the net and BBO having taken over, the gap between players, tournaments, and kibitzers has shrunk dramatically. Yet we rewind to the roots, where it all began

1926 : The **first periodical** devoted to bridge, the **Bridge Magazine**, is published in Leeds.

1926 : **Radio broadcasts of bridge** introduced by Milton C. Work of Philadelphia, assisted by Wilbur Whitehead.

1929 : **The Bridge World**, a periodical on contract bridge is founded by Ely Culbertson. It goes on to be the most popular and longest running bridge magazine to date.

1938-39 : **First television demonstrations**, run by Hubert Phillips at Alexandra Palace, London.

1955 : **First Daily Bulletin** at an international championship published, belited by Herman Filarski of Netherlands and Alan Truscott, then of London, at the European Championship in Amsterdam.

1958 : First post-war use of Bridge-O-Rama occurred at the Bermuda Bowl in Como, Italy.

One Flew Over The Coup-coup's Nest.

1804 - Kya Bath Hai : The Bath Coup is attributed to Mathews who lived in the lovely city of Bath in Somerset, England. He advised a declarer holding A-J-x to duck an opening lead of the King.

1840 - Deschappelles Coup : To lead an unsupported honor so as to establish an entry to partner's hand is attributed to the Frenchman Guillame Deschappelles, considered as the best whist & chess player in the world then.

1864 - The Vienna Coup : The first recorded example of squeeze play was executed in the Austrian city of Vienna, wherein declarer establishes a winner for an opponent but then squeezes him out of it. This was the deal :

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

South is in 7C. On a trump lead he cashed four rounds of trumps, the Spade Ace and four rounds of hearts in that order. In the last 4 card position West has to retain his master card in each major and thus cannot keep three diamonds. The diamond finesse brings in the rest.

1890 : Ocean's Eleven : R. F. Foster, a Scot, crossed the ocean to New York and he published the **Rule Of Eleven**.

The 17th **HCL** International Bridge Championship

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 08, 2019 THURSDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS

| KO - QF (4x14 Boards) | GOLD TEAM & SILVER TEAM | KO FINAL (4 x 12 Boards) | BRONZE TEAM |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Session - 1 | 1000 – 1200 Hrs. | Session - 1 | 1015 – 1155 Hrs. |
| Session - 2 | 1215 – 1415 Hrs. | Session - 2 | 1210 – 1350 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1415 – 1515 Hrs. | Lunch Break | 1350 – 1450 Hrs. |
| Session - 3 | 1515 – 1715 Hrs. | Session - 3 | 1450 – 1630 Hrs. |
| Tea Break | 1715 – 1745 Hrs. | Tea Break | 1630 – 1700 Hrs. |
| Session - 4 | 1745 – 1945 Hrs. | Session - 4 | 1700 – 1840 Hrs. |

| OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each) | MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each) |
|---|--|
| Session - 1 | 1030 – 1300 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1300 – 1400 Hrs. |
| Session - 2 | 1400 – 1630 Hrs. |
| Tea Break | 1630 – 1700 Hrs. |
| Session - 3 | 1700 – 1930 Hrs. |

AUGUST 09, 2019 FRIDAY

| TEAMS : GOLD & SILVER KO SF (4 * 14 Boards) | OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIM. – 3 & IMP PAIRS – ELIM. (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each) |
|---|---|
| Session - 1 | 1000 – 1200 Hrs. |
| Session - 2 | 1215 – 1415 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1415 – 1515 Hrs. |
| Session - 3 | 1515 – 1715 Hrs. |
| Tea Break | 1715 – 1745 Hrs. |
| Session - 4 | 1745 – 1945 Hrs. |

AUGUST 10, 2019 SATURDAY

| TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT Final & Play-off (4 * 14 Boards) | OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL Barometer Scoring |
|--|--|
| Session - 1 | 0900 – 1100 Hrs. |
| Session - 2 | 1115 – 1315 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1315 – 1400 Hrs. |
| Session - 3 | 1400 – 1600 Hrs. |
| Session - 4 | 1610 – 1810 Hrs. |

| IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each) | IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each) |
|---|---|
| Session - 1 | 1000 – 1330 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1330 – 1430 Hrs. |
| Session - 2 | 1430 – 1745 Hrs. |

1830 Hrs. onwards Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony



THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Please observe silence during play. Follow the 'sound' (or lack of it)
principle - **Silence is Golden**

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

AUGUST 07, 2019 WEDNESDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS

| KO Pre-QF (4x14 Boards) | GOLD & SILVER TEAM | KO QF (3 * 10 Boards) | BRONZE TEAM |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Session – 1 | 1000 – 1200 Hrs. | Session – 1 | 1000 – 1120 Hrs. |
| Session – 2 | 1215 – 1415 Hrs. | Session – 2 | 1130 – 1250 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1415 – 1515 Hrs. | Session – 3 | 1300 – 1420 Hrs. |
| Session – 3 | 1515 – 1715 Hrs. | Lunch Break | 1420 – 1515 Hrs. |
| Tea Break | 1715 – 1745 Hrs. | KO SF (3 * 10 Boards) | |
| Session – 4 | 1745 – 1945 Hrs. | Session – 1 | 1515 – 1635 Hrs. |
| | | Session – 2 | 1650 – 1810 Hrs. |
| | | Session – 3 | 1825 – 1945 Hrs. |

OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Session - 1 | 1030 – 1300 Hrs. |
| Lunch Break | 1300 – 1400 Hrs. |
| Session - 2 | 1400 – 1630 Hrs. |
| Tea Break | 1630 – 1700 Hrs. |
| Session - 3 | 1700 – 1930 Hrs. |

2000 Hrs. Onwards COCKTAILS & DINNER (Hosted by HCL)

PRE-QUARTER FINALS LINE UP

GOLD

| Table | Home | Visitor |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | K1 PLUS | BEDIS |
| 2 | SOUTH SWEDEN | PENTAGON |
| 3 | TEAM RUSSIA | COGITO |
| 4 | HEMANT JALAN | PODDAR HOUSING |
| 5 | EAGER EAGLES (5.5 CO) | DON JULIO |
| 6 | CBC | H NARASIMHAN |
| 7 | ALPHA | FII |
| 8 | MONIKA JAJOO | FORMIDABLES |

SILVER

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| 1 | I-DOCTORS | FIVE DIAMONDS |
| 2 | ICSA GROUP | PBA |
| 3 | HOPE N PRAY | MUKTA DHARA |
| 4 | DAZZLE | TEAM SAJU |
| 5 | PRADEEP | CAPTAIN'S IV |
| 6 | CHANDAN NAGORE | S ROY'S IV |
| 7 | SETU | AMOL |
| 8 | JIYA | INVINCIBLE |

BBO SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY AUG 07, 2019

All Rounds (Gold) will be shown live on BBO (4 Tables) Refer to schedule for timings

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