

SESSION 2 BEST
 MATCH 4 DEFENCE
 POI -D 14

TEAMS PROFESSIONALS v SCOTLAND

DEALER E

VULNERABILITY LOVE ALL

	♠	J652		♠	KQ7
	♥	A983		♥	J2
	♦	Q		♦	J953
	♣	Q1072		♣	K864
♠	A1083		□		
♥	K4				
♦	A864				
♣	J53				
	♠	94			
	♥	Q10765			
	♦	K1072			
	♣	A5			

3H was the per contract here, and the defences varied from the sublime to the ridiculous. First the ridiculous. Steve Lodge as North got the ♣3 lead, out of turn, followed by the ♠ Jack, to the Q, K, and Ace. When he tried the club two, as the ♣3 was a penalty card, East tried a desperate ♠K! Now declarer could take a ♠ Jussie to discard a spade loser, later the diamond Queen sneaked through - 12 tricks.

Shenkin and Silvestro showed how it should be done. Again North was declarer, and Shenkin found the lead of the spade King, followed by the queen of spades and a third spade. Declarer ruffed this in dummy, and played a diamond, but Silvestro hopped up with the ace, and played the fourth spade as Shenkin discarded a discouraging club. Now Declarer played ace and a second heart but Silvestro simply played a diamond back into the K10; declarer had two discards but still a club loser; one down.