

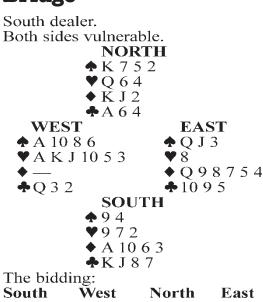


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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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TH GESM CFJPFC'Q PENFQS. Saturday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE HE'S EMPLOYED IN A FÁCTORÝ MAKING TOY BEARS, PEOPLE NOW SAY HE'S FOUND TEDDY WORK. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals Y

QVYF

DJLVCESF XVLFI,

H J N F Q

Pass

This deal occurred during the fourth-quarter surge that helped the United States overtake Poland to win the 1994 World Team Championship. The Americans trailed by a narrow margin when the deal arose, but a Polish pair, consistent with the team's aggressive style, pushed their luck and suffered a heavy loss. At the first table, the bidding went as shown. Poland's Adam Zmudzinski opened the West hand with one heart and played it right there, making eight tricks, after Lew Stansby of the U.S. elected not to act over one heart with the balanced 13-point North hand.

At the second table, however, the bidding was markedly different:

	South West	North	East
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Here Poland's Piotr Gawrys chose to double one heart, inducing his partner, Krzysztof Lasocki, to make two bids with the South hand. When Gawrys eventually took a preference to three diamonds, East, Roger Bates, applied the ax.

West, Michael Rosenberg, started with the K-A of hearts — East discarding a club — and then led the jack, ruffed by Bates. Rosenberg won the queen-of-spades shift with the ace and returned the heart five. Lasocki would have done better to discard from dummy, but when he ruffed with the jack, Bates overruffed with the queen, which was overruffed by the ace.

Declarer next led a club to the ace and finessed the jack on the way back, losing to the queen. Rosenberg returned a club for Bates to ruff for the defense's sixth trick, and Bates had another trump trick coming for down three - 800 points.

The net score of 690 points resulted in a 12-IMP pickup for the Americans, giving them a lead they never relinquished.



"None of the maps in my geography book have any streets on them."

Crossword

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