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Swings and Arrows



Competitors in the 10th World Computer-Bridge Championship

As the knockouts come down to the final stages and the pairs get into high gear, players at the 8th World Bridge Championships are experiencing their own versions of outrageous fortune.

For example, in the Rosenblum on Sunday, the team captained by Gabriel Chagas was leading in a tight match with the Christal Henner-Welland squad before suffering a game swing on the next-to-last board to fall behind for the first time in nearly the entire second half, and with a flat final board, they were out.

Four American teams remain in the Rosenblum, which begins the quarter-final round today.

The semi-final round of the McConnell is today, with the possibility of an all-American final — Steiner and Narasimhan. The other semi-finalists — Katt-Bridge and China - will have something to say about that.

Pairs competitors are advised to read the notice on page 17 of this issue.

VuGraph Programme

Teatro Verdi	
10.30	China — Yadlin
13.45	TBA
16.05	TBA
18.25	TBA

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

	Rosenblum Cup (Quarter-Final)
	McConnell Cup (Semi-Final)
10.30	Boards 1-14 (Session 1)
13.45	Boards 15-28 (Session 2)
16.05	Boards 29-42 (Session 3)
18.25	Boards 43-56 (Session 4)
	Senior Teams
10.30	Semi-Final 1 - Swiss BAM 1
13.45	Semi-Final 2
15.00	Swiss BAM 2
16.05	Final 1 - Play Off 1
18.25	Final 2 - Play Off 2
	Open and Women's Pairs
10.30	Qualifying Session 5
16.30	Semi-Final Session 1

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ROSENBLUM CUP*Knockout Phase of 16*

		Boards	Boards	Boards	Boards	Total	
		1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56		
1	Nickell	Gartaganis	37 - 31	25 - 26	49 - 11	37 - 31	148 - 99
2	Schwartz	Mahaffey	24 - 33	34 - 26	13 - 38	32 - 14	103 - 111
3	Hecht-Johansen	Yadlin	31 - 16	31 - 41	11 - 24	39 - 39	112 - 120
4	Belgium I	Soulet	19 - 43	21 - 35	14 - 45	0 - 0	54 - 123
5	Welland R	Allfrey	30 - 20	24 - 20	38 - 22	41 - 43	133 - 105
6	China SMEG	Milner	43 - 25	51 - 18	14 - 67	75 - 17	183 - 127
7	Chagas	Henner	16 - 48	54.5 - 23	38 - 24	6 - 29	114.5 - 124
8	Meltzer	Ekeblad	15 - 32	58 - 29	28 - 23	42 - 39	143 - 123

McCONNELL CUP*Quarter-Final Phase*

33	Katt-Bridge	DanGer	52 - 22	43 - 28	36 - 20	40 - 39	171 - 109
34	Venezuela	Steiner	23 - 62	33 - 22	20 - 75	0 - 0	76 - 159
35	China Global	Poland	12 - 45	35 - 22	34 - 13	53 - 49	134 - 129
36	Narasimhan	Levy	36 - 36	38 - 27	48 - 15	21 - 44	143 - 122

SENIOR TEAMS*Final Standings (After Session 10)*

1	Markowicz	197	15	Holt	158		Piganeau	143
2	Jean-Marsha	193		Bigat	158	30	Serf	139
3	Indonesia	182	17	Jackson	154	31	Harper	137
4	Netherlands I	172	18	Poland	153	32	Pelletier	136
	Szenberg	172	19	Mefo	152		Naniwada	136
6	Kaminsky	167	20	Savelli	151	34	Wadia	135
7	Marino	166	21	Wolff	149	35	KRUGER	132
8	Finkel	165	21	Romik	149	36	Romanin	130
9	Short	164	23	Rainieri	148	37	Sisselaar	128
10	Hadi	163	24	Humburg	146	38	Belgium	125
	Fornaciari	163	25	Gramounes	145	39	Canada	124
12	Praha	161		Schneider	145	40	Dalla Casapiccola	122
13	Sorvoll	159	27	Gordon	144	41	Dix	105
	Seppanen	159	28	Netherlands 2	143	42	Bateman	83

SENIOR TEAMS - Quarter-Final Phase

		Boards	Boards	Total	
		1-12	13-24		
21	Marino	Markowicz	46 - 15	4 - 62	50 - 77
22	Kaminsky	Jean-Marsha	5 - 33	41 - 24	46 - 57
23	Finkel	Indonesia	21 - 37	41 - 24	62 - 61
24	Netherlands I	Szenberg	61 - 16	17 - 48	78 - 64

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OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING

After 4th Session

Rank	Names	Total		Total	
1	Ashok Kumar GOEL - Kamal MUKHERJEE	59.53	69	Tommy GARVEY - John CARROLL	53.67
2	Tomasz GOTARD - Josef PIEKAREK	59.27	70	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	53.62
3	Jean-Paul BALIAN - Philippe TOFFIER	58.74	71	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	53.57
4	Patrick GRENTHE - Michel DUGUET	58.15	72	Jaanus MARIUU - Tanel KOIVUU	53.47
5	Alex KOLESNIK - Roberto SCARAMUZZI	57.80	73	Michael ROSENBERG - Ralph KATZ	53.43
6	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	57.69	74	Bobby RICHMAN - Zoltan NAGY	53.38
7	Krzysztof MARTENS - Vytautas VAINIKONIS	57.43	75	Apolinary KOWALSKI - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	53.37
8	N. K. GUPTA - Sandeep THAKRAL	57.29	76	Giorgio MENINI - Mauro SALVETTI	53.35
9	Giovanni ALBAMONTE - Riccardo INTONTI	56.97	77	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Tomasz SIELICKI	53.29
10	Julien GAVIARD - Thomas BESSIS	56.60	78	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	53.22
11	Bryan MAKSYMETZ - Lars ANDERSSON	56.52	79	Stephen BLACKSTOCK - Stephen HENRY	53.18
12	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT	56.47	80	Dominique GERIN - Patrick DADOUN	53.17
13	Keiran DYKE - David WILTSHIRE	56.40	81	Gitte HECHT-JOHANSEN - Valentin Dgassim AL-SHATI	53.12
14	Tezcan SEN - Okay GUR	56.40	82	Pablo LAMBARDI - Adolfo Daniel MADALA	53.09
15	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	56.31	83	Paul CHEMLA - Philippe CRONIER	53.09
16	George JACOBS - Alfredo VERSACE	56.19	84	Arnaud ANCESSY - Frederic BRUNET	53.03
17	Assaf LENGY - Gadi LEBOVITS	56.14	85	Ismail KANDEMIR - Suleyman KOLATA	52.99
18	Jean-Jacques PALAU - Pierre-Yves GUILLAUMIN	56.01	86	Tor BIRKELAND - Espen LINDQVIST	52.89
19	Aubrey STRUL - Bobby JONES	55.99	87	Avi KANETKAR - Nigel ROSENDORF	52.88
20	Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ - Dariusz KOWALSKI	55.98	88	Gianni RUSPA - Luigi FERRARI	52.87
21	John KRANYAK - Ron SMITH	55.96	89	Alain NAHMIAS - Dominique BEAUMIER	52.86
22	Wei Dong LIU - Hong Lu ZHONG	55.90	90	Steve ROBINSON - Peter BOYD	52.85
23	Maris MATISONS - Andris SMILGAJS	55.89	91	Jason FELDMAN - Ari GREENBERG	52.80
24	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	55.83	92	Rene HERMANS - Willem Van EIJCK	52.71
25	Kazuo FURUTA - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	55.64	93	Tony FORRESTER - Mike MOSS	52.67
26	Adam WILDAVSKY - Doug DOUB	55.64	94	Maxim ZHMAK - Denis DOBRIN	52.59
27	Jerome ROMBAUT - Lionel SEBBANE	55.59	95	Guy LAFFINEUR - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	52.57
28	Lucian TACIUC - Mihai STAVRACHE	55.57	96	Marian RADULESCU - Marina STEGAROIU	52.55
29	Raju TOLANI - Ajay KHARE	55.51	97	Paulo Goncalves PEREIRA - Antonio PALMA	52.51
30	Rajendra GOKHALE - Sk IYENGAR	55.51	98	Sajid ISPAHANI - David GREENWOOD	52.46
31	Yossi ROLL - Ilan BAREKET	55.46	99	Bang Xiang ZHANG - Jia Xiang SHEN	52.45
32	Alain DELFOUR - Francois STRETZ	55.42	100	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFINSEN	52.45
33	Jose Carlos HENRIQUES - Juliano BARBOSA	55.37	101	Vasil BATOV - Ilko BONEV	52.43
34	Stefano CATA - Giancarlo MARINI	55.31	102	Craig GOWER - Henry MANSELL	52.42
35	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Giampaolo FRANCO	55.24	103	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	52.40
36	Jorgen MOLBERG - Terje AA	55.18	104	John DAVIDSON - Michael WHIBLEY	52.38
37	Rafal JAGNIEWSKI - Boguslaw PAZUR	55.16	105	Alan NELSON - Kath NELSON	52.30
38	Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN - Tom HOILAND	55.11	106	Lia VASILEV - Ivan NANEV	52.30
39	Pritish KUSHARI - Sumit MUKHERJEE	55.10	107	Gianpaolo CENTIOLI - Angelo VIOLA	52.25
40	Rene STIENEN - Ernst WARENDORF	55.09	108	Zvonko PETROVIC - Zeljko PINTARIC	52.25
41	Moza PANAHPOUR - Ishmael DELMONTE	55.02	109	Hans-Herman GWINNER - Andreas PAWLK	52.24
42	Tom TOWNSEND - David GOLD	55.02	110	Guillaume GRENTHE - Jerome GRENTHE	52.23
43	Carel BERENDREGT - Bert PAPIING	54.89	111	Rossen Georgiev GUNEV - Julian STEFANOV	52.20
44	Giulio BONGIOVANNI - Jacek ROMANSKI	54.88	112	Michael PRESCOTT - Stephen BURGESS	52.16
45	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	54.81	113	Heinrich BERGER - Ulrich SPAUR	52.14
46	Olivier BESSIS - Godefroy De TESSIERES	54.80	114	Archie SEQUERA - Ramawatar AGARWAL	52.12
47	Robert LEBI - Nader HANNA	54.73	115	Antonio LARDO - Francesco NATALE	52.09
48	Jon Egil FURUNES - Per Erik AUSTBERG	54.69	116	Larry MORI - Venkatrao KONERU	52.09
49	Zu Qiang TIAN - Song He ZHOU	54.60	117	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Louis MARLIER	52.05
50	Fried WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	54.57	118	Vadim KHOLOMEEV - Jouri KHILOUPPENEN	51.98
51	David BIRMAN - Alon BIRMAN	54.47	119	Herve VINCENT - Federico GODED	51.98
52	Andreas GLOYER - Wolfgang LAUSS	54.47	120	Ulli JAHR - Berthold ENGEL	51.96
53	Aymeric LEBATTEUX - Nicolas LHUISSIER	54.40	121	Wojciech OLANSKI - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	51.95
54	Jacques POTIER - Richard NAIGARD	54.40	122	Arun BAPAT - Ramamurti SRIDHARAN	51.94
55	David KENDRICK - Patrick COLLINS	54.35	123	Tadashi IMAKURA - Masayuki INO	51.90
56	Marc BOMPIS - Thierry De SAINTE MARIE	54.35	124	Erik SAELENSMINDE - Ingvar ERGA	51.90
57	Igor CURLIN - Dmitri PROKHOROV	54.34	125	Martin REINERTSEN - Erik RYNNING	51.89
58	Sven Olai HOYLAND - Sam Inge HOYLAND	54.26	126	Roman GRZELAK - Tadeusz RALKO	51.83
59	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	54.11	127	Otto RUTHENBERG - Jerzy KOZYCZKOWSKI	51.82
60	Marcin LESNIEWSKI - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	54.09	128	Thibault MALARME - Romain TEMBOURET	51.79
61	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	53.89	129	Dipak PODDAR - Anand K S SAMANT	51.75
62	Jacek CIECHOMSKI - Piotr JUREK	53.79	130	Jacek KALITA - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	51.74
63	Giuseppe FABBRINI - Niccolo FOSSI	53.78	131	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	51.73
64	Kamal Kumar ROY - Debashish ROY	53.73	132	Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	51.72
65	Sartaj HANS - Tony NUNN	53.72	133	Piero ARGANINI - Grant BAZE	51.68
66	Harriette BUCKMAN - George RETEK	53.71	134	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	51.66
67	John ARMSTRONG - John HOLLAND	53.71	135	Rashid JAFER - Nishat ABEDI	51.64
68	Badal Chandra DAS - Sibnath Dey SARKAR	53.67	136	Simon GILLIS - Boye BROGELAND	51.64
			137	Didier PIGNOL - Frederic LACROIX	51.57

138	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	51.55	214	Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN	48.70
139	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	51.52	215	Shireen MOHANDES - Andrew BOWLES	48.69
140	Federico IAVICOLI - Giuseppe DELLE CAVE	51.45	216	Francesco FIORETTI - Luigi FRAZZETTO	48.68
141	Andrzej JASZCZAK - Piotr WALCZAK	51.32	217	Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN	48.66
142	Justin LALL - Hemant LALL	51.31	218	Christine BERNARD - Michel REBILLARD	48.58
143	Jacques HENRI - Jean-Pierre LAFOURCADE	51.25	219	Francesco NATALE - Marco VILLANI	48.57
144	Roberto MINERO - Piercarlo MUSSO	51.24	220	Jan MARTEL - Sally WOOLSEY	48.51
145	Giordano SCULLIN - Paolo BAGHETTI	51.23	221	Kit WOOLSEY - Fred STEWART	48.48
146	Alexandru ELIAN - Dan ZARA	51.20	222	Tadashi TERAMOTO - Shunsuke MORIMURA	48.35
147	Rui WANG - Sheng Hong CHEN	51.13	223	Mustafa AKGUL - Toros YUKSEL	48.29
148	Khawar Saeed ANSARI - Saeed Hasan ANSARI	51.06	224	Ange AGNETTI - Franck MATEOS-RUIZ	48.29
149	Arno LINDERMANN - Martin SCHIFKO	51.06	225	Jungyoon PARK - Ilsub JUNG	48.28
150	Michael CORNELL - Ashley BACH	51.04	226	Danny SPRUNG - Kitty MUNSON COOPER	48.27
151	Marios FERENTIU - Gabriel NEAMTU	51.03	227	Evgueni SOLNTSEV - Pavel VOROBEI	48.21
152	Linda LEWIS - Paul LEWIS	51.03	228	Giuseppe MASSAROLI - Amilcare POZZI	48.20
153	Stefan CABAJ - Wlodzimierz ILNICKI	50.94	229	Reinert AMUNDSEN - Paul BANG	48.20
154	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan IVANOV	50.90	230	Patrick ALLEGRINI - Jean Michel HUC DE BAT	48.12
155	Sheng Yue GUI - Xiao SHI	50.82	231	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	48.04
156	Nick SANDQVIST - Artur MALINOWSKI	50.80	232	Francesc MURGIA - Lelio BATTAGLIA	48.03
157	Michael YUEN - Michael GAMBLE	50.75	233	Jeff SAPIRE - Neville EBER	47.96
158	Michel BESSIS - Maurice SALAMA	50.67	234	Josef OREN - Paul WEINSTOCK	47.89
159	Yu Xiong SHEN - Ya Fu LIN	50.60	235	Dan MANEA - Gabriel BALITA	47.87
160	Marita MAI - Francesco Ariatta	50.60	236	Niso ESKINAZI - Namik KOKTEN	47.83
161	Tony WATKINS - Dave BLACKMAN	50.60	237	Leonardo CIMA - Cristiano MIOZZI	47.79
162	D.g. SIMEONI - Henri NICOLAI	50.60	238	Marie-Claude GOUVERITH - Alain SAMY	47.75
163	Serge CHEVALIER - Andre GIGNAC	50.59	239	Victor GOLDBERG - Willie COYLE	47.75
164	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	50.56	240	Maurizio ROSCIANO - Leandro POLITANO	47.70
165	Patrick NAELS - Sabine BERG	50.54	241	Francois BOUCHER - Marc LACHAPPELLE	47.69
166	G_VENKATESH - Krishna Kumar KANNINGAT	50.51	242	Gyorgy MARJAI - Ferenc ZOLD	47.61
167	Brigitte AUBONNET - Christophe CARDE	50.48	243	Gene FREED - Bill WICKHAM	47.61
168	Henrik-Carl NOBERIUS - Arvid WIKNER	50.45	244	Mckenzie MYERS - Joel DATLOFF	47.56
169	Warren SPECTOR - Michael SEAMON	50.45	245	Alessio CECCHI - Carlo DEGLI INNOCENTI	47.53
170	Vincent KROES - Jan Van CLEEFF	50.36	246	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	47.52
171	Irina LADYZHENSKY - Alexander LADYZHENSKY	50.36	247	Giorgio ZANARDI - Giuseppe De MONTIS	47.43
172	Bo NORGREN - Jan OLSEN	50.31	248	Vanna MENDITTO - Mario CAJANO	47.39
173	Adrien VINAY - P SEGUIN	50.14	249	Sam KATZ - Martha KATZ-BENSON	47.37
174	Alexander F LEWIS - Anal SHAH	50.14	250	Teodorescu CORNEL - Aldo Giovanni GERLI	47.37
175	Jan JANSMA - Louk VERHEES JR	50.13	251	Cosmin MINDRUTA - Dan VOINESCU	47.32
176	Harumi SHIBANO - Yoshiyuki NAKAMURA	50.12	252	Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA	47.24
177	Per JANSSON - Niclas JOHANSSON	50.12	253	Davor BLAZENCIC - Dean POKORNY	47.18
178	S.K. HOODA - Rana ROY	50.04	254	Steve SIDELL - Dan ROMM	47.17
179	Oscar NETTL - Maarten SCHOLLAARDT	50.00	255	Jyotindra SHAH - Sandeep KARMARKAR	47.08
180	Marlene DUGUET - Pierre-Jean LOUCHART	49.93	256	Pierre ADAD - Pascal RINGUET	47.04
181	Yalcin ATABEY - Salvador ASSAEL	49.92	257	Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI	47.00
182	Bernard DONDE - Alon APTEKER	49.89	258	Maciej DOBRZYNSKI - Wojciech ARCZEWSKI	46.95
183	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	49.89	259	Arturo SALTELLI - Clodomiro MUROLO	46.86
184	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	49.85	260	Jun ZHANG - Jin Sheng BOAM	46.84
185	Antonio SEMENTA - Giovanni DELFINO	49.85	261	Marc SMITH - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	46.83
186	Tien-Chun YANG - Robert TODD	49.84	262	Krzysztof BURAS - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	46.83
187	Geza HOMONNAY - Miklos DUMBOVICH	49.74	263	Valerio GIUBILO - Guido BONA VOGLIA	46.81
188	Laurent THUILLEZ - Wilfried LIBRECHT	49.72	264	Pierluigi IOTTI - Giancarlo GIACHETTI	46.77
189	Paul D HACKETT - Tony WATERLOW	49.69	265	Orlando PURGATORIO - Manlio TOMASSINI	46.76
190	Vincent VIDALAT - Simon POULAT	49.58	266	Sven SESTER - Olavi OJA	46.70
191	Anil PADHYE - Rajesh DALAL	49.58	267	Antonio TOMADINI - Luciano ZANETTE	46.64
192	Sedat PARACIK - Ayhan COSKUNOL	49.57	268	Henri SCHWEITZER - Dominique JOEGNE	46.59
193	Jelena ALFEJEVA - Vladimir GONCA	49.46	269	Paolo COMUNIAN - Claudio BIANCHINI	46.58
194	Michael ROCHE - John RAYNER	49.44	270	Jan Petter SVENDSEN - Rune HAUGE	46.39
195	Erwin OTVOSI - Marek BOREWICZ	49.41	271	Cian HOLLAND - Gay KEAVENEY	46.35
196	Jean Francois ALLIX - Eric MAUBERQUEZ	49.38	272	Lutz DOHNERT - Miguel FENTE	46.33
197	Xiao HU - Jun CHEN	49.36	273	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	46.24
198	Vincenzo BURGIO - Salvatore GATTO	49.36	274	Michael ELINESCU - Stefan HAAS	46.24
199	Frederic VOLCKER - Quentin ROBERT	49.32	275	Eric DEBUS - Piet VANDEREET	46.21
200	Eugenio ALZATI - Domenico ZUCCO	49.29	276	Janet DE BOTTON - Gunnar HALLBERG	46.14
201	George TORNAY - Phillip ALDER	49.28	277	Alexandra BERTRAN - Paul WENS	46.11
202	Keyzad.ANKLESARIA - Vinay DESAI	49.19	278	Cate HUGHES - Stanislav NEDKOV	46.10
203	Robert STOLINSKI - Adam HINTERTAN	49.17	279	Gastone MOTTA - Tiziano BRIZIO	46.03
204	Petros AGGELOPOULOS - Sotiris NINOS	49.15	280	Franco GUSSO - Corrado DI FABIO	45.89
205	Bojan AMBROZ - Miro NOVAK	49.12	281	Abdelkamel RERHAYE - Said Mohamed BERRADA	45.75
206	Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON	49.08	282	Themis ROUVIS - Antonis KOMODROMOS	45.71
207	Christian ZACH - Alexander WERNLE	49.04	283	Mario D'AGOSTINO - Gaetano MASSA	45.70
208	Agnes TRIOMPHE - Isabelle MAGIS	49.02	284	Abdellah LAGHRARI - Khalil BENSOUDA	45.67
209	Gerardo DE MARCO - Francesco DE GENNARO	49.01	285	Fabio SAMPAIO - Albert HAHN	45.64
210	Furio MENEHINI - Roberto SALTARELLI	48.99	286	Fahri GUNER - Mehmet AKKASOGLU	45.64
211	Perla SLIMAK - Steve HAMAQOUI	48.90	287	Josef HARSANYI - Georg WEISZ	45.57
212	Peter LAKATOS - Balazs SZEGEDI	48.78	288	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	45.56
213	Enrico GUERRA - Massimo MORITSCH	48.70	289	Annamaria PIROVANO - Dino VIOTTI	45.55

290	Philippe MARILL - Didier MASSE	45.50	314	Rosetta AMMIRATA - Eduardo SCANAVINO	43.21
291	Tung LI MEW - Pierre PHILOGENE	45.47	315	Andrew CRUISE - Melvin CARVALHO	42.99
292	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO	45.38	316	Mauro MASTRETTA - Vincenz LA NOVARA	42.88
293	Hans FRERICHs - Ulrich WENNING	45.32	317	Tore GUNDERSEN - John Arthur FROGE	42.80
294	Franco CIBRARIO - Franco TROMBETTA	45.18	318	Husnu UYGUN - Nail YAVUZ	42.69
295	Gila EMODI - Roy RESHEF	45.17	319	Catherine RITTER - Paul GOSNEY	42.66
296	Alvin FITZPATRICK - Joseph HOWARD	45.14	320	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	42.49
297	Hakan TABAK - Sevinc ATAY	45.11	321	Jp GOENKA - Alok SADHU	41.87
298	Tonno VAHK - Joel AASMAE	45.03	322	Marlene WATTS - Adam SARTEN	41.54
299	Zoraida DIEBOLD - Eduardo ROSEN	44.80	323	Ursula MAINI - Tanja TROJANOV	41.37
300	Bela BENEDEK - Peter BOZZAI	44.80	324	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	41.17
301	Jose L NADER - Guilherme JUNQUEIRA	44.75	325	Barry NOBLE - George BILSKI	41.04
302	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	44.54	326	Ezio TRAGHINI - Antonio SABBATINI	41.01
303	Bernard TELTSCHER - Victor SILVERSTONE	44.48	327	Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	40.79
304	Vassili LEVENKO - Prit HALLER	44.39	328	Stephane SANT - Christophe MARRO	40.34
305	Nicky INNIS - Hugh WILLIAMS	44.31	329	Maria Rosa STERZA - Roberto TOLUZZO	40.05
306	Giovanni Carlo PRINCIPE - Luigi MELCHIORI	44.28	330	Aldo MOSCA - Antonio PASQUARELLA	38.28
307	Adolfo Andres MADALA - Shivam SHAH	44.28	331	Aldo CORRADO - Vincenzo CRISPO	38.02
308	Peter FEHER - Csaba CZIMER	43.88	332	Albert MUGGIA - Aldo MUGGIA	37.55
309	Guido TOLETTI - Massimo FERRARI	43.75	333	Carole VAN WIECK - Francine WINHAM	37.52
310	Karl LICHTENEGGER - Konrad WINKLER	43.73	334	Christiane LEBRETON - Serge HENRY	37.26
311	Jean-Marc BOLOMEY - Guillaume FREJACQUES	43.65	335	Kyounghea SUNG - Iynruyng HWANG	36.77
312	Roberto PADOVANI - Luigi MOLINAROLLI	43.36			
313	Renate HANSEN - Fabio COLASANTE	43.25			

WOMEN'S PAIRS QUALIFYING

After 4nd Session


Rank	Names	Total			Total
1	Yan HUANG - Yan Hong WANG	61.63	41	Ena CLEARY - Jeannie FITZGERALD	50.09
2	Ruth ARAMI - Kohava SCHWARTZ	58.11	42	Loukia TRIANTAFYLLI - Despina KANELLOPOULOU	49.98
3	Luigina GENTILI - Maddalena SEVERGNINI	55.67	43	Valerie BLOOM - Maureen HOLROYD	49.98
4	Ora LOURIE - Sally STRUL	55.15	44	Emanuela CAPRIATA - Cristina GOLIN	49.92
5	Joann GLASSON - Lisa BERKOWITZ	55.04	45	Rozanne POLLACK - Maggie SHENKIN	49.86
6	Catherine FISHPOOL - Claude BLOUQUIT	54.90	46	Yvonne HULETT - Val STEPHENSON	49.62
7	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Irene BARONI	54.62	47	Deborah FLETCHER - Lisa DE MEILLAC	49.35
8	Katherine WEI-SENDER - Linda GREEN	54.59	48	Nadine WOOD - Linda MALONEY	49.31
9	Nur CINAR - Sevil AKIN	54.51	49	Karin WENNING - Gerda HEINRICHs	49.06
10	Donna COMPTON - Gigi SIMPSON	54.15	50	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Akiko MIWA	49.00
11	Sally BROCK - Heather DHONDY	53.64	51	Silvia BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	48.96
12	Ruth FARKAS - Ora DAN	53.51	52	Harriet SESSELI - Susanne HOCHULI	48.93
13	Antonella BACOCOLI - Tiziana ROSI	53.48	53	Estera LISKER - Amanda JEGER	48.86
14	Gianna ARRIGONI - Gabriella OLIVIERI	53.46	54	Adriana ANDRETTA - Wilma SCALCO	48.67
15	Pascale THUILLEZ - Dominique JEANIN-NALTET	53.38	55	Annette HENRY - Pamela NISBET	48.55
16	Chantal HAMMERLI - Maria ERHART	53.28	56	Astrid DEKKER - Rosalien BARENDREGT	48.43
17	Petra MANSELL - Merle MODLIN	53.16	57	Nevena SENIOR - Janine FORD	48.42
18	Ana Maria De ALONSO - Monica ANG. DE BALDASARRE	53.15	58	Patrizia CECCONI - Paola RONCHI	48.22
19	Monica BURATTI - Darinka FORTI	53.06	59	Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU - Belis ATALAY	48.16
20	Barbara NIST - Helen ABBOTT	52.83	60	Belle AXELROD - Ursula HAMMERSCHLAG	48.06
21	Lila PANAHPOUR - Benedicte CRONIER	52.81	61	Bodil FOSSAN - Vigdis MOEN	47.78
22	Jo MORSE - Susie MILLER	52.52	62	Di ADRAIN - Margie HULETT	47.65
23	Faith MAYER - Victoria EGAN	52.44	63	Mileva JOBIN - Ala SOBOT	47.43
24	Vanessa REESS - Nathalie FREY	52.15	64	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Ulrike MULLER	46.86
25	Daniela BALDASSIN - Beatrice MORGANTE	51.56	65	Diana BALKIN - Peta BANDUCCI	46.82
26	Anna BOZZO - Livia CIGNOLINI	51.55	66	Hilary DOWLING-LONG - Ann Marie HORAN	46.69
27	Pat MEEHAN - Rose O'FARRELL	51.38	67	Meta GOODMAN - Margaret MILLAR	46.54
28	Gloria COLOMBO BRUGNONI - Mietta PREVE	51.36	68	Yasuko KOSAKA - Hideko TAKEUCHI	46.34
29	Carla GIANARDI - Laura ROVERA	51.19	69	Madlene GERSTEL - Elisabeth WAELCHLI	46.08
30	Natalija VEKSA - Liga BRIKMANE	51.18	70	Stacy JACOBS - Shannon CAPPELLETTI	45.97
31	Gilda PENDER - Patricia KELLY	51.02	71	Di GMUR - Carol VAN RENSBURG	45.80
32	Christine BOYLSON - Michelle BRUNNER	50.98	72	Audrey SMITH - Lyn O'NEILL	45.74
33	Nicola SMITH - Kitty TELTSCHER	50.93	73	Lynn BAYMAN - Usha KOTHARI	45.19
34	Gemma MARIANO - Tina J. Del GALLEGRO	50.85	74	Denise JOSA - Pat HOWARD	44.62
35	Vera TAGLIAFERI - Monica AGHEMO	50.73	75	Angela DE BIASIO - Donatella GIGLIOTTI	44.42
36	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	50.61	76	Fethiye TAGA - Zuhai ATALAY	43.08
37	Judy BUSSELL - Stephanie KYME	50.51	77	Nadia BERTOCCHI - Elisabetta SIZZO	43.05
38	Martine ROSSARD - Johanna RACZYNSKA	50.48	78	Vicki BENN - Gabi BENN-NISSAM	42.28
39	Monica MAINOLDI - Rita GIBERTONI	50.16	79	Gupta RAJESH - Promila SARAF	41.96
40	Renee LEGER - Laurence RIMBAUD	50.13	80	M. Cristina MOTTA - Silvia URBANI	40.93

COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

Nel primo turno dello squadre seniores la formazione Romanin (du Pont/Garozzo in aperta, De Falco/Romanin in chiusa e Balbi/Cedolin in panchina) ha incontrato la plurititolata nazionale Indonesiana che, approfittando dell' anagrafe, ha scelto di concorrere per questo titolo mondiale piuttosto che per la Rosenblum. Il risultato e' stato 17 a 13 per gli indonesiani.


Il paziente era compreso, pero'....

Board 4. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Budirahardja	du Pont	Sawiruddin	Garozzo
Passo	Passo	Passo	1♦
Passo	ISA	Passo	3SA
Fine			


Munawar Sawiruddin ha attaccato con la quarta carta del colore piu' lungo, il 2 di cuori. Lea du Pont, in presa con il Fante del morto, ha anticipato un colpo in bianco a quadri. Arwin Budirahardja, in Ovest, ha splittato i suoi onori, rimanendo in presa, ed e' tornato nel colore d'attacco, filato da Est, per un secondo onore del morto. Proseguendo nell'affrancamento delle prese, la dichiarante ha giocato Asso di quadri e quadri, per il Re di Est che ha incassato due cuori ed e' uscito a picche. La du Pont ha catturato un onore di Ovest con il Re della mano, ha rigiocato picche per l'Asso, per arrivare a:

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

Sul 9 di quadri Ovest, stretto tra picche e fiori, ha scartato l'8 di fiori. La du Pont, per mantenere la possibilita' di impasse su Est, si e' sbarazzata del Fante di fiori e ha continuato con fiori per il Re. Al redde rationem, la moneta lanciata in aria ha detto fiori per il 10. Due down. Nell'altra sala lo stesso contratto e' stato giocato da Sud e mantenuto con un diverso attacco.

Chance in progressione

Board 6. Dich. Est. E/O in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Budirahardja	du Pont	Sawiruddin	Garozzo
Passo	2♣	Passo	1♦
Passo	2♠	Passo	2♦
Passo	3SA	Fine	2SA

Qualche spiegazione. Il 2♣ di Sud e' un relay interrogativo e il 2♦ mostra mano minima, 11/15. 2♠ interroga ancora, ma senza interesse ad un eventuale slam. 2SA annuncia di non avere singoli. Garozzo ha catturato con un onore del morto l'attacco 6 di fiori di Ovest per anticipare picche verso un onore della mano. Ovest, quasi colto di sprovvisa, si e' fermato un attimo a ragionare prima di entrare con il Re e tornare fiori (sui 2 colpi di fiori, Est ha dato il conto a scendere, pari). In un momento di distrazione, un dichiarante frettoloso, molto frettoloso, potrebbe prendere al morto e rigiocare picche verso la mano, influenzato anche dalla vistosa esitazione di Ovest. No, non siamo in questa fattispecie. Garozzo, sul ritorno fiori, e' entrato con l'Asso della mano e ha tirato 3 colpi di quadri finendo al morto. Fante di cuori a girare. Re di cuori e fiori. Dama di fiori, l'ultimo colpo a quadri e 10 di cuori (Dama, finito). 3SA+1. In chiusa 3SA mi.



Slam?

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

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

Nelle due sale gli E/O si sono fermati alla manche a cuori, realizzandola con levee supplementare. Ci sarebbe lo slam a quadri sull'imposte al Re d'atout, per esempio, ma non e' stato molto popolare.

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Championship Diary

On Thursday Ron Tacchi's wife (Mrs. T) set off to explore Verona. She discovered a beautiful garden, the Giardino Giusti, and paid the entrance fee to go in.

In the evening she accompanied Ron to the President's dinner that was at, as you may have guessed, the Giardino Giusti!

The President of the Polish Bridge Federation, Radoslaw Kielbasinski asked me, 'What is the best match to watch tomorrow?' After due consideration I suggested, 'Perhaps Portugal v Mexico?' 'Well, actually I meant the bridge.'

Jan Louwerse came through the Bulletin Room (at this tournament you can't avoid it) and asked if we had anything to cut some paper with. 'Try Tacchi's desk. He may have some scissors — or Anna Gudge, who is next door.' No, I need something to slice paper, maybe a guillotine.' 'In that case I suggest you ask Jean-Paul — the French are experts!'

Grattan Endicott reported that while making his way to the venue he encountered a very frail lady coming in the opposite direction. As their paths converged she stepped aside to allow him to pass!

Max Bavin is not Chief TD for nothing. His movie quote is: 'What do I know about diamonds? Turkish (Jason Statham) 'Snatch.'

I encountered a particularly attractive player — one well below the age limit — while checking out the Seniors event. 'What are you doing here?' I enquired. 'Looking for a husband!' she replied.

World Championship Book 2006

The official book of these championships in Verona will be available before the end of the year at a price of US\$34. However, for those present in Verona, the book can be pre-ordered at the very special reduced price of US\$25 or 20 Euros, including surface mail to anywhere in the world (Airmail is extra).

To order and pay for your copy, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room — go through the door marked Staff and Guests only, one floor down from the main playing area, and the Press Room is through the Bulletin Room. Please, when you fill in the form, write your name and address very clearly in capital letters, as every year I have to guess at several addresses.

The book will be 336 large pages, its usual size, and will include a full results listing and many photographs. There will be coverage of every championship, with the principal analysts being Eric Kokish and Brian Senior. Barry Rigal is taking a year off, but there will be one or two special guest contributors to look forward to.

Round of 16 - Session 4

Rosenblum Cup

Last-Minute Winner

by Brian Senior

After three quarters of their Round of 32 match in the Rosenblum, the American EKEBLAD squad trailed India's NADAR by 67-97 IMPs. The first board of the fourth quarter saw another 6 IMPs added to NADAR's lead and the next three boards were flat. Then EKEBLAD began a strong fight-back.

and led the ♣10 for a ruffing finesse and claimed when West showed out, just conceding a diamond at the end as he had to overtake the ten with the jack to get at the established club trick; nicely played for +420 and 10 IMPs to EKEBLAD, closing to 77-103.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Gitelman	North Tiwari	East Moss	South Prabhakar
INT	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

West Satyana	North Hampson	East Nadar	South Greco
INT	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass			4♥

After identical starts to the auction, Rajesh Tiwari raised direct to 4♥ while Geoff Hampson only invited, however, Eric Greco accepted the invitation so the same contract was reached at both tables.

Against Prabhakar, Fred Gitelman led a low heart, dummy's nine winning. Prabhakar led a spade to Gitelman's ace and he now played ace and another trump, Brad Moss pitching a club and a diamond. Prabhakar led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace, back to the ten of diamonds, then the ♠J, ruffing out the king. He took a spade pitch on the jack of diamonds, but was left with two spade losers at the end for one down; —50.

Bachiraju Satyanarayana also led a trump, but Greco chose to win in hand to lead a spade towards dummy's eight. Satyanarayana went in with the ace to play two more rounds of hearts and Kiran Nadar threw a club and a diamond, just as in the other room. Now Greco found a crucial extra chance. He cashed the ace of clubs before leading the ♦Q to the king and ace, ruffed a club, and saw a second honour fall on his left. Surely the clubs were five-two, so Greco next ruffed a spade

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West Gitelman	North Tiwari	East Moss	South Prabhakar
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dble
3♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

West Satyana	North Hampson	East Nadar	South Greco
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

Moss/Gitelman must have been concerned at missing the grand slam. The problem came with the 5♣ bid. Moss intended this as Exclusion Keycard and thought that there was something missing after the 5♥ response, while Gitelman took 5♣ to be a splinter so made an encouraging noise with his 5♥ cuebid and could not go on over Moss's sign-off. There were, of course, 13 tricks available, so that was +1370.

Satyanarayana broke the transfer at the other table, then redoubled to show first-round club control. It looks as though he intended 4NT as asking for key-cards, but that it was taken as showing club wastage. Nadar's conservative decision to pass 4NT was an expensive one. Plus 720 meant 12 IMPs to EKEBLAD, when it could have been 13 IMPs the other way. The score was 103-89 in favour of NADAR.



Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Tiwari</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	1♦
All Pass	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Satyana</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nadar</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
	1♦	All Pass	

The match tightened up even further when EKEBLAD bought the contract at both tables on this deal and made them both. It was mildly surprising to see Prabhakar pass out 1♠ holding 14 HCP, when both INT and 2♦ can be made by North/South.

Tiwari led a low trump against 1♠. Gitelman went up with the king and played a low club, Prabhakar taking the king to return a trump. Tiwari won and played the third trump, so the defenders could cash three diamond tricks when in with the ace of clubs, but that was all; +80.

Nadar led the queen of clubs against 1♦. Hampson won the ace and drew trumps then exited with king and another club. Satyanarayana won the ♣10 and switched to a low heart so that three hearts could be cashed ending in the West hand, but now Hampson ducked the spade switch so Nadar was endplayed to give the overtrick for +90 and 5 IMPs to EKEBLAD; 94-103.

NADAR stopped the bleeding temporarily on Board 22 when Tiwari/Prabhakar stayed low while Hampson/Greco bid a poor and unsuccessful game; 5 IMPs to NADAR, increasing the lead to 108-94.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Tiwari</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
INT	Dble	All Pass	1♦

West	North	East	South
<i>Satyana</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nadar</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
All Pass			INT

Satyanarayana took the classical approach with length in the suit opened on his right, passing the West hand. He passed again over the INT rebid when some players might have doubled to show a decent hand including diamonds, so Greco declared INT and Satyanarayana led a low diamond to the nine and queen. Greco played a diamond right back so Satyanarayana cashed four of those, giving a delicate suit-preference signal for clubs along the way, then exited with a spade. Greco won with dummy's jack to lead the ten of hearts, wanting West to win the first round of the suit. That worked out well for him as Nadar ducked and Satyanarayana won the king then exited safely with a heart. Nadar won the ace and played a club to the jack and ace, leaving the spades blocked so that Greco had to concede the last trick; down one for—100.

Gitelman overcalled INT and Tiwari doubled, ending the auction. Tiwari found the disastrous lead of the ten of diamonds. Dummy's jack was allowed to hold the first trick and the ♦9 the second—an error on Prabhakar's part as it left the lead in dummy for a club play to the jack and ace. Tiwari switched to a heart to dummy's ace and Gitelman took a second club finesse then cashed his winners; nine tricks for +580 and 10 IMPs to EKEBLAD, closing again to 104-108.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Tiwari</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
2♠	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Satyana</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nadar</i>	<i>Greco</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	4♥
4♠	6♦	All Pass	

Both North/South pairs had some guessing to do, but the natural weak two bid worked out a lot better than the multi, as it permitted an immediate pre-emptive raise from East. That left Tiwari with little option but to bid 5♦ at his second turn and, while Prabhakar was happy to hear that call, he could hardly raise to six; +420. The multi, coupled with Nadar's less pre-emptive raise to 3♠ at her second turn, left room for Greco to show his hearts and some modest values. That was enough for Hampson, who took a shot at 6♦, which proved to be an excellent decision; +920 and 11 IMPs to EKEBLAD. We had a new leader in the match, EKEBLAD ahead by 115-108.

The lead did not survive a single deal.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Tiwari</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Satyana</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nadar</i>	<i>Greco</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Moss opened a very thin 1♥ but the Indians also got to game. The swing came in the defence.

Prabhakar led a trump, which Moss won in dummy to lead a club to the queen and ace. Back came a second trump. Moss



Geoff Hampson, USA

won and drew the last trump, then played a diamond to the ace, threw a spade on the king of clubs, then ruffed a club and played king and another diamond. Tiwari won the diamond and played a spade through; down one for—100.

At the other table, Hampson led the ace of spades and that was the fourth defensive trick up in smoke; ten tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to NADAR, back ahead by 120-115 with just three deals to play.

Board 26 was a flat 3NT+2 and EKEBLAD picked up an overtrick IMP on Board 27, so trailed by 4 IMPs going into the final deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Tiwari</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
3♦	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Satyana</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Nadar</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Requirements of system saw Prabhakar respond 1NT, showing clubs, with the South cards and Gitelman made a pre-emptive jump overcall. Tiwari liked his minor-suit holdings so took a shot at 3NT. On a diamond lead, Prabhakar would have had time to develop nine tricks, but Gitelman led the jack of spades. Moss won the ace and returned a spade so the defence had two spade tricks established and when Moss got in with a club they cashed them; down one for—100. EKEBLAD had done what needed to be done at one table, but could they also go plus at the other?

Hampson's 1♦ opening ensured an uncontested auction and his 2♥ rebid showed 11-13 balanced. Greco showed his second suit and Hampson tried 3NT. It is not impossible to lead ace and another spade on this auction, but a diamond is normal and that is what Nadar chose. When Satyanarayana won and returned the suit, Hampson won and cleared the clubs and Nadar continued diamonds. Hampson cashed out for +600 and 12 IMPs to EKEBLAD.

The American team had come back strongly in the last session and won the match by 128-120, contrary to what was stated on the front page of yesterday's Bulletin. Our apologies for that, which was caused by late-night Internet problems.

Text Book Stuff

Chagas v Henner-Welland

by Mark Horton

There are no easy matches in the Round of 16 in the Rosenblum Cup. Our first offering features teams representing Brazil and USA.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>VillasBoas</i>
2♠	Dble	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♦
Pass	5♥	Dble	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

Two Spades was constructive and promised a four-card major and a longer minor. Chagas could not bid Three Hearts, as it would have been forcing. At this vulnerability, South's decision to bid on was brave, to sat the least. When that was doubled North retreated to hearts, but, with Five diamonds likely to cost 1100, this contract fared no better.

East led the two of clubs and West won and switched to a heart, East ducking declarer's king. With all hopes of a ruff removed, declarer was down four, —1100.



Miguel VillasBoas, Brazil

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Henner-Welland</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♣	Dble	2♦	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Again a club was led and West won and this time switched to a top spade. When that held West tried a diamond so now declarer could organize two spade ruffs in dummy and hold the loss to —800 and a surprising pick up of 7 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>VillasBoas</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	4♠	All Pass	2♦

East led the queen of hearts and West overtook and switched to a diamond. East won and played back a club, West winning with the king. A club now would have produced a second undertrick, but West played a second diamond, so that was —100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Henner-Welland</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Facing a passed partner one can only speculate why East bid on to Five Hearts. (Isn't that polite!) There was no way to avoid the loss of three tricks, —200 and another 6 IMPs to Henner-Welland.

An overbid on the next board advanced the score to 19-0 but then Chagas got on the board in a big way.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Chagas	Lindkvist	VillasBoas
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠!	Dble	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

In this day and age East's pass was surprising.

Peter Fredin is well known for his — shall we say — flamboyant approach to bidding. Even so it was obviously difficult for East to believe he could have quite such a miserable hand. There is a chance that South would have made Five Diamonds but defending Five Spades was an easier option.

Declarer ruffed the opening lead of the ace of diamonds in dummy and played a heart. South went in with the ace, cashed the ace of clubs and exited with a heart. Now declarer played on cross-ruff lines, finessing in clubs along the way, and South scored a club ruff with the jack of spades; two down for +300.



Christal Henner-Welland, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Branco	Jacobus	Brenner	Henner-Welland
	Pass	1♠	Dble
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

South paid a heavy penalty for an off-centre double. Declarer won the spade lead in dummy and played ace of hearts and a heart, West discarding the four of clubs. Now a diamond to the king was followed by a diamond to the nine. East ruffed and forced declarer with a spade. That held the contract to eight tricks; —800 and 15 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Chagas	Lindkvist	VillasBoas
	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the five of clubs for the queen and king and declarer played a diamond to the nine! South won with the king and returned a club to the jack and ace, dummy discarding a spade.

North switched to a spade and declarer won with dummy's king and played a heart to the king and ace. North returned the jack of diamonds and declarer took his tricks, claiming +630.

There are other ways to arrive at nine tricks, (I would have been tempted to simply play back a high club, for example) but declarer's play will surely find its way into the text books —well, one of mine at any rate.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Branco	Jacobus	Brenner	Henner-Welland
	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

South led the nine of hearts and declarer played low from dummy, winning in hand with the jack and playing a club to the nine and ace. North cashed the ace of hearts and gave South a heart ruff. Declarer won the spade switch in dummy, discarded a spade on the king of clubs and played a

diamond to the ace and a diamond. South won with the king and played a spade and North ruffed — one down, +100 and 12 IMPs.

The contract can be made, but only by the counter intuitive play of going up with one of dummy's heart honours and if that is allowed to hold playing a diamond to the ace and a diamond.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Chagas</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>VillasBoas</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Declarer ducked the opening lead of the queen of diamonds, won the next diamond and played a heart to the queen. When West discarded it was a case of scrambling for tricks and declarer arrived at seven; —200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Branco</i>	<i>Jacobus</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Henner-Welland</i>
Pass	4♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the seven of diamonds and declarer won in dummy, cashed the other top diamond to discard a spade and then played the three of hearts, covering East's four with the six. A club to dummy was followed by a second heart and the hand was over; +590 and another 12 IMPs to Henner-Welland.

Declarer had a choice of plays in the heart suit. I consulted our resident guru, David Burn, who reported back that, of the three possibilities, low to the queen is best, followed by low to the nine and then low to the ace, as opposed to low to the nine followed by low to the queen. So declarer took the best line — unluckily. (There is not a lot in it for all three lines — 65%, 63.75% & 62.91667%.)

Of course, I was hoping that low to the nine would be the winner — a mirror image of the play on the previous deal.

It's in the Timing

By Barry Rigal

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 7 4 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ 9 8 6 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 10 ♥ K J 6 5 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A Q 7	♠ 9 8 6 5 3 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ K
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West	North	East	South
Dble	Pass	INT	2NT
Pass	4♦	4♥	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

In the third set of the round of 32 in the Rosenblum, there was a wild set between Allfrey and Morath (there were five doubled contracts in the first nine deals with penalties of 800, 500, and 300, together with a +750). Deal number 9 produced the most interesting play. You may care to consider it as a declarer play problem, covering up the North and South cards

Upmark doubled David Bakhshi's 4♥ contract, and Tornqvist led the ♣10—suit preference. Bakhshi won in hand and took a little time to digest the implications of the auction. Eventually he found the master-play of the ♥J from hand — a play that is almost necessary (if not sufficient) to make the contract. South won his ♥Q, gave his partner the club ruff, and got a spade ruff coming back. But now the fourth spade took care of the diamond loser and Bakhshi had 790.

There were actually two possible defences; the difficult one is for North not to give his partner the spade ruff but to play a diamond — South still has a trump trick to come and the defence has established the diamond trick in time. The easy defence is for North to duck the ♥J — second hand plays low after all! North wins his ♥A, gives a spade ruff, gets a club ruff, and the second spade ruff spells one down!

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Significant Spots

by Lars Blakset, Denmark

Do you pay attention to the seemingly insignificant low cards? They played a part on two deals from the Round 9 Rosenblum match between Peter Hecht-Johansen and Roy Welland. The Americans led the F-group in front of PHJ and both teams were safe — so only pride was a stake. Alas, pride sometimes comes before a fall!

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♦	3♥	3NT	Dble All Pass

The opening lead was the four of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the ace of clubs, three, four, six.

Taking his eye off the ball, instead of crossing to dummy with a diamond to play a club to the nine, declarer cashed the king of clubs and when North discarded and the diamonds broke 4-1 the contract was two down for—200.



Knut Blakset, Denmark

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blakset</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Hecht-Johansen</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Here North found the only lead to beat the contract, a spade. After South had won with the ace he switched to a heart. Declarer won with the ace, took the king and queen of diamonds followed by the ace and king of clubs — the same —200.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Nielsen</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
2♣*	Pass	1♣	1♥
6♦	4♥	4NT	Pass
	All Pass		

The lead was the six of spades (third and fifth) for the queen, ace and three. From South's point of view which is more likely — that declarer would bid Six Diamonds with ♠K3 and a low heart or with his actual holding? (Would declarer have bid a slam with only one first round control? Editors)

You might expect declarer to play the seven of spades with this holding, but Roy admitted that he did not have the time to check the lead and play the 'right' card in tempo, so he was very ethical and just played a quick card.

When South switched to a heart declarer could claim twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blakset</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Hecht-Johansen</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
2♦	Pass	1♣	1♥
5♣	3♥	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Here North led a heart and again declarer made twelve tricks.

This is Matchpoints, Not Bridge

by Matthew Granovetter

I've always despised five-card suit weak two-bids. That is, until this tournament, when I agreed to play them with my Mixed Pairs partner, according to her systemic outline: When we are not vulnerable, we open 2♠, 2♥ or 2♦, with a five-card suit and 4-10 HCP.

That's it. Period. Suit quality? Who cares? Distribution? Doesn't matter. OK, I agreed to play the 'system'. After all, we're playing matchpoints, not bridge, right? This was Board 8 of the second final session:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Opening led: ♠K.

I had good spades for the two-bid this time, but my shape was not much to write home about. Some people call 5-3-3-2 the 'death shape.' North, however, felt challenged by the bid and refused to make a disciplined pass. He overcalled 3♥. Karen McCallum, my partner, competed to 3♠, and South made a responsive double. Now North was in the hot seat and had to judge what to do. If he had passed, we would have been down one for a poor score (only 17% for us), but he chose to bid 3NT.

Karen made a nice double, with the K-J-x-x of hearts behind his overcalled suit. South ran to 4♣, and I doubled with my 'maximum' strength (after all, I could have held 4 points). This ended the auction and South was four down (100% for us).

Obviously, South could have done better by redoubling 3NT, assuming it asked her partner to choose a minor, but she was not sure the redouble was for rescue. North might have run to 4♦ himself, based on the responsive double. In any case, the 2♠ bid launched an auction of fireworks and gave N/S problems that other N/S pairs did not face. After six sessions of using McCallum two-bids, I am now convinced that they work.

Have a nice week.

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The Beauty of What Didn't Happen

Our friend, Deep Finesse, can tell the winning line of play or defense in any contract. After all, DF always looks at all the cards, which is a huge advantage.

On this deal from the McConnell qualifying rounds, Irina Levitina managed 10 tricks in a contract of 4♠, but she did not consider her performance particularly inspiring. What did excite her was the possibility for a beautiful play — and she worked it out without Deep Finesse.

Levitina was playing with team captain Hansa Narasimhan.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

South started with a low trump, taken in dummy with the 10. Levitina played a diamond to the king and ace and won the trump continuation in her hand.

She then played a heart from hand. South won the ♥K and exited with a club to dummy's ace. Now Levitina played the ♣K, ruffed a club, cashed the ♦Q and ruffed a diamond, then played dummy's fourth club, ruffing in hand. She picked up the last trump with the ace and played a heart to the jack, queen and ace.

At trick 13, North had only a heart left, so she led it perforce to dummy's good 10 as Levitina discarded her losing diamond. That was Plus 620.

What Levitina appreciated about the deal was what didn't happen — and how 4♠ is always cold if she makes the right play.

On a trump lead, she can win and play a diamond, but South will win the ace and continue with trumps, making two diamond ruffs in dummy impossible.

Levitina, however, spotted the 100% play — lead a heart from hand at trick four. If South wins the king and exits with anything but a heart, win it, get to hand again and play a second heart, ducking if South plays the jack.

If South plays the jack the first time the suit is led, declarer must play low then also. To make the contract, you must not cover the jack with the queen either time you lead the suit because if you do, North can play a third round of trumps to scuttle the contract (you get a diamond pitch on the ♥10 but no diamond ruff).

To demonstrate that she is an honest person as well as a fine bridge player, Levitina did note that she is not sure she would have found the play of ducking the ♥J had the opportunity presented itself.

The Best Call I Ever Made

by Patsy Mehan, Ireland

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ QJ9732 ♦ KJ53 ♣ A5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 2 ♥ K 6 5 4 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ 10 9 7	♠ K Q 10 8 6 4 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 9 ♣ K J 8 3
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West	North	East	South
O'Farrell	Arrigoni	Mehan	Olivieri
I♥	Dble	Pass!	Pass
All Pass			I♠!

One of the joys of matchpoints (for those with a warped sense of humour) is that you can pretty much score a top or bottom on any given deal.

When West opened One Heart North made a double of a type much beloved by Italian players, but not perhaps one that would be approved of by the theorists.

Since North was suggesting possession of some spades I decided to go quietly, and to my delight South bid One Spade.

This inelegant contract drifted two down and +200 was worth 97%.

Sometimes — even in Ireland — silence can be golden.

More from the President's Dinner



European Bridge League President Gianarrigo Rona, left, receives a WBF trophy on behalf of the Italian Bridge Federation, of which he is also president, for the federation's valued support of the WBF and its goals. WBF President José Damiani makes the presentation.



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Barel	Zack
Bizon	Kwiecien
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Ferraro	Madala
Gartaganis	Gartaganis
Gitelman	Moss
Greco	Hampson
Gromov	Dubinini
Hecht-Johansen	Blakset
Herbst	Herbst
Iavicoli	Delle Cave
Jacobus	Jacobus
Kirstan	Kroejgaard
Krasnosselski	Rekunov
Landen	Rajadhyaksha
Levy`	Mouiel
Lynch	Dawson
Martens	Vainikonis
Nadar	Satyanarayana

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Bettini	Pacheco
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Dumon	Clement
Granovetter	Zur-Campanile
Harasimowicz	Pasternak
Levy	Heredia
Michielsen	Wortel
Moss	Radin
Pasman	Simons
Peccoud	Saporta
Sobolewska	Szczepanska
Sver	Pilipovic
Tananbaum	Hugon
Weber	Gromann

Open and Women's Pairs

At 16.30, we start the semi-final rounds with 182 pairs in the Open and 56 pairs in the Women's. We do not know exactly how many pairs will enter from the knockouts or because of high WBF rankings, but approximately 40% in both events will qualify.

The Rosenblum Cup Bracket

Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final / Play off
Nickell Texans	Nickell 115/88				
Jokish Romania	Romania 133/105	Nickell 164/80			
Russia Robinson	Russia 160/83	Gartaganis 126/111	Nickell 148/99		
Bessis Gartaganis	Gartaganis 118/100				
Meltzer Altshuler	Meltzer 138/64				
Cornell Izisel	Izisel 127/67	Meltzer 110/94	Meltzer 143/123		
Ekeblad Borekovic	Ekeblad 161/102	Ekeblad 128/120			
Gwinner Nadar	Nadar 112/72				
Welland Strul	Welland 132/91.5				
Herbst Canada	Herbst 141/94	Welland 142/104			
Zimmerman Morath	Morath 81/59	Allfrey 172/89	Welland 133/105		
Allfrey Szilagy	Allfrey 100/70				
Gillis Gordon	Gordon 123/122				
Soulet de Botton	Soulet 138/116	Soulet 126/115	Soulet 123/54		
Jacobs Bridge +	Bridge+ 122/113	Belgium 1 122/74			
Assemi Belgium 1	Belgium 1 146/80				
Lavazza Pont	Lavazza 120/42				
Hecht-Johansen Grenthe	Hecht Johansen 125/122	Hecht Johansen 146/31			
Lynch Agener	Lynch 143/57	Yadlin 122/112	Yadlin 120/112		
Yadlin Allana	Yadlin 102/78.5				
China Teltscher	China 126/107				
Akgul Clair	Clair 116/88	China 137/75	China 183/127		
Milner Tananbaum	Milner 128/115	Milner 133/97			
Chang Berg	Berg 137/125				
Chagas 11 diamond	Chagas 173/110				
Iceland Vasilev	Iceland 187/60	Chagas 133/120			
Henner Bareket	Henner 130/100	Henner 123/87	Henner 124/114.5		
Tornay Villa Fabrice	Villa Fabrice 101/81				
Orange Cope	Orange 128/77	Mahaffey 115/113			
Mullanphy Mahaffey	Mahaffey 103/87		Mahaffey 111/103		
Pharmacy Service Popova	T Pharm.Serv.139/120	Schwartz 162/91			
Parioli	Schwartz 124/92				

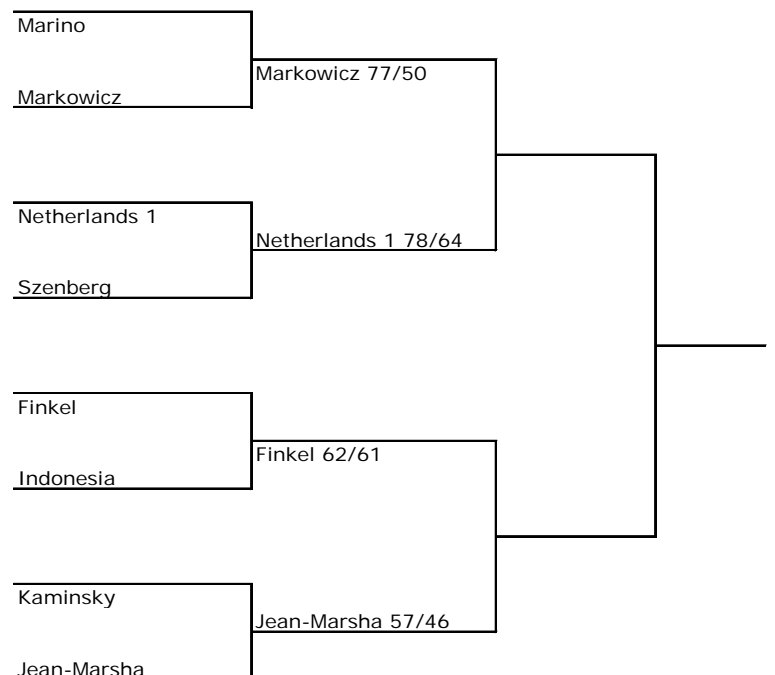
The McConnell Cup Bracket

Round of 16	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final / Play off
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The Senior Teams Bracket

Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final / Play off
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Tianjin: 21 - 27 October 2006

The third FISU-Championships will be held in Tianjin in China. This city is located 130km from the capital Beijing and has some 10 million inhabitants.

More information?

All official documents can be found at <http://202.113.96.26/fusc-ba/fisu/fisu.htm>. Here you will find the FISU-forms to be completed, the first bulletin and the official invitation

When?

From October 21st to 27th. There will be five days of intensive competition and a one-day organised tour of Tianjin.

Hosting and playing area?

Each delegation will be hosted at the University of Tianjin in rooms for two. The championships will be played at the same University. The sleeping area and the playing area will be next to each other. The hosting can be compared to a 3 star hotel with very nice rooms and Internet connection in each room. At this location, the Chinese University Sport Federation organised in 2004 a national University Bridge Championship between 32 teams! So the location is very good for the FISU-Championships. More information is available on the website at www.unibridge.org



Participation?

Each country may send two national teams. Teams must be entered by the National University Sport Federation (NUSF) by sending the necessary FISU-forms (general, nominative, quantitative, individual) to the Organizing Committee (OC), which is the Chinese University Sport Federation. For most of the NUSF, it is an obligation to organise a National University Bridge Championship to send afterwards a team to FISU-Championships. It is possible to ask the patronage of this National University Bridge Championship to FISU by sending an e-mail to Mister Laurent Briel, Director of World Championships at FISU: l.briel@fisunet.net. More about FISU-rules and FISU-can be found at www.fisunet.net.

Flight to China?

The best is to book a flight to Beijing, because this is much cheaper than flying to Tianjin directly. The Organizing Committee will provide free transport from the airport of Beijing to the venue in Tianjin.

Invitation?

The official invitation will be published on the website at www.unibridge.org. This invitation will be sent by the Organizing Committee to all National University Sport Federations connected to FISU. The WBF will also inform and invite all National Bridge Federations about the FISU-Championships.

