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Make mine a Double!



At the prize-giving ceremony for the Senior International Cup were, from left, John Sutherland, Kit Woolsey, WBF President José Damiani, Steve Robinson, non-playing captain Betty Ann Kennedy, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, John Mohan and Senior Committee Chairman Nissan Rand.



The Austrian University team
left to right: Bernd Saurer, Arno Lindermann, npc Hamelone Thomasberger, Andreas Glover and Martin Schifko

Eight countries managed to qualify teams in both contests: **USA, Austria, Norway, England, France, Poland, Sweden** and to the delight of the home supporters, our hosts, **The Netherlands**.

If you were looking for excitement as the Round Robin phase of the Championships ended, then you had to concentrate on Group A of the Open Series. The last round saw Denmark facing Brazil, and with seven boards to go, Denmark were in the box seat, and holding a possible ticket to the quarter-finals. However, a Brazilian counter-attack saw the South Americans rattle up enough IMPs to leave them ahead of the Danes. Meanwhile Belgium faced Ireland in another vital head to head encounter. An 18-12 VP win for Ireland would have seen both teams qualify, but the Belgians prevailed 19-11 VP, leaving them in, and Ireland out.

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS - REGISTRATION

Teams are required to register with Hospitality in order to participate in this event, but they may not do so until they have paid the entry fee.

A member of each team should see Mrs Christine Francin in the WBF Office, Room 2.3 on the Promenade Floor of MECC to pay the entry fee for his team BEFORE registering with Hospitality. Please note that even teams that have already paid must obtain a receipt before registering.

No registration will be accepted from any team without a receipt from Mrs Francin. Mrs Francin will be available from 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.30 - 16.00 today, 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.30 - 18.00 tomorrow and from 10.00 - 12.00 on Tuesday.

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 16

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Austria	Denmark	72 - 38	22 - 8
2 Slovenia	Brazil	70 - 63	16 - 14
3 Canada	Spain	64 - 24	23 - 7
4 Colombia	Switzerland	66 - 38	21 - 9
5 Hong Kong	Wales	67 - 40	21 - 9
6 Tanzania	Tunisia	41 - 82	7 - 23
7 Pakistan	Singapore	52 - 35	19 - 11
8 Poland	Belgium	39 - 15	20 - 10
9 Ireland	Croatia	74 - 37	23 - 7

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Bangladesh	Netherlands	15 - 103	0 - 25
12 Scotland	Hungary	53 - 16	23 - 7
13 Russia	Chinese Taipei	41 - 72	9 - 21
14 USA	Liechtenstein	78 - 11	25 - 2
15 Guadeloupe	Romania	43 - 102	4 - 25
16 Luxemburg	Philippines	71 - 52	19 - 11
17 Australia	Greece	80 - 41	23 - 7
18 Portugal	Monaco	51 - 85	8 - 22
19 Lebanon	Finland	74 - 48	20 - 10

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Germany	Mexico	69 - 55	18 - 12
22 England	India	74 - 52	20 - 10
23 Yugoslavia	Malta	83 - 10	25 - 1
24 Indonesia	Venezuela	111 - 17	25 - 0
25 Japan	Sweden	46 - 74	9 - 21
26 Cyprus	France	70 - 55	18 - 12
27 Uruguay	San Marino	65 - 73	14 - 16
28 Czech Republic	Latvia	71 - 29	24 - 6
29 Egypt	Israel	23 - 69	6 - 24

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
30 Botswana	China	34 - 81	6 - 24
31 Turkey	New Zealand	55 - 48	16 - 14
32 Thailand	Malaysia	28 - 66	7 - 23
33 Iceland	Bulgaria	59 - 42	19 - 11
34 South Africa	Palestine	137 - 3	25 - 0
35 Morocco	Argentina	27 - 77	5 - 25
36 Ukraine	Italy	41 - 69	9 - 21
37 La Reunion	Bermuda	53 - 89	8 - 22
38 Norway	Martinique	107 - 18	25 - 0

ROUND 17

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Brazil	38 - 44	14 - 16
2 Austria	Canada	55 - 45	17 - 13
3 Spain	Colombia	33 - 56	10 - 20
4 Switzerland	Hong Kong	68 - 10	25 - 4
5 Wales	Tanzania	70 - 18	25 - 5
6 Tunisia	Pakistan	45 - 43	15 - 15
7 Singapore	Poland	30 - 79	5 - 25
8 Belgium	Ireland	62 - 44	19 - 11
9 Croatia	Slovenia	84 - 48	22 - 8

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Hungary	41 - 32	17 - 13
12 Bangladesh	Russia	31 - 80	5 - 25
13 Chinese Taipei	USA	45 - 54	13 - 17
14 Liechtenstein	Guadeloupe	77 - 33	24 - 6
15 Romania	Luxemburg	65 - 54	17 - 13
16 Philippines	Australia	43 - 65	10 - 20
17 Greece	Portugal	55 - 59	14 - 16
18 Monaco	Lebanon	55 - 99	6 - 24
19 Finland	Scotland	46 - 27	19 - 11

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	India	55 - 79	10 - 20
22 Germany	Yugoslavia	84 - 52	22 - 8
23 Malta	Indonesia	23 - 92	2 - 25
24 Venezuela	Japan	31 - 51	11 - 19
25 Sweden	Cyprus	53 - 70	11 - 19
26 France	Uruguay	72 - 48	20 - 10
27 San Marino	Czech Republic	? - ?	? - ?
28 Latvia	Egypt	22 - 75	5 - 25
29 Israel	England	51 - 54	14 - 16

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	New Zealand	49 - 48	15 - 15
32 Botswana	Thailand	16 - 57	7 - 23
33 Malaysia	Iceland	21 - 84	3 - 25
34 Bulgaria	South Africa	25 - 56	9 - 21
35 Palestine	Morocco	? - ?	? - ?
36 Argentina	Ukraine	85 - 28	25 - 4
37 Italy	La Reunion	97 - 29	25 - 2
38 Bermuda	Norway	77 - 79	15 - 15
39 Martinique	Turkey	44 - 36	16 - 14

ROUND 21

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 France	Latvia	64 - 2	25 - 0
72 Ireland	Netherlands	11 - 66	2 - 25
73 Hong Kong	Yugoslavia	41 - 4	25 - 5
74 Botswana	Italy	6 - 72	0 - 25
75 Czech Republic	England	30 - 32	14 - 16
76 Poland	Norway	22 - 42	10 - 20
77 Belgium	Singapore	34 - 15	20 - 10
78 USA	Chinese Taipei	36 - 41	14 - 16
79 Germany	China	28 - 18	18 - 12
80 Indonesia	Japan	57 - 6	25 - 2
81 Austria	Denmark	33 - 10	21 - 9

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 18

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Austria	Hong Kong	81 - 41	23 - 7
42 Finland	Italy	20 - 79	4 - 25
43 Norway	Denmark	24 - 65	7 - 23
44 Indonesia	Sweden	24 - 99	1 - 25
45 Jamaica	Spain	16 - 146	0 - 25
46 Ireland	Brazil	24 - 78	4 - 25
47 Croatia	USA	22 - 123	0 - 25
48 New Zealand	England	29 - 67	7 - 23
49 Chinese Taipei	Israel	81 - 64	19 - 11
50 Russia	Japan	39 - 32	16 - 14

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 China	Czech Republic	39 - 29	17 - 13
52 France	Pakistan	106 - 45	25 - 3
53 Wales	Egypt	99 - 57	24 - 6
54 Argentina	Mexico	69 - 37	22 - 8
55 Germany	Scotland	70 - 45	20 - 10
56 Australia	South Africa	21 - 37	12 - 18
57 Canada	Morocco	64 - 42	20 - 10
58 Poland	Greece	21 - 32	13 - 17
59 Netherlands	Venezuela	86 - 39	24 - 6
60 Turkey	India	66 - 46	19 - 11

ROUND 19

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Italy	37 - 86	5 - 25
42 Austria	Norway	37 - 59	10 - 20
43 Denmark	Indonesia	54 - 33	19 - 11
44 Sweden	Jamaica	71 - 35	22 - 8
45 Spain	Ireland	46 - 84	7 - 23
46 Brazil	Croatia	39 - 61	10 - 20
47 USA	New Zealand	75 - 19	25 - 4
48 England	Chinese Taipei	65 - 43	20 - 10
49 Israel	Russia	95 - 22	25 - 1
50 Japan	Finland	90 - 70	19 - 11

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Pakistan	53 - 23	21 - 9
52 China	Wales	44 - 60	12 - 18
53 Egypt	Argentina	24 - 67	6 - 24
54 Mexico	Germany	19 - 69	5 - 25
55 Scotland	Australia	87 - 53	22 - 8
56 South Africa	Canada	36 - 70	8 - 22
57 Morocco	Poland	46 - 65	11 - 19
58 Greece	Netherlands	16 - 52	8 - 22
59 Venezuela	Turkey	33 - 48	12 - 18
60 India	France	31 - 31	15 - 15

Minibrige

Saturday 2nd September saw a Mini-Bridge tournament staged in the foyer just outside the main playing area. 32 players, 16 youth and 16 Mini-bridge, the youngest being ten year old Bob Herminez, played for several hours. The winners and runners-up had the honour to be presented with medals by Berry Westra who was in the team which won the Bermuda Bowl for Holland in Santiago in 1993.



Esther and Ferd - Winners of the Youth Bridge



Clemens and Ivo - Winners of the Mini-Bridge

OPEN RANKINGS*Final Standings***GROUP A**

1	POLAND	339.00
2	AUSTRIA	324.50
3	BELGIUM	316.00
4	BRAZIL	303.00
5	DENMARK	296.50
	IRELAND	296.50
7	CROATIA	284.00
8	SPAIN	266.00
9	HONG KONG	261.50
10	SLOVENIA	256.00
11	CANADA	249.00
12	SWITZERLAND	243.00
13	WALES	229.00
14	PAKISTAN	208.50
15	COLOMBIA	204.00
16	TUNISIA	181.00
17	SINGAPORE	155.00
18	TANZANIA	109.00

GROUP B

1	USA	346.00
2	NETHERLANDS	327.00
3	RUSSIA	309.00
4	AUSTRALIA	305.00
5	HUNGARY	283.00
6	GREECE	274.00
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	271.00
8	FINLAND	261.00
	SCOTLAND	261.00
	PORTUGAL	261.00
11	LEBANON	245.00
	LIECHTENSTEIN	245.00
13	ROMANIA	244.00
14	LUXEMBOURG	211.00
15	GUADELOUPE	209.00
16	MONACO	204.00
17	BANGLADESH	165.00
18	PHILIPPINES	109.00

GROUP C

1	ENGLAND	350.00
2	INDONESIA	334.50
3	SWEDEN	320.00
4	FRANCE	311.00
5	ISRAEL	303.00
6	GERMANY	299.00
7	JAPAN	294.00
8	INDIA	281.00
9	YUGOSLAVIA	256.00
10	EGYPT	246.50
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	235.00
12	MEXICO	217.00
13	LATVIA	187.00
14	VENEZUELA	182.50
15	URUGUAY	179.00
16	CYPRUS	177.50
17	SAN MARINO	161.50
18	MALTA	121.00

GROUP D

1	ITALY	358.00
2	ARGENTINA	335.00
3	NORWAY	325.00
4	ICELAND	313.00
5	NEW ZEALAND	301.00
	SOUTH AFRICA	301.00
7	CHINA	293.00
8	BULGARIA	270.25
9	TURKEY	262.00
10	MOROCCO	244.00
11	LA REUNION	234.25
12	MALAYSIA	227.00
13	BERMUDA	217.00
14	THAILAND	216.50
15	MARTINIQUE	193.00
16	UKRAINE	187.00
17	BOTSWANA	105.00
18	PALESTINE	66.00

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
*Final Standings***GROUP A**

1	USA	359.60
2	AUSTRIA	356.00
3	NORWAY	352.00
4	ENGLAND	347.00
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	333.25
6	ISRAEL	316.50
7	JAPAN	308.00
8	SWEDEN	306.00
9	DENMARK	301.50
10	ITALY	294.50
11	FINLAND	291.00
12	SPAIN	259.00
13	BRAZIL	256.00
14	INDONESIA	254.00
	NEW ZEALAND	254.00
16	CROATIA	242.25
17	RUSSIA	232.40
18	HONG KONG	217.00
19	IRELAND	211.00
20	JAMAICA	138.00

GROUP B

1	GERMANY	373.00
2	FRANCE	368.00
3	CANADA	356.00
4	NETHERLANDS	344.00
5	POLAND	329.00
6	CHINA	319.00
7	SCOTLAND	310.00
8	SOUTH AFRICA	299.00
9	GREECE	293.00
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	278.00
11	ARGENTINA	270.00
12	MEXICO	264.00
13	AUSTRALIA	259.00
14	VENEZUELA	252.00
15	MOROCCO	245.00
16	EGYPT	242.00
17	WALES	234.00
18	TURKEY	227.00
19	INDIA	193.00
20	PAKISTAN	188.00

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS*Final Standings*

1	AUSTRIA	435
2	ITALY	430
3	DENMARK	377
4	NETHERLANDS	376
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	375
6	FRANCE	373
7	GERMANY	371
8	POLAND	349.5
9	NORWAY	348
10	INDONESIA	347.5
11	USA	328
12	CHINESE TAIPEI	320
13	CHINA	290.25
14	JAPAN	289
15	BELGIUM	277
16	SINGAPORE	272
17	ENGLAND	271
18	HONG KONG	267
19	YUGOSLAVIA	199
20	IRELAND	166.5
21	BOTSWANA	152
22	LATVIA	152

PROGRAM**ROUND of 16****OPEN**

1	Italy	Australia
2	Indonesia	Brazil
3	Norway	Russia
4	England	Belgium
5	Netherlands	Iceland
6	Poland	France
7	Austria	Sweden
8	USA	Argentina

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9	Germany	Japan
10	England	China
11	Austria	South Africa
12	Canada	Sweden
13	Norway	Poland
14	France	Chinese Taipei
15	Netherlands	Israel
16	USA	Scotland

Botswana Outbid England

By Modisaotsile Dikgang (Botswana)
(Call me Mod for short!)

Five years ago, at the World Junior Pairs and EBL Junior Camp in Ghent, a group from Botswana, all competing for the first time outside their home country, proved the hit of the week, with nothing removing the smile from their faces at the great experience. Two of that group, Mod Dikgang & Galtshetse Mokone, have now returned, thanks to a grant from the Botswana Sports Council, to compete in the University event in Maastricht. The highspot of their week was the win over England. "Mod" reports a well-bid slam from that match:

This hand came in Round 4 of the University Teams when Botswana met England. This is the auction from the Closed Room:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 2 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ 7 2 ♣ J 8 7 4 3	♠ A Q 10 6 3 ♥ A 8 6 4 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: auto; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J ♥ J 9 ♦ K 10 6 5 4 3 ♣ A K 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Corser	Dikgang	Stockdale	Mokone
Pass	2♦	1♦	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♦

The INT overcall was strong, 2♦ was Stayman, and the 2♠ continuation natural and forcing. Once South raised, I could see the possibility that my spades might take care of a diamond loser, provided we played in the 4-4 heart fit.

That proved so as we had nine winners in the majors, two in diamonds and, with hearts as trumps, the diamond ruff was the twelfth trick. East made his ace of clubs at trick one, but that was all. The nine-card spade fit only gives twelve tricks when declarer can ruff two clubs (impossible when his shape is 4-4-3-2).

At the other table England had reached Four Hearts, making 12 tricks. This gave Botswana 11 IMPs. Botswana went on to win the match 23-7, registering their first victory.

Confident captain:



Betty Ann Kennedy

From the moment she accepted the job as non-playing captain of the USA team in the 1st Senior International Cup, Betty Ann Kennedy knew how the event was going to turn out.

"I knew we were going to win," she says.

That may sound like the kind of thing an npc is supposed to say, but Kennedy swears she really believed it.

Of course, her position was vindicated by the impressive victory posted by her squad - Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, John Sutherlin, John Mohan, Kit Woolsey and Steve Robinson.

"I've known all these players for many years," Kennedy says, "and I know their abilities. They are all true champions."

Kennedy, who was recruited in mid-July after the Americans had won the Senior trials in Las Vegas, says she had a master plan for her squad: "Ideally, it was to start slowly and peak each day. That's what we did."

Indeed, the team was 10th after the first day, and third after 11 matches, nearly halfway through the event. USA moved into first after 15 matches and stayed there, finishing 21 Victory Points ahead of runner-up France.

Says Mohan: "Betty Ann is the reason we won. She kept us all together and was always positive."

Kennedy has vast experience in World Championships - she has won two Venice Cups, a Women's Pairs and a Women's Olympiad, along with three silver medals - so she knows how important an npc can be to a team's performance. "I have always depended on the captain to keep things running smoothly so that the players didn't have to worry about the details."

She was especially complimentary of Mohan and Sutherlin - "The two Johns. They were a work of art, but Kit and Steve were brilliant and Bobby and Dan were just rocks."

Kennedy says a side benefit of the job is what she learned from observing her team at the table: "I have a few ideas to take back to my own team."

Sponsors Corner

The Israeli Delegation: Open, Ladies and Seniors teams, wish to thank PIATNIK Playing Card Manufacturers from Austria for their kind sponsorship.

WOMEN **England v Norway** *by Tony Gordon, England* **ROUND 13**

Round thirteen saw England in sixth place in Group A take on runaway leaders Norway. England got off to a poor start when the wrong part-score on Board 1 cost them 6 IMPs and systemic differences effectively cost them a combined 13 IMPs on Boards 5 and 6. In between these losses both teams had misdefended 3NT on Board 4, but the same pairs then redeemed themselves by reaching the grand slam on Board 7. All of which left England trailing 22-0 when Board 10 arrived.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

At both tables, South played in 3NT. In the Open Room, Sandra Penfold, for England, received the lead of the ♥7 and decided to play on clubs. She won the first trick in hand and played two rounds of clubs. Aase Langeland won the second and third rounds of clubs and continued hearts each time. Declarer was up to eight tricks by now, and since the hearts seemed to be 4-4 she established her ninth trick by knocking out the ♦A.

In the Closed Room, Solvi Remen, for Norway, received the lead of the ♥3 and decided to play on diamonds. She won the first trick in dummy and ran the ♦7 to Michelle Brunner's Jack. Brunner continued hearts and Remen continued diamonds. When Brunner won the third round of diamonds with the ace and exited with a third heart, Remen was also up to eight tricks and had to decide on the best way to establish a third spade trick. With hearts seemingly 4-4 at this table as well, ace, king and a third spade seems best, but declarer crossed to the ♠K and finessed the ♠J. That route led



Nevena Senior, England

to one down and England had recovered 12 IMPs.

Both teams missed an easy 6♥ on Board 11 and then came the fireworks of Board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

This hand caused large swings around the room and this match was no exception.

West	North	East	South
Langeland	Senior	Heitmann	Penfold
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♣	3♣	5♦	6♣
Dble	All Pass		

In the Open Room, England were allowed to play in 6♣ doubled. There was no way to stop declarer making all thirteen tricks and England scored 1740.

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Thoresen	Goldenfield	Remen
2♠	3♣	3♦	4♣
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, South's raise to 4♣ seems somewhat conservative and North's double of 5♦ seems overly reliant on her partner finding a spade lead. Possibly South, holding two aces herself, should find the spade lead, but when she actually tried the ♠A, England made an overtrick in this room as well for +650 and a 20 IMP gain that put them in the lead by 32-22.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



Michelle Brunner, England

In both rooms, East opened 1♥, South overcalled INT and was raised to 3NT by North. Both Wests led the ♦J, won on the table with the queen, but then the play diverged.

In the Open Room, Penfold played a spade to the jack and queen at trick two and could no longer make the contract. Langeland continued diamonds and Penfold won and finessed the ♥8 losing to the king. Eva Lund Heitmann now played ace and another spade and had a good spade to cash when she later won her club trick.

In the Closed Room, Remen played a club at trick two covered by the queen and ace and Rhona Goldenfield won the next round of the suit and exited with a diamond. A heart to the eight followed and when this drew the king declarer had no further problems; 10 IMPs to Norway.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Langeland	Senior	Heitmann	Penfold
	1♠	2♥	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

After the aggressive 1♠ opening by North, Langeland played in 3NT on the lead of the ♣5. She won the queen and finessed the ♥Q losing to Penfold's king. A club continuation will defeat the contract, but Penfold switched to the ♠6 and declarer now

had nine tricks.

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Thoresen	Goldenfield	Remen
	1♠	2♥	2♠
3NT	4♣	4♥	4♠
4NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

After the same start to the auction in the Closed Room, Siv Thoresen was not finished and came again with 4♣ over 3NT. Goldenfield naturally competed with 4♥ and Remen bid 4♠. That contract would probably fail by two tricks, but Brunner decided to try 4NT rather than double and Remen felt she had enough to double that at her turn. Brunner won the club lead with her queen and finessed the ♥J, and hope seemed to dawn when it held the trick. However, when the king failed to drop when she cashed the ace she knew she was doomed. She played a third heart and Remen won and played a second club, so Brunner was two down. +300 and 12 IMPs to Norway putting them ahead 46-32.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

	♠ A J 7	
	♥ Q J 3	
	♦ K J 9 7	
	♣ A K 6	

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Thoresen	Goldenfield	Remen
Pass	Pass	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♠
All Pass			

Remen overcalled the weak 2♥ with 2NT and Thoresen transferred to spades. Goldenfield doubled the 3♥ bid to show a good suit and although this gave Remen some extra options Norway still stopped in 3♠. Brunner led a heart and Remen duly made her contract for the loss of three diamonds and a heart; +140 to Norway.

West	North	East	South
Langeland	Senior	Heitmann	Penfold
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the other room, Heitmann opened 1♥ and Penfold doubled and then jumped to 3NT over Nevena Senior's 2♠ response. Langeland led the ♦4 and Penfold came to nine tricks for +600 and 10 IMPs to England. This was enough for England to earn a 15-15 VPs draw as it left the final score 46-44 in Norway's favour.

Good Teammate

The format of the 1st Senior International Teams was a complete round-robin, winner take all, so every match was important. Teams never knew when an IMP here or there could have extra significance.

Thus, Dan Morse's teammates were pleased that he saved the squad from a loss on this deal from the 16th round against Germany. Morse was a member of the USA team which ended up winning the event. His teammates were Bobby Wolff, John Mohan, John Sutherlin, Kit Woolsey and Steve Robinson.

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 8 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K 7 5 2 ♣ 10	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 style="width: 20px;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ A 9 5 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ J 10 9 3 ♣ K 9 5	♠ J ♥ K J 10 9 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A J 8 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Mohan		Sutherlin	
			INT
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Mohan went down three for minus 500 and was concerned that it was a loss because it didn't appear that North/South could make a game.

Morse, however, took advantage of the lie of the cards to take nine tricks in 3NT. He had to play carefully, though.

West	North	East	South
			INT
2♣ ⁽¹⁾	3NT	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ One-suited hand

Wolff's jump to 3NT is a sound move in practice, keeping the opponents from possibly finding a fit and a cheap save at favorable vulnerability.

West led a low spade to the jack and king. Morse, aiming to maintain a fluid position, played the ♦Q. West would have been better placed to duck, but it would not have made any difference. Morse would simply have had to go about taking his nine tricks a different way. As it was, West won the ♦K and played the ♥8. Morse played low in dummy, East played low, and so did Morse.

West exited with a spade, which Morse ran to his ten. He followed with a club to the ten, king and ace, and West exited with a diamond. Morse then played a club to the nine and East's jack, and Morse was able to finesse against the ♣8 for his ninth trick.

What does the Appeals Committee mean?

By David Stevenson, England

In Appeal No. 5 (Norway v Latvia) the Committee's decision was described as:

Score adjusted to
 50% of 2♥= by North, NS +110,
 20% of 2♠+2, N/S -170,
 30% of 4♠=, N/S -620 to both sides.

Enough people have suggested I learn the English language that I think I had better explain a bit better! First of all, let me express it more clearly: it would be clearer (I hope) if I had written:

Score adjusted to:
Both sides receive:
 50% of 2♥ making by North (N/S +110), plus
 20% of 2♠ plus two by West (N/S -170), plus
 30% of 4♠ making by West (N/S -620).

The first thing to note is that an Appeals Committee does not always give the same score to each side, but here the 'Both sides receive' indicates this is not one of those cases.

The Appeals Committee has 'done equity' (as the Law book puts it) by considering what would have happened without the infraction. In this case they believe that North would be left in 2♥ (which makes) about one time in two, and the rest of the time West would bid 2♠. They also think that when West bids 2♠ they will reach game about three times in five. Note that these percentages include a slight bias towards the non-offenders to make sure that they do not suffer from any doubt but they do not include any punitive element.

Why do the Appeals Committee not issue a figure calculated from the above, for example saying their decision is to give a score of N/S -165 (ie N/S +110x0.5 -170x0.2 -620x0.3)? Because that is not the way the decision is applied. Each score is impeded against the score in the other room, and then the percentage (the "weighting") applied to those IMPs. Appeals Committees are not there to do such calculations, which are the province of the Chief TD.

However, to see how the procedure works, let us calculate this weighting. In fact the score in the other room was 4♠ making by West (N/S -620). So we can calculate the final score for North/South in this room thus:

This room	Other room	IMPs	Weighting	Nett IMPs
N/S +110	N/S -620	+12	50%	+6.0
N/S -170	N/S -620	+10	20%	+2.0
N/S -620	N/S -620	0	30%	+0.0
TOTAL				+8.0

This compares with the score obtained at the table of 2♥ making by North (N/S +110) which resulted in +12 IMPs.

The WBF Teaching Program

During the WBF Congress held on Wednesday morning, the President arranged for a demonstration of the teaching program being developed by the World Bridge Federation for use by teachers in NBOs all over the world. This material can be used for teaching bridge in schools or at bridge clubs or private classes.

This is a long term project, the first stage of which is to provide a program that can be used by teachers and aspiring teachers who need detailed information about how to teach bridge to young people. The initial program contains 25 lessons, each giving deals.

The program is based on the Minibrige System developed by the French Bridge Federation, and instructions are currently available in both French and English. It is intended that other languages should be added at a later date.

Each lesson is divided into its various components, with an overall view of the Lesson of the Day being given in each case, together with at least one Illustration Hand, some Advice of the Day, Definitions of bridge terms and any other information the teacher may need. In addition, material is provided that can be printed and given to the students and there is also test material for the students to use.

The aim of this first stage is to provide all the printed material that the teacher will need in order to set up a class. Examples of posters will be available, together with such things as advice on how to advertise classes to attract interest, lists of books that the teacher or students might wish to purchase, and various wall charts of information that can be put up in the class room. Advice will be given on how to obtain materials such as boards and cards, bridge tables and cloths.

Development on the program is continuing and additional material will be added over the course of the next few months.

Once the first stage is completed, development of the second stage, which will be a program for the students, giving them the



opportunity to learn more, will begin. It is also envisaged that material for teachers wishing to start more advanced classes will also be developed and provided.

The program is available to all NBOs free of charge on Internet in English and in French at the moment (full details are given below). The Colombian Bridge Federation has very generously offered to translate the material into Spanish, and we will also include this on the site as soon as it becomes available, together with translations into other languages.

If your NBO wishes to translate the material into your

own language, we invite you to make it available to all other countries by sending the translation to us for inclusion on the web site.

New material will frequently appear on the web site, so please check back regularly to see what has been done.

In due course the WBF will also arrange for CDs to be cut and distributed free to all NBOs.

The teaching program is currently available on Internet at: www.worldbridge.org/teaching.

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Anna is also here and can be found in the WBF office, room 2.3 on the Promenade Floor, if you wish to talk to her about this project. If you wish to be kept updated about the progress of the teaching program, please email Anna when you return home or ensure that you give her your email address and other contact details while you are here so that she can keep in touch with you on a regular basis.

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The World Championship Book will be edited by Brian Senior. Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Eric Kokish and Barry Rigal. There will also be guest writers from around the world.

The book will include coverage of all the best of the action from all the events being held in Maastricht, including every deal of the finals and semi-finals. There will be a complete listing of all participants, all the final rankings and statistics, and many photographs.

Estimated publication date is late February 2001.

OPEN

Austria v Brazil

ROUND 15

This Round 15 encounter featured two of the teams contesting the four qualifying places.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the six of clubs, and when the defenders did not cash their heart tricks, declarer emerged with +180.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Once North had passed and East opened the bidding, it was unlikely that East/West would avoid game. West's response to the opening bid promised a spade suit, and in due course the Austrians arrived in 3NT. Branco led the two of hearts, and Chagas took the ace and king, thought for around a second, cashed the ace of clubs, and went back to hearts. A fast one down, and 6 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
Pass	2♦	1♦	1♠
Pass	4♥	3♦	3♥
		All Pass	

There was nothing to the play, declarer collecting eleven tricks for +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
Pass	2♦	1♦	1♠
4♣	4♦	3♣	3♥
Pass	6♥	5♣	6♣
		All Pass	

The excellent barrage put up by the Austrian pair made life difficult for North/South.

If Branco had been 5-5 in the majors, Six Hearts would have been perfectly playable but, as it was, there was no way declarer could produce a twelfth trick on this layout; 13 IMPs for Austria.

Their lead did not survive the next deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
Pass	INT	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass		Pass	3NT

As the Austrians were using standard Blue Club, the response to One Club promised four controls, and Two Clubs was Stayman. On this layout there were twelve easy tricks; +490.



Josef Simon, Austria

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4NT

The slam depended on the location of the ace of clubs and the division of that suit. It was inferior to 6NT, as that contract might survive even if the clubs were not behaving, but that did not matter here; 10 IMPs to Brazil.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
Dble	Pass	1♥	2♣
4♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
	Pass	6NT	All Pass

This was very tough for East/West, as presumably East's king of clubs could just as easily have been the ace. Declarer won the opening lead of the ten of spades with the ace, and ran the diamonds. North knew enough to hold on to four hearts, so the contract was one down; -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
3♦	Pass	1♥	3♣
5♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Was East expecting his partner to deliver more for his Three Diamond bid? This time South led the queen of spades, and the play went along similar lines, except declarer went for a very, very small and unlikely chance, and in the ending did not cash out, but played a club towards his king, going three down, and thereby losing 3 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
Dble	Pass	2♥	1♠
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

Once South had opened One Spade, East/West were never going to play in that suit, preferring to attempt the nine-trick game. North led a club, for the ten, king and ace. Declarer now played on spades, cashing the ace and continuing with the jack. South ducked that, but took the next spade and returned a club for the jack and queen. At this point, the play record stops. Declarer made ten tricks, so one assumes that North misread the club position, and cashed the nine of clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		Pass

One Heart was a transfer to spades, so it was perfectly reasonable for West to jump to game. North led the two of diamonds, and West ducked the queen. He took the next diamond, played three rounds of hearts ruffing in hand, (It looks slightly better to start the cross ruff by playing ace of clubs, ruff a club, which will leave no guess in the endgame.), cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. He played another heart, and ruffed as South discarded the king of clubs. He played a club, and when North produced the nine, he could have got home by ruffing high in the dummy. However, he discarded the remaining diamond and was one down. 12 IMPs to Brazil.

At this point, Brazil led 32-15, but from here on, it was Austria who were in control.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass All Pass

East has perfect distribution for a double, but should he do it facing a passed partner? An alternative that gives up on a possible penalty is to bid 4NT. For many partnerships that would simply promise at least two places to play.

Another reason why double may not turn out well is that, if partner passes, your clubs may be of little worth in defence. That was the case here, and declarer had no trouble making an over-trick; +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

This time East went quietly, and who is to say he was wrong? Notice by the way that perfect defence will collect the first six tricks against Five Clubs doubled. Whatever, Austria added another 6 IMPs to their total.

The Heat is On

Spotting Sabine Auken in a delightful, but rather thin, outfit, the Editor suggested she might find it a little cool in the playing room. 'Not in the heat of battle', she replied.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Although East managed to show his suits, the first via a transfer, it proved impossible to avoid the no-trump game. It was clear to lead a spade, and that meant that the contract went two down, as declarer went for his only real chance in the club suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	5♣	All Pass

Two Clubs was Stayman, and Three Clubs natural. When West showed his diamond suit, perhaps suggesting he was weak in one major, East decided to emphasise his clubs, thereby avoiding the doomed nine-trick game. Well done, and plus 400.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A 7 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ J 10 9 8 3 2 ♣ 10 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 6 2 ♥ K 8 7 6 3 ♦ A ♣ Q 9 6 5	♠ K Q 10 5 ♥ A J 2 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ K 3 2
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Both tables saw North declaring 3NT. East led a heart, and the play diverged. In the Open Room, North played dummy's nine and took West's ten with the jack. Although the contract can al-

ways be made, it is not so easy for declarer to find a winning line, and he drifted two down.

At the other table, Chagas put up dummy's queen of hearts at trick one and when it held, he played a spade. West went in with the ace to play a second heart. Declarer ducked to East's king, and won the heart return. If he now takes a winning view in spades, East will be squeezed by the fourth round of the suit, but Chagas played on clubs at once, and when the suit failed to divide 3-3 he could no longer get home.

Some declarer's were successful, and you can read an account elsewhere in this bulletin.

As an aside, in the Women's match between Ireland and the USA, when this deal was played, dummy appeared to look to declarer like this:

♠ K Q 10 5
♥ J 2
♦ A K Q 7
♣ K 3 2

The opening lead of the ten of hearts was covered by the jack and king, and declarer won the next trick with the nine of hearts. She then played the four of diamonds to dummy's ace, and East's ace! Only now did everyone realise that North's red ace was round not pointed!

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
		1♠	Pass
2♣	3♣	4♣	All Pass

Four Spades looks reasonable, but was doomed by the bad breaks. A club went to the king and ace, and declarer ruffed. He cashed the ace of spades, and then played a heart. North took the ace, and played the king of diamonds. When that held he continued with the seven of diamonds, taken by the ace. Declarer now cashed the king of spades, and finished three down; -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
		1♠	Pass
2♣	3♣	4♣	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Chagas took some time before flying solo with his bid of Five Clubs. He may have been thinking about a double that would certainly have been a winner this time.

Five Clubs had to go one down, so 6 IMPs were added to the Austrian total.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Campos	Kriftner	Villas-Boas	Wernle
Pass	INT	2♣	1♠
			All Pass

South led the ten of diamonds, covered all around, and declarer played a heart, putting up the king when South played low. He showed South the error of his ways by ruffing a heart, and played a diamond to the queen, ruffed by North. Back came a spade to South's queen, and it looks as if he then cashed two diamonds, and played the ace of hearts, that meant that declarer could escape for two down; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Simon	Chagas	Terraneo	Branco
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Dble
			All Pass

The audience were very surprised that Chagas did not mention his hearts, but all became clear when it was revealed that West's One Diamond showed that suit!

Branco led a high diamond for the queen, king and ace, and declarer played a heart. South went up with the ace, and played another diamond, covered by the jack and ruffed by North. He switched to a spade, and South won and cashed his diamond winners, before continuing with spades, North ruffing the third round. He could exit with a heart, forcing declarer, who was down to just trumps, to ruff. He had to lose two more trump tricks, down four. It cost 3 IMPs.

Austria picked up a few bits and pieces in the remaining boards, to win 54-35 IMPs, 19-11 VPs, good news for them, and for Denmark, who remained in fourth place despite losing by a similar score to Spain.

OPEN

Austria v Denmark

ROUND 16

Two rounds to go in the Open qualifying series and the battle for a spot in the top four of Group A is really hotting up. In Round 16, the third- and fourth-placed teams, Austria and Denmark met on vugraph.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
4♠	All Pass	Pass	INT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
4♠	All Pass	Pass	1♦

Denmark picked up a game swing when Karsten Pedersen out-defended Michael Strafner. Both Ole Raulund and Josef



Ole Raulund, Denmark

Simon led a club honour against 4♠. Pedersen prevented Michael Barnay from reaching the dummy to take the trump finesse, by ducking the first round of hearts, cashing his winners and exiting passively with a club.

Jens Auken played a low diamond at trick two and Strafner won the king and could surely have simply cashed the other diamond winner before playing a club back. However, after some thought, he cashed the ace of hearts instead, allowing Auken to unblock his king and create the necessary dummy entry. Now Strafner cashed the ace of diamonds before playing a club, but Auken could ruff and cross to the ♥Q and lead the jack of spades off the dummy. When Strafner played low, Auken sat and considered the position for a while. Had Strafner created the dummy entry for him because the spade finesse was about to lose to the bare king, or had he simply misjudged the position? Eventually, Auken got it right, running the spade and picking up 10 IMPs for his side.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
2♣	2♥	All Pass	Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
1♣ 2♣	Dble 4♠	Pass All Pass	Pass 1♠

The natural 2♣ opening in the Closed Room made it normal for North to overcall in hearts and the spade fit was missed. After a low club lead, Raulund made ten tricks for +170.

In the other room, Simon doubled the one-level opening. Strafner's 1♠ response showed values, usually 7-10 or so, and Simon raised him directly to game. Auken led an attacking king of hearts. Strafner won the ace and played the ace of spades, a spade to the king, then a heart to the queen. After ruffing a heart, declarer played a low club from hand and Auken allowed the queen to score - not that it mattered. Strafner could run winning hearts until Dennis Koch-Palmund ruffed in, and lost two spades and a diamond for +420 and 6 IMPs to Austria.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Christian Terraneo, playing a strong club system, had a super-maximum 1♥ opening bid, particularly after the 1♠ response. He made a jump rebid and after exploring various possible trump suits, played 4♥. After a diamond lead to dummy's ace, he could pitch a spade and take the club finesse. When North covered the club, he gave up a heart and had 11 tricks; +450.

Playing natural methods, Koch-Palmund rebid a simple 2♣. When he was given preference to hearts, he had a close decision as to what to do next and again took the slightly cautious route, bidding only 2♠. That sequence was consistent with a 3-5-1-4 15-count, and Auken was not confident that there would be an adequate trump suit for game purposes so, after some consideration, passed out 2♠. He played carefully to make exactly eight tricks; +110 but 8 IMPs to Austria.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
		Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
		Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Norths discovered that they were facing maximum weak two bids and chose to play 3NT. Koch-Palmund selected the passive lead of a heart, perhaps thinking that declarer would not have a heart fit. Simon had nine running tricks and he also came to a club in the endgame for +430. In the other room, Terraneo found the killing lead of a low diamond. Barnay won the king and returned a diamond to the jack, and Terraneo promptly switched to a club to get another diamond through; one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to Austria, who led 27-10.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

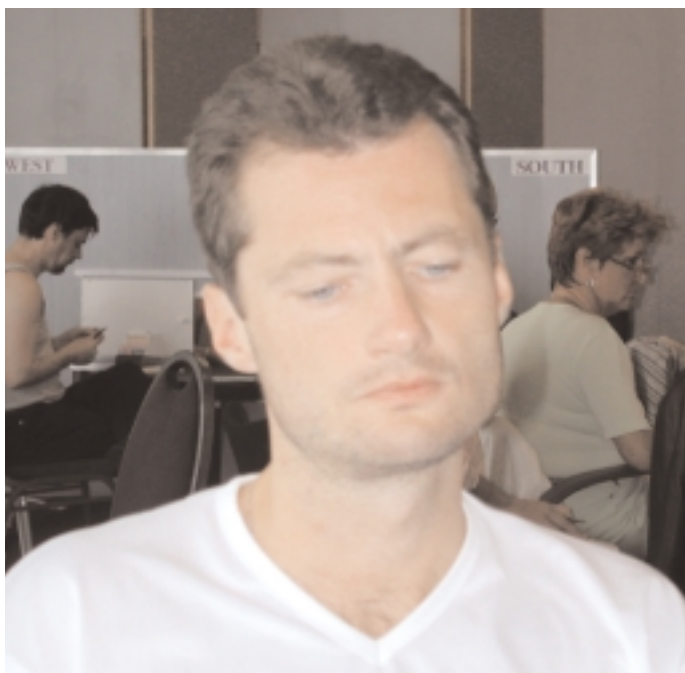
West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
	Pass	1♥	3♦
4♥	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Life was very easy for Koch-Palmund in the Open Room. Strafner led a low diamond into the ace-jack and declarer just lost one trick in each of the other three suits; +620.

In the Closed Room, Pedersen led a low club. Running this to the ten would have brought the contract home because now there would have been a pitch on the ♣Q for the diamond loser.



Christian Terraneo, Austria

However, Terraneo did not know that he could afford a club loser. If he had two trumps to lose, he would need to find a different line and losing a club at the start would almost certainly mean no recovery. Terraneo put in dummy's queen and there was no longer any way to avoid the loss of one trick in each suit; down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
1♦	1♠	3♦	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

A great hand for the Austrian methods in the Open Room. Two Spades was weak with spades and a minor, and it was routine for Simon to raise to game, shutting East/West out completely. Auken led the king of clubs and Strafner had 11 tricks for +450.

In the Closed Room, Pedersen did not have an opening on the South cards, so the Austrians found the diamond fit and bid up to game. The favourable heart position meant that 5♦ was going to make, so Pedersen did the right thing when he went on to 5♠. Now it was important that the defence take their three winners immediately, as otherwise the clubs would provide all the discards Raulund needed. A low diamond lead would have been fatal to the defence, but Terraneo found the perfect solution, leading the ♦K to retain the lead. He duly switched to a heart at trick two and that was one down; -50 and 11 IMPs to Austria.

The lead was back up to 40-23.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Raulund found a spade lead and Pedersen had an easy time, winning the ace and cashing two diamond winners; one down for -100.

It was more difficult for Strafner in the Open Room, where Simon led the four of diamonds. Strafner won the king and cashed the diamond ace, getting the five from partner. There seems to be no way that South can know the position of the queen of diamonds here, and if declarer holds that card a third diamond could let the contract through. Equally, attempting to cash the ace of spades could be wrong if declarer is void and that gives him two pitches for losing diamonds. Strafner got it right, cashing the ace of spades next before playing the third diamond, so the contract was one down; -50 but 2 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	All Pass	2♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
2♣	3NT	All Pass	Dble

In both rooms, a spade lead and continuation when in with the queen of diamonds held declarer to seven tricks; 2 IMPs to Denmark.

Roman Smolski, representing Bermuda against La Reunion, also played 3NT after West had been silent in the auction. Like our other declarers, Smolski won the spade lead in dummy and passed the ten of diamonds. The East player for La Reunion now found a very good play of the queen of spades. Think about it for a moment and you will see that a low spade continuation is not good enough if West has jack doubleton, as declarer can simply duck, and East can not get the spades going. How many defenders found this play?

Alas, West was not alive to the situation and failed to throw the jack under the queen. Smolski won the second spade and played on diamonds and the spade blockage meant that the contract made. A sad reward for East's enterprise.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
4♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
All Pass	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
4♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
	Dble	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Simon led a low spade to the queen, ruffed. Auken crossed to the ace of hearts and played the ♦10. Simon thought for a while but then won his ace and returned a diamond to the king. Strafner exited with a trump and there was no way to avoid two club losers; one down for -50.

In the Closed Room, Raulund tried the effect of a low diamond lead away from the ace. This was not the time for such imagination. The effect was that Barnay put in dummy's ten and Pedersen ducked - as who would not? Barnay had only one diamond and two clubs to lose now; +420 and 11 IMPs to Austria.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Barnay	Raulund	Terraneo	Pedersen
4♦	Dble	2♦	Dble
5♥	Pass	4♥	5♣
All Pass		Pass	6♣

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Simon	Koch-P	Strafner
4♥	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	6♣	Pass	5♣
		All Pass	

Even 5♣ is beatable if the defence establishes a spade winner before the diamonds are set up. In the Closed Room, Barnay led a heart and Pedersen won, played ace and another club, then tried a diamond to the seven, eight and ten. Back came another heart. Pedersen ruffed and ran the jack of diamonds. He was one down for -100.

The play was identical in the Open Room up to the point at

which declarer led the jack of diamonds. A low-flying cow going by must have distracted Jens Auken because he covered the jack with the king - an error he would not repeat if he had the problem a thousand times - and the slam was home for +1370 and 16 IMPs to Austria.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Barnay/Terraneo stopped in 3♠ in the Closed Room, making exactly for +140. Koch-Palmund was playing for higher stakes in the Open Room as he was in game. Strafrer led a top heart and switched to the queen of clubs. Declarer covered with the king and Simon won the ace and returned a club to the ten. Strafrer played his last club for dummy to ruff. Koch-Palmund ruffed a heart then played a spade to dummy's ace and ruffed another heart. He ran the trumps and South was caught in a show-up squeeze so that there was no diamond guess. Koch-Palmund duly dropped the diamond offside and had ten tricks for +620; 10 IMPs to Denmark.

No doubt there will be many stories on Board 20, but in Austria v Denmark both East/West pairs played in game - how dull!

Austria won the match by 72-38 IMPs, 22-8 VPs. They had assured themselves of a place in the knock-out stages, while Denmark were down to sixth and would need a good win in the final round if they were to qualify.

A Collection of Tournament Directors



We are all familiar with collective nouns, such as a herd of cows, a flock of sheep, a plague of locusts, etc. but what does one call a collection of tournament directors (as per the attached picture)? Send your replies to the Bulletin room and we will publish the best (non-derogatory) responses in a later edition.

Well Read

Anatol Filip of the Czech Republic showed his card-reading skill on this deal from his match against Israel in the 15th round of the Olympiad Open series. The deal was reported by Jiri Stulc, non-playing captain of the Czech team.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Filip played 3NT from the South chair and received the lead of the ♦J. He went up with the queen, taken by East with the ace. A heart was returned to the nine, ten and jack.

Filip played a club to the jack and ran the ♠9 to East's jack. The ♣6 went to the eight, ten and king, and Filip drove out West's ♠A by playing the king. In again, West returned a heart.

Filip went up with the ♥A and, reading the cards perfectly, cashed his spades, leaving this ending.

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

On the ♦7, East could pitch a low heart, but on the forced diamond return, East was finished, as he could not keep guards in both his suits. A well-earned plus for the Czech Republic.

Football logic

In Olympiad Open series match between Slovenia and Colombia, one of the Slovenian players turned to his opponent and asked, "So, where is Asprilla?"

That was a reference to the well-known football player from South America.

"We have three Asprillas," was the reply. "They play bridge with their legs and not their heads."

MSN Gaming Zone World Computer Bridge Championship

By Al Levy

The MSN Gaming Zone World Computer Bridge Championship began Friday, with nine programs from around the world vying for the title. This is the 4th annual World Computer Bridge Championship conducted by the American Contract Bridge League. The contestants greeted each other warmly and were all ready to do battle in the friendliest of manners. The human operators seem always to be in good spirits, probably because they can always blame their bad results on some computer glitch.

The format is a complete round-robin with the top four programs going on to the semi-finals. The Maastricht World Computer Bridge Championship is the first major event at which computer bridge programs will be playing against each other completely automatically and without human intervention.

The standings after the fifth session of the round-robin:

Jack	85
Meadowlark Bridge	84
Winbridge 5	81
Blue Chip Bridge	80
Oxford Bridge	78
Q-Plus Bridge	74
Bridge Buff	71
Micro Bridge	62
Bridge Baron	55

An interesting difference between human play and computer play almost came into play.

Blue Chip Bridge was in a good 6NT that failed at the other table.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	2♥

The ♦4 was led. Declarer won in hand and led a heart to the queen and East's king. East returned a diamond. Declarer then ran diamonds and clubs, forcing East to make a critical discard. In human play, the tempo of East's discards may influence declarer to play for the drop of the ♠Q offside. How will the computer handle the problem? In actual play, East made the bad discard of a heart, and 12 tricks were scored. Now we can do something that can't happen in human play – go back and have East discard a spade and see what South does. In the replay, South took the percentage play in spades and went down one.

Bridge is an Easy Game?!

By Arifin Halim

In the 16th round match between Indonesia and Brazil in the Olympiad Women's series, this deal came up.

Look first at the East/West hands and the auction.

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

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

Declarer, 21-year-old Irne Korenkeng (possibly the youngest competitor in the Women's series), won the diamond lead with her king and immediately played the ♠10, low, low, queen. Her reasoning was as follows: "I will make the contract if North holds both spade honours but, even if South wins the ♠Q, she has no more spades and I will place North with the ♠A and ♣Q and play accordingly."

This is a very reasonable line of play, but look at the entire deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

So Irne, placing North with the ♣Q, went one down. Rather unlucky, I would say. Is there a better line of play?

What about this: after winning the ♦K, play a low spade to the king. If it wins and South plays low, play a club to the king and a low club to the ten. Even if South wins, she has no more spades and the slam is made - one spade, five hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. In the actual case, the ♠K drops the queen and you do not need the club finesse - just develop two spade tricks. In the unlucky case that South has the ♠A singleton, you still have chances if you can guess the club suit correctly for four tricks.

Bridge is an easy game, isn't it?

OPEN Round-Robin

Final Butler Standings (first 70 pairs)

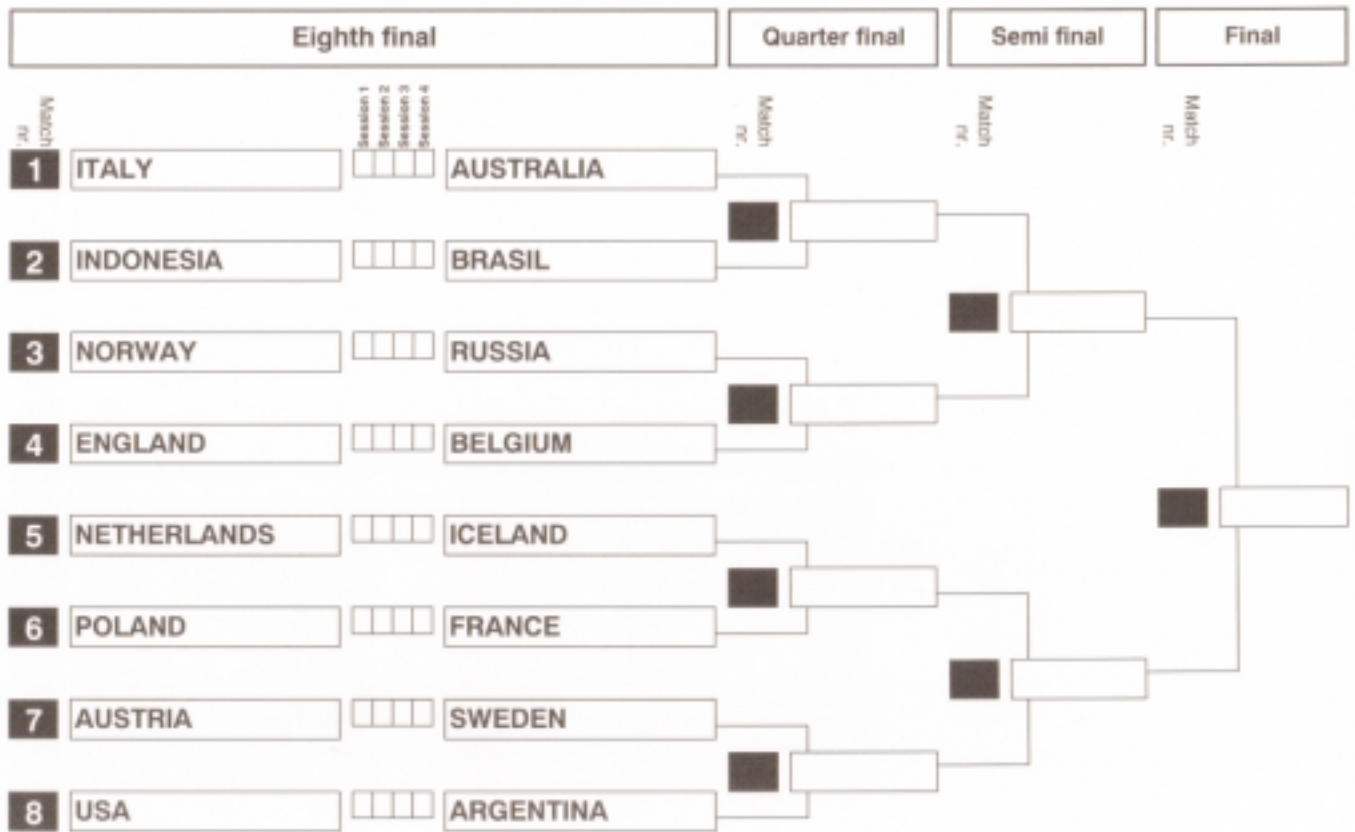
Nr Pair	Team	Boards	IMPs	IMPs/ Board	
1	Norberto Bocchi - Giorgio Duboin	Italy	359	240	1.50
2	Colin Simpson - Gunnar Hallberg	England	268	200	1.34
3	Georg Kriftner - Sascha Wernle	Austria	210	160	1.31
4	Henry Lasut - Eddy Manoppo	Indonesia	357	280	1.28
5	Ralph Katz - George Jacobs	USA	167	140	1.19
6	Neville Eber - Bernard Donde	South Africa	141	120	1.18
7	Thorstur Ingimarsson - Magnus Magnusson	Iceland	326	280	1.16
8	Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz	USA	300	260	1.15
9	Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace	Italy	250	220	1.14
10	Cezary Balicki - Adam Zmudzinski	Poland	215	200	1.08
11	Magnus Lindkvist - Peter Fredin	Sweden	236	220	1.07
12	Chakib Tazi - Guy Cambournac	Morocco	127	120	1.06
13	Tor Helness - Jon-Egil Furunes	Norway	252	240	1.05
14	Denny Sacul - Franky Karwur	Indonesia	271	260	1.04
15	Guy van Middelen - Zvi Engel	Belgium	245	240	1.02
16	Kauko Koistinen - Osmo Kiemi	Finland	319	320	1.00
17	Christian Terraneo - Michael Barnay	Austria	218	220	0.99
18	Guillermo Mooney - Martin Monsegur	Argentina	193	200	0.97
19	Dano de Falco - Guido Ferraro	Italy	154	160	0.96
20	Anton Maas - Vincent Ramondt	Netherlands	240	260	0.92
21	Gabriel Chagas - Diego Brenner	Brazil	163	180	0.91
22	Mikhail Krasnoselski - Alexander Dubini	Russia	180	200	0.90
23	Pablo Lambardi - Carlos Lucena	Argentina	179	200	0.90
24	David Burn - Brian Callaghan	England	205	240	0.85
25	Ivica Miladin - Dubravko Diklic	Croatia	186	220	0.85
26	Erik Saelensminde - Boye Brogeland	Norway	168	200	0.84
27	Glyn Liggins - Joe Fawcett	England	184	220	0.84
28	Reiner Marsal - Dirk Schroeder	Germany	128	160	0.80
29	Huub Bertens - Bart Nab	Netherlands	140	180	0.78
30	Philippe Coenraets - Frans Jeunen	Belgium	179	240	0.75
31	Erik Austberg - Geir Helgemo	Norway	163	220	0.74
32	Craig Gower - Henry Mansell	South Africa	231	320	0.72
33	Marcello Amaral - Marcelo Branco	Brazil	98	140	0.70
34	Piotr Tuszyński - Krzysztof Jassem	Poland	136	200	0.68
35	Leonid Podgur - Avi Kalish	Israel	163	240	0.68
36	Wubbo de Boer - Bauke Muller	Netherlands	146	220	0.66
37	Howard Weinstein - Steve Garner	USA	144	220	0.65
38	Bjorn Fallenius - Mats Nilstrand	Sweden	157	240	0.65
39	Ole Raulund - Karsten Pedersen	Denmark	140	220	0.64
40	Doron Yadlin - Israel Yadlin	Israel	165	260	0.63
41	David Ackерley - Scott Smith	New Zealand	101	160	0.63
42	Regis Levy - Firinde Teylouni	Switzerland	163	260	0.63
43	Federico Goded - Luis Lantaron	Spain	148	240	0.62
44	Alejandro Bianchedi - Leonardo Rizzo	Argentina	147	240	0.61
45	Guido Hopfenheit - Ralf Retzlaff	Germany	147	240	0.61
46	Maurice Salama - Herve Mouiel	France	134	220	0.61
47	Les Steel - Willie Whittaker	Scotland	146	240	0.61
48	Peter Newell - Martin Reid	New Zealand	156	260	0.60
49	Gary Keaveney - Rory Timlin	Ireland	107	180	0.59
50	Stephen Burgess - Paul Marston	Australia	190	320	0.59
51	Patrick Allegrini - Jean-Jacques Palau	France	111	200	0.56
52	Branco Vlainic - Dimitraki Zipovski	Yugoslavia	146	280	0.52
53	Kenji Miyakuni - Yoshiyuki Nakamura	Japan	112	220	0.51
54	Chuan Cheng Ju - Fu Zhong	China	120	240	0.50
55	Takis Kannavos - Costas Kapayannides	Greece	115	240	0.48
56	Branko Spiljak - Zoran Vukelic	Croatia	111	240	0.46
57	Thorlakur Jonsson - Matthias Thorvaldsso	Iceland	120	260	0.46
58	Miguel Villas-Boas - Joao-Paulo Campos	Brazil	83	180	0.46
59	Rajesh Dalal - Subhash Gupta	India	100	220	0.45
60	Robert Lebi - Nader Hanna	Canada	108	240	0.45
61	Enrico Pagani - Moises Ades	Mexico	54	120	0.45
62	Weimin Wang - Zejun Zhuang	China	95	220	0.43
63	Vladimir Rekunov - Yuri Khoklov	Russia	112	260	0.43
64	Bogdan Marina - Lucian Taciuc	Romania	93	220	0.42
65	Laslo Honti - Tamas Szalka	Hungary	76	180	0.42
66	Santje Panelewen - Robert Tobing	Indonesia	59	140	0.42
67	N.K. Gupta - Rajesh Tiwari	India	85	220	0.39
68	Rory Boland - Niall Toibin	Ireland	68	180	0.38
69	Jacek Pszczola - Michal Kwiecien	Poland	74	200	0.37
70	Mattija Senk - Metod Gantar	Slovenia	78	220	0.35

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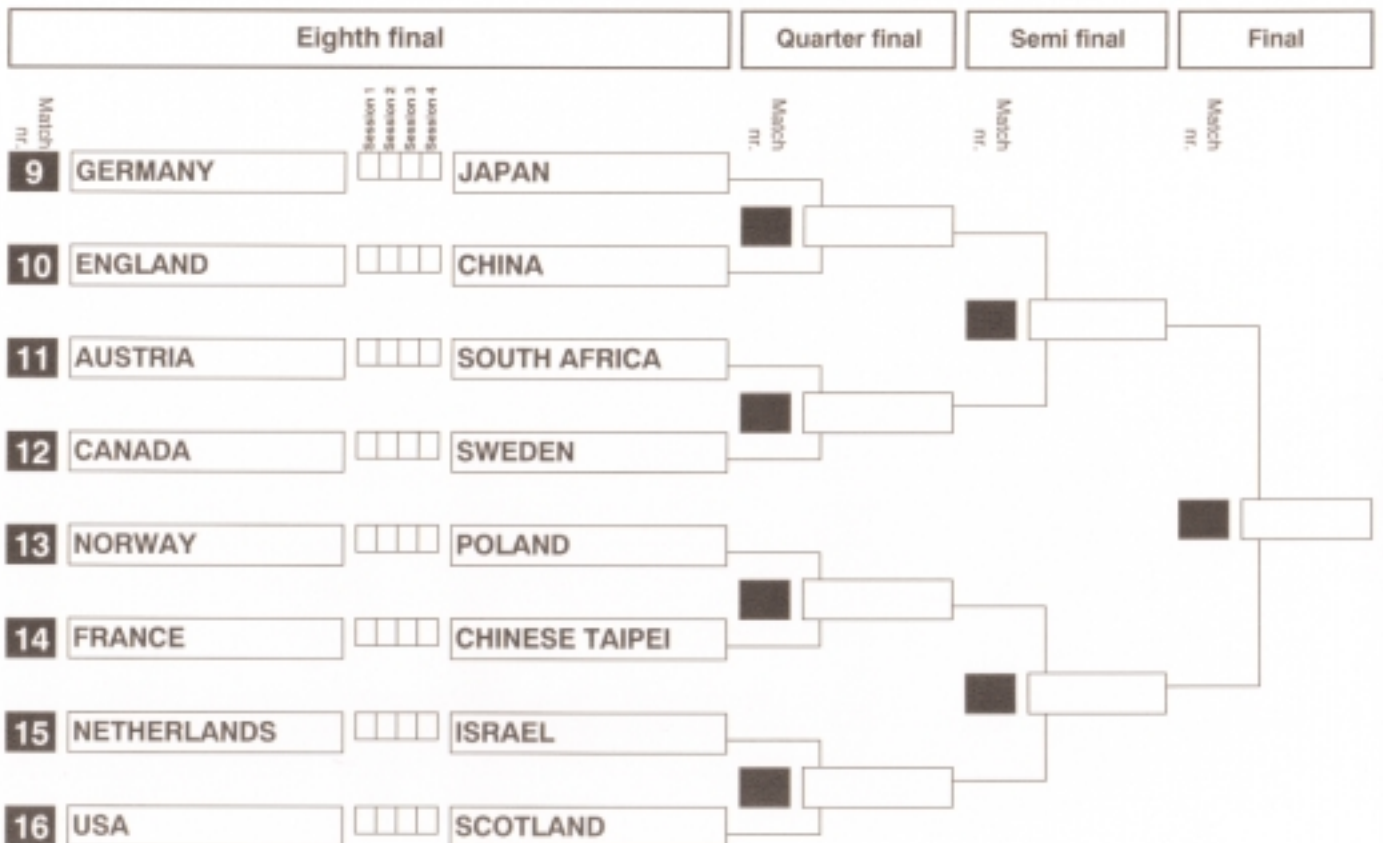
Final Butler Standings (first 70 pairs)

Nr Pair	Team	Boards	IMPs	IMPs/ Board	
1	Veronique Bessis - Catherine d'Ovidio	France	280	240	1.17
2	Pony Nehmert - Andrea Rauscheid	Germany	267	240	1.11
3	Maria Erhart - Jovanka Smederevac	Austria	309	300	1.03
4	Ulla Koch - Christina Klemmensen	Denmark	232	240	0.97
5	Mildred Breed - Shawn Quinn	USA	283	300	0.94
6	Anne-lill Hellemann - Anna Malinowski	Norway	261	280	0.93
7	Martine Lacroix - Francine Cimon	Canada	242	260	0.93
8	Honglin Wang - Ming Sun	China	221	260	0.85
9	Sabine Auken - Daniela von Arnim	Germany	231	280	0.83
10	Ewa Miszewska - Jolanta Sendacka	Poland	188	240	0.78
11	Doris Fischer - Gabriele Bamberger	Austria	228	300	0.76
12	Bep Vriend - Marijke van der Pas	Netherlands	194	280	0.69
13	Gong Fang Wen - Hu Sheau-Fong	Chinese Taipei	179	280	0.64
14	Malgorzata Jeleniewska - Ewa Kater	Poland	164	260	0.63
15	Ana Alonso - Beatriz Lazerretti	Argentina	156	260	0.60
16	Rhona Goldenfield - Michelle Brunner	England	103	180	0.57
17	Migry Zur-Campanila - Ruth Levit-Porat	Israel	213	380	0.56
18	Catherine Fishpool - Elisabeth Hugon	France	143	260	0.55
19	Peggy Sutherland - Petra Hamman	USA	97	180	0.54
20	Nevena Senior - Sandra Penfold	England	129	240	0.54
21	Heather Dhondy - Nicola Smith	England	156	300	0.52
22	Joan Jackson - Robin Klar	USA	124	240	0.52
23	Paula Leslie - Suzanne Cohen	Scotland	142	280	0.51
24	Kyoko Shimamura - Shoko Fukuda	Japan	140	280	0.50
25	Gabriella Olivieri - Gianna Arrigoni	Italy	154	340	0.45
26	Rhoda Habert - Beverly Kraft	Canada	104	240	0.43
27	Benedicte Cronier - Sylvie Willard	France	112	260	0.43
28	Wenfei Wang - Yu Zhang	China	103	240	0.43
29	Jet Pasman - Anneke Simons	Netherlands	101	240	0.42
30	Siv Thoresen - Solvi Remen	Norway	101	240	0.42
31	Ulla-Brit Goldberg - Madeleine Swanstrom	Sweden	117	280	0.42
32	Liz McGowan - Fiona McQuaker	Scotland	110	300	0.37
33	Eva Bahnikova - Milena Lancova	Czech Republic	82	240	0.34
34	Lusje Bojoh - Elita Syofian	Indonesia	128	380	0.34
35	Barbara Stawowy - Katrin Farwig	Germany	79	240	0.33
36	Karen Cumpstone - Jillian Hay	New Zealand	90	280	0.32
37	Catherine Thorpe - Dianna Gordon	Canada	83	260	0.32
38	A. Kaliaikmani - L. Mamidaki	Greece	94	300	0.31
39	Nancy Gerson - Miriam Rosenberg	Mexico	59	200	0.30
40	Hanita Melech - Nurit Naveh	Israel	52	180	0.29
41	Violet Liu - Yvonne Wu	Chinese Taipei	79	280	0.28
42	Lorna Ichilcik - Judy Osie	South Africa	62	220	0.28
43	Ana Palou - Carmen Viola	Spain	70	260	0.27
44	Dietlinde Kellner - Alice Redermeier	Austria	36	140	0.26
45	Pirkko Savolainen - Birgit Barlund	Finland	69	280	0.25
46	Ivy Smith - Elisabeth Rabicew	Venezuela	48	240	0.20
47	Cindy Chang - Gloria Meng	Chinese Taipei	39	200	0.20
48	Marilina Vanuzzi - Antonella Ini	Italy	47	280	0.17
49	Marta Barbosa de Oliveira - Lucia Menezes	Brazil	39	240	0.16
50	Miho Sekizawa - Ayakao Amano	Japan	32	240	0.13
51	Leila Kabbaj - Cristina Raffali	Morocco	29	220	0.13
52	Ase Langeland - Eva Lund Heitmann	Norway	30	240	0.13
53	Hilde Bernhardt - Silvia Boldt	Argentina	32	280	0.11
54	Pia Andersson - Catharina Midskog	Sweden	28	280	0.10
55	Margaret Homsy - Samia Shatila	Egypt	19	200	0.10
56	Martine Verbeek - Wietske van Zwol	Netherlands	22	240	0.09
57	Raija Koistinen - Sari Kulmala	Finland	23	260	0.09
58	Iva Juirisis - Renata Muller	Croatia	21	260	0.08
59	N. Kiriakidou - S. Lambrinou	Greece	15	200	0.08
60	Elena Maitova - Oxana Kulitchkova	Russia	11	200	0.06
61	Diana Smart - Felicity Beale	Australia	7	280	0.03
62	Chafika Taktak - Marie-Claire Ohana	Morocco	4	280	0.01
63	Merle Modlin - Petra Mansell	South Africa	-1	240	0.00
64	M. Carmen Babot - Cristina Bordallo	Spain	-2	260	-0.01
65	Pat McMahon - Pat Ryan	Ireland	-10	260	-0.04
66	Daniela Birman - Ruth Lieberman	Israel	-14	200	-0.07
67	Maureen Holroyd - Val Bloom	South Africa	-15	200	-0.08
68	Maria Gronkvist - Catharina Forsberg	Sweden	-23	200	-0.12
69	Marina Pilipovic - Tihana Brkljadic	Croatia	-37	300	-0.12
70	Sue Lusk - Therese Tully	Australia	-38	300	-0.13

Playing schedule OPEN



Playing schedule WOMEN



Appeal No. 7

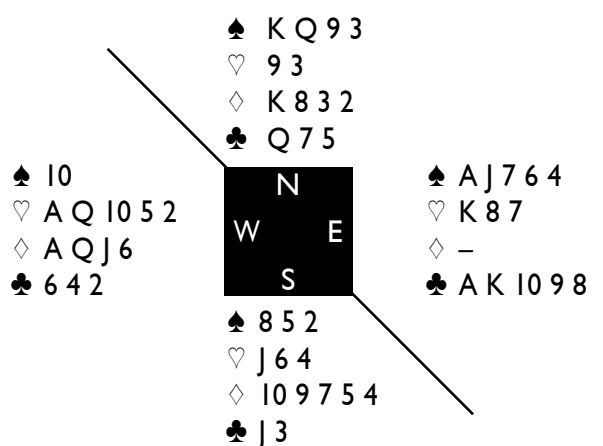
Hungary v Finland

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff (Chairman, USA), David Stevenson (Scribe, England), Ernesto d'Orsi (Brazil), Joan Gerard (USA), Jeffrey Polisner (USA).

Open Teams - Round 8

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Kurko	Winkler	Leskela	Szalica
	Pass	1♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass
3♦ ⁽⁴⁾	Pass	3♥ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass
3NT ⁽⁶⁾	Pass	4♣ ⁽⁷⁾	Pass
5♣ ⁽⁸⁾	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Comments:

- ⁽¹⁾ 4+ spades
- ⁽²⁾ 5+ hearts, 10+ points
- ⁽³⁾ 5+ spades, 4+ clubs, 17+ points
- ⁽⁴⁾ Fourth suit forcing, extra strength (West said "or natural")
- ⁽⁵⁾ 2+ hearts
- ⁽⁶⁾ Poor hand, diamond stop
- ⁽⁷⁾ Asking hearts or clubs
- ⁽⁸⁾ 3+ clubs

Contract:

Six clubs, played by East.

Result:

12 tricks, N/S -1370.

TD's statement of Facts:

All the players at the table agreed that there had been a one minute pause before both the 3NT bid and the 5♣ bid. East explained that his partner was a pensive player.

The Director:

The hand was discussed by several Directors, and expert players were consulted, and unanimously offered that:

1. 5♣ was stronger than 4♥ and could not be passed with this hand,

2. passing was not a logical alternative to them and,
3. the slowness of the 5♣ bid was as likely to be not knowing what to show and therefore not forward going, as showing extra or useful values.

Ruling:

Result Stands.

Relevant Laws:

Law 16.

North/South appealed.

Present:

All players.

The Players:

Hungary said (referring to the Director's 1, 2, 3 above):

1. Why is 5♣ is stronger than 4♥? Why not 4♦?
 2. This is not true because partner may have a worse heart suit.
 3. The only meaning of the long think would be that he had extra values.
- 3♣ showed extra values, 4♣ showed more extra values and the exact distribution and strength, thus the other hand should make the final decision.

At the Committee, East/West said they bid 6♣ because they found a fit: North/South said he had already found a fit previously: East/West said that 6♥ (even 7♥) might be better without the fit.

The Committee:

Pass is not a logical alternative to 6♣. Pass is not suggested by tempo breaks. It was felt that East would be closer to bidding 7♣ than passing 5♣.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit:

Returned.

Limerick Update (in Dutch!)

Limericks are beginning to be sent by email. Thanks to all of you who are so doing, Unfortunately, I do not have the time to reply to each individually. I have even received a limerick in Dutch from Mr Matthiasen Ans Hautvast. It is published below, however, I take no responsibility as to its suitability but I have been assured by various native Dutch speakers that it does not overstep the bounds of decency.

*Een jonge dame in Maastricht
Lette nooit op haar gewicht
Ze hield veel van kaarten
Maar nog meer van taarten
Ze groeide uiteindelijk dicht*

Remember, for your fifteen minutes of fame, send your efforts to the Bulletin room or email to 'twaylrm@hotmail.com'.

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The Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony takes place on Wednesday, 6th September at 10 a.m. in room 2.1 on the top floor of MECC (the WBF Meeting Room). The AGM will be followed by a lunch hosted by the Dutch Bridge Federation, to be held in the Golden Tulip Hotel (next door to MECC, the Garden Restaurant of Barbizon Room) at 1 p.m. All IBPA members are cordially invited and must register in the Press Room if they wish to attend.

The next Meeting of the IBPA Executive will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4th September. Meet in the Press Room.

VUGRAPH

Auditorium I

(Dutch commentary)

The Netherlands v Iceland

(OPEN)

Belgium v England

(OPEN)

To be decided

To be decided

Time

11.00

Boards 1-16

14.00

Boards 17-32

17.00

Boards 33-48

21.20

Boards 49-64

Auditorium II

(English commentary)

Indonesia v Brazil

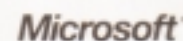
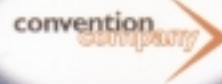
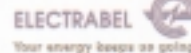
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Poland v France

(OPEN)

To be decided

To be decided



Ed's Column door Ed Hoogenkamp

Twintig jaar later

Precies twintig jaar geleden speelde Anton Maas zijn eerste Olympiade slechts enkele kilometers van hier. Nederland organiseerde in 1980 de Olympiade in Valkenburg. Met partner René Zwaan debuteerde Maas in het Nederlands team. Zij golden als exponenten van de aanstormende jeugd die met fantasierijk en agressief bridge de gevestigde orde belaagde.

Torenhoge slems (vrijwel altijd gemaakt, konden vrijwel allemaal down) waren hun handelsmerk en zij scoorden erg veel punten voor Nederland.

Nu, twintig jaar later, staat Maas bekend als een bedachtzame en rustige speler die weinig fouten maakt. Al jaren staat hij als hoogste Nederlandse speler genoteerd op de wereldranglijst. Spelend met Vincent Ramondt liet hij in de voorronden zeer gedegen bridge zien.

In de wedstrijd tegen Griekenland een fraai staaltje tegenspel van Maas: (het spel is een kwart slag gedraaid voor het gemak van de lezer)

<i>N/Allen</i>			
	♠ A 9		
	♥ H 2		
	♦ H B 10 5 3		
	♣ H V 8 5		
♠ 8 3	N	♠ 10 7 6 5	
♥ A V B 8 7	W O	♥ 9	
♦ V 8 4 2	Z	♦ A 9	
♣ 7 2		♣ A 10 9 6 4 3	
		♠ H V B 4 2	
		♥ 10 6 5 4 3	
		♦ 7 6	
		♣ B	

West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
<i>Ramondt</i>		<i>Maas</i>	
	ISA	pas	2♥
doublet	pas	pas	pas

Zuid, op jacht naar een grote plusscore, gokte een pas op 2♥ (oorspronkelijk bedoeld als transferbieding). Ramondt kwam uit met ♣7 en Maas won de slag met ♣A. Na enige minuten in de denkkamer te hebben verkeerd kwam hij met de winnende verdediging op de proppen. Hij incasseerde ♦A! Bepaald niet makkelijk te zien met deze dummy. Maas beredeneerde dat zuid vrijwel zeker tien kaarten in de hoge kleuren moest hebben en dat de ruitenverliezers weg konden op ♣H en ♣V. Makkelijk wellicht met open kaarten, maar je moet het maar doen aan tafel en op het gegeven moment de enige manier om het contract nog down te spelen. Het eindigde inderdaad in 2♥ -1.

Poor Part-score

During the Round 16 match in the Women's series between Turkey and the Netherlands, the Turkish ladies reached a contract of 3♠ on board seven. Wietske van Zwol wrote down on her pad, 'The first part-score!'

After seeing dummy, her screen-mate Eren Ozan wrote, 'but the worst', as she went on to record eleven tricks.

Cultural market in Maastricht

This weekend the Parours will be held. This yearly cultural market takes place in the city of Maastricht. Just follow the red carpet and you can enjoy performances of artists and watch the stands of several cultural organizations. Maastricht will be a big theatre full of musicians, dancers, actors and other artists.

To the opera

Tonight and on 8 and 9 September, Giuseppe Verdi's opera Aida will be played in the MECC. The opera starts at 20.00 daily (Sunday 16.00). Entrance: Dfl. 60-130. Reservation at the Uitbalie Maastricht: (043) 350 5555.