



# 4<sup>th</sup> TRANSATLANTIC SENIORS CUP

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## FINAL RESULTS:

1. AUSTRIA - Franz Terraneo, Sylvia Terraneo, Kurt Feichtinger, Robert Franzel, Heinrich Berger, Peter Zelnik
2. POLAND 1 - Victor Markowicz, Piotr Bizoń, Marek Blat, Michał Kwiecień, Włodzimierz Starkowski, Krzysztof Moszczyński
3. NL HOK - Roald Ramer, Bas de Bruin, Leo van de Brom, Kees Baker, John Lesmeister, Gert-Jan Ros, Frank Borm, Roderik Oranje, Victor Oranje

**FINAL:** AUSTRIA - POLAND 1 75-70 (47-46, 28-24)

## 3rd PLACE SWISS

### Final Standings

1. NL HOK	131.02
2. ENGLAND PRYOR	126.64
3. SWEDEN	123.21
4. CANADA-KOKISH	120.80
5. USA SIMSON	117.14
6. LITHUANIA	115.17
7. BELGIUM	113.35
8. THE DUTCH MASTERS	112.35
9. USA REYNOLDS	111.38
10. ROMANIA BUCHAREST	109.29
11. POLAND ANDRZEJKI	109.02
12. SCOTLAND BLUE	108.78
13. USA SELIGMAN	106.98
14. DENMARK	105.78
15. POLAND BOCHEŃSKI	97.62
16. POLAND WISŁA CCSOFT	96.56
17. POLAND OLIMPIA	91.28
18. SWISS CHEESE	90.64
19. NL SENIORS	87.99
20. ARGENTINA	86.76
21. GERMANY	85.19
22. SCOTLAND WHITE	78.16

### Results of Round 8.

NL Hok - England Pryor	5.81-14.19
Sweden - Belgium	14.85-5.15
Canada-Kokish - The Dutch M.	13.72-6.28
Lithuania - USA Reynolds	11.28-8.72
USA Simson - Denmark	14.64-5.36
Poland Andrzejki - USA Seligman	9.67-10.33
Romania Buch. - Poland Wisła	16.21-3.79
Swiss Cheese - Scotland Blue	0.35-19.65
Germany - Poland Bocheński	3.45-16.45
Poland Olimpia - NL Seniors	11.58-8.42
Argentina - Scotland White	11.58-8.42

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**3rd PLACE SWISS Results of Round 7**

NL Hok - Sweden	15.46-4.54	USA Simson - Swiss Cheese	14.42-5.58
England Pryor - Poland Andrzejki	14.85-5.15	Denmark - Poland Bocheński	17.34-2.66
The Dutch Masters - Belgium	5.36-14.64	NL Seniors - Scotland Blue	1.59-18.41
Canada-Kokish - Romania Buch.	16.21-3.79	Argentina - Poland Olimpia	2.96-17.04
USA Reynolds - USA Seligman	12.16-7.84	Germany - Scotland White	11.28-8.72
Poland Wisła - Lithuania	4.15-15.85		

**TOP OF THE BUTLER AFTER 8 DAYS OF PLAY.**

1.82/28 P.-Y.Guillamin	FRANCE BESSIS	0.61/28 R.Roeder	USA REYNOLDS
1.82/28 G.Iontzeff	FRANCE BESSIS	0.60/98 W.Olański	LITHUANIA
1.64/14 K.Jordan	POLAND OLIMPIA	0.60/98 V.Vainikonis	LITHUANIA
1.64/14 M.Kudła	POLAND OLIMPIA	0.59/112 J.Krekorian	USA SIMSON
1.29/70 D.Jacob	CANADA-KOKISH	0.59/112 P.Weichsel	USA SIMSON
1.29/56 R.Oranje	NL HOK	0.58/140 R.Franzel	AUSTRIA
1.29/56 V.Oranje	NL HOK	0.58/140 S.Terraneo	AUSTRIA
1.11/84 S.-A.Bjerregard	SWEDEN	0.57/56 W.Melman	POLAND BOCH.
1.11/84 M.Nilsland	SWEDEN	0.56/112 W.van Eijck	NL SENIORS
1.11/28 J.J.Dousse	SWISS CHEESE	0.56/112 W.Gosschalk	NL SENIORS
1.10/84 P.Saporta	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.55/42 R.Cliffe	ENGLAND PRYOR
1.10/84 J.-M.Voldoire	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.52/112 D.Schaltz	DENMARK
1.05/56 A.Zawada	LITHUANIA	0.52/112 P.Schaltz	DENMARK
0.98/56 N.Chambers	CANADA-KOKISH	0.50/84 K.Adamsen	DENMARK
0.98/56 B.Hamman	CANADA-KOKISH	0.50/84 D.Koch-Palmund	DENMARK
0.94/84 P.Klimowicz	CANADA-KOKISH	0.50/56 Ch.Catzeflis	SWISS CHEESE
0.92/112 B.Shenkin	SCOTLAND BLUE	0.48/210 P.Bizoń	POLAND 1
0.89/56 B.Baran	CANADA-KOKISH	0.48/210 M.Blat	POLAND 1
0.89/56 P.Daigneault	CANADA-KOKISH	0.48/42 Ph.Cottin	FRANCE VINCIG.
0.84/70 G.Sellden	SWEDEN	0.48/42 D.Pilon	FRANCE VINCIG.
0.84/70 B.Wenneberg	SWEDEN	0.46/112 J.M.Backes	BELGIUM
0.82/154 R.Ramer	NL Hok	0.46/112 Z.Engel	BELGIUM
0.82/56 V.Markowicz	POLAND 1	0.44/126 G.Zivkovic	SWISS CHEESE
0.82/56 K.Moszczyński	POLAND 1	0.44/98 L.v.d.Brom	NL HOK
0.79/126 B.Spears	SCOTLAND BLUE	0.39/224 P.Cardwell	THE DUTCH M.
0.79/98 R.Chamberlain	ENGLAND PRYOR	0.39/224 J.Verhees	THE DUTCH M.
0.79/98 P.Shields	ENGLAND PRYOR	0.39/70 K.Wenning	GERMANY
0.74/224 M.Lair	USA SELIGMAN	0.38/140 H.Berger	AUSTRIA
0.74/154 M.Abecassis	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.38/140 P.Zelnik	AUSTRIA
0.74/154 M.Bompis	FRANCE VINCIG.	0.34/70 G.Elmroth	SWEDEN
0.69/196 M.Seligman	USA SELIGMAN	0.34/70 P.G.Eliasson	SWEDEN
0.64/112 J.-P.Derivaz	SWISS CHEESE	0.33/98 P.Weymann	POLAND OLIMPIA
0.61/126 B.de Bruijn	NL Hok	0.32/28 A.Musco	ARGENTINA
0.61/28 J.Jones	USA REYNOLDS	0.31/42 E.Scerri	ENGLAND PRYOR

## No Time for Losers

Mark Horton

There is a maxim in sport: no one ever remembers the semifinal losers. If you want to validate this, try recalling the losing teams in the Marrakech Bermuda Bowl. Meanwhile let's see how the first session of the semifinals evolve:

<b>Board 4/I</b>	♠ AK6	
<b>West/All</b>	♥ 76	
	♦ KQ10752	
	♣ 97	
♠ 92	<b>N</b>	♠ 108543
♥ 82	<b>W</b>	♥ J10953
♦ 984	<b>E</b>	♦ —
♣ AK8432	<b>S</b>	♣ J65
	♠ QJ7	
	♥ AKQ4	
	♦ AJ63	
	♣ Q10	

### Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Verhees	Starkowski	Cardwell	Kwiecień
pass	1♦	pass	1♥
2♣	2♦	pass	3♣*
pass	3♦	pass	3♠
pass	4♠	pass	5♦
all pass			

When North could not produce a club stopper South probed with 3♠ before retreating to the diamond game.

East led the ♣5 and the defenders took two clubs before declarer claimed, +600.

Is it worth mentioning that were NS to attempt 3NT, the defenders would need to avoid blocking the club suit.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Moszczyński	Lucassen	Markowicz	Walker
pass	1♦	pass	1♥
2♣	2♦	pass	3♣*
pass	3♠	pass	4♦
all pass			

Stopping short of game handed Poland I 10 IMPs.

### France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Hayet	Zelnik	Lasserre
pass	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	2♦	pass	2♠
pass	3♠	pass	4♦
pass	4♠	pass	5♦
all pass			

East led the ♣5, +600.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
pass	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	2♦	pass	2NT
pass	3NT	pass	4NT
all pass			

When West led the ♣4, there were 13 tricks, +720 and 3 IMPs.

Terence Reese did say a doubleton queen was a good holding for 3NT.

<b>Board 5/I</b>	♠ 2	
<b>North/NS</b>	♥ J8732	
	♦ AJ6532	
	♣ A	
♠ KQ109873	<b>N</b>	♠ 64
♥ 10965	<b>W</b>	♥ 4
♦ 74	<b>E</b>	♦ 108
♣ —	<b>S</b>	♣ K9875432
	♠ AJ5	
	♥ AKQ	
	♦ KQ9	
	♣ QJ106	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Verhees	Starkowski	Cardwell	Kwiecień
	1♥	4♣	5♣*
pass	5♦	pass	5♠
pass	6♥	all pass	

Put North's hand to a Bidding Panel and you will get a 50/50 split for 1♦/1♥. (In years gone by there would be some votes for Pass.).

East led the ♠6, +1460.





the king and continuing with the ♠2 for the jack and king. West exited with the ♠6 to dummy's ♠Q and when the ♦Q collected East's jack declarer claimed, +600.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
	1♦	pass	3NT
all pass			

West led the ♥J and when it held he continued with the ♥9 for the ten, queen and king. Declarer ran the ♦Q to East's king and the return of the ♠9 was covered by the jack and king, West continuing with the ♠10. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club for the ten and king, West exiting with the ♠6. Declarer won and played a diamond to the ten and that meant two down when East produced the ♦J and cashed a spade, -200 and a 13 IMP loss.

Board 14/ East/None	♠ K107532	N	E
	♥ 85		
♠ QJ	♦ QJ93	W	S
	♥ 93		
♦ 87542	♣ 4	A64	
♣ AQ98		♥ AKQJ10642	
		♦ -	
		♣ K3	
	♠ 98		
	♥ 7		
	♦ AK106		
	♣ J107652		

Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Verhees	Starkowski	Cardwell	Kwiecień
		2♣*	pass
2♦*	pass	4♥	all pass

2♣ Weak both majors or strong balanced, or game forcing 1/2 suits

2♦ Relay

4♥ Game forcing single suited

South led the ♦A and in the fulness of time declarer took the spade finesse, +510.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Moszczyński	Lucassen	Markowicz	Walker
		1♣*	pass
1NT	2♠	3♥	pass
3♠*	pass	5♦*	pass
5♥*	pass	6♥	all pass

1♣ Polish Club

If 5♦ was Exclusion Blackwood, the response showed 1 keycard.

South led the ♠9 for the queen, king and ace and declarer claimed, +1010 and 11 IMPs that saw Poland I take the session 30-22.

France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Hayet	Zelnik	Lasserre
		1♣*	pass
1♥*	2♠	6♥	all pass

1♣ 16+

1♥ Game forcing, any distribution, maximum of 2 controls

North led the ♣4, +1010.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
		2♣*	pass
2♦*	2♠	3♥	pass
4♣	pass	4♠	pass
5♥	all pass		

2♣ 'Strong, any distribution'

2♦ Relay

4♠ Cue

East's 3♥ bid left his side room to manoeuvre. Bidding 4♦ and then 4♠ over 4♥ would be another possibility, but if East's 4♠ showed the ♠A then West's ♠QJ were golden cards, suggesting he should do more than bid 5♥. Whatever, it meant the loss of 11 IMPs, leaving the session score at 28-28. Would Austria's carry over of 0.1 have a role to play?

## Countdown

Mark Horton

Two close matches, exciting deals, who would be able to withstand the inevitable pressure as the second half of the semifinals got under way.

<b>Board 6/II</b> EW/East	♠ 87652 ♥ 832 ♦ 10 ♣ A653										
♠ 3 ♥ A75 ♦ AK943 ♣ QJ92	<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		♠ A10 ♥ K1096 ♦ Q85 ♣ K1087
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ KQJ94 ♥ QJ4 ♦ J762 ♣ 4										

### Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Cardwell	Starkowski	J.Verhees	Kwiecień
2♠*	4♠	1♣	1♠
5♣	all pass	pass	pass

2♠ Invitational+ in clubs

South led the ♠K and declarer won, ruffed a spade and played dummy's ♣Q followed by the ♣J. When South discarded the ♠4 on the second round of the suit, declarer could not afford to play another club as North would win and play a spade, forcing out declarer's remaining trump, so he cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦3 toward the queen. North could score two trumps but that was all, +600.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Blat	Lucassen	Bizoń	Walker
2♠*	4♠	1♣*	1♠
		dble	all pass

1♣ Polish Club

2♠ Game forcing, asks for a spade stop

West led the ♦A and switched to the ♣Q, declarer taking dummy's ace and playing a spade. East went up with the ♠A and continued with the ♣K, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♠K, ruffing a diamond and playing a heart for the queen and ace. In due course he could play a heart

towards the jack for nine tricks, -100 and an 11 IMP gain.

### France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Zelnik	Bompis	Berger	Abecassis
2♦	4♣*	1♥	1♠
pass	pass	dble	4♠
		5♦	all pass

4♣ Clubs and spades

North led the ♠2 and declarer took dummy's ace, played a diamond to the king and a diamond, drew trumps via the marked finesse and played on clubs, finishing with 12 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
2♦	4♠	1♣	1♠
5♠*	pass	5♥	pass
		6♥	all pass

The auction makes one suspect that 2♦ was interpreted as a transfer. The partnership do play transfers in a number of situations, but this one is not covered by the convention card.

Declarer came to 10 tricks, -200 and a 13 IMP loss.

<b>Board 8/II</b> None/West	♠ Q ♥ 52 ♦ AJ852 ♣ J10653										
♠ 962 ♥ AKQ873 ♦ K63 ♣ 9	<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		♠ AK874 ♥ 9 ♦ 974 ♣ A842
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ J1053 ♥ J1064 ♦ Q10 ♣ KQ7										

### Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Cardwell	Starkowski	J.Verhees	Kwiecień
1♥	pass	1♠	pass
2♥	pass	3♣	pass
3♠	pass	4♠	all pass

South found the devastating lead of the  $\diamond Q$  and when it held he continued with the  $\diamond 10$ , putting the contract two down, -100.

Closed Room

W Blat	N Lucassen	E Bizoń	S Walker
1♥	pass	1♠	pass
2♥	all pass		

It proved to be a good time to miss the reasonable game.

North led the  $\spadesuit Q$  and declarer won in dummy, played three rounds of hearts and ducked a spade to South's  $\spadesuit 10$ . He had eight tricks, +110 and 5 IMPs.

France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W Zelnik	N Bompis	E Berger	S Abecassis
1♥*	pass	1♠	pass
2♥	pass	2♠	pass
3♠	pass	4♠	all pass

1♥ 4+♥, 11-16, canapé possible

South led the  $\clubsuit K$  and declarer won, cashed the  $\spadesuit A$  and continued with the  $\spadesuit K$ , North discarding the  $\diamond 2$ . Declarer took three rounds of hearts discarding two clubs, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and pitched a diamond on a heart, South ruffing, cashing the  $\spadesuit J$  and exiting with a club which left declarer relying on a well-placed  $\diamond A$ , one down, -50.

If declarer had relied upon the principle of restricted choice and ruffed a club after cashing the  $\spadesuit A$ , he would have come to 10 tricks. The only consolation being the thought that an unlikely lead of the  $\diamond Q$  would have defeated the contract.

Closed Room

W Vinciguerra	N Feichtinger	E Soulet	S F.Terraneo
1♥	2NT*	3♣*	4♣
4♠	all pass		

2NT Minors

3♣ Spades

North led the  $\clubsuit J$  and declarer took dummy's ace, ruffed a club, played a spade to the ace, took three rounds of hearts pitching two diamonds, ruffed a fourth heart, ruffed a club and pitched a club on a fifth heart, +420 to recover 10 IMPs.

Board 9/II EW/North	♠ Q5 ♥ K98 ♦ KJ97654 ♣ J										
♠ 6432 ♥ AJ52 ♦ A10 ♣ 1053	<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		♠ AK108 ♥ Q10763 ♦ Q ♣ AKQ
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ J97 ♥ 4 ♦ 832 ♣ 987642										

Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W Cardwell	N Starkowski	E J.Verhees	S Kwiecień
	1♦	dbler	2♦
dbler*	5♦	5♥	all pass

Dble Takeout

South led the  $\diamond 3$  and declarer took dummy's ace, ruffed a diamond, cashed the  $\spadesuit A$  and played two rounds of hearts, North winning with the  $\heartsuit K$  and switching to the  $\clubsuit J$ . Declarer won, went to dummy with the  $\heartsuit J$  and played a spade, +650.

Closed Room

W Blat	N Lucassen	E Bizoń	S Walker
	3♦	dbler	3♥
dbler	pass	pass	4♦
dbler	pass	5♦*	pass
6♦	pass	6♥	all pass

South's psyche was brushed aside, but with the  $\heartsuit K$  offside there were only 11 tricks, -100 and another 13 IMPs went to the Masters.

France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W Zelnik	N Bompis	E Berger	S Abecassis
	1♦	dbler	pass
1♥	2♦	3♥	pass
4♥	all pass		

That was 11 tricks, +650.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
	3♦	dbles	5♦
dbles	all pass		

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♦Q, West winning with the ♦A and exiting with the ♦10. Declarer won and played the ♥9, West winning with the jack and switching to the ♠6. East won and could have played a heart for four down, but he cashed a second spade and declarer could claim eight tricks, -500 and a 4 IMP gain.

Declarer could have achieved that result by playing the ♠Q rather than a heart.

<b>Board 11/II</b> None/South	♠ 5 ♥ AKQ72 ♦ AK87 ♣ AQ2										
♠ J1064 ♥ J10984 ♦ 42 ♣ J4	<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		♠ AQ32 ♥ 653 ♦ 95 ♣ K863
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K987 ♥ – ♦ QJ1063 ♣ 10975										

Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Cardwell	Starkowski	J.Verhees	Kwiecień
			pass
pass	1♣*	pass	1♠
pass	2♥*	pass	3♦*
pass	4♦	pass	5♦
pass	6♦	all pass	

1♣ Polish Club

2♥ 18+, 5+♥

3♦ 5+♦

West led the ♣J and declarer went up with dummy's ace, cashed the top hearts discarding clubs and played a spade, East taking the ♠A and returning the ♣3. Declarer ruffed with the ♦Q, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♦A, came to hand with a diamond, ruffed a spade and claimed, +920.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Blat	Lucassen	Bizoñ	Walker
			pass
pass	2♣*	pass	2♦*
pass	2♥*	pass	2♠
pass	3♦	pass	4♦
pass	4NT*	pass	5♦*
all pass			

2♣ 19-20 balanced or game forcing

2♦ Relay

2♥ Game forcing with hearts or 25+ balanced

2♠ Forced

3♦ ♥+♦

4NT RKCB

5♦ 0 keycards

Despite holding no keycards South had not jumped directly to 5♦. Was that enough of a clue for North to go on to slam. It meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Zelnik	Bompis	Berger	Abecassis
			pass
pass	2♣*	pass	2♦*
pass	2♥*	pass	3♦
pass	4♦	pass	4♠*
pass	4NT*	pass	5♦*
pass	6♦	all pass	

2♣ Game forcing

2♦ Waiting

2♥ Kokish

4♠ Cue

4NT RKCB

5♦ 0 keycards

You don't see someone break the Kokish Relay by not bidding 2♠, but it is a possibility. It is a good idea to agree that responder will have at least one top honour (A/K/Q). It is possible to play transfers – South could bid 3♣ to show diamonds, with North only competing the transfer with a fit.

West led the ♣J and declarer went up with dummy's ace, cashed the top hearts discarding clubs and played a spade, East taking the ♠A and exiting with the ♦5. Declarer won with dummy's ♦7, played a heart, ruffed by East with the ♦9 and overruffed by declarer who claimed, +920.



Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
pass	1♣*	pass	pass
pass	2♥	pass	1♥*
pass	4♦	pass	3♦
pass	6♦	all pass	5♦

1♣ 16+

1♥ 7+, fewer than three controls

West led the ♠J and East took the ace and switched to the ♥3, declarer pitching a club on the ♥Q, playing a diamond to the ten, ruffing a spade high, coming to hand with a diamond, ruffing a spade, ruffing a heart and claiming, +920.

Board 12/II NS/West	♠ QJ865 ♥ 10 ♦ 9765 ♣ J74										
♠ 1094 ♥ 653 ♦ KQ82 ♣ Q95	<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		♠ K2 ♥ QJ872 ♦ 4 ♣ AK1063
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ A73 ♥ AK94 ♦ AJ103 ♣ 82										

Poland I v The Dutch Masters

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Cardwell	Starkowski	J.Verhees	Kwiecień
pass	pass	1♥	1NT
pass	2♥*	3♣	3♠
all pass			

2♥ Transfer

I'll leave you to ponder the merits of bidding 3♠.

West led the ♥3 for the ten, jack and ace and declarer continued with the ♣8, East winning with the ♣10 and switching to the ♦4. West won with the queen, but failed to return a diamond which would have ensured one down, instead returning the ♣9 for the jack and king. Declarer ruffed the club continuation and played two rounds of spades, but East won and played the ♣A. Declarer ruffed in dummy pitching a diamond, cashed the ♠Q and took the diamond finesse, but that meant he was one down, -100.

Once the defenders had missed the diamond ruff a

winning line was available. Declarer must ruff a heart in dummy and play the ♠Q for the king and ace. He can then play two rounds of spades discarding a diamond, and West will be endplayed.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Blat	Lucassen	Bizoñ	Walker
pass	pass	1♥	1NT
pass	2♥*	pass	2♠
all pass			

The early play was identical to that in the other room, but having won the ♦Q West switched back to hearts, declarer discarding a club from dummy, winning with the ♥9 and then pitching another club on the ♥K. He was assured of nine tricks, +140 and 6 IMPs, which took the session score to 30-24 in favour of the Masters., who trailed by just 2.1 IMPs.

France Vinciguerra v Austria

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Zelnik	Bompis	Berger	Abecassis
pass	pass	1♥	1NT
pass	2♥*	3♣	3♠
all pass			

2♥ Transfer

West led the ♣5 and East took the king and ace and switched to the ♦4, West winning with the ♦Q and returning the 2, East ruffing and exiting with a club. Declarer ruffed, cashed the top hearts discarding a diamond and ruffed a heart. When he continued with the ♠Q West had a trump trick for one down, -100.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Vinciguerra	Feichtinger	Soulet	F.Terraneo
pass	pass	1♥	1NT
pass	2♠	3♣	4♠
all pass			

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♦4 (some play that leading a king followed by a switch is to a singleton) and West won with the ♦Q and played the ♣Q. When East followed with the ♣6 he returned the ♦2 and East ruffed and exited with a club, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♥AK and then playing the ♠A which meant he had nine tricks.

If West had returned the ♦2 at trick three, East could have continued with a low club and then ruffed another diamond for two down.

With the last two boards offering little scope Austria had done more than enough to win the session and the match, while Poland I held on to their slender lead.

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