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Tough Down the Stretch



Zhong Fu – Jie Zhao, Open Pairs winners

The Chinese pair of Jie Zhao and Zhong Fu took the lead in the Open Pairs midway through the fifth final session and held off a strong challenge by Americans Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein to win the championship by less than half a percentage point.

Third place went to the holders, Italians Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes.

With two boards to go, the Chinese suffered a poor result for only 24% while Levin and Weinstein scored 62%. The final board was just the reverse, however, as the Americans scored only 26% in defense of a partscore while the Chinese defended the same contract, took one trick more to score 70%.

The winners enjoyed some good fortune near the end of the session. Twice, their opponents bid slams with no play - one slam missing two aces, the other off two cashing tricks. One of the boards was good for a 67% for the Chinese, the other 97%.



Tezcan Sen – Okay Gur, IMP Pairs winners

The French pair leading the event at the start of play on Saturday, Marc Bompis and Thierry de Sainte Marie, fared poorly and dropped to 14th.

In the IMP Pairs, the Tezcan Sen and Okay Gur of Turkey took a huge lead into the final session and relinquished almost none of it, winning by more than 29 IMPs ahead of the second-place pair, Bobby Richman and Zoltan Nagy of Australia. Third place went to Irina and Alexander Ladyzhensky of Russia.

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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL SPEECH

Un gran successo! A truly great Championship!
A message from WBF President José Damiani

Our delightful Italian hosts have welcomed us with open arms and have provided us with a superb venue, warm hospitality and an event that we will remember for a long time to come.

You will, I know, wish to join me in thanking my dear friend Gianarrigo Rona, the President of the Italian Federation, together with the Comitato Mondo Bridge: Mrs Maria Cristina Motta, Luca Darbi, Enrico Ghinato, Camillo Norbiato, Giavanni Maci and Paolo Clair for all they have done to ensure the undoubted success of the Championship. I would also like to thank the Veronese authorities and, in particular, Regione del Veneto, the Verona Provincia, the Verona Comune, the Camera di Commercio, and VeronaFiere.

We have been fortunate indeed to have had the sponsorship offered by the Banco Popolare di Verona, the Cattolica Assicurazione and the Renault Group, and not forgetting Generali, which has been a most generous sponsor of bridge for many years and whose President, my good friend Antoine Bernheim, was able to join us here in Verona for a few days. I also personally thank another great friend of bridge, Romain Zaleski, for his support. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mrs Maria Teresa Lavazza for her unflinching support and the wonderful coffee that has been available to all. We would also like to thank Cartier and the Masi company for their generosity. Our thanks to our technical sponsors Gestetner, Dalman and Epson, and, too, Autostrada Serenissima, Aeroporti Catullo, Sartori di Verona and La Cucina Italiana for their support.

You will all, I am sure, recognise the enormous amount of work involved in the organisation of our Bridge Championships; the technology involved, the hospitality - there are so many aspects, many of them unseen by you, the players. There are many staff who have worked long and hard throughout this fortnight, in every field and I am very pleased to have the chance to thank them all personally through the medium of this Bulletin.

The Hospitality Team – Martine Schupp and Antonio Salgueiro with Annie Chekroun

The Bulletin Team, with its co-ordinator Jean Paul Meyer and Editor Brent Manley, Mark Horton, Franco Broccoli, Barry Rigal and Brian Senior; photographer Ron Tacchi, layout editors Nicola Di Stefano and Akis Kanaris and Internet Editor Fotis Skoularikis and Roberto Luchin doing the printing.

Our Line-up team, Corry & Jan Louwerse with Irena and Janek Chodorowski and Herman De Wael.

Scoring and Results - Tomas Brenning, Harvey Fox, Jan Boets, Manolo Eminent, Duccio Geronimi, Staffan Hed, Laila Leonhardt, Carl Ragnarsson, Simone Rona, Xavier Schurer, Marc van Beijsterfelt, Hans van Steveren & Ruggero Venier, using the Bridge Mate system developed by Ron Bowland. I know you all enjoyed the service provided by this new and exciting technology.

The Internet Vu-Graph broadcasts were provided by Bridge Base on Line and Swan Games

The Press Room, ably overseen by Jan Swaan with the assistance of the Press Attaches Mabel Bocchi, Alessandro Del Fabbro and Stefania Gandini.

Behind the scenes on the technical side, Mark Newton co-ordinated the IT, keeping the computers linked and the Internet alive. Christine Francin, Anna Gudge and Carol von Linstow worked within the WBF Secretariat while Marina Madia ensured the seamless coordination with the Italian secretariat.

In the Vu-Graph, there was the Bridge Vision Team headed by Elisabeth Antelme with Hervé Lustman, Elisabeth Piganeau and the Vu-Graph team, led by Bernard Delange, with Paul Binisti and Bernadette Pasquier.

Fulvio Colizzi organized the equipment, and the duplication team of Monica Gorreri, Vanessa Allodi, Federica Canali, Franco Crosta, Bo-Lennart Grahs and Hélène Vivier who dealt the many thousands of boards needed for

the event and the team of caddies who distributed them amongst you so efficiently, led by Albert and Yvette Ohana. Also, the invaluable back-up team in the main office with Gianluca Barrese, Luc Crayebeck, Alex van Dongen and Annie Chekroun.

The excellent Vu-Graph commentators, who keep you so well entertained were Eric Kokish, Hans Werge and Claudio Brunelli, with their co-ordinator Jean-Paul Meyer.

The World Bridge Federation is fortunate to have a very experienced team of Tournament Directors, led by its Chief, Max Bavin, Assistant Chief TDs Maurizio Di Sacco, Richard Grenside and Antonio Riccardi together with Dimitri Ballas, Olivier Beauvillain, Bernardo Biondo, Christian Bordonneau, Gustavo Chediak, Anthony Ching, Pierre Collaros, Giulio Crevato Selvaggi, Anda Enciu, Bernard Gignoux, Qidar Ihsan, Rhami Ililikci, Petr Jelinek, Slawek Latala, Eitan Levy, Rui Marques, Jeanne van den Meiracker, Magdy Mesday, Jean-Louis Pennec, Guillermo Poplawski, Matt Smith and Sol Weinstein.

We also have to thank the Appeals Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Joan Gerard: Jens Auken, Jean-Claude Beineix, Patrick Choy, Richard Colker, Jean-Louis Derivery, Ernesto d'Orsi, Mazhar Jafri, Giovanni Maci, Jean-Paul Meyer, Dan Morse, Nissan Rand and John Wignall, for their work. A



special mention, too, for Grattan Endicott, the co-ordinator.

Ton Kooijman has overseen the entire operation with his usual care and skill, working tirelessly throughout the event as he always does with the unstinting and valuable assistance of Gianni Bertotto and Manolo Linutz.

Please, all of you, accept my personal thanks and the thanks of the Executive Council. We are fortunate indeed to have such a professional and dedicated team

The bridge at the Championships has been - as we have come to expect from all of you - of a very high standard, with many close matches giving us plenty of excitement as we have watched in the excellent auditorium; I have been impressed as always with your ethics, deportment and sportsmanship and the spirit that you bring to our great sport.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the winners and the medallists, especially the American players who graciously allowed a few others to win some medals. The Charles Solomon trophy is presented for the best overall perfor-

mance by representatives of one nation. It therefore gives me great pleasure to present this to the USBF.

But I do not forget those amongst you who do not come up to the podium - you too are winners for taking part in a great Championship, and I thank you all for joining us here in Verona.

For the future, we have the challenge of the World Championships in Shanghai at the end of September 2007 with the Chinese Bridge Association who will host the Bermuda Bowl. I am sure you will all be fighting hard to qualify for that Championship and that those of you who don't make your national team will want to come and play in the Transnational Open Teams just so that you can be with us in that amazing city.

In 2008, exceptionally, we will again be in China for the first IMSA Intellympiad and the World Team Olympiad and World Transnational Mixed Teams that will be taking place in Beijing.

Thank you all for your attention - and we hope to see you next year!

Piling up the IMPs

Going into today's final session of the IMP Pairs, Tezcan Sen and Okay Gur of Turkey held a massive lead in the event - nearly 50 IMPs ahead of second place. Only a huge collapse would threaten their championship.

Here are a couple of deals where they helped themselves to large numbers of IMPs on their way to their big lead. The first one is from the second final session.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Sen</i>		<i>Gur</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♣	2♥	Dble
All Pass			

The first double showed four spades. The second double was for blood.

Gur started with the ♦A, switching at trick two to his singleton club. Gur ruffed a club at trick three, then cashed the ♦K and played a diamond to Sen's queen. Now a low spade to the ace and a spade back to the king allowed North to play a third round of clubs - and Gur got his natural heart trick back for Plus 800 and 12 IMPs.

On the following deal, from the fourth final session, a disciplined pass from Sen paid off handsomely for the Turks.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ A J 10 9 6 ♣ K 6 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 6 4 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 5 ♣ A J 9 8 7 5	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gur</i>		<i>Sen</i>	
Pass	3NT	4♣	1♥
All Pass			4♥

North's 3NT showed a hand with 7-9 high-card points and an undisclosed singleton. Sen bid his long suit once, but he went no further when South bid game. The warning had been issued (North's singleton was almost surely in a black suit, making it more likely South had a substantial holding in that suit).

All over the room, East was playing in some number of spades, always doubled. The minus scores for East/West ranged from 300 to 1400. Sen earned 11 IMPs for his side by simply passing.

Gur led his singleton club to Sen's ace. Sen returned the ♣J, and Gur ruffed the queen and heeded partner's suit-preference signal by exiting with a spade. A third club was ruffed for Plus 100.

Final

Open Pairs

Session Four

by Mark Horton

In the penultimate session of a major Pairs Championship everyone is trying to ensure that they will be in contention on the last day. Alas, the twin constraints of time and space mean that we can only deliver a brief glimpse of the fourth session.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zhao	Fantoni	Fu	Nunes
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2NT*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The Chinese pair were pressing for good results, which may explain their aggressive bidding on this deal, where the destination of the matchpoints was decided entirely in the auction. With hearts 2-2 the contract was cold and +420 delivered 89%.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bompis	Levin	Sainte-Marie	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	2NT*	Dble	3♣
Pass	3♦*	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The French pair was at the top of the table, but they scored badly on this deal. Four Spades was the popular contract and South led his singleton diamond. Declarer won in hand with the jack and started on the trump suit. Given North's activity in the bidding it is likely that the spades will divide badly, but it is quite tough to play a low spade intending to cover South's card.

When declarer started with the ace of spades he could not recover. He played a second spade to the jack and a club. North took the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff and declarer still had to lose a heart and a trump for down one and -100 and only 36%.

However, the French pair continued to plug away and near the end they enjoyed a huge round against a pair whose challenge was fading.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ A K 7 3 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A J 2 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ A K J 10 ♣ J 8 4</p>	<p>♠ K 9 8 6 5 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ 10 7 4 3 ♥ K 7 6 4 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ Q 10</p>
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West	North	East	South
Townsend	Bompis	Gold	Sainte-Marie
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

I will confess that I have not had time to investigate the meaning of the auction, but a logical interpretation is that Two Hearts was two way, and when West asked with Two Spades

A Thank You

On behalf of all the journalists who attended the 8th World Bridge Championships in Verona, I would like to thank the WBF, the FIGB and the Comitato Mondo Bridge for the facilities and accommodation of the Press Room. It surely helped them to do their jobs in a professional manner.

Jan Swaan, Press Room manager

East showed a weak no trump type. Something went wrong after that and the routine 3NT was bypassed. Playing in Five Clubs was not a great idea and gave North/South 89%.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A J 10 5 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 2 ♣ K 9 8 7 5</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K 9 4 ♥ 10 8 6 3 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A J 2</p>	
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S						
<p>♠ Q 8 3 2 ♥ A 7 5 4 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ 10 4</p>		<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ K J ♦ J 10 9 8 7 5 ♣ Q 6 3</p>				

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Bompis	Gold	Sainte-Marie
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
All Pass		Pass	INT

East/West could find no way into the auction, but that was not necessarily a disaster if they could inflict some damage to the perilous INT contract.

West led a heart and declarer won in hand and played a club to the king and ace. The defenders cashed four heart tricks, declarer keeping a spade, four diamonds and two clubs. A club now would have meant at least two down but East played a disastrous queen of diamonds and declarer had escaped for -100 and 76%.

Grazie Mille!

As always, the championship has flown by. It seems only yesterday I arrived in Verona, wondering what country my luggage was visiting.

We have had many compliments from players and others about the Daily Bulletins. It has been a team effort, and I would be remiss if I did not thank Mark Horton and Brian Senior for their outstanding reporting and entertaining writing (thanks to Barry Rigal too). Franco Broccoli, who taught me some Italian words each day, has been your reporter in that language.

Ron Tacchi's photos have been especially good at this tournament. Harvey Fox is not an official part of the Daily Bulletin staff, but he has helped immeasurably in a number of ways. Thanks also to Akis Kanaris, our layout editor, and Fotis Skoularikis, who made sure the Daily Bulletins were posted on the Internet.

As always, our co-ordinator, Jean-Paul Meyer, has been there each day to lend support and guidance.

Ciao!

Brent Manley, Editor

Good, Better, ...

This is my 5th world championship of this kind, starting in Geneva 1990. That was my best up till now. We build our own offices as we did here and had different colors of carpet showing the way to the rooms even more sophisticated than here. Further comparison brings the advantage to Verona. Technically we have made huge progress. In Geneva we were proud to offer the duplicated boards for both pairs finals prepared on continuously protesting duplimates and still had the wives of executive committee members doing some duplication manually. Here we used duplicated boards everywhere, the staff producing almost 52.000 boards without any serious problem. They were fantastic.

But the real jump was made by the use of the Bridge Mate producing real-time results, making it possible to have almost-session results for each pair before that session had ended, immediately showing the estimated percentage on the boards played and offering a fantastic show in the vu graph theatre during the final Open Pairs when all results on a board became available watching the play of that same board on the screens. What more to wish?

The secret of the success of this event has many more elements. We have a very experienced staff nowadays, knowing exactly what has to be done. This is true in every field, the TDs are (semi) professionals, the scoring staff is superb with various qualities you only can dream of. The movement for the seniors with some drop outs and demanding everybody to meet almost everybody became impossible to arrange but they found a solution. Grazie mille, gentlemen.

Moving the boards to the playing area, setting up the playing rooms, handling the forms, dealing with line-ups, producing the huge daily stream of information on post boards and playing tables, all done with me giving hardly any instruction. They all know their jobs better than I do.

There is one issue still to be improved: the registration of players. Not the software we are using, that works fine. But you, the players. We don't have a clue about the participation in the various events before starting time. The evening before the start of the seniors pairs 76 had paid, but 122 were (pre)registered. At starting time it appeared we had 103. Just an example, it happened all the time. This makes it impossible to organize such an event properly. I consider it a miracle that we managed to start only 20 minutes late in most cases, thanks to the perfect but stressful job done by the TDs.

I would like to improve this aspect, but it is not easy. We put a lot of effort in balancing the groups concerning strength, country etc, which becomes almost useless when in the end 15% don't show up. We need a little bit more discipline there. But on the other hand without knowing it you behaved incredibly well. Starting the open pairs, after filling the holes you left, we played with exactly 11 full sections of 14 tables, 336 pairs. Impossible to organize, it just happened. And almost the same perfection appeared in the Women's Pairs. So you gave me also comfort.

I had my usual couple of sleepless nights but that is my own fault, not daring to believe that things will turn OK at the end. Being at the end now and daring to say that things went OK seems an understatement regarding the real quality of Verona 2006. Let me put that assessment in your, the players, hands.

Ton Kooijman

OPEN PAIRS**Final Standings (After 5 Sessions)**

Rank	Names	Total
1	Zhong FU - Jie ZHAO	56.84
2	Bobby LEVIN - Steve WEINSTEIN	56.41
3	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	55.91
4	Vincent RAMONDT - Berry WESTRA	55.16
5	Jacek PSZCZOLA - Cezary BALICKI	55.14
6	David BAKHSI - Andrew MCINTOSH	54.73
7	Fred GITELMAN - Brad MOSS	54.38
8	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	54.03
9	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT	53.67
10	Wojciech OLANSKI - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	53.47
11	Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ - Dariusz KOWALSKI	53.44
12	Jan JANSMA - Louk VERHEES JR	53.35
13	Rossen Georgiev GUNEV - Julian STEFANOV	53.32
14	Marc BOMPIS - Thierry De SAINTE MARIE	53.26
15	Norberto BOCCHI - Giorgio DUBOIN	52.98
16	Nick SANDQVIST - Artur MALINOWSKI	52.91
17	Melih OZDIL - Eldad GINOSSAR	52.46
18	Michael PRESCOTT - Stephen BURGESS	52.44
19	Matthias THORVALDSSON - Magnus MAGNUSSON	52.35
20	Jeff MECKSTROTH - Perry JOHNSON	52.22
21	Michael ROSENBERG - Ralph KATZ	52.14
22	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	51.35
23	Julien GAVIARD - Thomas BESSIS	51.24
24	Tom TOWNSEND - David GOLD	51.09
25	Tomasz GOTARD - Josef PIEKAREK	51.00
26	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	50.98
27	Michael BAREL - Yaniv ZACK	50.86
28	Andrei GROMOV - Alexander DUBININ	50.84
29	Vadim KHOLOMEEV - Jouri KHIOPPENEN	50.80
30	Andrew ROBSON - Zia MAHMOOD	50.79
31	Jerome ROMBAUT - Lionel SEBBANE	50.67
32	Jon Egil FURUNES - Per Erik AUSTBERG	50.63
33	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	50.21
34	Richard SCHWARTZ - Chris WILLENKEN	49.89
35	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	49.85
36	Carel BERENDREGT - Bert PAPIING	49.64
37	Assaf LENGY - Gadi LBOVITS	49.55
38	Krzysztof MARTENS - Vytautas VAINIKONIS	49.43
39	Jean-Jacques PALAU - Pierre-Yves GUILLAUMIN	49.42
40	Ton BAKKEREN - Huub BERTENS	49.39
41	Jean-Paul BALIAN - Philippe TOFFIER	49.10
42	Doron YADLIN - Israel YADLIN	48.98
43	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	48.88
44	Eric RODWELL - Doug SIMSON	48.72
45	Marcin LESNIEWSKI - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	48.61
46	Paul CHEMLA - Philippe CRONIER	48.43
47	Jian Ming DAI - Li Xin YANG	48.42
48	Hao Jun SHI - Ze Jun ZHUANG	48.39
49	Marcelo BRANCO - Diego BRENNER	48.34
50	Chip MARTEL - Lew STANSBY	48.25
51	Larry N. COHEN - David BERKOWITZ	48.22
52	Bengt-Erik EFRAMSSON - Anders MORATH	48.16
53	Mario D'AVOSSA - Stelio DI BELLO	48.08
54	Archie SEQUERA - Ramawatar AGARWAL	47.99
55	Rafal JAGNIEWSKI - Boguslaw PAZUR	47.69
56	Maris MATISONS - Andris SMILGAJS	47.67
57	Majja ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	47.42
58	David BIRMAN - Alon BIRMAN	47.34
59	Ilan HERBST - Ofir HERBST	47.32
60	Ismail KANDEMIR - Suleyman KOLATA	47.15
61	N. K. GUPTA - Sandeep THAKRAL	47.10
62	Giuseppe FABBRINI - Niccolo FOSSI	46.88
63	Apolinary KOWALSKI - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	46.82
64	Gary COHLER - Mark LAIR	46.70
65	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	46.63
66	Alex KOLEJNIK - Roberto SCARAMUZZI	46.07
67	Andreas GLOYER - Wolfgang LAUSS	46.04
68	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	45.50
69	Kazuo FURUTA - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	44.86
70	Avi KALISH - Leonid PODGUR	44.59
71	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	43.94
72	Jacek CIECHOMSKI - Piotr JUREK	43.47

IMP PAIRS**Final A Standings (After 5 Sessions)**

Rank	Names	Total IMPs
1	Tezcan SEN - Okay GUR	178.5
2	Bobby RICHMAN - Zoltan NAGY	149.1
3	Irina LADYZHENSKY - Alexander LADYZHENSKY	124.5
4	Gary GOTTLIEB - Peter FREDIN	117.7
5	Laurent THUILLEZ - Wilfried LIBBRECHT	116.9
6	Mckenzie MYERS - Joel DATLOFF	111.6
7	Chuck BURGER - Howard PERLMAN	110.6
8	Dan MANEA - Gabriel BALITA	106.0
9	Tommy GARVEY - John CARROLL	95.4
10	Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO - Krzysztof LASOCKI	87.5
11	Ange AGNETTI - Franck MATEOS-RUIZ	84.6
12	Jeff SAPIRE - Neville EBER	84.4
13	Sven Olai HOYLAND - Sam Inge HOYLAND	83.3
14	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	77.1
15	Adam WILDAVSKY - Doug DOUB	74.4
16	Giorgio ZANARDI - Giuseppe De MONTIS	74.1
16	Robert STOLINSKI - Adam HINTERTAN	74.1
18	Craig GOWER - Henry MANSELL	68.9
19	Robert HOLLMAN - Bruce FERGUSON	66.9
19	Avi KANETKAR - Nigel ROSENDORF	66.9
21	Otto RUTHENBERG - Jerzy KOZYCZKOWSKI	54.6
22	Joanna STANSBY - Debbie ROSENBERG	48.7
23	Pierre ADAD - Pascal RINGUET	47.3
24	Gabriel CHAGAS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	45.3
25	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	24.7
26	Artur RUTKOWSKI - Henryk BRODAWSKI	23.2
27	Yeshayahu LEVIT - Ronnie TOR	21.6
28	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	21.3
29	David KENDRICK - Patrick COLLINS	19.6
30	Michael CORNELL - Ashley BACH	16.5
31	Jelena ALFEJEVA - Vladimir GONCA	8.2
31	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	8.2
33	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	5.1
34	Patrice PIGANEAU - Francois LEENHARDT	3.1
35	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Giampaolo FRANCO	2.1
36	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	-4.1
37	Maxim ZHMAK - Denis DOBRIN	-5.1
38	Maciej DOBRZYNSKI - Wojciech ARCZEWSKI	-5.2
39	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	-10.3
40	Gene FREED - Bill WICKHAM	-15.2
41	Stefano CATA - Giancarlo MARINI	-19.3
42	Jan Petter SVENDSEN - Erik SAELENSMINDE	-19.6
43	Tien-Chun YANG - Robert TODD	-23.3
44	Poul CLEMMENSEN - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	-23.7
45	Keiran DYKE - David WILTSHIRE	-26.8
46	Janet DE BOTTON - Gunnar HALLBERG	-29.8
47	Tadashi TERAMOTO - Shunsuke MORIMURA	-32.5
48	Kit WOOLSEY - Fred STEWART	-33.5
49	Marc SMITH - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	-36.0
50	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	-38.1
51	Bjorn FALLENIIUS - Biancastella RUSSO	-41.6
52	Frederic VOLCKER - Quentin ROBERT	-42.2
53	Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	-44.2
54	Alexander F LEWIS - Anal SHAH	-46.3
55	Angela DE BIASIO - Donatella GIGLIOTTI	-52.5
56	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	-54.4
57	Alain NAHMIAS - Dominique BEAUMIER	-55.6
58	Valerio GIUBILO - Guido BONAVOGLIA	-63.8
59	Sotiris NINOS - Petros AGGELOPOULOS	-76.0
60	Bernard DONDE - Alon APTEKER	-87.7
61	Shireen MOHANDÉS - Andy BOWLES	-95.7
62	Nadine WOOD - Linda MALONEY	-121.7
63	Calin STIRBU - Gheorghe SERPOI	-132.7
64	Hilary DOWLING-LONG - Ann Marie HORAN	-159.8
65	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA	-161.6
66	Francois BOUCHER - Marc LACHAPELLE	-162.6
67	Terry WALSH - Brid KEMPLE	-173.3
68	Paolo COMUNIAN - Claudio BIANCHINI	-210.0

Just in Time

by Mark Horton

If I see something interesting on Bridgebase I tend to type it up at once least I forget, but there is no guarantee that it will find its way into the bulletin.

This little story would have gone the way of several others had it not been for the intervention of one of my friends on the site that has been covering the Championships in such brilliant fashion.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West led the eight of diamonds and dummy's king took the trick. Declarer ran the ten of hearts, repeated the finesse and took the spade finesse. When that lost he was held to eleven tricks.

The bridgebase commentators wondered if it was possible for declarer to make 12 tricks? Clearly if West were kind enough to lead the jack of spade life would be simple, and a heart lead might also do the tricks if East failed to read the position and put up the king.

Although I can't see any obvious reason for doing so, suppose declarer, after a couple of heart finesses simply sets about cashing his winners?

<p>♠ J 2 ♥ - ♦ J ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A Q 7 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ K 9 6 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 ♥ - ♦ 9 ♣ -</p>
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Now if declarer plays the eight of spades he is in clover. If West plays low East will win and be endplayed. If West plays the jack declarer takes the ace and plays back the suit.

By the time I had typed this up the commentators were still trying to figure it out!

Five declarers recorded +490, two after the lead of the jack of spades, two after the seven of hearts and one after the five of diamonds. Now, did any of them have to play as I suggested?

Haggis at the Helm

by Maureen Hiron

Senior Pairs. Session 5.

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 8 6 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ K Q 10</p>	<p>♠ J 9 5 ♥ A Q 8 3 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ A J 7</p>	<p>♠ A 3 2 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ 10 8 7 2 ♣ 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 4 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ A K 4 ♣ 9 6 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Nissan Rand		Irving Gordon (Haggis)	
1♣	Dble	INT	All Pass

South led ace, king and a third diamond, which did Haggis' cause no harm, establishing two tricks for him in the suit. North being marked with most, if not all of the outstanding honour cards, Haggis continued with dummy's king of clubs, and when this held, followed with a low heart to the ten. Then came a spade to the king, back to the spade ace, and the ten of diamonds, on which dummy's jack of hearts was ditched, North parting with a spade. A spade to the queen left this position.

<p>♠ 8 ♥ 6 ♦ - ♣ Q 10</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ A Q ♦ - ♣ A J</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ K 2 ♦ - ♣ 8 5</p>	<p>immaterial</p>
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The 13th spade squeezed North, for Haggis to emerge with two of the last four tricks – nine in total – and 86% of the matchpoints.

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A total of 258 teams and 1,134 pairs competed in all competitions combined in Verona.

With 172 teams, the Rosenblum cup was smaller than at Lille 1998 but bigger than Montreal 2002, but the Open Pairs attracted 394 entries, which is fewer than Albuquerque 1994, Lille 1998 and Montreal.

There were 31 appeals, a Board-Appeals Ratio of 0.21, which is even lower than we have come to expect. In nine of those appeal cases, the deposit was kept.

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