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# Switzerland - Italy Set the Pace



At or near the top from the start, the Swiss-Italian partnership of Chantal Haemmerli and Alfredo Versace took the lead after the first final session in the Mixed Pairs on Sunday. Their score, including carryover, was an impressive 66.52%.

The event will conclude today with two final sessions.

To earn the title, Haemmerli and Versace will have to overcome challenges from several close contenders, including another pair who have been in the thick of the fight from the start - Danuta Hochecker and Miroslaw Cichocki of Poland. Americans Karen McCallum and Matthew Granovetter were right behind them.

## Rosenblum and McConnell Registrations

Teams who have not yet registered or confirmed their registration for the Rosenblum and McConnell teams are requested to do so as soon as possible in order to assist the organisers in planning the exact format and size of sections.

## Press Conference



There will be a Press Conference today at 15.00 hours in the Teatro Verdi (on the lower ground floor, near to registration) with José Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation, and Gianarrigo Rona, president of the European Bridge League and to introduce: Antoine Bernheim, Bill Gates and Romain Zaleski.

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME

### MIXED PAIRS

**10.30** Final Session 2  
Plate Final Session 1  
**16.00** Final Session 3  
Plate Final Session 2

Mixed Pairs

Qualifying Session 2

Secondo Piatto

by Mark Horton

Refreshed by England's victory over Paraguay and a quantity of the local water it was back to business where I found a suitable resting place at the table occupied by the Italian/Swiss combination that had scored heavily in the opening session.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

|                |                |              |                  |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>West</b>    | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>  | <b>South</b>     |
| <i>Casadei</i> | <i>Versace</i> | <i>Pavan</i> | <i>Haemmerli</i> |
|                | Pass           | Pass         | 1♥               |
| 3♦             | Pass           | Pass         | 3♥               |
| Pass           | Pass           | 4♦           | Pass             |
| Pass           | 4♥             | All Pass     |                  |

South appeared to flirt with a dangerous reopening double before settling for the more obvious action of rebidding her robust suit. When East not unreasonably took the push North/South had the chance to go plus, but North went on to the doomed game. Indeed, on this layout declarer could make no more than eight tricks, -200 – as usual the kiss of death at matchpoints.



Alfredo Versace, Italy

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

|                |                |              |                  |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>West</b>    | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>  | <b>South</b>     |
| <i>Casadei</i> | <i>Versace</i> | <i>Pavan</i> | <i>Haemmerli</i> |
|                |                | INT          | Pass             |
| 2♥*            | Pass           | 2♠           | Pass             |
| 3♥             | Pass           | 3♠           | Pass             |
| 3NT            | All Pass       |              |                  |

East paid a heavy price for failing to bid the obvious Four Spades over 3NT, as with South on lead a club gave declarer no chance and the contract was quickly two down – the boot was on the other foot this time, so the round was just about tied.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

|                  |                |                  |                  |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>West</b>      | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>      | <b>South</b>     |
| <i>Bianchini</i> | <i>Versace</i> | <i>Trevisani</i> | <i>Haemmerli</i> |
|                  |                |                  | 1♣               |
| 1♦               | 1♠             | 2♦               | Dble             |
| Pass             | 2♥             | Pass             | 2♠               |
| All Pass         |                |                  |                  |

The defenders started with two rounds of diamonds and then East switched to the seven of hearts for the queen and king. Declarer tried a spade to the king but West won, cashed the queen and played a diamond. He was in control now and declarer had to settle for seven tricks, -100. Still, with +110 available in diamonds it was a promising result.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

| West             | North          | East             | South            |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Bianchini</i> | <i>Versace</i> | <i>Trevisani</i> | <i>Haemmerli</i> |
| 1♥               | INT            | Pass             | Pass             |
| 2♦               | Pass           | Pass             | 2♠               |
| Pass             | 2NT            | All Pass         |                  |

Two Diamonds was not exactly the ideal spot on the East/West cards, but South came to the rescue with her remarkable Two Spades. North retreated and was not slow to congratulate his partner on her bravery when the dummy appeared.

East/west started with three rounds of diamonds and declarer won, cashed a diamond and exited with a low spade, East putting up the queen and switching to a heart, which ran to the jack and declarer's king. Back came the ten of hearts ducked and now declarer cashed the last diamond and the ace of spades. East had parted with one club too many, so declarer took the last three tricks in that suit for a majestic +150.

That was a great round, but the next one was not quite so good, with a very poor result being only slightly offset by a reasonable one.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

One Diamond was a typical third in hand gambit, but when North doubled West's overall South was on the spot. When the hand was over North appeared to think there was a case for bidding Two Hearts, and given South's bidding on the previous board it was clearly a possibility, but eventually South decided to go quietly and hope for the best.

North led the four of hearts and South won with the queen. A club switch now would be effective, but is not that easy to find and South played a second heart ducked again by declarer, who won the next round of the suit, discarding a spade, and played the eight of diamonds. South went in with the ace and switched to a small spade. Declarer could win and give up a diamond, ensuring his contract, +180.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| West         | North          | East           | South            |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Roche</i> | <i>Versace</i> | <i>Stewart</i> | <i>Haemmerli</i> |
| Pass         | 2♦*            | Pass           | Pass             |
| Pass         | 2NT            | Pass           | 3NT              |
| All Pass     |                |                |                  |

I don't know if they noticed, but this board was rotated, making North the hand with all the points. The spade position meant declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks, +690.



Chantal Haemmerli, Switzerland



Mixed Pairs

Qualifying Session 3

Down To The Wire

by Brian Senior

After two of the three qualifying sessions of the Mixed Pairs, Bob Hamman and Pamela Granovetter were lying in 156th position, with 182 to qualify, meaning that there was still work to be done.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|             | ♠ Q 8 7 3    |             |              |
|             | ♥ A K 10 6   |             |              |
|             | ♦ 7 2        |             |              |
|             | ♣ J 8 4      |             |              |
| ♠ K 10 9 2  |              | ♠ J 6       |              |
| ♥ Q 7 5 3 2 |              | ♥ J 9 8 4   |              |
| ♦ K 6 3     |              | ♦ Q 5 4     |              |
| ♣ 3         |              | ♣ A K 9 2   |              |
|             | ♠ A 5 4      |             |              |
|             | ♥ -          |             |              |
|             | ♦ A J 10 9 8 |             |              |
|             | ♣ Q 10 7 6 5 |             |              |
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Zeljko      | Hamman       | Muller      | Granovetter  |
|             | Pass         | Pass        | 2♦           |

All Pass

Pamela's weak 2♦ opening shut everyone out and she played there on a heart lead from Croatia's Mario Zeljko. Granovetter took the heart winners, pitching spades from hand, then led a diamond to the jack and king. Zeljko switched to his singleton club now but Renata Muller, who could see that this had to be declarer's long side-suit, judged that it would be better to play a forcing game. She won the king then played a heart, which Granovetter won. She played a low club, which Zeljko ruffed. Declarer was forced with another heart. She ruffed, cashed the ace of trumps and played the ♣Q to the ace. Muller could win and cash the queen of trumps, but then had only spades to play so Granovetter had the last three tricks for +90.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Zeljko      | Hamman       | Muller      | Granovetter  |
| 2♣          | Pass         | INT         | Pass         |
| 3NT         | All Pass     | 2♦          | Pass         |

Six Clubs is a very good contract but Muller opened a 15-17 no trump and was raised to game via Stayman – no doubt a popular auction. A heart lead would have given the defence a chance to defeat the contract, but Granovetter's spades were better than her hearts, and she duly led a spade. Muller won in hand and played the king of clubs to the ace. Granovetter switched to a heart but it was too late; +490.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

|             |              |             |               |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|             |              | ♠ K 10 9 3  |               |
|             |              | ♥ 10 8 5 2  |               |
|             |              | ♦ 3         |               |
|             |              | ♣ A 10 7 3  |               |
| ♠ 4         |              |             | ♠ A Q J 8 6 2 |
| ♥ K 9 7 3   |              |             | ♥ 4           |
| ♦ A Q 7 6   |              |             | ♦ K 8 4 2     |
| ♣ Q 9 6 2   |              |             | ♣ K J         |
|             |              | ♠ 7 5       |               |
|             |              | ♥ A Q J 6   |               |
|             |              | ♦ J 10 9 5  |               |
|             |              | ♣ 8 5 4     |               |
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b>  |
| B. Pollack  | Hamman       | R. Pollack  | Granovetter   |
| Pass        | Pass         | 1♠          | Pass          |
| INT         | Pass         | 2♠          | Pass          |
| 2NT         | Pass         | 3NT         | All Pass      |

Hamman led a low club to dummy's jack and Bill Pollack gave it a lot of thought before leading the queen of spades off the table – not that it appears to matter what declarer does. Hamman won the king, cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a heart. Granovetter won the ace and returned the queen to declarer's king. Pollack played the ace of diamonds followed by a diamond to the king, then took the top spades, came back to hand with the ♦Q and cashed the ♣Q; one down for -100.

The Carry-Over

The winners of the qualification, Hochecker and Cichocki, received a carry-over of 4 percentage points. The sixty-first pair, von Arnim and Del Monte, received a carry-over of 0 percentage points. All pairs in between received a number of points in between (relative to their score in the qualification) and the rest of the field received nothing. These points were added to the percentage they ended up with in the first session of the final, and two more sessions will be added to this.

## Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

|   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| ♠ A 10<br>♥ K 5 4<br>♦ A K 9 6 3<br>♣ Q J 5 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N<br/>           W                  E<br/>           S         </div> | ♠ Q 4 3 2<br>♥ A 9 2<br>♦ Q J 5 2<br>♣ 9 6 | ♠ 8 6 5<br>♥ J 10 7 6<br>♦ 10 4<br>♣ A 7 3 2 |
|   | ♠ K J 9 7<br>♥ Q 8 3<br>♦ 8 7<br>♣ K 10 8 4   |  |  |

| West              | North         | East              | South              |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>B. Pollack</i> | <i>Hamman</i> | <i>R. Pollack</i> | <i>Granovetter</i> |
| Pass              | 1NT           | Pass              | 2♣                 |
| Pass              | 2♦            | Pass              | 3NT                |
| All Pass          |               |                   |                    |

Rosanne Pollack led the five of diamonds to the ten and king and Hamman led the queen of clubs. Bill Pollack won immediately to return his remaining diamond, on which Hamman played the nine in an attempt to make it appear that he was short in the suit. Rosanne won but did not fall for the false-card – she could see that the three was missing, so declarer could not hold only ♦AK9. She returned a club, which Hamman won in hand to play a heart to the queen. When that scored he cashed the club winners, pitching a diamond from hand. The fourth club caused Rosanne a problem. Having thrown a spade on the third club, she now bared the ace of hearts and, after a little thought, Hamman played her to have done so, ducking a heart. Hamman won the spade return in hand and cashed his red winners. Rosanne was squeezed again by the ♥K, so when Hamman played a spade at trick twelve the queen showed up; ten tricks for +630.

## Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

|   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| ♠ K 7 5<br>♥ Q J 9 6<br>♦ A J 6 4<br>♣ 10 8 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N<br/>           W                  E<br/>           S         </div> | ♠ 9 3<br>♥ 7 2<br>♦ K 9 5 3<br>♣ 7 6 5 4 2 | ♠ A J 10 6 2<br>♥ K 8 4 3<br>♦ 10 2<br>♣ K Q |
|   | ♠ Q 8 4<br>♥ A 10 5<br>♦ Q 8 7<br>♣ A J 9 3   |  |  |

| West            | North         | East        | South              |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <i>Ferguson</i> | <i>Hamman</i> | <i>Berg</i> | <i>Granovetter</i> |
| Pass            | 1♠            | Pass        | 2♣                 |
| All Pass        | 2♥            | Pass        | 4♠                 |

A straightforward auction saw Hamman declare a normal game on the lead of a low diamond to the jack. Bruce Ferguson continued with two more rounds of diamonds, Hamman ruffing the third round. With the favourable positions in the black suits, it is possible to make an overtrick by crossing to the ace of hearts to lead the ♠Q, picking up that suit and later dropping the ♣10. However, that needs a fair bit, so Hamman instead played the jack of spades to Ferguson's king. He won the spade return in dummy, drew trumps and unblocked the clubs before crossing to the ace of hearts to cash the clubs; ten tricks for +620.

## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| ♠ Q 6<br>♥ A 8 4<br>♦ A J 9 8<br>♣ A K 10 6 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N<br/>           W                  E<br/>           S         </div> | ♠ A J 2<br>♥ Q J 9 7 2<br>♦ 7 4<br>♣ 9 7 5 | ♠ 10 7 5 4 3<br>♥ 3<br>♦ K Q 6<br>♣ J 8 3 2 |
|   | ♠ K 9 8<br>♥ K 10 6 5<br>♦ 10 5 3 2<br>♣ Q 4  |  |   |

| West            | North         | East        | South              |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <i>Ferguson</i> | <i>Hamman</i> | <i>Berg</i> | <i>Granovetter</i> |
| INT             | Pass          | Pass        | Pass               |
| 3♥              | Pass          | 2♦          | Pass               |
|                 |               | 4♥          | All Pass           |

With a total maximum for his INT opening, Ferguson was willing to break the transfer when holding only three-card support, Hamman led the king of diamonds and the winning play would have been to win and later lead to the ♦9, establishing a discard for dummy's third club. However, with chances in the other suits, Ferguson preferred to duck, hoping for a continuation or favourable switch. But Hamman actually switched to a club to the queen and ace. Ferguson ran the queen of spades to the king and won the club return with his king. He crossed to dummy with a spade and led the ♥Q, ducked, then the ♥J, covered and won with the ace. Declarer gave up a heart, won the diamond return, and had to concede a club at the end for down one; -100.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ Q 6 3 2<br>♥ J 5 4 3 2<br>♦ A Q 4<br>♣ 8 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N<br/>           W                  E<br/>           S         </div> | ♠ J<br>♥ Q 9 8<br>♦ K 10 9 7 6 3<br>♣ 10 5 4 | ♠ K 10 9 4<br>♥ K 7<br>♦ J 8 5<br>♣ A Q 6 3 |
|  | ♠ A 8 7 5<br>♥ A 10 6<br>♦ 2<br>♣ K J 9 7 2   |  |   |

|                               |                               |                                |                                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Bertens</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Hamman</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Van Zwol</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Granovetter</i> |
| Pass                          | 1♠                            | Pass                           | 1♣                                 |
| Pass                          | 3NT                           | Pass                           | 2♠                                 |
| All Pass                      |                               |                                | 4♠                                 |

Having found the spade fit, Hamman suggested 3NT as an alternative game, but Granovetter quickly went back to the spade game because of her diamond shortage. Wietske Van Zwol led the jack of spades. Jack from queen-jack doubleton is an old idea and Hamman chose to play her for having led from the two honours because the auction strongly indicated a trump lead. Accordingly, he won in hand and returned a trump. Ducking to the queen when Van Zwol showed out. Huub Bertens returned a third trump, after which Hamman ruffed a heart in hand, crossed to dummy with a club and drew the last trump, conceding a diamond at the end; +650. Of course, if declarer plays to ruff a diamond in dummy rather than a heart in hand it is possible to make twelve tricks by picking the trumps successfully.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

|                               |                               |                                |                                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Bertens</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Hamman</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Van Zwol</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Granovetter</i> |
| Pass                          | Pass                          | Pass                           | 1♦                                 |
| Dble                          | 1♥                            | 2♠                             | Pass                               |
| Pass                          | 3♦                            | All Pass                       |                                    |



Bob Hamman, USA

The first competitive auction of the session saw Granovetter declare 3♦, a comfortable spot. She won the spade lead in hand, crossed to the ♠K and led the ten of clubs. When Van Zwol played low, she decided to play for either queen or jack onside so passed it to the jack. Bertens returned a club to the ace and Van Zwol switched to a trump, which was won with the five in dummy – that sort of trick costs a round of drinks in some places. Van Zwol gave up a heart and had ten tricks for +130.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

|                               |                               |                                |                                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>West</b><br><i>Bartley</i> | <b>North</b><br><i>Hamman</i> | <b>East</b><br><i>Kuzselka</i> | <b>South</b><br><i>Granovetter</i> |
| Pass                          | 1NT                           | Pass                           | 2♣                                 |
| Pass                          | 2♥                            | Pass                           | 4♦                                 |
| Pass                          | 4NT                           | Pass                           | 5NT                                |
| Pass                          | 6♥                            | All Pass                       |                                    |

Facing a 15-17 no trump, Granovetter used Stayman and, on finding a heart fit, splintered. Hamman took control, checking on key cards, and the response showed two plus a diamond void. Germany's Beatrix Kuzselka led a trump to the eight and queen and Hamman ruffed a diamond then ducked a club. Gareth Bartlet went in with the king to return a second trump and Hamman went up with the jack as he needed the entry to hand for a second diamond ruff. Ace and another club discovered the bad news in that suit. Hamman ruffed and cashed the ace of trumps, throwing a club from dummy.

All he had to do now was to cash the ace of diamonds then play ace of spades followed by a spade to the jack because, of course, Kuzselka had been squeezed out of her fourth spade by the last trump. But Hamman had what is known as a Senior moment (I have been having them all my life, of course). He saw that if the ♠Q was onside he didn't need to take the finesse because he could endplay East with it, so went for the extra chance of dropping queen-doubleton offside! Hamman played a spade to the king, back to the ace and a third round. Kuzselka won and had to lead into the diamond tenace at the end. Hamman claimed twelve tricks and scored it as such, only to be reminded that he had conceded a club trick earlier on in the play.



I hope Bob will forgive me for including this deal, but I promise him that this story will make a lot of readers very happy, as they will be pleased to see that even the very best can fall from grace at times.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

|   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| ♠ 3 2<br>♥ J 9 5<br>♦ 8 7 6<br>♣ J 8 6 5 3        | <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |  | N   |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ J 10 9 4<br>♥ 8 4<br>♦ A K 10 9<br>♣ 10 9 4 | ♠ K Q 8 6<br>♥ Q 10 7 6 3<br>♦ Q 4<br>♣ A K |
|   | N  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| W   |  | E  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
|   | S  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>West</b><br><i>Bartley</i><br><br>Pass<br>Pass | <b>North</b><br><i>Hamman</i><br><br>1♥<br>3NT   | <b>East</b><br><i>Kuzselka</i><br><br>Pass<br>Pass<br>All Pass | <b>South</b><br><i>Granovetter</i><br><br>1♦<br>INT |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |

After a club lead, this was a dull deal. Granovetter took the hearts, unblocked the club and played ♠K, a spade to the ace and cashed the ♣Q. That squeezed Kuzselka out of a top diamond, but there were no communications by now, of course; eleven tricks for +660. Anyone who found the five-three heart fit would expect to score very poorly, I would think.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

|  |  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ A 10 8 7 5 2<br>♥ K 10 9 6<br>♦ A<br>♣ 4 3   | <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N  |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ K Q J<br>♥ 4<br>♦ K 7 6 3 2<br>♣ 8 7 5 2 | ♠ 3<br>♥ Q 8 5 2<br>♦ Q 8<br>♣ A K Q J 10 6 |
|  | N  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W  |  | E   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|  | S  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| <b>West</b><br><i>Pszczola</i><br><br>1♠<br>4♠ | <b>North</b><br><i>Hamman</i><br><br>2♣<br>All Pass  | <b>East</b><br><i>Feitelson</i><br><br>3♣ | <b>South</b><br><i>Granovetter</i><br><br>Pass<br>Pass |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

Hamman cashed two clubs then switched to his trump. Jacek Pszczola won in dummy and led a heart, Granovetter winning her ace and playing a second trump. Pszczola could win, unblock the diamond and ruff a heart then pitch the other loser on the king of diamonds; +420.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|   |  |   |                                    |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ A 7 4<br>♥ 8 4 2<br>♦ Q 3<br>♣ A K 10 7 6 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> |   | N                                  |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ J 8 3<br>♥ 10 9 7<br>♦ A 10 6 4<br>♣ 5 4 3 | ♠ K 10 2<br>♥ A K Q J 6 5<br>♦ K J 9 5<br>♣ - |
|   | N  |   |                                    |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| W   |  | E   |                                    |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | S  |   |                                    |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| <b>West</b><br><i>Pszczola</i><br><br>1♣    | <b>North</b><br><i>Hamman</i><br><br>4♥  | <b>East</b><br><i>Feitelson</i><br><br>All Pass | <b>South</b><br><i>Granovetter</i> |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |

Maybe a 4♥ overall would not be everyone's choice, as it gives up on possible contracts, including slam, in two other denominations. But matchpoints is not a game for slow descriptive auctions which tip off the defenders about declarer's hand. Candice Feitelson led a club to the queen and king and Hamman ruffed then drew three rounds of trumps, throwing two clubs and a diamond from dummy. He continued with the king of spades then ten of spades, both ducked, and a third spade to the ace.

There was nothing Pszczola could do. If he had tried the ace of clubs, Hamman would have ruffed and exited with the king of diamonds – he knew the ace was on his left because West had not opened a strong no trump – and would have lost just two diamond tricks. Seeing this, Pszczola switched to the queen of diamonds, hoping that his partner's holding would be slightly stronger. Hamman covered and Feitelson won the ace and played a club through. Hamman ruffed and led a low diamond towards dummy's eight. Feitelson thought about that but eventually played low. The eight scored and the nine of spades took care of declarer's ♦9; eleven tricks for +650.

Midway through the session, it seemed that Bob and Pamela still had plenty to do to ensure qualification, and it would go down to the wire before they would know if they had done sufficient. They did just enough in the end, qualifying in 161st position, and would hope to do better in the final.



Pamela Granovetter, USA



# COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

Nella terza sessione delle qualificazioni Irene Baroni (23 anni) ed Enrico Guerra (molti di piu', tra il doppio ed il triplo: e' tutto plissettato!) siedono in N/S al tavolo 10. La coppia gioca il sistema Garozzo modificato, che sarebbe una ripetizione di concetto: il sistema Garozzo, in versione definitiva, non e' mai esistito, non esiste e non esistera' mai. E' il classico sistema eracliteo, in divenire costante. Ma, spesso, non e' il metodo a decidere, e' lo stile.

Per dire:

## Diecino

Board 20. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.

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

(Qui si usa scrivere utilizzando queste carte, senza "traduzione". Sarebbe scortese non uniformarsi. Grande bugia, e' solo un eccesso di pigrizia basato sul copia e incolla senza successiva sostituzione...)



Enrico Guerra, Italy

|              |             |            |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Ovest</b> | <b>Nord</b> | <b>Est</b> | <b>Sud</b> |
|              | Guerra      |            | I. Baroni  |
| 1♥           | 1♠          | Passo      | 2♥         |
| Contro       | 3♦          | Passo      | 3SA        |
| Fine         |             |            |            |

Che devo dirvi, costretti alle 11 prese dal fatto che Guerra si e' prepotentemente appropriato del secondo fit della linea, allora tanto vale giocare a senza atout. Si' perche' da Sud si fanno 6♦. Ci vorrebbe un bel sottocolore anche in questo caso. Shhh! Bisogna dirlo a bassa voce per non scatenare la variante.

## Linee di controgioco

Board 23. Dich. Sud. Tutti in zona.

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

|              |             |            |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Ovest</b> | <b>Nord</b> | <b>Est</b> | <b>Sud</b> |
|              | Guerra      |            | I. Baroni  |
| Passo        | Passo       | 4♥         | Passo      |
|              |             |            | Fine       |

No, queste non si fanno, ma le insidie possono essere dietro l'angolo. La Baroni, in Sud, ha attaccato con il singolo di quadri per la piccola del morto ed il Re di Nord. Ora, per esempio, provate a dare il taglio a Sud e guardate cosa potrebbe succedere. Quadri taglio. Asso di picche? Fine della mano. La fiori andra' sull'Asso di quadri dopo due colpi d'atout. Quattro fatte. Il ritorno fiori al posto, dell'Asso di picche, peggiora le cose. Asso di fiori, cuori per il 9, quadri taglio di onore maggiore, cuori per il morto, fine delle trasmissioni. Un momento. Torniamo indietro. Attacco quadri per il Re e quadri, Dama... **scarto!** Se Sud rifiuta il taglio il dichiarante va sotto un'altra





volta. L'analista conferma. Non puo' piu' usufruire di scarti a quadri. Che capolavoro! Attacco per il taglio e poi lo rifiuto. Bisogna mantenere il controllo con il Fante lungo in atout. Torniamo al tavolo. Guerra, in presa con il Re di quadri e' tornato cuori, in orbita fino al 9 del morto. Sulla successiva quadri per la Dama, Sud ha tagliato ed e' tornata fiori. 4♥-1.

**Barrage**

Board 25. Dich. Nord. E/O in zona.

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

|              |             |            |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Ovest</b> | <b>Nord</b> | <b>Est</b> | <b>Sud</b> |
|              | Guerra      |            | I. Baroni  |
|              | Passo       | Passo      | 4♥         |
|              | Fine        |            |            |

Irene Baroni non va tanto per il sottile e, con il suo sbarramento deciso, pone un problema ad Ovest. Fatto sta che, nella fattispecie, Ovest ha deciso di non entrare. Il 2 down realizzato in difesa non e' decisamente bastato a compensare le 4♣ che si realizzano in E/O (la quadri sulla quarta fiori).



Irene Baroni, Italy

**Altro diecino**

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

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

|              |             |            |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Ovest</b> | <b>Nord</b> | <b>Est</b> | <b>Sud</b> |
|              | Guerra      |            | I. Baroni  |
| Passo        | 1♥          | Passo      | 1♦         |
| Passo        | 2♣          | Passo      | ISA        |
| Passo        | 2♠          | Passo      | 2♦         |
| Passo        | 3SA         | Fine       | 2SA        |

Il 2♣ di Nord chiede l'appoggio terzo a cuori e 2♦ vuol dire che questo appoggio c'e'. Il resto e' naturale e, arrivata al momento di decidere, la coppia italiana ha optato un'altra volta per i senza atout ricevendo come premio le stesse prese che avrebbe fatto a cuori. Ovest ha attaccato quadri e la mano e' durata poco. Asso, Re di quadri e quadri. Fante di quadri, Asso e Re di fiori, Asso e Re di cuori, alt.

**Un finale**

Board 12. Dich. Ovest. N/S in zona.

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

Succedono cose strane. Ma partiamo dall'inizio. Guerra contra l'apertura di 1♣ di Ovest e, dopo il passo di Est, trasmette il carrello dall'altra parte e comincia a sudare: "E se trasforma il contro ad 1♣? No, non puo' essere. Se poi ha carte per trasformare vuol dire che e' il nostro contratto". La Baroni dice 1♠ e la licita prosegue con alti e bassi fino a 4♥. Est attacca fiori, per l'8 del morto, il 10 di Ovest ed il taglio. Tre giri d'atout, Re di picche (in presa), 10 di picche (in presa) e Fante di quadri (Asso. Perche'?). Fiori (Fante, Asso, taglio), Re di quadri e picche per l'Asso. Re di fiori (in presa), 10 prese (scusate il bisticcio...).

# Not at Full Strength

Jeff Meckstroth, defending Mixed Pairs champion, was back for another shot at the title, this time with a new partner – Janice Seamon-Molson.

Seamon-Molson was suffering from a mysterious illness and was not at her best, but even a subpar Seamon-Molson is a formidable opponent. Despite her malady, she and Meckstroth lay in 10<sup>th</sup> place after two qualifying rounds (the sad postscript to this article is that they did not make the final).

They cooperated well on this deal to rake in most of the matchpoints.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| INT         | Pass         | Pass        | Pass         |

Meckstroth, North, led the ♣3, and declarer overtook with the 8. He played a low heart from hand to the 8 and Seamon-Molson's queen. She returned a low diamond to the 10 and queen, and Meckstroth fired back the ♦K, unblocking the suit. Now declarer could have cashed out for one down, but he tried a low heart to the 10. Seamon-Molson won the ♥K and began rattling off her diamond winners. The dispirited declarer discarded one spade from hand and two from dummy



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

(Meckstroth tossed all his clubs), so when Seamon-Molson pushed a spade through, Meckstroth's hand was good. Declarer, who started with six tricks after the opening lead, ended up with two – minus 250.

This deal didn't work out as well.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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|---|---|--|--|
| ♠ 10 2<br>♥ A 8 7 6<br>♦ 9 8 5<br>♣ K J 7 5 | ♠ J 8 7 4<br>♥ K Q J 10 9 5 4<br>♦ 7<br>♣ 4 | ♠ 5<br>♥ –<br>♦ A K 10 6 4 3<br>♣ A Q 10 9 8 2 | ♠ A K Q 9 6 3<br>♥ 3 2<br>♦ Q J 2<br>♣ 6 3 |
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|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Pass        | 2♥           | 2NT         | 1♠           |
| 5♣          | 5♥           | 6♣          | Pass         |
| All Pass    |              |             |              |

The contract will go down on a spade lead, but Meckstroth led the ♦7, which resulted in minus 1090. The opponents gave the good result back on the next board, however.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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| ♠ 9 8 7 4<br>♥ J 6 3<br>♦ J 8 6 2<br>♣ A 3 | ♠ K Q 10 6 5 3 2<br>♥ 5<br>♦ 10 5 3<br>♣ 5 2 | ♠ A<br>♥ Q 10 7 4 2<br>♦ Q 9<br>♣ K J 9 8 4 | ♠ J<br>♥ A K 9 8<br>♦ A K 7 4<br>♣ Q 10 7 6 |
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Meckstroth opened the North hand 3♠ and was raised to game by Seamon-Molson. A low heart was led by East. Meckstroth won the ♥A, shook a losing club on the ♥K and played the ♠J to East's bare ace. The ♣9 went to the 10 and ace, and Meckstroth ruffed the club return. Now he played more spades, and East could pitch one heart and two clubs, but on the fourth round of spades, she erred by discarding another heart, allowing Meckstroth to enter dummy with a diamond and ruff the ♥9 good. Plus 450 was worth a lot of matchpoints.

Session 2

Mixed Pairs Qualifying

by Barry Rigal

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| 2♥          | Pass         | 3♥          | All pass     |

Some boards are remarkable for reasons other than the pure bridge technical points; the following deal would probably only appeal to devotees of Snap or Cheat (card games where you try to match the preceding play). Here I played 3♥ after North had taken an age to pass out the final contract. Rather surprisingly he led the ace and another spade (making me think he wanted a ruff, of course. I covered the second spade with the eight, took the jack with the king, and led the ♥J. North took his ace and shifted to the ♣8; I went up with the ace, led the ♦K, covered and ruffed, and took the ♥K to find the surprising news in that suit. In this ending:

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

At this point I led a trump to the queen, advanced the ♦Q, discarding the ♠Q, then the ♠9 discarding the ♣9, and the ♠6



discarding the ♣6. Ten tricks, and even if this was only for an average, it was still one of the more aesthetically pleasing deals of my life.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| 2♥          | Pass         | INT         | Pass         |
| 2NT         | Pass         | 2♠          | Pass         |
|             | Pass         | 4♠          | All pass     |

What is the correct line of play in 4♠ on the lead of the ♣Q? To come to ten tricks it would appear you need to take five spades, three hearts, a diamond and a club.

At one table, at least, declarer took the ♣A, drew trumps, and took three heart tricks via the finesse. This was the ending:

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

Declarer ruffed a heart to dummy and led a diamond off the board. The defence cannot prevail by rising with the ♦K and playing the ♣K, since he has no further club left to play. But if the clubs had been 4-3, the forcing defence would have prevailed.

A better sequence of plays would be to win the club lead, draw two rounds of trump, and cash three hearts via the finesse. When that all stands up, draw the last trump, and now you have complete control to lead diamonds twice towards the queen-jack without running the risk of being forced.

# MIXED PAIRS QUALIFYING

## Final Standings (After 3rd Session)

| Rank | Names   | 3rd   | Total | 3rd | Total                                      |       |       |
|------|---|-------|-------|-----|--|-------|-------|
| 1    | Danuta HOCHEKER - Miroslaw CICHOCKI           | 63.49 | 62.74 | 75  | Marilina VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI          | 53.84 | 54.46 |
| 2    | Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE           | 59.07 | 61.69 | 76  | Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN          | 51.07 | 54.44 |
| 3    | Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD                     | 56.85 | 60.49 | 77  | M. Cristina MOTTA - Ezio TRAGHIN           | 50.33 | 54.42 |
| 4    | Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS                  | 57.78 | 60.27 | 78  | Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN            | 58.65 | 54.36 |
| 5    | Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER             | 62.77 | 60.15 | 79  | Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV          | 56.23 | 54.35 |
| 6    | Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL                      | 61.24 | 60.12 | 80  | Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA           | 52.50 | 54.28 |
| 7    | Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG              | 58.88 | 59.94 | 81  | Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF                   | 62.70 | 54.27 |
| 8    | Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND               | 64.16 | 59.90 | 82  | Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA             | 49.75 | 54.20 |
| 9    | Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS                       | 60.79 | 59.79 | 83  | Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER               | 52.16 | 54.16 |
| 10   | Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSNA                  | 62.87 | 59.25 | 84  | Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA      | 50.10 | 54.14 |
| 11   | Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON                 | 59.81 | 59.20 | 85  | Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL               | 56.75 | 54.08 |
| 12   | Wang WEN FEI - Dai Jian MING                  | 63.87 | 59.05 | 86  | Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI              | 54.15 | 54.04 |
| 13   | Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE                    | 59.55 | 58.83 | 87  | Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI          | 52.97 | 54.04 |
| 14   | Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI       | 58.24 | 58.75 | 88  | Debora CAMPAGNANO - Giampaolo FRANCO       | 43.39 | 54.03 |
| 15   | Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL           | 61.33 | 58.64 | 89  | Pia ANDERSSON - Arne LARSSON               | 45.54 | 54.02 |
| 16   | Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK                 | 53.38 | 58.46 | 90  | Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN                | 58.38 | 53.97 |
| 17   | Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN         | 57.31 | 58.30 | 91  | Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN            | 53.48 | 53.86 |
| 18   | Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO               | 60.20 | 58.24 | 92  | Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE          | 48.95 | 53.81 |
| 19   | Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS               | 58.96 | 58.22 | 93  | Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR                     | 61.31 | 53.78 |
| 20   | Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON                  | 63.60 | 58.11 | 94  | Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND          | 59.50 | 53.74 |
| 21   | Curtis CHEEK - Lynn DEAS                      | 62.52 | 57.78 | 95  | Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG               | 56.48 | 53.73 |
| 22   | Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA            | 54.46 | 57.73 | 96  | Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT                | 49.97 | 53.73 |
| 23   | Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV                | 58.71 | 57.62 | 97  | Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI             | 53.80 | 53.72 |
| 24   | Nevena SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH             | 60.24 | 57.58 | 98  | Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO         | 51.09 | 53.72 |
| 25   | Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN                     | 57.07 | 57.48 | 99  | Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV                   | 64.90 | 53.72 |
| 26   | Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN                      | 56.40 | 57.38 | 100 | Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI        | 53.05 | 53.72 |
| 27   | Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV              | 53.73 | 57.21 | 101 | Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS  | 51.28 | 53.71 |
| 28   | Linda LEWIS - Arnold FISHER                   | 52.68 | 57.21 | 102 | Rosalien BARENDREGT - Vincent KROES        | 51.86 | 53.61 |
| 29   | Daniele ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN | 64.07 | 57.13 | 103 | Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD       | 44.37 | 53.56 |
| 30   | Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN              | 60.47 | 57.06 | 104 | Teruko NISHIMURA - Kazuo FURUTA            | 55.84 | 53.52 |
| 31   | Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCH             | 62.56 | 57.04 | 105 | Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANN    | 58.74 | 53.50 |
| 32   | Elisabeth HUGON - Jean-Jacques PALAU          | 65.32 | 56.60 | 106 | Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI         | 56.16 | 53.50 |
| 33   | Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER                  | 48.95 | 56.57 | 107 | Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI            | 60.20 | 53.49 |
| 34   | Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ        | 51.14 | 56.35 | 108 | Gigi WEINSTEIN - Howard WEINSTEIN          | 55.01 | 53.47 |
| 35   | Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS                 | 51.18 | 56.28 | 109 | Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS                 | 53.53 | 53.47 |
| 36   | Valerie WESTHEIMER - Bjorn FALLENIOUS         | 63.53 | 56.27 | 110 | Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON          | 59.08 | 53.46 |
| 37   | Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH                   | 51.11 | 56.27 | 111 | Carla SOLDATI - Fabrizio SOLDATI           | 47.41 | 53.44 |
| 38   | Nikica SYER - Pavo MARINKOVIC                 | 61.74 | 56.22 | 112 | Renee MANCUSO - Grant BAZE                 | 51.86 | 53.40 |
| 39   | Debbie ROSENBERG - Bruce ROGOFF               | 56.15 | 56.19 | 113 | Vivien CORNELL - Michael CORNELL           | 60.20 | 53.37 |
| 40   | Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON             | 59.04 | 56.17 | 114 | Kerri SANBORN-SHUMAN - Larry N. COHEN      | 58.54 | 53.35 |
| 41   | Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN                      | 50.31 | 56.10 | 115 | Sabina GRZEJDZIAK - Igor GRZEJDZIAK        | 47.69 | 53.34 |
| 42   | Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Sascha WERNLE            | 56.00 | 56.06 | 116 | Gail Moss GREENBERG - Jeff HAND            | 49.17 | 53.33 |
| 43   | Cathy BALDYSZ - Marek BALDYSZ                 | 56.04 | 56.05 | 117 | Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY               | 60.02 | 53.32 |
| 44   | Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG - Lars GOLDBERG           | 57.17 | 56.02 | 118 | Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND             | 40.94 | 53.28 |
| 45   | Katia PIGNATTI - Alessandro PUGLIA            | 62.19 | 55.95 | 119 | Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA          | 54.39 | 53.25 |
| 46   | Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS       | 58.64 | 55.91 | 120 | Zuhal AK - Melih OZDIL                     | 47.51 | 53.24 |
| 47   | Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI            | 57.71 | 55.81 | 121 | Marlene DUGUET - Patrick GRENTHE           | 53.89 | 53.23 |
| 48   | Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME                   | 59.14 | 55.81 | 122 | Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE          | 48.07 | 53.17 |
| 49   | Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER                  | 56.27 | 55.80 | 123 | Nicola SMITH - John ARMSTRONG              | 53.40 | 53.14 |
| 50   | Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL                    | 52.41 | 55.75 | 124 | Gianna DONATI - Marco RICCIARELLI          | 54.35 | 53.07 |
| 51   | Wil BUKET - Carel BERENDREGT                  | 55.71 | 55.72 | 125 | Ibolya NYARADI - Gabor NYARADI             | 46.51 | 52.96 |
| 52   | Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD        | 61.85 | 55.66 | 126 | Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO   | 56.11 | 52.95 |
| 53   | Johanna RACZYNSKA - Jean Francois ALLIX       | 54.16 | 55.59 | 127 | Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST                  | 42.83 | 52.93 |
| 54   | Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL                       | 53.23 | 55.56 | 128 | Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE     | 51.28 | 52.90 |
| 55   | Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN                  | 44.75 | 55.50 | 129 | Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN         | 57.00 | 52.90 |
| 56   | Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK                | 51.68 | 55.37 | 130 | Hansa NARASIMHAN - Michael ROSENBERG       | 53.80 | 52.89 |
| 57   | Anne BEAUMIER - Dominique BEAUMIER            | 56.16 | 55.36 | 131 | Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU              | 53.60 | 52.83 |
| 58   | Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN                       | 50.31 | 55.31 | 132 | Eva IPPISCH - Johannes BAMBERGER           | 59.47 | 52.81 |
| 59   | Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy VAN MIDDELEM    | 55.26 | 55.13 | 133 | Vera CALDARELLI - Franco FONTI             | 51.62 | 52.81 |
| 60   | Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ     | 57.25 | 55.09 | 134 | Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI            | 54.99 | 52.80 |
| 61   | Daniela von ARNIM - Ishmael DELMONTE          | 53.73 | 55.06 | 135 | Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY                  | 51.42 | 52.80 |
| 62   | Linda GREEN - Ya Fu LIN                       | 59.25 | 55.01 | 136 | Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT                  | 54.92 | 52.79 |
| 63   | Kalpana MISRA - Anil PADHYE                   | 52.71 | 55.00 | 137 | Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV           | 55.85 | 52.73 |
| 64   | Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Marc JACOBUS        | 53.49 | 54.99 | 138 | Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO        | 54.27 | 52.65 |
| 65   | Joanne TITOW - Kenneth TITOW                  | 51.57 | 54.94 | 139 | Kathy FALLENIOUS - Peter FREDIN            | 48.62 | 52.59 |
| 66   | Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM            | 55.37 | 54.93 | 140 | Hedwig Van GLABBEEK - Willem Jan MAAS      | 49.19 | 52.54 |
| 67   | Thalia KOREN - Gadi LBOVITS                   | 60.03 | 54.83 | 141 | Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY          | 55.87 | 52.54 |
| 68   | Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ        | 53.80 | 54.82 | 142 | Heidi LILLIS - Michael MCGLOUGHLIN         | 46.50 | 52.52 |
| 69   | Chantal SAFRA - David DOMENECH                | 60.16 | 54.80 | 143 | Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK            | 51.03 | 52.47 |
| 70   | Marini MAZZOLA - Francesco MAZZOLA            | 53.20 | 54.76 | 144 | Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE                 | 48.43 | 52.46 |
| 71   | Sara SIVELIND - Bryan MAKSYMETZ               | 54.43 | 54.68 | 145 | Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS                   | 49.66 | 52.46 |
| 72   | Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI             | 45.26 | 54.57 | 146 | Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE         | 53.36 | 52.43 |
| 73   | Sun MING - Fu ZHONG                           | 49.45 | 54.51 | 147 | Isabelle LE PROVOST - Jean-Baptiste FANTUN | 51.04 | 52.40 |
| 74   | Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON               | 58.96 | 54.47 | 148 | Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Piotr GAWRYS            | 53.13 | 52.40 |
|      |   |       |       | 149 | Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN          | 47.84 | 52.34 |



|     |   |       |       |     |   |       |       |
|-----|---|-------|-------|-----|---|-------|-------|
| 150 | Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER                 | 53.25 | 52.31 | 233 | Lucia BETTI PILI - Ruggero PIAZZA           | 47.64 | 50.28 |
| 151 | Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR               | 57.92 | 52.28 | 234 | Cate HUGHES - Stanislav NEDKOV              | 49.46 | 50.28 |
| 152 | Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN       | 43.98 | 52.20 | 235 | Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO            | 59.92 | 50.27 |
| 153 | Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI              | 47.58 | 52.20 | 236 | Cynthia TREVISANI - Claudio BIANCHINI       | 46.93 | 50.25 |
| 154 | Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO                 | 49.16 | 52.16 | 237 | Marina PILIPOVIC - Dubravko DIKLIC          | 47.17 | 50.24 |
| 155 | Lisa BERKOWITZ - Steve WEINSTEIN              | 50.65 | 52.15 | 238 | Debbie FELDMAN - John RAYNER                | 48.48 | 50.19 |
| 156 | Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT                | 53.95 | 52.08 | 239 | Ruth NIKITINE - Roger KUTNER                | 57.11 | 50.17 |
| 157 | Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR                | 55.44 | 52.08 | 240 | Miriam McCONVILLE - Paul PORTEOUS           | 51.59 | 50.16 |
| 158 | Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER                  | 45.83 | 52.07 | 241 | Joanne GREENE - Bob CROSSLEY                | 46.60 | 50.10 |
| 159 | Marlene WATTS - Adam SARTEN                   | 50.90 | 52.06 | 242 | Giovanna BANCI - Gianni BALBI               | 45.21 | 50.09 |
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| 161 | Sandra KULOVIC-PROBST - Alexander HYDES       | 49.00 | 52.01 | 244 | Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA                 | 50.03 | 50.04 |
| 162 | Pamela GRANOVETTER - Bob HAMMAN               | 51.31 | 52.00 | 245 | Maria De GOETZEN - Tommaso TONIOLO          | 45.95 | 50.04 |
| 163 | Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ         | 56.12 | 51.99 | 246 | Padma DARYANANI - Eduardo SCANAVINO         | 51.83 | 50.00 |
| 164 | Claire TORNAY - Michael RADIN                 | 48.34 | 51.95 | 247 | Anna KOVACHEVA - Trajan HRISTOV             | 53.00 | 50.00 |
| 165 | Florian MARZI - Riccardo VITALE               | 57.54 | 51.90 | 248 | Danielle AVON - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE        | 53.27 | 49.99 |
| 166 | Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFENSEN                 | 45.69 | 51.88 | 249 | Barbara GOTARD - Tomasz GOTARD              | 46.94 | 49.98 |
| 167 | Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI               | 53.54 | 51.86 | 250 | Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL               | 45.05 | 49.98 |
| 168 | Dejana SVRERKER - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI     | 56.60 | 51.85 | 251 | Beatrice MORGANTE - Claudio BRUNELLI        | 54.35 | 49.93 |
| 169 | Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN                | 55.86 | 51.78 | 252 | Jet PASMANN - Christoffer NIEMEIJER         | 55.99 | 49.91 |
| 170 | Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED                | 50.61 | 51.78 | 253 | Anna LICURSI - Gianpaolo CENTIOLI           | 50.89 | 49.90 |
| 171 | Roberta PEIRCE - Cristiano MIOZZI             | 51.97 | 51.77 | 254 | Sara CIVIDIN DE SARIO - Fabio ZENARI        | 45.42 | 49.88 |
| 172 | Tracy CAPAL - Ian PANTO                       | 49.09 | 51.76 | 255 | Daniela HINATOVA - Otakar SVOBODA           | 55.58 | 49.78 |
| 173 | Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM        | 57.31 | 51.72 | 256 | Morella PACHECO - Steve HAMAOU              | 46.89 | 49.75 |
| 174 | Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMIA             | 47.38 | 51.70 | 257 | Anna ONISHUK - Karl De RAYMAEKER            | 48.61 | 49.71 |
| 175 | Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV | 45.71 | 51.66 | 258 | Giulia POZZI - Enrico DUBINI                | 49.27 | 49.70 |
| 176 | Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR         | 53.86 | 51.63 | 259 | Joan COOK - Maurice EDMOND                  | 47.97 | 49.65 |
| 177 | Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ    | 55.50 | 51.59 | 260 | Elisabeth DELOR - Romain ZALESKI            | 45.54 | 49.63 |
| 178 | Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM                  | 54.75 | 51.58 | 261 | Mildred BREED - Lew FINKEL                  | 57.52 | 49.63 |
| 179 | Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA                  | 54.09 | 51.56 | 262 | Carla Pa ARSLAN - Paolo CLAIR               | 55.39 | 49.62 |
| 180 | Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN               | 56.24 | 51.55 | 263 | Aleksandra JESENICNIK - Tolja ORAC          | 49.41 | 49.62 |
| 181 | Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL                 | 51.97 | 51.54 | 264 | Elisabeth Van ETTINGER - Jan Van CLEEFF     | 46.20 | 49.62 |
| 182 | Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI           | 46.53 | 51.49 | 265 | Susanna GROSS - Espen ERICHSEN              | 51.56 | 49.62 |
| 183 | Cathy STRAUCH - Riggs THAYER                  | 51.31 | 51.48 | 266 | Marlene KIRSTAN - Tobias TORNQVIST          | 48.03 | 49.61 |
| 184 | Kitty TELTSCHER - Willie COYLE                | 48.57 | 51.46 | 267 | Aude DE RUSSE - Luc MORIN                   | 45.75 | 49.61 |
| 185 | Irene BARONI - Enrico GUERRA                  | 52.57 | 51.45 | 268 | Christine BOYLMON - Stephen BURGESS         | 49.13 | 49.59 |
| 186 | Sally WOOLSEY - Kit WOOLSEY                   | 55.42 | 51.42 | 269 | Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON             | 59.60 | 49.59 |
| 187 | Pierre-Jean LOUCHART - Muriel CLEMENT         | 50.26 | 51.41 | 270 | Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON                  | 50.77 | 49.57 |
| 188 | Eva BAHNIKOVA - Petr BAHNIK                   | 50.73 | 51.37 | 271 | Sharon OSBERG - Bill GATES                  | 46.98 | 49.55 |
| 189 | Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Richard SCHWARTZ         | 51.01 | 51.34 | 272 | Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI             | 55.84 | 49.54 |
| 190 | Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Geir BREKKA             | 54.84 | 51.24 | 273 | Renata MULLER - Mario ZELJKO                | 49.99 | 49.50 |
| 191 | Claartje BAK - Peter SISSELAAR                | 53.76 | 51.24 | 274 | Inez Van EIJCK - Willem Van EIJCK           | 48.73 | 49.44 |
| 192 | Elizabeth ADAMS - David BEAUCHAMP             | 49.74 | 51.22 | 275 | Suzanne COHEN - Rune HAUGE                  | 51.04 | 49.44 |
| 193 | Barbara LINDINGER - Karl ROHAN                | 48.15 | 51.21 | 276 | Anna GRECO - Galielo De MICHELE             | 48.61 | 49.40 |
| 194 | Isabelle BELLO - Jaap Van Der NEUT            | 55.40 | 51.18 | 277 | Dominique JOEGNE - Henri SCHWEITZER         | 48.99 | 49.37 |
| 195 | Katalin MEZEI - Laszlo HONTI                  | 42.96 | 51.17 | 278 | Gisela SMYKALLA - Michael SCHNEIDER         | 41.79 | 49.36 |
| 196 | Annette HENRY - Stephen BLACKSTOCK            | 48.35 | 51.16 | 279 | Rosetta AMIRATA - Alejandro BIANCHEDI       | 45.63 | 49.35 |
| 197 | Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Jeff MECKSTROTH        | 34.41 | 51.14 | 280 | Dorota TOKAJ-WOJTCZUK - Rafal WOJTCZUK      | 46.01 | 49.28 |
| 198 | Maria ERHART - Ali YALMAN                     | 52.09 | 51.12 | 281 | Laurence DUC - Stephan MAGNUSSON            | 54.70 | 49.22 |
| 199 | Alida CLARK - Peter ROGERS                    | 46.65 | 51.12 | 282 | Yva KARLSSON-UIJK - Ahto UIJK               | 55.60 | 49.22 |
| 200 | Rose MELTZER - Kyle LARSEN                    | 47.47 | 51.11 | 283 | Mary FINN - Sean O'LUBAIGH                  | 41.60 | 49.20 |
| 201 | Joann GLASSON - Bob GLASSON                   | 48.46 | 51.10 | 284 | Emanuela GANDINI - Marco G CORAZZA          | 47.33 | 49.20 |
| 202 | Virginia CHEDIAK - Ronny JORSTAD              | 48.24 | 51.09 | 285 | Rita PASQUARE - Orlando BIANCHI             | 55.69 | 49.19 |
| 203 | Daniela BALDASSIN - Giancarlo PRINCIPE        | 50.65 | 51.07 | 286 | Lila PANAHPOUR - Tony FORRESTER             | 52.75 | 49.14 |
| 204 | Despina GEORGAS - Brent GIBBS                 | 53.29 | 51.03 | 287 | Christine DUCKWORTH - Brian CALLAGHAN       | 42.79 | 49.07 |
| 205 | Dominique PORTAL - Patrice MARMION            | 54.71 | 51.02 | 288 | Diana BUDKIN - Mario MAYANTZ                | 42.09 | 49.02 |
| 206 | Angela DOSSENA - Paolo CHIZZOLI               | 50.15 | 50.99 | 289 | Kath NELSON - Steve EGINTON                 | 44.45 | 49.02 |
| 207 | Marinesa LETIZIA - Steve BEATTY               | 53.26 | 50.96 | 290 | Linda WIENER - David BROWER                 | 43.25 | 49.01 |
| 208 | Dagmar NEUMANN - George BILSKI                | 53.34 | 50.94 | 291 | Tihana BRKLJACIC - Miro TESLA               | 46.96 | 49.00 |
| 209 | Blanka MEDLINOVA - Jiri MEDLIN                | 52.53 | 50.93 | 292 | Elena PRAHIN - Michael PRAHIN               | 49.75 | 49.00 |
| 210 | Dianne BALCOMBE - Keith BALCOMBE              | 50.94 | 50.93 | 293 | Sanja ZAGAJSEK - Branko REFI                | 46.99 | 49.00 |
| 211 | Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU                | 59.74 | 50.92 | 294 | Janet DE BOTTON - Nicklas SANDQVIST         | 55.73 | 49.00 |
| 212 | Caroline GREGSON - Victor SILVERSTONE         | 56.70 | 50.90 | 295 | Shannon CAPPELLETTI - Glenn EISENSTEIN      | 47.81 | 48.92 |
| 213 | Simonetta PIVA - Maurizio CASATI              | 47.41 | 50.89 | 296 | Gio PEYRON - Amedeo COMELLA                 | 51.70 | 48.91 |
| 214 | Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN               | 50.84 | 50.88 | 297 | Hedy GREY - Jerome GRENTHE                  | 45.37 | 48.89 |
| 215 | Zeynep ALP - Okay GUR                         | 42.64 | 50.87 | 298 | Marita MAI - Enrico LONGINOTTI              | 50.90 | 48.89 |
| 216 | Karin WENNING - Ulrich WENNING                | 55.16 | 50.85 | 299 | Brigitte AUBONNET - Jean-Marc BOULICAUT     | 42.61 | 48.88 |
| 217 | Thea WILLEMSE - Michel JIALAL                 | 57.94 | 50.83 | 300 | Helen ABBOTT - Dan ROMM                     | 51.29 | 48.87 |
| 218 | Leda PAIM - Gabriel CHAGAS                    | 48.02 | 50.81 | 301 | Grace JEKLIN - Fulvio FANTONI               | 47.37 | 48.85 |
| 219 | Rozalia RONEN - Jacek KALITA                  | 52.41 | 50.77 | 302 | Vanna MENDITTO - Mario CAJANO               | 46.19 | 48.83 |
| 220 | Tobi SOKOLOV - Mark FELDMAN                   | 48.09 | 50.76 | 303 | Tina TESSARO - Allan COKIN                  | 49.03 | 48.80 |
| 221 | Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER                | 51.91 | 50.76 | 304 | Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE              | 51.56 | 48.80 |
| 222 | Virginia GIZA - Stephen GOLDSTEIN             | 50.05 | 50.68 | 305 | Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN           | 51.48 | 48.79 |
| 223 | Kitty MUNSON COOPER - Paul BETHE              | 49.47 | 50.64 | 306 | Mary Ann BERG - Bruce FERGUSON              | 52.19 | 48.78 |
| 224 | Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER           | 57.03 | 50.62 | 307 | Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE             | 54.34 | 48.76 |
| 225 | Malgorzata SCHROEDER - Michael SCHROEDER      | 46.37 | 50.54 | 308 | Martine ROSSARD - Philippe TOFFIER          | 54.33 | 48.70 |
| 226 | Beatrix KUZSELKA - Gareth BARTLEY             | 41.61 | 50.39 | 309 | Tullia SAMPAOLESI - Marco BERNATI           | 39.90 | 48.69 |
| 227 | Maria Tereza PALAZZOLO - Hector CAMBEROS      | 47.93 | 50.39 | 310 | Judith SHULMAN - Joel DATLOFF               | 43.79 | 48.69 |
| 228 | Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY                | 54.08 | 50.38 | 311 | Barbara KASLE - Haig TCHAMITCH              | 46.76 | 48.69 |
| 229 | Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO               | 52.91 | 50.34 | 312 | Claudia BURATTI - Marino GELLETTI           | 58.66 | 48.63 |
| 230 | Arijana DUIC-PETRIC - Zvonko PETROVIC         | 51.03 | 50.34 | 313 | Elisabeth NAQI - Michael GUNTHER            | 51.90 | 48.62 |
| 231 | Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS              | 54.35 | 50.31 | 314 | Zvia FAUR - Eliahu FAUR                     | 50.66 | 48.57 |
| 232 | Ruth STOBBER - Joe GRUE                       | 63.61 | 50.30 | 315 | Maria PANADERO - Joao PASSARINHO            | 47.12 | 48.49 |

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| 316 | Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON            | 58.15 | 48.48 | 399 | Helena SVEDLUND - Bengt-Erik EFFRAIMSSON     | 50.46 | 45.65 |
| 317 | Laura TIDONE - Domenico CHIARO                | 51.26 | 48.45 | 400 | Vigdis THOREN - Erik RYNNING                 | 44.91 | 45.62 |
| 318 | Madeleine SWANSTROM - Tommy GULLBERG          | 54.97 | 48.42 | 401 | Giorgia BOTTA - Corrado GALA                 | 38.65 | 45.57 |
| 319 | Barbara DESSI - Riccardo GIORDANO             | 46.38 | 48.36 | 402 | Marina CALZONI - Giorgio STUPPIONI           | 38.67 | 45.56 |
| 320 | Fay KIRK - Clive KAYE                         | 52.22 | 48.30 | 403 | Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU       | 44.85 | 45.49 |
| 321 | Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA              | 51.95 | 48.29 | 404 | Nur CINAR - Niso ESKINAZ                     | 49.99 | 45.33 |
| 322 | Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL         | 44.78 | 48.29 | 405 | Lea HESS - Philippe MARILL                   | 39.24 | 45.32 |
| 323 | Loukia TRIANTAFYLLOU - Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS    | 46.47 | 48.28 | 406 | Laurence BERTRAND-RISPAL - Daniel THOUROUDE  | 40.25 | 45.30 |
| 324 | Valerie HARGREAVES - Mike HARGREAVES          | 53.13 | 48.28 | 407 | Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM              | 53.78 | 45.21 |
| 325 | Silvia URBANI - Luca DARBI                    | 52.89 | 48.23 | 408 | Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH        | 49.35 | 45.17 |
| 326 | Marisa TAGLIAVIA - Miguel FENTE               | 46.42 | 48.22 | 409 | Mari RETEK - George RETEK                    | 44.01 | 45.02 |
| 327 | Shirley JABON - Richard GROSS                 | 52.53 | 48.17 | 410 | Grasia YALMAN - Dunder CIFTCIOGLU            | 41.45 | 44.90 |
| 328 | Anna BARABINO - Giorgio RIVARA                | 47.21 | 48.14 | 411 | Livia ORRU' - Stefano MATTANA                | 49.07 | 44.89 |
| 329 | Andrea MULIAR - Martin SCHIFKO                | 45.81 | 48.13 | 412 | Vita WINESTOCK - Derek MALTZ                 | 42.01 | 44.80 |
| 330 | Netsy SAYER - Zahary ZAHARIEV                 | 47.30 | 48.13 | 413 | Marilyn NATHAN - Arthur MALINOWSKI           | 39.05 | 44.69 |
| 331 | Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL                      | 47.02 | 48.06 | 414 | Costanza FORNI - Roberto POLLEDRO            | 47.32 | 44.63 |
| 332 | Irmeli SALONEN - Marc VERDURMEN               | 48.74 | 48.00 | 415 | Bruna BERTACCINI - Ruggero BONVICINI         | 48.22 | 44.62 |
| 333 | Rossella TANTINI - Gianluigi FERLIN           | 50.75 | 47.97 | 416 | Grete SKAFTE - Bob PRICKAERTZ                | 46.77 | 44.58 |
| 334 | Tonia Di LORENZO - Giuseppe BUFFARDO          | 46.54 | 47.97 | 417 | Isabel Del Rey CRIADO - Jacky FERNANDES      | 46.08 | 44.52 |
| 335 | Sandy DAVIES - Tom GISBORNE                   | 47.58 | 47.96 | 418 | Pauline MAGUIRE - Gay KEAVENEY               | 49.35 | 44.52 |
| 336 | Zdena ZOUCHOVA - Zbynek LAVER                 | 42.27 | 47.94 | 419 | Francesca DE LUCCHI - Giancarlo MARINI       | 45.36 | 44.45 |
| 337 | Despina KANELLOPOULOU - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS  | 47.94 | 47.89 | 420 | Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT                    | 45.74 | 44.34 |
| 338 | Nurit GRAIZER - Shimshon HORVITZ              | 49.87 | 47.89 | 421 | Zoraïda DIEBOLD - Lutz DOHNERT               | 44.42 | 44.26 |
| 339 | Edna PRISCO - Massimo MORITTSCH               | 60.60 | 47.86 | 422 | Bettina KALKERUP - Seymon DEUTSCH            | 34.16 | 44.19 |
| 340 | Alessandra CORVINO - Francesco BERNARDI       | 50.69 | 47.84 | 423 | Cinzia AGRILLO - Diego CARDENAS              | 44.60 | 44.18 |
| 341 | Anne-Marie COLOMBO - Jean-Yves DANIC          | 46.10 | 47.81 | 424 | Francesca GRAGNANI - Marcello PETROZZIELLO   | 42.97 | 44.15 |
| 342 | Roz WOLFARTH - Valentin Dgassim AL-SHATI      | 49.04 | 47.73 | 425 | Beryl CAMPBELL - Allan GORDON                | 47.03 | 44.15 |
| 343 | Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO               | 44.48 | 47.67 | 426 | Dolores GIULIANI - Piero MORI                | 41.65 | 44.13 |
| 344 | Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY               | 50.62 | 47.64 | 427 | Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER             | 44.74 | 44.03 |
| 345 | Raffael GREPPI - Gabriele PELIZZARI           | 46.31 | 47.63 | 428 | Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON                | 34.37 | 44.03 |
| 346 | Pavla SVOBODOVA - Petr VRKOC                  | 51.29 | 47.57 | 429 | Ellie FITZGERALD - James FITZGERALD          | 35.82 | 43.97 |
| 347 | Milka IVANCIC - Zoran BOHACEK                 | 46.56 | 47.56 | 430 | Gila EMODI - Doron YADLIN                    | 49.29 | 43.92 |
| 348 | Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI      | 40.88 | 47.50 | 431 | Marie Louise DAS - Pierre d' OVIDIO          | 49.70 | 43.92 |
| 349 | Donatella GIGLIOTTI - Ezio FORNACIARI         | 44.63 | 47.49 | 432 | Maria Rosaria PIERRO - Ivan TREVISIOL        | 32.52 | 43.70 |
| 350 | Jane DAVSON - Bobby RICHMAN                   | 46.13 | 47.46 | 433 | Francesca CARNICELLI - Carlo MANTEGAZZA      | 42.98 | 43.70 |
| 351 | Fulvia GHIA - Franco DURANTE                  | 40.60 | 47.44 | 434 | Vera SCHULZOVA - Zdenek LASTOVICKA           | 42.06 | 43.68 |
| 352 | Francoise GUENOUN - Raphael GUENOUN           | 39.44 | 47.41 | 435 | Miny TANANBAUM - Teddy CHIMION               | 47.61 | 43.47 |
| 353 | Angiolisa FRATI - Franco BARONI               | 44.37 | 47.39 | 436 | Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST                   | 38.50 | 43.44 |
| 354 | Emanuela CALANDRA - Guido FERRARO             | 49.05 | 47.38 | 437 | Renate HANSEN - Heinrich BERGER              | 49.84 | 43.44 |
| 355 | Alessandra URBANI - Rocco LATORRE             | 45.93 | 47.33 | 438 | Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX          | 38.43 | 43.42 |
| 356 | Perla SLIMAK - Paolo PASQUINI                 | 35.99 | 47.31 | 439 | Marie-Francoise GERMAIN - William AUDIBERT   | 49.19 | 43.41 |
| 357 | Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Tadashi IMAKURA             | 50.00 | 47.30 | 440 | Francoise MONDOR - Fred MONDOR               | 39.97 | 43.40 |
| 358 | Beatrice DELLE COSTE - Pierfrancesco PAROLARO | 48.67 | 47.27 | 441 | Iman CHAMAA - Krzysztof MARTENS              | 41.75 | 43.03 |
| 359 | Nina ANIDJAR - Diego BRENNER                  | 51.45 | 47.24 | 442 | Aliye UGUR - Sermed BASARAN                  | 51.90 | 42.95 |
| 360 | Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN                | 46.63 | 47.24 | 443 | Usha KOTHARI - Sunil MACHHAR                 | 51.29 | 42.94 |
| 361 | Monica MAINOLDI - Camillo GADDI               | 49.67 | 47.20 | 444 | Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES           | 46.63 | 42.81 |
| 362 | Maryse LEENHARDT - Francois LEENHARDT         | 39.44 | 47.19 | 445 | Graziella GARDIN - Giancarlo BERNASCONI      | 49.39 | 42.75 |
| 363 | Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE                   | 45.80 | 47.18 | 446 | Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING                   | 40.09 | 42.73 |
| 364 | Anna KRAUSOVA - Milos BAHNIK                  | 51.89 | 47.16 | 447 | Caren GRENZ - Kai ROHLK                      | 43.39 | 42.70 |
| 365 | Angela GRAMBERG - Norbert SCHILHART           | 43.14 | 47.16 | 448 | Florence DELEFLIE - Michel DELEFLIE          | 48.89 | 42.60 |
| 366 | Benedicte CRONIER - Moza PANAHPOUR            | 43.73 | 47.12 | 449 | Janice HANDLES - Terry HANDLES               | 39.99 | 42.59 |
| 367 | Ellen KLOSSON - Peter BOYD                    | 53.78 | 47.11 | 450 | Hilary HALL - Walter HALL                    | 42.36 | 42.58 |
| 368 | Daniela ATTOLICO - Giuseppe REALINI           | 50.71 | 47.02 | 451 | Fulvia GATTESCHI - Giuseppe BAU              | 37.22 | 42.56 |
| 369 | Vanessa TORIELLI - Simon FELLUS               | 45.54 | 46.99 | 452 | Suchithra VAZIRANI - Shashikant SHAH BAHARAT | 42.65 | 42.34 |
| 370 | Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet SHENKIN               | 38.80 | 46.99 | 453 | Laura MELCHIORRI - Massimiliano MOSCONI      | 43.05 | 42.26 |
| 371 | Janet CAHM - Maurice CAHM                     | 51.95 | 46.97 | 454 | Iman Assassa - Michael FERNLEND              | 46.01 | 42.19 |
| 372 | Iva MATIJEVIC - Jurica CARIC                  | 46.71 | 46.97 | 455 | Beverly PERRY - Kent MIGNOCCHI               | 41.48 | 42.16 |
| 373 | Adele GOGOMAN - Christian ZACH                | 46.27 | 46.92 | 456 | Aida de Vries SALDZIEVA - Gerben DIRKSEN     | 37.20 | 42.16 |
| 374 | Carole COVENEY - Michel COVENEY               | 50.36 | 46.91 | 457 | Pernilla ANDREASSON - Kjell HOLMGREN         | 42.46 | 41.83 |
| 375 | Barbara NIST - Steve SIDELL                   | 50.52 | 46.85 | 458 | Miranda PAVAN - Loris CASADEI                | 37.37 | 41.70 |
| 376 | Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA                 | 49.38 | 46.78 | 459 | Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA                | 46.93 | 41.63 |
| 377 | Stacy JACOBS - Steve GARNER                   | 50.32 | 46.75 | 460 | Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK                | 35.72 | 41.63 |
| 378 | Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY                     | 46.99 | 46.70 | 461 | Jamie STEEN - Mac STEEN                      | 44.24 | 41.41 |
| 379 | Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS           | 40.72 | 46.68 | 462 | Alida MANZANO - Andrea FRANCESCONI           | 36.39 | 41.26 |
| 380 | Carole KLEIN - Michael SCHLEIFER              | 46.14 | 46.68 | 463 | Susan INGHAM - Terry BROWN                   | 37.35 | 41.15 |
| 381 | Donna COMPTON - Chris COMPTON                 | 43.47 | 46.66 | 464 | Fiammetta BONNANO - Pietro FORCISI           | 38.69 | 41.10 |
| 382 | Paola MONTELLA - Mario AGRILLO                | 48.50 | 46.64 | 465 | Rosanna GENTILE - Ennio RIZZO                | 30.12 | 41.07 |
| 383 | Else Van EIJNDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA       | 46.87 | 46.64 | 466 | Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK              | 36.46 | 40.78 |
| 384 | Lucy PHELAN - John PHELAN                     | 40.23 | 46.56 | 467 | Rosa Yb LUI - Robert Sb LUI                  | 32.56 | 40.59 |
| 385 | Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI               | 58.16 | 46.56 | 468 | Catherine BEARPARK - Steve BEARPARK          | 44.75 | 40.47 |
| 386 | Ester BECCUTI - Antonio MORTAROTTI            | 41.45 | 46.55 | 469 | Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN            | 33.82 | 40.44 |
| 387 | Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG               | 41.65 | 46.47 | 470 | Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI    | 42.31 | 40.34 |
| 388 | Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH               | 42.86 | 46.47 | 471 | Jeanne BURNS - Wilson MCLEOD                 | 40.75 | 40.29 |
| 389 | Catherine RITTER - Sartaj HANS                | 39.67 | 46.35 | 472 | Elda BUSI - Sergio RICCI                     | 44.33 | 40.09 |
| 390 | Mari-France RENOUX - Dominique PILON          | 52.02 | 46.14 | 473 | Alessandra MORI - Giancarlo MANNATO          | 40.58 | 39.98 |
| 391 | Barb CLINTON - Vince ODDY                     | 53.49 | 46.10 | 474 | Aneta JARMOCIK - Michal SZELAGOWSKI          | 36.11 | 39.47 |
| 392 | Linda MALONEY - Piotr KLIMOWICZ               | 48.18 | 46.09 | 475 | Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI          | 50.08 | 38.26 |
| 393 | Enna CASTRO DE LOMELI - Frankie FRONTURA      | 52.38 | 46.08 | 476 | Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNULLO         | 40.41 | 38.26 |
| 394 | Jo MORSE - George TORNAY                      | 47.40 | 46.02 | 477 | Gloria SILBERSTEIN - Giulio BOVE             | 39.67 | 38.22 |
| 395 | Maria Grazia BETTINI - Eduardo ROSEN          | 35.27 | 45.93 | 478 | Shirley BATEMAN - Bill BATEMAN               | 34.93 | 37.44 |
| 396 | Carla PORTANTI - Mauro SCANCARELLO            | 55.50 | 45.93 | 479 | Sondra GIANINO - Giovanni ARCIFA             | 60.00 | 36.72 |
| 397 | Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI             | 44.53 | 45.71 | 480 | Delia COSTA - Juan Jose LAGOMARSINO          | 32.19 | 35.63 |
| 398 | Brid KEMPLE - Terry WALSH                     | 59.24 | 45.66 | 481 | Nicole SCHULMANIN - Jacques GONFREVILLE      | 35.00 | 34.60 |



# MIXED PAIRS

## Final Results (After 1st Session)

| Rank | Names   | c.o. | 1st   |     |  |
|------|---|------|-------|-----|--|
| 1    | Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE           | 3.45 | 66.52 | 75  | Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ - 51.62 |
| 2    | Danutia HOCHKEK - Miroslaw CICHOCKI           | 4.00 | 63.79 | 76  | Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI - 51.48        |
| 3    | Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER             | 2.65 | 63.38 | 77  | Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS 0.44 51.47 |
| 4    | Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN                       | 0.13 | 62.74 | 78  | Carla SOLDATI - Fabrizio SOLDATI - 51.41           |
| 5    | Daniele ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN | 1.08 | 62.49 | 79  | Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSKA 2.18 51.31            |
| 6    | Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMIA             | -    | 62.32 | 80  | Zuhal AK - Melih OZDIL - 51.30                     |
| 7    | Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN             | -    | 62.02 | 81  | Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL 1.86 51.27     |
| 8    | Kerri SANBORN - Larry N. COHEN                | -    | 61.52 | 82  | Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO - 51.21        |
| 9    | Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN                     | 1.26 | 61.42 | 83  | Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA - 51.05             |
| 10   | Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK                 | 1.77 | 61.20 | 84  | Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR - 50.91             |
| 11   | Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Marc JACOBUS        | -    | 61.05 | 85  | Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON 0.58 50.79       |
| 12   | Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV | -    | 60.30 | 86  | Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ - 50.77      |
| 13   | Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL                 | -    | 59.69 | 87  | Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY - 50.55               |
| 14   | Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI                 | -    | 59.52 | 88  | Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF - 50.54                   |
| 15   | Nicola SMITH - John ARMSTRONG                 | -    | 58.81 | 89  | Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS 0.64 50.52           |
| 16   | Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN                  | 0.23 | 58.62 | 90  | Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA - 50.37          |
| 17   | Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT                | -    | 58.57 | 91  | Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS - 50.31                 |
| 18   | Wang WEN FEI - Dai Jian MING                  | 2.08 | 57.72 | 92  | Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT - 50.25                  |
| 19   | Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA            | 1.39 | 57.65 | 93  | Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL - 50.18               |
| 20   | Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN                | -    | 57.64 | 94  | Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN - 50.11          |
| 21   | Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN                      | 0.54 | 57.62 | 95  | Linda LEWIS - Arnold FISHER 1.12 50.08             |
| 22   | Renee MANCUSO - Grant BAZE                    | -    | 57.51 | 96  | Thalia KOREN - Gadi LBOVITS - 49.95                |
| 23   | Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI            | -    | 57.46 | 97  | Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE - 49.87          |
| 24   | Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA         | -    | 57.43 | 98  | Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI - 49.85        |
| 25   | Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY                     | -    | 57.35 | 99  | Hedwig Van GLABBEEK - Willem Jan MAAS - 49.62      |
| 26   | Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI       | 1.92 | 57.28 | 100 | Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI - 49.55          |
| 27   | Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS               | 1.65 | 57.23 | 101 | Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN - 49.51            |
| 28   | Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS                  | 2.71 | 57.10 | 102 | Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL 0.36 49.40              |
| 29   | Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON                 | 2.16 | 56.70 | 103 | Sandra KULOVIC-PROBST - Alexander HYDES - 49.29    |
| 30   | Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND               | 2.52 | 56.42 | 104 | Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE - 49.24                 |
| 31   | Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED                | -    | 56.40 | 105 | Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT - 49.10                |
| 32   | Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU                 | -    | 56.36 | 106 | Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO 1.66 49.09         |
| 33   | Daniela von ARNIM - Ishmael DELMONTE          | -    | 56.26 | 107 | Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG - 49.05               |
| 34   | Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV                | 1.33 | 56.02 | 108 | Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST - 48.95                  |
| 35   | Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL                       | 0.26 | 55.94 | 109 | Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON - 48.89            |
| 36   | Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME                   | 0.39 | 55.81 | 110 | Katia PIGNATTI - Alessandro PUGLIA 0.46 48.89      |
| 37   | Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE                    | 1.96 | 55.78 | 111 | Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON - 48.83          |
| 38   | Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI               | -    | 55.73 | 112 | Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ - 48.65     |
| 39   | Dejana SVERKER - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI      | -    | 55.61 | 113 | Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM - 48.54               |
| 40   | Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV              | 1.12 | 55.59 | 114 | Irene SAESSELLI - Fernando PIEDRA - 48.47          |
| 41   | Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC                 | 0.60 | 55.53 | 115 | Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER 0.39 48.46            |
| 42   | Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCHKE           | 1.03 | 55.47 | 116 | Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO - 48.30              |
| 43   | Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE        | -    | 54.89 | 117 | Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL 2.64 47.92                |
| 44   | Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ        | 0.67 | 54.81 | 118 | Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN - 47.86         |
| 45   | Marlene DUGUET - Patrick GRENTHE              | -    | 54.80 | 119 | Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANN - 47.81    |
| 46   | Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN                   | -    | 54.74 | 120 | Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO - 47.80   |
| 47   | Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN              | 1.04 | 54.68 | 121 | Gianna RICCIARELLI - Marco RICCIARELLI - 47.72     |
| 48   | Tracy CAPAL - Ian PANTO                       | -    | 54.59 | 122 | Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M. ANFINSEN - 47.63             |
| 49   | Valerie WESTHEIMER - Bjorn FALLENIIUS         | 0.63 | 54.57 | 123 | Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI 0.39 47.42      |
| 50   | Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI               | -    | 54.03 | 124 | Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY - 47.41          |
| 51   | Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS                       | 2.46 | 53.92 | 125 | Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI - 47.29          |
| 52   | Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI              | -    | 53.88 | 126 | Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR - 47.24      |
| 53   | Kathy FALLENIIUS - Peter FREDIN               | -    | 53.71 | 127 | Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV - 47.18          |
| 54   | Lynn DEAS - Curtis CHEEK                      | 1.42 | 53.65 | 128 | Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG - Lars GOLDBERG 0.50 47.17     |
| 55   | Sabina GRZEJDIZIAK - Igor GRZEJDIZIAK         | -    | 53.55 | 129 | Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND - 46.83             |
| 56   | Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN         | 1.69 | 53.54 | 130 | Isabelle LE PROVOST - Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - 46.77 |
| 57   | Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG              | 2.54 | 53.44 | 131 | Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM - 46.76         |
| 58   | Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH                   | 0.63 | 53.33 | 132 | Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN - 46.76    |
| 59   | Lisa BERKOWITZ - Steve WEINSTEIN              | -    | 53.10 | 133 | Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE - 46.61         |
| 60   | Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM        | -    | 53.03 | 134 | Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER - 46.58               |
| 61   | Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK               | -    | 52.90 | 135 | Wil BUKET - Carel BERENDREGT 0.34 46.57            |
| 62   | Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN                      | 1.21 | 52.90 | 136 | Floriana MARZI - Riccardo VITALE - 46.53           |
| 63   | Marilyna VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI             | -    | 52.73 | 137 | Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS - 46.48                   |
| 64   | Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI               | -    | 52.73 | 138 | Jamilla SPANGENBERG - Dennis KRUIS - 46.34         |
| 65   | Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS     | -    | 52.64 | 139 | Sun MING - Fu ZHONG - 46.28                        |
| 66   | Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ     | 0.02 | 52.50 | 140 | Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA - 46.12               |
| 67   | Gail Moss GREENBERG - Jeff HAND               | -    | 52.39 | 141 | Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Piotr GAWRYS - 46.01            |
| 68   | Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO            | -    | 52.11 | 142 | Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE - 45.95          |
| 69   | Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER                 | -    | 52.01 | 143 | Debbie ROSENBERG - Bruce ROGOFF 0.59 45.88         |
| 70   | Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV                      | -    | 51.99 | 144 | Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD - 45.76       |
| 71   | Kalpana MISRA - Anil PADHYE                   | -    | 51.89 | 145 | Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER - 45.65               |
| 72   | Nevena SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH             | 1.31 | 51.73 | 146 | Pamela GRANOVETTER - Bob HAMMAN - 45.26            |
| 73   | Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON                  | 1.59 | 51.68 | 147 | Johanna RACZYNSKA - Jean Francois ALLIX 0.28 45.14 |
| 74   | Roberta PEIRCE - Cristiano MIOZZI             | -    | 51.63 | 148 | Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK 0.16 44.96          |
|      |   |      |       | 149 | Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV - 44.78           |

|     |                                      |      |       |     |  |      |       |
|-----|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-----|--|------|-------|
| 150 | Hansa NARASIMHAN - Michael ROSENBERG | -    | 44.59 | 167 | Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy VAN MIDDELEM | 0.04 | 42.59 |
| 151 | Sara SIVELIND - Bryan MAKSYMETZ      | -    | 44.44 | 168 | Heidi LILLIS - Michael McGLOUGHLIN         | -    | 41.53 |
| 152 | Cathy BALDYSZ - Marek BALDYSZ        | 0.52 | 44.43 | 169 | Rosalien BARENDREGT - Vincent KROES        | -    | 41.41 |
| 153 | Claire TORNAY - Michael RADIN        | -    | 44.37 | 170 | Chantal SAFRA - David DOMENECH             | -    | 41.05 |
| 154 | Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR               | -    | 44.33 | 171 | Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI             | -    | 40.17 |
| 155 | Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD            | 2.83 | 44.22 | 172 | Linda GREEN - Ya Fu LIN                    | -    | 39.99 |
| 156 | Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN      | -    | 44.19 | 173 | Pia ANDERSSON - Arne LARSSON               | -    | 39.92 |
| 157 | Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND    | -    | 43.93 | 174 | Christina MORTENSEN - Michael ASKGAARD     | 0.31 | 39.57 |
| 158 | Jovanka SMEDEREVAC - Sascha WERNLE   | 0.52 | 43.88 | 175 | Marini MAZZOLA - Francesco MAZZOLA         | -    | 39.53 |
| 159 | Eva IPPISCH - Johannes BAMBERGER     | -    | 43.87 | 176 | M. Cristina MOTTA - Ezio TRAGHIN           | -    | 39.00 |
| 160 | Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR      | -    | 43.85 | 177 | Marlene WATTS - Adam SARTEN                | -    | 38.67 |
| 161 | Debora CAMPAGNANO - Giampaolo FRANCO | -    | 43.69 | 178 | Ibolya NYARADI - Gabor NYARADI             | -    | 38.38 |
| 162 | Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN      | -    | 43.36 | 179 | Vera CALDARELLI - Franco FONTI             | -    | 38.15 |
| 163 | Elisabeth HUGON - Jean-Jacques PALAU | 0.80 | 43.22 | 180 | Joanne TITOW - Kenneth TITOW               | -    | 37.46 |
| 164 | Anne BEAUMIER - Dominique BEAUMIER   | 0.16 | 42.87 | 181 | Teruko NISHIMURA - Kazuo FURUTA            | -    | 35.32 |
| 165 | Gigi WEINSTEIN - Howard WEINSTEIN    | -    | 42.75 | 182 | Vivien CORNELL - Michael CORNELL           | -    | 33.69 |
| 166 | Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER         | 0.79 | 42.70 |     |  |      |       |

## Groundhog Day


by Mark Horton

Bridge can often be linked to the movies and during the final qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs I could not help but recall a romantic comedy from the mid nineties.

How would you feel if today was the same as yesterday, and tomorrow would always be the same as today? In *Groundhog Day*, this nightmare becomes a reality for weatherman Phil Conners (Bill Murray). Phil, his producer Rita and their cameraman have travelled to report on the annual weather prediction by a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil in the town of Punxsutawney. Once the festivities are over, skeptical Phil Conners discovers that a freak snowstorm has prevented their return home to Pittsburgh. He returns to Punxsutawney and the next day, begins living Groundhog Day over, and over, and over...

I started my day at the table occupied by Al Levy (the man behind the World Bridge Computer Championship) and his wife, Beverly.


Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

|                |   |             |              |
|----------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| ♠ 3            |   | ♠ K Q J     |              |
| ♥ Q 8 5 2      |   | ♥ 4         |              |
| ♦ Q 8          |   | ♦ K 7 6 3 2 |              |
| ♣ A K Q J 10 6 |   | ♣ 8 7 5 2   |              |
| ♠ A 10 8 7 5 2 |  |             |              |
| ♥ K 10 9 6     |   |             |              |
| ♦ A            |   |             |              |
| ♣ 4 3          |   |             |              |
| ♠ 9 6 4        |   |             |              |
| ♥ A J 7 3      |   |             |              |
| ♦ J 10 9 5 4   |   |             |              |
| ♣ 9            |   |             |              |
| <b>West</b>    | <b>North</b>  | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Gromov         | Levy  | Gromova     | Levy         |
| 1♠             | 2♣  | 4♣          | All Pass     |

North led the king of clubs, and followed it with the ace of South discarding the seven of hearts. Declarer ruffed the next club, unblocked the ace of diamonds and exited with a heart. North won that and tried a fourth club, but declarer could

ruff and then ruff a heart which felled South's ace (a second heart had been discarded on a club) + 420.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West     | North | East    | South |
|----------|-------|---------|-------|
| Gromov   | Levy  | Gromova | Levy  |
| 1♣*      | Dble  | 1♦*     | Pass  |
| 1♥       | Dble  | INT     | 2♠    |
| All Pass |       |         |       |

With 240 tables in play it would be interesting to see how many players preferred double to a simple overcall of One Heart.

Here West's rebid, in theory showing his better major after East's response (0-7, not four clubs) gave North a chance to double for penalties and had South passed he would certainly have doubled for a third time. When South introduced the spade suit North considered raising, but realising South was unlikely to have a five-card suit he settled for a part score.

West led the king of clubs and declarer ruffed in dummy and played four rounds of hearts, discarding all her diamonds. West ruffed with the four of spades and played ace of spades and a spade. Declarer won in dummy and played a heart. East ruffed with the jack of spades and that was overruffed by declarer who exited with the queen of clubs. West won and tried the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. That left declarer with the last two tricks, for +140.



Time to move on, and I spotted a table where one of the players was a World Champion. They were still playing the last board of the previous round:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| West     | North | East        | South  |
|----------|-------|-------------|--------|
| Petrovic | Davis | Duic-Petric | Davies |
| Pass     | 2♣    | Pass        | INT    |
| Pass     | 3♠*   | Pass        | 2♦     |
| All Pass |       | Pass        | 4♥     |

West led the three of spades and there was nothing to the play, declarer giving up two tricks at the end, +450.

I think this deal illustrates very clearly several important elements of matchpoints. On a spade lead, declarer should win in dummy, cross to a top heart, unblock the clubs, cross to the remaining top heart and discard a diamond on the queen of clubs. Now you cash the remaining trump winners. Every once in a while there will be a position such as the one that existed here and you will make twelve tricks.

An atypical omission for the double Venice Cup winner.

With East on lead the defenders simply needed to cash their diamond winners to get a 72% score. How difficult is that? At Al Levy's table he had dropped the queen of diamonds at trick



Alain Levy, France

one and when East switched he could execute the spade diamond squeeze for 12 tricks. If you give count then its important for West with ♦8764 to play the seven, not the six at trick one.

I remained in my chair for the next two boards – but only then realised that I had already seen them before – and what is more I had another pair of Levy's at the table, doubling the count of World Champions on view.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North    | East | South  |
|------|----------|------|--------|
| Levy | Davis    | Levy | Davies |
| 1♠   | 2♣       | Dble | Pass   |
| 2♥   | 3♣       | 3♠   | Pass   |
| 4♠   | All Pass |      | Pass   |

As before the defence started with three top clubs, declarer ruffing, South discarding two diamonds. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and played the ten of hearts. South won and tried a diamond, declarer pitching a heart and winning with dummy's king. The jack of spades was cashed and when everyone followed the simple line would have been to ruff a diamond high and draw trumps, the losing hearts going on the established diamonds.

Declarer preferred to ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond with the ten of spades and ruff a heart. Now he could play a diamond and catch South's remaining trumps.

Is it possible that North might have been 2-3-2-6 with the nine of spades – in which case this line of play would not have been a success?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Levy        | Davis        | Levy        | Davies       |
| 1♣          | Dble         | Pass        | 1♠           |
| Pass        | 2♥           | Pass        | 2NT          |
| Pass        | 4♥           | All Pass    |              |

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Wolfarth    | Martel       | Senior      | Martel       |
| 1♣          | Dble         | Pass        | 1♠           |
| Pass        | 2♥           | All Pass    |              |

Declarer covered the club lead with the jack and ruffed West's king (the ace might be an effective false card here). He drew trumps in three rounds (discarding a club and a diamond) and passed the ten of spades. That was followed by the king of spades and a third spade putting West on play. He tried the queen of diamonds covered by the king and ace. Declarer ruffed the club return and played a low diamond. When East played low declarer could win with dummy's eight and discard a diamond loser on the thirteenth spade, +650 and a massive 93%.

Okay, time to take in one more pair and I took my seat just in time to follow the first deal of the round. Perhaps by now you can work out which board was on the table?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Wolfarth    | Martel       | Senior      | Martel       |
| 1♠          | 2♣           | 3♣*         | Pass         |
| 3♥          | Pass         | 4♠          | All Pass     |

North cashed two top clubs and switched to a trump. Declarer won and played dummy's heart. South took the ace and played a second trump, but declarer could ruff one heart and discard the other on the king of diamonds.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

### Staff Dining

All the staff members wearing yellow and blue framed badges can eat at the self-service restaurant inside the Fiera for 8 Euro. The menu consists of a main course with a side dish (i.e. roast beef and vegetables) and a drink or a first course (i.e. pasta), a dessert and a drink.



The 8th World Bridge Championships welcomed these distinguished participants in the Mixed Pairs - top, Enma Castro-Ruz from Cuba, Fidel Castro's sister, and Romain Zaleski of France, president of Carlo Tassara, one of that nation's most important financial institutions.

# Matchpoint Odyssey

by Brent Manley

Anyone who plays regularly in pairs knows that the game can torture you at times, and when you get on a roll the wrong way, it can be tough to recover.

The third qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs played by German star Sabine Auken and American George Jacobs featured a variety of hills and valleys.

The first board was a high point, featuring a deal that has received a lot of press in today's edition of the Daily Bulletin.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South    |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| Pass | 1♣    | 1♥   | Pass     |
| Pass | Pass  | 2♥   | 1♠       |
| 3♥   | 3♠    | 4♥   | 3♣       |
|      |       |      | All Pass |

South led her singleton ♦5, and Auken studied the dummy for a long time before calling for a low card. North won the ♦K and also huddled for a bit. You can see that a spade return would have defeated the contract – declarer must lose two spades, a diamond and a club (or a ruff of the ♦A). North erred, however, in returning a diamond for his partner to ruff, and now South had to cash the ♠A to prevent an overtrick (she did not do that). A club return went to the king and ace, and Auken played a heart to dummy's 9, followed by a diamond ruff high. Another heart to dummy's king pulled the outstanding trumps, and Auken was able to discard three black cards for plus 650 and nearly 100% of the matchpoints.

It is noteworthy that South could still have defeated the contract by declining to ruff the diamond return (declarer cannot pull trumps ending in dummy to play the ♦A without getting it ruffed), but that is a play few players would make without benefit of a peek at the entire deal.



That fine board (97%) was followed by a series of less-than-stellar results, although they weren't as bad as they seemed. This deal, from round two, was typical:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass     | 1♣    | 1♠   | 2♥    |
| 2♠       | 2NT   | Pass | 3NT   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

Auken, not impressed with her spades, tried to generate tricks in another suit, starting with the ♦Q. Declarer won the ace in dummy and played a heart to the 10 and queen. Another heart went to Jacobs' jack, and he played the ♠10. Declarer inserted the queen then knocked out the ♥A. The contract was still doomed had Jacobs played another spade, but he returned a diamond instead. Now declarer was home with nine tricks, losing only two hearts, a diamond and a club. It wasn't a disaster, but an opportunity lost.

It was on the next round that Auken and Jacobs formed the impression that any chance of matchpoints had deserted them. First, they overbid to a hopeless 5♦ contract (38%), then Jacobs got off to an unfortunate lead against 3NT, surrendering an overtrick that resulted in a 28% score.

After taking average on the first board of the next set, Auken and Jacobs fared very poorly on the second deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Pass        | Pass         | 1♣          | 1♦           |
| 2♦          | 3♦           | All Pass    |              |

The contract was played by Debbie Rosenberg, and she took full advantage of Jacobs' failure to find the most effective lead. The contract cannot be defeated, of course, but all players lust after – and try to prevent – overtricks. Had Jacobs found the trump lead, the contract could have been held to 10 tricks. On the club opening lead, Auken won the ace and switched to a trump, but Rosenberg had the timing she needed. She won the ♦K in hand and exited with the ♥8 (Jacobs' 2♦ showed 4-4 in the majors). Jacobs won the ♥J and continued with a trump, but Rosenberg won in dummy with the 9, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♣K and ruffed a club, then noted a heart. A third heart ruff set up the 10 in dummy and Rosenberg could claim plus 150 and 74% of the matchpoints.

At that point, Jacobs and Auken were shaking their heads and were seriously concerned about qualifying for the Mixed Pairs final. It didn't help matters when Jacobs went minus 800 on the next round (2%).

More bad news was waiting at the next table, where a 3NT contract was played from the wrong side, resulting in only one overtrick for East-West instead of two had the contract played from the other side, and Jacobs-Auken could not stop an opponent from plus 170 after Jacobs opened 1NT (28%).

Things began looking up on the next round, however, as Auken managed plus 200 in a spade partial on poor defense (77%), while simply taking the two tricks to which they were entitled on the next board was good for 68%.

This deal produced a nervous moment, but Auken and Jacobs had the tools to come out on top.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

|             |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|-------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------|
| ♠ 10 9      | <table border="1"> <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 6 3 |
|             |  | N |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| W           |  |   | E |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|             |  | S |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♥ Q 6 5 4 3 | ♥ K 10 7 2   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♦ 9 7       | ♦ 6  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
| ♣ A K 6 3   | ♣ Q J 8 5 2  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|             | ♠ Q J 5 4 2  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|             | ♥ J 9  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|             | ♦ A 8 3  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |
|             | ♣ 10 7 4   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| 1♥          | 2♦           | Pass        | Pass         |
| 4♥          | 5♦           | 4♦          | Dbl          |
|             |              | All Pass    |              |

Auken led the ♥7 (third and fifth best), to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer played two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and played a spade to the 10 and king, ducked by

Auken. She ducked again when declarer continued with a second spade. After winning the third spade (Jacobs had played a low heart), Auken carefully exited with the ♣2. This was indicative of an odd-numbered holding, and given the number of cards declarer was already known to have, Auken's club suit could not be three cards. Jacobs therefore did not try to cash another club, but played a heart for the setting trick and 68% of the matchpoints.

They bid a slam on the next deal for 81%, received another good result when an opponent declaring 4♠ did not try very hard for overtricks (and indeed achieved none), followed by this deal:

On the final two rounds, the luck that had been so bad for Auken and Jacobs turned to gold. On the next-to-last round, an opponent underplayed 4♠ (taking 11 tricks where 12 were relatively easy) then put his partner in 6NT off a cashing ace-king (and it didn't matter that the suit wasn't led on the go).

The next-to-last board was a nightmare for declarer but good news for Auken and Jacobs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> |
| Pass        | 1♥           | Pass        | 2♣           |
| Dbl         | 2♦           | Pass        | 2♠           |
| All Pass    | Pass         | Pass        | 3NT          |

Jacobs started with the ♠10 to the queen and ace. Declarer thought about ducking, but it wouldn't have helped. A club to the ace was followed by a club to the queen, ducked by Jacobs. When declarer continued with a third club, Jacobs won the king as Auken signalled vigorously with the ♦10. Jacobs put the ♦2 on the table, and declarer desperately went up with the king. It was grim from there as East-West first cashed five spades then three more diamonds. Declarer took trick 13 with her singleton ♥A, which captured dummy's singleton king. Plus 500 was worth 93% for Auken and Jacobs, no longer convinced that the god of the cards was out to get them.

