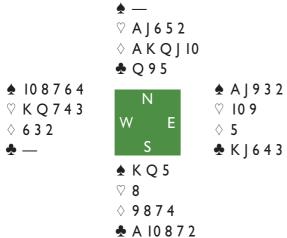
## **Bien fait, Bessis**

By Jan van Cleeff

Poland v. France, Bermuda Bowl, Round 7

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Combescure	Jassem	Rombaut	Mazurkiewicz
	$\bigcirc$	2♡*	Pass
4 <b>♠</b>	<b>5</b> ◇	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

27 spades and a minor

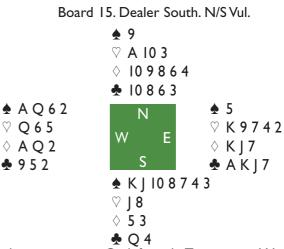
With his double, West clearly put his hopes on a club lead. East, however, kicked off with the A. Declarer ruffed, played the  $\heartsuit A$ , heart ruff and pitched two clubs on the top spades. Then Jassem tried  $\clubsuit A$ , but when West ruffed and returned a trump the defense had a heart trick coming. Still, declarer had 11 tricks for plus 550.

## Closed Room

We	st North	East	South
Kalit	a Bessis	Nowosadzki	Volcker
	${\bf \nabla}$	2♡*	Dbl*
4♠	60	All Pass	
2♡ Dbl	spades and a minor points		

Knowing that his partner had some values Thomas Bessis immediately jumped to slam. A double by West lets the defense prevail if East finds the club lead. East, however, opted for the A as in the open room. This gave Thomas Bessis the chance to make 12 tricks and he grabbed it. He ruffed the lead, draw the trumps and advanced the  $\clubsuit Q$ , hoping to find 🔄 bare in West. Not this time, but Bessis still had +920 and 9 IMPs to France. That was nice, but it got even better:

Japan v. France, Bermuda Bowl, Round 3



In the open room, Godefroy de Tessieres as West made 11 tricks in 3NT on the lead of  $\Diamond$ 10. The spicy stuff came from the closed room:

West	North	East	South
Chen	Bessis	Furuta	Volcker
			2♠*
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2 <b>♠</b> weak			

North duly led his partner's suit to the ten and low. Next, West won the **A** with his queen, crossed to dummy with  $\Diamond$ ] and played a low heart to his queen. When Bessis followed low, declarer ducked a heart to South, who cleared the spades. Declarer, who was convinced that South still had the  $\heartsuit A$  as an entry for his spades, fell back to Plan B and finessed !: 3NT two down. Bessis's brilliant manoeuvre was good for 11 IMPs for France. Bien fait.



Thomas Bessis, France