

FIRST GOLD TO USA



The Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists in the 2nd International Senior Cup

Trailing by 1 Victory Point with a round to go, USA rallied for a big win to edge the Netherlands for first place in the 2nd International Senior Cup.

The winners, earning the first gold medals of the tournament, are John Onstott, Jim Robison, John Schermer, Neil Chambers, Marshall Miles and Leo Bell. Gene Freed was non-playing captain.

USA led going into the final two rounds Sunday, but they lost 52-14 (5-25) to Turkey in the next-to-last round. The

Netherlands also lost, but by a smaller margin and the 8 VPs they earned put them into first with 519 VPs to USA's 518.

In the last round, the Netherlands tied with Italy while USA defeated Denmark 48-19.

Knockout play continues today in the Open and Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad. Competitors in the Open series will play their second quarterfinal match today, while the Women begin quarterfinal matches.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	China v Japan	11:00
	TO BE DECIDED	14:00
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OPEN ROUND OF 16 RESULTS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-60	Boards 61-72	Total
Netherlands	Germany	31 - 29	50 - 13	31 - 18	29 - 49	34 - 33	175 - 142
Ireland	Sweden	33 - 28	36 - 54	68 - 39	31 - 17	25 - 22	193 - 160
France	Hungary	34 - 36	31 - 20	20 - 60	66 - 14	17 - 52	168 - 182
Turkey	Russia	32 - 52	44 - 24	26 - 52	45 - 27	16 - 15	163 - 170
China	Iceland	57 - 24	43 - 15	40 - 6	22 - 46	56 - 13	218 - 104
Japan	Egypt	47 - 36	28 - 63	40 - 20	47 - 40	61 - 40	223 - 199
England	Pakistan	32 - 46	6 - 33	41 - 47	23 - 52	62 - 23	164 - 201
Italy	USA	18 - 11	27 - 54	27 - 4	32 - 60	54 - 17	158 - 146

WOMEN'S ROUND OF 16 RESULTS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-60	Total
China	South Africa	53 - 32	72 - 4	39 - 30	53 - 20	217 - 86
Croatia	Sweden	28 - 29	39 - 35	16 - 42	44 - 50	127 - 156
USA	Turkey	12.5 - 50.5	93 - 5	11 - 38	50 - 11	166.5 - 104.5
Austria	Poland	35 - 39	28 - 37	48 - 23	26 - 41	137 - 140
Netherlands	Finland	28 - 41	14 - 21	31 - 16	50 - 26	123 - 104
Russia	Germany	0 - 40	26 - 18	32 - 28	75 - 14	133 - 100
France	Greece	40 - 37	55 - 31	60 - 1	31 - 27	186 - 96
England	Italy	42 - 27	37 - 21	41 - 20	42 - 30	162 - 98

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 28

Match		IMPs		VPs	
Sweden	Bye	0	0	18	0
61 England	Chinese Taipei	52	31	21	9
62 Portugal	Israel	24	14	18	12
63 Wales	Denmark	33	13	20	10
64 China	Costa Rica	44	18	22	8
65 Japan	Italy	36	47	12	18
66 Australia	Poland	26	28	14	16
67 Netherlands	Scotland	18	43	8	22
68 Venezuela	France	15	22	13	17
69 Canada	Pakistan	33	17	19	11
70 USA	Turkey	14	52	5	25
71 Guadeloupe	Germany	10	46	6	24
72 Belgium	Switzerland	8	16	13	17
73 Austria	Spain	13	13	15	15
74 Ireland	New Zealand	29	30	15	15

ROUND 29

Match		IMPs		VPs	
Pakistan	Bye	0	0	18	0
61 Italy	Netherlands	21	21	15	15
62 Costa Rica	Venezuela	40	33	17	13
63 New Zealand	Turkey	1	56	2	25
64 Spain	Portugal	17	9	17	13
65 France	Poland	31	11	20	10
66 Guadeloupe	Canada	27	40	11	19
67 Israel	England	53	15	25	5
68 Scotland	Switzerland	43	10	24	6
69 Chinese Taipei	Austria	24	54	7	23
70 Germany	Sweden	48	31	20	10
71 China	Australia	24	47	9	21
72 Denmark	USA	19	48	7	23
73 Ireland	Wales	33	52	10	20
74 Japan	Belgium	21	31	12	18

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 29 ROUNDS

1	U.S.A.	541
2	NETHERLANDS	534
3	GERMANY	513
4	FRANCE	510
5	DENMARK	486
6	ISRAEL	485
7	WALES	479
8	TURKEY	473
9	CHINA	467
10	CANADA	466
	JAPAN	466
	PAKISTAN	466
13	AUSTRIA	462.5
14	SCOTLAND	462
15	ITALY	461.5
16	ENGLAND	458.5
17	POLAND	458
18	SWEDEN	438.5
19	PORTUGAL	437
20	CHINESE TAIPEI	417
21	AUSTRALIA	409
22	SPAIN	395
23	SWITZERLAND	380
24	NEW ZEALAND	374.5
25	BELGIUM	373
26	IRELAND	344
27	GUADELOUPE	314
28	VENEZUELA	305.5
29	COSTA RICA	172

RESULTS OPEN QUARTERFINALS

Netherlands	Ireland	49 -37
China	Japan	10 -23
Pakistan	Italy	42 -22
Hungary	Russia	16 -42

PROGRAM

WOMEN QUARTERFINALS

China v Sweden

USA v Poland

Netherlands v Russia

France v England

Victory Banquet invitations

The Victory Banquet is Saturday night, Nov. 6. Invitations can be collected from the Hospitality Desk on Wednesday and Thursday.

Invitations will be given to players on the Open and Women's series in the World Bridge Olympiad, the International Senior Cup and the World University Teams, plus non-playing captains and coaches, all staff and the first four teams in the World Transnational Mixed Teams.

For anyone else wishing to attend the banquet, the cost is \$50 US, £28, 40 Euros or 750,000,000 Turkish Lira.

Smile for the cameras

Filming will begin today and continue through the end of the tournament for a special broadcast of the World Bridge Olympiad on Sky Sports 2 starting Nov. 25. Be aware that New Bridge Assets, the company doing the filming, has a large crew at the Grand Cevahir. Sky Sports 2 is a UK-based satellite broadcaster.

OPEN

USA v Italy

ROUND OF 16-1

by Mark Horton

Bridge history is littered with historic matches between these two giants. The draw had pitted the holders against a team bent on securing Zia Mahmood his first world title. It promised to be an exciting struggle.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 10 8 7 4 ♥ A 9 8 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ Q 7</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 5 3 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J ♣ A 10 9 8 6 2</p>	<p>♠ J 9 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 9 8 5 4 2 ♣ J</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
1♠	2♣*	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	3♦	2NT
All Pass			3NT

Of course you would like to play in a slam on the North/South cards, but West's overcall made life more difficult. +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
		3♦	3NT
All Pass			

East's opening bid left South with no real alternative to 3NT. He did not need all the points he possessed to make that bid and one can sympathise with North's probably reluctant pass. No swing.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 2 ♥ Q 8 6 5 4 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ K 9 3 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 6 ♥ 10 ♦ A Q J 5 4 ♣ A Q 8 6 5</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
Pass	1♠	2NT*	Pass
5♣	5♥	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

Lauria could be reasonably sure that Five Hearts would not make, but facing the jump to Five Clubs it was surely possible his side could make a slam. Unluckily the bad club break meant the contract had to fail, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
Pass	1♠	2NT	Pass
4♣	4♥	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

Pretty much the same scenario, and the same result.



Giorgio Duboin, Italy



Roy Welland, USA

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♦*
2♠	3♣	4♠	5♣
All Pass			

South did well to bid Five Clubs as declarer would have been a heavy favourite to make Four Spades thanks to the friendly distribution and favourable honour card positions in the pointed suits. East led the three of spades and West took two tricks in that suit and switched to the king of hearts. When that held he tried the king of clubs, but declarer could win and set up the hearts for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♣	3♠	All Pass

When East volunteered a bid it was surprising that West did not add one for the road. He had no trouble taking ten tricks, reaching dummy via a heart ruff to pick up the trumps and then with a trump to play a diamond. +170 meant 3 IMPs to USA.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥

Three Hearts was invitational but when North accepted with a cue bid South could do no more. The diamond position meant twelve easy tricks, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT*
All Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥

Yet another flat board in what was clearly going to be a hard fought encounter

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the nine of spades to declarer's king. A heart to dummy was followed by the queen of diamonds. South won and played the eight of spades which North allowed to run to the queen. Declarer could pick up the diamonds, unblock the heart, cross to a club, cash the master heart and play a club to the king, securing all the remaining tricks for +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
INT	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Bocchi did not pick a good moment to get involved. East started with the ace of clubs and played another to West's king. After cashing his hearts West switched to the queen of diamonds. East took the ace and went back to clubs. Declarer still had to lose two trumps and a heart, down three, -800 and a loss of 7 IMPs. Sometimes you can be too enterprising.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
1♦	1♠	2♣	3♣*
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

3NT would have been easy thanks to the club break (and there are a not unlucky 12 tricks available in clubs) but when South decided he had enough to take a save West had a solid alternative. East led the ace of clubs and switched to the jack of hearts, giving West two tricks in that suit. He played a third heart and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a spade, putting up the ace when West followed with the seven. That meant he was four down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On North's low spade lead declarer had soon amassed twelve tricks, +490, but 7 IMPs for Italy, trying the match at 11 all.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Levin	Lauria	Weinstein
Pass	1♣	Dble	INT
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South must have been confident when he doubled, but the contract could not be defeated. North led a trump and South put in the jack. West won, took a heart finesse and played a trump. South won and played the nine of clubs for the queen and ace. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and played a spade to the king. A club to the jack gave him his seventh trick and he was assured of one more trump trick, +180.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bocchi	Fallenius	Duboin
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

West led a diamond to declarer's nine. The eight of hearts went to East's queen and he returned a diamond taken by the ace. East ducked the next heart, won the third and exited with a spade, taken by declarer's queen. The jack of hearts was cashed and declarer played a spade to the nine. East won and played back a spade. Declarer was home, and Italy had another 7 IMPs.

Both teams had made their opponents fight for every IMP, but it was Italy who had nosed in front.

Timing is Everything

By Ray Lee

In Round 20 of the Women's event in a match against Russia, Canada's Linda Lee executed a neat piece of declarer play, involving very precise timing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ J 4 3					
	♥ 3 2					
	♦ K 10 5					
	♣ A K 10 9 7					
♠ K	<table style="margin: auto; border: none;"> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 6	
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♥ Q 9 5 4		♥ J 6				
♦ A J 9 8 7 4		♦ Q 3 2				
♣ Q 5		♣ J 8 6 3 2				
	♠ Q 9 8 7 5 2					
	♥ A K 10 8 7					
	♦ 6					
	♣ 4					

West	North	East	South
2♦	3♦(1)	dbl	1♠
All pass			4♠

(1) Limit raise or better

The defense started with the ace of diamonds and switch to a low club at trick two. There are communications problems now, as well as issues relating to restricting the trump losers to two with that ♠10 lurking. However, Lee decided on the auction and defense so far to play West for a singleton trump honor. Winning the ace of clubs, she cashed two more minor-suit winners, shedding a further heart. Now she crossed to hand with the ♥A and played a low trump towards dummy. West won, perforce, and returned a second heart, but declarer was well in control. Winning the heart king, she ruffed a heart with the ♠J, and East was helpless. This was a well-earned 10 IMPs to Canada.

Championship Diary

Serbia & Montenegro have had a very unlucky tournament. However we did discover a fine piece of defensive play by two member of their team. It was a footnote to the article in Friday's edition of the Bulletin (Theory & Practice), which described an overtaking manoeuvre in the club suit. Unluckily at the proof reading stage (hard to believe I know but we do have one) we needed to get rid of two lines and they had to go! So, take a delayed bow, Vladimir Kalcic & Stevica Kikic.

In a desperate attempt to restore Brian Senior to health we punched his symptoms into a medical site on the Internet. The bad news is that as a result we have discovered he is suffering from Wrinklosis. The good news is it's incurable. For the details go to: www.kurzweil.mit.edu

Meanwhile the rest of us continue to blunder on in our inimitable style. Should anyone else be struck down we are resolved to type until the last man.

If you want to pay someone a compliment try telling them they are as popular as money.

Do you remember the story about the unlucky senior who bid Five Clubs with a singleton ace and was left to play there facing his partner's void? Yesterday he picked up a hand with a singleton ace of clubs and after agreeing a trump suit he and his partner embarked on a series of cue bids. When the time came for him to bid Five Clubs he asked his screen mate if he could pass through a note to his partner. That is how the tray arrived on the other side with the Five Club bid under a note that read 'Don't Pass!'

World University Teams Championship

The opening ceremony for the World University Teams Championship will take place at 10.00 this morning in the VuGraph Auditorium.

Everyone is welcome to attend this ceremony (the Executive Council meetings will start immediately afterwards).

Vital Papers Misplaced

On Saturday an important set of papers inside a map of Istanbul/Turkey were left outside the area close to the VuGraph. If you discover you have picked them up by accident please hand them in to the Hospitality desk or the Bulletin room.

ROUND OF 16 TEAM ROSTERS

OPEN

CHINA Meng Kong, Xiaoyi Li, Xin Li, Haojin Shi, Shaolin Sun, Zejun Zhuang, Jihong Hu npc

EGYPT Waleed El-Ahmady, Samer El-Sheikh, Mohamet Heshmat, Tarek Nadeem, Tarek Sadek, Abdel Salam Ghoneim

ENGLAND David Bakhshi, David Gold, Justin Hackett, Jason Hackett, Andrew Robson, Tom Townsend, Raymond Brock npc, David Burn coach

FRANCE Franck Multon, Jean-Jacques Palau, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Jerome Rombaut, Lionel Sebbane, Laurent Thuillez, Alain Levy npc, Francois Colin scorer

GERMANY Michael Elinescu, Tomasz Gotard, Bernard Ludwig, Josef Piekarek, Klaus Reps, Entscha Wladow, Claus Dohr npc

HUNGARY Miklos Dumbovich, Laszlo Honti, Gabor Macskasy, Gyorgy Szalay, Laszlo Szilagyi, Gabor Winkler, Josef Harsanyi npc

ICELAND Sverrir Armannsson, Steinar Jonsson, Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Magnus E. Magnusson, Matthias Porvaldsson, Jonas Erlingsson, pc, Guamundur Pall Arnarson coach

IRELAND John Carroll, Nicholas FitzGibbon, Tom Garvey, Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, Adam Mesbur, Gay Keaveney npc

ITALY Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Fulvio Fantoni, Lorenzo Lauria, Claudia Nunes, Alfredo Versace, Maria Teresa Lavazza npc, Massimo Ortensi coach

JAPAN Tadashi Imakura, Masayuki Ino, Hiroshi Kaku, Hideki Takano, Masaaki Takayama, Tadashi Teramoto, Nobuyuki Hayashi npc

NETHERLANDS Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Jan Jansma, Maarten Schollaardt, Ricco van Prooijen, Loek Jr. Verhees, Antoine van Hoof npc, Anton Maas coach

PAKISTAN Abdul Rehman Allana, Jan – E – Alam Fazli, Kursheed Hadi, Rashid Jaffer, Sarfraz Khan, Kemal Shaoib

RUSSIA Alexander Doubinine, Andrei Gromov, Jouri Khokhlov, Max Khven, Georgy Matushko, Vlaadimir Rekunov, Boris Sazanov npc

SWEDEN Peter Bertheau, Peter Fredin, Magnus Lindkvist, Fredrik Nystrom, PO Sundelin, Johan Sylvan, Tobias Tornqvist npc

TURKEY Salvador Assael, Yalcin Atabey, Suleyman Kolata, Ozcan Pehlivan, Dogan Uzum, Nafiz Zorlu, Cavit Turan npc

USA Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Steve Weinstein, Roy Welland, Sheri Winestock npc, Fred Gitelman coach

WOMEN

AUSTRIA Maria Erhart, Iris Grumm, Susanne Kriftner, Jovanka Smederevac, Sylvia Terraneo, Terri Weigkricht, Barbara Lindinger npc

CHINA Ling Gu, Yi Qian Liu, Ping Wang, Wenfei Wong, Hongli Wang, Yalan Zhang, Xiaojing Wang npc

CROATIA Milka Ivancic, Renata Muller, Planinka Pecina, Izvorka Petrovic, Marina Pilopovic, Nikica Sver

ENGLAND Sally Brock, Michelle Brunner, Heather Dhondy, Rhona Goldenfield, Nicola Smith, Kitty Teltscher, Alan Mould npc, Christine Duckworth coach

FINLAND Birgit Borlund, Sari Kulmala, Mirja Mantyla, Pirkko Savolainen, Lasse Utter npc

FRANCE Danielle Allouche, Veronique Bessis, Benedicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Christine Lustin, Sylvie Willard, Gerard Tissot npc

GERMANY Sabine Auken, Ingrid Gromann, Pony Beate Nehmert, Andrea Reim, Daniela von Arnim, Elke Weber, Matthias Schuller npc

GREECE Despina Kanellopoulo, Antonia Kyriakidou, Sofia Lambrinou, Elina Liakopoulou, Lina Mamidaki, Liana Oikonomou, Anna Lydaki-Karamanli npc

ITALY Emanuela Fusari, Simonetta Paoluzi, Francesca Piscitelli, Claudio Pomares, Ilaria Saccavini, Vanessa Torielli, Guido Resta npc, Gianna Arrigoni coach

NETHERLANDS Carla Arnolds, Femke Hoogweg, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol, Bep Vriend, Ed Franken npc, Chris Niemeijer coach

POLAND Ewa Banaszkiwicz, Grazyna Brewiak, Jolanta Krogulska, Marta Maj, Anna Sarniak, Katarzyna Zgilewicz Roman Krsemien npc, Wlodek Andrejew coach

RUSSIA Olga Galaktionova, Victoria Gromova, Natalia Karpenko, Maria Lebedova, Tatiana Ponomareva, Irina Vasilkova, Pavel Vorobei npc

SOUTH AFRICA Val Bloom, Maureen Holroyd, Lorna Ichilchik, Petra Mansell, Merle Modlin, Judy Osie, Diana Adrain coach

SWEDEN Pia Andersson, Caratina Midskog, Jenny Rudenstal, Jenny Ryman, Mari Ryman, Marita Tengo, Anna Jarup npc, Bror Bjerner coach

TURKEY Belis Atalay, Mine Babac, Lale Gumrukcuoglu, Ozlem Kandolu, Filiz Uygen, Dilek Yavas, Tezcan Sen npc

USA Marinesa Letizia, Jill Meyers, Randi Montin, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow, Carlyn Steiner, Jill Levin npc, Jan Martel coach

Taksim Shuttle schedule change

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, three shuttle buses will leave Taksim Square at 9 a.m.. One bus will leave at 10 a.m.

Lost cell phone

Klaus Reps (Germany) lost his cell phone (Nokia 6110). If anyone found it, please return it to Daniela von Arnim and you will get a kiss as a reward.

Good reading

On the podium at the awards ceremony for the 2nd Senior International Cup, Goran Mattson of Germany was pleased to speak to Marshall Miles, a member of the winning USA team. Said Mattson to Miles: "The first bridge book I ever read was *All 52 Cards*" – one of 10 books Miles has written.

World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price £22-00. You can order a copy in advance during the championships at the special reduced price of US\$30-00 or 25 Euros, inclusive of surface mail, by going to the Press Room and filling in one of the forms available there and handing it, along with your preferred currency, to Jan Swann, who is in charge of the Press Room.

As always, the chief analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. The book will consist of 336 large pages, and will feature every deal of the finals and semi-finals of both Open and Women's events, plus extensive coverage of the earlier stages, and also the Senior, University and Transnational events. There will be a full listing of all the teams taking part, a full results service, and many photographs.

Right-Siding The Contract

A little confusion on the part of the opposition helped Switzerland's Weiss brothers, Leo and Fredy to a huge result on this deal from Round 22 of the Seniors event, as they played their doubled partscore from the side from which it could not be defeated.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	L Weiss		F Weiss
			2♦
2♥	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Fredy's 2♦ opening was a multi and East/West had a major misunderstanding. West obviously intended 2♥ as a natural overcall, but East described the bid to North as take-out. Leo decided that his brother most likely had hearts and he would be very happy to play at the three level if so and duly bid 2♠, pass or correct. East thought that he had a huge penalty double, of course, and that ended the auction.

East cashed the ace of hearts but then was endplayed. He tried a low trump but Fredy went up with the king, dropping the bare jack, and led a club to the king and ace. There was nothing East could do. Perhaps best is to play ace and another spade, but declarer just draws the trumps, takes a diamond finesse, and loses only two minor-suit tricks. In practice, East switched to the king of diamonds to declarer's ace, and there was just one loser in each suit for +570 to North/South with 4♥ cold the other way.

Note that, played by South, the lead of the singleton diamond defeats the contract. It is obvious that ducking means defeat as East can win, unblock the heart and give his partner a diamond ruff to get him in to cash the hearts. So declarer rises with the ♦A and plays a trump, but East wins, cashes all his winners, and exits with a trump. As he has the ♠2, he can make certain that declarer wins the last round has to give up two hearts to West at the end.

Dutch Delight

Judgement is the most important thing in the auction, of course, but sometimes you just have the right methods to allow you to use your judgement to the full. Witness this deal from the final round of the Women's round robin between Netherlands and Germany.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Reim	Arnolds	Nehmert	Vriend
			Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Auken	Hoogweg	Von Arnim
			Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣			

For Germany, Andrea Reim opened with a natural weak two bid and Pony Nehmert's response was an enquiry. The 3♦ rebid showed a minimum and Nehmert settled for partscore; +170. Personally, I would treat the West hand as a maximum, non-vulnerable, because of the six-four shape and intermediates, but it is of course all relative to expectations for the opening bid.

Wietske Van Zwol opened a multi and Femke Hoogweg had the perfect method for this particular layout. Three Clubs asked partner to bid the suit below the one she held but the key was Hoogweg's second call, 4♣ showing five-five in clubs and an unspecified red suit and game-forcing. Van Zwol had a huge hand now, with four-card club support and good controls, and took a shot at six. The play was straightforward; +920 and 13 IMPs to The Netherlands, the exact margin of their win in the match as they clinched top spot in their qualifying group.

WBF Masterpoint Changes

Because of the round of 16 at this championship, the WBF Masterpoint committee have decided to make the following changes to the way Masterpoints will be awarded. All other awards remain as previously published.

Open Teams			Womens Teams		
Rank	MPs	PPs	Rank	MPs	PPs
1	1000	5	1	700	5
2	700	4	2	500	4
3	500	3	3	350	3
4	400	2	4	250	2
5	350	1	5	210	1
6	300	1	6	170	1
7	250	1	7	130	1
8	200	1	8	90	1
9	180	0	9	80	0
10	160	0	10	70	0
11	140	0	11	60	0
12	120	0	12	50	0
13	100	0	13	40	0
14	80	0	14	30	0
15	60	0	15	20	0
16	40	0	16	10	0

Notice to Transnational Mixed Teams

Players in the Transnational Mixed Teams MUST complete a WBF Convention Card and bring two copies to the table, one for each opponent. Blank copies of the card are available from the Systems Desk.

The Transnational Mixed Teams is a Category 3 event and no HUM or Brown Sticker Conventions are allowed. Copies of the definitions are also available at the Systems Desk should players need them.

Artificial systems must be fully described, using the Convention Card and Supplementary Sheets if necessary. In particular, conventions and treatments that require defensive preparation should be listed on the front of the Card and fully described either inside, or in the Supplementary Sheets.

Players are reminded that these are short matches, so excessively artificial methods are undesirable.

John Wignall
Chairman, WBF Systems Committee

Irish Grand

The Irish Senior team is not challenging for the medals but they have certainly had their moments over the course of the last week or so. This, their biggest single swing of the tournament, came in Round 26 against Pakistan.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠A 10 9 4 2		
	♥7		
	♦A Q		
	♣A K J 8 4		
♠7 6		♠J 8	
♥Q 3		♥J 10 8 2	
♦J 8 7 6 5		♦K 10 9 4 2	
♣Q 9 7 2		♣10 3	
	♠K Q 5 3		
	♥A K 9 6 5 4		
	♦3		
	♣6 5		
West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

John Comyn and Joe Moran bid to the top spot by the above auction. Three Clubs agreed spades and was a trump asking bid, with 3♥ showing one of the top three honours. From there an exchange of cue-bids saw South reach a position where he was willing to shoot out the grand slam, figuring that, at worst, he would need an even heart break. And right he was. North had poor distribution from the point of view of South's main plan, but the king of clubs more than made up for that and thirteen tricks were routine; +2210.

In the other room Pakistan reached the wrong slam and went one down so Ireland picked up 20 IMPs. The last laugh went to Pakistan, however, as they won the match by 16-14 VPs.

Spectacles, anyone?

The Hospitality Desk has a collection of spectacles. If you cannot see your cards, perhaps we have your glasses!

Inference and Hypothesis

by Mark Horton

In his classic book *Master Play in Contract Bridge* Terence Reese discusses the concept of Inference and Hypothesis, his first chapter being entitled 'How Could I Tell?'

With that in mind, try your hand at a play problem from the last match in the Women's round robin.

Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A Q J 10
♥ 8
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ Q 8 6 5

♠ K 9 7 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ J
♣ A 10 9 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Auken	Hoogweg	Von Arnim
1♦	1♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

After your whimsical overcall you are probably relieved to see such a substantial dummy. However, the contract still has to be made. East leads the seven of diamonds and West wins with the king and switches to the four of spades. Over to you.

It might be tempting to assume that East has the king of hearts after her negative double, but if you take a losing heart finesse and a second trump is returned you will

be badly placed. A better inference to draw from the bidding is that East must have one of the missing kings.

The next stage after that is to see where your ten tricks might come from. You have four spades, one heart and one club. If the clubs provide three tricks you will need two diamond ruffs in dummy, plus the entries to your hand to be able to take them and get back to draw trumps.

With that in mind you should win the trump return with dummy's king and play a low club. If West produces the king and plays a second trump you win, ruff a diamond, cross to the queen of clubs, ruff a diamond, cash the ace of hearts, ruff a heart, draw the last trump and claim.

If, as happened at the table, West follows with a low club, you should put in the eight, hoping that forces the king.

How did you do?

This was the full deal:

♠ A Q J 10		♠ 6 5 3									
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Can you identify any of the players in this photograph, or work out when and where it was taken?
For the answers please go to page 17

The Role of a Bulletin Editor

by Mark Horton

I am constantly asked...well, frequently...well quite often...well I was once asked 'How does one become a Bulletin Editor and what does it entail?'

The answer to the first part of that question is by accident. In 1994 Patrick Jourdain asked me if I would care to be his assistant at the European Mixed Championship in Barcelona. It was at that tournament that Patrick decided he wanted to reduce his involvement in the production of bulletins and so I was in the right place at the right time.

The only problem was that working on the Bulletin meant not playing, and in those days I was still considered good enough to represent England (and in Albuquerque later that same year, Great Britain). I had to make a decision, and when the coin was tossed it came down heads.

We must now consider the requirements to adequately carry out this onerous task. (As you see, plagiarism is one of them). A Bulletin Editor needs, and the list is in order of priority:

- A corkscrew
- A fridge
- A coffee machine
- Patience (an infinite amount)

A reserve corkscrew

A sense of humour (an optional extra, q.v. Brian Senior)

A skilled layout Editor

Several nubile assistants (I would have put that higher up the list but it might have been misinterpreted)

The ability to persuade at least one lunatic to act as a proof reader

The observant reader will have noticed that I have made no reference to bridge ability. What is needed most is the ability to understand that a player at the table sees only 13 cards, (then 26) not the 52 that are on view to those in the VuGraph theatre or on the Internet. That they manage to make so many brilliant plays is to their eternal credit. Having spent the last ten years watching the world's finest players I have come to the conclusion that the game is just too difficult.

Let me conclude by saying that there are two signs in every Bulletin Room.

One says 'you don't have to be mad to work here, but it helps.'

The other says 'A mistake in the Bulletin? Oh Really!'

Today's Agenda

- 10.00 Opening Ceremony, 2nd World University Bridge Championship, Vugraph Auditorium
- 10.30 WBF Executive Council, Vugraph Auditorium
- 11.00 Open and Women's Quarterfinals and 2nd World University Bridge Championship Rd 1
- 14.00 Open and Women's Quarterfinals and 2nd World University Bridge Championship Rd 2
- 17.00 Open and Women's Quarterfinals and 2nd World University Bridge Championship Rd 3
- 21.20 Open and Women's Quarterfinals



OPEN **USA v Italy** **ROUND OF 16-3**

by Mark Horton

This match was living up to its billing and as the third session got under way it was the defending champions who were in need of IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
3♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass

The fortunate position in hearts meant that 3NT could not be defeated, but once West had entered the auction it was asking a lot for North to select that bid. Even so, Five Clubs was very aggressive with so many losers for partner to cover.

East led the king of spades and switched to the king of diamonds. When he got back in with the ace of spades he could cash a diamond for one down, +100.



USA and Italy on Vugraph.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠*
Pass	5♣	Dble	4♣
			All Pass

3NT was not in the picture at this table either. This time East cashed both his spades and played a third round so declarer could get rid of one of his diamond losers, but still had to lose a diamond, producing yet another flat board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		



Zia Mahmood, USA

The fortunate position in the trump suit meant +1430 and potentially a huge swing to the USA, which would increase their lead to serious proportions.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
1♥	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Dble	6♥	All Pass

The Italian team had dodged a considerable bullet and they opened the scoring in the session on the next deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
		INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East had an excellent club holding to justify acceptance of the invitational bid, but there was a hole elsewhere which was exploited immediately with South on lead. After the defence had taken six diamond and the ace of hearts declarer could claim the rest, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
		INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Declarer could not avoid the loss of a spade, heart and diamond, one down, -100 but 5 IMPs for Italy.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
1♦	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

There was nothing to the play here, declarer losing a diamond and two hearts, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
INT	Dble	Redble*	Pass
2♣	Dble	All Pass	

Two Clubs does not look very comfortable, but things improved marginally for declarer when North led a heart, allowing declarer to score a trick with dummy's queen. A diamond went to the ten jack and ace and North switched to a spade. South made the excellent and textbook play of the queen and switched to a club. North won and played another low spade. South could win and play a club and declarer was doomed to three down, -500 and 2 IMPs for USA.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
Pass	INT*	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

3NT is a complicated affair, and although on the surface it appears that the defence should prevail there are a number of pitfalls to be avoided. They were off to a sound start when East led the four of clubs to West's jack. Back came a low club to the ten and king. Declarer played a low heart from dummy, putting in the eight when West discarded the five of spades. East played a club to West's queen, declarer pitching a spade, and the defence had reached a critical moment. If West had simply played his last club it would have needed a serious discarding error later on if declarer was to succeed, but his actual choice of the four of spades turned out to be fatal. It was covered by the jack, king and ace and declarer simply played off his winning hearts, which destroyed the West hand. Eventually he threw the queen of spades, hoping his partner had the ten, but declarer produced that card and claimed nine tricks, + 600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♠

The defence went along similar lines, but this time when East got in with the queen of hearts they cashed two clubs and East exited with a heart. West, discarding after dummy, came down to ♠Q ♦Q86 and the defenders had to get another trick, +100 and 12 IMPs.



Zia Mahmood - Michael Rosenberg, USA

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠A J 10 8 5 3 2
♥K 5
♦7
♣10 9 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
All Pass			3♠

That looks like a classical preempt and it was enough to silence everyone, but one imagines East must have given some thought to bidding 3NT – a contract that might well be made. West cashed the king of diamonds and switched to his club. The defenders played four rounds of that suit, declarer discarding a heart as West ruffed. The contract was four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
All Pass			4♠

Zia's more aggressive approach meant he was a level higher and hence five down, -250 and 2 IMPs to Italy.



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Fantoni	Levin	Nunes
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This was a very awkward deal for East/West once West had opened the bidding. Five Hearts was hopeless, but tipped off by the double West did not attempt to make the contract but simply played for one down. He won the trump lead in dummy, played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade, unblocked the diamond and ruffed a spade. In due course South got his three trump tricks, but that was all, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
	3♥	Pass	4♦ Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

No double this time, so declarer naturally played to try and make the contract. He won the diamond lead and played a heart to the ten and queen. South switched to the seven of spades and declarer took the ace, unblocked the diamonds and crossed to the ace of hearts. He played three rounds of clubs but South could ruff, cash a heart and two spades, down three, -150 and 2 IMPs to USA.

Italy had restricted their opponents to just 4 IMPs in the session and had regained the lead. Everyone was expecting this match to go down to the wire.

Son v Son

by Mark Horton

You may not immediately recognise the hand below, as it was not played here in Istanbul, but it is of considerable historical significance, as it took place in the first round of the European Championships in Oslo in 1969, the first International match played by Turkey.

Dealer South N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bigat	Pedersen	Uçak
3♦	3♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Of course it was routine for West to lead the two of diamonds in those days and receive a club ruff for one down. At the other table the less inspired lead of the ace of diamonds saw the same contract make – after a couple of finesses.

(Yes, the picture on page 12 really is Steen Møller, in play against Halit Bigat -who now represents Switzerland. It was the latter who showed Steen the picture, saying 'look, your son is playing my son!')



OPEN

USA v Italy

ROUND
OF 16-2

Battle royal

The first set of the Italy-USA match in the round of 16 was a close affair led for much of the set by USA before Italy surged at the end for an 18-11 lead after 16 deals.

The Americans were hoping to produce some momentum against one of the favourites to win the championship, and they came through with a 54-27 win.

USA held a 22-18 lead after three boards, but it all went away on this deal.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lauria	Levin	Versace
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Lorenzo Lauria started with a low diamond. Weinstein won and played a club to the ace and another club. Soon the diamonds were cleared and Weinstein ended with only five tricks for minus 200. You can see by what happened in the other room what a difference it can make to

have a different person on opening lead.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Norberto Bocchi's first diamond bid showed hearts, and the second diamond bid was fourth-suit forcing, and the very aggressive notrump game was reached.

Zia Mahmood started with a low heart despite the bidding and was unlucky to find the ♥10 in dummy. Bocchi immediately went after clubs, playing the ace and a second club. Michael Rosenberg won the ♣Q and continued the assault on hearts, but the defenders had lost the timing and Bocchi finished with nine tricks for plus 600 and a 13-IMP gain.

The Italians extended their lead to 20 IMPs with the right view on this deal.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Michael Rosenberg, USA, and Norberto Bocchi, Italy



Steve Weinstein, USA

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
Pass	2♣	1♥	1♠
All Pass		3♥	5♣

Twelve tricks were trivial for Rosenberg – plus 420.

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lauria	Levin	Versace
Pass	2♣	1♥	1♠
Dble	Redbl	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4NT

Whereas a 4♥ bid by Zia would not necessarily have shown shortness in hearts because of Bocchi's jump, Alfredo Versace had room over 2♥ to make the splinter and the slam was duly bid for another 11 IMPs to Italy.

USA began coming back two boards later.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lauria	Levin	Versace
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

With all the power Bobby Levin put down in dummy, Steve Weinstein was able to take eight tricks in his spade part score despite the 6-1 split in the trump suit after Lauria started proceedings with a low heart. That was plus 110 to USA.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Zia started with the ♠10, and Bocchi played the ace to continue with a diamond to the king. A low heart went to the queen and king. The ♣10 was taken by the ace and a heart was played to the jack, followed by a low diamond to the jack. Desperately hoping for some luck in diamonds, Bocchi got out with a low diamond. Rosenberg won the 10 and cashed two more in the suit before exit-

ing with a club. Bocchi finished minus 100 for a 4-IMP swing to USA.

The Americans surged back to within 1 IMP on the following slam swing.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Bocchi	Zia
3♥	4♣	1♣	1♠
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
		6♦	All Pass

Rosenberg considered his opening lead for a long time before selecting a spade. Giorgio Duboin ruffed as Zia falsecarded with the ♠A. How should declarer play trumps in this situation? The bidding indicated that North was probably shapely and without a lot of high cards and so was more likely to be short in diamonds and missing the ace of the suit.


Duboin made the reasonable play of a club to the queen and a low diamond from dummy, playing the queen. That was down one.

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Lauria	Levin	Versace
2♥	4♣	1♣	1♠
4NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
		6♦	All Pass

Both East players did well to raise to the slam. Lauria started with a low spade to the jack and a ruff. Weinstein considered his next play carefully before starting with a low trump from hand. If the king lost to the ace, Weinstein could then consider whether to finesse against South's possible J-x or play for the drop. As the cards lay, Weinstein did not have to make that decision. When Lauria's ♦A popped up, Weinstein could claim his slam and a 16-IMP swing.

More aggressive bidding by the Italians produced more IMPs for the USA on the following deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 3 2 ♥ 10 7 5 4 3 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 8 3</p>		<p>♠ 9 8 7 ♥ A K J 8 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ K Q 5</p>	
<p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ Q ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ A J 10 9 7 4</p>			
West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		


Bocchi's 2♣ purported to show 18-19 high-card points in a balanced hand, and Duboin's 2♦ showed hearts. It was normal for Bocchi to superaccept the transfer, and it could have worked out for Duboin to raise to game, but this one had no play barring a defensive miscue, which did not happen. One down and plus 50 to USA.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

With his flat shape, Levin didn't get excited by the transfer, and the easy part score produced an overtrick and another 5 IMPs to USA.

The score was 55-44 USA when the final swing of the match produced another 10 IMPs for the Americans in a spectacular way.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

This was one level too high – note that 3NT by either North or South is on ice – and the Italians soon recorded plus 100, avoiding a double game swing considering what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♣
Dble	2NT	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Weinstein's double showed the other two suits, and he no doubt believed he was saving against the vulnerable 3NT by Lauria. As you can see, however, 4♠ cannot be defeated, and indeed Levin made the contract with ease. Versace started with the ♥A, switching to a club at trick two. A second club was played at trick three, ruffed in dummy. A spade went to the 4, king and 10, and dummy was entered again with a diamond ruff. The defenders got only the trump ace and USA had a 10-IMP gain and a 21-IMP lead going into the third set.

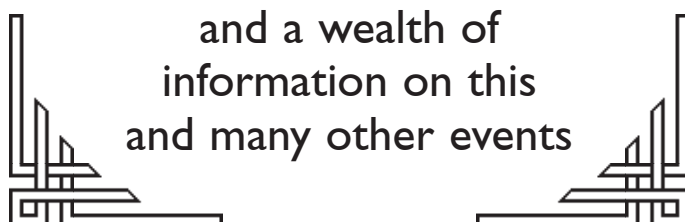


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