

# DAILY NEWS



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## McConnell Holders Dethroned



*6th World Computer Bridge Championship*

On a day when there were few surprises in either event, the major upset was probably Dhondy's defeat of Terraneo in the Women's event. Three of the Austrians were in the team that won in Lille. The McConnell has reached the quarter final stage and today features four intriguing matches between outstanding teams, with the highlight being the repeat of the thrilling Venice Cup final in Paris when Germany pipped France at the last moment.

### **ROSENBLUM & McCONNELL**

The Rosenblum plays the round of 16 and the McConnell the round of 8 today. Each match consists of four 15-board sessions. Play will be in Galerie 2 & 3 (Open Room) and Galerie 4 (Closed Room). The schedule is as follows:

**10.00 - 12.10, 12.30 - 14.40,  
15.40 - 17.50, 18.10 - 20.20**

The line-up desk for both events is in the corridor outside the playing rooms. The first team must submit its line-up at least 15 minutes before the advertised starting time and the second team within 5 minutes thereafter.

### **OPEN & WOMEN'S PAIRS**

Today the qualification stage of the Open and Women's Pairs begins. Each consists of four sessions. Starting time is 10.00 am.

The Women will all play in the Hotel Hilton Bonaventure (Ballroom). The Open Pairs is divided between the two hotels. Sections A-I play in the Queen Elizabeth, while Sections J, K and L play in the Hilton Bonaventure. Seating positions will be posted in both hotels from 9.00 am onwards.

### **SENIOR TEAMS**

At the end of today there will be a captain's meeting for the first four teams in the rankings. The first-ranked team has the right to choose its opponent from the third- and fourth-placed qualifiers.

The semi-finals and final will be played over 30 boards. There will be a toss for seating rights.

For the non-qualifiers, the Swiss continues for two more rounds on Monday, commencing at 10.00.

### **VuGraph**



VuGraph coverage starts tomorrow morning in the Salle François, which is located on the ground floor (lobby). Play starts at 10.00.

# POWER ROSENBLUM CUP

## (Knockout Phase of 32)

1	<b>Nickell</b>	<b>USA</b>	Dupuis	FRA	56	36	27	41	60	21	60	1	203	99
2	<b>Attanasio</b>	<b>ITA</b>	Ziggy	AUS	26	38	59	19	33	29	5	33	123	119
3	<b>Munawar</b>	<b>INA</b>	Fergani	CAN	17	31	55	13	53	19	63	14	188	77
4	<b>Dalal</b>	<b>IND</b>	Naftali	ISR	50	14	19	44	28	21	41	42	138	121
5	<b>Zimmermann</b>	<b>FRA</b>	Pollack	USA	71	16	21	14	28	35	33	37	153	102
6	Multon	FRA	<b>Monachan</b>	<b>ENG</b>	33	58	37	36	19	13	17	45	106	152
7	Eisenberg	FRA	<b>Rigal</b>	<b>USA</b>	21	47	18	29	7	42	22	28	68	146
8	<b>Burgay</b>	<b>POL</b>	Kalish	ISR	52	23	39	13	18	18	25	42	134	96
9	<b>Meltzer</b>	<b>USA</b>	Blumenthal	FRA	50	18	65	2	13	49	0	0	128	69
10	<b>Fredin</b>	<b>SWE</b>	Kirubakaramoorthy	IND	21	60	49	30	61	12	19	40	150	142
11	<b>Schwartz</b>	<b>USA</b>	Muller	NED	61	37	13	34	25	5	16	27	115	103
12	Jacobs	USA	<b>Maas</b>	<b>NED</b>	14	71	18	44	47	24	38	44	117	183
13	<b>Kowalski</b>	<b>POL</b>	Johnson	USA	32	37	36	49	36	22	30	12	134	120
14	Deutsch	USA	<b>Olanski</b>	<b>POL</b>	34	37	0	67	43	23	29	10	106	137
15	<b>Cayne</b>	<b>USA</b>	Cornell	NZL	42	41	32	32	45	43	46	24	165	140
16	<b>Lavazza</b>	<b>ITA</b>	Miyakuni	JPN	68	13	35	28	36	29	0	0	139	70

# McCONNELL CUP

## (Knockout Phase of 16)

1	<b>Bessis</b>	<b>FRA</b>	Clement	FRA	46	7	9	15	48	2	0	0	103	24
2	<b>Auken</b>	<b>GER</b>	Zhang	CHN	55	25	25	39	22	12	8	29	110	105
3	<b>Baker</b>	<b>USA</b>	Tornay	USA	24	34	53	29	60	24	39	12	176	99
4	<b>Radin</b>	<b>USA</b>	Sutherland	USA	26	19	38	32	22	14	37	22	123	87
5	<b>Sanborn</b>	<b>USA</b>	Klar	USA	43	41	34	24	23	37	55	13	155	115
6	Mancuso	USA	<b>Arrigoni</b>	<b>ITA</b>	35	33	25	47	28	16	34	45	122	141
7	Austria	AUT	<b>Dhondy</b>	<b>ENG</b>	38	60	50	13	21	42	13	55	122	170
8	<b>Vriend</b>	<b>NED</b>	Pigeaud	FRA	60	14	45	32	19	34	14	54	138	134

### Power Rosenblum Round of 16

Nickell *	USA	-	Attanasio	ITA
Munawar	INA	-	Dalal	IND
Zimmermann	FRA	-	Monachan	ENG
Burgay *	POL	-	Rigal	USA
Meltzer	USA	-	Fredin	SWE
Schwartz	USA	-	Maas	NED
Kowalski	POL	-	Olanski *	POL
Lavazza	ITA	-	Cayne	USA

\*Team Playing Brown Sticker Methods

### McConnell Round of 8

Bessis	FRA	-	Auken	GER
Radin *	USA	-	Baker	USA
Sanborn	USA	-	Arrigoni	ITA
Vriend	NED	-	Dhondy	ENG

\*Team Playing Brown Sticker Methods

### W.B.F. LAWS COMMITTEE



A meeting of the WBF Laws Committee has been arranged to take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th August 2002.

The meeting will be held in the Appeals Committee room on the third floor of the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

**SENIORS TEAMS****After 8 Rounds**

1	Otvosi	POL	159
2	Schippers	NLD	157
3	Freed	USA	146
4	Keidan	USA	137
5	Markowicz	TRANS	132
6	Holt	USA	131
7	Budd	USA	130
8	Cohen	USA/CAN	130
9	Hertz	USA	129
10	Marsal	GER	129
11	Sternberg	USA	127.75
12	Levine	USA	124.75
13	Kniest	USA	121
14	Priebe	CAN	118
15	Clark	CAN	118
16	Harper	UK/USA	118
17	Romik	ISR/FRA	117
18	Humburg	GER	116
19	McGowan	UK	115
20	Revill	USA/CAN	114
21	Wegman	USA	112.75
22	Robinson	CAN	112
23	Spengler	SWI	112
24	Janssens	NLD	111
25	Garber	USA	107.75
26	Korkut	TUR/ENG	103
27	Mortelmans	BEL	98
28	Campbell	USA	96.75
29	Schaeffer	USA	90.75
30	Ajania	KEN/CAN	90
31	Leblanc	CAN	83

**ZONAL TEAMS****After 12 Rounds**

1	Morath	SWE	229.00	41	Savko	USA	177.27
2	Forrester	ENG	226.27	42	Wenning	GER	177.00
3	Grue	USA/CAN	221.00	43	Fradette	CAN	177.00
4	Hackett	ENG	218.27	44	Pisarra	USA	176.00
5	Letizia	USA	215.27	45	Kotomi	JAP	175.27
6	Stakgold	USA	212.27	46	Courtney	ENG/ROM	175.00
7	Prokhorov	RUS	208.27	47	Hicks	CAN	174.00
8	Jones	USA/CAN	207.00	48	Toczko	CAN	173.00
9	Rao	IND	206.00	49	Lewaciak	POL	173.00
10	Roche	CAN	205.27	50	Koshi	JAP	170.27
11	Kaufmann	ENG	205.00	51	Yeung	HKG	169.00
12	Baze	USA/CAN	204.00	52	Van Ekeren	USA/CAN	169.00
13	Kujirai	CAN	204.00	53	Poddar	IND	168.27
14	Dhondy	ENG	203.00	54	Bernazzani	VEN	164.00
15	Green	CAN	203.00	55	Hammeed	BAH	162.00
16	Barrett	USA	202.27	56	Wells	CAN	162.00
17	Voldoire	FRA	202.00	57	Dohnert	VEN	162.00
18	Hardeman	BEL	201.00	58	Diamond	USA	161.00
19	Hanayama	Japan	199.00	59	Prabhu	USA	160.27
20	Morse	USA	198.27	60	Germon	MAR	159.00
21	Goldsmith	USA	198.00	61	Lahaie	CAN	158.00
22	Willis	CAN/SWI	198.00	62	Thibault	CAN	154.00
23	Atay	TUR	197.27	63	Higashiguchi	JAP	152.00
24	Gartaganis	CAN	196.00	64	Pasquini	VEN	151.00
25	Curetti	FRA	195.27	65	Ganzer	USA	142.00
26	Berrada	MOR	194.00	66	Dalvi	IND	141.00
27	Zen	HKG	193.00	67	Boyer	REU	140.00
28	Czerniewski	ENG	193.00	68	Castanho	BRA	130.00
29	Davidson	CAN/USA	193.00	69	Page	CAN	123.00
30	Moazzem Hussain	BAN	192.00	70	Friedman	CAN	104.00
31	Teramoto	JAP	192.00	71	Marcinski	CAN	103.00
32	Colchamiro	USA	190.00	72	Taciuc	ROM	97.00
33	Bompis	FRA	189.00	73	Summers	CAN	92.00
34	Ellington	USA/CAN	187.00	74	Marcoux	CAN	83.00
35	Ren	CHI	185.00	75	Haramati	ISR	83.00
36	Retek	CAN	183.00	76	Cope	SAF	83.00
37	Eber	SAF	183.00	77	Lungo	ROM	79.00
38	Hirschaut	VEN	181.27	78	ISCO	ISR	77.00
39	Chartrand	CAN	179.00	79	Bouveresse	GUA	76.00
40	Fraser	CAN	178.00				

**6th World Computer  
Bridge Championship**

After the halfway point in the round robin GIB has a slight lead over Jack, with Q-Plus and Wbridge 5 close behind. The top four programs will advance to the semifinals.

GIB	79
Jack	73
Q-Plus Bridge	67
WBridge5	66
MicroBridge	53
Blue Chip Bridge	46
Meadowlark Bridge	22

The matches will continue this morning at 9:00 AM in the Peribonko room on the Convention floor.

**JUNIOR IMP PAIRS****Final Standings after 2 Rounds**

			1st	2nd	Total	IMP/board
1	Lula-Swiatek	POL	35	39	74	1.54
2	De Groot-Brink	NED	45	13	58	1.14
3	Wilsmore-Wyner	AUS	37	5	42	0.82
4	Lavee-Grainger	CAN	4	29	33	0.69
5	Neill-Morris	USA/ENG	30	3	33	0.65
6	Bessis T-Gaviard	FRA	10	15	25	0.52
7	Vinay-Katz	FRA/USA	19	-9	10	0.26
8	Hobeika-Leprovost	FRA	0	12	12	0.24
9	Dybdahl-Livgard	NOR	-8	17	9	0.18
10	Bessis O-de Tessieres	FRA	-1	9	8	0.16
11	Beck-Pearlman	USA	21	-17	4	0.08
12	Grenthe G-Grenthe J.	FRA	8	-6	2	0.04
13	Lellouche-Hoffman	ISR	1	-11	-10	-0.20
14	Hay-Nunn	AUS	6	-19	-13	-0.25
15	Sbariglia-Nicolodi	ITA	-12	-23	-35	-0.69
16	Ortmann-Shah	DEN/ENG	-19	-19	-38	-0.75
17	Miles-Lafferty	CAN	-64	14	-50	-0.98
18	Lachance-Gauthier	CAN	-106	-52	-158	-3.29

# Eye on the Prize - Part 2

At the halfway point of their Power Rosenblum match in the round of 64, the Barry Rigal team held a useful 37-IMP lead against the squad captained by Tony Forrester. You take nothing for granted, of course, in any match, but that goes double when you have another 28 boards to play against a formidable pair like Forrester and Andrew Robson.

Indeed, Forrester won the third set 42-30 to enter the final quarter down by 25, not insurmountable by any means.

Rigal, playing with JoAnna Stansby, was regretting having missed a key inference on this deal, which cost the team 5 IMPs in the third set.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rigal		Stansby	
Pass	INT	2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♥	All Pass		Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> One major.



Joann Sprung

Forrester led the ♦A and switched to the ♠K, taken by Rigal in dummy. He played a club to the jack and ace and won the spade return in hand. He realized later that he had enough information at that point to have made his contract, but he went wrong, playing heart to the king, losing to the ace. Forrester then received his spade ruff and the defenders still had the ♥J and ♥Q to come. That was down one and a 6-IMP loss since East-West played in a spade partial at the other table, making an overtrick.

Rigal realized that he could have made the contract for a 1-IMP loss and that he had the clues he needed to find the correct line. Since North by inference had the ♦K to go with his ace and had shown up with the ♣A and the ♠K, he could not have the ♥A as well. That would have put him outside his INT opening range.

Rigal's correct line, then, is to run the ♥8 at trick five (it doesn't help for Forrester to cover with the 9), losing to the jack. Robson can give Forrester his spade ruff, but Rigal can later play the ♥K, pinning the queen and bringing home the awkward contract for plus 110.

Entering the final quarter, the Rigal team was hoping for a set of flat boards. They got anything but.

Paul Lewis and Danny Sprung, in the open room, started well against David Bakhshi and Alexander Allfrey.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sprung	Allfrey	Lewis	Bakhshi
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
5♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
		6♦	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Roman Key Card Blackwood

<sup>(2)</sup> Two keys plus the trump queen.

There was never going to be anything to the play, but the opening lead would have repercussions for the Forrester team. Allfrey started with a low spade, allowing Sprung to take all the tricks for plus 940. At the other table, Joann Sprung, playing with Connie Goldberg, started with a low club, holding declarer to 12 tricks.

A couple of pushes followed, then the Rigal team gained 2 IMPs on overtricks on a 3NT contract played at both tables.

Forrester gained 8 IMPs, however, when Lewis and Danny Sprung allowed Bakhshi to make an overtrick in 2♠ while Forrester and Robson were plus 200 against a spade contract in the other room. That was 8 IMPs to Forrester, now down 20.

Rigal gained another overtrick IMP when Danny Sprung made 12 tricks in 5♣, while Joann and Goldberg held declarer to 11 tricks in the same contract.

Boards 26 and 27 were significant losses for Rigal - and they both involved doubles.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprung</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
All Pass		Pass	Dble

Bakhshi's double seems entirely normal with his trump holding behind declarer - plus the top two diamonds. The defenders might have beaten Lewis three tricks, but they were not unhappy with plus 500. At the other table, Goldberg inexplicably passed, collecting only plus 200. That was 7 IMPs to Forrester.

The next board was an even bigger loss.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprung</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	1♠	3♦	1♣
5♦	5♠	All Pass	4♦

Bakhshi's 4♦ bid should have given Allfrey enough impetus to bid the cold slam, but it didn't happen, and he was annoyed at the possibility of an 11-IMP loss should Joann Sprung and Goldberg bid it at the other table.

The auction was much the same in the closed room, but when West bid 5♦, Joann doubled. There were only three tricks for the defense, however, and plus 100 was decidedly disappointing. That was 9 IMPs to Forrester, now within 5 IMPs.

Forrester gained another IMP on the next board to get to within 4.

Since Forrester gained 4 IMPs on the last deal, the next-to-last deal provided the winning margin for Rigal.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprung</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
4♥	1♦	Pass	1♠
	All Pass		

Allfrey led the ♠A, then switched to the ♦2. Bakshi won the ♦K and, unable to diagnose Allfrey's plan, switched to a club. That was all Sprung needed to get home with the overtrick that decided the match. He won the ♣A, cashed two trumps, then ruffed a club and pitched his other club loser and diamond loser on the top spades. At the other table, Joann Sprung led the ♠A, but she allowed for no slips by the defense when she cashed the ♦A and played a second diamond to her partner's king. That was minus 420 and a 1-IMP gain in match whose final score was 121-120.

**Sonicwall - Our firewalls protect whilst Bill Gates plays! - Sonicwall (www.sonicwall.com) sponsor of firewalls to the WBF.**



## Interesting Splinter

A splinter bid shows a shortage, right? Well, yes, but maybe a little bit of poetic licence is allowed sometimes. Gunnar Hallberg, formerly of Sweden, and Lionel Wright, formerly of New Zealand, have both been living in England for several years and are representing that country here in Montreal. They both showed a little imagination on this deal from the final set of their Round of 64 match in the Power Rosenblum to earn a crucial swing.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 7 5 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ 8 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 10 9 8 5 3 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 10 5 4	♠ J ♥ J 6 3 ♦ K 8 7 6 3 2 ♣ K Q 6
N							
W							
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S							

West	North	East	South
<i>Wright</i>		<i>Hallberg</i>	
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Two Clubs was strong and artificial, with the weakest possibility being a 20-21 HCP balanced hand. The 2♠ response was to play facing 20-21 balanced. Now Wright, with such wonderful spade support and controls, wanted to invite slam and, as he was looking for a diamond control as much as anything, 4♣ seemed to be the most convenient way forward. Of course, that was supposed to be a splinter bid, promising shortage but....

Hallberg decided that, within the context of a hand that wanted to play only 2♠ facing 20-21 balanced, he could have been worse, so cuebid the ♦Q. Expecting to be facing the ♦K, Wright leapt to slam, ending the auction. East's ♣10 made the contract pretty good once a diamond lead had been avoided and, in fact, played this way up there was no lead to threaten it.

Plus 980 on this deal earned the MONACHAN team 11 IMPs, and was crucial as their winning margin over the Dutch ABRAM team was only 5 IMPs.

## SYSTEMS DESK

All quarter-finalists in the Power Rosenblum and McConnell are requested to file a copy of their convention cards and, where possible, their systems, with Anna Gudge in the WBF Secretariat on the Conventions Level of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

## It's A Family Affair

We heard earlier in these Championships about the Bessis family from France, four of whom have represented their country at Zonal level in the last few months. But what is the largest family of national and international champions in the bridge world?

The family of Jillian Levin of USA must have a claim to this title. Jillian herself is a two-time world champion and is the daughter of Gail Greenberg (five-time world champion) and Steve Shane (a US national champion), and was step-daughter of Mike Moss. Jillian is married to Bobby Levin (world champion), and sister to multi-national champion Brad Moss and junior medallist Andrew Moss.

Incidentally, Jillian has written a novel, *Bet, Raise or Fold*. It is on sale at the Baron Barclay Bookstall at this tournament and also available on the internet at Amazon.com. Many of the characters from the bridge world as well as Jillian's experiences in it are set in a poker background, though there is no need to understand poker to enjoy the book.

Of course, there are many other bridge authors present at this tournament, but do we have any other authors of mainstream novels or similar?

## Departure tax

All participants leaving Montreal by plane are advised that there is a \$15 CAD airport tax on departure. Please be sure to keep enough dollars to pay for this.



*John Steeves, left, and Edward Hynes show off the "Bridge Famous" logos on their shirts in honor of the many covered bridges in and around their home of Sussex, New Brunswick - about 500 miles from Montreal. The trip to the World Championships was sponsored for Steeves and Hynes by local businesses.*

## DUPUIS' French team wins in 42 boards

The round of 64 was supposed to be played in 64 boards and the schedule was much more pleasant when it was decided to play only 56 boards. The Dupuis team managed to go through in only 42 boards, when their opponents, Nader of Brazil team shook hands when down 104 with 14 boards to play.

Part of this lead came from brilliancy by Jean- François Allix on board 7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 5 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ A J ♣ A J 10 4	♠ A 10 4 3 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K 9 4 3 ♣ K 6 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	♠ K J 8 7 ♥ K 8 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ Q 8 7 2
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W      E						
S						
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West	North	East	South
<i>Allix</i>		<i>Mauberquez</i>	
			2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All pass	

3♣ was a Stayman. The lead was the ♥10 to the king and ace. Back came the ♥J to the queen, North discarding a spade.

To bring his contract home, West needed ace and queen of spades to be on side.

Jean-François Allix found a little improvement by playing a spade to the king. Down came the queen the rest was easy: three club tricks, three spade tricks, finessing the ten, and after ace and jack of diamond North was forced to let East score the ♦Q: a grand total of nine tricks and 750 for a 13 IMP swing. This "safety" play of the ♠K deserved full credit.

600 but for which side?

At another table an unnamed French player went down six on the same lead, playing a spade to the jack - we must admit that it would be the right play if the 10 of spades would be the stiff spade South had. When comparing score: he announced '600'...but had to admit...'for them'

Note also that a diamond switch by East at trick two would have beaten the contract whatever the declarer skill is. So perhaps the best would be to play low from dummy at trick one, though East beats the contract by taking the ♥A and playing a diamond. Not that easy.

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## Round 3

# McConnell Cup

from our Austrian Correspondent

Austria's Jovi Smederevac can always be relied upon to provide us with interesting deals. These are from the match against Venezuela in the qualifying stage of the McConnell.

Dealer East. E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Daryanani	Erhart	Pacheco	Smederevac
		2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West may have been a little over optimistic, but it still took careful defence to defeat Five Spades. South led a club and declarer took the ace, unblocked the king of spades and exited with a

club. North took the trick and switched to a diamond. South did not make the mistake of putting in the jack and declarer had no way to escape from the dummy without losing two more tricks. Declarer tried two more rounds of diamonds but North ruffed with the queen of spades and South still had a trump trick.

However, there is a way for declarer to succeed as the cards lie. After winning the first two tricks declarer cashes two diamonds before exiting with a club. Now the defenders are helpless, as it is no longer possible to lock declarer in dummy. Of course, if North then exits with a heart declarer will play three rounds of the suit and ruff in hand with the jack of spades

At the other table East/West stopped in 3NT, making an overtick for 12 IMPs to Austria.

Venezuela hit back with a slam swing:

Dealer West. E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Daryanani	Erhart	Pacheco	Smederevac
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

The 4-3 fit was the only winning spot this time - declarer could win the diamond lead, draw trumps in three rounds and play three rounds of clubs, ruffing the last and claiming twelve tricks. Austria stopped in game in the other room to lose 13 IMPs, but won the match 44-34, 17-13 VP.



Jovi Smederevac

## Free world championship books

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# The English Draw First Blood

by Sam Leckie

The only English team to survive to the last thirty-two of the Power Rosenblum was Monachan (Hackett, Hackett, Wright, Hallberg).

In that round they met the strong French team Multon, with its host of World Champions. In the first set of boards there were many big swings including two slam deals that went in favour of the English.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Justin		Jason	
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Nothing to the play, +980.



Lionel Wright

West	North	East	South
Izisel		Pilon	
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Did East intend 4NT as Blackwood? Of course the same twelve tricks were made.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



The French pair bid to Six Hearts, a good slam, which at worst depends on finding the jack of spades with a fair chance of the suit being led for you. It wasn't and declarer misguessed for one down.

West	North	East	South
Wright		Hallberg	
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Afraid of a spade lead Wright did not bid the slam and these two boards contributed to the first quarter score of 94-70 in favour of Monachan.

## Correction

### Power Rosenblum Qualifying Group H

1*	Monachan	ENG	182.00
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8	Castong	CAN	104.00
9	Mondon	REU	102.00
10	Thibault	CAN	85.00

\*Tie-break based on match between the two teams



# Fall of Eagles



In the last round of the McConnell qualifying contest the match between Bessis and Wei-Sender was winner take all as the loser would be eliminated, meaning that at least one potential winner would have fallen at the first hurdle.

It was the number one seeds from France who eventually prevailed, but both sides failed to cope with this deal:

Dealer West. All Vul

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ -

♦ A 2

♣ K Q 10 8 6 4

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

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

♠ A K J

♥ A 6 2

♦ K 10 7 3

♣ A 7 2

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	D'Ovidio	Molson	Bessis
Pass	Pass	2♦*	Dble
2♥*	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
All Pass			



Tobi Sokolow

Everyone knows the French style is conservative but it is taking a good thing too far to pass on the North cards. Our expert panel - all world champions - were strongly in favour of opening One Club. However, it did not look to have done any harm - until North passed what was surely Blackwood. Could the Americans do better:

West	North	East	South
Willard	Picus	Cronier	Blanchard
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

Here One Club would have been strong, so the problem for North was different. However our panel were in favour of Two Clubs. West's raise took away space but North should have done rather more. The two bids suggested were Five Hearts (the top vote) and a practical Six Clubs.

A swing on this deal would have given the American team a lead at half time and might have altered the course of the match.

## Schedule of Events

Subject to Confirmation

### McConnell Cup (Queen Eliz.)

Round of 8 10.00-12.10, 12.30-14.40  
15.40-17.50, 18.10-20.20

### Power Rosenblum Cup (Queen Eliz.)

Round of 16 10.00-12.10, 12.30-14.40  
15.40-17.50, 18.10-20.20

Senior Teams (Queen Eliz.) 10.00

### Qualifying Open and Women Pairs

1st Session 10.00  
2nd Session 16.00

## SCHEDULE OF CAN-AM 2002

Sunday August 25

09.00	Bracketed Morning KO#4	3rd Session
	Bracketed Morning KO#5	1st Session
	Morning Contin. Pairs#2	3rd Session
13.00	Swiss Stratiflighted	1st Session
	Bracketed KO#3	3rd Session
	Continuous Pairs#4	1st Session
19.30	Swiss Stratiflighted	2nd Session
	Bracketed KO#3	4th Session
	Continuous Pairs#4	2nd Session

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Principle analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal, with other contributions from guest writers, including Mark Horton and Patrick Jourdain. The intention is to cover every board in the final and semi-finals of the Power Rosenblum and the final session of both Open and Women's Pairs events, plus substantial coverage of the earlier stages of these events and all other Championship events. There will be a comprehensive results listing and many photographs.

**From The Zonal Teams**

Nick Krnjevic (I asked him how to pronounce that and he said 'Nick') called in to bring this nice hand from the Zonal Swiss Teams. Alan Apteker and Bernard Donde of South Africa got into a bit of a tangle in the auction but, as they say, the play's the thing.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Krnjevic	Apteker	Zhang	Donde
1♥	Dble	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Clearly, 6♣ would have been a much more comfortable spot but South assumed that his partner had genuine spade support. Anyway, Krnjevic led a top heart and Xun Zhang played the eight, standard signals. Krnjevic continued with the second top heart, forcing dummy to ruff. Donde crossed to the queen of diamonds and took the spade finesse then cashed the ace of spades. The fall of the queen was good news because it meant that there was a chance, but was it doubleton or from ♠Q104?

Donde crossed to the ace of clubs and thought for awhile before coming up with the winning answer. He did not cash the ♠K but played for his opponents to have a little distribution for their bidding. Donde simply started to run the clubs, playing for the trump coup. There was no escape for Zhang. If he ruffed in at any time he would be over-ruffed and the last trump drawn, after which dummy would be high. If he never ruffed in, dummy would be on lead at trick twelve for the trump coup. Nicely played.

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The Annual General Meeting of the International Bridge Press Association will be held on Monday morning, 26th August at 09.00 in the Saint Maurice meeting room. This is on the Conference floor. Turn right in front of the

President's office just past the lifts and it is the last door on the left. The meeting will include the presentation of the Annual Awards to players and reporting journalists.

## Playing tough

Brad Moss's team barely failed to qualify in the Power Rosenblum, but in the second half of their final match against the tough Olanski team from Poland, Moss helped his squad to a game swing with expert play on this deal (hands rotated).

<p>♠ 10 9 2 ♥ A J 9 6 ♦ K 9 7 4 3 ♣ 10 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 3 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ Q 10 8 6 2 ♣ Q 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60px; text-align: center;"> <p>N W     E S</p> </div> <p>♠ A K Q 5 ♥ K 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ A K 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ J 7 4 ♥ Q 10 7 3 ♦ J 4 ♣ J 9 8 6</p>	
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Moss's 2♥ was a relay to show his extra strength, prompting partner Fred Gitelman to bid the notrump game.

West led the ♠9, and Moss cashed the top three spades, happily noting the 3-3 split. He then played a low club to the queen, noting the 2 from West and the 6 from East. When he played the ♣5 from dummy and East played the 8, Moss thought about his play for a bit before making the key move of playing low. West had to win the ♣10 and was endplayed, forced to break hearts or diamonds. He chose a low diamond, and Moss put in the queen to earn his overtrick.

Moss's play in clubs was well conceived and designed to protect his ♥K. He didn't need five club tricks, after all - four would do.

At the other table, declarer did not consider his plays as carefully as Moss did, and when East got in the heart shift defeated the contract.



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## AFRICAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

The 8th ABF meeting will take place today Sunday 25th August 2002 at 9.00 a.m. in the Saint Maurice room on the Conference floor at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, as per the following agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of 12th February 2001 in Cairo
2. Zone council news
3. ABF accounts
4. Yearly subscription
5. Zone 8 representation. Junior World Championship.
6. Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup and All Africa Championships, Gaborone, Botswana.
7. Master Points register.
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting.

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### Festival Schedule

		<b><u>Tuesday 22/10</u></b>
h. 19.00		Welcome Cocktail
h. 20.00		Opening Ceremony
h. 21.00	Open Teams	Board-A-Match 24 boards
		<b><u>Wednesday 23/10</u></b>
h. 10.00 - 15.30		Senior Pairs Confirmation of Entry
h. 16.00	Senior Pairs 1st session	Mitchell 20/22 boards
h. 21.00	Senior Pairs 2nd session	Mitchell 20/22 boards
		<b><u>Thursday 24/10</u></b>
h. 16.00	Senior Pairs Final Session Final A Final B (C)	Barometer 22 boards Mitchell 20/22 boards
h. 21.00	Individual	Rainbow Mitchell 20/22 boards
		<b><u>Friday 25/10</u></b>
h. 10.00 - 13.30		Senior & Students/NC Teams Confirmation of Entry
h. 14.00	Senior Teams 1st session Students & NC Teams 1st session	Lagged Swiss 4x8 boards
h. 21.00	X-IMPs Open Pairs	Mitchell 20/22 boards
		<b><u>Saturday 26/10</u></b>
h. 14.00	Senior Teams 2nd session Students & NC Teams 2nd session	Lagged Swiss 2x8 boards
h. 21.00	Mixed Pairs	Mitchell 20/22 boards single session event

### **Sunday 27/10**

h. 10.00	Senior Teams 3rd session Students & NC Teams 3rd session	Lagged Swiss 2x8 boards
h. 14.30	Senior Teams KO Final Students & NC Teams KO Final	2x12 boards Stanzas
h. 18.30	PRO-AM Pairs	Mitchell 20/22 boards Prize Giving Ceremony

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#### PROGRAMME & SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- Saturday 14th** - Opening Ceremony  
 - Mixed Teams (Qualifying round)
- Sunday 15th** - Mixed Teams (Qualifying round)
- Monday 16th** - Mixed Teams  
 (16-&8- Final/ Consolation Swiss)
- Tuesday 17th** - Mixed Teams (4- & Semi-final)  
 - Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 1st & 2nd Sessions)
- Wedn. 18th** - Mixed Teams (Final)  
 - Mixed Pairs  
 (Qualifying 3rd & Final 1st Sessions)
- Thursday 19th** - Mixed Pairs (Final 2nd & 3rd Sessions)
- Friday 20th** - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
 (Qualifying Sessions)
- Saturday 21st** - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
 (Qualifying Sessions)
- Sunday 22nd** - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
 (Qualifying Sessions)
- Monday 23rd** - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
 (16- & 8- Final / Consolation)
- Tuesday 24th** - Men, Women & Senior Teams  
 (4- & Semi-final)  
 - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
 (1st & 2nd Qualifying Sessions)
- Wedn. 25th** - Men, Women & Senior Teams (Final)  
 - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
 (3rd Qual. & 1st Semi-final)
- Thursday 26th** - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
 (2nd & 3rd Semi-final)
- Friday 27th** - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
 (1st & 2nd Final & Consolation)
- Saturday 28th** - Men, Women & Senior Pairs  
 (3rd Final Session)  
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Play will start at 10/10.30 a.m. and finish at 8/8.30 p.m. each day, except for Saturday 14th June, when play will start in the afternoon after the Opening Ceremony.

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## COMMENT DEVENIR MAITRE A VIE

par Julie Fajgelzon

On dit toujours que la chose la plus importante pour réussir au bridge c'est de faire confiance à son partenaire. Dimanche après-midi, Yvonne Shamash jouait dans les paires avec son partenaire préféré, Denis Lesage, lorsqu'elle a poussé ce conseil à l'extrême.

Voici la main d'Yvonne:

♠ A 10 8 2  
♥ D 7 6  
♦ A 7  
♣ A D 9 2

Elle a ouvert ISA et voici comment les enchères se sont déroulées:

Nord	Est	Sud	Ouest
Yvonne		Denis	
ISA	2♥	2♠	Passe
3♠	4♦	Passe	Passe
4♠!!!!			

(j'ai confiance au jeu de la carte de mon partenaire)

Denis ne l'a pas déçue. Il a rentré ce contrat quelque peu optimiste. Voici les quatre mains :

	♠ A 10 8 2	
	♥ D 7 6	
	♦ A 7	
	♣ A D 9 2	
♠ 6 5 4 3		♠ D
♥ 8 5 3		♥ A R V 10 9
♦ D 10 6		♦ R 9 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 6		♣ R 7
	♠ R V 9 7	
	♥ 4 2	
	♦ V 8 4	
	♣ V 5 4 3	

L'entame fut le 8 de cœur et Est a joué 3 coups de cœur et Denis a coupé le 3ème. Il a ensuite tiré un tour d'atout puis a joué as de trèfle et petit trèfle pour le roi d'Est. Celui-ci n'a pas osé rejouer sous son roi de carreau et a, à la place, offert une coupe et défausse avec un 4ème cœur. Denis a défaussé le carreau du mort et a coupé une 2ème fois dans sa main. Maintenant, il a tiré les autres atouts et a ainsi fait 6 levées à pique, 3 à trèfle, et une à carreau pour un total de 10 et son contrat.

Yvonne et Denis ont gagné leur section et Yvonne a récolté les points or qu'il lui fallait pour devenir maître a vie. Félicitations Yvonne mais à l'avenir il faudrait peut-être faire un peu moins confiance à ton partenaire.

## UN SIGNAL DANGEREUX

par Julie Fajgelzon

Notre déclarant, Denis Lesage, a su profiter d'un signal peu astucieux d'un adversaire mardi soir.

Voici la main en question:

	♠ R 10 7 6	
	♥ 7 5	
	♦ V 10 8 7 4 2	
	♣ 8	
♠ 9 2		♠ D V 8 5 4
♥ R V 10 3		♥ 9 8 6
♦ A 3		♦ 6 5
♣ 10 5 4 3 2		♣ D V 7
	♠ A 3	
	♥ A D 4 2	
	♦ R D 9	
	♣ A R 9 6	

Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
Lesage			
2♣	Passe	2♦	Passe
2SA	Passe	3♣	Passe
3♥	Passe	3SA	Passe
Passe	Passe		

L'entame était le 3 de trèfle pour le 8, valet et roi du déclarant. Denis a joué le roi et ensuite la dame de carreau que Ouest a pris de l'as et a continué du 2 de trèfle. Denis a défaussé un pique du mort, dame en Est et Denis a pris de l'as. La, il a défilé ses carreaux et la première défausse d'Est fut le 9 de cœur. Son partenaire a expliqué au déclarant qu'ils jouaient les défausses Lavinthal, ce qui signifiait que le 9 de son partenaire ne montrait aucun intérêt à cœur mais qu'il avait de bons piques.

Ceci a indiqué à Lesage la bonne ligne de jeu. Sur les carreaux il a défaussé 2 cœurs et 1 trèfle pour arriver à la position suivante:

	♠ R 10 7	
	♥ 7 5	
	♦ -	
	♣ -	
♠ 9 2		♠ D V 8
♥ R V		♥ 9
♦ -		♦ -
♣ 10		♣ 7
	♠ A 3	
	♥ A D	
	♦ -	
	♣ 9	

Se fiant au signal de l'adversaire, il a maintenant joué le roi de pique et le 7 vers son as et ensuite le 9 de trèfle vers le 10 d'Ouest. Celui-ci a dû rentrer dans la fourchette as et dame de cœur pour tous les match-points.



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## VENDREDI MATIN - FRIDAY MORNING PAIRS

13 Pairs		A	B	C		
2.68	1				Glenn Eisenstein - Bernard Sillins, New York NY	73.64
1.94	2				Jon Coffee, Bloomfield MI; Alexander Labry, Austin TX	72.55
2.28	3	1			Donald Sondergeld, Hubbardton VT; Paddy Gouthro, Halifax NS	68.73
1.82	4	2	1		Samuel leong - I.L. leong, New Haven CT	68.50
1.37	5/6	3/4	2		George Kitchen, North Gower ON; Bruce Zeran, Kingston ON	65.45

## VENDREDI PM - FRIDAY AFT PAIRS

52 Pairs		A	B	C		
5.46	1				Henry Francis - Dorothy Francis, Memphis	131.00
4.10	2				David Marcus, Westmount PQ; Peter Neufeld, Pierrefonds PQ	115.00
4.10	3	1			Louise Hoffman, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; S Leznoff, No Palm Beach FL	109.50
3.08	5	2	1		Hoda Saba, Montreal PQ; May Khouri,	102.00
2.31		3	2		Douglas Smith - Susan Smith,	98.50
1.58		6/7	3		Jean-Marc Picard, Pte-Trembles PQ; Jacques Maltais, Montreal PQ	95.50

## FRIDAY VENDREDI OPEN-PAIRES LIBRE

36 Pairs		A	B	C		
14.35	1				Anna Boivin, Victoria BC; Alan Schwartz, Montreal PQ	204.50
10.76	2				Hans-Olaf Hallen, Malmo SW; Ralf Bystrom, Hammaro SW	203.50
8.07	3				Dorothy Marcus, Westmount PQ; Deanna Godel, Cote Saint-Luc PQ	192.50
6.05	4	1			Bouchard G B Gilbert, Sept Iles PQ; Claude Boisvert, Shawinigan PQ	191.00
4.46		2	1		Felicity Reid, Albuquerque NM; Rose Marie Mahfood, Lighthse Point FL	186.50
3.35		3			Eric David, Sainte-Julie PQ; Alain Henault, Longueuil PQ	180.00
2.24			2/3		Yvan Lizotte, La Prairie PQ; Clemence Cantin, Brossard PQ	165.00
2.24			2/3		Rudi Nadler - Radu Arition, Staten Island NY	165.00

## VENDREDI - FRIDAY SENIORS

46 Pairs		A	B	C		
9.24	1				Jon Coffee, Bloomfield MI; Alexander Labry, Austin TX	217.50
6.93	2				Charles Duchene, Saint-Laurent PQ; Rollande Makarewicz, Pierrefonds PQ	199.00
5.20	3				Alan Douglas, Pembroke BE; Ian Harvey, Devonshire BE	192.50
4.17		1/2	1		Lucien Binette - Vital Poulin, Boucherville PQ	181.50
4.17		1/2			Claude Le Cavalier - Roland Drainville, Laval PQ	181.50
2.68			3		Hallie Frank, Hampstead PQ; Marilyn Golfman, Westmount PQ	176.50

2.05	4	2			Sandra Patack - Beverly Pearlman, Albany NY	174.00
1.70	5	3			Guy La Chapelle, L.D.R. PQ; Andre Perreault, Laval PQ	172.50

## FRIDAY EVENING - VENDREDI SOIR CONTINUES

48 Pairs		A	B	C		
5.16	1				Allan Coyne, Kitchener ON; William Mellon, Hamilton ON	108.50
4.55	2	1			Steven Lariviere, Toronto ON; Marie-France Benoit, St Sauveur PQ	106.14
3.41	3	2			Eva Piken-Nagler - Rick Nagler, Manhattan Beach CA	104.50
2.94	5	1			Susan Smith - Douglas Smith, Unionville ON	97.50
2.21			2		James Dulmage, Regina SK; Gordon Zind, Ottawa ON	92.71

## VENDREDI - FRIDAY "A" SWISS

12 Teams						
23.10	1				Linda Gordon, New York NY; Mickie Kivel, West Palm Beach FL; Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn	112.00
17.33	2				Bernard Sillins - Glenn Eisenstein - Joyce Sillins - Jonathan Greenspan, NY	105.00
12.99	3				Barry Turner, Richardson TX; John Schwartz, Plano TX; Sandra Robson, New Westminster BC; Stahl, GE	91.00

## VENDREDI - FRIDAY B/C SWISS

31 Teams		B	C			
10.17		1/2			Pierre Bernier, Baie-Comeau PQ; Eli Cygler, Cote-St-Luc PQ; Ivan Cagran, Montreal PQ; George Krizel, Fstrvl Trvose PA	114.00
10.17		1/2			Claude Garneau, Longueuil PQ; Denis Lecomte, Longueuil QC; Jean Guy Viel, Brossard PQ; Ray Pelletier, Brossard QC	114.00
4.10			1		Guy Milmore, Saint-Hippolyte PQ; Gerard Marcil, Prevost PQ; Richard Dumont, Lachute PQ; Guy Maugeais, Sainte-Sophie PQ	92.00
3.08			2		Rita Blondeau, Pierrefonds QC; Rosemary Taylor, St Lazare PQ; Pierre Lyonnais - Shelia Taveroff, Dol-des-Ormea PQ	84.00

### OIE, OIE, OIE

Notre conférencier aujourd'hui sera Christian Houle, joueur bien connu à Montréal. Il nous parlera d'un sujet bien important : les enchères compétitives. Ceci se passera en français à 12h20 dans le salon Frontenac au Hilton Bonaventure.

Come listen to Christian Houle tell us about competitive auctions, a very important topic for any player wishing to compete in today's bridge. The session will be held in French at 12:20 today in the "Salon Frontenac" at the Hilton Bonaventure.