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Poland, Australia lead Open; Swedish women blitz twice

Open Olympiad

Poland (Group A) and Australia (Group B) today are basking at the top of the group standings in the World Open Team Olympiad round-robin. Of course neither team will bask for long – they each face four more matches today.

Poland's performance, racking up 87 of a possible 100 Victory Points, is especially notable. Two of the teams they played – Indonesia and Germany – certainly must be considered seasoned performers. Their other victories were against Bangladesh and Romania.

Australia definitely had a less impressive set of opponents – French Polynesia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Cyprus.

In general teams from the Far East are doing quite well. In Group A, for example, Japan is second, 3 VP behind Poland, and New Zealand is only one point further back. Defending champion France is close to the pace with 76 VP, good for seventh place.

Perennial power United States is off to no better than a mediocre start in Group B – 59 VPs, good enough for 18th place, exactly halfway down the standings. Israel is closest to Australia, only half a point behind. India, Chinese Taipei and Turkey, three more Asian countries, occupy the next three places.

Women's Olympiad

Sweden got off to a perfect start in Group A of the Women's Team Olympiad, scoring blitzes against both Hong Kong and Hungary. After two matches, the Swedes had a 9 VP lead over the Netherlands, who toppled two South American squads, Brazil and Venezuela.

San Marino surprised Indonesia and Morocco to take third place with 39. Spain was next with 38, followed by Denmark with 37. Six teams were bunched with 34 to 31 points.

Defending champion Austria were atop the Group B standings with 46 VPs after defeating Turkey and Thailand. Only a point behind were the United States, victors over Finland and Australia. Israel stopped Malaysia and Colombia to take third place with 42. Tied for fourth were Canada and Jordan.

General observations

Of course all this really signifies very little. Many different teams are likely to occupy the top spots until all teams have played a representative proportion of strong and less strong opponents.

In the Open competition, every team in Group A still has to face 30 more nations. Group B teams must face 31 more – there is no bye in Group B. A total of 71 countries are competing in the Open, and only eight – the top four in each group – will survive the round-robin.

The women have completed only two matches, so they still have 20 matches remaining in each group. Out of the 44 teams in the event, only eight – again the top four in each group – will advance to the quarterfinals next week.



TODAY'S VUGRAPH MATCHES

11.00 hrs

Brazil v Israel

14.00 hrs

Singapore v Denmark

17.00 hrs

GB v Chinese Taipei

21.30 hrs

India v United States



All matches in the Open series

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Results

OPEN

Round 1				Round 2				Round 3				Round 4			
BELGIUM	LUXEMBOURG	18-12	32/19	COLOMBIA	INDONESIA	1-25	5/70	ROMANIA	PHILIPPINES	13-17	14/22	NEW ZEALAND	MALAYSIA	25-1	77/10
ARGENTINA	BANGLADESH	10-20	24/44	LEBANON	BELGIUM	10-20	42/62	PALESTINE	GERMANY	3-25	32/86	PHILIPPINES	SINGAPORE	17-13	57/48
BERMUDA	SAN MARINO	3-25	19/72	IRELAND	CHINA	14-16	25/31	BELGIUM	MALAYSIA	18-12	61/48	POLAND	GERMANY	25-5	61/19
SWEDEN	CANADA	18-12	48/35	SOUTH AFRICA	LITHUANIA	25-3	93/36	CANADA	CZECH REPUBLIC	6-24	19/59	CZECH REPUBLIC	BELGIUM	22-8	44/16
DENMARK	ROMANIA	15-15	27/28	PAKISTAN	AUSTRIA	12-18	20/34	SAN MARINO	SINGAPORE	17-13	57/47	CROATIA	PALESTINE	25-0	83/3
PAKISTAN	PALESTINE	25-5	52/9	SPAIN	DENMARK	15-15	28/26	BANGLADESH	POLAND	6-24	16/57	CHILE	ROMANIA	13-17	26/34
SOUTH AFRICA	GERMANY	15-15	39/39	SWEDEN	JAPAN	11-19	23/41	LUXEMBOURG	NEW ZEALAND	7-23	19/52	FRANCE	CANADA	25-5	66/24
CHINA	PHILIPPINES	12-18	24/36	LIECHTENSTEIN	BERMUDA	17-13	31/20	CROATIA	ARGENTINA	11-19	33/49	UKRAINE	SAN MARINO	16-14	29/23
COLOMBIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	11-19	40/58	UKRAINE	ARGENTINA	22-8	59/28	BERMUDA	CHILE	18-12	58/43	BANGLADESH	LIECHTENSTEIN	14-16	28/35
LEBANON	SINGAPORE	13-17	24/35	LUXEMBOURG	FRANCE	9-21	29/54	FRANCE	SWEDEN	14-16	35/41	JAPAN	LUXEMBOURG	22-8	60/30
INDONESIA	POLAND	12-18	25/38	CHILE	BANGLADESH	13-17	32/42	DENMARK	UKRAINE	18-12	44/32	ARGENTINA	SPAIN	8-22	33/61
IRELAND	NEW ZEALAND	8-22	26/54	SAN MARINO	CROATIA	7-23	10/42	LIECHTENSTEIN	PAKISTAN	2-25	27/91	AUSTRIA	BERMUDA	25-5	66/22
LITHUANIA	CROATIA	20-10	53/30	NEW ZEALAND	CANADA	13-17	25/34	SOUTH AFRICA	SPAIN	14-16	34/39	MOROCCO	SWEDEN	3-25	21/76
MOROCCO	CHILE	12-18	36/48	ROMANIA	POLAND	10-20	31/51	CHINA	AUSTRIA	18-12	31/18	LITHUANIA	DENMARK	21-9	59/33
AUSTRIA	FRANCE	14-16	34/39	SINGAPORE	PALESTINE	25-1	77/12	COLOMBIA	MOROCCO	18-12	37/25	IRELAND	PAKISTAN	14-16	25/29
SPAIN	UKRAINE	24-6	53/16	MALAYSIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	20-10	44/24	LITHUANIA	LEBANON	4-25	14/62	LEBANON	SOUTH AFRICA	6-24	26/66
JAPAN	LIECHTENSTEIN	25-5	64/20	PHILIPPINES	GERMANY	18-12	43/28	INDONESIA	IRELAND	16-14	39/35	CHINA	COLOMBIA	21-9	57/33
MALAYSIA	Bye	18		MOROCCO	Bye	18		JAPAN	Bye	18		INDONESIA	Bye	18	
EGYPT	RUSSIA	11-19	21/37	ICELAND	ITALY	16-14	47/40	FRENCH POLYNES.	INDIA	1-25	29/94	CHINESE TAIPEI	NORWAY	15-15	42/42
BRAZIL	ESTONIA	17-13	45/37	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	11-19	26/45	SWITZERLAND	KENYA	24-6	57/20	INDIA	MAURITIUS	9-21	23/50
THAILAND	TURKEY	12-18	22/34	HONG KONG	GUADELOUPE	18-12	38/23	EGYPT	NORWAY	13-17	26/35	FINLAND	KENYA	25-5	63/20
VENEZUELA	SLOVENIA	15-15	26/27	GREAT BRITAIN	CYPRUS	25-1	75/8	SLOVENIA	HUNGARY	13-17	36/44	HUNGARY	EGYPT	21-9	60/35
AUSTRALIA	FRENCH POLYNES.	25-2	84/20	USA	TUNISIA	23-7	50/18	TURKEY	MAURITIUS	25-5	66/20	GREECE	SWITZERLAND	12-18	33/48
MONACO	SWITZERLAND	17-13	36/26	MONACO	JORDAN	25-1	83/16	ESTONIA	FINLAND	14-16	25/32	ISRAEL	FRENCH POLYNES.	25-5	64/22
TUNISIA	NORWAY	6-24	6/46	VENEZUELA	LATVIA	12-18	28/43	RUSSIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	12-18	23/38	NETHERLANDS	SLOVENIA	9-21	13/40
GREAT BRITAIN	KENYA	22-8	51/22	MEXICO	THAILAND	19-11	53/35	GREECE	BRAZIL	18-12	38/25	BULGARIA	TURKEY	4-25	22/71
GUADELOUPE	INDIA	4-25	20/72	BULGARIA	BRAZIL	12-18	38/52	THAILAND	ISRAEL	7-23	35/68	ESTONIA	MEXICO	23-7	50/14
ICELAND	HUNGARY	14-16	18/25	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	20-10	39/18	NETHERLANDS	VENEZUELA	14-16	30/36	LATVIA	RUSSIA	23-7	59/24
PORTUGAL	MAURITIUS	17-13	47/38	ISRAEL	ESTONIA	21-9	45/19	AUSTRALIA	BULGARIA	25-2	63/3	JORDAN	THAILAND	16-14	48/41
ITALY	FINLAND	25-3	61/6	TURKEY	GREECE	14-16	35/41	MEXICO	MONACO	6-24	20/59	USA	VENEZUELA	15-15	33/34
HONG KONG	CHINESE TAIPEI	5-25	22/66	CHINESE TAIPEI	SLOVENIA	25-0	87/1	TUNISIA	LATVIA	14-16	43/50	CYPRUS	AUSTRALIA	5-25	13/55
CYPRUS	GREECE	3-25	28/85	FRENCH POLYNES.	FINLAND	10-20	22/43	GUADELOUPE	JORDAN	14-16	36/40	HONG KONG	MONACO	25-4	71/19
USA	ISRAEL	9-20	30/56	MAURITIUS	SWITZERLAND	12-18	24/37	ICELAND	USA	18-12	44/29	ITALY	TUNISIA	19-11	41/22
JORDAN	NETHERLANDS	4-25	15/67	NORWAY	HUNGARY	20-10	64/43	CYPRUS	PORTUGAL	18-12	68/56	PORTUGAL	GREAT BRITAIN	19-11	45/28
LATVIA	MEXICO	12-18	23/38	INDIA	KENYA	25-1	76/6	ITALY	HONG KONG	25-5	76/32	GUADELOUPE	ICELAND	6-24	8/49
YUGOSLAVIA	BULGARIA	25-4	75/25	YUGOSLAVIA	AUSTRALIA	16-14	34/31	GREAT BRITAIN	YUGOSLAVIA	19-11	49/33	BRAZIL	YUGOSLAVIA	7-23	21/53

LADIES

Results

LADIES

Round 1				Round 2				A				B				A				B			
CHINA	VENEZUELA	17-13	40/29	GREECE	PHILIPPINES	17-13	34/25	1 SWEDEN	50	1 AUSTRIA	46	1 POLAND	87	1 AUSTRALIA	89								
RUSSIA	SPAIN	13-17	50/60	BRAZIL	CHINA	15-15	36/35	2 NETHERLANDS	41	2 USA	45	2 JAPAN	84	2 ISRAEL	88.5								
SAN MARINO	INDONESIA	19-11	53/34	GREAT BRITAIN	GERMANY	14-16	29/37	3 SAN MARINO	39	3 ISRAEL	42	3 NEW ZEALAND	83	3 INDIA	84								
PHILIPPINES	PAKISTAN	16-14	60/57	VENEZUELA	NETHERLANDS	4-25	12/66	4 SPAIN	38	4 CANADA	41	4 SOUTH AFRICA	78	4 CHINESE TAIPEI	83								
SOUTH AFRICA	DENMARK	0-25	12/93	NEW ZEALAND	INDONESIA	19-11	33/16	5 DENMARK	37	5 JORDAN	41	5 PAKISTAN	78	5 ITALY	83								
GERMANY	GREECE	15-15	58/59	SPAIN	HONG KONG	21-9	66/35	6 MEXICO	34	6 FRANCE	35	6 SPAIN	77	6 TURKEY	81.5								
MEXICO	MONACO	16-14	61/55	DENMARK	MEXICO	12-18	43/56	7 RUSSIA	33	7 FINLAND	33	7 FRANCE	76	7 GREAT BRITAIN	77								
NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL	16-14	31/23	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	4-25	5/63	8 GREECE	32	8 ITALY	32	8 CZECH REPUBLIC	75	8 NORWAY	76								
NEW ZEALAND	MOROCCO	13-17	28/39	MONACO	SOUTH AFRICA	5-25	15/67	9 NEW ZEALAND	32	9 INDIA	31	9 INDONESIA	71	9 YUGOSLAVIA	75								
GREAT BRITAIN	HUNGARY	14-16	46/52	PAKISTAN	RUSSIA	10-20	30/53	10 CHINA	32	10 TURKEY	29	10 SWEDEN	70	10 SWITZERLAND	73								
HONG KONG	SWEDEN	5-25	19/70	MOROCCO	SAN MARINO	10-20	16/40	11 GERMANY	31	11 BELGIUM	28	11 PHILIPPINES	70	11 ICELAND	72								
ARGENTINA	THAILAND	13-17	34/44	FINLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	25-2	89/21	12 BRAZIL	29	12 COLOMBIA	27	12 AUSTRIA	69	12 GREECE	71								
INDIA	COLOMBIA	16-14	62/58	TURKEY	ARGENTINA	20-10	65/40	13 PHILIPPINES	29	13 POLAND	25	13 CROATIA	69	13 MONACO	69								
JORDAN	CROATIA	23-7	70/32	AUSTRALIA	USA	7-23	20/61	14 GREAT BRITAIN	28	14 JAPAN	25	14 SINGAPORE	68	14 LATVIA	68								
CHINESE TAIPEI	JAPAN	20-10	51/28	THAILAND	AUSTRIA	5-25	29/81	15 MOROCCO	27	15 CROATIA	23	15 CHINA	67	15 HUNGARY	64								
CANADA	POLAND	21-9	54/26	ITALY	CROATIA	14-16	35/42	16 SOUTH AFRICA	25	16 AUSTRALIA	23	16 BELGIUM	64	16 FINLAND	64								
USA	FINLAND	22-8	69/37	COLOMBIA	ISRAEL	13-17	37/48	17 PAKISTAN	24	17 ARGENTINA	23	17 SAN MARINO	63	17 ESTONIA	59								
JAMAICA	FRANCE	5-25	39/87	POLAND	JAMAICA	16-14	43/38	18 INDONESIA	22	18 THAILAND	22	18 GERMANY	57	18 USA	59								
AUSTRIA	TURKEY	21-9	81/51	BELGIUM	MALAYSIA	14-16	51/55	19 HUNGARY	20	19 CHINESE TAIPEI	22	19 DENMARK	57	19 PORTUGAL	59								
AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	16-14	49/44	FRANCE	CANADA	10-20	20/46	20 MONACO	19	20 MALAYSIA	20	20 BANGLADESH	57	20 RUSSIA	58								
ISRAEL	MALAYSIA	25-4	74/20	JAPAN	INDIA	15-15	45/45	21 VENEZUELA	17	21 JAMAICA	9	21 UKRAINE	56	21 NETHERLANDS	58								
ITALY	Bye	18		JORDAN	Bye	18		22 HONG KONG	14			22 CHILE	56	22 VENEZUELA	57								
												23 ROMANIA	55	23 BRAZIL	54								
												24 LEBANON	54	24 HONG KONG	53								
												25 MALAYSIA	51	25 EGYPT	52								
												26 IRELAND	50	26 MAURITIUS	51								
												27 LITHUANIA	48	27 MEXICO	50								
												28 ARGENTINA	45	28 SLOVENIA	48.5								
												29 MOROCCO	45	29 THAILAND	43.2								
												30 CANADA	40	30 TUNISIA	37.5								
												31 LIECHTENSTEIN	40	31 JORDAN	35.2								
												32 COLOMBIA	39	32 GUADELOUPE	35								
												33 BERMUDA	39	33 CYPRUS	27								
												34 LUXEMBOURG	36	34 BULGARIA	21.5								
												35 PALESTINE	9	35 KENYA	20								
														36 FRENCH POLYN.	17.5								

O P E N**Round - 5 11.00**

AUSTRIA	1	SOUTH AFRICA
LEBANON	2	IRELAND
COLOMBIA	3	LITHUANIA
MOROCCO	4	CHINA
BELGIUM	5	INDONESIA
PAKISTAN	6	JAPAN
DENMARK	7	LIECHTENSTEIN
SWEDEN	8	UKRAINE
BERMUDA	9	FRANCE
ARGENTINA	10	CHILE
LUXEMBOURG	11	CROATIA
NEW ZEALAND	12	BANGLADESH
POLAND	13	SAN MARINO
SINGAPORE	14	CANADA
CZECH REPUBLIC	15	ROMANIA
PALESTINE	16	PHILIPPINES
GERMANY	17	MALAYSIA
SPAIN	18	Bye

JORDAN	19	GREAT BRITAIN
PORTUGAL	20	HONG KONG
ICELAND	21	CYPRUS
USA	22	GUADELOUPE
EGYPT	23	ITALY
YUGOSLAVIA	24	TUNISIA
MONACO	25	LATVIA
AUSTRALIA	26	MEXICO
VENEZUELA	27	BULGARIA
THAILAND	28	NETHERLANDS
BRAZIL	29	ISRAEL
RUSSIA	30	GREECE
CHINESE TAIPEI	31	ESTONIA
FINLAND	32	TURKEY
MAURITIUS	33	SLOVENIA
HUNGARY	34	FRENCH POLYNES.
SWITZERLAND	35	INDIA
KENYA	36	NORWAY

Round - 7 17.00

CHILE	1	COLOMBIA
SPAIN	2	MOROCCO
JAPAN	3	LITHUANIA
IRELAND	4	LIECHTENSTEIN
INDONESIA	5	UKRAINE
FRANCE	6	LEBANON
BELGIUM	7	AUSTRIA
CHINA	8	CROATIA
SOUTH AFRICA	9	NEW ZEALAND
PAKISTAN	10	SINGAPORE
DENMARK	11	CZECH REPUBLIC
SWEDEN	12	PHILIPPINES
GERMANY	13	BERMUDA
MALAYSIA	14	ARGENTINA
PALESTINE	15	LUXEMBOURG
ROMANIA	16	BANGLADESH
SAN MARINO	17	CANADA
POLAND	18	Bye

ISRAEL	19	ICELAND
YUGOSLAVIA	20	USA
LATVIA	21	CYPRUS
HONG KONG	22	MEXICO
ITALY	23	BULGARIA
NETHERLANDS	24	PORTUGAL
EGYPT	25	JORDAN
GUADELOUPE	26	GREECE
GREAT BRITAIN	27	CHINESE TAIPEI
TUNISIA	28	FINLAND
MONACO	29	MAURITIUS
AUSTRALIA	30	HUNGARY
VENEZUELA	31	INDIA
KENYA	32	THAILAND
NORWAY	33	BRAZIL
SWITZERLAND	34	RUSSIA
FRENCH POLYNES.	35	ESTONIA
TURKEY	36	SLOVENIA

Round - 6 14.00

PHILIPPINES	1	BERMUDA
ROMANIA	2	SAN MARINO
BANGLADESH	3	PALESTINE
MALAYSIA	4	LUXEMBOURG
GERMANY	5	ARGENTINA
CANADA	6	BELGIUM
CZECH REPUBLIC	7	SWEDEN
SINGAPORE	8	DENMARK
POLAND	9	PAKISTAN
CROATIA	10	SOUTH AFRICA
CHILE	11	CHINA
FRANCE	12	COLOMBIA
UKRAINE	13	LEBANON
LIECHTENSTEIN	14	INDONESIA
JAPAN	15	IRELAND
LITHUANIA	16	SPAIN
AUSTRIA	17	MOROCCO
NEW ZEALAND	18	Bye

INDIA	19	THAILAND
FRENCH POLYNES.	20	TURKEY
ESTONIA	21	SWITZERLAND
NORWAY	22	RUSSIA
KENYA	23	BRAZIL
SLOVENIA	24	EGYPT
HUNGARY	25	VENEZUELA
MAURITIUS	26	AUSTRALIA
FINLAND	27	MONACO
TUNISIA	28	CHINESE TAIPEI
GREECE	29	GREAT BRITAIN
ISRAEL	30	GUADELOUPE
NETHERLANDS	31	ICELAND
BULGARIA	32	PORTUGAL
MEXICO	33	ITALY
LATVIA	34	HONG KONG
CYPRUS	35	YUGOSLAVIA
JORDAN	36	USA

Round - 8 21.30

LEBANON	1	ROMANIA
BERMUDA	2	DENMARK
ARGENTINA	3	PAKISTAN
BANGLADESH	4	SOUTH AFRICA
SAN MARINO	5	CHINA
CANADA	6	COLOMBIA
SWEDEN	7	BELGIUM
PALESTINE	8	INDONESIA
MALAYSIA	9	IRELAND
GERMANY	10	LITHUANIA
PHILIPPINES	11	MOROCCO
CZECH REPUBLIC	12	AUSTRIA
SINGAPORE	13	SPAIN
POLAND	14	JAPAN
NEW ZEALAND	15	LIECHTENSTEIN
UKRAINE	16	CROATIA
CHILE	17	FRANCE
LUXEMBOURG	18	Bye

PORTUGAL	19	FRENCH POLYNES.
THAILAND	20	AUSTRALIA
BRAZIL	21	MONACO
RUSSIA	22	TUNISIA
ESTONIA	23	GREAT BRITAIN
TURKEY	24	GUADELOUPE
SLOVENIA	25	ICELAND
VENEZUELA	26	EGYPT
SWITZERLAND	27	ITALY
NORWAY	28	HONG KONG
KENYA	29	CYPRUS
INDIA	30	USA
HUNGARY	31	JORDAN
MAURITIUS	32	YUGOSLAVIA
FINLAND	33	LATVIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	34	MEXICO
BULGARIA	35	GREECE
ISRAEL	36	NETHERLANDS

LADIES**Round - 3 11.30**

PAKISTAN	51	SPAIN
HONG KONG	52	VENEZUELA
CHINA	53	SWEDEN
BRAZIL	54	HUNGARY
MONACO	55	GERMANY
PHILIPPINES	56	MOROCCO
INDONESIA	57	DENMARK
RUSSIA	58	SAN MARINO
MEXICO	59	NEW ZEALAND
NETHERLANDS	60	GREECE
SOUTH AFRICA	61	GREAT BRITAIN

JAPAN	62	COLOMBIA
ISRAEL	63	THAILAND
ARGENTINA	64	MALAYSIA
TURKEY	65	BELGIUM
FRANCE	66	USA
CROATIA	67	POLAND
INDIA	68	JORDAN
JAMAICA	69	ITALY
AUSTRIA	70	FINLAND
CANADA	71	AUSTRALIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	72	Bye

Round - 4 15.30

SWEDEN	51	RUSSIA
MOROCCO	52	BRAZIL
NETHERLANDS	53	PHILIPPINES
SAN MARINO	54	CHINA
MEXICO	55	SPAIN
VENEZUELA	56	SOUTH AFRICA
GERMANY	57	INDONESIA
GREECE	58	GREAT BRITAIN
DENMARK	59	MONACO
HUNGARY	60	HONG KONG
NEW ZEALAND	61	PAKISTAN

MALAYSIA	62	INDIA
AUSTRIA	63	CHINESE TAIPEI
JORDAN	64	ARGENTINA
JAMAICA	65	COLOMBIA
THAILAND	66	CANADA
USA	67	CROATIA
FINLAND	68	AUSTRALIA
POLAND	69	FRANCE
BELGIUM	70	ISRAEL
ITALY	71	JAPAN
TURKEY	72	Bye

Round - 5 20.30

DENMARK	51	PHILIPPINES
SOUTH AFRICA	52	SWEDEN
HUNGARY	53	VENEZUELA
SAN MARINO	54	GREECE
GREAT BRITAIN	55	CHINA
BRAZIL	56	NEW ZEALAND
SPAIN	57	GERMANY
HONG KONG	58	PAKISTAN
INDONESIA	59	MEXICO
RUSSIA	60	MOROCCO
MONACO	61	NETHERLANDS

POLAND	62	CHINESE TAIPEI
CANADA	63	MALAYSIA
BELGIUM	64	THAILAND
JORDAN	65	FINLAND
AUSTRALIA	66	ARGENTINA
TURKEY	67	ITALY
COLOMBIA	68	USA
ISRAEL	69	JAPAN
CROATIA	70	JAMAICA
FRANCE	71	AUSTRIA
INDIA	72	Bye

Welcome To Rhodes

Rhodes is the largest of the Dodecanese Islands – Dodecanese means twelve but there are actually fourteen in the group. It has been part of Greece for just under fifty years. The island has been occupied by many different races during its history. The Knights of St. John, in retreat from the Crusades, bought it from some Genoese pirates who had occupied it for a time. The Knights held it for around 200 years before losing it in 1522 to the Turks under Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent after a 145-day siege.

Rhodes saw 400 years of relative peace under the Turks but Turkey made the mistake of backing the losing side in the First World War. The Dodecanese were given to Italy, who had made a wiser choice. Under Mussolini, Italian rule became oppressive but then the Italians in turn picked the losing side in World War Two and the islands were united with Greece in 1947.

TOURIST SITES

Rhodes has a rich history so offers many interesting sights to the visitor. It is probably best known for having been the site of one of the original Seven Wonders of the World, The Colossus of Rhodes, but that vanished long ago; indeed, there is much debate about where it actually stood.

RHODES TOWN

Rhodes Town is about four kilometres away. Some of the major attractions are as follows:

Aquarium: This is at the northern tip of the town, off Kalymnou by the sea, and has displays of common Mediterranean fish, sponges, shellfish, octopus, etc. Opening hours are 0900-2100.

Avenue of the Knights: Restored to reflect its original appearance from the time when the Knights of St. John ruled the island, this cobbled street contains no shops or traders. At one end is the Palace of the Grand Masters, dating from the 14th century, and at the other the Hospital of the Knights. Along its length are inns which were the quarters of the seven sections of the Knights, known as Tongues. Each represented a different part of medieval Europe and was responsible for defending a different part of the ramparts.

Mandraki Harbour: Two columns bearing bronze deer, the emblem of Rhodes, stand at the entrance to the harbour, which is the most favoured site of the famous Colossus. The Fort of St. Nicholas, built in 1446, still guards the end of the pier.

Museum of Decorative Arts: Housed in what was once the arsenal, there are displays of traditional Dodecanese costumes, furniture, carved sea chests, and ceramic plates from Lindos.

Palace of the Grand Masters: A 300-room castle with moats, drawbridges, battlements, etc, which dates from the late 14th century. It is worth visiting for one of the finest collections anywhere of Hellenistic and early Byzantine mosaics.

Suleiman Mosque: Erected in honour of Suleiman the Magnificent's conquest in 1522 and built on the site of the Church of the Apostles, this is the largest mosque on the island.

Turkish Quarter: This is the area of the Old Town which the Turks moved into in 1522. Decorated doorways, high arched windows and courtyards are typical of the area. The Suleiman Mosque

is here, opposite the Turkish Library. The Turkish baths or Hamam on Archelaou/Ippodamou streets are open from 0500-1900.

NEARBY SITES

Afandou: 20km from Rhodes Town, Afandou could not be seen from the coast by marauding pirates, hence the name, Afandou meaning invisible. The town's main industry is carpet-weaving. There is a pleasant beach nearby and the island's only golf course is nearby.

Ancient Kamiros: 34km from Rhodes Town, this is one of the three ancient cities of Rhodes, and the only unfortified one. It has been extensively excavated and the ruins give an excellent idea of the original layout of the city. The ruins include the marketplace with its Doric colonnades from the third century BC, an aqueduct, the Temple of Kamira Athena and the Panaghia Monastery.

Archangelos: 33km from Rhodes Town, this is one of the larger villages with an atmospheric old quarter which lies in the shadow of the 15th century fortress. Archangelos is on the East coast road in a fertile area which is the main citrus fruit growing region.

Embonas: 35 km from Rhodes Town, and a picturesque village on the NW slopes of Mount Atavros. There is a permanent dance troupe in the village who participate in both small village fetes and larger national events.

Faliraki: 15km from Rhodes Town and one of the most popular resorts. The beach has full water sports facilities and it is also possible to visit the ceramics factory at Neofitou.

Feraclos Castle: 25km from Rhodes Town. Near the village of Haraki, these are the ruins of a medieval fortress built by the Knights of St. John and used as a jail for both civil and war prisoners. To the North are the remains of ancient tombs and a church, Aghia Agatha, which is decorated with 15th and 17th century frescoes.

Filerimos: 13km from Rhodes Town, on the West coast road, this is the site of the Doric city of lalysos, one of the three ancient cities of Rhodes. It hosts several archeological sites and interesting buildings.

Kalitheia: 10km from Rhodes Town. The mineral springs and thermal waters have been known since ancient times for their healing properties and were recommended by Hippocrates. The baths were built by the Italians in 1929 but are now sadly delapidated.

Kremasti: 5km from Rhodes Town. Some of the best examples of geometric and archaic vases to be seen in the Archeological Museum in Rhodes Town were found in the necropolises around Kremasti. Of interest is a small church leaning against the ruins of a medieval castle.

Laerma: 30km from Rhodes Town. Near this central village is the 9th century Monastery of Moni Thari, which has a 13th century Byzantine church with a cupola and original wall paintings, covered over in places with 16th/17th century paintings. The beautiful icons include one to St. Michael, to whom the monastery is dedicated.

Lindos: 56km from Rhodes Town, Lindos is the second town of the island and one of the three ancient cities of Rhodes. A beautiful town with many interesting architectural sites.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Best Buys: Ceramics, leather goods and carpets/rugs.

Boats: There are scheduled services to all the Dodecanese islands from the commercial harbour to the East of the Old Town. Also, day trips and excursions leave from Mandraki Harbour.

Buses: These are the cheapest way of getting round the island, with three main departure points in Rhodes Town: Sound and Light Square, opposite the new market for routes around the town; Pappou Street for the East coast; Averof Street for the West coast. Within the city limits, a ticket is a little over \$1 and a day pass about \$4. The usual services do not operate on Sundays.

Hired Transport: Cars, bicycles and mopeds can all be hired in Rhodes Town. An EC or international license is required to drive a car, along with third party insurance. Seat belts are compulsory.

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

Police	100
Fire	199
Ambulance	166
First Aid	22222
Hospital Emergency	2555
Tourist Police	27423

Holidays: October 28th is a national holiday.

Markets: There is a daily food market at Palia Agora in the Old Town and a large food market on Saturday morning on the way into town by the East coast road.

Money: Well known credit cards such as Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted at larger shops, restaurants and car hire agencies. Smaller hotels, restaurants, most petrol stations and small shops accept cash only. Cash can be obtained by credit card at the Commercial Bank of Greece, Sound and Light Square. Other banks are the National Bank of Greece and Credit Bank of Greece, both in Kypros Square. Traveller's cheques are easily exchanged without charge at banks. Expect hotels or cambios to charge at least 2% commission. Small retailers are unlikely to accept traveller's cheques.

Newspapers: Foreign papers arrive the day after publication and can be found in large hotels and in bookshops opposite the post office around the Mandraki area, plus at some kiosks.

NIGHTLIFE

Most clubs and bars etc. are to be found in the Academias area of the New Town.

Casino, Grand Hotel Astir Palace, 2000-0300.

Bouzio's, Elli Club Buildings, Platia Koudourioti, 2200-0230. Greek and international music, favoured by a multi-national young clientele.

Minuit Club, 6 Kastelorizou Street, 2200-0230. Friendly staff and lively atmosphere which attracts all ages and nationalities. Greek music and a mid-night folk dancing display.

Zum, Georgiou Papanikolaou, 1900-0100. A noisy cocktail bar with lively music. Very popular with Scandinavians.

Zorba, Iroon Politechniou Street, 2100-0230. Informal atmosphere with Greek food and some dancing. Very popular with the locals.

RESTAURANTS

Alexis, Socratous Street, Old Town. Mezes and seafood in a luxurious restaurant set in a small courtyard.

Kon Tiki, Floating Platform, Mandraki Harbour. Floating seafood restaurant. Expensive but worth it for the setting.

Casa Castellana, 33 Aristotelous Street, Old Town. International cuisine and succulent seafood served in a 15th century Knight's house enclosed by ramparts.

Plaka, Platia Ippocratous, Old Town. Fresh seafood, moderate prices and superb views of the Old Town.

Arapaki, Themistokli Sofouli. Authentic moderately priced Greek food with some dishes not found elsewhere.

Odyssey, 10-12 Menekleous Street, Old Town. Moderately priced Greek dishes, charcoal dishes and fresh fish served on a pleasant terrace in atmospheric setting.

Pythagora, 22 Pythagoras Street, Old Town. A roomy family run taverna with cheerful atmosphere and moderately priced seafood.

Dolce Italia, 18 Alex. Diakou Street, New Town. Inexpensive. Italian ices and cappuccino are served where you can watch the world go by. Ideal for a morning break.

If you find a restaurant worth recommending, let us know and we will happily publish details in the Daily News.

OPENING TIMES

Shops 08:00-14:30 Mon, Wed, Sat; 08:00-13:00 Tue; 17:00-21:00 Thu, Fri.

Banks 08:00-14:00 Mon-Fri (some also in afternoon).

Post Office: Main PO is on Platia Eleftherias at Mandraki Harbour, 08:00-19:00. Also in Old Town on Orfeos Street.

Religious Services

Santa Maria Church, 45 Kathopouli Street (Tel: 22305) and Dragoumi Street (Tel: 26688). 18:00 daily; 08:00 and 11:00 Sunday.

St. Francisco Church, Dimocratias Street (Tel: 23605).

St. Anne's Church, 37 Sotiros Street, lalyssos/Ixia (Tel: 92969). 09:00 Sunday.

The Jewish synagogue has a service at 17:00 on Fridays.

Smoking: This is not allowed in public places, on buses, or in most taxis.

Taxis: All are privately owned but there is an office operating radio taxis (Tel: 64712/64736). Tips are not obligatory but customary (10% is normal). It is perfectly acceptable to flag down a passing taxi even if already occupied, so don't be surprised if it happens to you as it is the system here.

Telephones: Most callboxes take phone cards which can be bought at kiosks. Calls are cheaper from 21:00-09:00.

Tourist Information: The National Tourist Office is on Makariou Street in the centre of the New Town (Tel: 23255/23655). It is open from 08:00-14:00. There is also the City of Rhodes Tourist Information Office in Rimini Square, Mandraki (Tel: 35945). This opens from 08:00-20:00 except Sunday (09:00-12:00).

A Study in Baker Street

It was, as Holmes had often remarked, a perfect day for the criminal classes. The early morning fog hung thick in the air as the hansom cab which was returning him from his meeting with Inspector Lestrade drew to a halt outside Number 221B.

Mrs. Hudson was waiting to greet him and informed him that the doctor had already arrived.

On reaching the top of the stairs, Holmes, the possessor of the finest brain in England, immediately realised that the door to the study was closed. For once Holmes decided on the obvious solution and his fingers closed around the handle.

As he entered the room, Holmes was at once taken by the fact that Watson made no attempt to greet him. Rather he remained seated at his desk in the corner where he was clearly involved in some important undertaking.

'Watson!' exclaimed Holmes, 'I hope you are not working on the story of The Giant Rat of Sumatra. I have frequently advised you that it is a story for which the world is not yet ready.'

'My dear Holmes, nothing could be further from the truth! I am merely trying to solve a singularly difficult clue in today's Times crossword.'

'As I have already completed it whilst making the tiresome journey from Scotland Yard perhaps I can be of assistance. Which is it?'

'5 across', Watson replied. 'Staunton's bad move is met by a wooden response, 5,4.'

'A lemon tree, my dear Watson.'

'No doubt, Holmes, but perhaps you would be kind enough to furnish me with the answer.'

'As usual Watson, you look and listen, but you see and hear nothing. Howard Staunton, the chess correspondent of the Times, refers to a bad move as 'a lemon', and what could be more wooden than a tree.'

'Astounding Holmes. Since you are in such brilliant form perhaps you would try this deal which arose in last night's duplicate at the Bagatelle Club.'

East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

West	North	East	South
Dr. Watson	Colonel Moran	Sir John Hardy	Ronald Adair

4♥	Dble	6♥	Pass
All Pass			Dble

'North led the king of clubs and as you can see Holmes, although declarer has no immediate losers, the double void in his hand gives rise to communication and suit establishment problems. I was able to ruff three of my clubs in dummy and discard two more on the pair of aces, but I had to lose a club and a heart.'

'A gallant attempt my dear friend, but let me have a try.'

I ruff the opening lead, cash the ace of spades and ruff a spade. I play the queen of clubs, forcing North to cover and ruff in dummy. I am hoping to pin an honour in the South hand'.

'Nothing useful appears'.

'So I ruff another spade, ruff a third club with the king of hearts and ruff another spade.'

'They break 4-4'.

'There are now two winners in dummy'.

'Yes Holmes, but the absence of a diamond in declarer's hand means they are stranded'.

'I cash the ace of hearts and assuming the queen fails to appear I concede a trick to South's queen.'

With only diamonds left in his hand South will be forced to resurrect dummy and declarer's losing clubs are discarded on the ace of diamonds and the jack of spades.

+1660!

'Brilliant, Holmes'.

'When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however unlikely, must be the solution'.

(Here is the full deal)

East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

(Knowledgeable readers will know that all the characters featured here later appeared in 'The Adventure of the Empty House').

World Bridge Federation Congress Meeting

An important meeting of the World Bridge Federation Congress will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 10.00 in the Delphi Auditorium.

Every nation should appoint a delegate to attend. Important matters will be discussed, and WBF President José Damiani will report on the activities of the WBF during the past two years.

Cocktails will be served immediately after the meeting of the Congress.

North America wins two titles in Marlboro China Cup matches

North America won two titles and China one in the first annual Marlboro China Cup International Invitational Bridge Tournament in Beijing last month. North America triumphed in the Women's Teams and the Open Pairs. China took top honors in the Open Teams.

The event received nationwide television coverage. On three different nights the play was televised for two and a half hours on a major Chinese television station. So favorable was the response to this competition that present plans call for a possible second Marlboro China Cup in Shanghai next year.

All events were played with screens and bidding boxes. The vugraph presentation was outstanding – very legible and understandable. The tournament ran smoothly under the capable direction of Bill Schoder, chief director for the World Bridge Federation.

There were four entries in each team event – one each from the China Bridge Association, the ACBL, the European Bridge League and the Rest of the World. Each team played each other team in two 32-board matches with Victory Point scoring.

The Women's final was particularly exciting. North America was trailing China by 14 VPs going into the final match – against China as luck would have it. North America had to win by at least 23-7. The Americans played strongly throughout and won by exactly what they needed, 23-7. That dropped China into a tie with Europe, but China won second prize on quotient.

Competing for North America were playing captain, Kathie Wei-Sender, Lynn Deas, Juanita Chambers and Sue Sachs. The team prize was \$13,000.

In the Open Pairs, Deas and Chambers were strong and steady through all three sessions to win going away in an event dominated by women. Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim of Germany were second, and Elisabeth Delor and Helene Zuccarelli of France were fourth. Two members of the victorious Chinese team placed third. Deas and Chambers collected \$4000 for their win. Prizes were awarded down to 16th place in the 32-pair event.

The Open Teams winners from China, who played strongly throughout, collected \$18,000 in prize money. Europe was second, followed by Rest of the World. North America never got off the ground, finishing last.

Playing for China were Hu Ji Hong, Xu Hung Jun, He Zhen Yi, Zhuang Ze Jun, Chen Rong Chang and Li Xin, with npc Luo Yun Hong.

The pairs event was run like the Cavendish Pairs – every pair's score was IMPed against the score of every other pair playing in the same direction.

Deas played this Open Pairs hand at breakneck speed – never a hesitation from start to finish.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
	Deas		Chambers
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

East started with the ♥K, and Deas ducked. She knew East would think partner had the ♥A – otherwise wouldn't Deas take the ace to guarantee only one loser in the suit? East didn't know Deas had an ulterior motive – she wanted an additional entry to dummy and she didn't want to set up a possible extra trick for East.

Deas's manoeuvre worked most effectively. When East continued with a low heart, Deas put up the jack and took a finesse of the ♦10. When this held, she continued with the ♦Q, driving out the ace. She won the heart return and led the ♠Q to West's ace. West tried the ♠J, but Deas was gin for 10 tricks at this point. This was worth 81 IMPs.

One of the attributes of a good player is that he makes things as easy as possible for partner. He'll do anything he can to keep partner from having to make a guess. Watch Steve Weinstein on this deal from the Open Pairs. He was playing against Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness of Norway, who were very much in contention.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Weinstein	Helness	Stewart
Dble	Pass ⁽¹⁾	2♣	1♠
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Either weak or prepared to double the opponents

Weinstein led his partner's suit, starting with the ♠J. Helgemo won the ace and ducked a heart, Weinstein playing low and Stewart winning with the nine. He switched to a diamond and Weinstein took the jack, cashed the ace and led a spade to partner's queen.

Stewart attempted to cash another spade – but Weinstein ruffed his partner's trick! Because he needed Stewart to lead the first trump, Weinstein was forced to show an odd number of hearts by playing low at trick two. Weinstein realized Stewart had to have the wrong picture of the distribution and would probably lead a fourth spade in an attempt to give Weinstein another trump trick. Stewart later acknowledged that he indeed would have led another spade if he had been allowed to hold the trick.

But Weinstein recognized the urgency of driving out the ♥A before declarer could knock out the ♦K

and play on clubs. After ruffing his partner's trick, Weinstein shifted to hearts. Helgemo won the ace, cashed the ♣A and finessed the ♣J. But Stewart was able to ruff and cash a heart to beat the contract two tricks.

The most exciting hand of the week occurred in the Teams. An average of 15 IMPs per match changed hands on this board.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

The most amazing result occurred on vugraph.

West	North	East	South
Li	Romanski	Chen	Kowalski
Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	5NT

⁽¹⁾ Singleton or void in clubs

⁽²⁾ First-round control of clubs

Li Xin, knowing of the club void, figured he couldn't go far wrong leading a low club – Jacek Romanski of Rest of the World would have to ruff because he would never guess Li had underled an ace. Sure enough, Romanski ruffed – and that was his 13th trick. At the other table, the opening lead against 6♣ was the ♥A followed by a diamond, ruffed for down one; 17 IMPs to Rest of the World.

North America lost 16 IMPs. Against Europe's 6♣, John Schermer cashed his ♥A but then tried his ♣A; making 6♣. This was the bidding at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Auken	Weinstein	Koch	Stewart
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	7♠	Dble	5♥
			All Pass

Jens Auken, looking at two aces, didn't lead either of them. Instead he obeyed his partner's Lightner double and led a diamond – the ten to give suit preference. Dennis Koch ruffed, returned a heart to Auken's ace and ruffed another diamond for a three-trick set.

The women playing for Rest of the World made a small slam when Deas attempted to cash the ♣A. At the other table Juanita Chambers was doubled in 7♠, and the opposition found the killing defense of diamond, heart, diamond. 16 IMPs to Rest of the World.

In China v Europe Women's, Europe made a small slam after the ♣A lead, while China was the only team not to reach the slam; 11 IMPs to Europe.

Marlboro China Cup International Invitational Teams Final Standings

Open Teams

1. China	100	\$18,000
2. Europe	94	\$7,000
3. Rest of World	91	\$5,000
4. America	73	\$3,000

Women's Teams

1. America	102	\$13,000
2. China	100*	\$6,000
3. Europe	100	\$4,000
4. Rest of World	57	\$2,000

*Won tie break

Marlboro China Cup International Invitational Pairs Final Standings

1. Lynn Deas – Juanita Chambers	United States	1937	\$4,000
2. Sabine Auken – Daniela von Arnim	Germany	1453	\$2,000
3. He Zhen Yi – Zhuang Ze Jun	China	1407	\$1,500
4. Helene Zuccarelli – Elisabeth Delor	France	1394	\$1,000
5. Jacek Romaski – Apolinary Kowaski	Poland	1067	\$900
6. Sue Sachs – David Sachs	United States	961	\$800
7. Geir Helgemo – Tor Helness	Norway	934	\$700
8. Berry Westra – Enri Leufkens	Netherlands	617	\$700
9. Jens Auken – Dennis Koch	Denmark	587	\$600
10. Xu Hong Jun – Hu Ji Hong	China	466	\$600
11. Zhang Hui – Lu Yan	China	393	\$600
12. Ralph Katz – George Jacobs	United States	372	\$600
13. Wang Wei Min – Xu Jian Yu	China	358	\$500
14. Sun Ming – Wang Hong Li	China	356	\$500
15. Wang Wen Fei – Zhang Yu	China	228	\$500
16. Sun Shao Lin – Chuan Liu	China	209	\$500

Desperate Dummy Entry

By Nissan Rand

The Israeli Open and Women's teams trained for several weeks under the world's number one coach, Eric Kokish of Canada, and are hoping to duplicate the successes of some of the other teams Eric has trained. The hand below was played in one of Eric's training sessions in Tel Aviv last month.

North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

At most tables, North passed over his partner's 1♥ opening bid and East balanced with 1NT, showing 10-12 HCP. South doubled and North could show a moderate hand by bidding 2♥ over West's 2♦ bid. East competed with 3♦ and South bid a slightly surprising 4♥. West led the ♦K and continued with a second diamond, ruffed by declarer, who tried a club to the jack in hope of finding a second dummy entry. Alas, the finesse failed, East winning the queen and continuing diamonds. Declarer ruffed again and played a club to the king to take the heart finesse. Declarer needed a second dummy entry and tried a low spade towards the jack. West hesitated slightly but then played low so the jack scored. Now declarer had the necessary entry to repeat the heart finesse. With trumps breaking, declarer was home, drawing the last trump and giving up the last trick to West's ♠Q.

By coincidence, every successful declarer on this hand is here in Rhodes. Those who failed are back home in Tel Aviv.

1995 World Championship Book

This book is on sale throughout this tournament at Per Jannersten's book desk. The price is 7,560 drachmas.

The 1995 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup Championships in Beijing, China, rate as one of the most exciting world tournaments of all time. Check it out:

- A Bermuda Bowl final in which Canada nearly scored the upset of the century against the USA.
- A Venice Cup final in which Germany was seeking revenge for their loss to the USA in 1993.
- An excellent performance by China's Bermuda Bowl team in the quarterfinals, where they lost to USA by only 3 IMPs.
- Another praiseworthy effort on the part of China's Venice Cup team that drove all the way to the semifinals before being eliminated.

All the action plus mountains of background make up the 170 pages. Every hand of the Bermuda Bowl final is included – a difficult task indeed for Eric Kokish. Kokish wrote up the semifinals and the Bermuda Bowl final despite being a member of the Canadian team that figured so prominently in these events. It's never easy to write about yourself in the third person, but Kokish managed this very well.

You'll find a totally different style in the report of the Venice Cup final. Barry Rigal makes the action come alive as he tells of Germany's drive to the

title. Brian Senior injects still a third literary style as he recounts the major happenings in the round-robins and the quarterfinals. Henry Francis was the editor who put all the parts of the book together.

There's so much good reading – the bidding and play of almost 500 hands are chronicled. There were appeals on some deals from the Bermuda Bowl final, and Kokish explains in detail just what the issues were and how they were resolved.

Here's one of the most interesting deals of the tournament. It comes from the first round-robin match between USA 2 and France.

Board 19. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Both Norths played in 4♠, Jimmy Cayne after

Michel Perron had overcalled 2♣, Philippe Cronier after a free auction. With or without the overcall, the opening lead was the ♣K and a second club. Mark Lair played a third club and Cronier ruffed with the nine. He played a spade to the queen and ace and back came a fourth club, ruffed with the eight. You would think that Cronier would now cross to dummy to lead a spade to the seven but, strangely, he cashed the ♠K. Perhaps he hoped to play a trump coup in the endgame if spades were really 4-1 outside, but the bad diamond break meant that the trump coup was not possible and the contract was one down.

In the other room, Perron switched to his singleton diamond at trick three. He could see that if he led a third club Chemla's inability to overruff would expose the trump position. But Cayne won the diamond and led a low spade to the queen. When Perron ducked that, Cayne continued with a spade to his seven, making his game!

Why did Cayne play this way? Without the ♠10, it would have been normal for Perron to play the third club, hoping his partner could overruff. He did not play the club, so he must know there was no overruff and was trying to conceal the true trump position. Well played and a fitting end to a match in which Cayne/Burger had been quite outstanding.

France v Austria

Open Series (Round 1)

France, the holders of the Open title, had a tough start on vugraph against Austria. As it turned out, the boards were mostly fairly dull and the majority of the swings would not have been too difficult to avoid.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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

Both Wests, Umbhaus (Austria) and Levy (France), opened 1♠. Kriftner, for Austria, responded 1NT and passed the 2♣ rebid. After a club lead and continuation, Umbhaus was able to pitch a heart on the fourth diamond for +140.

In the other room, Mouiel responded 2♣ and bid 2NT over the 2♠ rebid. Levy bid 3♠ and for some reason which is not apparent to me Mouiel went on to 4♠. Feichtinger led ♥J to the queen, king and ace. Levy crossed to a diamond to run the ♠10 and now Feichtinger thought a while before switching to a club. When Terraneo won that he probably thought his partner had only a singleton heart so played ten and another. Feichtinger ruffed but Levy took the second spade finesse anyway so the trump trick came back for two down; -200 and 8 IMPs to Austria.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

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

East/West are cold for 4♠, but how to get there after West overcalls 2♣? As it turned out, neither East got into the bidding and it was all about the opening lead against 3NT by North. In the Closed Room, Bompis had opened the South hand 1♦ so Kriftner, East, looked no further than his longest suit. After the heart lead it was just a matter of over-tricks and Mari ended up with two of them; +660.

On vugraph, Terraneo, South, had opened 1♥ so it was natural for Mouiel, East, to try a spade. Feichtinger won in dummy and led a diamond to the ace. Levy, who had encouraged with the nine at trick one, now returned the ten, making quite sure that there could be no accidents. After cashing the diamonds, Feichtinger led a heart. Mouiel won the ace and cashed the spades but had to give the last trick to dummy's ♥K. With the result in the other room, one off was just as good as two off; 13 IMPs to France.

The best chance East/West have of reaching 4♠ is if South has a 1♣ opening according to his system. Now West may not be able to bid clubs naturally. This is what happened to Great Britain's Hackett twins, Jason and Justin. South opened 1♣, silencing West, and North responded 1♦. Now East doubled and his brother jumped to 4♠. North doubled that but it was cold and the twins chalked up a handy +790.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Umbhaus	Mari	Kriftner	Bompis
2♥	3NT	1♠	Dble
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Feichtinger	Mouiel	Terraneo
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

East's decision as to whether to open the bidding led to two quite different auctions, though the final contract was essentially the same. Both Easts managed to steer clear of the fatal spade lead which gives declarer a ninth trick immediately, instead choosing a low diamond. In the Closed Room, Kriftner then continued the good work by ducking the diamond continuation, allowing Umbhaus to discourage spades on the third diamond. Kriftner exited passively and in the fullness of time came to two spade tricks for one down; -200.

In the other room, Feichtinger won the opening lead in hand and returned a low diamond and Mouiel won it. He switched to a low spade, and that was the end of the defense; +600 and 13 IMPs for Austria. It is right to defend this way if declarer has say the ♥K and not the ♠10 or ♠Q, so Mouiel's decision was reasonable, it just didn't work.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

In the Closed Room, Umbhaus opened a strong club as dealer and North/South bid 1♥ - 2♥ - 4♥. Kriftner bid 4♠ now, ending the auction. A good decision, as 4♥ is cold for North/South. The opening lead was ♥A and when the diamond ruff was not found at trick two that was just one down; -50. In the Open Room, Levy opened 1♦ and Feichtinger bid 2NT, clubs and hearts. Facing what would be a good hand at the prevailing vulnerability, Terraneo jumped to 4♥. Again this ran round to East where Mouiel also bid 4♠. Terraneo doubled that and led ♣9. Mouiel ducked and Feichtinger won and switched to ♥7. Terraneo took his ace and led a second club so that was also one down but -100 for 2 IMPs to Austria.

Of course, a diamond ruff looks as though it would result in two down and an opening diamond lead might lead to three down but this is not so. After diamond ruff, heart ace, diamond ruff, club king to the ace, declarer can cash the ♠A and throw two clubs on the ♥K and fourth diamond to escape for two down.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

This was very dull in the Closed Room, where Mari opened the North hand 1♣ and Kriftner overcalled 1♠. Bompis made a negative double but Umbhaus bid 1NT and Kriftner rebid 2♦, where he played for a comfortable +110.

In the Open Room, Feichtinger had a 1♥ opening in the Austrian style, and again East, Mouiel overcalled 1♠. With a fit already established, Terraneo jumped to 3♥. After a pass by West, Feichtinger raised himself to 4♥. I am not sufficiently familiar with their partnership style to be certain of this, but 4♥ looks a big overbid to me and Levy's prompt double looks richly deserved. Mouiel led ♠K and Levy resisted the temptation to waste his jack under it. Feichtinger won and led a heart to the king and Levy won, unblocked the spade and switched to ♦K. Mouiel made very sure of no accidents by over-taking that to cash the spade then went back to diamonds. With a trump still to come, that was three down for -800 and 13 IMPs to France.

The defending champions ran out narrow winners, 16-14 VPs.

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Turkey v Austria

Women's Series (Round 1)

The boards for Round One of the Women's event were considerably more interesting than the Open. I will concentrate on some of the play and defensive problems I saw.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A Q J 6 ♥ 4 ♦ K 7 4 3 ♣ K J 8 6</p>	<p>♠ 8 3 2 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ A Q J 10 8 2 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ K 7 4 ♥ A K 6 2 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ 9 7 5</p>
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<p>♠ 10 9 5 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 ♦ - ♣ A Q 10 4 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ 10 9 5 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 ♦ - ♣ A Q 10 4 2</p>
N		E						
W		S						

Maria Erhart played 3NT from the East seat after South had opened 2♥, weak with at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor, and North had raised preemptively to 3♥. Maria ducked the opening heart lead but won the continuation to play the ♣7, intending to run it. South shot up with the ace, however, to clear the hearts. But now Maria just won and ran the ♣9 to make nine easy tricks.

Suppose that South does not take the first club. If she ducks, the seven will score and declarer continues with the nine. South covers, forcing declarer to come to hand with ♠K to lead a third club. South can win and exit with a black card but eventually declarer can eliminate the spades and lead a low diamond off table and North has to give a ninth trick to the ♦K in the ending. Declarer could have cashed the second heart trick at some point, of course, but that only works because diamonds are 6-0 so South cannot lead one after cashing her hearts.

It is a little more difficult if South covers the first club with the ten. Declarer has to use an entry to hand to take her second club finesse, so that takes the ♠K. Now if South can win the second club and exit with a spade, declarer will have only two club tricks and will be a trick short. So when South covers the first club, declarer must cash three spades, ending in hand. Now, if South wins the second club she has to exit with a club or a heart, either of which helps declarer. Best is a third club. But now we get back to the position where declarer exits with a low diamond and makes the ♦K in the endgame for her ninth trick.

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A Q J 10 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 7</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 5 3 ♥ K 6 4 2 ♦ J ♣ K 10 9 8</p>
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<p>♠ 7 ♥ J 10 8 5 3 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ 6 4 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ 7 ♥ J 10 8 5 3 ♦ K 10 8 6 ♣ 6 4 3</p>
N		E						
W		S						

In Blue Club, that West hand is a 1♠ opening, and that is what Terry Weigkricht chose. North over-called 1NT and Maria Erhart bid 2♠, ending the auc-

tion. It looks as though there are two aces and four trumps to lose, but Terry got close to making.

The opening lead was a diamond to the king and ace and she played a low club. North went up with the ace and exited with ace and another heart. Terry won the king, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♦Q, then played ♣J, which held the trick. She continued with a third club to the king and then the last club, ruffed and overruffed all round. North exited with a diamond, ruffed in dummy and now a spade was led so that North had the last three tricks for one down. Go back to the point where declarer played the third club. Had she ruffed a diamond before playing the club, North would have had no exit card after over-ruffing the fourth club so the ♠K would have been declarer's eighth trick. So was the defense powerless? No, North could have covered the ♣J, leaving declarer in the wrong hand to take the diamond ruff.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

<p>♠ A 5 3 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ 10 8 6 2</p>	<p>♠ K 10 8 6 4 ♥ K J 7 6 ♦ Q 9 7 4 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ A 9 8 4 ♦ A K J 8 ♣ A Q J 3</p>
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<p>♠ Q 9 7 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K 9 7 5 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ Q 9 7 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K 9 7 5 4</p>
N		E						
W		S						

Ahu Zobu of Turkey was the heroine of this hand, playing 3NT as West on the lead of a low spade to the queen. She ducked two rounds of spades and won the third one. Now she led a club to the queen and South took the king to switch to a low heart for the queen, king and ace. Now Zobu cashed three clubs ending in hand and North was squeezed. She had to keep four diamonds and a spade so was obliged to discard the ♥J. But now she was thrown in with her spade winner to lead a diamond from the queen, giving declarer four diamond tricks and nine in all. But try it if South ducks the club. North is only under pressure when the ♣10 is a late entry to hand, so down it goes.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A Q 10 5 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ 6 2 ♣ J 9 7</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 ♥ J 10 9 7 4 3 ♦ A Q ♣ K 8 4</p>
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<p>♠ K J 4 3 ♥ 6 ♦ K J 9 7 5 4 ♣ 6 5</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ K J 4 3 ♥ 6 ♦ K J 9 7 5 4 ♣ 6 5</p>
N		E						
W		S						

Maria Erhart played 4♥ on the lead of a low spade. She finessed the queen, drew trumps and ruffed a spade. Now she crossed to dummy and ruffed the last spade, though pitching a club would have worked just as well. Finally, she led the ♦A and exited with the ♦Q, so the defense had to open up the clubs. There is no sure way of making a club trick if you have to lead them yourself, so anyone who didn't spot the endplay chances – shame on you.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ 8 4 2 ♥ 9 7 5 3 ♦ K ♣ 10 9 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ A J 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 9 ♥ Q 10 4 2 ♦ A 10 8 3 ♣ Q</p>
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<p>♠ A Q 7 6 5 ♥ K J ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ K 7</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ A Q 7 6 5 ♥ K J ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ K 7</p>
N		E						
W		S						

Vera Adut, for Turkey, played 3NT from the South seat after East had opened 1♥. She got a heart lead and won in hand then cashed ♣K. When the queen fell, she found the good shot of a low diamond from hand. West won the bare king and played a second heart and it was an easy matter to establish a diamond trick and take the spade finesse for the ninth trick.

Superficially, it looks as though West could have done better by playing a club when in with the ♦K, taking the entry out of dummy while the hearts are blocked. But declarer can win the club and what is East to do, the discard on the club being fatal? Now a spade finesse, unblock the heart and play two more spades and East has to give dummy an entry by leading a red suit.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

<p>♠ 9 8 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K J 5 ♣ A 10 9 2</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 5 4 ♥ J ♦ Q 10 9 3 2 ♣ 7 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ K Q 6 4 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ J 8 5 4</p>
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<p>♠ A J 6 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ K Q 6</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ A J 6 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ K Q 6</p>
N		E						
W		S						

The Turkish North played 3♠ after showing a weak 5-5 in spades and diamonds. She won the ♥K lead and played ace and jack of spades, losing to the queen. A club went to king and ace and she ruffed the heart switch. Now declarer drew the last trump, crossed to the ♣Q and played a diamond to the nine and ace. But East could force her with another club and with no more entries to dummy and only one trump remaining she was reduced to guessing which diamond honor might now be bare. When diamonds did not oblige, she made only her trump for three down, a poor effort.

Declarer should have remembered the basic rule of playing two-suited hands – always look after the side suit. Here, she could not afford to play the trumps as she did because she left herself only able to lead up to the diamonds once. Had she played a low spade on the second round, she would have prevailed despite losing to the doubleton queen as she could have used the ♠J as an entry to lead diamonds towards hand.

In a lively match, Austria ran out winners by 81-51 IMPs; 21-9 VPs.

Israel v United States

Open Series (Round 1)

After two pushes, Israel scored on five successive boards to take a 31-0 lead against the United States. The biggest swing occurred on Board 7.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

♠ A 7 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ K 10 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N					W	E					S	♠ J 8 5 4 2 ♥ A J 9 8 7 6 ♦ 3 2 ♣ --
N														
	W	E												
			S											
♠ 10 9 6 3 ♥ 2 ♦ A ♣ A Q 8 7 5 4 2	♠ K Q ♥ K Q 5 4 ♦ Q J 9 6 ♣ J 9 6													

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goldfein	Tur	Robbins	Greenberg
			I♦
2♣	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♣	4♦	All Pass	

Goldfein led his singleton heart, ruffed the heart return, cashed the ♣A and gave his partner a club ruff – down one. Plus 100 to the Americans who did not find their spade fit. However, the Herbst brothers uncovered the suit for a major gain.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Herbst	Caravelli	O. Herbst	Cohler
			I♦
2♣	3♣	3♥	Dbl
3♣	3NT	4♣	Dbl
All Pass			

There is no defense – the spade game is unassailable, even with trump opening leads. 12 IMPs to Israel.

After three small swings and a push, the Americans made their first major gain on Board 12. Both teams landed in hearts, but only the U.S. got to game.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

♠ K J ♥ Q J 7 6 5 3 ♦ -- ♣ K Q 7 6 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N					W	E					S	♠ 8 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ J 10 4
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	W	E												
			S											
♠ A 5 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ A K 6 5 2 ♣ A 8 2	♠ Q 10 9 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ J 10 8 4 3 ♣ 9 5													

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I. Herbst	Caravelli	O. Herbst	Cohler
I♣	I♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West has a powerful hand and has every expectation of defeating the heart game. But the diamond

void made the difference – Caravelli lost only a spade, a club and the ♥K – plus 790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goldfein	Tur	Robbins	Greenberg
I♦	2NT	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Greenberg, looking at three good hearts, felt he had a tough choice between 3♥ and 4♥, finally choosing the more conservative bid. For his part, Tur knew he had forced his partner to bid. He felt there were too many holes, so he passed. He took the same 10 tricks, but that 12 IMPs to the U.S.

Israel got those 12 IMPs back by winning the next three deals, but Robbins and Goldfein came on strongly on the final board.

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

♠ K ♥ 10 8 ♦ A J 5 2 ♣ A Q 9 6 5 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N					W	E					S	♠ J 10 9 4 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ K Q 8 ♣ K 8 3
N														
	W	E												
			S											
♠ A 6 3 2 ♥ A Q 4 3 ♦ 10 9 7 4 ♣ J	♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ J 9 7 5 ♦ 6 3 ♣ 10 7 2													

West	North	East	South
Goldfein	Tur	Robbins	5Greenberg
Pass	I♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	I♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Robbins took a conservative view in response to Goldfein's double, but he came to life when Goldfein raised spades. He showed his club feature, and Goldfein in turn showed his heart strength. Robbins thought notrump might be the place to be, but Goldfein correctly overruled him.

Greenberg led a club to partner's ace, and Tur switched to his singleton ♠K, taken by the ace. Robbins immediately returned a second spade to South's queen, and it appeared that everyone wanted to get the spades out – Greenberg led back a third trump. Robbins ruffed a club and led a diamond, winning with the king when North ducked. Robbins drew the last trump and then led a heart to the queen. Next came another diamond. Tur won the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense.

At the other table, Israel stopped in 2♠, making three, so the Americans closed the match with a 10-IMP gain.

Greece v Turkey

Open Series (Round 2)

HOW TO OUTWIT YOUR OPPONENTS AND THE COMMENTATORS

By Alan Truscott

The second round saw an old rivalry featured on vugraph: host Greece against Turkey. The second deal brought a round of applause for Nafiz Zorlu, who reached a shaky 4♥ contract.

Board 2. North/South Game. Dealer East.

♠ A J 8 5 3 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ K Q ♣ A 6 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N					W	E					S	♠ 9 7 6 2 ♥ K 10 8 7 5 ♦ J 6 ♣ 9 8
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	W	E												
			S											
♠ K Q ♥ 9 ♦ 10 7 4 2 ♣ K J 10 5 4 3	♠ 10 4 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 8 5 3 ♣ Q 7													

West	North	East	South
	Assael		Zorlu
		Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	4♣	4♥
All Pass			

East was happy to have maneuvered South into 4♥, but he was less happy with the result. When the dummy appeared, the commentators predicted that, even with a helpful club lead, South would finish down one.

Some years ago, Andrew Robson offered the following Bols Tip: If an opponent makes a preemptive bid and then leads his suit, he tends to have a singleton trump. Whether Zorlu knew this is not clear, but he played as if he did. After the opening lead of the ♣10, a reasonable choice once East had raised clubs, South was able to win with the queen. He then crossed to the ♦Q and made the key play of leading a low heart.

East had to play low and the jack won. Now South crossed to the ♦K and led a low spade. West won and played the ♣K, won with dummy's ace. South already had five tricks, and was able to bring his total to seven by scoring the ♠A and ♠J. Now a spade ruff reduced East to three trumps, and when the ♦A was led he had to ruff and lead into dummy's ace-queen of trumps.

Zorlu had earned his applause, and his team gained 13 imps.

Note that it would not have helped the defense for West to play a third diamond after winning his spade trick. South would have discarded from dummy, allowing a ruff, but the ending would have been similar.

It would have been rather better to lead a spade at the fourth trick, with the chance of two spade ruffs in the closed hand with a less advantageous position.

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Champions All!

By Mark Horton

Germany, the reigning Venice Cup champions, will surely be the team to beat in the Women's series.

A life-threatening illness has deprived the team of the services of 'The Sisters', Marianne Mogel and Karin Caesar - happily Marianne is now well on the road to recovery - but newcomers Anne Gladiator and Ulrike Schreckenberger already have gold medals of their own, for they were both in the German Mixed Team which was successful in the European Community Championships held in Ostend earlier this year.

The other four players are household names who frequently attract the attention of the world's press. Let's recall a couple of hands from the Marlboro Venice Cup in Beijing.

Matthew Granovetter, writing in 'Bridge Today', described this as the hand of the tournament. I like to call it:

Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend.

Game All, Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Porat	Nehmert	Zur-Albu	Rauscheid
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Double	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

After South had opened with a weak notrump, North described a three-suited hand with short hearts and the reasonable contract of 5♦ was reached.

West led the ♥8, a lead that seems to give declarer little chance. Indeed the French star Phillipe Soulet went two down in the same contract on a heart lead.

Andrea Rauscheid ruffed the opening lead and crossed to hand with a spade. She ruffed another heart and again returned to hand with a spade. She ruffed a third heart and ruffed a spade. A club to the ace and a club back to the king were followed by the last heart, ruffed with the ace. When she played dummy's last spade, this was the position:

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

When East ruffed with the ♦10, Andrea was able to overruff with the jack and was certain to score another trump trick.

However, she had also foreseen that if East discards on the fourth spade, she could ruff with the ♦8 and exit with her remaining club. Most of the time this would result in West being endplayed.

On the other hand, Barry Rigal, writing in 'The Bridge World' considered this to be the deal of the event:

East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Willard	Nehmert	Cronier
		INT	Dbl
2♣	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Rauscheid led a club and declarer had to duck East's jack.

Pony Nehmert cashed the ♣A, but then found the essential switch to a heart, continuing the suit when she won the first spade.

Just in case you think it's obvious, I should mention that when faced with the identical problem, the great Paul Chemla didn't find the winning defence.

It's time for a change of scenery, so let's move to the South of France and the principality of Monaco for the Philip Morris European Mixed Teams.

Here is an 'Auken special', first reported by Tony Gordon.

Love All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
	Nippgen		Auken
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

West led the ♦K and Sabine won with the ace.



Sabine Auken, German

Her next card was a low spade from hand - and East is still reminding West that he ducked!

Here is Sabine's regular partner, Daniela von Arnim, in action on another deal from Monaco.

Game All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Reps	Zucarelli	von Arnim	Delor
		Pass	1♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Dani was quick to lead the ♥A and once again a misuse of the convention invented by Mr. Blackwood claimed a victim.

Captain Klaus Reps, no stranger to gold medals himself, was so impressed he married her!

Hotel announcements

To avoid confusion at breakfast time, the restaurant personnel suggest that the team captains call John Xanthos on Extension 6366 as early as possible to tell the approximate time their team will be in the breakfast room. This would help at lunch and dinner as well.

The cashier is open from 07.00 to 11.00 if you wish to pay any balance on your hotel bills.

Olympic Bridge Festival

A PAIR OF ISRAELI JUNIORS DOMINATE THE FIELD OF THE 1st SESSION OF CONTINUOUS PAIRS

In the first session of Continuous Pairs, **36 pairs** from 20 countries four continents participated. There was a significant difference of about 2% between first and second

The first eight pairs are :

1. Dubinski S. (ISR)	Flat D. (ISR)	63.75%
2. Melander M. (SWE)	Berggren M. (SWE)	61.81%
3. Morse D. (USA)	Retek G. (CAN)	60.83%
4. Madis G. (EST)	Jacobson L. (EST)	60.00%
5. Kaare Mare (EST)	Kaare Mati (EST)	58.33%
6. Bausback N. (GER)	Alberti A. (GER)	57.78%
7. Simatis A. (GRE)	Diacostamatiou M. (GRE)	57.36%
8. Pesonen M. (FIN)	Jorkama A. (FIN)	57.08%

TWO YOUNG GREEKS WIN THE SECOND SESSION

In the second session of Continuous Pairs there were 40 pairs from 21 countries.

The winner's percentage was approximately the same as the one with which the Israeli won the first session.

The first eight pairs are :

1. Yannakis Y. (GRE)	Kipouros N. (GRE)	63.47%
2. Lellep A. (EST)	Ley (EST)	61.67%
3. Gelbrard M. (ISR)	Gans I. (CAN)	60.08%
4. Goenka JP. (IND)	Saigol S. (PAK)	59.00%
5. Nilsson J. (SWE)	Jansson (SWE)	58.46%
6. Kristensen J. (NOR)	Nising B. (NOR)	57.78%
7. Awan H. (UAE)	D-Sousa O. (UAE)	57.36%
8. Tsavalos L. (GRE)	Tsavalos A. (GRE)	57.08%

RANKING AFTER TWO ROUNDS

So after the two first sessions the standings are:

1. Dubinski S. (ISR)	63.75%	49.86%	63.75%
- Flat D. (ISR)	63.75%	49.86%	63.75%
3. Yannakis Y. (GRE)	00.00%	63.47%	63.47%
- Kipouros N. (GRE)	00.00%	63.47%	63.47%
5. Melander M. (SWE)	61.81%	47.79%	61.81%
- Berggren M. (SWE)	61.81%	47.79%	61.81%
7. Lellep A. (EST)	36.11%	61.67%	61.67%
- Ley J. (EST)	36.11%	61.67%	61.67%
9. Morse D. (USA)	60.83%	00.00%	60.83%
- Retek G. (CAN)	60.83%	00.00%	60.83%

A good sacrifice

Let's see an interesting hand from the morning session.

Board 24. None. Dealer West

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

Most of the North / South pairs reached four hearts and they made their contract after they cashed five trump, one spade and four diamonds tricks (giving to the defence a trump trick and two clubs ensuring the contract).

Many East / West pairs found the fine sacrifice of four spades, which makes eight or nine tricks depending on the guess of the queen of clubs.

In this case the best decision North / South pairs could take is to play five diamonds (easily made).

Only one North / South pair (Jan Kristensen - Berge Nising) found the best line of declarer's play in order to make five hearts. After the spade lead Nising ruffs his second spade in dummy and after cashing ace and queen of trumps ending in dummy, plays two rounds of diamonds which can't be ruffed, returns to hand using king of trumps and cashes the last heart, discarding his third high diamond from dummy. So diamonds are unblocked and South makes eleven tricks via five hearts, one spade and five diamonds.

Register now !!!

In the "Playing with an international" event on Wednesday 23, your (international) teammates will be:

Benito Garozzo - Lea Dupont
or
Bobby Wolff - Rebecca Rogers

Don't forget to register for today's morning and afternoon sessions (3rd and 4th Continuous Pairs sessions).