

# 334. A matter of mayhem

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Dealer South : East-West vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♣	?		

What would you do as North with:

♠ AQ103  
♥ QJ53  
♦ AK1064  
♣ --

If you tackled yesterday's Daily Problem, you will recognize this deal. Yesterday's column featured the [SWEDEN](#) vs [USA2](#) semi-final in the 2015 Bermuda Bowl. Today's deal, rotated 180 degrees, examines the outcome in [ENGLAND](#) vs [POLAND](#).

Board 89: Dealer South : East-West vulnerable

North	
♠ AQ103	
♥ QJ53	
♦ AK1064	
♣ --	

West	East
♠ 85	♠ 764
♥ 862	♥ AK109
♦ QJ952	♦ --
♣ 762	♣ AKJ854

South
♠ KJ92
♥ 74
♦ 873
♣ Q1093

[ENGLAND](#) North-South:

West	North	East	South
<i>No'sadzki</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	4♠	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

(1) Takeout for hearts and clubs

North led the ♦K, ruffed with the ♣4. After the ♠4, taken by the ♠K, South continued with the ♠2. North won and played the ♠A, ruffed by West. Next came the ♦J: ace – ♣5 – ♦7, followed by the ♥A, ♥K and ♥10. West lost 2 spades, 1 heart and 2 clubs, three down, North-South +800.

Yesterday's question: What should East do over North's 4♠? The 4NT choice was a calamity for East-West, but it could have been avoided. East has a 5-loser hand. Why does East think that a 5-level contract is viable? Was East trying to push North-South into a sacrifice? East might have overcalled 2♣ initially, but having doubled first, East could now double 4♠. Whether West takes the double as penalties or takeout, West will pass it.

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<p>West</p> <p>♠ 85</p> <p>♥ 862</p> <p>♦ QJ952</p> <p>♣ 762</p>	<p>North</p> <p>♠ AQ103</p> <p>♥ QJ53</p> <p>♦ AK1064</p> <p>♣ --</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ 764</p> <p>♥ AK109</p> <p>♦ --</p> <p>♣ AKJ854</p>
<p>South</p> <p>♠ KJ92</p> <p>♥ 74</p> <p>♦ 873</p> <p>♣ Q1093</p>		

POLAND North-South:

West	North	East	South
<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl <sup>(1)</sup>	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♣	3♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

(1) Strong hand

It is very strange for North to be prepared to play in 2♦ one minute and then bid game shortly after. It certainly looks as though Michal Klukowski was playing psychological games as though he was hoping 4♠ would be doubled. The jump to 4♠ at the end sort of gives that game away. Anyway, if he wanted to be doubled, his wish was granted. Beware of what you wish for.

West led the ♥2: three – nine – seven. East returned the ♠4, won by the ♠10. Declarer played the ♦A. East ruffed and played his remaining spade, taken by the ♠J. The ♥4 went to the jack and ace and East switched to the ♣A. Declarer ruffed with the ♠A and played the ♥5: ten – ♠9 – ♥6. He continued with the ♦8, queen, ducked in dummy. When West exited with the ♣6, declarer discarded dummy's ♥Q. East won with the ♣K and declarer had the rest, two down, East-West +300 and 15 Imps to ENGLAND.

Before that deal, POLAND was leading by 193-175. After Board 89, with 7 boards to play, it was POLAND 193, ENGLAND 190.

## Problem for Tomorrow:

Dealer North : Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦(1)
Pass	2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	?

(1) Artificial, forcing to game  
(2) 3-card heart support

What would you do as South with:

♠ AKJ10  
♥ 10974  
♦ --  
♣ QJ1094

**Why not phone or email your bridge partners and compare your answers and your reasoning?**

*The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.*