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NO ROOM FOR ERROR



The hard-working duplication team.

Only five matches remain in the qualifying rounds for the Open and Women's series, and only four in the Seniors. With only four in each group of the Open getting through to the round of 16, time may be running short for some.

Three perennial contenders who may be in danger are Brazil, France and Egypt in the Open.

One team on a roll is Germany in the Women's series. The German women scored all available victory points yesterday, easily dispatching Chinese Taipei, Mexico and Jamaica to lead all squads with 262 out of 300 victory points over 12 rounds.

Today will be a light day for players, with only two matches, followed by a day off on Thursday.



Today's Schedule

- 11.00 Senior Teams Round 12**
- 11.00 Open - Women Teams, Round 13**
- 14.20 Senior Teams, Round 13**
- 14.20 Open - Women Teams, Round 14**



OPEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 13

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Japan	Finland	1 Netherlands	Mexico	1 Chile	Bulgaria	1 Reunion	Greece
2 Pakistan	Canada	2 Sweden	India	2 Singapore	Bangladesh	2 England	Switzerland
3 France	Trinidad & Tobago	3 San Marino	Portugal	3 Bosnia	New Zealand	3 Turkey	Venezuela
4 Brazil	Denmark	4 Scotland	Latvia	4 Guadeloupe	Iceland	4 Lebanon	Indonesia
5 Slovakia	Italy	5 Russia	China Hong Kong	5 Egypt	Belgium	5 Philippines	Germany
6 South Africa	Ireland	6 China	Israel	6 Poland	Spain	6 Jordan	Serbia
7 Kenya	China Macau	7 Hungary	Korea	7 Georgia	Ukraine	7 USA	Australia
8 Estonia	Romania	8 Austria	Jamaica	8 Norway	Chinese Taipei	8 Thailand	Lithuania
9 Bye	Albania	9 French Polynesia	Argentina	9 Bermuda	Morocco	9 Botswana	Belarus

ROUND 14

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Brazil	Estonia	1 Scotland	Austria	1 Guadeloupe	Norway	1 Lebanon	Thailand
2 Romania	Kenya	2 Jamaica	Hungary	2 Chinese Taipei	Georgia	2 Lithuania	USA
3 China Macau	South Africa	3 Korea	China	3 Ukraine	Poland	3 Australia	Jordan
4 Ireland	Slovakia	4 Israel	Russia	4 Spain	Egypt	4 Serbia	Philippines
5 Denmark	Finland	5 Latvia	Mexico	5 Iceland	Bulgaria	5 Indonesia	Greece
6 Albania	France	6 Argentina	San Marino	6 Morocco	Bosnia	6 Belarus	Turkey
7 Trinidad & Tobago	Pakistan	7 Portugal	Sweden	7 New Zealand	Singapore	7 Venezuela	England
8 Canada	Japan	8 India	Netherlands	8 Bangladesh	Chile	8 Switzerland	Reunion
9 Italy	Bye	9 China Hong Kong	French Polynesia	9 Belgium	Bermuda	9 Germany	Botswana

Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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



- ♠ K 5 3
- ♥ A K Q J 9
- ♦ A Q 5 3
- ♣ 2

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

All pass

* A limit raise or better in hearts

West leads the queen of clubs. While partner's bidding has been enthusiastic, the contract is at worst on the diamond finesse. As we "experts" dislike finesses, how do you plan the play?

For the answer go to page 11.



Collecting the airport taxes

The WBF treasurer will collect the taxes for the account of Air China each day from Wednesday, October 8th till Sunday, October 12th from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the WBF office (secretariat) on the 4th floor of the CNCC building. Note: this applies only to free Air China tickets.

Each president of national organisations or his representative is requested to come and pay for all his members. This is of course mandatory to ensure that there are no problems for the players on their return journey.

WOMEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 13

GROUP E

1 Japan	India
2 Thailand	Italy
3 England	Palestine
4 Reunion	Portugal
5 Belarus	USA
6 Trinidad & Tobago	Brazil
7 China Hong Kong	Lithuania
8 Egypt	Norway
9 Guadeloupe	Poland

GROUP F

1 Australia	China
2 Serbia	Denmark
3 Philippines	France
4 Indonesia	Scotland
5 Argentina	Canada
6 Spain	Russia
7 Venezuela	Jordan
8 Estonia	Bermuda
9 Kenya	Finland

GROUP G

1 Pakistan	Hungary
2 Turkey	Ireland
3 Latvia	Barbados
4 Jamaica	Mexico
5 New Zealand	Korea
6 Sweden	Greece
7 Singapore	Chinese Taipei
8 Morocco	Germany
9 South Africa	Netherlands

ROUND 14

GROUP E

1 Reunion	Egypt
2 Norway	China Hong Kong
3 Lithuania	Trinidad & Tobago
4 Brazil	Belarus
5 Portugal	India
6 Poland	England
7 Palestine	Thailand
8 Italy	Japan
9 USA	Guadeloupe

GROUP F

1 Indonesia	Estonia
2 Bermuda	Venezuela
3 Jordan	Spain
4 Russia	Argentina
5 Scotland	China
6 Finland	Philippines
7 France	Serbia
8 Denmark	Australia
9 Canada	Kenya

GROUP G

1 Jamaica	Morocco
2 Germany	Singapore
3 Chinese Taipei	Sweden
4 Greece	New Zealand
5 Mexico	Hungary
6 Netherlands	Latvia
7 Barbados	Turkey
8 Ireland	Pakistan
9 Korea	South Africa



WBF Meeting of Congress

Thursday 09 October 2008 – 10.30 am

The WBF Meeting of Congress will be held on Thursday 09 October at 10.30 am in the Auditorium (Yu-Graph Theatre) at the Beijing Intercontinental Beichen Hotel. Each country should send a delegate to this important meeting, and if you have not already done so you are invited to register your delegate at the WBF Secretariat's Office on the 4th Floor of the BNCC as soon as possible, or if you wish you can email anna@ecats.co.uk to make your registration.

The meeting will be followed by a cocktail hosted by the President of the WBF to which all delegates are invited.

World Transnational Mixed Teams



The registration desk for the Transnational Mixed Teams is by the Line Up Desk on the 4th floor at the CNCC. The opening hours will be:

11.00 – 13.00 hours 14.20 – 16.00 hours 17.10 – 19.00 hours

From today through Sunday, players seeking partners and/or teammates may put their names on the lists at the desk, leaving contact details (hotel and room number or cell phone) so that they can be contacted by others wishing to play.

If you already have a complete team, please register their names at the Line Up Desk – we need to have a paper with :

- the team name
- the players' names (first name – last name)
- country

Please print everything in block capitals.

Please register your team as soon as possible so that we can have some idea of the number of teams. Teams will be accepted as long as we have sufficient space.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Denmark	Pakistan	86 - 32 25 - 3
2	Ireland	Brazil	43 - 17 21 - 9
3	Italy	Estonia	42 - 47 14 - 16
4	Albania	Kenya	48 - 57 13 - 17
5	Trinidad & Tobago	South Africa	17 - 38 10 - 20
6	Canada	Slovakia	45 - 36 17 - 13
7	Finland	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0
8	Japan	France	26 - 29 14 - 16
9	China Macau	Romania	16 - 37 10 - 20

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Iceland	Singapore	66 - 12 25 - 3
2	Spain	Guadeloupe	20 - 53 7 - 23
3	Belgium	Norway	15 - 44 8 - 22
4	Morocco	Georgia	49 - 44 16 - 14
5	New Zealand	Poland	4 - 18 12 - 18
6	Bangladesh	Egypt	27 - 27 15 - 15
7	Bulgaria	Bermuda	51 - 42 17 - 13
8	Chile	Bosnia & Herzegovina	49 - 44 16 - 14
9	Ukraine	Chinese Taipei	40 - 21 19 - 11

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Pakistan	Japan	46 - 52 14 - 16
2	Romania	Denmark	89 - 25 25 - 2
3	BYE	Canada	0 - 0 0 - 18
4	Slovakia	Trinidad and Tobago	45 - 22 20 - 10
5	South Africa	Albania	97 - 2 25 - 0
6	Kenya	Italy	1 - 107 0 - 25
7	Estonia	Ireland	73 - 41 23 - 7
8	Brazil	China Macau	58 - 20 24 - 6
9	France	Finland	23 - 50 9 - 21

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Singapore	Chile	54 - 32 20 - 10
2	Chinese Taipei	Iceland	25 - 41 11 - 19
3	Bermuda	Bangladesh	42 - 30 18 - 12
4	Egypt	New Zealand	28 - 71 5 - 25
5	Poland	Morocco	80 - 0 25 - 0
6	Georgia	Belgium	37 - 81 5 - 25
7	Norway	Spain	43 - 38 16 - 14
8	Guadeloupe	Ukraine	28 - 27 15 - 15
9	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bulgaria	37 - 9 22 - 8

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Romania	Brazil	25 - 38 12 - 18
2	China Macau	Estonia	40 - 59 11 - 19
3	Denmark	Japan	51 - 19 23 - 7
4	Italy	South Africa	49 - 15 23 - 7
5	Albania	Slovakia	23 - 33 13 - 17
6	Trinidad and Tobago	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0
7	Canada	France	15 - 58 5 - 25
8	Finland	Pakistan	57 - 20 24 - 6
9	Ireland	Kenya	67 - 21 25 - 5

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	28 - 37 13 - 17
2	Ukraine	Norway	39 - 46 14 - 16
3	Iceland	Chile	55 - 41 18 - 12
4	Belgium	Poland	29 - 30 15 - 15
5	Morocco	Egypt	39 - 58 11 - 19
6	New Zealand	Bermuda	71 - 28 25 - 5
7	Bangladesh	Bosnia & Herzegovina	26 - 39 12 - 18
8	Bulgaria	Singapore	56 - 6 25 - 4
9	Spain	Georgia	59 - 32 21 - 9

ROUND 10

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Latvia	Sweden	46 - 14 23 - 7
2	Israel	Scotland	49 - 20 22 - 8
3	China Hong Kong	Austria	29 - 51 10 - 20
4	Argentina	Hungary	18 - 38 10 - 20
5	Portugal	China	43 - 19 21 - 9
6	India	Russia	26 - 46 10 - 20
7	Mexico	French Polynesia	23 - 39 11 - 19
8	Netherlands	San Marino	36 - 17 19 - 11
9	Korea	Jamaica	44 - 34 17 - 13

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Indonesia	England	21 - 12 17 - 13
2	Serbia	Lebanon	11 - 40 8 - 22
3	Germany	Thailand	64 - 15 25 - 4
4	Belarus	USA	36 - 39 14 - 16
5	Venezuela	Jordan	9 - 51 5 - 25
6	Switzerland	Philippines	28 - 80 4 - 25
7	Greece	Botswana	35 - 27 17 - 13
8	Reunion	Turkey	20 - 61 6 - 24
9	Australia	Lithuania	31 - 25 16 - 14

ROUND 11

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Sweden	Netherlands	16 - 19 14 - 16
2	Jamaica	Latvia	4 - 56 4 - 25
3	French Polynesia	India	29 - 54 9 - 21
4	Russia	Portugal	31 - 16 18 - 12
5	China	Argentina	37 - 17 20 - 10
6	Hungary	China Hong Kong	36 - 25 17 - 13
7	Austria	Israel	27 - 33 14 - 16
8	Scotland	Korea	21 - 32 13 - 17
9	San Marino	Mexico	51 - 62 13 - 17

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	England	Reunion	62 - 18 25 - 5
2	Lithuania	Indonesia	22 - 60 6 - 24
3	Botswana	Switzerland	13 - 55 5 - 25
4	Philippines	Venezuela	14 - 26 12 - 18
5	Jordan	Belarus	69 - 31 24 - 6
6	USA	Germany	45 - 26 19 - 11
7	Thailand	Serbia	54 - 19 23 - 7
8	Lebanon	Australia	22 - 46 9 - 21
9	Turkey	Greece	27 - 32 14 - 16

ROUND 12

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Jamaica	Scotland	35 - 35 15 - 15
2	Korea	Austria	40 - 80 6 - 24
3	Latvia	Netherlands	30 - 48 11 - 19
4	China Hong Kong	China	2 - 48 5 - 25
5	Argentina	Russia	53 - 7 25 - 5
6	Portugal	French Polynesia	53 - 24 22 - 8
7	India	San Marino	28 - 29 15 - 15
8	Mexico	Sweden	7 - 59 4 - 25
9	Israel	Hungary	34 - 49 12 - 18

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Lithuania	Lebanon	21 - 64 5 - 25
2	Australia	Thailand	31 - 21 17 - 13
3	Indonesia	Reunion	71 - 42 22 - 8
4	Germany	Jordan	49 - 18 22 - 8
5	Belarus	Philippines	30 - 34 14 - 16
6	Venezuela	Botswana	27 - 50 10 - 20
7	Switzerland	Turkey	29 - 56 9 - 21
8	Greece	England	19 - 29 13 - 17
9	Serbia	USA	2 - 63 2 - 25

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E - ROUND 10

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Portugal	Thailand	73 - 19	25 - 3
2 Brazil	Reunion	21 - 11	17 - 13
3 USA	Egypt	53 - 21	23 - 7
4 Poland	China Hong Kong	47 - 8	24 - 6
5 Palestine	Trinidad and Tobago	26 - 44	11 - 19
6 Italy	Belarus	29 - 34	14 - 16
7 India	Guadeloupe	43 - 56	12 - 18
8 Japan	England	26 - 43	11 - 19
9 Lithuania	Norway	55 - 47	17 - 13

GROUP F - ROUND 10

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Scotland	Serbia	28 - 32	14 - 16
2 Russia	Indonesia	51 - 30	20 - 10
3 Canada	Estonia	42 - 32	17 - 13
4 Finland	Venezuela	25 - 36	13 - 17
5 France	Spain	27 - 44	11 - 19
6 Denmark	Argentina	88 - 12	25 - 0
7 China	Kenya	59 - 16	25 - 5
8 Australia	Philippines	8 - 41	7 - 23
9 Jordan	Bermuda	31 - 37	14 - 16

GROUP G - ROUND 10

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Mexico	Turkey	36 - 34	15 - 15
2 Greece	Jamaica	52 - 18	23 - 7
3 Korea	Morocco	21 - 51	8 - 22
4 Netherlands	Singapore	51 - 14	24 - 6
5 Barbados	Sweden	30 - 31	15 - 15
6 Ireland	New Zealand	42 - 33	17 - 13
7 Hungary	South Africa	38 - 56	11 - 19
8 Pakistan	Latvia	35 - 14	20 - 10
9 Chinese Taipei	Germany	6 - 67	2 - 25

GROUP E - ROUND 11

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Thailand	Japan	31 - 85	3 - 25
2 Norway	Portugal	88 - 24	25 - 2
3 Guadeloupe	Italy	8 - 40	7 - 23
4 Belarus	Palestine	42 - 34	17 - 13
5 Trinidad and Tobago	Poland	7 - 27	10 - 20
6 China Hong Kong	USA	16 - 30	12 - 18
7 Egypt	Brazil	22 - 26	14 - 16
8 Reunion	Lithuania	48 - 33	18 - 12
9 England	India	41 - 31	17 - 13

GROUP F - ROUND 11

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Serbia	Australia	29 - 73	5 - 25
2 Bermuda	Scotland	0 - 70	1 - 25
3 Kenya	Denmark	24 - 60	7 - 23
4 Argentina	France	14 - 37	10 - 20
5 Spain	Finland	25 - 43	9 - 21
6 Venezuela	Canada	35 - 60	9 - 21
7 Estonia	Russia	21 - 31	13 - 17
8 Indonesia	Jordan	55 - 13	25 - 5
9 Philippines	China	4 - 75	1 - 25

GROUP G - ROUND 11

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Turkey	Pakistan	36 - 32	16 - 14
2 Germany	Mexico	82 - 21	25 - 2
3 South Africa	Ireland	36 - 57	10 - 20
4 New Zealand	Barbados	62 - 33	22 - 8
5 Sweden	Netherlands	13 - 61	4 - 25
6 Singapore	Korea	42 - 30	18 - 12
7 Morocco	Greece	34 - 13	20 - 10
8 Jamaica	Chinese Taipei	44 - 43	15 - 15
9 Latvia	Hungary	33 - 59	9 - 21

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP K - ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Sweden	New Zealand	51 - 12	24 - 6
2 France	Pakistan	17 - 37	10 - 20
3 Hungary	South Africa	61 - 26	23 - 7
4 Kenya	Denmark	54 - 18	23 - 7
5 Chinese Taipei	Estonia	38 - 39	15 - 15
6 USA	Brazil	43 - 31	18 - 12
7 Wales	Japan	15 - 48	7 - 23
8 England	China Hong Kong	76 - 7	25 - 1



GROUP L - ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Italy	Egypt	26 - 51	9 - 21
2 Ireland	India	38 - 39	15 - 15
3 Canada	Poland	8 - 18	13 - 17
4 Finland	China	26 - 21	16 - 14
5 Belgium	Guadeloupe	30 - 22	17 - 13
6 Thailand	Germany	23 - 34	13 - 17
7 Netherlands	Indonesia	17 - 32	12 - 18
8 Australia	Reunion	30 - 26	16 - 14

GROUP K - ROUND 10

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Sweden	Wales	54 - 44	17 - 13
2 New Zealand	China Hong Kong	20 - 36	11 - 19
3 Brazil	Chinese Taipei	48 - 53	14 - 16
4 Estonia	Kenya	62 - 32	24 - 6
5 Denmark	Hungary	46 - 23	20 - 10
6 South Africa	France	17 - 65	4 - 25
7 Pakistan	England	41 - 51	13 - 17
8 Japan	USA	15 - 17	15 - 15



GROUP L - ROUND 10

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 Italy	Netherlands	36 - 32	16 - 14
2 Egypt	Reunion	49 - 25	21 - 9
3 Germany	Belgium	42 - 40	15 - 15
4 Guadeloupe	Finland	20 - 12	17 - 13
5 China	Canada	11 - 60	4 - 25
6 Poland	Ireland	43 - 35	17 - 13
7 India	Australia	25 - 53	8 - 22
8 Indonesia	Thailand	51 - 16	23 - 7

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E - ROUND 12

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Norway Reunion	50 - 29	20 - 10
2	Lithuania Egypt	12 - 72	2 - 25
3	Portugal Japan	28 - 63	7 - 23
4	USA Trinidad and Tobago	50 - 14	23 - 7
5	Poland Belarus	7 - 47	6 - 24
6	Palestine Guadeloupe	33 - 26	16 - 14
7	Italy England	14 - 58	5 - 25
8	India Thailand	42 - 39	16 - 14
9	Brazil China Hong Kong	43 - 24	19 - 11

GROUP F - ROUND 12

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Bermuda Indonesia	32 - 75	5 - 25
2	Jordan Estonia	25 - 44	11 - 19
3	Scotland Australia	14 - 13	15 - 15
4	Canada Spain	30 - 39	13 - 17
5	Finland Argentina	62 - 33	22 - 8
6	France Kenya	80 - 9	25 - 1
7	Denmark Philippines	59 - 27	23 - 7
8	China Serbia	41 - 18	20 - 10
9	Russia Venezuela	49 - 20	22 - 8

GROUP G - ROUND 12

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Germany Jamaica	76 - 23	25 - 3
2	Chinese Taipei Morocco	25 - 33	13 - 17
3	Mexico Pakistan	47 - 20	21 - 9
4	Korea Sweden	11 - 21	13 - 17
5	Netherlands New Zealand	42 - 30	18 - 12
6	Barbados South Africa	32 - 50	11 - 19
7	Ireland Latvia	33 - 14	19 - 11
8	Hungary Turkey	25 - 50	9 - 21
9	Greece Singapore	25 - 23	15 - 15

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP K - ROUND 11

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	China Hong Kong Pakistan	51 - 61	13 - 17
2	England South Africa	28 - 43	12 - 18
3	Wales New Zealand	20 - 53	7 - 23
4	Hungary Estonia	45 - 21	21 - 9
5	Kenya Brazil	40 - 50	13 - 17
6	Chinese Taipei Japan	24 - 27	14 - 16
7	USA Sweden	42 - 10	23 - 7
8	France Denmark	10 - 28	11 - 19



GROUP L - ROUND 11

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Reunion India	23 - 53	8 - 22
2	Australia Poland	53 - 31	20 - 10
3	Netherlands Egypt	28 - 36	13 - 17
4	Canada Guadeloupe	49 - 33	19 - 11
5	Finland Germany	46 - 23	20 - 10
6	Belgium Indonesia	22 - 27	14 - 16
7	Thailand Italy	21 - 74	3 - 25
8	Ireland China	33 - 67	7 - 23

Today's Coverage



ROUND 13 - 11.00

Sweden - India (O)	VG
USA - Australia (O)	BBO
Brazil - Denmark (O)	BBO
Spain - Russia (W)	BBO
China - Israel (O)	OurGames
Philippines - France (W)	OurGames

ROUND 14 - 14.20

Israel - Russia (O)	VG
India - Netherlands (O)	BBO
Canada - Indonesia (S - 13th Round)	BBO
Poland - England (W)	BBO
Guadeloupe - Norway (O)	OurGames
Scotland - China (W)	OurGames

Team Bermuda



(L to R) Jack Rhind (Captain), Sven Pride, Margie Way, Tony Saunders, Jean Johnson, Alan Douglas, Madga Farag, Jane Smith, Sheena Rayner, Gertie Barker, Craig Hutton, Rachael Gosling and John Burville.



OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Italy	247.00	1 Israel	249.00	1 Poland	247.00	1 Germany	249.00
2 Estonia	220.00	2 Netherlands	224.00	2 Norway	238.50	2 USA	243.00
3 Denmark	215.50	3 India	222.00	3 Guadeloupe	205.00	3 Indonesia	228.00
4 South Africa	204.00	4 China	219.00	4 Spain	203.00	4 England	225.00
5 Romania	202.50	5 Hungary	212.00	5 Bulgaria	198.00	5 Turkey	222.00
6 Ireland	197.00	6 Portugal	203.00	6 Chinese Taipei	193.00	6 Lebanon	198.00
7 Canada	195.50	7 Austria	199.00	7 New Zealand	192.00	7 Belarus	190.00
8 Brazil	192.00	8 Sweden	192.00	8 Ukraine	186.75	8 Thailand	187.00
9 France	191.50	9 Russia	190.00	9 Belgium	186.00	9 Greece	177.00
10 Finland	188.00	10 Argentina	187.00	10 Egypt	180.00	10 Jordan	174.00
11 Japan	173.00	11 Latvia	174.00	11 Iceland	177.50	11 Australia	167.50
12 Slovakia	163.00	12 San Marino	167.00	12 Bosnia & Herzegovina	172.00	12 Philippines	162.00
13 Pakistan	155.00	13 China Hong Kong	166.00	13 Bangladesh	164.50	13 Switzerland	155.00
14 China Macau	148.00	14 Scotland	156.00	14 Georgia	151.00	14 Serbia	154.00
15 Trinidad & Tobago	141.00	15 Mexico	116.00	15 Bermuda	143.50	15 Reunion	146.00
16 Kenya	123.00	French Polynesia	116.00	16 Chile	141.00	16 Lithuania	112.00
17 Albania	95.50	17 Jamaica	110.00	17 Singapore	125.00	17 Botswana	110.00
		18 Korea	85.00	18 Morocco	87.75	18 Venezuela	96.60

WOMEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 England	254.00	1 China	243.50	1 Germany	262.00
2 USA	236.00	2 Finland	221.00	2 Netherlands	223.00
3 Italy	209.00	3 Spain	220.00	3 Sweden	205.00
4 Poland	207.00	4 Denmark	219.00	4 Hungary	203.50
5 Japan	205.00	5 France	215.00	5 Morocco	201.00
6 Brazil	196.00	6 Russia	208.00	6 Singapore	198.00
7 Norway	191.00	7 Scotland	197.00	7 Turkey	195.00
8 Belarus	184.25	8 Australia	192.00	8 South Africa	189.00
9 China Hong Kong	180.00	9 Indonesia	191.50	9 Mexico	173.00
10 India	170.50	10 Philippines	187.00	Ireland	173.00
11 Egypt	168.00	11 Canada	182.00	11 Chinese Taipei	169.00
12 Lithuania	161.00	12 Venezuela	181.00	Greece	169.00
13 Portugal	147.00	13 Serbia	153.00	13 New Zealand	156.00
Guadeloupe	147.00	14 Estonia	151.00	14 Korea	153.00
15 Trinidad & Tobago	143.00	15 Jordan	135.00	Barbados	153.00
16 Palestine	140.00	16 Argentina	125.00	16 Latvia	150.00
17 Reunion	136.50	17 Bermuda	92.00	17 Pakistan	145.00
18 Thailand	128.00	18 Kenya	59.00	18 Jamaica	84.50

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 11 ROUNDS

GROUP K				GROUP L			
1 USA	224.00	9 Estonia	160.00	1 Indonesia	223.00	9 China	154.50
2 Japan	210.00	10 New Zealand	157.00	2 Australia	221.00	10 Netherlands	151.00
3 England	182.00	11 Denmark	153.50	3 Canada	204.00	11 Belgium	147.50
4 France	177.00	12 South Africa	153.00	4 Poland	189.50	12 Guadeloupe	138.00
5 Hungary	172.00	13 Sweden	152.00	5 Egypt	184.00	13 Finland	136.50
6 Chinese Taipei	171.50	14 Wales	143.50	6 Germany	175.00	14 Ireland	129.50
7 China Hong Kong	161.00	15 Brazil	137.00	7 India	169.00	15 Thailand	108.50
8 Pakistan	160.50	16 Kenya	103.00	8 Italy	155.00	16 Reunion	104.00

WOMEN TEAMS R7

GERMANY v NETHERLANDS

by Phillip Alder

Before the start of Round 7, Germany was fourth in Group G, two victory points ahead of European archrivals, the Netherlands, the team with color-coordinated convention cards. They wear orange-colored golf shorts and their systems are printed on orange-colored paper. This would be a good match for either team to win handsomely.

I went into the Open Room to watch Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim take on Jet Pasma and Anneke Simons. At the other table, Ingrid Gromann and Pony Nehmert played against Carla Arnolds and Bep Vriend.

The match contained two tough defensive problems. Try them first (rotated to make South declarer), then read about those boards and the others that produced swings.

1. ♠ K Q 8 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 10 7 6 3
 ♣ K Q J 10 4



West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦ ^(a)
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Fourth suit game-forcing.

You decide to lead the spade six. Declarer takes partner's jack with her ace and plays on clubs. When in with your ace, what would you do next? How would you expect partner to signal? (If you believe she should give count, she shows an even number of clubs.)

2. ♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ Q J 10 9 8 7



South deals and opens one notrump, 15-17 points. You overcall two diamonds, showing a major one-suiter. At one table, North responded two notrump, clubs and game-invitational or stronger. At the other table, North bid a game-invitational three clubs. In both rooms, South rebid three notrump.

You lead the spade king: three, seven, four. You cash the

spade ace, but partner discards a discouraging club. What would you do now?

On the first board of the match, Auken was pushed into a winning bid.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ 10 ♥ Q 5 ♦ K Q 8 4 2 ♣ Q J 9 7 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 4 2 ♥ K 9 8 6 ♦ 10 7 6 5 ♣ 8 3 2	♠ Q 7 6 5 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A 10 6 5
♠ A K J 9 8 ♥ A J 10 7 4 ♦ A J ♣ K			

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Pasma</i>	<i>von Arnim</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣ ^(a)
1♦ ^(b)	Pass ^(c)	2♠ ^(d)	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- (a) Strong club.
- (b) Minors or majors.
- (c) 0-7 points.
- (d) Pass or correct.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Gromann</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When von Arnim showed at least 5-5 in the majors, Auken knew that if she bid three hearts, it would end the auction because South would have to be worried about a misfit. So Auken jumped to four hearts.

The play was not testing. East led the club ace and shifted to the diamond nine. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the spade ace and continued with the spade king. West ruffed, cashed the diamond queen and returned the club queen, but North calmly crossruffed home.

The more I play this game, the more I think strong club is the way to go. To hold that South hand and to open and close the auction with one spade cannot feel good, regardless of the result.

Declarer did not play to best advantage, taking only seven tricks.

Plus 420 and minus 80 gave Germany 8 international match points.

After a flat board came ...

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

♠ 10 8 3 ♥ K 9 ♦ J 8 6 4 3 ♣ 9 8 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 2 ♥ A 8 3 2 ♦ A K 9 5 2 ♣ K	♠ 9 4 ♥ 6 5 4 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ A J 10 6 3
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West <i>Simons</i>	North <i>Auken</i>	East <i>Pasman</i>	South <i>von Arnim</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT ^(a)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠ ^(b)	Pass	4NT ^(c)	Pass
5♣ ^(d)	Pass	5♥	All Pass

- (a) Artificial force.
- (b) Control-bid (cue-bid).
- (c) Roman Key Card Blackwood.
- (d) One key card.

West <i>Nehmert</i>	North <i>Arnolds</i>	East <i>Gromann</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT ^(a)	Pass
3♦ ^(b)	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦ ^(c)	Pass	4NT ^(d)	Pass
5♥ ^(e)	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (a) Game-forcing spade raise.
- (b) Singleton or void diamond.
- (c) Void diamond.
- (d) Roman Key Card Blackwood.
- (e) Two key cards but no spade queen.

I dislike slams on a finesse. So many points can swing on the location of one card. And this slam is worse than a finesse, which just makes it worse. Six spades was a lucky make, giving Germany 13 IMPs.

With both sides vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ J 10 9 8 4 2
♥ 10
♦ A K 6
♣ 8 4 2

The dealer on your right opens one diamond. You might not like it, but I am going to force you to make a two-spade weak jump overcall. The responder makes a negative double, your partner advances with three clubs, and the opener rebids three hearts. What would you do now? (If responder had passed, partner's three clubs would have been forcing. Now it is encouraging.)

This was the full deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both vul.

♠ J 10 9 8 4 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 8 4 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 6 5 ♥ A 9 6 2 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ 9 7	♠ Q 7 ♥ Q J 4 3 ♦ Q J 7 4 3 ♣ A 6
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Auken and von Arnim have a good agreement in this position, where the nature of the three-club bid is a tad ambiguous. It might be natural with long clubs, or it might be based on shorter, chunky clubs with a spade fit. To accommodate both, Auken rebid three spades, saying that she had club support.

After a lot of thought, von Arnim passed.

East led the diamond eight. Declarer won with her ace, ruffed her low diamond in the dummy, and continued with the spade king. So North lost only two spades, one heart and one club.

Note that to make four clubs South must guess spades.

This was the auction at the other table:

West <i>Nehmert</i>	North <i>Arnolds</i>	East <i>Gromann</i>	South <i>Vriend</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♠	Dble	3♣
3♥	All Pass		

It is surprising that North did not bid again with three clubs and a singleton. But she was right!

Declarer, after a club lead to her ace, could have escaped



Bep Vriend, Netherlands

for down two by steering clear of trumps, but Nehmert immediately played a heart to dummy's ace and another heart, South ducking the second round. After a diamond to North's king and a club to South's jack, South cashed the heart king and led her last heart, turning it into a notrump contract. Declarer could take only the spade ace, going down four.

Minus 140 and plus 400 gave the Netherlands 6 IMPs, making the score 21-6 to Germany.

The next five deals were flat, but both Souths missed a chance on this board, the first defensive problem.

Board 7. Dealer West. Both vul.

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

The correct defense is to lead a second spade unless East has K-J-x-x or K-9-x-x of diamonds and South has the ace-king of hearts. If that is the position, East should give count at trick two (by playing the three or eight or nine, depending on partnership methods), then play the lowest remaining club on the second round of the suit.

Arnolds did exactly that, persuading Vriend to cash her diamond ace at trick four and to continue with the diamond queen. Declarer Gromann claimed nine tricks: four spades, one diamond and four clubs.

Auken played the club nine at trick two and the three next, trying to show something in hearts, but not to shout for a heart shift. Von Arnim, though, did switch to the heart ten at trick four. This does not look right and did not work. East won with her ace and shifted to the diamond nine, but after West took two tricks in that suit, declarer had the rest for her contract.

The winning defense is to play another spade. If South runs her black-suit tricks, she squeezes her own hand. And when she leads a diamond off the dummy, East puts in the nine. If declarer wins the second spade in her hand and leads the heart king, East takes the trick and returns a club to endplay declarer in the dummy. She will have to lead a diamond and lose three tricks in that suit to go with the club ace and heart ace.

On Board 10 Germany gained five IMPs for making two hearts in the Open Room and defeating it by a trick in the Closed Room. (Best defense holds declarer to six tricks.) And the same team won the same number on the next deal, catching West for 300 in two clubs doubled in the Open Room, while the Dutch North made three diamonds at the other table.

There were two more flat boards. Then came ...

Board 14. Dealer South. None vul.

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

Defending against three notrump, both Wests, von Arnim and Vriend, cashed their top spades, then had to decide how to proceed.

Vriend incorrectly led a third spade. (East cannot have a club trick and the diamond ace. The diamond king will be too slow an entry.) Declarer Gromann won with her queen, played two rounds of clubs, and claimed ten tricks: one spade, three hearts, one diamond and five clubs.

Von Arnim found the killing shift, to a low diamond. Declarer Pasman took East's queen with her ace and attacked clubs, but East took her king and returned a diamond. In desperation South put up her jack, so went down two, losing two spades, three diamonds and one club.

Plus 430 and plus 100 gave Germany 11 more IMPs.

Board 15 was flat, then Germany bid better on the final deal. At both tables, West opened one club and North overcalled one spade. In the Open Room, East raised to two clubs, which permitted von Arnim to bid two diamonds. Auken made a game-try, and they played in an unbeatable four diamonds. In the Closed Room, Gromann jumped to three clubs, which froze out Vriend and ended the auction. This contract was also unbeatable.

Plus 130 and plus 110 gave Germany another 6 IMPs and victory by 50 IMPs to 10, which converted to 24-6 in victory points. This result sent Germany to the top of the table.



Pony Beate Nehmert, Germany

SENIOR TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 12

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Wales	USA	1 Netherlands	Thailand
2 Sweden	Chinese Taipei	2 Italy	Belgium
3 Japan	Kenya	3 Indonesia	Finland
4 New Zealand	Pakistan	4 Egypt	India
5 Estonia	France	5 Guadeloupe	Ireland
6 Denmark	England	6 China	Australia
7 South Africa	China Hong Kong	7 Poland	Reunion
8 Brazil	Hungary	8 Germany	Canada

ROUND 13

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Pakistan	South Africa	1 India	Poland
2 China Hong Kong	Denmark	2 Reunion	China
3 England	Estonia	3 Australia	Guadeloupe
4 France	Brazil	4 Ireland	Germany
5 USA	New Zealand	5 Thailand	Egypt
6 Kenya	Sweden	6 Finland	Italy
7 Chinese Taipei	Wales	7 Belgium	Netherlands
8 Hungary	Japan	8 Canada	Indonesia



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Members are asked to note that the Laws Committee will meet in the WBF Meeting Room on Friday, 10th October at 11 a.m.

CALLING IBPA MEMBERS!

IBPA is 50 years old! A celebration dinner has been arranged for Saturday, 11th October at 8.45pm. in the Churrascos Grill, which is in the lobby of the Crown Plaza Hotel. "Spouses" are welcome. The subsidised cost is 200RMB payable in advanced to Jan Swaan or Maureen Dennison. The price covers meat and seafood grill, a salad and desert buffet and includes beer and soft drinks, taxes and service. Please register before 2.10pm on Saturday.

SOLUTION

You can make five trump tricks, a spade, a diamond, two clubs and two club ruffs, for eleven in all. So, the question that you should ask is "When can I avoid taking the diamond finesse for my twelfth trick?" The answer to that is whenever trumps are 2-1 you can develop an extra trick by elimination, provided you are careful. Suppose the full deal is:

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

You should win the first trick with the ace of clubs and immediately ruff a club, otherwise you will not have the entries to remove all of West's clubs. After drawing the outstanding trumps with the ace and king, lead a low spade towards dummy's queen.

If West rises with the ace of spades then you will score a second spade trick, enough for the contract. West does no better to play low on the spade for then dummy's queen of spades will win and you will continue with the king of clubs, throwing the five of spades from hand. After ruffing dummy's last club, eliminating the suit, you will play the king of spades. This gives West no winning option. If he wins the trick with the ace of spades he will have the choice of leading a diamond into your tenace or conceding a ruff-and-discard by exiting in spades (you will throw your potential diamond loser from dummy and ruff in hand). Of course West does no better to duck the king of spades for then that will be your twelfth trick.

One thing that may strike you about the layout is that you were lucky West did not lead a low spade! If he had done so, you would be an entry short to bring off the elimination and endplay that sees you succeed.

Finally, if trumps turn out to be 3-0 you would have had to rely on a successful diamond finesse for the contract.

Man bites dog!

by Barry Rigal

Dog bites man is not news; man bites dog is rather more sensational. In this case the story worth reporting was the sensational success by the Albanian team in defeating World champions Italy in round four of the qualifying event. The world championships in Beijing represent the first time the Albanian team has participated in an official competition. Additionally, they arrived in China as big fans of the Italian champions.

The match was very low scoring; but these were the two big swing deals from the Albanians' match with their idols.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	♠ 10 9 8	
	♥ K J 9 7 4	
	♦ 10 7	
	♣ J 8 7	

	N	
W	S	E

Both tables played 3NT; the Italians from the West seat on an auction where Fantoni as West could open 1♦ – natural and forcing – doubled by North. Now Fantoni jump rebid



Kostandin Kapo, Albania

3NT to show good diamonds and a heart stop when his partner could redouble and South ran to 1♥. North led a top spade and shifted to the killing heart. In the other room a natural sequence saw West show good diamonds and East take a shot at 3NT, again after North had doubled 1♦. South led a low heart and declarer claimed the first nine tricks.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

	N	
W	S	E

Both the N/S pairs played game here. Which contract would you prefer, 4♥ or 3NT? I think 3NT looks more comfortable; for Italy, Lorenzo Lauria as North reached 3NT on the lead of the unbid suit, the ♥J. Not knowing hearts were splitting, he won in hand and led a heart to the nine. When he led a diamond from dummy West took the king and played a third heart; Lauria might have changed tack and gone up with the ace to leave himself in hand, but he won in dummy and now needed an extra entry to hand, so tried a club to the ten. East won the jack and exited with a club, and the defenders could eventually cash out for down two.

In the other room the Albanian North declared 4♥ on a top spade lead and club shift. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond; West won and continued a club. Declarer won in dummy and played a low spade, and when the defenders played a third club he had three club tricks and seven trump tricks for ten winners. Even if the defenders had shifted to trumps, I believe declarer could ruff one diamond and give up a diamond after drawing trumps, to take four hearts two diamonds and four clubs.

This was another 13 IMPs to Albania, who ended up with a 16-14 victory – their first win of the tournament and Italy's first loss.



China – Netherlands Round 7

After six rounds of the Open series, the Netherlands stood second in Group B. Their opponents in round 7, China, were in fourth place, so it was a meeting of serious contenders for the knockout phase.

The Chinese started well with a game swing on the first deal.

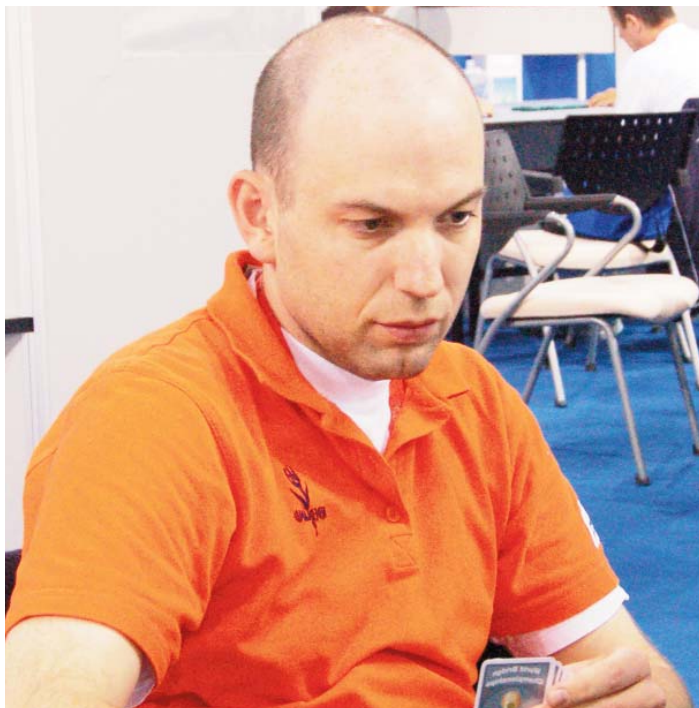
Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ Q 5 ♦ K Q 8 4 2 ♣ Q J 9 7 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; 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	♠ 4 2 ♥ K 9 8 6 ♦ 10 7 6 5 ♣ 8 3 2	♠ Q 7 6 5 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A 10 6 5
N						
W E						
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West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Westra</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠

All Pass

Haojun Shi did well not to get involved with his minor two-suiter. Berry Westra had nothing to say over Vincent Ramondt's 1♠ opener, and Zejun Zhuang was not disposed to disturb a contract in his five-card suit. Ramondt managed eight tricks despite the bad break for plus 110.



Simon de Wijs, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2NT	Pass	4♣	4♥
All Pass			

Simon de Wijs did fancy his hand with 5-5 in the minors, and a good fit was found, but it gave Jie Zhao a chance to show his second suit, and the good game contract was reached.

West led the ♣Q to the ace, dropping declarer's king, and the ♦3 went to South's ace. Zhao played a heart to dummy's king and played a spade to the ace. Zhao followed with the ♥A. He lost a club, a diamond and a spade for plus 420 and 7 IMPs.

The Dutch got 6 IMPs back on the next deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 7 4 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ A 6 5 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; 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 2 ♥ A K 7 3 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K 9 8 4	♠ J 6 5 3 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ Q J
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West	North	East	South
<i>de Wijs</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦ 2♠	1♥ All Pass	Dbl	Pass

Bauke Muller's junky collection of queens and jacks and probable wasted heart cards did not seem right for game, so he made a good pass of the 2♠ bid by de Wijs. Fu Zhong started with the ♥K, switching to a low club. When dummy's ♣J held the trick, declarer played the queen to the ace and ruffed a club low in dummy. South overruffed and got out with a diamond. Declarer cashed the ♠A and claimed when a second spade crashed the king and queen together. Plus 140 for the Netherlands.

West	North	East	South
<i>Shi</i>	<i>Westra</i>	<i>Zhuang</i>	<i>Ramondt</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	3NT	All Pass

Ramondt led the ♥6 to North's king. A low heart was taken by Zhuang with the queen. He followed with the ♣Q, won by North, who exited again with a low heart.

Zhuang won the ♠J, played a diamond to dummy and cashed the ♣A. He turned his attention to spades next, cashing the ace (Ramondt unblocked the king). Declarer could have cashed out for one down, but he tried another spade and went two off for 6 IMPs to the Dutch.

On board 10, the Dutch used the Multi 2♦ to advantage.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A 7 ♥ 4 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ A J 7 5 4 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; 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 10 9 8 2 ♥ A 5 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K 10 9	♠ Q 6 3 ♥ K Q J 9 8 2 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 6 2
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Shi	Westra	Zhuang	Ramondt
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

According to an expert player from England, standard defense to the Multi is to double with the West hand to show a balanced opener. The West hand in this case might be considered marginal, but it's tough for the East hand after North's 2♥ bid to get involved. Shi and Zhuang did defeat 2♥ by a trick (declarer managed a spade ruff with his singleton trump), but it hardly compensated for the missed game.

The record of the play does not provide an auction, but Muller declared 4♠ from the East seat.



Zejun Zhuang, China

South led the ♥K, taken by the ace. He played the ♠10 at trick two, riding it to North's ace. The ♣A was followed by a club to the queen. A diamond to the queen allowed declarer to finesse again in spades and he scored up plus 620 for an 11-IMP gain.

The Chinese got 9 IMP back on the next deal when Westra and Ramondt bid too much.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 9 6 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ 4 ♣ Q 10 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; 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	♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ 8 ♦ A K 9 7 ♣ 9 8 7 5	♠ J 10 5 ♥ 2 ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ A K J 6 4
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W E						
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Zhao and Fu stopped in 3♦, making on the nose, on the North-South cards. Ramondt took a different view of the South hand.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Westra	Zhuang	Ramondt
Pass	INT	Dble	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Shi led the ♠9 to the ace. Ramondt ducked the spade return to dummy. Declarer played a heart to the queen and followed with the ace, pitching dummy's ♠J. Zhuang ruffed and played a third spade in case West had the singleton ♦Q. The defenders settled for three trump tricks and the ♠A for plus 300.

The Dutch gained another 11 IMPs when a gadget 2NT opener (apparently the minors) kept the Chinese out of the cold spade game reached at the other table.

This deal was good for 7 IMPs to China.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 8 3 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 10 9 8 7	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; 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 4 ♥ A J 10 ♦ A J 7 3 2 ♣ A 6	♠ 7 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ K 5 4 3 2
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♠ A K J 6 5 2 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ K 9 8 4 ♣ —	
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West <i>Shi</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Zhuang</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
		INT	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Ramondt cashed two high spades and gave his partner a ruff, but there was only one other trick coming to the defenders. That was plus 110 to China.

West <i>de Wijs</i>	North <i>Fu</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Zhao</i>
		1♣*	3♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Zhao did very well not to play his long suit, starting instead with the ♠9, which went to the 10, queen and ace. Muller had no choice for tricks but to play on clubs, hoping for a miracle. He cashed the ♣A and played a club to the queen and king. The return of a spade left declarer with five tricks and minus 200.

The next-to-last deal was China's best of the day.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 6 5 4 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ Q 10 8 5 ♣ K Q 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		♠ K 9 8 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ A 7 5 4	
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W		E										
	S											
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West <i>Shi</i>	North <i>Westra</i>	East <i>Zhuang</i>	South <i>Ramondt</i>
		INT	
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Shi led the ♥7 to the jack and declarer's queen. The ♣8 went to the king and ace, and Zhuang shifted to the ♠2. Ramondt put in the jack, taken by Shi with the queen. Declarer ducked the next round of spades and won the continuation performe. He played a heart to the king and cashed the ♥10, severing a vital link to his hand. He then played the ♦Q, ducked all around, and a diamond to the 9. Shi won his jack and cashed the ♦A, the setting trick.

West <i>de Wijs</i>	North <i>Fu</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Zhao</i>
		1♥	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

De Wijs started with the ♣6. Muller won the ace and shifted to a spade. Zhao won the third round of spades and played the ♥A and a heart to the king. When the ♥J fell, declarer played a diamond to the king and claimed plus 600 and 12 IMPs.

The Netherlands won a close match and ended the day third in their group, just ahead of fourth-place China.

Championship Diary

The US program Rybka won the 16th World Computer Chess Championship, a full point ahead of its nearest rival, the British program Hiarcs. Third, a point behind, was the Israeli program Junior, followed by Cluster Toga and then Shredder.

The German women's team would like to say a very big thank you to their fantastic sponsor, Ulrike Mueller and her Company A*Lease.

The team may be unique in so far as they appeared at the opening ceremony in the official uniform of the German Women's Olympic team



Very becoming, especially if you look at the colour version of the Bulletin on the Internet!

Michael Bamberger, a Senior Writer with Sports Illustrated, contributed an article on the Buffett Cup in the issue published on 19 September.

The observations made included the fact that the average age of the European team (37) was less than the age of the American's youngest player.

Yom Kippur



Yom Kippur Kol Nidre services will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Wednesday evening at 5:15 (20- to 30-minute drive). A traditional meal will be served between 3:30 and 5 at the nearby Dini's Kosher Restaurant (phone: 6461 6220). Cost of meal is 200 yuan. More info at chabadbeijing.com. A healthy and sweet new year to everyone!

OPEN TEAMS R9

ENGLAND v TURKEY

Too many Slams

by Mark Horton

Relations between England and Turkey go back to the early 16th Century, when the first strong contacts developed as trading interests in England sought new market outlets in the East. Tulips and coffee were particularly popular imports, and coffee drinking became a fashionable craze in the 17th century.


The establishment of coffee houses in London as centers for news and gossip, and their subsequent development into meeting places for those interested in scientific or political questions, was an important aspect of English intellectual life.

Later, other Turkish imports became popular, notably the hamam (Turkish baths) and lokum (Turkish delight). In these days of fast food the donner kebab has established itself on the high street.

Having enjoyed so many bounteous gifts, one might have expected England to reciprocate with the donation of a few IMPs, but the only thing they had in mind was defeating one of their main rivals for a qualification spot.

This was not a match for the faint hearted – the great shuffler had gone into overdrive and delivered a testing set of deals.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
		3♣	4♣*
4♦*	5♣*	6♦	7♣*
Pass	7♥	All Pass	


Four Diamonds promised club support, but left North/South with a little more room to manoeuvre. They used it to good advantage, and brushed a side their opponent's activity to quickly reach the cold grand slam, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	5♣*
Dble	5♥*	6♣	7♥
All Pass			

Given a free run, South used Exclusion Blackwood and that told him all he need to know – no swing.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
		2♣*	Pass
INT	Pass	6♠	4♣
Pass	Pass		Pass
7♠	All Pass		

The scientists might not approve of the way East/West reached their grand slam, but from West's point of view he could be just about 100% certain that his partner held significant values, which had to include the ace of diamonds.

Declarer won the club lead in dummy, cashed a top trump and then played on diamonds, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♥*	2♠*
3♠	Pass	4NT*	6♣
Pass*	6♥	6♠	All Pass

At this table South got both his suits into the game and then came again on the next round. That interfered with East/West's Blackwood auction to the extent that East was not prepared to go beyond Six Spades.

He could presumably be sure that his partner held three aces, but was not prepared to gamble on the diamond situation. +1460 gave England 13 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 8 7 2 ♥ 10 6 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 3 ♣ Q	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	♠ — ♥ Q J 5 4 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K 10 9 7 4 3
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♠ A Q 9 4 3 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ 2	♠ K 10 6 5 ♥ A ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ A J 8 6 5				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
4♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

East felt his exceptional distribution justified another bid, and as things went he might have been proved right. Peter Crouch, commenting on BBO, suggested that double would describe a hand that was interested in bidding on, and that would have worked well here. Even with no agreement, a double would clearly show an unusual hand, almost



Nicklas Sandqvist, England

certainly two suited.

South led the six of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace, discarding the king of diamonds and played a club for the queen, king and ace. South switched to the two of diamonds and declarer ruffed and played a trump to South's ace. He ruffed the diamond return, and ruffed a club with the seven of hearts. North overruffed and returned a spade, and living with his decision at trick one declarer discarded a club, allowing South to score the king of spades for two down, -500.

Two points: if declarer had guessed to finesse in spades at trick one he would have been in a position to make the contract. Secondly, there was no need to discard on the spade. Declarer has enough entries to ruff and establish a long club via the ruffing finesse.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West's emaciated opening bid is all the rage, although I confess it is not my cup of tea.

North led the ace of diamonds and switched to the queen of clubs. When that was ducked he exited with a diamond. Declarer ruffed and ruffed a club. North overruffed and the defenders still had the ace of trumps to come, down one for a loss of 9 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 5 3 2 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ Q 8 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	♠ 8 ♥ 3 ♦ A 10 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ 10 5 2 ♠ A K J 7 6 ♥ A K Q ♦ — ♣ K J 9 7 3
N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q 9 4 ♥ 10 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ A 4					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
		1♣	2♥
Pass	3♦	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Old fashioned notions that you overcalled for the lead have little substance in the modern game. I thought West did quite well to bid on over Four Spades – making what S

J Simon might have called a 'master bid' giving full weight to his spade support and the queen of clubs, but one very important card was missing from the East/West hands, namely 'Black Maria' – the queen of spades.

When South cashed the ace of clubs at trick one I suspect declarer had a shrewd idea where the lady was located and he soon conceded one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Dble*	2♣*	1♣	1♥
		6♠	All Pass

East's decision to dispense with science resulted in a push. I might get John Carruthers to use the hand in Bridge Magazine and see how many of the panel agrees with his choice.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
			1♣
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	2NT	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North's first round pass and subsequent re-entry into the auction sounded a warning note that East chose to ignore.

North cashed the ace of clubs – not best – and switched to a diamond, South taking the ace and returning the two. Declarer won with the king and played the jack of spades, covered by the king and ace. He cashed the queen of spades and played another spade, ruffing with the seven when South produced the ten. North overruffed and declarer had to lose the queen of diamonds and two more trump tricks for two down, -500.

Let's rewind to the point where South follows to the third spade.

If declarer decides to place North with all the remaining trumps he can afford to ruff the third spade high. Say North discards a club. Declarer ruffs a club and plays a spade, dis-

carding his last diamond. North can ruff, but declarer ruffs the diamond exit and plays his last club. Whatever North does declarer must score two more tricks to escape for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	1♣
INT	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

David Gold avoided the potentially fatal lead of the ace of clubs, preferring to cut down potential ruffs by leading the two of hearts. Well done indeed!

South discarded the ten of clubs and declarer, on winning with the four, exited with a thoughtful jack of clubs. North now found two essential plays – first he went up with the ace of clubs and second he exited with the only card in his hand to ensure the defeat of the contract, the queen of hearts!

Declarer won in hand and played a spade to the ace, a diamond to the king and should now exit with the jack of spades. However, he ruffed a club and then played a spade to North's king. He ducked the ten of hearts and North exited with a club. South won with the queen and continued with the king. There was nothing declarer could do and he was two down, -500 and a flat board.

The IBPA will be announcing their awards for 2008 later this week, but David Gold has surely staked an early claim for 2009.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
			1♣
Pass	Pass	3♣	4♣*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

From North's decision to bid Five Hearts one might infer that Four Clubs promised both majors, but if South had bid

Five Spades over it then North would have bid Six Diamonds.

East led the king of clubs and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the ace of diamonds, played a trump to hand, ruffed a diamond, played a second trump and cashed the king of diamonds discarding a spade.

This was the moment of truth. Did East's preempt include the king of spades? If it did not was there any chance that West had no more than three spades?

Whatever you make of that the reality was that declarer finessed the queen of spades and West won and exited with a trump so the contract was two down, -100.

There were alternative lines of play, but let's concentrate on the one adopted at the table. I hope declarer will forgive me, but I think he may have misjudged the situation.

If you presume that East has seven clubs for his preempt (agreed this is not 100% certain) then the three red cards you have seen from East leave him with three spades. So, there is no need to finesse, you simply win the ace of spades, ruff a spade, ruff a diamond, draw the last trump and exit with a spade, expecting the king to fall. That it happens to be West who produces it does not detract from the +980 you record.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Pass	Pass	3♣	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

I have to say I don't think much of Four Hearts, which must be a candidate for the underbid of the tournament. Declarer may have feared a swing as he easily made twelve tricks by ruffing a couple of spades, and he was right, but it was his side that picked up 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
4♠	1♦	1♠	Dble*
	All Pass		

South led the ten of diamonds and North took the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and played the eight of diamonds. Declarer won, drew trumps ending in hand and played the jack of clubs. The bidding and play had pretty much marked South with the ace, and when he put it up declarer claimed +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
	2♥	All Pass	

East's failure to overcall One Spade cost his side dear as West had no reason to protect. Two Hearts drifted two down for -100, but that was another 11 IMPs for England.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Ismail Kandemir, Turkey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
Pass	1♣	2♦	2♠
4♥*	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West's jump to Four Hearts promised diamond support. Six Spades had a serious defect – well two serious defects actually. West cashed his defect at trick one and declarer conceded the other defect to East, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Pass	1♣	2♦	2♠
4♦	4♠	All Pass	

That simple auction delivered another 13 IMPs to England.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Enver Koksoy, Turkey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Kolata</i>
Pass	3♦	Dble	1♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			Dble

I can't quite decide about the merit of East's double – can you? Not that South's double was exactly guilt edged.

North led the nine of spades and South won the jack, then cashed the ace and king, North discarding the two of diamonds. When South continued with a fourth spade declarer had a chance to demonstrate his not inconsiderable card playing skills.

He won with the ten of spades, North electing to discard a club as declarer got rid of one of dummy's diamonds. Declarer drew trumps, discarding a club, to reach this ending:

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

Declarer played his last trump, discarding the nine of diamonds and South was in serious trouble. A club would allow declarer to duck a club, so he discarded the ten of diamonds. Now declarer crossed to the ace of diamonds and played a low club. South could go up with an honour, but was then endplayed to lead into the split tenace. That was nine tricks, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozgul</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
1♥	2♦	4♥	1♦
			All Pass

North led the nine of clubs and declarer put up dummy's ace and returned the suit. South won, cashed another club, and when North discarded the nine of spades he cashed the king of spades and exited with a club. There was nothing declarer could do to avoid two down, -200 and a rare flat board.

The English teams aggressive bidding, matched by some top class defense and declarer play had, despite the odd inevitable error, given them a vital victory, 58-18 IMPs, 24-6 VP.