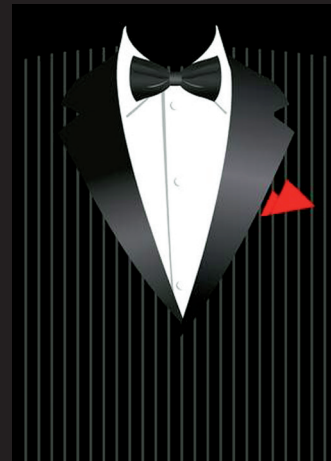


The minor ALT INVITATIONAL IV & TampAlt Qualification

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Red Devils lost in the Moss

Gupta tried to put up a fight in the semifinal, but besides that no team has really challenged Moss' superstars in this event.

They faced the Red Devils in a final high on entertainment and low on excitement, winning by 60 IMPs.

Congratulations to Sylvia Moss, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Jacek Kalita, Michal Klukowski and Roger Lee.

Well done also by the Red Devils (Geert Arts, Sam Bahbout, Philippe Caputo, Steven de Donder, Zvi Engel, Steve de Roos, Mike van der Vorst, Danny de Roos) who defeated Fredin by 2.9 IMPs in their semifinal not lacking the excitement of the final.

We are very grateful Sylvia is on the Moss team so we don't have to bring a picture of one of the other players on the front page.



Sylvia Moss
Photo: Jonathan Steinberg

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Final



	c/o	1	2	
Moss	0.1	58	63	121.1
Red Devils		29	32	61



Results Minor Alt Invitational IV

FINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 MOSS	0.1	<u>58</u>	58.1	<u>63</u>	121.1
 RED DEVILS		<u>29</u>	29	<u>32</u>	61

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 FREDIN	0.1	<u>33</u>	33.1	<u>31</u>	64.1
 RED DEVILS		<u>37</u>	37	<u>30</u>	67

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 MOSS	0.1	<u>43</u>	43.1	<u>7</u>	50.1
 GUPTA		<u>15</u>	15	<u>21</u>	36

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The Bid of the Century

By Mark Horton



Every once in a while a player is called upon to make a decision based purely on judgment as opposed to hard facts. Just such an occasion arose on this deal from the TampaAlt Qualification event:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ K Q 9 ♥ K Q 6 3 2 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ 9 8	♠ 6 3 ♥ J 10 8 7 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ 7 5 4 3	♠ A 7 5 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ A K Q 6 4 ♣ K 10	♠ J 10 8 4 2 ♥ 9 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A Q J 6 2
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This is a tough assignment for EW. 6♥ by West can't be made and the bad heart break scuppers the superior 6NT by East. 6♦ by East is the place to be, but for all East's 20 points it does not look easy. Indeed, in the Closed Room after South had opened 2♠ EW had come to rest in 5♥ and had North found a club lead even that would have been too high.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Beijl	Hoogenkamp	Krist	Helle
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦*	Dble
Pass	3♣	3♥	5♣
Dble	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

2♦ Game forcing



How did West, without a single first round control, work out it was right to go on to 6♦?

He knew partner had a game forcing hand with a diamond suit. He knew that partner had three card heart support, because with four hearts East would have responded 2NT. He also know that partner had significant extra values because otherwise he would have jumped to 4♥, following the principle of fast arrival.

When West doubled 5♣ for penalties East continued bidding, strongly suggesting that he was confident his side could take eleven tricks.

The combination of these factors was enough to persuade West that his partner must have a control in every suit along with what was presumably a powerful diamond suit and the known support for hearts.

Despite (or perhaps of?) the intimidating bidding by North-South, West, backing his analysis, advanced to the unbeatable slam.

Winning Combination

Semifinals of the Minor Alt VI

By Mark Horton



The other day a friend (a pretty good player) sent an email posing this question:

"I just went down in 6NT - I needed 4 tricks from ♣A10832 opposite ♣Q74.

I failed.

What is the theoretical 'best line (plenty of outside entries in both hands!)"

Some suit combinations one knows 'off-by-heart' but you can usually get close to the truth at the table. This one is low to the ace then low to the queen, offering you a 58.8% chance.

When I relayed that information back came:

"I led the Queen, it lost to the King.

On the 2nd round x to the 10, it lost to the Jack.

Should I have had the 9 in addition to 8 (& 7), to play this way?"

Adding the nine makes taking two finesses best, a 76% chance of four tricks. So, perhaps there is something to be said for spending a little time studying the subject.

A copy of *Playing Suit Combinations* by Fred Gitelman & Jeff Rubens might be a useful Xmas present for a bridge playing friend!

As we reach the semifinal stage I wonder if any suit combinations will prove to be significant.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gupta	Moss	Zia	Lee
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♥A and declarer ruffed and played on diamonds, the defenders taking only two tricks, +690.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	de Wijs	Klukowski	Muller
—	—	1♣*	1♥
Pass	2NT*	Dble	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

1♣ Polish
2NT Heart support

West led the ♣10 and three rounds of the suit saw West ruff and switch to the ♠9, three down, -800 and a 3 IMP loss.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gupta	Moss	Zia	Lee
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♣6 and declarer put in dummy's queen and played a spade to the ace followed by a diamond, South taking the ace and continuing with the ♣K. Declarer took dummy's ace and pitched a club on the ♦K - at least that was his intention. He accidentally played the ♠3 and now there were only nine tricks, -100.

Once declarer had rejected the spade finesse all South had to do was exit with a trump rather than the ♣K. North wins and plays a second heart when declarer does not have enough tricks.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	de Wijs	Klukowski	Muller
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Here too South led a club and with less at stake declarer let it run to his ten. He played the ♥K, won the heart return and easily took 10 tricks and a slightly fortuitous 7 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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



Roger Lee
Photo: Peg Kaplan

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gupta	Moss	Zia	Lee
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♦*	4♦	4♥	5♦
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ Majors

South led the ♣A and then played two rounds of hearts, declarer winning with dummy's ten. A club to the king saw South ruff and exit with a diamond. Declarer won and ran the ♠J, but that was still one down, -100.

If declarer had won the second heart with the queen and then run the ♠J he would have been 'home and hosed'.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	de Wijs	Klukowski	Muller
—	Pass	Pass	1♦*
1♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1♦ 2+♦, 11-15 2♦ Drury

North led the ♣2 and South won and returned a spade, declarer winning with the ace and playing a heart for the jack, queen and ace. A second spade saw declarer win with the king and claim ten tricks, +420 and 11 IMPs for Moss.

On the next deal EW held

♠J2 ♥108 ♦KQ6543 ♣A62 opposite
♠K5 ♥A9753 ♦A108 ♣J98.

Zia and Gupta finished in 4♦, recording +130 when the ♠A was onside, hearts were 3-3 and diamonds 2-2.

Kalita and Klukowski reached 3NT after East opened 1♥ and West bid 2♦ over South's 1♠ overcall - there were nine tricks on top after South's spade lead. That was +600 and another 10 IMPs, making the score 34.1-3 for Moss.

Time to see what was happening in the other match - it was the perfect moment:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Peter Fredin

- 1♦ Hearts
- 1♥ 3+♥
- 2♦ Game forcing, any shape
- 3♠ Non-serious
- 3NT Spade control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1-4 key cards

East led the ♠6, +980 and 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ A 6 5
 ♥ A K Q 10 8 2
 ♦ A 9 8
 ♣ 2

♠ Q 10 7
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ K J 9 8 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A Q 8 7 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Caputo	Fredin	Vandervorst	Apteker
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

♠ 4 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ K Q J 6 5 4 2
 ♣ 10 4

2NT Asking 3♣ Minimum with 3♥

West led the ♦9, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livgaard	De Donder	Aa	Bahbout
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Caputo	Fredin	Vandervorst	Apteker
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦7 and declarer won with the ace, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, came to hand with the ♠A and ran his trumps, catching East in a show-up squeeze, +1510.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livgaard	De Donder	Aa	Bahbout
—	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 2♣ Weak with diamonds or any strong
- 2♦ To play opposite diamonds
- 3♥ Non-forcing

I wonder why South didn't do more?
That cost 14 IMPs, leaving Red Devils
ahead 25-20.1.

On 10 Fredin-Apteker bid 6♠ with ♠J82
opposite ♠AK9753. The suit broke 4-0
and when the ♣K was offside declarer had
only 11 tricks and lost 12 IMPs.

On 12 Kalita-Klukowski stretched to 6♣
on a 4-3 fit. It was makeable (trumps were
3-3) but far from easy and declarer opted
for a losing line to surrender 11 IMPs.

On 13 De Donder and Bahbout reached 6♥
with ♠AT76 ♥AQ2 ♦A72 ♣AK7 facing
♠Q98 ♥KT984 ♦96 ♣862 - that lost the
Devils 13 IMPs.

On Board 14 NS had a potential slam in
6♠ with a trump suit of ♠A742 opposite
♠JT965. As I am sure you are aware, the
best line is to take two finesses but here
East held the doubleton ♠KQ. However,
East had opened the bidding, so declarer
knew it was best to start with the ace.
None of the four pairs went past game.

On 15 NS held ♠KJ7 ♥4 ♦QJ53
♣K10965 and ♠Q1032 ♥AKQ9 ♦A74
♣AQ. The ♦K was offside, but with West
on lead you could take 12 tricks in 6NT as
the clubs were 3-3.

It looked as if Fredin-Apteker were going
to bid it, but after 2♣-2♦-2NT-3♠-3NT-
4♣-4♦-4♥-5♣ North felt he could do no
more so they lost a couple of IMPs.

Tarzan Precision enabled Muller to
discover his partner had a game forcing
hand opposite his 1♣ that was 3145 but
minimum and they stopped in 4NT - no
swing.

After 20 of the 28 deals Red Devils led
48-42.1 while Gupta trailed 15-43.1 alt-
hough that was only after 17 comparisons.
The au pair was worried about the speed
of play - she doesn't like the champagne to
be delayed after 18.00 hours.

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livgaard	De Donder	Aa	Bahbout
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠A and continued with the queen, declarer winning with dummy's king and playing the ♥Q. With the king onside he could take six tricks in that suit then set up ninth in clubs, +600 and 11 IMPs.

The only winning lead is the ♦Q!

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Fredin	de Roos	Apteker
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
2♠	3♣	4♠	All Pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Fredin	de Roos	Apteker
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

4♠ had to go down - it might even be two down if North leads the ♣K, but not unreasonably he started by cashing his red aces, -100.

West could be sure that his partner held at most one spade, so passing out 2♠ was not without risk.

Declarer managed seven tricks, -50.



Steve de Roos and Steven de Donder

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Fredin	de Roos	Apteker
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2NT 4+♥, invitational
3♣ Minimum

East led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ace and played the ♥10, West winning with the ace and switching to the ♠J. Declarer put in the queen, East winning with the king and exiting with the ♣3.

After long thought declarer went up with dummy's king, ruffed a club, played a heart to the king, ruffed a club high, played a heart to the queen and cashed two hearts, discarding the six and jack of diamonds.

When East, forced to hold on to the ♠107 failed to pitch the ♦A declarer could exit with a diamond to endplay East.

A stunning swindle!

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livgaard	De Donder	Aa	Bahbout
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♦*	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♦ One major

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livgaard	De Donder	Aa	Bahbout
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
1NT	2♠	Dble*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Dble Take out

West's slightly unorthodox approach worked like a charm and eleven tricks and a dozen IMPs rolled home - 60-54.1 with 2 deals left.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West led the ♠3 and East took dummy's queen with the king and switched to the ♣5 for the eight, nine and ace. West ducked the first round of hearts, won the second and switched to the ♦2, East winning with the ace and returning the suit for +50 and 10 IMPs that put Fredin ahead!

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Fredin	de Roos	Apteker
2♠*	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♠ 6-10, can be 5 cards

East led the ♠K and when it held he switched to the ♣9, declarer winning with dummy's ace and trying to cash the king, ruffed and overruffed with the ♥T. A heart to the eight lost to the ace and West switched to the ♦6 (a spade results in two down) declarer winning with the queen and exiting with a heart.

East took the ♥K and exited with a club and the best declarer could do was ruff, cash his remaining trumps and then play two rounds of spades endplaying West for one down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Livgaard	De Donder	Aa	Bahbout
1♠	2♥	Dble	3♥
4♦	All Pass		

Knowing his partner held a weak raise (with a good one he could have bid 2♠) North let matters rest and that was enough to win the match, declarer finishing two down, -100 and a 7 IMP swing that saw Red Devils home by 2.9 IMPs.

They would face Moss in the Final.

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Bid Beyond Belief

Final Minor Alt IV

by Christina Lund Madsen



The Moss team has performed on a different level than the rest of the teams in this event. Brink and Drijver, long known as the worst top pair in online bridge, finally seem to have adapted to playing online, and along with Kalita-Klukowski and Sylvia Moss-Roger Lee, they appear to be clear favourites against the Red Devils from Belgium (Geert Arts, Sam Bahbout, Philippe Caputo, Steven de Donder, Zvi Engel, Steve de Roos, Mike van der Vorst, Danny de Roos), who already surpassed expectations by making the final.

Moss grabbed the lead from the start, picking up small swings on each of the first four boards, till the Devils entered the scoreboard scoring 9 imps when one table was in game going off two for -200, the other making 140.

Moss immediately struck back:

Board 6. East / EW

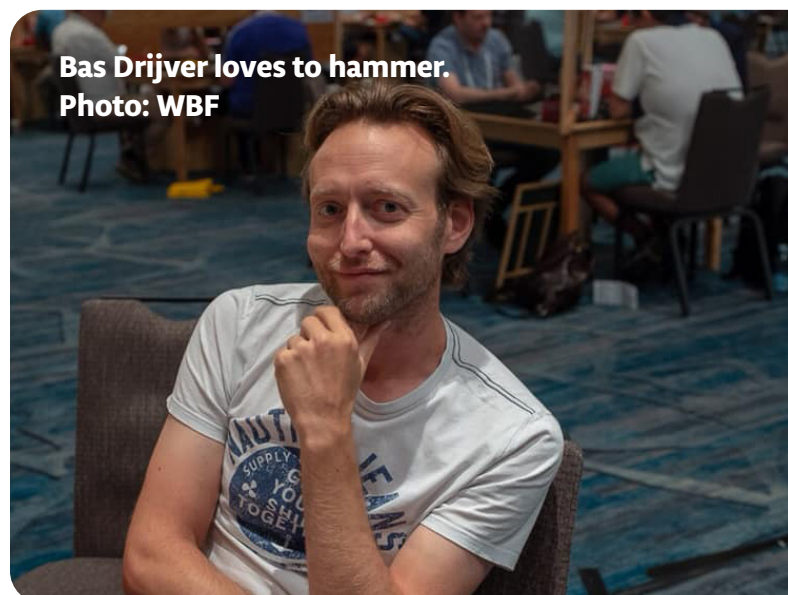
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Drijver	de Donder	Brink	Bahbout
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠*
Dble*	All Pass	Pass	2♠*

2♠ ♠+minor 3♥ Inv to 4♠.

Both North and South were a tad too optimistic. Drijver had heard enough and swung his hammer.

The lead was the ♥J to dummy's ace. South immediately played the ♣A and finessed in clubs, ruffed by West, and now a tapping race began. Drijver continued hearts, ruffed by declarer who got a diamond through to dummy's king and continued clubs, ruffed by West, playing a third round heart, South ruffing to cash the ♣K, ruffed for the third time by West while a heart was pitched from dummy.



Bas Drijver loves to hammer.
Photo: WBF

Drijver exited with the $\diamond A$ and a diamond, ruffed by South, who now played a spade to dummy's ace to play the last diamond, ruffed with his queen and West by the king, leaving dummy to score the last trick on the $\spadesuit 3$. Cute, but expensive.

-300 compared to the more peaceful contract of $2\clubsuit$ making by Lee-Moss in the open room meant 9 IMPs for Moss, leading 25-9.

The Devils lost another 10 IMPs before they gained the same when de Roos-Arts bid a game Brink-Drijver did not.

Next up it was the captain's turn to shine.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 5 3 2</p> <p>\heartsuit Q J 9 8 4</p> <p>\diamond A T 3</p> <p>\clubsuit 5 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit A K J 10 9</p> <p>\heartsuit 7 6 2</p> <p>\diamond K 9 7</p> <p>\clubsuit 8 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit 6 4</p> <p>\heartsuit A K 5</p> <p>\diamond Q J 8</p> <p>\clubsuit A Q J 7 4</p>
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<p>\spadesuit Q 9 8 7</p> <p>\heartsuit T 3</p> <p>\diamond 6 5 4 2</p> <p>\clubsuit K T 9 6</p>												

Both tables landed in $4\heartsuit$ in the West. Against Brink-Drijver, North cashed two spades and played a diamond from the king. Drijver won with dummy's queen and now played a low heart to the jack, maintaining the $\heartsuit AK$ in dummy to set up clubs for a diamond discard in case of $Kxxx$ offside as in this case. When hearts were well-behaved, this was the winning line.



Jacek Kalita
Photo: Peg Kaplan

At the other table declarer never got the chance to make. Sylvia Moss also cashed the $\spadesuit AK$, but seeing dummy's AKx of hearts and holding $\diamond K$, she continued spades, which declarer was forced to ruff.

Declarer hoped for one of the two minor suit kings onside and finessed in diamonds to go down his doomed one for 12 IMPs to Moss.

Moss led 58-29 after the first 16 boards, when Kalita-Klukowski replaced Moss-Lee, while the Belgian devils continued with Bahbout-de Donder and Arts-de Roos.

On board 3 the Belgians bid $6\spadesuit$ which played from the South hand needed clubs 3-3 or the $\diamond A$ onside. Both behaved, so the Devils won 11 IMPs, when Kalita-Klukowski rested in $4\spadesuit$.

On the two following boards Moss scored 12 and 163 IMPs, and despite one more two-digit swing to the devils most IMPs ran to Moss.

In what might have been a desperate attempt to turn the match around in the last two boards, I saw a bid I have not seen since an afternoon game at a junior camp about 17 years ago, which also happens to be the time I first met the player in question.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

<p>♠ 3 2 ♥ A Q 8 5 3 ♦ A K 6 ♣ T 9 8</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 9 7 6 4 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 7 4 2 ♣ Q 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A J 10 8 ♥ T 6 ♦ Q J 9 5 3 ♣ 6 2</p> <p>♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ T 3 ♦ 6 5 4 2 ♣ K T 9 6</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Kalita	de Roos	Klukowski
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	3♦	Dble
All Pass	Pass	Pass	

East self-alerted 3♦ and explained it as "can be very weak".

Sadly for de Roos, Klukowski is still a junior and it takes one to know one, yet he gives no junior discount in the defence. The little adventure cost 1100 and 11 IMPs.

If I were West and put down that dummy, I would be a little disappointed...

On the last board there was a chance for the Devils to make cosmetic improvements to the score, when Brink-Drijver went three down in 6♦ on the following layout:

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

<p>♠ K J 6 4 ♥ 5 ♦ T 9 7 2 ♣ A K Q 7</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A Q 3 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ 6 5 ♣ J 8 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ A Q J 9 7 4 3 2 ♦ A K Q ♣ 9</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Drijver	de Donder	Brink	Bahbout
1♦	1♠	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Perhaps Drijver should have bid NT one more time... The contract went 3 down with 6NT a lucky make because of the heart layout.

Meanwhile de Roos was not done bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Kalita	de Roos	Klukowski
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT*	Pass
6NT	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Notice how Kalita graciously did not double 7NT. He did however cash his ♠A. Not often you gain 5 IMP for 7NT one off cold for 6NT.

63-32 in the second set for Moss, 121-61 in total.



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dealer South vulnerability None

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

10 6♣	7 6♣	5 5♠ 5♣ 4♣	3 7♠ 7♣
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West Tobias	North	East Marina72	South
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	4♥	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

5♠ = asking for heart control
 6♣ = got it

dealer South vulnerability East-West

West	East
♠ J 9 6	♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ K Q J 10	♥ A 6
♦ A 2	♦ K 9
♣ A 6 5 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3

10 4NT 3NT	6 5NT 4♠ 4♥	5 4♣ 3♠ 3♥
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West Tobias	North	East Marina72	South
—	—	—	2♦
X	3♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

'In stead of 4♠ East should double and bid 3NT over the expected 3♥.'

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