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3rd PLACE SWISS

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PLAY OFF

Quarterfinals (2x14)

Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 7&9 pm CET

Poland 1 - Romania Bucharest

**France Bessis - Dutch Masters,
Austria - NL Seniors**

France Vinciguerra - Poland Andrzejki

3RD PLACE SWISS

Round 3. 7 pm CET

Canada-Kokish - USA Reynolds
England Pryor - Swiss Cheese
NL Hok - Germany
Poland Bocheński - Poland Wisła
Scotland White - Scotland Blue
USA Seligman - USA Simson
Sweden - Argentina
Lithuania - Belgium
Denmark - Poland Olimpia

Round 4. 9 pm CET

3rd PLACE SWISS

Results of Round 1.

Scotland White - NL Hok	10.97-9.03
Canada-Kokish - Scotland Blue	19.83-0.17
Germany - USA Reynolds	8.13-11.87
Poland Wisła - England Pryor	2.81-17.19
Swiss Cheese - Poland Boch.	6.52-13.48

Results of Round 2.

Canada-Kokish - Scotland White	14.42-5.58
England Pryor - USA Reynolds	9.67-10.33
NL Hok - Poland Bocheński	8.72-11.28
Germany - Poland Wisła	6.52-13.48
Swiss Cheese - Scotland Blue	19.38-0.62

TOP OF THE BUTLER AFTER 5 DAYS OF PLAY.

2.04/28 R.Chamberlain	ENGLAND PRYOR	0.73/70 J.Krekorian	USA SIMSON
2.04/28 P.Shields	ENGLAND PRYOR	0.73/70 P.Weichsel	USA SIMSON
1.90/42 D.Jacob	CANADA-KOKISH	0.69/70 W.Ołański	LITHUANIA
1.82/28 P.-Y.Guillamin	FRANCE BESSIS	0.69/70 V.Vainikonis	LITHUANIA
1.82/28 G.Iontzeff	FRANCE BESSIS	0.67/84 W.van Eijck	NL SENIORS
1.71/14 J.Jones	USA REYNOLDS	0.67/84 W.Gosschalk	NL SENIORS
1.71/14 R.Roeder	USA REYNOLDS	0.64/98 M.Kwiecień	POLAND 1
1.64/14 K.Jordan	POLAND OLIMPIA	0.64/98 W.Starkowski	POLAND 1
1.64/14 M.Kudła	POLAND OLIMPIA	0.63/70 U.Wenning	GERMANY
1.31/42 N.Chambers	CANADA-KOKISH	0.62/42 P.Weymann	POLAND OLIMPIA
1.31/42 B.Hamman	CANADA-KOKISH	0.61/84 J.-P.Derivaz	SWISS CHEESE
1.23/56 P.Klimowicz	CANADA-KOKISH	0.61/84 G.Zivkovic	SWISS CHEESE
1.21/42 W.Melman	POLAND BOCH.	0.57/70 M.Bessis	FRANCE BESSIS
1.11/28 J.J.Dousse	SWISS CHEESE	0.57/70 V.Bessis	FRANCE BESSIS
1.09/126 M.Seligman	USA SELIGMAN	0.55/84 A.Fronczak	POLAND ANDRZ.
1.07/140 M.Lair	USA SELIGMAN	0.55/42 R.Cliffe	ENGLAND PRYOR
1.00/70 P.Saporta	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.52/42 G.Sellden	SWEDEN
1.00/70 J.-M.Voldoire	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.52/42 B.Wenneberg	SWEDEN
1.00/56 S.-A.Bjerregard	SWEDEN	0.52/98 R.Ramer	NL Hok
1.00/56 M.Nilslund	SWEDEN	0.52/98 B.de Bruijn	NL Hok
0.96/28 I.Baqai	USA REYNOLDS	0.50/14 K.Pikus	POLAND BOCH.
0.96/28 M.Dunitz	USA REYNOLDS	0.48/126 S.Henclik	POLAND ANDRZ.
0.94/112 M.Abecassis	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.46/84 A.Kaplan	BELGIUM
0.94/112 M.Bompis	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.46/84 G.Polet	BELGIUM
0.86/28 M.Hargreaves	CANADA-KOKISH	0.46/56 L.Majdański	POLAND OLIMPIA
0.86/28 G.McOrmond	CANADA-KOKISH	0.45/84 L.McGowan	SCOTLAND WH.
0.79/112 R.Franzel	AUSTRIA	0.45/84 T.McKay	SCOTLAND WH.
0.79/112 S.Terraneo	AUSTRIA	0.45/42 Ch.Catzeflis	SWISS CHEESE
0.75/56 D.Schaltz	DENMARK	0.44/70 S.Zakrzewski	POLAND OLIMPIA
0.75/56 P.Schaltz	DENMARK	0.40/140 P.Bizoń	POLAND 1
0.73/56 K.Wenning	GERMANY	0.40/140 M.Blat	POLAND 1

Se7en

Mark Horton

Film buffs will recognize my title relating to the film about a series of murders based on the seven deadly sins.

In Round 7 we look at the match between Sweden and France Bessis – and keep an eye on developments elsewhere. I don't expect to see 7 deadly mistakes – do you?

Board I/VII North/None	♠ 9862 ♥ J109 ♦ J72 ♣ A74	
♠ A5 ♥ 3 ♦ K843 ♣ KQ9653	N W E S	♠ 103 ♥ AQ84 ♦ A965 ♣ J82
	♠ KQJ74 ♥ K7652 ♦ Q10 ♣ 10	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Guillaumin	Morath	Iontzeff	Efraimsson
	pass	pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	dble*	3♠
4♣	pass	5♣	all pass

Dble Red suits, club tolerance

North led the ♥J and declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a heart and played the ♣K, followed by the ♣6, North taking the ace and switching (too late!) to the ♠9 for the ten, jack and ace. A club to dummy's jack allowed declarer to play the ♥Q pinning North's ♥9 as it was covered by the king and ruffed by declarer who could reach dummy with a diamond and discard the losing spade, +400.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Bjerregaard	Levy	Nilslund	Cabanes
	pass	pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	dble*	pass
3♦	all pass		

Alain Levy led the ♠8 (anything else would give declarer a play for 11 tricks) and when declarer duc-

ked the ♠J South switched to the ♣10, North taking the ace and returning the ♣7 for a ruff. Declarer took the spade continuation, cashed the ♦K and played a diamond to the ace (what's the Swedish for 'restricted choice?') for +110, a loss of 7 IMPs.

Board 4/VII West/All	♠ 9732 ♥ 6 ♦ AQ9765 ♣ 103	
♠ KQ4 ♥ AJ84 ♦ J108 ♣ A75	N W E S	♠ AJ108 ♥ 732 ♦ 43 ♣ Q864
	♠ 65 ♥ KQ1095 ♦ K2 ♣ KJ92	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Guillaumin	Morath	Iontzeff	Efraimsson
1NT	pass	pass	2♥
pass	pass	dble*	all pass

Dble Takeout

West started with three rounds of spades and declarer ruffed, cashed two diamond and advanced the ♣10, East covering with the ♣Q, the trick being completed by the king and ace. West exited with the ♥4 and declarer won, cashed the ♣9 and exited with the ♣2. East won as West pitched the ♦J and played the ♠A. When declarer ruffed with the ♥K West under-ruffed and took the last two tricks with the ♥AJ for one down, -200.

Declarer's error was to exit with the ♣2. If he plays a high heart the best West can do is duck, but declarer exits with a heart dummy's ♦Q will be resurrected.

East's mistake was to cover the ♣10.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Bjerregaard	Levy	Nilslund	Cabanes
1NT	pass	pass	2♥
all pass			

West led the ♠J and declarer won with dummy's queen and played the ♣10, covered all round, West switching to the ♥4. Declarer won and played the ♥K, West taking the ♥A and exiting with the ♠8. Declarer won and exited with a spade, eventually losing a second club trick which ensured he was one down, -100 and a 3 IMP gain to put France ahead 10-0.

Board 6/VII East/EW	♠ Q104 ♥ K852 ♦ 73 ♣ J753										
♠ 9832 ♥ Q1076 ♦ K104 ♣ 64	<table border="1"> <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		♠ KJ75 ♥ A3 ♦ QJ65 ♣ K102
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ A6 ♥ J94 ♦ A982 ♣ AQ98										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Guillaumin	Morath	Iontzeff	Efrainsson
		1♦	1NT
all pass			

West led the ♥6 for the two, ace and four, and East switched to the ♠5. Declarer won with dummy's ♠10 and played a club to the queen, followed by the ♥J for the queen and king and two more rounds of clubs, East winning and exiting with the ♠7. Having won with the ♠A declarer played the ♥9, establishing a seventh trick, +90.

After the heart lead, East needed to find a diamond switch.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Bjerregaard	Levy	Nilsland	Cabanes
		1♦	1NT
all pass			

Here West led the ♠8 for the ten, jack and ace and declarer played the ♣A followed by the ♣Q, East winning and switching to the ♠J, followed by the ♠5. Declarer won, played a club to dummy's jack and a club and exited with a diamond, the defenders taking the remaining tricks for two down, -200 and 6 IMPs.

Board 7/VII South/All	♠ 8 ♥ Q108 ♦ AJ82 ♣ AJ1073										
♠ K52 ♥ KJ753 ♦ K1096 ♣ 8	<table border="1"> <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		♠ Q1093 ♥ 92 ♦ Q743 ♣ 965
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ AJ764 ♥ A64 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ42										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Guillaumin	Morath	Iontzeff	Efrainsson
			1♠
pass	2♣	pass	3♦*
pass	4♦*	pass	4♥*
dble	pass	pass	rdbl
pass	5♣	pass	6♣
all pass			

3♦ Splinter

4♦ ♦A

4♥ Cue

Rdbl First round control

East led the ♥9 and declarer took dummy's ♥A and cross ruffed diamonds and spades. That gave him 11 tricks, but his last two cards were the ♥Q10 and he had to lead round to West's ♥KJ for one down, -100.

Declarer must risk ducking the opening lead. He can then play to ruff diamonds in dummy which will get him up to 12 tricks.

On a trump lead, declarer will need to play a heart towards the ♥Q108 at some point.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Bjerregaard	Levy	Nilsland	Cabanes
			1♠
pass	2♣	pass	3♣
pass	3♦	pass	3♥
pass	3NT	all pass	

East led the ♦3 for the king and ace and declarer cashed five clubs, West discarding three hearts and East one. A heart to the ace and a heart set up a ninth trick and when the ♦8 also scored declarer had an overtrick, +630 and 12 IMPs.

5 pairs bid 6♣, three declarers bringing home 12 tricks.

Board 10/VII East/All	♠ – ♥ Q952 ♦ 107654 ♣ J1084										
♠ 1085 ♥ 74 ♦ KQ832 ♣ 932	<table border="1"> <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		♠ AK643 ♥ A83 ♦ 9 ♣ KQ65
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ QJ972 ♥ KJ106 ♦ AJ ♣ A7										

USA Reynolds v NL Seniors

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Baqai	Hofland	Dunitz	v. der Hoek
dbl	all pass	1♣*	1♠

1♣ Strong
Dble 5+

West led the ♥7 and East took the ♥A and switched to the ♦9, declarer taking the ♦A, playing a heart to dummy's nine and the ♦5. West won as East pitched the ♥3 and switched to the ♣2 for the jack, queen and ace. Declarer continued with a club to the eight and king, and East exited with the ♠3, West taking declarer's ♠9 with the ♠10 and played the ♦K. When declarer ruffed, East's ♠AK64 represented three tricks, enough for one down. However, when declarer played the ♥J (a spade honour is best) West could ruff, East discarding his remaining club. East ruffed the club exit and declarer's overruff was his last trick, two down, -500.

If you must bid with the South hand over a strong 1♣ it must be better to be able to show a two-suited hand. 1♠, promising two suits of the same rank is a popular method. However, there is a lot to be said for leaving well alone when you have a good hand – you can always consider bidding after the likely 1♣-1♦ start – for example if East's rebid is 1NT you can choose between 2♣ for the majors or make a penalty double.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Mulder	Greenspan	Kolen	Schenker
2♠	all pass	1♠	1NT

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♥J, followed by the ♥6. Declarer won and played the ♦9, South taking the ♦A and exiting with the ♦J. Declarer won in dummy, discarding the ♣5, played a spade to the king, ruffed a heart, and tried to cash the top clubs. When South ruffed the second of them declarer was a trick short, -100 and a 12 IMP swing.

At double dummy, after South's return of the ♦J declarer can pitch the ♥8 rather than a club. He comes to hand with a club and plays a low spade. South can win with the ♠J but is then endplayed.

Board 14/VII East/None	♠ 84 ♥ 54 ♦ Q107 ♣ Q76542										
♠ J102 ♥ J1063 ♦ K84 ♣ K103	<table border="1"> <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		♠ AKQ65 ♥ 98 ♦ J92 ♣ AJ9
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 973 ♥ AKQ72 ♦ A653 ♣ 8										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Guillaumin	Morath	Iontzeff	Efraimsson
pass	2♦*	1NT	2♣*
3NT	all pass	2♠	pass

2♣ Two suiter with 4+♥

2♦ 'Bid 2♥ with 5♥, pass with 5♦'

When East showed a good spade suit West found a well-judged jump to the nine trick game.

South led the ♥A and continued with the ♥7, declarer winning with the ♥9 and cashing five rounds of spades. North discarded the ♣65, South the ♦35. Declarer knew more than enough to continue with a club to dummy's king and a club to the jack for +400. 8 pairs bid 3NT.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Bjerregaard	Levy	Nilsland	Cabanes
2♠	all pass	1♠	2♥

South cashed the ♥AK and switched to the ♣8, +140 but a 6 IMP loss. France Bessis won 28-20, 12.44-7.56, leaving both teams comfortably ensconced in the top half of the table.

STOPA CONVENTION

Janusz Lekki

Distributional deal 10 from Round 6 proved to be difficult – a vast majority of participants did not reach the excellent small slam in spades (Bulletin 5, page 7/8):

Board 10/VI All/East	♠ A	
	♥ J9654	
	♦ 1054	
	♣ A432	
♠ QJ983	N W S E	♠ K10753
♥ AQ10		♥ K8
♦ Q8763		♦ AJ
♣ –		♣ K876
	♠ 64	
	♥ 732	
	♦ K92	
	♣ QJ1095	

Here, I would like to present an easy and effective way of dealing with such hands.

We employ the STOPA convention, designed by Piotr Stopa from our team Wisla. The bidding as follows:

W Golinski	N	E Lekki	S
		1♠	pass
4♣*	pass	4♦*	pass
4♥*	pass	4NT	pass
5♥*	pass	6♠	all pass

4♦ – STOPA

In the above sequence, 4♣ was a strong splinter (~12–14 HCP) and 4♦ was a conditional acceptance (possibly quite light), simultaneously asking about keycards and void. This is a previously mentioned STOPA convention.

The first step, 4♥, confirmed the void. The next bid was thus RKC for 4 keycards (similar to Exclusion Blackwood) and 5♥ showed 1 keycard and a spade Q (in exclusion RKC, we don't respond with the traditional 0–1–2 scheme).

Without the void, West would answer after 4♦ like in normal RKC, but the first step must be one level higher than usual (we must skip the void bid). It's a negligible disadvantage, provided the STOPA bid is at a reasonable level. This approach assures a safe harbor, in this case 5♠.

In our approach, the last possible STOPA with spades as a trump suit is 4NT.

For hearts, it's 4♠, etc...(thus kickback is OK for STOPA).

Details of STOPA may be further tailored according to one's wish. In general, we use it at the level of 4 after every shortage showing bid if the trump suit is already established.



AE FOND KISS

Mark Horton

When the last round got under way, Scotland White was 21st, England Pryor 22nd. You could get long odds against either of them securing a qualifying position.

Board 3/VIII EW/South	♠ 8652 ♥ 732 ♦ QJ765 ♣ Q										
♠ J1097 ♥ A96 ♦ A102 ♣ K32	<table border="1"> <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 ♥ KQJ84 ♦ 9 ♣ 1097654
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ AKQ3 ♥ 105 ♦ K843 ♣ AJ8										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Ward	McKay	Kendrick	McGowan
pass	2♦	2♥	1♦
3♦*	pass	3♥	all pass

3♦ Good ♥ raise+

South started with the ♠KQ and declarer ruffed, played a club to the king and a club, North's ruff making no difference. He exited with a spade and when declarer pitched a club he was assured of nine tricks, +140.

Had he been in 4♥, only the lead of the ♣A would have prevented 10 being recorded (2 pairs bid 4♥).

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
McLatchie	Sowter	D.Shenkin	Robinson
pass	2♣*	pass	1NT*
pass	pass	2♥	2♦*
2NT	3♠	all pass	2♠

1NT Good 14-17

2♣ Asking for a five-card major

2♦ Not 5♥/♠

West led the ♠J and declarer won and played a dia-

mond to the queen and a diamond for the king and ace. He was assured of nine tricks and when West eventually ruffed a diamond he switched to the ♣2 so that meant -170 and a 7 IMP loss.

If West were to lead the ♥A and see East follow with the ♥Q would that be enough for West to play two rounds of diamonds?

Board 4/VIII All/West	♠ J87 ♥ Q10974 ♦ A ♣ K932										
♠ Q2 ♥ 62 ♦ KJ97543 ♣ 76	<table border="1"> <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		♠ AK53 ♥ 85 ♦ Q86 ♣ AJ108
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 10964 ♥ AKJ3 ♦ 102 ♣ Q54										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Ward	McKay	Kendrick	McGowan
3♦	all pass		

A broken suit, the dreaded 7-2-2-2 pattern and the vulnerability were not enough to deter West (3♦ was the choice of eight players).

North led the ♥10 but declarer had an easy route to 10 tricks, +130.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
McLatchie	Sowter	D.Shenkin	Robinson
3♦	3♥	5♦	5♥
pass	pass	dble	all pass

When East led the ♠K West followed with the ♠Q. After cashing the ♠A East surprisingly took the ♣A before playing a third spade so that was two down, -500, enough for 9 IMPs.

Board 8/VIII None/West	♠ Q6 ♥ J2 ♦ AK643 ♣ Q1042										
♠ K532 ♥ Q75 ♦ Q872 ♣ J5	<table border="1"> <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		♠ AJ1097 ♥ AK1043 ♦ 5 ♣ 73
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 84 ♥ 986 ♦ J109 ♣ AK986										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Ward	McKay	Kendrick	McGowan
pass	1♦	2♦*	3♣
3♠	4♣	4♠	5♣
pass	pass	dble	pass
5♠	all pass		

2♦ Majors

West misjudged the situation and when declarer, having lost the first three tricks played South for three spades he was two down, -100.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
McLatchie	Sowter	D.Shenkin	Robinson
pass	1♦	2♦*	3♦
3♠	pass	4♠	all pass

2♦ Majors

North led the ♦K and switched to the ♣2 but when declarer played for spades to be 2-2 he was home, +420 and 11 IMPs.

Board 11/VIII None/South	♠ AKQ94 ♥ J ♦ AQ3 ♣ K532										
♠ J63 ♥ 6 ♦ J9752 ♣ A1094	<table border="1"> <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		♠ – ♥ AK1097543 ♦ K1064 ♣ 8
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 108752 ♥ Q82 ♦ 8 ♣ QJ76										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Ward	McKay	Kendrick	McGowan
			pass
pass	1♠	4♥	4♠
pass	pass	5♥	pass
pass	5♠	pass	pass
dble	all pass		

East led the ♥A and fatally switched to the ♦4, sur-rendering the 11th trick, +650.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
McLatchie	Sowter	D.Shenkin	Robinson
			pass
pass	1♠	pass	2♠
pass	4♠	5♥	dble
all pass			

South could not resist leading the ♦8 and North won with the ♦A and continued with the ♦Q for the king and a ruff. However, that ended the defenders interest in the deal, another +650 and 16 IMPs.

Board 12/VIII NS/West	♠ J9 ♥ J543 ♦ KQ64 ♣ Q87										
♠ 1032 ♥ Q10 ♦ A953 ♣ K953	<table border="1"> <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		♠ AKQ8654 ♥ 76 ♦ 2 ♣ J106
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 7 ♥ AK982 ♦ J1087 ♣ A42										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Ward	McKay	Kendrick	McGowan
pass	pass	4♠	dble
pass	5♥	pass	pass
5♠	dble	all pass	

For the third time, the five-level had a significant role.

South cashed the ♥KA and switched to the ♦J. The defenders had to score two clubs for two down, -300.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
McLatchie	Sowter	D.Shenkin	Robinson
pass	pass	3♠	all pass

Nine tricks were also taken here, +140 and another 10 IMPs, taking the score to 58-13. If nothing changed those 45 IMPs would translate to 18.98 VP, enough to see Scotland White into the round of 16.

Board 13/VIII All/North	♠ AKJ1094	
	♥ 62	
	♦ J9	
	♣ QJ8	
♠ –		♠ Q7532
♥ QJ973		♥ A5
♦ Q1054		♦ AK763
♣ K762		♣ A
	♠ 86	
	♥ K1084	
	♦ 82	
	♣ 109543	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Ward	McKay	Kendrick	McGowan
	1♠	1NT	pass
2♦*	pass	2♥	pass
3♣	pass	4♥	all pass

2♦ Transfer

South led the ♠8 and when declarer discard the ♣2 from dummy North won with the king and switched to the ♥2, declarer taking the ♥A and continuing with the ♥5 to dummy's queen. He then played on diamonds, South scoring the ten and king of hearts, +620.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
McLatchie	Sowter	D.Shenkin	Robinson
	1♠	2♦	pass
2♠*	dbler	pass	3♠
4♦	pass	4NT	pass
5♦	pass	6♦	all pass

2♠ Good raise in diamonds

4NT RKCB

5♦ 0 keycards

South led the ♠8 and declarer ruffed in dummy and ran the ♥Q, South winning with the ♥K and switching to the ♣5. Declarer won, unblocked the ♥A, ruffed a spade and fatally tried to cash the ♥J. When North ruffed, there were only 11 tricks, -100 and a 12 IMP loss.

Having unblocked the ♥A, declarer can take two rounds of diamonds ending in dummy and claim. This will fail if the diamonds are 3-1, so perhaps declarer, having ruffed a spade, should immediately cash the ♦AQ. If North discards, one option is to take the heart finesse and if it wins, unblock the ♥A, cash the ♣A, ruff a spade, ruff a heart and as long as the suit breaks exit with a low diamond! South wins but must play a club and the three losing spades go away.

The problem with this line is that it fails when South has the ♥K but were declarer to conclude that South is likely to have that card for his 2♠ bid then playing a heart to the ace, unblocking the ♣A, ruffing a spade, ruffing a club, cashing the ♦A and playing a heart will work when hearts are 3-3.

The Scots hopes were dashed, and as there was no redemption on the final deal I can reveal the inspiration for my title:

Ae fond kiss, and then we sever;

Ae fareweel, alas, for ever!

Robert Burns

It was desperately unlucky for the Scots – but I have no doubt they will be back next year.

BE CAREFUL WHEN CLAIMING

BBO gives players a special way of treating contested claims. If the claim is denied the play continues. I will treat such decision accordingly to the Law 68D2b - and "the score subsequently obtained will stand".

Alternatively players can call the director who will start a procedure you know very well from "live" matches.

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(all times are p.m.)

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Poland 1	802,8	Germany	36,8
NL Seniors	431,0	NL HOK	19,7
USA Simson	284,5	Scotland Blue	18,6
Lithuania	283,6	Poland Olimpia	13
Sweden	217,7	Poland Wisła	9
France Vinciguerra	214,9	Poland Andrzejki	8,8
Canada Kokish	190,4	Austria	3,0
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Argentina	137	Swiss Cheese	0,0
Belgium	110,7	Romania	0,0
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