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STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 7.

1. ITALY	98.02	20. FRANCE ROSSARD	68.32
2. USA 3 LEVINE	95.77	21. CANADA FERGANI	66.90
3. TURKEY	94.45	22. SCOTLAND BLUE	66.20
4. FRANCE MARILL	90.85	23. POLAND 4 BOCHEŃSKI	66.17
5. GERMANY 2	88.12	24. SWEDEN	62.43
6. LITHUANIA	84.91	25. HUNGARY	60.07
7. USA 1 WOLFSON	84.75	26. ENGLAND PRYOR	59.98
8. AUSTRIA	84.33	27. POLAND 3 SZENBERG	59.93
9. ENGLAND MOSSOP	83.94	28. NETHERLANDS 1	58.73
10. USA 4 LALL	80.07	29. ROMANIA BUCHAREST	58.61
11. POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ	79.70	30. SCOTLAND WHITE	57.02
12. BELGIUM	78.89	31. LATVIA	56.21
13. ARGENTINA	78.51	32. POLAND 2 PAJAŁ	55.78
14. ISRAEL	75.25	33. ESTONIA	54.53
15. PORTUGAL CBL	75.22	34. NORWAY	53.83
16. SOUTH AFRICA	74.96	35. NETHERLANDS 2	51.51
17. GERMANY 1	74.49	36. IRELAND	50.30
18. USA 2 SIMSON	73.78	36. PORTUGAL	47.16
19. CANADA MURRAY	69.35	38. BRAZIL	40.96

DRAW FOR ROUND 8 (Today, 8 pm CET):

ITALY - TURKEY

USA 3 LEVINE - FRANCE MARILL VG (8.30 pm)

GERMANY 2 - USA 1 WOLFSON

LITHUANIA - ENGLAND MOSSOP

AUSTRIA - USA 4 LALL

POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ - BELGIUM TWITCH

ARGENTINA - PORTUGAL CBL

ISRAEL - SOUTH AFRICA

GERMANY 1 - USA 2 SIMSON

CANADA MURRAY - FRANCE ROSSARD

CANADA FERGANI - SCOTLAND BLUE

POLAND 4 BOCHEŃSKI - SWEDEN

HUNGARY - ENGLAND PRYOR

POLAND 3 SZENBERG - NETHERLANDS 1

ROMANIA BUCHAREST - SCOTLAND WHITE

LATVIA - POLAND 2 PAJAŁ

ESTONIA - NORWAY

NETHERLANDS 2 - BRAZIL

IRELAND - PORTUGAL

USEFUL LINKS

Website of the tournament:

<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/>

Conditions of contest:

<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/coc.php>

Convention cards:

<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/web/cc.php>

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RESULTS OF ROUND 7

USA 3 LEVINE - TURKEY	3.34-16.66
ITALY - BELGIUM	16.23-3.77
AUSTRIA - LITHUANIA	8.41-11.59
FRANCE MARILL - ISRAEL	16.80-3.20
ARGENTINA - USA 1 WOLFSON	5.42-14.58
ENGLAND MOSSOP - GERMANY 1	14.39-5.61
GERMANY 2 - POLAND 4 BOCHENSKI	19.33-0.67
SCOTLAND BLUE - USA 4 LALL	2.94-17.06
POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ - SWEDEN	18.01-1.99
USA 2 SIMSON - HUNGARY	16.66-3.34
LATVIA - SOUTH AFRICA	0.07-19.93
PORTUGAL CBL - SCOTLAND WHITE	19.09-0.91
FRANCE ROSSARD - POLAND 2 PAJAK	15.28-4.76
NETHERLANDS 2 - CANADA MURRAY	1.00-19.00
CANADA FERGANI - IRELAND	17.06-2.94
ENGLAND PRYOR - ESTONIA	12.30-7.70
NETHERLANDS 1 - NORWAY	12.07-7.93
ROMANIA BUCHAREST - BRAZIL	13.41-6.59
PORTUGAL - POLAND 3 SZENBERG	2.94-17.06

We ask all players, captains, coaches and kibitzers to send the interesting boards, plays, stories, anecdotes to us by e-mail: marek.wojcicki@bridge.com.pl

Your contribution will make The Daily Bulletin more interesting.

If you are organizing some tournament, or any bridge related event and you would like to let people know about it, send us the leaflet or some information in other form you would like us to be published in the Bulletin. E-mail the same as above.

In the TOP OF THE BUTLER we show only players who played at least 60 boards in 7 rounds.

You can find complete Butler here:

<https://r.pzbs.pl/2021/tsc/0/#000II000001001001000000000>

TOP OF THE BUTLER

1.82/60	Doug Simson	USA 2 SIMSON
1.82/60	Jeff Aker	USA 2 SIMSON
1.52/130	Namik Kokten	TURKEY
1.37/100	Sylvia Terraneo	AUSTRIA
1.37/100	Robert Franzel	AUSTRIA
1.25/130	Mehmet Ali Ince	TURKEY
1.04/100	Alain Levy	FRANCE M.
1.04/100	Michel Abecassis	FRANCE M.
0.93/60	Jorge Castanheira	PORTUGAL C.
0.93/60	Jose Dias	PORTUGAL C.
0.90/120	Jeff Meckstroth	USA 3 LEVINE
0.90/120	Eric Rodwell	USA 3 LEVINE
0.87/90	Nedju Buchlev	GERMANY 1
0.87/90	Norbert Schilhart	GERMANY 1
0.83/60	Paul Hackett	ENGLAND M.
0.83/60	Brian Senior	ENGLAND M.
0.82/60	Philippe Conraets	BELGIUM
0.82/60	Faramarz Bigdeli	BELGIUM
0.82/60	Bjorn Fallenius	SWEDEN
0.82/60	Mats Nilstrand	SWEDEN
0.80/60	Sergio Freddio	ITALY
0.80/60	Bernardo Mancini	ITALY
0.79/80	Franz Terraneo	AUSTRIA
0.76/140	Gunnar Hallberg	ENGLAND M.
0.76/140	David Mossop	ENGLAND M.
0.74/140	Chris Bosenberg	SOUTH AFRICA
0.74/140	Neville Eber	SOUTH AFRICA
0.73/60	Michael Rosenberg	USA 4 LALL
0.70/70	Allan Graves	CANADA M.
0.70/70	George Mittelman	CANADA M.
0.68/100	Marc Bompis	FRANCE M.
0.68/100	Philippe Soulet	FRANCE M.
0.67/100	Mike Becker	USA 1 WOLFSON
0.67/100	Howie Weinstein	USA 1 WOLFSON
0.66/80	Doron Limor	ISRAEL
0.66/80	Yakov Mintz	ISRAEL
0.61/100	Lars Eide	NORWAY
0.61/100	Odd Frydenberg	NORWAY
0.60/100	Ulrich Kratz	AUSTRIA
0.60/100	Bernhard Straeter	AUSTRIA
0.57/100	Zia Mahmood	USA 4 LALL
0.55/80	Daniel Delestre	FRANCE R.
0.55/80	Francis Lobry	FRANCE R.

TOUGH CALLS

Mark Horton

The Round 6 encounter between USA 1 Wolfson and Poland 1 Markowicz contained a number of deals where the bidding was of paramount importance.

Board 7 South/All	♠ AJ8 ♥ K64 ♦ KJ42 ♣ J85										
♠ 103 ♥ 73 ♦ 97653 ♣ 10964	<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		♠ Q9642 ♥ AJ1052 ♦ 8 ♣ AK
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K75 ♥ Q98 ♦ AQ10 ♣ Q732										

Open Room

W Bizoń	N Weinstein	E Blat	S Becker
			1♣
pass	2NT	3♣*	pass
3♦	dbl.	rdbl.*	pass
3♠	dbl.	all pass	

3♣ – „Both majors I hope”,
rdbl. – „Same length I hope”.

North led the ♣5 and declarer won with dummy's king and played the ♥2 for the eight, seven and four. South continued with the ♣2 to dummy's ace and declarer cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and ruffed a heart with the ♠10. North overruffed with the jack and switched to the ♦2, South winning with the ace and returning the queen. The ♥J was ruffed by South who played the ♣Q, North ruffing with the ♠A. That ensured two down, -500.

Closed Room

W Sartorius	N Kwiecień	E Rogoff	S Starkowski
			1♣*
pass	3NT	all pass	

1♣ – Polish Club,
3NT – to play.

East led the ♥A and continued with the jack, declarer winning with dummy's queen and playing a

club for the four, jack and king. The return of the ♥5 went to declarer's king as West pitched the ♦3. Declarer cashed four diamonds, East discarding three spades. Declarer crossed to the ♠K and played a spade to the jack, East claiming the rest for two down, -200 and 12 IMPs.

3NT was made a few times – in the ending declarer went up with dummy's ♠A felling the queen. No doubt they were hoping that if West held the ♠Q he would also be down to ♣A/Kx.

Board 12 West/NS	♠ K1093 ♥ QJ4 ♦ QJ52 ♣ 108										
♠ A7 ♥ 10982 ♦ 983 ♣ K732	<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		♠ Q85 ♥ K763 ♦ A1076 ♣ A6
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ J642 ♥ A5 ♦ K4 ♣ QJ954										

Open Room

W Bizoń	N Weinstein	E Blat	S Becker
pass	pass	1♣*	pass
1♥	pass	2♥	all pass

1♣ – Polish Club.

North led the ♣10 and declarer won in hand with the king and played the ♠7. When dummy's queen won he cashed the ♣A, came to hand with the ♠A and ruffed a club, North throwing the ♦2. After cashing the ♦A declarer ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and exited with a diamond, South winning with the king. Declarer was sure to score one more trumps trick, +140.

Closed Room.

W Sartorius	N Kwiecień	E Rogoff	S Starkowski
pass	pass	1♦	pass
1♥	pass	2♥	dbl.
pass	2♠	all pass	

East led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade for the ten and queen, East

returning the ♣A followed by the six. West took the king and played a third round and declarer ruffed with the ♠K, played a diamond to the king and a spade, West winning with the ace and exiting with a heart. Declarer won and was soon claiming the rest, +140 and 7 IMPs

Board 13 North/All	♠ J4 ♥ 8 ♦ AQ976 ♣ KQ742										
♠ Q103 ♥ K942 ♦ 1083 ♣ A86	<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		♠ A9852 ♥ AJ1073 ♦ 42 ♣ 3
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K76 ♥ Q65 ♦ KJ5 ♣ J1095										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Weinstein	Blat	Becker
	1♦	2♦*	pass
4♥	all pass		

2♦ – majors.

North led the ♣K and declarer won with the ace as South followed with the jack. A heart to the ace was followed by a heart to the nine and declarer then ran the ♠Q, South winning with the king and returning the ♣9. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a heart for the queen and king and advanced the ♠10, claiming 11 tricks when the jack appeared, +650.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Sartorius	Kwiecień	Rogoff	Starkowski
	1♦	2♦	dbl.
4♥	5♣	all pass	

2♦ – majors,
dbl. – points.

East led the ♥A and continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed and played the ♣K, claiming ten tricks after West switched to a spade for East's ace, -100 and 11 IMPs.

That left Poland ahead 27-22.

Board 15 South/NS	♠ Q42 ♥ 3 ♦ J986 ♣ Q10976										
♠ K1085 ♥ Q9 ♦ Q105 ♣ J853	<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		♠ – ♥ AKJ10876542 ♦ K3 ♣ 2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ AJ9763 ♥ – ♦ A742 ♣ AK4										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Weinstein	Blat	Becker
			1♠
pass dbl.	2♠ all pass	4♥	4♠

West led the ♥Q and declarer ruffed East's ace and played the ♠7 for the eight and queen, East pitching a heart. A spade to the jack saw West win and switch to the ♦Q, declarer winning with the ace and playing the ♠6. West won and played a diamond and declarer put up dummy's jack, losing to the king. That was the last trick for the defence, +790.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Sartorius	Kwiecień	Rogoff	Starkowski
			1♠
pass	1NT	4♥	dbl.
pass	4♠	5♥	dbl.
all pass			

1NT – forcing for one round.

South led the ♣A and continued with the king, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♥A and playing the ♦3. When dummy's queen held he ruffed a club and claimed 11 tricks when the queen did not appear, +650 and 16 IMPs.

Very little has been written about the correct strategy to adopt when holding a ten-card suit. I looked at all the results on the deal and found that the huge majority of the field had played in Five Hearts doubled. Quite a few players had made an immediate overcall of 5♥. Two pairs had played in 5♥ redoubled for +1000.

Board 18 East/NS	♠ AKQJ8 ♥ J97 ♦ – ♣ 76542										
♠ 93 ♥ A1054 ♦ 107642 ♣ K10	<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		♠ – ♥ KQ8632 ♦ KJ985 ♣ Q8
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 1076542 ♥ – ♦ AQ3 ♣ AJ93										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Weinstein	Blat	Becker
		1♥	1♠
3♦*	4♠	5♥	5♠
all pass			

3♣ – mixed raise.

Declarer ruffed the heart lead and eliminated the red suits while drawing trumps before playing a club for the eight, nine and ten. West returned the ♣K, +680.

The chance of the club suit playing for one loser is just over 57%.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Sartorius	Kwiecień	Rogoff	Starkowski
		1♥	1♠
2♥	2NT*	4♦*	4♥
5♦	6♠	6NT	dbl.
7♦	pass	pass	dbl.
all pass			

2NT – invitational,

4♦ – „Undiscussed”.

Excellent defensive bidding saw EW lose only three tricks - there was no way to put North in to score a heart ruff. -500 was worth 5 IMPs. Four pairs found this excellent save.

One thing a partnership needs to agree on in this situation is the value (or not) of showing a second suit. Bidding diamonds gives information to both sides. After say 1♥-(1♠)-4♥-(4♠) should East bid 5♦?

Board 19 South/EW	♠ 1075 ♥ 843 ♦ A8 ♣ K8432										
♠ Q9832 ♥ AQ10 ♦ 952 ♣ 75	<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		♠ A ♥ K65 ♦ KQJ1076 ♣ J106
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ KJ64 ♥ J972 ♦ 43 ♣ AQ9										

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Weinstein	Blat	Becker
			1♣
1♠	3♣	dbl.	pass
3♠	pass	4♦	4♥
4♥	pass	4♠	all pass

3♣ – mixed raise,

dbl. – take out.

North led the ♣2 and South won with the ace and returned the nine, North winning with the king and exiting with the ♥8. Declarer won with dummy's king, cashed the ♠A and played a diamond for the nine and ace. Back came a heart, taken by declarer's ace and the ♠9 was taken by North's ten. A third heart saw declarer win and play the ♠Q. South won and played the ♣Q and declarer claimed seven tricks, -300.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Sartorius	Kwiecień	Rogoff	Starkowski
			1♣*
pass	1NT*	2♦	pass
3♦	all pass		

1♣ – Polish,

1NT – natural.

The defenders scored a diamond and two clubs, +130 and 10 IMPs.

Their strong finish over the last six deals gave USA I Wolfson a 53-36 win.

EUROPEAN GOLD 1989

FROM THE ALMANAC OF POLISH BRIDGE

Włodek Starkowski

The second gold medal of the European Championships for Poland was won in 1989 in Turku. Some of the notable members of the Polish national team, who played there were Julian Klukowski - Krzysztof Moszczyński (here, in TSC POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ), Marek Szymanowski (in TSC POLAND 4 BOCHENSKI) - Krzysztof Martens. In addition to the gold medal, an award for the best defense of the championships was granted to Krzysztof Moszczyński for the hand played in the match against Finland.

	♠ Q94 ♥ 4 ♦ 10972 ♣ AQ1075		
♠ 108 ♥ A1073 ♦ 63 ♣ KJ983	N W E S	♠ 76 ♥ KQ2 ♦ AK854 ♣ 642	
	♠ AKJ532 ♥ J9865 ♦ QJ ♣ –		

W Moszczyński	N	E Klukowski	S
pass	2♠	pass	1♠
all pass			4♠

West led ♦3 (2nd/4th). Julian Klukowski won with the king, cashed ♦A and played the suit for the third time. Declarer ruffed high and Moszczyński discarded a low club. In the next trick declarer played a low heart from the hand. West followed with the low, Klukowski took the trick with the queen and played a diamond for the fourth time.

Declarer once again ruffed high and the ball passed to the defender's side. Moszczyński started thinking carefully and after a while he played ♠8! At the moment, it was the only play that would set a contract. Underruff is a very rare maneuver.

Note that getting rid of a heart lets to make a contract in a simple way, and throwing a club allows you to set that suit after the finesse of the ten

of spades. South played for cross-ruffs, but Klukowski, as usual a good partner, had six and seven of trumps, and this guaranteed the defenders to take the trump trick.

The award for the best defense of the championship was a fountain pen that Krzysztof (supposedly) has to this day.

It is worth noting that the gold medal at the European Championship is not won in one, even the most wonderful hand. Below is another excellent defense, this time by Krzysztof Martens and Marek Szymanowski in the match Poland vs Denmark:

	♠ A84 ♥ AQJ10984 ♦ Q ♣ 73		
♠ K32 ♥ 53 ♦ KJ9643 ♣ J8	N W E S	♠ Q975 ♥ K7 ♦ 1052 ♣ Q954	
	♠ J106 ♥ 62 ♦ A87 ♣ AK1062		

W Szymanowski	N Koch	E Martens	S Werdelin
3♦	3♥	pass	1♣
pass	5♥	pass	3NT
		all pass	

Martens led ♦5 won by the ace. Declarer finesse a heart. Martens took the trick with the king and after detailed analysis concluded, that if he plays passive diamond, declarer will ruff, play the trumps and will continue with the low spade towards dummy, leaving defenders with no response.

If West takes the trick, East will be squeezed in black suits, if East – West's king will be finessed.

Martens found the only defense would be to set the contract – he played ♣4, and when Szymanowski was thrown in with the spade king, he continued clubs with the jack, breaking the communication necessary to set the squeeze.

BRILLIANT DEFENCE

Gunnar Elmroth

After unopposed bidding, sitting South you are the declarer of 4♥:

♠ 8											
♥ Q3											
♦ AKJ9865											
♣ 1065											
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
♠ AK5											
♥ AJ9642											
♦ 32											
♣ 42											

The defence starts with the King of clubs followed by a small to the Ace.

Now East shifts to the 10 of diamonds. You should have a preferred spade shift. But not this time. Now what?

It sure looks like a diamond singleton, East hoping to find his partner with a heart entry. Well, if it is, your only hope is that West holds either Kxx or singleton king unless East actually has the King of trumps. Then there are no threats.

But what if it was a clever shift from a doubleton? Can you make it no matter 3-1/2-2? That depends. Try

to ruff the spade first. Then if you run the trump Queen to the King you will go down if East is out of diamonds. Is it better put up the Ace? Not good if West has K10x. But you could still be on the right track. If East has 10x of hearts and a singleton diamond, the heart Jack now does the job. But if diamonds are 2-2, a low heart will be the winner if the King is doubleton.

Tough decision.

At the table I played Ace and another heart:

	♠ 8										
	♥ Q3										
	♦ AKJ9865										
	♣ 1065										
♠ J962		♠ Q10743									
♥ 1075		♥ K8									
♦ Q4		♦ 107									
♣ KQ73		♣ AJ98									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ AK5										
	♥ AJ9642										
	♦ 32										
	♣ 42										

The clever Mr Avcioglu of the Turkish team (nickname *Phantoma* !) found the elegant switch from a doubleton diamond and Kx of hearts.

Kudos.

Probably it is not necessary to add that I was the only declarer who was down at a heart game...

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

QUALIFICATION SWISS

18-23 Jan., 8 p.m. CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
25-30 Jan., 8 pm CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
Vue graph matches start at 8.30 pm CET

PLAY-OFF

Sun 31st Jan & Mon 1st Feb 7.30 pm CET
Round of 16, 2x12 boards each day
Tue 2nd Feb & Wed 3rd Feb 7.30 pm CET
Quarterfinals, 2x12 boards each day
Thu 4th Feb & Fri 5th Feb 7.30 pm CET

Semifinals, 2x12 boards each day
Sat 6th Feb & Sun 7th Feb 7.30 pm CET
Final, 2x12 boards each day
Vue graph matches start at 7.30 pm CET

SWISS FOR THE 3RD PLACE

1-6th Feb, 8 pm CET
6 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
7th Feb, 8 pm CET
1 round Danish, 20-board matches
Vue graph matches start at 8.30 pm

EVERY CARD TELLS THE STORY

Marek Wójcicki

During D'Orsi Trophy 2019 in Wuhan Piotr Bizoń (here POLAND 1 MARKOWICZ) defended brilliantly against 6NT.

Below there is an original report:

Every card tells a story, but sometimes the storyteller can paint a picture quite different the facts, that it is...

In round 22 of the D'Orsi Bowl you hold:

♠ AJ53 ♥ AQ ♦ KJ73 ♣ AKQ

After two passes, vulnerable against not, you open 1♣(17+PC), LHO overcalls 1♠ (natural) and you are the declarer in 6NT:

♠ Q82		
♥ K98		
♦ A1065		
♣ J75		
	N	
	W	E
		S
♠ AJ53		
♥ AQ		
♦ KJ73		
♣ AKQ		

West leads (Polish leads — 2nd/4th) ♣9. You take it with the queen and start with a small spade. West takes the king and continues ♣8. East follows. You cash the last club — both opponents follow. Now ace and queen of hearts — both opponents follow. Spade to the queen — East discards the club. Now king of hearts — jack falls from West, low diamond from the hand. Spade to the ace — West follows, while East discards a heart... Now the position is:

♠ —		
♥ —		
♦ A1065		
♣ —		
	N	
	W	E
		S
♠ J		
♥ —		
♦ KJ73		
♣ —		

West has shown five cards in spades, 3 hearts and 3 clubs... East — one spade, 4 clubs, 4 hearts... Key problem is the diamond suit distribution. The position of one outside card (♥10) is unknown.

You cash the last spade. West follows, low diamond from dummy and ♦2 from East.

Yes, yes, yes... he could, but it is also possible that he HAD to discard a diamond — his hand could be 1444! So you play ♦7 — 9, ace, 4.

Now the “marked” diamond finesse and two down, as the whole board was:

	♠ Q82		
	♥ K98		
	♦ A1065		
	♣ J75		
♠ K9764		N	♠ 10
♥ J73		W	♥ 106542
♦ Q9			♦ 842
♣ 1098		S	♣ 6432
	♠ AJ53		
	♥ AQ		
	♦ KJ73		
	♣ AKQ		

The player who found this imaginative defense was Piotr Bizoń from Poland, and the hand was played in the Seniors match Ireland — Poland.

I recalled this story watching one of the hands two days ago.

You (North) are the declarer of 3NT (South opened 1♣ and you bid 3NT):

♠ AJ8		
♥ K64		
♦ KJ42		
♣ J85		
	N	
	W	E
		S
♠ K75		
♥ Q98		
♦ AQ10		
♣ Q732		

East led ♥A and continued the suit with the jack. West contributed 3 and 7 (upside-down). How would you continue?

You have eight tricks and good prospects for the missing one. You take heart in hand and play a club. East takes the king and continues hearts. Queen from dummy, West discards a diamond...

From the unusual concept of defence you should be pretty sure that East also holds the club ace, otherwise he would surely start from the 4th best heart.

It is time to cash your winners... Ace of diamonds, queen of diamonds. East discards a spade. Diamond to the jack and diamond king – two more spades from East.

And now the moment of truth. What about spades? Are they actually 2-2?

Or did clever East try to save partner's ♠ Q, hiding one club from the hand:

♠ 9642 ♥ AJ1052 ♦ 8 ♣ AKx ?

What is your choice?

I think you have to check who is sitting East. If it is not Piotr Bizoń, you should play spades from the top.

It is a complete hand:

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South/All		♥ K64										
		♦ KJ42										
		♣ J85										
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♦ 97653		♦ 8										
♣ 10964		♣ AK										
		♠ K75										
		♥ Q98										
		♦ AQ10										
		♣ Q732										



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