



The 24th C♠vendish^{wbp} Invitational



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Hamman-Nickell Lead Cavendish Pairs

To few peoples' surprise Bob Hamman and Nick Nickell finished the first day of competition in the Cavendish Pairs with 1981 IMPs and a slim lead over second place Zia Mahmood and Steve Weinstein who finished with 1943 IMPs. Roger Bates and super-sub Jim Robison were third with 1736 IMPs. The complete day-one rankings can be found on page 2.



Computer Poltergeists Attack Cavendish Teams Results

In an unprecedented act of mischief and vandalism, a roving band of Nevadan Computer poltergeists entered and possessed the PC that was being used to produce these Daily Bulletins. In the early morning hours of May 8 the poltergeists entered the PC located in the temporary Daily Bulletin office (the editor's hotel room) and changed a table which appeared in yesterday's Bulletin. The table, which was supposed to display the final VP totals from the Cavendish Teams, was altered to display the standings after the first six matches which had been published the previous day. In a surprising twist, the score for the first place Van Cleeff team was left unaltered, leading some to suspect a Dutch-based influence in the prank. A state-wide search is presently being conducted for the culprits. A priest with special training was called in to perform an emergency exorcism when the transformation was first brought to our attention. If this treatment was successful you will find a table with the accurate final VP standings from the opening team event on page 4 of today's Bulletin. We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment this incident may have caused you. Stay tuned to your Daily Bulletin for further developments in this case.

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Cavendish Pairs: Standings After Two Sessions

Rank	Pair	IMPs	Rank	Pair	IMPs
1	Hamman-Nickell	1981	29	Letizia-Stewart	196
2	Mahmood-S. Weinstein	1943	30	Courtney-Gill	138
3	Bates-Robison	1736	31	Chu-Gawrys	-75
4	Ekeblad-Sutherlin	1455	32	Levin-Levitina	-134
5	Gitelman-B. Moss	1399	33	Glubok-Hallberg	-167
6	Martel-Rodwell	1342	34	Lair-Schwartz	-293
7	Garner-H. Weinstein	1139	35	Robson-Shugart	-314
8	Kasle-Steiner	902	36	Feldman-Polowan	-337
9	Albert-Jacobus	871	37	Pietri-DiMaio	-350
10	De Boer-Muller	703	38	Marston-Richman	-352
11	Blanchard-Krekorian	675	39	Graves-Mittelman	-478
12	Goren-Helgemo	545	40	Greco-Hampson	-520
13	Wiguder-Wright	537	41	Lilie-Zolotow	-600
14	Van Cleeff-Jansma	497	42	Mahaffey-Soloway	-639
15	Baze-Wold	494	43	Fallenius-M. Moss	-718
16	Berkowitz-L. Cohen	491	44	Seamon-Tudor	-759
17	Bramley-Lazard	476	45	Silverman-Woolsey	-824
18	Freed-Passell	430	46	DeFalco-Burgay	-842
19	Camberos-Lambardi	413	47	Kaminski-Rosenbloom	-855
20	Compton-Onstott	399	48	Deutsch-Wolff	-1008
21	Abecassis-Quantin	391	49	Casen-Pollack	-1203
22	Chemla-Mari	389	50	Lungu-Sawin	-1307
23	Boyd-Robinson	366	51	B. Cohen-Smith	-1383
24	Elinescu-Lev	337	52	Chambers-Wei-Sender	-1434
25	Reisig-Schenkin	296	53	Beatty-Wildavsky	-1629
26	Schulle-Sosler	249	54	Silverstone-Waterlow	-1682
27	Sontag-Weichsel	226	55	Jacobs-Katz	-1697
28	Johnson-Meckstroth	212	56	Binsky-Clerkin	-1778

Cavendish Pairs: Awards

Overall Awards					
Rank	Auction Pool			Players' Pool	
1	\$262,500			\$26,656	
2	\$168,750			\$17,136	
3	\$112,500			\$11,424	
4	\$84,375			\$8,568	
5	\$75,000			\$7,616	
6	\$65,625			\$6,664	
7	\$56,250			\$5,712	
8	\$46,875			\$4,760	
9	\$37,500			\$3,808	
10	\$28,125			\$2,856	
Session Awards					
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1	---	---	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$20,000
2	---	---	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
3	---	---	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
4	---	---	---	\$2,000	\$5,000
5	---	---	---	---	\$2,500

Wake Up Call

It was 7:30 pm on Friday and the second session of the Cavendish Pairs was getting under way. There was Stevie Weinstein, but where was his partner, Zia? Tic, tic, tic. Ten minutes later, still no Zia. Gulp. The late penalties were beginning to mount. Meanwhile, in the dark quiet of his room lay Zia, asleep. He had been out to dinner and, yes, had even had an alcoholic beverage. Additionally, he had returned from dinner feeling a bit under the weather, suffering from a "headache." So he lay down and, well, you know how one can lose track of time under those conditions. Back at the game, where's Zia? A Director, Brian Moran, was dispatched to locate the missing Paki. He called Zia's room and a groggy voice finally answered the phone. "Huh?" "It's 7:30." said Brian in his most tactful tone. "I know it's 7:30." said Zia, looking at the glowing red light from his bedside digital clock. "It's game time." said Brian. "What? Game time at 7:30 in the morning? What's the matter with you?" "No," said Brian sheepishly, "it's 7:30 in the evening, and your partner is waiting for you."

So what, you may ask, is the moral of this story? Perhaps it is, "Let sleeping Pakis lie." Brian?

Cavendish Teams: Final Rankings (Corrected VPs)

Rank	Team (Auction #)	VP
1	Van Cleeff, Jansma, Muller, De Boer (7)	203
2	Mahaffey, Soloway, Freed, Passell, Tudor, Seamon (15)	175
3	Chemla, Mari, Abecassis, Quantin (1)	166
4	M. Moss, Fallenius, Camberos, Lambardi (14)	164
5	Onstott, Compton, Hayden, Erickson (20)	161
6	Jacobs, Katz, Sontag, Weichsel, Lazard, Bramley (4)	156
7	Milner, B. Levin, B. Moss, Gitelman, Weinstein (17)	150
8	Ozdil, Zaremba, Marston, Richman (8)	148
9/10	De Falco, Burgay, Pietri, Dimaio (9)	142
9/10	Ekeblad, Sutherlin, Hampson, Greco (13)	142
11	Albert, Jacobus, Letizia, Stewart (22)	139
12	Johnson, Meckstroth, Rodwell, Martel (3)	138
13	Reisig, Shenkin, Courtney, Gill, Woolsey, Boyd (5)	137
14	Whitman, Mittelman, Graves, Baze, Wold (10)	136
15	Mahmood, Gawrys, Lev, Rosenbloom, Polowan (2)	131
16/17/18	Glubok, Hallberg, Larsen, Erichsen (18)	123
16/17/18	Elinescu, Lungu, Sawin, Pleakoff (19)	123
16/17/18	Eisenberg, Friedman, L. Cohen, Melton (23)	123
19	Wei-Sender, Chambers, J. Levin, Levitina (24)	122
20	Kasle, Steiner, Blanchard, Krekorian (12)	115
21	Shugart, Robson, Smith, Cohen (16)	114
22	House (26)	109
23	Wildavsky, Beatty, Doub, Fleisher (25)	107
24	Schwartz, Lair, Pollack, Casen (6)	103
25	Deutsch, Wolff, Schapiro, Gordon (21)	92
26	Sosler, Schulle, Mohan, Bates, Berkowitz, B. Cohen (11)	91

The Cavendish Pairs: Day One

Session 1

Round 1:

Mari-Chemla were the most expensive pair in the auction, and they attempted to justify their position on the very first board, against last year's winners, **Seamon** and **Tudor**.

Bd: 1	♠ Q85		
Dlr: North	♥ K109		
Vul: None	♦ A8743		
	♣ 98		
♠ 106		♠ KJ2	
♥ Q53		♥ 742	
♦ KQJ9652		♦ 10	
♣ 5		♣ AKJ1064	
	♠ A9743		
	♥ AJ86		
	♦ ---		
	♣ Q732		

West	North	East	South
Tudor	Mari	Seamon	Chemla
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♣	3♥
4♦	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

Mari could have collected 500 from 4♦ doubled on perfect defense. (On a spade lead, switch to hearts, cash the ♦A, then play two more hearts. A fourth heart creates the trump promotion.) In fact, **Fred Gitelman** and **Brad Moss** did defend 4♦ doubled after their opponents had a Precision sequence starting with 2♣. The defense led a spade and found the heart shift. Moss failed to cash the ♦A before leading the third heart, but declarer ruffed the fourth heart in dummy and conceded 500 anyway.) When he bid 4♠ Seamon doubled and Tudor naturally led a club not a diamond. Seamon took his king then ace of clubs, and Tudor thought that his best chance to beat the hand was to ruff this trick and give his partner a diamond ruff. Alas, this simply had the effect of ensuring that declarer could hold his trump losers to one by leading the ♠Q from

dummy to bring down the ♠10. When Chemla guessed the ♥Q (West had to have that card from his actions in the bidding and his failure to make a weak jump response) he had plus 590 and a terrific start.

Bd: 3	♠ A1094		
Dlr: South	♥ K974		
Vul: E/W	♦ AQ9		
	♣ 75		
♠ K5		♠ 83	
♥ 105		♥ AQJ83	
♦ 54		♦ 1062	
♣ AKJ9863		♣ 1042	
	♠ QJ762		
	♥ 62		
	♦ KJ873		
	♣ Q		

Board 3 threw up a position of defensive trust. On Vugraph we had seen 4♠ beaten by a defensive trump promotion. After the ♣A got discouragement, the defense played three rounds of hearts to let the ♠K score. However, where **Kathie Wei-Sender** declared 4♠ against **Graves** and **Mittleman**, the defense started with a top club and a shift to the ♥10. Mittleman cashed his two heart tricks, then reverted to clubs, and the trump promotion vanished.

Should George have worked this out? I think so. If West had six clubs, without a spade honor, then regardless of the discouraging signal from his partner, he should cash both clubs then shift to hearts, and not leave it up to his partner to work out what to do.

Round 4:

On Board 8 (see diagram on next page) Chemla reached 4♥ after a routine Michaels Auction:

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Mori	Silverman	Chemla
2♠	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Bd: 8	♠ K5	
Dlr: West	♥ KJ962	
Vul: None	♦ A	
	♣ AKJ95	
♠ AQ1073		♠ 92
♥ 543		♥ A8
♦ Q1087		♦ KJ63
♣ 7		♣ Q10642
	♠ J864	
	♥ Q107	
	♦ 9542	
	♣ 83	

On the surface 4♥ appears to be one down. The defense has only two top tricks, but there are three losing clubs to dispose of.

The normal defense appears to set the hand at least one trick, but Chemla won the club lead and lead a heart to the ten. Now came a club; where **Woolsey** followed the apparently correct positional play of discarding a spade, declarer suddenly had chances. He won the king and ruffed a club, crossed to the ♦A and ruffed a club (West unable to overruff) and led a spade up. Woolsey took the trick and played a diamond but declarer could ruff and play the ♥K. Dummy still had enough trumps left to cope with another diamond play and the last trump to make his contract.

Round 5:

Bd: 9	♠ AQJ94	
Dlr: North	♥ 9762	
Vul: E/W	♦ Q93	
	♣ 4	
♠ 872		♠ 10
♥ Q8543		♥ AKJ10
♦ 85		♦ AK72
♣ K109		♣ AQJ3
	♠ K653	
	♥ ---	
	♦ J1064	
	♣ 87652	

One E/W pair who shall remain nameless had an unfortunate accident on this board: Both

players took what seemed a reasonable position: result, misery!

When **Jansma-Van Cleeff** were N/S Jansma passed, and East opened 1♣. When West responded 1♥ Jan jumped to 2♠. East bid what he thought he could make: 6♥. When South saved in 6♠, West had a problem. Should a pass by him show first-round spade control or should it show a suitable hand for a grand slam? West passed, and East bid the grand, arguing that with his actual hand West should assume that once his partner opened at the one-level a grand slam can't be viable.

Wei-Sender and **Chambers** stopped in 5♥ after **Fallenius** as North passed initially and came in with 1♠:

West	North	East	South
Wei-Sender	Fallenius	Chambers	Moss
	Pass	1♣(1)	Pass
1♦(2)	1♠	DbI	1NT(!)
2♥	Pass	3♠(3)	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	All Pass

(1) Precision; (2) Negative; (3) Splinter

Should Wei-Sender, who had not bid 3♥ at her second turn, have bid 5♣ over 4♠? As it was, Wei-Sender passed (perhaps implying interest) but Chambers could not envisage the fifth heart opposite and did not make a cue-bid en route to 5♥, and the slam was missed.

Bd: 12	♠ AK1086	
Dlr: West	♥ K105	
Vul: N/S	♦ Q8642	
	♣ ---	
♠ 9		♠ 732
♥ J762		♥ Q3
♦ K973		♦ 105
♣ KQ96		♣ J87542
	♠ QJ54	
	♥ A984	
	♦ AJ	
	♣ A103	

The field generally played 4♥ here, but N/S could not find a way to double. The contract goes at least two down on normal defense, and

no doubt most pairs felt it to be a missed opportunity. However at one table N/S caught their opponents — remarkably it was North who wielded the axe!

Andy Robson opened the North hand 3♣ in third seat when **Wildavsky** passed in second chair. Of course West reopened with a takeout double, allowing East to jump to 4♥, but Robson doubled in the passout seat, and **Rita Shugart** was delighted to defend.

Declarer **Steve Beatty** at least had the advantage of knowing the full story. He won the club lead and led the ♥J from hand. When it held the trick, he played a diamond to dummy and ran the ♠J to Shugart's queen. Rita played ♥A and another heart, won in dummy. Now came a second spade. Robson took his ace to play a third spade. Declarer won the king, ruffed a club, and played the spade to pitch his last club. But Shugart could ruff and lead a club and still had a trump trick left for plus 300.

Bd: 16	♠ 97	
Dlr: West	♥ J973	
Vul: E/W	♦ K	
	♣ K97643	
♠ KQ42		♠ 1083
♥ A4		♥ K52
♦ AQ86		♦ J10743
♣ Q85		♣ A10
	♠ AJ65	
	♥ Q1086	
	♦ 952	
	♣ J2	

3NT is a fascinating contract; the field was fairly well split between those making it and those failing. If 3NT was reached by West the opening lead was a club to the ten, jack and queen. There were now several options, the simplest of which was to play a heart and take the diamond finesse — but in practice that was unlikely to be correct unless North had bid. Rita Shugart did have opposition bidding, and did get the play right. It was more interesting when declarer crossed to a heart at trick two to try to steal a spade trick. If South ducked (as he did against **Jean-Christophe Quantin**) declarer has nine

tricks and does not need the miracle in diamonds. But if South hops up with the ♠A to clear the clubs he has to play the revealing 2♣ (suggesting he started life with an even number of clubs). Declarer takes the ♣A, and is at the crossroads. If the ♣2 is a true card the suit is four-four or six-two and it is safe to play diamonds from the top. But could South be good enough to have led low from his remaining doubleton club with a vulnerable ♦K? You pays your money, and you takes your chances. At the very least it is a useful piece of deceptive defense to have at your fingertips!

One other fascinating variant came up when 3NT was declared by East, which naturally attracted a heart lead. Declarer wins in hand and takes the diamond finesse, then takes the heart to reel off the diamonds and reach this position:

	♠ 97	
	♥ J9	
	♦ ---	
	♣ K9	
♠ KQ4		♠ 1083
♥ ---		♥ 5
♦ ---		♦ ---
♣ Q85		♣ A10
	♠ AJ6	
	♥ 10	
	♦ ---	
	♣ J2	

South has to keep three spades, and North must keep his doubleton spade, else leading the ♠10 sets up the suit if declarer reads the position. Declarer can try to exit with a heart now, pitching a club, and North wins to cash the last heart. Declarer pitches a spade from dummy and South must pitch a spade, and West is squeezed into pitching a spade or else North can exit the ♣K. North leads a spade and South wins to return the suit, to collect a club in the ending. There is a winning route though in the above ending, but it is really a little double-dummy. Play the ♠10 from dummy, covered with the jack and queen. You can now exit with either a high or a low spade to make the hand. If you play a low spade the defense can't unscramble their five winners

and must give you two club tricks at the end, while if you play the ♠10 dummy's eight becomes good.

Session 2

Bd: 2	♠ 10	
Dlr: East	♥ 109742	
Vul: N/S	♦ A7542	
	♣ K5	
♠ J32		♠ AK964
♥ AQ863		♥ KJ5
♦ J93		♦ KQ106
♣ Q2		♣ J
	♠ Q875	
	♥ ---	
	♦ 8	
	♣ A10987643	

The travelers were littered with accidents here. The normal E/W spot of 4♠ goes down on the hostile red-suit break. The defense can take a ruff in either diamonds or hearts to beat the hand. However, 4♥ survives the five-zero split. Declarer can establish the diamonds to discard his spade losers, and the defense can not play trumps or clubs to any great advantage.

Steve Garner declared 4♠ against **Hamman** and **Nickell**. Since clubs had been bid and raised Hamman decided desperate measures were called for. He led the ♣10 — and Garner scored trick one with the ♣J! That was an easy if surprising plus 420.

Meanwhile, **Sutherlin** declared 5♣ doubled on a spade lead. The defense shifted to trumps and declarer ruffed a heart to hand to ruff a spade then run the trumps. When East pitched a spade too many Sutherlin recorded plus 750 (also a rather surprising result).

Bd: 7	♠ 4	
Dlr: South	♥ Q7	
Vul: Both	♦ Q1064	
	♣ AQ10762	
♠ AQ863		♠ KJ7
♥ 1084		♥ J95
♦ 752		♦ K83
♣ KJ		♣ 9543
	♠ 10952	
	♥ AK653	
	♦ AJ9	
	♣ 8	

Roger Bates and **Jim Robison** exceeded par on this hand with a very well-judged auction. After the bidding started 1♥-1♠-2♣-2♠; P-P North had a real problem as how to proceed. At most tables North bid 3♣ and collected a safe partial. Brad Moss passed 2♠ out and collected 300. Bates doubled and when Robison passed the defense collected their eight plain-suit winners for plus 800 against Wei-Sender and Chambers.

Bd: 12	♠ 982	
Dlr: West	♥ Q10	
Vul: N/S	♦ AQJ106	
	♣ 1085	
♠ 654		♠ J1073
♥ K765		♥ A4
♦ K		♦ 987
♣ KJ742		♣ Q963
	♠ AKQ	
	♥ J9832	
	♦ 5432	
	♣ A	

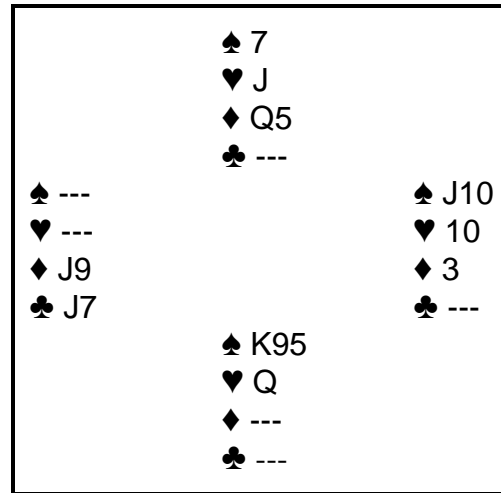
When does a game contract become good? Is it whenever it makes (a la Hamman)? Whatever the criteria, I thought **Helgemo** and **Goren** handled the auction well here.

Some tables bid the N/S cards: P-1♥; 1NT-P. Others, the majority, stopped in 3♦. But after Helgemo as a passed hand responded 1NT to the 1♥ opening, he jumped to 3♥ to show a good doubleton heart and a hand with a diamond fit.

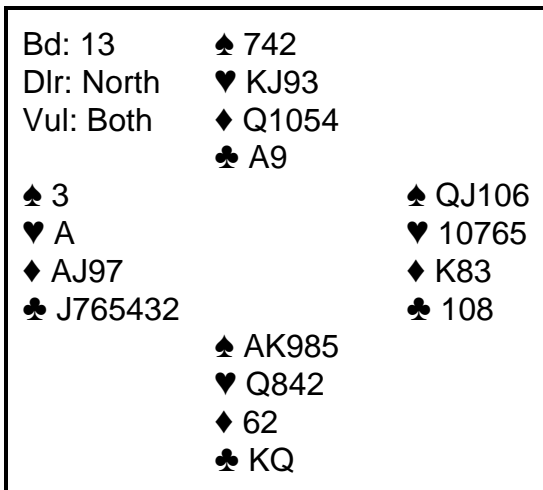
Goren bid 3NT but Helgemo saw it through with 4♦. Now Goren was not sure if 3♥ showed a singleton heart (a splinter raise in diamonds), so he bid 4♠ and played 5♦. With the diamond finesse working he chalked up a satisfying plus 600.

Board 13 (see diagram on next page) was a chapter of accidents at many tables. 4♥ proved to have no play — you would think that it required a defensive error to have any chance. In fact, it was a declarer play that left a few Souths kicking themselves.

Fred Gitelman declared 4♥ on a club lead. When he was in hand to lead a heart to West's ace would you have thought to unblock the ♥9?



Garner led a club, ruffed by dummy as Weinstein threw his diamond. Now a diamond ruffed and overruffed left Weinstein winning trick thirteen for one down. Never in doubt!



Neither did Fred. He won the club return, cashed the ♥K, led a spade to the eight(!), and now was in good shape — up to a point. He could cash the top spades and ruff a spade to set up the suit, but could not draw trumps and cross back to hand to cash the thirteenth spade because of the failure to unblock. He led a diamond to the 10 and king. Back came a heart to dummy and he can block a heart to dummy and he came back to hand in hearts, and played a second diamond, resulting in the following position:

TGR to Hold Auction Pairs

TGR Promotions are proud to launch the first TGR's International Auction Pairs Tournament — the richest Bridge contest ever staged in the United Kingdom. With a guaranteed minimum first prize of £100,000 and guaranteed total prize of fund of at least £250,000, of which all finalists will receive a share, many of the worlds leading players are sure to attend. The event has been timed to enable those traveling on to the Pairs Olympiad, being held in Lillie, Nothern France, the following week, to facilitate their travel arrangements.

The Landmark Hotel in London provides an ideal venue for the event with its comfortable and elegant function rooms, accommodations and facilities. With the large subsidy the are offering on the cost of overnight stay, residing there will represent great value for the money.

On Friday 14th August Cocktails and a Buffet Dinner will be followed by the Auction. Until its conclusion an open bar will be maintained with all drinks free of charge. After the completion of the play, there will be a Gala Dinner on Sunday evening with entertainment and followed by an awards ceremony. All of this is included in the entrance fee of £500 per player.

Scots Are Never To Blame

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

In the Cavendish Teams Boris Schapiro lambasted me because Seymon Deutsch and I bid to four spades and not three notrump.

"I'm taking no blame for that," I replied.

"You Scots are all the same, always prepared to blame partner," said Schapiro. "What was the bidding?"

"Seymon opened four spades." I replied with a smile.

Cavendish Schedule/Times

Day	Time	Event
Saturday	12:30	Third Session: Cavendish Pairs
		Second Session: WBP Pairs
	7:30	Fourth Session: Cavendish Pairs
		Third (final) Session: WBP Pairs
Sunday	12:30	Fifth (final) Session: Cavendish Pairs** (*Cocktail party and awards presentation will immediately follow the final session)