

France, Italy top qualifiers; Mixed Teams starts today

Open Olympiad

It was one of the most exciting days in the history of world championships. The qualifiers for today's quarterfinals weren't determined until the very final match.

Defending champion France had the best record in Group A, followed by Indonesia and Poland. The fourth qualifier was Denmark, but only by a single Victory Point! Denmark had 633 VPs, and New Zealand just missed with 632.

The story was the same in Group B. Italy was a clear winner – by more than a full match. Chinese Taipei was a strong second. But the battle for third and fourth was fierce. Iceland triumphed over Bulgaria, 19-11, in their last match, and that put them in third place. Russia needed a big win in their last match – and they got it – 25-4 over Kenya. That moved Russia past both Israel and Great Britain. Israel missed qualifying by only 1.5 VPs, and Great Britain was only 9 behind Russia.

At the captains' meeting following the last match, today's quarterfinal matches were set up as follows (France and Italy had their pick of the rest of the qualifiers in the other group):

France vs. Russia

Denmark vs. Italy

Iceland vs. Indonesia

Poland vs. Chinese Taipei

Today's quarterfinals will be 64-board matches, with the winners moving into the 96-board semifinals that get under way tomorrow.

For the first time in Olympiad history, no North American team made the quarterfinals. The United States, who finished second four years ago in Salsomaggiore, Italy, wound up in ninth place, although they finished within a match of qualifying. Canada, a finalist in the Bermuda Bowl with the same team a year ago in China, were twelfth in their group.

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RANKING

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A		B	
1	FRANCE 691	1	ITALY 692
2	INDONESIA 676	2	CHINESE TAIPEI 659
3	POLAND 642	3	ICELAND 652
4	DENMARK 633	4	RUSSIA 645
5	NEW ZEALAND 632	5	ISRAEL 643
6	SWEDEN 615	6	GREAT BRITAIN 636
7	SPAIN 607	7	NETHERLANDS 633
8	JAPAN 602	8	NORWAY 629
9	AUSTRIA 593	9	USA 620
10	SOUTH AFRICA 586	10	BRAZIL 608
11	CHINA 580	11	INDIA 601
12	CANADA 577	12	AUSTRALIA 572
13	BELGIUM 574	13	FINLAND 559
14	ARGENTINA 569	14	HUNGARY 544
15	PAKISTAN 552	15	TURKEY 539
16	IRELAND 539	16	GREECE 536
17	CHILE 532	17	YUGOSLAVIA 533
18	CZECH REPUBLIC 531	18	SLOVENIA 530
19	MOROCCO 526	19	VENEZUELA 518
20	ROMANIA 525	20	EGYPT 512
21	GERMANY 513	21	ESTONIA 512
22	UKRAINE 508	22	SWITZERLAND 512
23	CROATIA 492	23	GUADELOUPE 508
24	LUXEMBOURG 485	24	HONG KONG 503
25	PHILIPPINES 485	25	PORTUGAL 501
26	LEBANON 476	26	MONACO 486
27	SAN MARINO 474	27	LATVIA 440
28	LITHUANIA 4661	28	BULGARIA 434
29	BANGLADESH 457	29	MAURITIUS 411
30	COLOMBIA 414	30	TUNISIA 406
31	SINGAPORE 399	31	FRENCH POLYNES. 400
32	LIECHTENSTEIN 394	32	THAILAND 385
33	MALAYSIA 359	33	MEXICO 376
34	BERMUDA 352	34	JORDAN 366
35	PALESTINE 171	35	KENYA 296
		36	CYPRUS 278

IOC vice-president visits Olympiad



Photograph courtesy of Kodak's new digital camera

Marc Hodler of Switzerland, vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, visited the Bridge Olympiad here yesterday. He met with WBF President José Damiani and members of the WBF Executive. He also attended last night's gala at the Castle of the Knights and addressed the Olympiad players. He was presented with a special plaque by the WBF.

Hodler is no stranger to bridge. He was president of the Swiss Bridge Federation for 30 years, and also is president of the International Ski Federation.

Bridge, already recognized as a sport by the IOC, will come up for review by the IOC in June of 1997.

Hodler will be leaving us this morning. We wish him well.

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Results

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Round 33

PHILIPPINES	BANGLADESH	21-9	62/38
MOROCCO	IRELAND	12-18	30/44
AUSTRIA	INDONESIA	13-17	31/40
SPAIN	LEBANON	11-19	20/39
JAPAN	COLOMBIA	18-12	48/35
CHINA	LIECHTENSTEIN	17-13	56/47
UKRAINE	SOUTH AFRICA	0-25	10/84
CHILE	PAKISTAN	15-15	38/37
CROATIA	DENMARK	5-25	20/64
NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN	14-16	39/44
POLAND	BERMUDA	25-2	63/3
SINGAPORE	ARGENTINA	25-2	70/10
LUXEMBOURG	CZECH REPUBLIC	20-10	56/36
BELGIUM	LITHUANIA	5-25	19/64
SAN MARINO	GERMANY	18-12	48/35
MALAYSIA	CANADA	14-16	33/38
PALESTINE	ROMANIA	0-25	19/93
FRANCE	Bye	18	

INDIA	ESTONIA	19-11	46/27
USA	HONG KONG	16-14	36/32
JORDAN	ITALY	9-21	38/64
YUGOSLAVIA	PORTUGAL	21-9	52/28
LATVIA	ICELAND	12-18	
GUADELOUPE	MEXICO	20-10	46/23
BULGARIA	GREAT BRITAIN	9-21	39/66
NETHERLANDS	TUNISIA	14-16	43/48
ISRAEL	MONACO	19-11	41/25
GREECE	AUSTRALIA	11-19	26/42
CHINESE TAIPEI	VENEZUELA	21-9	49/22
FINLAND	THAILAND	22-8	72/44
MAURITIUS	BRAZIL	7-23	29/62
RUSSIA	HUNGARY	19-11	57/41
EGYPT	CYPRUS	20-10	51/31
TURKEY	KENYA	19-11	64/46
NORWAY	SLOVENIA	14-16	29/32
SWITZERLAND	FRENCH POLYNES.	14-16	30/37

Round 34

BERMUDA	SOUTH AFRICA	25-5	69/26
NEW ZEALAND	CHILE	20-10	45/22
FRANCE	POLAND	22-8	46/16
UKRAINE	SINGAPORE	25-4	75/24
LIECHTENSTEIN	CZECH REPUBLIC	6-24	20/58
PHILIPPINES	JAPAN	6-24	10/47
GERMANY	SPAIN	13-17	33/43
MALAYSIA	AUSTRIA	2-25	25/85
PALESTINE	MOROCCO	0-25	30/106
ROMANIA	LITHUANIA	21-9	63/37
IRELAND	CANADA	5-25	13/58
INDONESIA	SAN MARINO	10-20	24/46
BANGLADESH	LEBANON	11-19	13/32
COLOMBIA	LUXEMBOURG	7-23	24/57
ARGENTINA	CHINA	12-18	49/61
CROATIA	BELGIUM	2-25	18/81
DENMARK	PAKISTAN	20-10	39/19
SWEDEN	Bye	18	

THAILAND	GREAT BRITAIN	0-25	0/97
CHINESE TAIPEI	ISRAEL	25-2	69/8
NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	21-9	67/41
BULGARIA	MAURITIUS	14-16	23/30
MEXICO	HUNGARY	20-10	52/29
INDIA	LATVIA	21-9	46/22
KENYA	YUGOSLAVIA	7-23	31/67
NORWAY	JORDAN	25-3	78/24
SWITZERLAND	USA	4-25	22/74
FRENCH POLYNES.	CYPRUS	22-8	73/42
HONG KONG	SLOVENIA	4-25	11/62
ITALY	TURKEY	23-7	64/29
ESTONIA	PORTUGAL	18-12	53/38
ICELAND	RUSSIA	6-24	33/71
BRAZIL	GUADELOUPE	25-5	69/27
GREECE	EGYPT	21-9	38/13
VENEZUELA	TUNISIA	22-8	61/31
AUSTRALIA	MONACO	25-5	61/19

Round 35

SAN MARINO	PALESTINE	25-0	105/2
LITHUANIA	AUSTRIA	9-21	44/70
SPAIN	IRELAND	12-18	31/44
JAPAN	INDONESIA	12-18	16/28
LEBANON	LIECHTENSTEIN	25-5	56/10
COLOMBIA	UKRAINE	13-17	35/46
CHINA	FRANCE	7-23	18/51
SOUTH AFRICA	CHILE	25-2	80/21
PAKISTAN	NEW ZEALAND	6-24	24/63
POLAND	DENMARK	13-17	18/26
SINGAPORE	SWEDEN	9-21	30/56
CZECH REPUBLIC	BERMUDA	25-3	70/17
PHILIPPINES	ARGENTINA	2-25	4/65
LUXEMBOURG	GERMANY	14-16	35/41
BANGLADESH	MALAYSIA	9-21	34/60
MOROCCO	BELGIUM	5-25	19/61
CANADA	ROMANIA	22-8	59/29
CROATIA	Bye	18	

TURKEY	SWITZERLAND	24-6	60/20
CYPRUS	JORDAN	9-21	31/57
YUGOSLAVIA	HONG KONG	13-17	42/53
LATVIA	ITALY	15-15	31/32
PORTUGAL	MEXICO	16-14	42/35
ICELAND	BULGARIA	19-11	42/23
GUADELOUPE	NETHERLANDS	5-25	17/60
GREAT BRITAIN	ISRAEL	13-17	34/42
TUNISIA	GREECE	9-21	14/41
MONACO	CHINESE TAIPEI	12-18	50/62
FINLAND	AUSTRALIA	25-4	82/30
MAURITIUS	VENEZUELA	15-15	48/49
HUNGARY	THAILAND	20-10	48/25
INDIA	BRAZIL	13-17	41/51
RUSSIA	KENYA	25-4	70/21
ESTONIA	NORWAY	6-24	27/68
USA	EGYPT	10-20	7/27
SLOVENIA	FRENCH POLYNES.	24-6	61/20

9th European Open and 4th Senior Pairs Championship

The Netherlands Congress Centre

17th to 22nd March 1997

Total prize money – Swiss Francs 120,000.

The Open Pairs will consist of nine sessions— three qualifying rounds, three semifinal rounds (with repechage) and a three-session final with barometer scoring.

The Senior Pairs will consist of six sessions – three qualifying rounds and a three-session final.

The Championships will start on the Monday evening and end with a Prize-Giving Cocktail party on Saturday evening.

European Pairs wishing to receive more information about these Championships should contact their federations for more details.

Foreigners in Rhodes

By Nissan Rand, Israel

The Appeals Committee of the 1996 Olympiad in Rhodes is officially composed of 19 members. There are nine ACBL representatives, including eight Americans; seven members from EBL countries and three WBF officials – from Brazil, New Zealand and Pakistan.

The Americans are the dominant members of the Appeals Committee, especially the highly respected Chairmen, **Bobby Wolff** and **Edgar Kaplan**. They are men of wisdom and integrity with vast bridge expertise. The other Americans are officials of the ACBL and the WBF, including the charming, **Mrs. Joan Gerard** and **Mrs. Barbara Nudelman**.

We probably should encourage capable bridge experts from more countries to volunteer to serve on the Appeals Committee.

While I can only praise the fairness and decency of my American colleagues, I have had some (few) reservations about their occasional over-emphasis on the legalistic approach to appeals, which in my humble opinion did not always coincide with some of the rules of the WBF and the EBL, as I know them.

The Americans surely feel at home in Rhodes as demonstrated by one of my good friends. He summoned me to a session of the committee dealing with an appeal involving a U.S. team. He said that we needed "foreigners" to serve for that session in accordance with the rule that countries involved in an appeal may request members from other countries to deal with the case.

My polite response was, while we are both foreigners in Rhodes, I should feel more at home than most Americans, coming from a Mediterranean country, especially due to the fact that this is my 28th visit to Greece over the last three decades. During those years I have enjoyed Greek hospitality, music and food.

PROGRAMME

World Mixed Teams Championship

Swiss Teams 10-Board Matches

Tuesday

11.00 - 12.45	Round 1
13.45 - 15.15	Round 2
15.35 - 17.05	Round 3
17.25 - 18.55	Round 4

Wednesday

14.00 - 15.30	Round 5
15.50 - 17.20	Round 6
20.00 - 21.30	Round 7
21.50 - 23.20	Round 8

Thursday

11.00 - 12.30	Round 9
13.45 - 15.15	Round 10
15.35 - 17.05	Round 11
17.25 - 18.55	Round 12

Friday

11.00 - 12.30	Round 13
12.50 - 14.30	Round 14
14.40 - 16.10	Round 15

Semifinals (Friday)

3 x 10 boards

17.30 - 19.00
20.45 - 22.15
22.30 - 24.00

Final (Saturday)

3 x 12 boards

10.30 - 12.15
12.30 - 14.15
14.30 - 16.15



THE ISRAEL BRIDGE FEDERATION

The Israel Bridge Federation invites all players, delegates, officials, journalists and guests attending the 1996 World Bridge Olympiad to the two upcoming International Bridge Festivals in Israel.

- (1) *The second Red Sea International Bridge Festival* will be held at The Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat, from November 17-24, 1996. The program features Open Pairs, IMP Pairs and Swiss Teams competitions, with prizes totalling more than \$10,000.
- (2) *The 31st Israel Bridge Festival*, Israel Convention Centre, Tel Aviv, will be held from February 13-22, 1997. The program includes Mixed Pairs and Teams, Open and Women's Pairs, Swiss Teams and an Invitation event.

We hope to see you in the Holy Land,

David Birman

Festivals Chairman

Dr. Nissan Rand

President Emeritus, Israel Bridge Federation

PS. - All those who register for either festival during the Olympiad here in Rhodes will receive a further 15% discount off their registration and hotel costs.

Please register with either D.Birman (Room 1322) or Dr. N.Rand (Room 1314) at the Rodos Palace Hotel.

What a lead!

By Tommy Sandsmark

In Round 17 San Marino player Massimo Soroldini made a brilliant lead. I wonder if you could find it? Put yourself in North's chair and listen to the music in the bidding.

Game All. Dealer West

♠ J 9 8 7 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ 4 3
♣ 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	6♦	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Spades + a minor.

⁽²⁾ Which minor?

⁽³⁾ Diamonds.

Have you found a clear-cut lead yet? No, you are right, there is none.

However, our friend Massimo Soroldini from San Marino thought like this: West has a weak hand, and therefore most of the high cards have to be in East. Why

not put West's nerves to a test?

Therefore he led the ♠5! West, fearing that the lead might be a singleton, decided to go up with the ace. Thus this imaginative lead provided the defense with two down. The full hand:

Game All. Dealer West

♠ J 9 8 7 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ 4 3
♣ 9 8 4

♠ A Q 10 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 7 6
♣ K 7

N		E
W		S

♠ 5
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ A K 5 2
♣ A J 5

♠ K
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ Q 10 6 3 2

I will probably never know what you led, but I am fairly sure that it was not the ♠5!



BOLS - IBPA Lunch

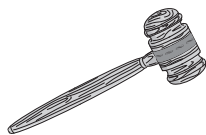


IBPA members who have not yet collected their invitation to the BOLS-IBPA lunch are requested to do so as soon as possible because it is necessary to know how many persons will be attending. You may sign up for the lunch with Evelyn Senn in the Press Room.

The lunch will take place

Today, October 29

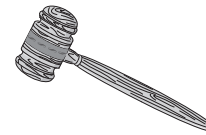
at noon in La Terrasse restaurant in Rodos Palace



APPEALS

CASES EIGHTEEN-NINETEEN

By Rich Colker



18 Olympiad Open Teams. Round 21.

France v Japan

Board 16. Game All. Dealer West.

				Bompis							
				♠ A K Q 10 9 8 6							
				♥ A Q 9 7							
				♦ —							
				♣ A 2							
Hanayama		Hirata		N		E					
♠ 3		♠ 5 4 2		W		S					
♥ 8 6 5 4		♥ 3/4		N		E					
♦ Q 9 8 2		♦ A 7 6 5 3		W		S					
♣ Q 10 5 3		♣ J 9 7 6 4		W		S					
				Mari							
				♠ J 7							
				♥ K J 10 3 2							
				♦ K J 10 4							
				♣ K 8							
West	North	East	South								
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾								
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥								
Pass	7♥	Dble ⁽³⁾	Pass								
Pass	7♠	All Pass									

⁽¹⁾ Game forcing, any pattern

⁽²⁾ Either two kings or 8+ HCP

⁽³⁾ Asks for a diamond lead

Facts: The opening lead was the ♦A, after which declarer claimed 13 tricks. At that point South called the Director. N/S stated that North had been damaged by East's failure to alert his double of 7♥. Although there were some language problems the Director determined that the double in question was not alerted by either of the E/W players, but that West had written for South that it asked for a diamond lead. East then explained that he had intended his double of 7♥ as a tactical bid hoping that N/S would run to 7NT. East then indicated to the Director that the double asked for a diamond lead and apologized for failing to alert. N/S stated that North would have redoubled had he known what the double meant. The Director ruled that North would have had no reason to run from 7♥ doubled had he known the correct meaning of the double and he might well have redoubled. In accordance with Law 12C2 the contract was changed for both pairs to the most favorable result likely for N/S, in this case 7♥ redoubled by North made seven, plus 2940 for N/S.

The Appeal: E/W appealed the Directors' ruling. The Japanese team captain (Takashi Maeda) supplied a written statement to the committee containing the following. East's double was of the Lightner variety which, according to an Albuquerque Appeals Committee decision, is never alertable. The Director's statement that East's double asked for a diamond lead was incorrect. It asked for an unusual lead which, in this situation, was judged by West to be a diamond lead. East risked that N/S might play in 7♥ doubled in exchange for the hope of creating a false impression of a spade void in his hand, hoping that North would run to 7NT. West, in response to South's inquiry, had made an unfortunate comment that he would lead a diamond (because his partner's double asked for an unusual lead, and his spade singleton made it unlikely that his partner could have a spade void, and neither a heart nor a club lead was considered unusual in this auction). This "gratuitous" comment derived from his personal judgment based upon his own cards and not any E/W partnership agreement, and con-

tained information to which N/S were not entitled. North did fall into East's trap by running from 7♥ doubled, but ran to the safe contract of 7♠ rather than 7NT as East had hoped. For these reasons it was believed that the table result of 7♠ making seven, plus 2210 for N/S, should be allowed to stand. South testified that West did not alert East's double which he (South) assumed to be Lightner. When the tray containing South's and West's passes disappeared under the screen West wrote that the double called for a diamond lead. Had South known this he stated that he would have redoubled himself because he knew that his partner was void in diamonds. North stated that he was convinced that East's double showed a spade void, and that was why he declared 7♠. Otherwise, he said, he should have redoubled because he was sure to make 7♥.

The Committee's Decision: The committee decided that Lightner doubles were alertable, although if played in the typical way (asking for an "unusual" lead) it would be difficult to conceive of penalizing a player for failing to alert them because of their almost universal use. However, this E/W pair appeared to be playing them in an unusual manner, calling for the first suit "named" by the dummy and not for an unusual lead (as claimed by the E/W team). Given such a partnership agreement the committee believed that the convention did require an alert. The contract was therefore adjusted for both pairs to 7♥ redoubled by North made seven, plus 2940 for N/S, in accord with Law 12C2 and as the Director originally ruled at the table. E/W's deposit was returned.

Committee: Edgar Kaplan, USA, chairman; Ron Andersen, USA; Nissan Rand, Israel; Barbara Nudelman, USA; and Virgil Anderson, USA.

19 Olympiad Open Teams.

Round 31. Luxembourg v Sweden.

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

				Richter							
				♠ Q 4 2							
				♥ A 9 3							
				♦ A 9 7 4 3							
				♣ 8 5							
Fallenius		Nilisland		N		E					
♠ A 10		♠ K J 9 7		W		S					
♥ K Q 10 4 2		♥ J 6		W		S					
♦ J 5		♦ Q		W		S					
♣ A K J 9		♣ Q 10 7 6 3 2		W		S					
				Kloppenborg							
				♠ 8 6 5 3							
				♥ 8 7 5							
				♦ K 10 8 6 2							
				♣ 4							
West	North	East	South								
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1♦	Pass	Pass								
3♥	Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾	3♦								
4♣	All Pass	3♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass								

⁽¹⁾ Strong, artificial and forcing

⁽²⁾ East to North: game force with clubs; West to South: 5+ spades and 5+ HCP

⁽³⁾ East to North: natural, secondary spade suit

Facts: The opening lead was the ♣4, after which declarer made 11 tricks for plus 650 for E/W. The Director was called at the end of play, all players agreeing to

the explanations described in the auction above. It was determined that West's explanation was in error (East's explanations correctly described E/W's agreements). South stated that had he been given the correct information that East showed only four spades (and that E/W could therefore be playing a four-three fit or worse) he would have led a diamond going for the forcing game rather than a club looking for ruff(s). This would have resulted in 4♣ going down. E/W stated that even had South known that East had only four spades West's raise would have suggested that E/W were playing a four-four spade fit, and the only chance for beating the contract would still have been a club lead (hoping to find North with the ♠A otherwise East would have five clubs, four spades, and a diamond ruff for ten tricks). The Director decided that the misinformation from West did not result in E/W gaining an advantage in arriving at a superior contract (4♥ or 5♣). Rather, they arrived in an inferior contract which gave N/S a chance for a good result, which they failed to take advantage of. In the Director's opinion South should have known that East held clubs since East had shown five spades, fewer than three hearts (he didn't raise West's suit), and at most three diamonds (given N/S's five-five fit). Therefore, the Director ruled that the table result would stand.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Director's ruling. The committee determined the facts as stated above. North stated on South's behalf (who was ill and could not attend the hearing) that a diamond lead would be virtually automatic given the correct information, and that South was deprived by the misinformation of the opportunity to properly consider the alternative of a forcing defense.

The Committee's Decision: The committee decided that South would have led a diamond virtually all of the time given the proper information. Had diamonds then been continued a second and third time (even if East pitched a heart on the second round of the suit), as the committee believed N/S would have done, the contract would have failed by at least one trick. Since it was not possible to determine how many tricks E/W would go down on the diamond lead, the committee assigned an artificial adjusted score of minus 100 to E/W and plus 100 to N/S.

Committee: Steen Moeller, Denmark, chairman; Edgar Kaplan, USA; Richard Colker, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Naki Bruni, Italy; and Dan Morse, USA.

Lest we forget

By David Burn

"Imagine," asks Daniel Auby (Daily News No. 9), what kind of situation we would be in if everyone took advantage of this new principle!" The new principle to which he refers is that players who misexplain their methods should automatically be penalized, whether or not the misexplanation resulted in damage.

So I imagined. Players, I thought, would realize that having methods they could not remember was going to lose them IMPs. Therefore they would play only methods that they could a) remember; b) describe clearly to the opponents on the convention card, and c) explain correctly to the opponents at the table. Would the game of bridge be better or worse for this? Just imagine...

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Women's Olympiad

Our apologies to Austria for misnaming them in yesterday's Daily News. The Women's quarterfinals also will be 64 boards, with the winners moving on to 96-board semifinals starting tomorrow. Today's pairings:

Israel vs. China**Netherlands vs. United States****Canada vs. Germany****Great Britain vs. Austria****Mixed Teams**

The new event, the Mixed Teams, will get under way today. Full details are spelled out elsewhere in this Daily News.

IMPORTANT – You still have one last chance to sign up your team for the Mixed. Christine Francin will be available to accept your entry from 09.00 to 10.00 this morning in WBF President's office.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT – Any Mixed Team with fewer than six members may fill out their team to a full six members any time today until play ends.

Silence Is Golden (Sometimes)

By Cornel Matei

In Daily News issue number eight, there is a description of the Round 26 match between Indonesia and Canada in the Open Series.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gitelman	Lasut	Mittelman
	2♣	Dble	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

This was the first board to create a swing, thanks to a misdefense of the 5♦ game. In fact, after so much talking from the North/South pair, the game becomes unbeatable.

I know that aggressive bidding is normal in modern bridge, but sometimes if you are too aggressive and then have to defend, you find that you have given too much information away to declarer.

Let us see. South tried a psychic 3♦ then ran to 3♥, showing a good suit as a possible alternative to spades. Now it is much easier to play 5♦. The ♥K is led. Best is to ruff that as you don't yet know what to discard. Now declarer plays ace and king of trumps then his club towards dummy. South cannot afford to play the king so he ducks and North wins the ace. He switches to a spade but now ace and another spade endplays South. A small heart return gives two discards for clubs while a club solves that suit.

Without the opening bid and South's 'too much talking' this line is not at all obvious. Now it becomes quite attractive. Without the bidding, declarer might try for a 4-3 heart break but then has to fall back on the club suit.

Dutch Blitz

By Jan van Cleeff

The Dutchies, very much in contention for fourth place, won a blitz against Cyprus in Round 30 of the Open.

The hand below showed the great bidding skills of Piet Jansen and Jan Westerhof.

Board 22. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

With all cards in view, it is easy to see that 6NT, 6♠ or even 6♦ are sound. However, with the good seven-card heart suit in the South hand, it is understandable that a partnership could end in 6♥. And that is exactly what happened to the unfortunate Cypriot North/South.

Jansen and Westerhof displayed an impressive bidding sequence.

West	North	East	South
	Jansen		Westerhof
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	5♦ ⁽³⁾
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Honor in spades, club control.⁽²⁾ Roman Keycard Blackwood.⁽³⁾ One ace.

Plus 1460 for Holland, worth 17 IMPs.

Chinese Taipei v Brazil

Open Series (Round 29)

By Barry Rigal

Patrick Huang is normally a distinctive figure at these events, so if you didn't see him around for the first five days of the tournament, you shouldn't be surprised!

He wasn't here! He had some pressing affairs at home and had to delay his arrival until a couple of days ago.

It took him exactly one board to make his presence felt on vugraph.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Amaral	Huang	Figuereido	Kuo
Pass	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Patrick did not bother with his heart suit, and he was right there! When Figueredo led the ♣A Patrick had a chance. He ruffed, drew trumps and led the ♦10, taken by the jack. East continued with a second diamond to the king. Now when a heart came back, Patrick won the ace and exited with the ♥J. Thus West was endplayed in hearts, so Patrick held his heart losers to one and scored up the game that was beaten at just about every other table.



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South Africa v New Zealand

Women's Series (Round 20)

With two rounds to go, South Africa lay fourth, but four countries were bunched close behind waiting for them to slip up. Would they survive this match against the experienced New Zealanders?

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

♠ K 10 6 3 ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ A K J 3 2 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 8 ♥ Q 7 4 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ J 8 7 6
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 9 7 5 4 2 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ Q 10 7 5 ♣ 10					

How would you handle the North cards when West opens 1♦? Bella Axelrod overcalled 5♣ and got doubled for her pains. The 4-0 club break meant she had to go three down; -800.

We prefer Jan Cormack's jump cuebid at the other table. Jan Alabaster responded 3NT as requested but the bad club break meant this excellent contract also had to fail, and Merle Modlin found an intelligent double, knowing that dummy's suit was not going to run. Petra Mansell led ♦K, ♠A and a low spade.

Alabaster had five tricks now and one more materialised in the endgame for the same -800; just another dull push.

Board 25. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

Both tables began 1♦ - Pass - 3♦. Vivien Cornell made a takeout double and Axelrod jumped to 5♦ as a two way shot, maybe it was making and maybe East/West could make 4♣. Cornell won the spade lead against 5♦ and switched to ♣Q. There were no accidents in the defense from this point so the contract had to go one down; -50.

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Elly Ducheyne
Press Room

Mansell did not double 3♦. When she passed, Cormack tried 3♥ and Alabaster bid 3NT. On a low spade lead she had ten tricks; +430 and 10 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

East opens 3♣ and West has a close decision. Cornell raised to game while Mansell passed. Both declarers made eleven tricks; another 10 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

After two passes, Lorraine Boyd opened 3♥ and Ursula Hammerschlag cuebid 4♥. How Axelrod knew that she could bid 5♦ in response, I don't know, as I would have thought South would bid the same with her minors reversed. Anyway, the 5♦ bid made life very easy for Hammerschlag who raised to the cold slam; +1370. In the other room, Mansell opened 3♣ as dealer and Modlin jumped to 4♥. Now Alabaster showed her two-suiter by bidding 5♣ and raised the 5♦ response to six; +1370, no swing.

Board 31. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

South Africa played in a safe INT and made two overtricks. The stakes were higher in the other room, where Cornell was in 3NT. Axelrod led a club and Cornell won the ace and ran the ♠9 to the bare king. Axelrod continued with the ♣Q to dummy's king and Cornell repeated the spade finesse. But now she was in the wrong hand to take it a third time. Axelrod had pitched a club so Cornell led a diamond towards the jack, hoping that clubs had been 5-3 and that the ♦J would be an entry. But clubs were 6-2; one down and 5 IMPs to

South Africa.

It looks better for declarer to lead dummy's low spade for the first finesse. Now she can take the finesse three times as the nine holds the second round. Look what happens to North if four rounds of spades can be played. If declarer reads the position she can always come to nine tricks.

Board 36. Game All. Dealer West.

♠ K 8 4 3 2 ♥ J 10 8 4 2 ♦ — ♣ K 10 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 6 5 ♥ K Q 7 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ J 9 7 2
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 10 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ A K 10 6 5 4 3 ♣ A 5					
♠ Q J 9 7 ♥ 6 ♦ J 8 7 2 ♣ Q 8 6 4					

In the Closed Room, Axelrod opened 1♣ in second seat and Boyd made an intermediate jump overcall. Hammerschlag competed with 3♣ and when that got back to Boyd she bid a third diamond. She lost a heart, a spade and two diamonds; +110.

In the Open Room, the opening bid was INT (weak) and Modlin doubled. Alabaster ran to 2♣ and Mansell jumped to 3♣ then bid 4♥ over Modlin's 3NT (which had been doubled by Alabaster). 4♥ doesn't look too bad when dummy goes down, but the bad breaks in both red suits made life difficult for Mansell who ended up three down; -300 and a further 9 IMPs to New Zealand, who looked to be well on top in the match.

Board 37. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

Mansell opened 1♥ in fourth seat and was raised to 2♥. She had no reason to go on but the hands fit well and that was an easy +170.

Cornell opened 1♦ and heard a 1♥ response from Boyd and a 1♣ overcall. She jumped to 3♥ and Boyd went on to game; +420 and 6 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.

♠ K J 9 7 6 4 3 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ — ♣ 9 3 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 2 ♥ A K 5 ♦ A K Q 9 6 ♣ K J 7
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 10 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ J 10 8 7 3 ♣ A Q 5 4					
♠ A 8 5 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ 10 8 6					

For once, the smaller pre-empt was the one to cre-

ate the bigger problem. Mansell opened 3♣ in third seat, as would we, vulnerability notwithstanding. Cormack doubled and Alabaster responded 4♥, ending the auction. Though hearts were 3-3, the bad diamond break was just too much for Alabaster and she was one down; -50.

In the other room, Cornell opened only 2♠. Again North doubled and Hammerschlag responded 2NT, Lebensohl. But it seems that Axelrod forgot about Lebensohl because she now jumped to 4NT. Not completely sure what was going on, Hammerschlag responded 5♦, showing her ace if that was what partner was about and not really caring if partner had some other handtype. Axelrod bid 6NT. A spade lead went to the queen, some good news, but that was about all the good news there was. Declarer played three rounds of hearts, won the spade return, cashed her heart and

played four rounds of diamonds, making a club at the end for three down; -150 and 3 IMPs to New Zealand.

Board 39. Game All. Dealer South.

♠ K J 6 5 4 ♥ K 5 ♦ J 10 4 3 ♣ 6 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 7 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ A 8 7 5 ♣ A Q 10 5	♠ A 9 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 2 ♣ K 9 8 2
N						
W E						
S						

New Zealand made partscores at both tables here. Alabaster opened a weak no trump as dealer and, after a pass from Mansell, Cormack transferred to spades. 2♠ just lost two hearts and a trick in each minor; +140.

In the other room, Hammerschlag opened 1♣ and Cornell made a weak jump overcall. Axelrod doubled (negative) and Boyd redoubled to show her strong hand. Axelrod ran to 2♠ and now Boyd bid 3♥, ending the auction. The favorable heart position allowed Cornell to make ten tricks; +170 and 7 IMPs to New Zealand.

As you may have guessed from the above hands, New Zealand had a big win, 24-6 VPs, knocking South Africa out of the top four and leaving them needing a big win themselves in the last round plus some luck with the other results if they were to regain the qualifying spot they had held for most of the last week.

Iceland v Norway

Open Series (Round 31)

By Barry Rigal

Norway needed to do something very good against Iceland. They had their moments, but there were more bad ones than good. The three boards that follow could easily have gone the other way, but they finished up in the minus column.

The following deal proved to be a major disaster for Norway.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

♠ - ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 9 8 4 3 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A J 4 2	♠ K J 7 6 5 2 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ 4 ♣ Q 6
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Jonsson	Saelensminde	Arnarson
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Plus 200 to Norway

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
Dble !	5NT !	Dble	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Minimum

Plus 800 to Iceland; 14 IMPs to Iceland. Then another opportunity for a small gain turned into a big loss.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

♠ Q 10 9 8 7 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ Q ♣ K 10 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K 9 7 2 ♣ Q 7 6 4	♠ A ♥ J 10 9 6 4 3 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ J 9 8
N						
W E						
S						

♠ K J 6 ♥ A Q ♦ A 8 6 5 4 ♣ A 5 2	♠ A 9 8 4 3 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A J 4 2
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Norway had an unopposed auction to 3♥, but Iceland was doubled in 4♥. The defense apparently has four tricks against 4♥ - but a heart lead to the ace was followed by the ♦A and a low diamond. Declarer ruffed, led a spade to the ace, a heart to the king, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade, dropping the king. Now on a low club from dummy Helgemo played the ace (but declarer would have got it right). Plus 590 for Iceland, and a gain of 10 instead of a loss of 6.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

♠ K J 9 8 7 6 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ 10 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q ♥ A 5 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 ♣ K Q 9 7	♠ 10 5 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ A 8 6 5 2
N						
W E						
S						

Everyone around the room seemed to play this hand in 3NT with 6♣ being an excellent contract. On vugraph this is how it went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	2♥
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Plus 120 for Iceland. That gained 7 IMPs rather than being a loss of 13, because the Norwegians reached 3NT and got a heart lead. They tried to steal a diamond trick and went three down.

Special announcement for players born in 1941 or earlier

The two highest ranking teams (where all team members were born prior to 1942) in the Swiss, who did not qualify for the semifinal, will play a 30-board playoff at 20h on Friday, November 1. The winning players will receive a certificate of recognition as the best senior mixed team and 50 WBF masterpoints.

Rohowsky's Relays lead Rauscheid to Right Result

By Mark Horton

Roland Rohowsky, one of Germany's Rosenblum Cup winning team members in 1990, is a very scientific player. Many of his ideas have been adopted by his fellow countrymen and women.

Here is one involving the use of relays, which earned the German Women's team a slam swing in their Round 18 match with Sweden.

North/South Game. Dealer East.

♠ K 3 2 ♥ K J 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ K Q 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 8 6 4 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ 4 ♣ A J 9 3	♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ 9 4 ♦ J 7 5 2 ♣ 10 4 2
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid		Nehmert	
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♠ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4♣ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass
4NT ⁽⁵⁾	Pass	5♦ ⁽⁶⁾	Pass
5♥ ⁽⁷⁾	Pass	6♥ ⁽⁸⁾	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Promising at least invitational values and asking for shortness

⁽²⁾ A singleton or void diamond

⁽³⁾ How many trumps do you have?

⁽⁴⁾ Four

⁽⁵⁾ RKCB

⁽⁶⁾ 0 or 3

⁽⁷⁾ Sign off opposite 0

⁽⁸⁾ Three aces but no trump queen (which would have been shown via 5NT)

+980 was no problem - another triumph for Rohowsky's Relays!

Great Britain v Bulgaria

Open Series (Round 33)

With three rounds to go, winning was no longer enough for fifth placed Great Britain, they had to win big. Their opponents, Bulgaria had not been having a great championship but had shown improved form over the last few days.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Cherpokov	Jason	Markov
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

2♣ was a near game-force and 2♦ a relay. 2NT was a balanced game-force and 3♥ a transfer. Jason Hackett broke the transfer and Justin Hackett used RKCB. On hearing of all the aces and trump king, he asked for the trump queen then bid seven. There was no problem in the play; +2210.

In the other room, Andy Robson, as South, opened 2♣, showing a weak hand with 5-5 in either both majors or both minors. This off-centre shot was perfectly timed. Guergui Gramatikov passed as did Tony Forrester, and now Dontcho Petkanov just jumped to 3NT. Doubling first might have worked better but it was always going to be difficult after the two-way opening. Gramatikov passed and +720 was a rather inadequate score for the Bulgarians; 16 IMPs to Great Britain.

Board 5. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

Alexander Cherpokov opened 1♠ as North and Miroliub Markov raised straight to 4♠, a bit of an underbid I would have thought. Justin thought about bidding but decided to keep quiet so that was that. Jason led ♥Q for a ruff but there was only the ace of trumps to come and Cherpokov chalked up +650.

Forrester opened 1♥. Robson splintered with 4♣ and Gramatikov doubled. Forrester signed-off in 4♥ and Petkanov doubled that. A spade was led but Gramatikov won immediately, making life easy for Forrester who picked up the trumps for twelve tricks; +1190 and 11



Jason Hackett, Great Britain

IMPs to Great Britain.

Great Britain continued to have the better of things with a series of small gains, then came the action packed finish to the match.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Game is no thing of beauty on the East/West cards but both 3NT and 4♣ make O.K. Justin opened the West hand 1♣ and Jason bid 1♥. Markov doubled and Justin redoubled to show his three card heart support. Jason bid INT and that ended the auction. The defense cannot get at the diamonds so that was ten tricks; +180. In the other room, Gramatikov opened 1♠ and bid 2♣ over the INT response. When Petkanov gave preference to 2♠, Gramatikov bid out his pattern with 3♥ and Petkanov raised to 4♥. After a diamond to the jack and a second diamond, forcing declarer to ruff, this was always going to be an uphill struggle. Declarer crossed to a spade to run the ♣Q but was unable to draw trumps conveniently and eventually drifted two down; -100 and 7 IMPs to Great Britain.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

Cherpokov/Markov bid quickly to 4♥, making twelve. Forrester/Robson were a bit more aggressive. Forrester opened 1♠ and Robson responded 2♥. For-

rester splintered and, when Robson bid 4♦ to show interest without going past game, Forrester asked for key cards then bid the slam. Slam is a reasonable bet and on the actual lie is cold; +1430 and 13 IMPs to Great Britain who looked on their way to the required maximum.

But the last three boards saw something of a revival from Bulgaria.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Cherpokov	Jason	Markov
2♣	3♣	2♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	5♣
All Pass			Dble

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gramatikov	Forrester	Petkanov	Robson
		Pass	1♣
1♦	2♦	Dble	Pass
3♦	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

East/West can make 3♥ and North/South only 3♣ so there was a little too much bidding at both tables. Jason's 2♦ opening showed a weak hand with 5-5 in any two suits except both minors and 2♣ was for correction. When the Bulgarians bid to 5♣, Justin thought that might be making and that five of a red suit could be close his way. He bid 5♦ and Jason converted to 5♥, showing the majors. That was doubled for the obvious two down; -300.

In the other room, Robson bid a rather unnecessary fifth club but the defense slipped a trick. West led three rounds of winning diamonds and Robson pitched a spade loser from dummy on the third one. But East had lost track of things and ruffed with his bare ace so that was only one down; -50 and 8 IMPs to Bulgaria.



Justin Hackett, Great Britain

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

Markov opened a strong club and it went 2♠ – Pass – 4♠ to him. He bid 4NT, showing any two suits, and Cherpokov bid 5♦. Cherpokov ruffed the spade lead and played ace and another trump then the ♥10. He had all the tricks; +640. In the other room, Robson opened 1♥ and Forrester psyched a 1♠ response. Robson rebid 2♦ and Forrester passed. That was an embarrassing +190 and 10 IMPs to Bulgaria.

This is an awkward area for natural systems as both players are still so wide-ranging, but Forrester should probably raise to 3♦. True, he might be expected to have more high cards, after all, a nine or ten count with four diamonds has no real alternative but to make the same bid, but the fifth diamond adds a lot to the hand.

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Justin	Cherpokov	Jason	Markov
1♥	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gramatikov	Forrester	Petkanov	Robson
1♥	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the Open Room, Cherpokov overcalled and Jason passed, waiting for the reopening double. He was very happy when his opponents then bid freely to game and expressed his opinion as to the advisability of having done so. Markov won the second spade and played the ♦K to the ace. The defense can promote the ♣10 but only at the expense of the spade trick so Jason actually cashed his ♣A then played a spade for a safe two down; -300.

In the other room, Petkanov had a penalty double of 2♦ available and used it, but Gramatikov rebid 2♥ anyway. They were going to play there but first Robson and then Forrester gave them a push until they suddenly found themselves in 4♥, and that proved to be unbeatable. Instead of gaining 4 IMPs, Great Britain lost 8 IMPs which they could ill afford. You can sympathise; competent opponents are not supposed to be able to bid and make game when they wanted to play only 2♥. The upshot of all this was that Great Britain had won by 66-39 IMPs, 21-9 VPs. They were still in the hunt but only just.

THE IBPA WORLD JOURNALIST PAIRS

By Patrick Jourdain (GB)

Twenty pairs with players from at least 16 nations competed over 28 boards for the Second World Journalist Pairs. All players must be members of the International Bridge Press Association, but trans-national pairings are allowed.

The winners were Nissan Rand and Uri Gilboa of Israel. Rand is a member of the EBL Executive and Gilboa is captain of the Israeli team here.

This board was an excellent test of technique for the Easts who reached 4♠:

Board 5. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Gilboa	Moeller	Rand	Leckie
	1♣	1♠	2♣
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

When your reporter was South against the same contract, I led a trump. Declarer fell into the trap of unblocking the ♥A and returning to hand with a second trump to ditch a club on the ♥K. A diamond came next but declarer was an entry short to set up the suit and was eventually left with a loser in hand to go one light.

The game cannot be beaten so long as declarer concentrates on the diamonds and leaves the club discard until later. Against Rand, Leckie actually led a club, solving any problem, but Rand still showed he knew the right technique. When Steen Moeller won the ♣A and returned a trump, Rand won and played a diamond at once. A second trump was won in dummy, a diamond ruffed, a heart to the ace for another diamond ruff, and only then came the ♥K for a club discard. A heart ruff and a diamond ruff set up the fifth diamond, and a trump remained as the entry.

Rand and Gilboa achieved the best result for North/South on this board:

Board 18. North/South Game. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
de Wael	Rand	Hallen	Gilboa
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	Dble	All Pass

The Israelis reached 4♠ doubled by North. East got

off to bad start with a diamond run to North's queen. Rand tried the ♠Q from hand. East won and led a second diamond. A heart to the king and a heart finesse was followed by the ♥A. West ruffed and was over-ruffed. Next came the ♣J. West won, and with no trump to play, led another club. East, rather too hastily, discarded, and declarer was home. He ruffed another heart and lost only three trumps and a club. East's error was shown up at your reporter's table by the action of Alan Truscott in the same position:

West	North	East	South
Jourdain		Truscott	
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Dble
3♦	3♠	4♦	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Having doubled 4♠ with the West cards, I felt some nervousness after the diamond lead ran to the queen. I won the club switch and led a trump through declarer. East won and led a second diamond. Declarer entered hand with the ♥K, finessed the ♥J, and led the ♥A. I ruffed and declarer overruffed. Now came another club. Truscott made no mistake, ruffing in with the ten of trumps and drawing declarer's last trump to make the winning heart and score 500.

Declarer does better to lead a low heart on the third round of the suit. Then he would make nine tricks, as he can play a second trump when in hand with the heart ruff.

Our last deal shows Gilboa at the helm:

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Gilboa	Blakset	Rand	Blakset
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Only one table bid and made the slam, and most made fewer than 12 tricks by losing two heart finesses to North.

But at Gilboa's table Knut Blakset had overcalled on the North cards and this gave the clue to the winning line. On a heart lead declarer took the ace and rattled off nine winners in the black suits. North had to come down to two diamonds and a top heart, and was put on play with a heart to concede the last two tricks to dummy's ♦A-Q.

Souvenir cards

The cards you have been playing with will be sold today at the sales stand outside the vugraph room. The price is 1,000 drs for two decks.

Chinese Taipei v Israel

Open Series (Round 34)

This was a major match for both teams. Israel was very much in the battle for the fourth qualifying spot in their group. And Chinese Taipei, already virtually assured of qualifying for the quarterfinals, was aiming for first place in their group.

Chinese Taipei took the lead at the outset when they outbid the Israelis on this deal.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I.Herbst	Huang	O.Herbst	Kuo
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	3♠	Pass
	4♣	All Pass	

Patrick Huang had no trouble bringing in 10 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Tur	Shen	Greenberg
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♦	2♣	Dble	3♣
	Pass	3♠	All Pass

This also made right on the nose, and Chinese Taipei started the match with a 7-IMP gain. Israel got these IMPs back on Board 19 when they got to a non-vul game missed by Chinese Taipei. But Huang and Co. took the lead again on Board 20.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Lin	Tur	Shen	Greenberg
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♦
2♥	3♦	4♥	All Pass

An impregnable contract – Lin had to lose only a club and two trumps with both the ♠K and the ♣A onside. Strangely enough, hearts weren't even mentioned at the other table.

West	North	East	South
I.Herbst	Huang	O.Herbst	Kuo
Pass	1♦	1♠!	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Ophir Herbst decided to overcall spades rather than double or bid on his weak heart suit. When Kuo reopened with 3♦, he bought it there and went down one – 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei. And here comes another 11.

Board 22. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Tur	Shen	Greenberg
2♣	3♣	1♦	1♥
4♣	All Pass	Pass	4♥

With a club opening lead 4♣ went down two tricks quickly, but this turned out to be a great save because...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
I.Herbst	Huang	O.Herbst	Kuo
2♣	3♣	Pass	1♥
3♠	4♥	Dble	3♦
Dble	All Pass	4♣	5♥

The vugraph commentators were quick to point out that this was not a good double.

"I like to have more than one trump when I make a penalty double," was Edgar Kaplan's comment.

As Edgar further pointed out, declarer could actually make all 13 tricks on a non-spade lead, with the diamonds behaving well enough to give him two spade pitches. But Kuo played it safe – after ruffing the opening club lead, he cashed the ace of trumps. The only trick the defense could take was the trump king – plus 850 and 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Chinese Taipei had a chance to get another windfall on Board 25 when Huang had to choose an opening lead. As Ron Andersen said on vugraph, "My mother would have got this one right – she always leads fourth best."

Board 25. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

Greenberg had no trouble with 4♥ in the Closed Room – making with an overtrick. But Israel wound up in 3NT on this auction:

West	North	East	South
I.Herbst	Huang	O.Herbst	Kuo
3NT	1♣	1♥	Pass
	All Pass		

Huang tried to get to his partner so Kuo could lead a club. He led the ♠10, and when he got in with the ♦A he led another spade. The upshot was that Ilan Herbst was able to develop enough tricks to make five and halve the board. But Chinese Taipei came back strongly on the next deal.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Both Souths arrived in 3NT, but Greenberg suffered a two-trick set in the Closed Room. The hand is quite complicated with its entries, and Greenberg was unable to find the correct combination.

Kuo won the opening spade lead and went to work on clubs, losing to the king. After winning the spade return, he shifted to hearts, leading the king, ducked. But Ophir Herbst won the heart continuation and led a third spade to set up a fourth-round spade trick.

Kuo switched back to clubs, driving out the ace, and Ilan cashed the ♠8. But then he was stuck. If he returned a club, East would be squeezed for the ninth trick. So he tried a diamond. Ophir played low third-hand, but Kuo knew the situation. He won with the ace, not the jack, to keep communications open. Then he cashed his clubs, and Ophir found himself in an impossible position – he couldn't keep the diamond guard and the top heart. Chinese Taipei was plus 600, good enough for another 13 IMPs.

When things are going wrong, it's hard to turn things around.

Board 27. Love All. Dealer South.

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

Once again both tables played in 3NT. Lin had no trouble taking nine tricks in the Closed Room, but things went differently in the Open Room. Huang led a spade to Kuo's ace, and Ilan won the continuation with the jack. He went after diamonds, the jack losing to Kuo's queen, and Kuo tried a heart. Ilan put up the queen and Huang won. He shifted to a club, and Ilan played Huang for the jack and let it ride. Kuo won the jack and quickly returned a diamond for the setting trick – 10 more IMPs to Chinese Taipei. They won a blitz, with an IMP score 69-8.

LADIES -A-



LADIES -B-

TEAMS	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	Modif	V.P.	Rp
	CHINA	TURKEY	MALAYSIA	JORDAN	AUSTRIA	JAPAN	INDONESIA	RUSSIA	FINLAND	* Bye *	CANADA	ITALY	FRANCE	GERMANY	CROATIA	U.S.A.	COLONIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	ARGENTINA						
THAILAND	13	22	20	14	13	19	5	16	21	24	9	18	9	6	9	15	14	18	8	11	17	17		287	25
TURKEY	24	8	15	23	19	16	9	17	11	3	8	18	18	8	5	23	19	6	17	11	8	20		275	27
MALAYSIA	25	16	15	25	16	10	18	16	4	14	4	18	7	12	7	17	9	3	7	9	11	12		258	20
JORDAN	26	16	7	5	11	15	11	22	8	14	7	18	4	15	21	9	9	23	15	19	18	5		264	18
AUSTRIA	27	17	11	14	19	7	4	16	23	15	13	18	13	11	15	20	5	24	7	17	25	22	-2	314	10
JAPAN	28	13	14	20	15	23	16	14	15	4	1	18	9	9	18	16	14	21	4	25	18	9		288	16
AUSTRIA	29	25	21	20	19	25	14	16	11	17	14	18	25	23	2	25	13	23	22	21	22	23		407	1
BELGIUM	30	14	13	20	8	14	16	14	15	16	18	18	14	14	18	25	14	13	18	22	9	13		311	11
INDIA	31	9	19	25	22	7	15	19	15	25	11	18	14	14	18	17	11	9	18	16	16	20		332	8
FINLAND	32	16	25	16	16	25	25	13	14	2	11	18	19	13	14	19	14	19	8	7	25	7	-1	315	9
ISRAEL	33	21	21	25	23	17	25	6	28	19	19	18	18	16	19	25	13	25	13	11	16	25		384	4
* Bye *	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	23
CANADA	35	21	20	23	25	17	21	0	16	16	13	20	18	15	20	24	21	27	14	25	25	17	-1	389	1
ITALY	36	24	22	18	15	19	21	7	16	16	17	14	18	25	13	28	23	14	4	28	9	25	-1	349	7
FRANCE	37	23	25	21	9	15	12	25	18	20	16	20	18	20	17	25	15	19	6	23	17	12		353	6
JAMAICA	38	15	7	13	21	16	18	3	3	13	18	0	18	6	18	5	14	12	5	19	6	8	-1.5	288.5	21
POLAND	39	16	11	21	21	25	16	17	16	19	16	17	18	9	7	15	16	25	23	19	16	22		365	5
CROATIA	40	12	24	25	7	6	9	8	17	21	13	0	18	9	16	11	18	1	11	22	24	19		289	14
U.S.A.	41	25	13	23	15	23	25	8	28	20	22	17	18	6	25	24	25	7	19	25	22			487	1
COLOMBIA	42	19	19	23	11	13	5	9	8	14	23	13	18	4	18	7	11	11	8	0	18	17	-1	258	19
CHINESE TAIPEI	43	13	22	19	19	5	18	8	21	14	2	14	18	5	21	18	14	14	6	5	12	17	-0.5	287.5	12
ARGENTINA	44	13	20	18	25	8	21	8	18	10	23	3	18	13	5	18	15	8	11	8	13	13		289	13

Generali European Championships

The European Bridge League would like to congratulate Chinese Taipei, Denmark, France, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Poland and Russia of the Open Series and Austria, Canada, China, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Netherlands and United States of the Women's Series for qualifying for the quarterfinals of the 1996 World Bridge Team Olympiad and wishes all of them good fortune in the subsequent rounds.

Sadly next June in Italy we will have to miss the pleasure of China and Indonesia in the Open Series and Canada, China and the United States in the Women's Series.

However, for the 38 NCBOs present in Rhodes who are members of the EBL, the European Bridge League is pleased to announce that the:

43rd Generali European Bridge Championships
Open, Ladies and Senior Teams and 8th Ladies Pairs Championships

will be held in:

Montecatini Terme, Italy

between the 15th and 29th June 1997

The EBL looks forward to seeing you in Italy next June.

Drop-in Rules for Mixed Teams

All teams are expected to start playing on Day 1 with the following exceptions:

- When a proposed team has two pre-announced members of the same sex who are still playing in the Team Olympiad quarterfinal stage, that team has a bye and will enter the Mixed Team championship only after the quarterfinals of the Team Olympiad are concluded and the above-mentioned two players become eliminated from the event. Should the two players qualify for the Team Olympiad semifinal, then the Proposed Team will be unable to participate in the Mixed Teams Championship.
- When a proposed team has pre-announced one male and/or one female member who is still participating in the Olympiad at the quarterfinal stage, that Mixed Team will start playing on Day 1. Should any pre-announced team member be eliminated at the conclusion of the quarterfinal stage of the Team Olympiad, that member is allowed to join the Mixed Team Championships at that point.

The European Bridge League

European Mixed Championships 1998

Please note the dates for your diary
(which are slightly different from those of
previous years):

Saturday 28th March
to
Friday 3rd April 1998

The venue is Aachen, Germany

Olympic Bridge Festival

RAND AND ENGE WIN TODAY'S OPEN PAIRS EVENT

The Standings are :

1 Rand	Enge	61.06%
2 Borenicz	Otvos	60.83%
3 Uniwersal	Liss	60.28%
4 Orlov	Stobiecki	60.18%
5 Skordas	Hadjopoulos	59.69%
6 Deri	Deri	57.38%
7 Mitchell	Rosenkranz	56.76%
8 Petrovic	Karasi	56.63%
9 Hulett	Adrain	55.68%
10 Tedeschi	Bolevovic	55.56%

PROGRAMME OF NEXT DAY'S ONE SESSION EVENTS

TUESDAY	29/10	19.30	OPEN PAIRS
WEDNESDAY	30/10	11.00	OPEN PAIRS
THURSDAY	31/10	19.30	OPEN PAIRS
FRIDAY	1/11	19.30	OPEN PAIRS

The Israeli Ladies Team

By Nissan Rand

The Israeli Ladies, who qualified for the quarterfinals (v China), represent a true cross-section of Israeli society.

Ruth Levit-Porat

A Sabra (Israeli born) who is a clinical psychologist.

Migri Zur Albu

Born in Romania and is a professional bridge teacher.

Daniella Birman

Born in Poland, an artist and a professional publisher.

Matilda Lorer Poplilov

Born in Bulgaria and a computer engineer in the Israel Electric Company.

Varda Abramov

Israeli, born to parents of Yemenite ancestry; a computer analyst.

Ruth Lieberman

Second generation Israeli Sabra who operates a bridge club affiliated to the Israeli Bridge Federation.

Joseph Engel

NPC. A banker and bridge international in his own right.

The Israeli Ladies Team have had notable achievements over the last five years, winning the European Community Championships in 1991; they qualified for the Ladies Teams quarterfinals in Albuquerque in 1994 and came in third in the 1995 European Championships, qualifying to represent Europe in the Venice Cup in Beijing.

Ruth Levit and Migri Zur won the gold medal in the Maccabia Games in 1993 and have won two silver and two bronze medals in European and Common Market Ladies Pairs Championships.

Matilda played for Bulgaria before emigrating to Israel, winning a gold and bronze medal in European Ladies Pairs and a bronze medal in the 1988 Women's Teams Olympiad.

Daniella shared the success of the Israeli Ladies team in 1991, 1994 and 1995.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After the request of many players, the Olympic Bridge Festival will be continued.
There will be independent Open Pair sessions daily and the prizes will be the 60% of the entry fees.

Today, 29 October 19:30
at Capsis Metropolitan Hotel

Entry fees : \$20 or 5,000GRD



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