

# Spingold 2019 - Final

## Fourth stanza

**Board 16**  
 West Deals  
 E-W Vul

	♠ Q 5		
	♥ A Q J		
	♦ J 10 9 7 6 4		
	♣ 7 2		
♠ 9 8 6 4 2	N	♠ A 10	
♥ K 6 4	W	♥ 10 7 5 3 2	E
♦ Q 8	S	♦ 5	
♣ Q 6 5		♣ K J 10 8 3	
	♠ K J 7 3		
	♥ 9 8		
	♦ A K 3 2		
	♣ A 9 4		

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 4

Down by 35 IMPs, Zimmerman needed a fast start to the final stanza to keep their chances alive, but they didn't get it. The first board was flat and dull: +660 apiece in an obvious 3NT where only an unlikely lead could have gained perhaps 1 IMP, and flat too was the second board. But here, Team Blass missed a chance for a small pickup.

**Board 17**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K J 2  
 ♥ Q 8 5 4  
 ♦ K Q 6  
 ♣ 7 4 3

♠ 10  
 ♥ A J 6 2  
 ♦ 10 9 7 3  
 ♣ K J 6 2

W N E S

♠ 9 8 3  
 ♥ K 10 9  
 ♦ A 8 5 4  
 ♣ A 10 9

♠ A Q 7 6 5 4  
 ♥ 7 3  
 ♦ J 2  
 ♣ Q 8 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	Pass	1 NT <sup>1</sup>	2 ♠
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2 NT	3 ♠	All pass	

1. 12-14

3 ♠ by South

Lead: ♦ 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	Pass	Pass	2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2 ♠ <sup>2</sup>	All pass	

1. 1 Major  
 2. P/C

2 ♠ by North

Lead: ♠ 9

Brink and Drijver were on the right track to collect all their tricks, after Drijver led the ♣10(!) to the queen and king and, when in with the ♣K, tabled the ♥K(!) and continued the suit. However, instead of cashing his ♣J, Brink continued hearts, and Helness could eventually pitch dummy's club losers on his ♥Q. Flat. But Zimmerman was about to score.

**Board 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 7

♥ A Q 6 4 3

♦ K 8 4 3

♣ Q J

♠ K 9 8 6 5

♥ 8

♦ J 10 5

♣ 9 8 7 5

W N  
S E

♠ A Q 4 3

♥ 9 7

♦ Q 9 2

♣ A 10 6 3

♠ 10 2

♥ K J 10 5 2

♦ A 7 6

♣ K 4 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1 NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2 ♣ !	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

1. 10-12

4 ♠ by East

Lead: ♠ 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
		1 ♣	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

4 ♥ by South

Lead: ♦ J

Knowing that his opponents held a large majority of the points, and many hearts, Brink muddied the waters by inviting to game with a worthless hand. A clever idea in principle: he could "save" over 4♥ without being doubled, but wrong in practice, because thanks to a horrible duplication of values and spades splitting 2-2, 4♥ was unmakeable. Close, but no cigar and 5 IMPs to Zimmerman who now trailed by 30 IMPs, with plenty of time remaining. But Zimmerman were to score only once more in the set, on the final board, while Team Blass replicated their third stanza's string of success, with interest, adding 36 unanswered IMPs along the way.

**Board 19**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ K 6 3  
 ♥ K 8  
 ♦ A K J 8 7 2  
 ♣ 9 6

♠ J 10 9 5 4  
 ♥ J 7 4 2  
 ♦ 10 6  
 ♣ 4 3

W N  
 S E

♠ A Q 7 2  
 ♥ A 9  
 ♦ 9 4 3  
 ♣ Q J 7 2

♠ 8  
 ♥ Q 10 6 5 3  
 ♦ Q 5  
 ♣ A K 10 8 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
All pass			

5 ♦ by North

Lead: ♣ J

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

3 NT by South

Lead: ♣ 3

Helness and Martens had another misunderstanding or took, at the very least, an uncontrolled action. Martens took Helness's 3 ♦ as slamish, or perhaps coming from a hand lacking the spade stopper (both options are reasonable), but Helness was just describing his hand. Clearly, the two were not on the same wavelength, or perhaps Helness was just trying to create a swing but, when the dust settled the two landed in a makeable contract, while 3NT played by South - the contract reached in the other room - automatically fails by two tricks on the ♠J (10) lead.

Basically, to legitimately land 5 ♦, declarer needs to double finesse in clubs, but Helness, correctly, won the deceptive ♣J lead with dummy's king and played a spade to his king and the contract could no longer be made.

In the other room Klukowski found the odd-looking lead of the ♣3, and with the ♥A as it was, declarer had no trouble coming to ten tricks. 10 IMPs to Team Blass.

In the meantime, you can ponder how, by a natural sequence, you should reach the top spot of 3NT played by North.

A long period of boards followed about which there is little to say, however, here and there that "little" is significant enough to have a look, because in a couple of circumstances the trailing team missed good chances to get closer to the prize.

**Board 20**

West Deals      ♠ 10 9 2  
 Both Vul        ♥ 10 5  
                     ♦ K 2  
                     ♣ A K 7 6 4 2

♠ A K 7 3	N	♠ 8 6 5 4
♥ 8 7	W	♥ A Q J 9 3
♦ A Q J 6	E	♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ J 8 3	S	♣ —

♠ Q J  
 ♥ K 6 4 2  
 ♦ 7 5 4  
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1 NT	3 ♣	Dbl	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

4 ♠ by West

Lead: ♣ A

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

4 ♠ by West

Lead: ♣ A

Not on Board 20: flat at 620 apiece, but Board 21 is worth a look.

**Board 21**  
 North Deals  
 N-S Vul

	♠ K J 8 5		
	♥ 7 4 3		
	♦ A 4		
	♣ K 8 5 3		
♠ 10	N	♠ Q 9 3 2	
♥ A J 10 9 2	W	♥ Q	E
♦ K Q 8	S	♦ 7 6 3 2	
♣ 10 7 6 2		♣ A Q J 9	
	♠ A 7 6 4		
	♥ K 8 6 5		
	♦ J 10 9 5		
	♣ 4		

West      North      East      South  
*Brink*      *Helness*      *BasDrijver*      *Martens*  
 All pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	All pass		

1 NT by West  
 Lead: ♣ 5

While Brink passed in fourth position, Klukowski opened - you can argue either way - and found himself at the helm of 1NT. The contract is cold after the ♣5 lead picked by Nowosadzki (you win the ♣10, finesse dummy's ♣J, run the ♥Q and play a diamond, and eventually you score two hearts, a diamond and four clubs), but the young Pole started with the odd looking decision of putting up dummy's ace and down he went, losing 2 IMPs instead of winning 3.

**Board 22**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

	♠ 10 9		
	♥ K 10 5		
	♦ J 10 8 2		
	♣ 8 7 6 2		
♠ 7 6 3 2	N	♠ K Q J 5 4	
♥ 9 6	W	♥ A Q J	E
♦ K Q 6 5 3	S	♦ A 7	
♣ Q 4		♣ 10 9 3	
	♠ A 8		
	♥ 8 7 4 3 2		
	♦ 9 4		
	♣ A K J 5		

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1 ♠	Dbl
3 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

1. mixed raise

4 ♠ by East  
Lead: ♣ A

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
		1 ♠	Dbl
3 ♥!	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

4 ♠ by East  
Lead: ♣ A

Nothing to say here except perhaps to empathise with Zimmerman as we look to the draining sands of time: flat and dull at 620 apiece.

**Board 23**  
South Deals  
Both Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 7 3 2		♠ A	
♥ J		♥ K Q 10 5 3 2	
♦ Q 9 7 4		♦ 10 8 5 3	
♣ 6		♣ Q 2	

	N		E
♠ Q 5		♠ J 6 4	
♥ 9 8		♥ A 7 6 4	
♦ K J 6 2		♦ A	
♣ K 10 8 5 4		♣ A J 9 7 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
			1 NT
3 ♠	4 ♥	All pass	

4 ♥ by North  
Lead: ♠ Q

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
3 ♠	4 ♥	All pass	1 ♣
4 ♥ by North			
Lead: ♠ Q			

Both teams missed the lay-down slam here, after basically the same sequence, but you can hardly reprimand Kalita's pass. Martens, who had opened 1NT with an unbalanced hand, perhaps could have done more. You try to bid it with your partner using your preferred method. Nowosadzki made an overtrick to give his team 1 IMP.

**Board 24**

West Deals	♠ 9 4		
None Vul	♥ K J 8 7 6		
	♦ K Q J 2		
	♣ A 9		
		N	
♠ A K Q 8 6 3		W	E
♥ 9 3			
♦ 5 4		S	
♣ K 8 5			
			♠ J 10 2
			♥ A 4
			♦ A 10 9 8
			♣ J 10 6 4
			♠ 7 5
			♥ Q 10 5 2
			♦ 7 6 3
			♣ Q 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 NT	3 ♥
Dbl	Pass	4 ♠	All pass
4 ♠ by West			
Lead: ♦ K			

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♠	All pass
4 ♠ by West			
Lead: ♦ K			

After the inevitable ♦ K lead both declarers set up an extra diamond winner to pitch a heart loser, then guessed clubs (however, even after the well inspired heart lead you can still make the hand guessing to pin North's ♣9). Flat at 420 apiece.



**Board 25**  
 North Deals  
 E-W Vul

	♠ 10 9 5 4		
	♥ A Q 7		
	♦ A Q J 10		
	♣ 7 3		
♠ J 6	N	♠ Q	
♥ K 5	W	♥ J 9 8 6 3	
♦ 9 8 6 4 3	S	♦ 7 5 2	
♣ A Q J 6		♣ K 10 9 5	
	♠ A K 8 7 3 2		
	♥ 10 4 2		
	♦ K		
	♣ 8 4 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

4 ♠ by South  
 Lead: ♦ 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

4 ♠ by South  
 Lead: ♥ K

Neither West found the near to impossible club lead: flat at 480 apiece.

**Board 26**  
 East Deals  
 Both Vul

	♠ J		
	♥ K 7 2		
	♦ A 8 5 4 2		
	♣ A 8 7 2		
♠ K 8 7 2	N	♠ 5 4 3	
♥ J 10 3	W	♥ A 6 4	
♦ 9	S	♦ Q 10 7 3	
♣ Q J 9 6 4		♣ K 5 3	
	♠ A Q 10 9 6		
	♥ Q 9 8 5		
	♦ K J 6		
	♣ 10		



West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
			2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠ <sup>1</sup>	3 NT	All pass

1. natural, not forcing

3 NT by East

Lead: ♠ 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
			2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	3 ♥ <sup>2</sup>	Dbl	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	7 ♦	All pass

1. 1 Major  
2. Pass or correct

7 ♦ by West

Lead: ♥ 4

After a series of bits and pieces, along came something of significance, and once again, Zimmerman lost on a huge chance when they bid to a grand slam on a finesse - which failed - while Team Blass rested in game.

Two key points: Drijver, who had more space available, jumped to 3NT and played there, while Gawrys, who had more reasons to bid 3NT - it could have easily been the only makeable game for his side - took the good decision to double and struck gold. However, had he taken the precaution of bidding 5NT, he would have learnt that a key trump was missing. Perhaps looking at his score card, he jumped all the way to the grand slam. Team Blass won 11 IMPs where 10 were available for the opponents. With three boards to go, Team Blass was 57 ahead: game over.

**Board 28**

West Deals	♠ 10		
N-S Vul	♥ K Q J 10 7 6 3		
	♦ 4		
	♣ K 8 6 4		
		N	♠ A Q J 9 8 7 5
♠ K 6 3		W	♥ 4
♥ 9 2		E	♦ Q 10 8
♦ J 7 6 5 3		S	♣ J 10
♣ A 9 7			
	♠ 4 2		
	♥ A 8 5		
	♦ A K 9 2		
	♣ Q 5 3 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
All pass			

5 ♥ by North

Lead: ♠ A

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

5 ♠ × by East

Lead: ♦ K

The leaders added 9 more IMPs, in one of those boards where it is hard to say who was right between Klukowski and Brink: give NS the ♣J, and saving would be the right choice, but as it was, the Dutchman won the contest.

**Board 29**

	♠ 9 4 3		
North Deals	♥ A 10 2		
Both Vul	♦ K J 9 5 2		
	♣ J 6		
♠ 6 5 2		N	♠ K J 10 7
♥ Q 7		W	♥ K J 9 5 4
♦ Q 6 4 3			♦ 10 7
♣ K 10 8 2		S	♣ Q 7
	♠ A Q 8		
	♥ 8 6 3		
	♦ A 8		
	♣ A 9 5 4 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♣!	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

3 NT by South

Lead: ♠ 5

Both teams stretched a bit here, and both went down one. Flat at 100 apiece.

**Board 30**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 8 6			♠ K Q 10 4 3
♥ Q 9 5 4 3			♥ J 8 7
♦ 8 5 3			♦ J 10 6
♣ K 10			♣ Q 4

W N E S

♠ 7 2			
♥ —			
♦ K 9 7 2			
♣ A J 9 6 5 3 2			

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>BasDrijver</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass		All pass	

6 ♣ by South

Lead: ♥ 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass		All pass	

5 ♣ by South

Lead: ♦ 5

The match ended with a good swing to Zimmerman, Helness outbidding Nowosadzki, but it didn't matter. Those 11 IMPs fixed the result on Team Blass 152- Zimmerman 95. The winners played very well, the losers showed some brilliancy, but took too many views which proved to be wrong. Curtains.