

Thursday 21 March

Semifinals session 2

Declarer problem. How would you play 4♥ on ♠4 lead, 3rd/5th?

Dummy:

♠ Q 2

♥ Q 7 5 3

♦ K T

♣ A Q 8 6 2

♠ A K 6 5

♥ A J 9 2

♦ 8 6

♣ 7 5 4

What would you bid with the next hand as North after:

♠ J 6 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ Q 7 3 2 ♣ J T 5 3

East	South	West	North
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-	-	1♦	pass
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4♥	DBL	pass	??
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What is your choice of overcalls, vulnerable against not:

♠ K Q 9 5 4 3 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ Q 8 6

Your right hand opponent opens 1♦ to your left.

Spel 17
N/-

♠ JT987
♥ KT4
♦ 974
♣ KT

♠ Q2
♥ Q753
♦ KT

♠ AK65
♥ AJ92
♦ 86

♣ AQ862

♣ 754

♠ 43
♥ 86
♦ AQJ532
♣ J93

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher
-	pass	1NT	pass
2♣	pass	2♥	pass
3♥	pass	4♥	all pass

1NT = 9-12

Westerbeek opened a 9-12 no-trump, then excepted the game try and got the ♠4 lead. He won in dummy and played a heart to the Jack. The chance of finding North with Kx is the same as KTx, but North also has the stiff King sometimes, making low to the Jack the better play. This time this line failed and Westerbeek took the normal club finesse for one down, NS +50.

West	North	East	South
Szirmay-Kalos	Spangenberg	Konkoly	van Lankveld
-	pass	1NT	3♦
3NT	all pass		

1NT = 10-13

Konkoly also opened mini no-trump, but here van Lankveld decided to jump to his 6-card ♦, in hope of getting them to the wrong contract. Szirmay duly bid 3NT without investigating a possible heart fit. Van Lankveld led the ♦Q, but declarer now led ♥Q from the table, and later finessed against ♥10 as well. After all, van Lankveld was marked with long diamonds, so the chance of finding North with the heart length was much bigger here. 3NT just made, NS -400 and 10 IMPs to Hungary.

Spel 20 ♠ J64
W/A ♥ 93
♦ Q732
♣ JT53

♠ Q85
♥ 42
♦ AJT84
♣ KQ7

♠ T73
♥ KQJT875
♦ K5
♣ 6

♠ AK92
♥ A6
♦ 96
♣ A9842

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher
1♦	pass	4♥	dbl
Pass	5♣	pass	pass
Dbl	pass	pass	pass

Wagner decided to bid 5♣. With this weak balanced hand you better pass as you don't expect to make anything you bid. You better hope to score a small plus score by defending 4♥. Here bidding proved to be disastrous as 4♥ doesn't even make and 5♣ went four down after ♥K for ♥A, ♣A and a club. This saw declaring losing six tricks and - 1100 against +100 of 4♥.

Board 26
E/All

♠ K9
♥ KQT65
♦ AT
♣ KQ94

♠ QJ87643
♥ 4
♦ 86
♣ J85

♠ 2
♥ J732
♦ K9542
♣ T63

♠ AT5
♥ A98
♦ QJ73
♣ A72

West	North	East	South
Szirmay-Kalos	Spangenberg	Konkoly	van Lankveld
-	-	pass	1NT

2♦	3♦	pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	all pass	

2♦ = 1 Major (6+card)

3♦ = 5+♥, inv+

Van Lankveld and Spangenberg bid the good slam, after interference by Szirmay. Szirmay found the excellent lead of ♦8. Van Lankveld decided to finesse and Konkoly won the King and returned a club. No diamond ruff, so it looked like East started with at least two of those. But Van Lankveld did not finesse the ♥Jack and went one down, NS -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher
-	-	pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	all pass	

Wagner bid his hearts, then made a quantitative slam try with 4NT. Not sure why he did not bid his 2nd suit, as a club or heart slam might be best. Fisher had a minimum for her 1NT-opening and passed, comfortably making 11 tricks, NS +660 and 13 IMPs to Hungary, pulling away at 59 - 42.

Spel 28
W/NZ

♠ KQ9543
♥ 2
♦ 852
♣ Q86

♠ AJ76
♥ T85
♦ AKJ4
♣ K3

♠ T82
♥ KQJ7
♦ Q7
♣ JT92

♠ -
♥ A9643
♦ T963
♣ A754

West	North	East	South
Szirmay-Kalos	Spangenberg	Konkoly	van Lankveld
1♦	1♠	DBL	pass
1NT*	pass	2NT	pass
3NT	pass	pass	DBL

All pass

1NT = 14 - 17 (mini no trump opening)

Spangenberg overcalled just 1♠ and now EW invited game and bid it. Van Lankveld thought with all suits breaking bad and the opponents having made an invitational sequence 3NT would not be made, so he doubled this. This led Spangenberg away from the spade lead and instead she led a heart. Declarer set up his heart winners, Van Lankveld returning the suit in turn. Now declarer cashed his red winners and exited with a small spade. North now had to lead in the spade tenace or towards the club King, so declarer scored his nine tricks, NS -550.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher
1♣	2♠	all pass	

Wackwitz opened 1♣, containing all balanced hands out of range of their mini-NT opening. Wagner jumped to 2♠. Westerbeek might have acted over this, knowing his partner to hold a 13+NT hand or an unbalanced hand with clubs. But he chose to pass, with three small spades, a reasonable decision. Wackwitz had a good defensive hand against a vulnerable spade contract and with partner not acting over 2♠ gave up as well. Declarer may have dropped a trick in the play as 2♠ went three off, but -300 still meant 8 IMPs to Hungary, making the final score after the second session 65 - 43 in favour of Hungary.