

With a full house I manage to witness some boards.
Of course there is enough spectacle, and lucky for
me some nice small boards.

Spel 19
Z/OW

♠KJ42
♥Q4
♦10832
♣1095

♠963
♥J1063
♦A4
♣J874

♠85
♥AK97
♦KJ5
♣KQ32

♠AQ107
♥852
♦Q976
♣A6

W N
Z O

At many tables NS were allowed to play in 2♠ and East had a lead in ♥A. I would discourage with as West, but I saw west play ♥3 and East continuing ♥K. Seeing ♥Q East switched to ♣K, in my view not necessary. Declarer took ♣A and ruffed a heart to get to hand. Now a diamond. East hopped up with ♦K, crossed to ♦A in West who returned a club for ♣Q and the diamond ruff was good for down one. "Cannot make it" was the analysis. In fact that was true. But after ♣A, three rounds of trumps and a diamond does wonders with the heart ruff as the second entry for the second diamond play. So 2♠ was a make? If East plays, after ♥K and ♥A, a third heart, it removes a necessary entry. Leen and Marc for the Netherlands were not to be tested in the defence of 2♠.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♦
pass	1♠	dbl	2♠
pass	pass	dbl	pass
4♥	pass	pass	pass

27		N Falconer		WES NOC OOS ZUID	
G		♠ B976		1♦	
		♥ 62		P P 1S Dbl	
		♦ 1062		P P R P	
		♣ V1052		P P	
W Zalitis		O Beijsterve			
♠ 10854		♠ 32			
♥ HV8		♥ A1053			
♦ 74		♦ A53			
♣ A986		♣ HB43			
		Z Hajdara			
		♠ AHV			
		♥ B974			
		♦ HVB98			
		♣ 7			
1SAxx Oost					
NZ: 0					
OW: 0					

Niels formed Monday morning a partnership with Aleksis, from Estonia or Latvia (or both?). Maybe they have some system agreement but otherwise the redouble is a bid of a real man. After ♦ K and ♦ Q, Niels took ♦ A and straight away played a club to ♣ A and took the ♣ Q finesse on the way back. That was an overtrick when South discarded a heart. One thing to learn: it should be scored as +760. what will it be: Niels in Estonia or Aleksis in the Netherlands?