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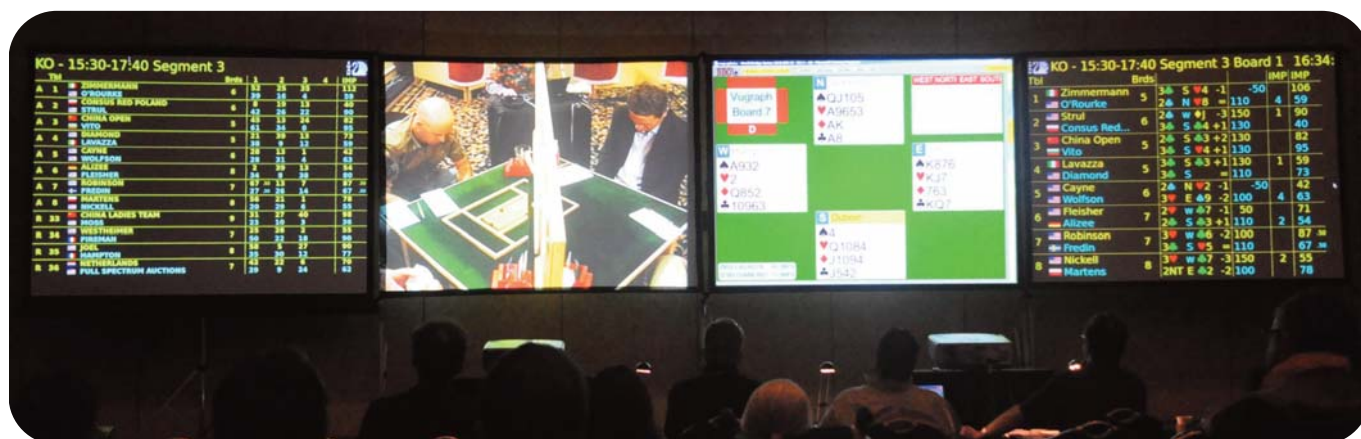
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BACK FROM THE BRINK



You can catch all the excitement of championship play with the Bridge Vision vugraph show (see box at bottom)

Down 40 IMPs with eight boards to play is not an enviable position to be in, but the Nick Nickell squad believes in Yogi Berra's maxim, "It ain't over 'til it's over." In their Rosenblum match against the Martens squad, Nickell outscored the Poles 47-0 over the last eight deals to win a nail-biter 118-111.

There was also drama in the match between Vito (Bulgaria) and China Open, who ended their 56-board match in a tie at 122. Vito won the four-board playoff 7-1.

In the McConnell, Fireman (the actual team with pairs from France and Russia) ousted Westheimer. Other winners were China Ladies, Hampton and the Netherlands team.

In the Rand Cup for Senior Teams it will be Hackett versus Markowicz for the championship. Three of the four members of the former team (Paul Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg

and John Holland) were on the winning team in the equivalent event last year in Sao Paulo.

In the Generali Open Pairs, the leaders after four sessions are Jessica Hayman Piafsky and Nick L'Ecuyer. Leaders in the Women's Pairs are Margie Gwozdzinsky and Cathy Strauch.

VUGRAPH DAILY

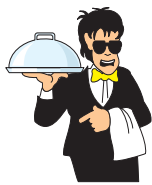
Vugraph will be shown in the Liberty Ballroom at 10.00. The ballroom is located in the Deluxe Tower of the Marriott across the bridge on level three.



Important Notices

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

Saturday October 16th
5 pm
Grand Ballroom – 5th floor Marriott



WORLD EVENT PLAYERS must RSVP by 3 pm on Thursday October 14th at the 5th floor registration area. Please show your badge for entry to the Ceremony

REGIONAL PLAYERS are invited to attend for \$25 cash only. Tickets are available for purchase from 5th floor registration at the Marriott Hotel, starting on Tuesday October 12th.

Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

Rosenblum Cup
Quarter Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

McConnell Cup
Semi Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Rand Cup
Final / Play Off sessions from **10.00**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Round Robin sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30

Rona Cup
Round Robin sessions at **14.30, 16.30**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Qualifying 5th session at **10.00**
Semi Final 1st session at **16.30**

(Tomorrow)

Rosenblum Cup
Semi Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

McConnell Cup
Final / Play Off sessions from **10.00**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Round Robin sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30

Rona Cup
Round Robin sessions begin at **11.00**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Semi Final sessions 2, 3 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Morning Match (10.00)



BBO 1-VG: Table 4	Robinson – Nickell	(Ros.C)
BBO 2: Table 3	Wolfson – Fleisher	(Ros.C)
BBO 3: Table 34	Hampton – Netherlands	(Mc.C)
OurGame: Table 33	China Ladies – Fireman	(Mc.C)

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THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

The Executive Council at its meetings in Philadelphia elected the following Officers:

1 st Vice-President:	Mr John Wignall
Executive Vice-President:	Mr Al Levy
Vice-Presidents:	Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski
	Mr Patrick Choy
	Mr Mazhar Jafri
Treasurer:	Mr Marc De Pauw
Hon. Secretary:	Mr George Retek

The appointment of Mr Jeffrey Polisner as General Counsel was ratified by the Council.

The creation of a new position of Chairman Emeritus of the Executive was approved by the Council subject to ratification of the By-Law change by the NBOs and Mr José Damiani was appointed to this position.

The composition of the Executive Council is now as follows:

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President
 Mr Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus
 Mr José Damiani, Chairman Emeritus

Mr John Wignall, 1st Vice-President
 Mr Al Levy, Executive Vice- President
 Mr Radek Kielbasinski, Vice-President
 Mr Patrick Choy, Vice-President
 Mr Mazhar Jafri, Vice-President
 Mr Marc De Pauw, Treasurer
 Mr George Retek, Hon. Secretary

Mr Jens Auken, Member
 Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
 Mr Yves Aubry, Member
 Mr Ernesto d’Orsi, Member
 Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member
 Mrs Doris Fischer, Member
 Mrs Georgia Heth, Member
 Mr Dan Morse, Member
 Mr Nick Nickell, Member
 Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
 Mr Jonathan Steinberg, Member
 Ms Chen Zelan, Member



Mr Jeffrey Polisner, General Counsel

The WBF Executive Council

ROSENBLUM CUP

Round of 16 (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Zimmermann	52	25	42	47	166
	O'Rourke	39	16	25	19	99
2	Consus Red Poland	8	19	42	38	107
	Strul	42	26	41	24	133
3	China Open	45	13	57	8	123
	Vito	61	34	2	32	129
4	Diamond	21	39	38	23	121
	Lavazza	38	9	20	29	96
5	Cayne	28	13	1	50	92
	Wolfson	28	31	40	8	107
6	Alizee	2	39	37	32	110
	Fleisher	34	8	53	25	120
7	Robinson	67.5	13	18	23	121.5
	Fredin	27.5	26	17	25	95.5
8	Martens	56	21	11	23	111
	Nickell	20	29	22	47	118

McCONNELL CUP

Quarter Finals (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
33	China Ladies Team	31	27	60	25	143
	Moss	23	10	26	34	93
34	Westheimer	25	28	3	13	69
	Fireman	50	22	35	29	136
35	Joel	58	5	44	0	107
	Hampton	35	30	29	53	147
36	Netherlands	42	22	29	37	130
	Full Spectrum Auctions	29	9	36	20	94

RAND CUP SENIOR TEAMS

Quarter Finals (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	Total
41	Gabrial UI	26	55	81
	McGowan	9	1	10
42	Hackett	42	9	51
	Capital gang	27	5	32
43	Team Markowicz	36	15	51
	Tulin	20	11	31
44	Cohen	38	21	59
	Japan Yamada	44	12	56

Semi Finals (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	Total
41	Gabrial UI	0	30	30
	Hackett	35	21	56
42	Team Markowicz	20	25	45
	Cohen	27	14	41

RAND CUP SENIOR TEAMS PLATE**Final Standings (subject to confirmation)**

1	PRI Investments	114	13	Kostal	88
2	Sternberg	112	14	CanMasterPointPress	82
3	Capital gang	111		Dreds	82
4	Simpson	102		Reunion Island	82
	True Blue	102		Shane	82
6	Jones	100	18	Humphreys	81
	Schaffer	100	19	Tornay	79
8	McGowan	98	20	Lavazza	78
9	Kaminski	96	21	Japan Yamada	73
10	Mango Mishra	93	22	Cassini	69
11	Tulin	92	23	Raiola	66
12	Dovell	90			

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS**Qualifying Results after 4 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result			
			30	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	50.91
1	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	57.59	31	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	50.74
2	Valerie BLOOM - Ora LOURIE	56.03	32	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	50.41
3	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	55.20	33	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	50.27
4	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	54.73	34	Diana BALKIN - Marina BREYTENBACH	50.02
5	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	54.70	35	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	49.89
6	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	54.29	36	Angela FENTON - Joyce PEARSON	49.64
7	Ruth GOLD - Barbara SIMS	54.08	37	Jalila BELHASSEN - Ferdaouss TRABELSI	49.49
8	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	53.95	38	Silvia Elena BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	49.22
9	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	53.59	39	Amanda JEGER - Estera LISKER	49.07
10	Merle MODLIN - Margi NIEHAUS	53.50	40	Gail BELL - Gila GUTTMANN	49.04
11	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	53.41	41	Mine BABAC - Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU	48.29
12	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	53.17	42	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	48.25
13	Joan JACKSON - Nancy PASSELL	52.86	43	Meta GOODMAN - Margaret MILLAR	47.89
14	Anna DOSSEVA - Helen JOHNSTON	52.85	44	Jo MORSE - Sally STRUL	47.82
15	Maria PANADERO - Agata PIDAL	52.71	45	Monica ANGUS - Dorothy NEATE	47.59
16	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	52.53	46	Jane SEGAL - Judy WOLFF	47.26
17	Bing DU - Juan LI	52.49	47	Sharon JABBOUR - Shirley PRESBERG	46.14
18	Marguerite HOMSY - Lily KHALIL	52.39	48	Layla BADAWI - Nadia TAYMOUR ARABI	45.98
19	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	52.38	49	Catherine PHILIPPE PASCAL - Hoda SOLIMAN	45.77
20	Ann INGRAM - Felicity MOORE	52.35	50	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	45.56
21	Patricia CUMMINS - Jacqueline THOMPSON	52.26	51	Lyudmila ANTONOVA - Gutierrez HERRERO	45.16
22	Nancy TURNER - Laurie VOGEL	52.26	52	Roglyn HINDS - Yvonne SEALE	45.16
23	Irene ELKIN - Maria Elena SUAREZ	52.04	53	Muguette PELI - Anny TRACOL	43.70
24	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	51.96	54	Rita GHOSN - May SAKR	42.48
25	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	51.50	55	Toni BALES - Sara CHAPLEAU	42.06
26	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Morella PACHECO	51.32	56	Hedia BACCAR - Hedia SELLAMI	42.05
27	Kathrin BOARDMAN - Barbara TRAVIS	51.26	57	Marie Helene BERTI - Sylviane BOULOGNE	41.77
28	Wendy KRAUSE - Linda WYNSTON	51.12	58	Noemi LICITRA - Delia VICENTE	40.58
29	Leora DUBROVSKY - Donna RODWELL	50.92			

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS

Qualifying Results after 4 sessions (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Jessica HAYMAN PIAFSKY - Nicolas L'ECUYER	58.98	59	Alexander ALLEN - Abe PINELES	52.67
2	Andrew STARK - Franco BASEGGIO	57.66	60	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	52.65
3	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	57.44	61	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	52.64
4	Ai-Tai LO - Alan SCHWARTZ	57.02	62	Louis GLASTHAL - Michael MASSIMILLA	52.64
5	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	56.83	63	Javier GRAUPERA - Juan PONT	52.61
6	Rajesh DALAL - Anil PADHYE	56.22	64	Mike KENNY - Jonathan STEINBERG	52.59
7	Jingsheng BIAN - Yong LIAN	56.04	65	Boguslaw PAZUR - Marek WOJCICKI	52.56
8	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	55.90	66	George KRIZEL - Albert SHEKHTER	52.49
9	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	55.89	67	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	52.49
10	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	55.74	68	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	52.48
11	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	55.71	69	Omer EKINCI - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	52.42
12	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	55.67	70	Bernard PASCAL - Baher RAMADAN	52.39
13	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	55.57	71	Borislav BORISOV - Yordan GACHEV	52.33
14	Kenneth EICHENBAUM - Kenneth J. REXFORD	55.55	72	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	52.32
15	Joaquin PACAREU - Benjamin ROBLES	55.48	73	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	52.31
16	Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - Godefroy De TESSIERES	55.23	74	Ole BERSET - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	52.30
17	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	55.20	75	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	52.19
18	Neil ROSEN - Martin JONES	55.12	76	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	52.16
19	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Vassilis VROUSTIS	54.96	77	Vladislav ISPORSKI - Valentin KOVACHEV	52.11
20	Allan FALK - Peter FRIEDLAND	54.86	78	Chris COMPTON - Martin SELIGMAN	52.07
21	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Matt GRANOVETTER	54.80	79	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppe FAILLA	51.93
22	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	54.79	80	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	51.90
23	Michal KWIECIEN - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	54.78	81	Ramratnam KRISHNAN - K.R. VENKATARAMAN	51.89
24	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	54.58	82	Greg HINZE - David YANG	51.86
25	Yuwei WU - Shangjie WU	54.58	83	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	51.85
26	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	54.40	84	Khalid MOHIUDDIN - Gulzar BILAL	51.80
27	Raphael GUENOUN - Bernard LAUGIER	54.32	85	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	51.80
28	Tomasz GOTARD - Slawek HENCLIK	54.29	86	Mike MCNAMARA - Elliot SHALITA	51.79
29	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Jacek KALITA	54.28	87	Jim BARROW - Don CATON	51.78
30	Franky Steven KARWUR - Widi PANCONO	54.25	87	Shireen MOHANDS - Andy BOWLES	51.78
31	Eric DEBUS - Rutger VAN MECHELEN	54.19	89	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	51.78
32	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Philippe TOFFIER	54.17	90	Ramavatar AGARWAL - Keshav S. SAMANT	51.72
33	Uttam GUPTA - Nr KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY	54.10	91	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	51.68
34	Walter JOHNSON - Doug SIMSON	54.07	92	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	51.64
35	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	54.06	93	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Desislava B. POPOVA	51.60
36	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	54.01	94	Krzysztof BURAS - Bob HAMPTON	51.60
37	Daniel NUSSBAUM - Mark OSPECK	53.96	95	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	51.57
38	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	53.91	96	Olivie DAVID - Jean Claude LEVY	51.51
39	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	53.87	97	Alain BENOIT - Olivier GIARD	51.47
40	David BECHER - Alan WATSON	53.80	98	George MITTELMAN - Mike MOSS	51.40
41	Ya Fu LIN - Jian WANG (2)	53.77	99	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	51.37
42	Aneurin GRIFFITHS - Bobby RICHMAN	53.76	100	R GOKHALE - Satya RAMI	51.33
43	Jens AUKEN - Jon SVEINDAL	53.67	101	Richard SCHWARTZ - Peter WEICHSEL	51.32
44	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	53.63	102	Lassad JEDIDI - Mohamed REBAI	51.23
45	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	53.57	103	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	51.20
46	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	53.38	104	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	51.09
47	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	53.35	105	Atanas IVANOV - Antony Ivanov NIKOLOV	51.07
48	Nikos DELIMPALTADAKIS - K. KONTOMITROS	53.34	106	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	51.07
49	Wafik ABDU - Chris LARSEN	53.29	107	Niccolo FOSSI - Peter PAUNCZ	51.01
50	Andrew MCINTOSH - Nicklas SANDQVIST	53.27	108	Greg BURCH - Rick ROWLAND	50.98
51	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	53.20	109	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	50.94
52	Jose Roberto BRUM - Roberto De MELLO	53.02	110	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	50.84
53	Ajay KHARE - Raju TOLANI	53.01	111	Philippe CAPUTO - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	50.80
54	Mark COHEN - Milton ROSENBERG	52.84	112	Pete PLUHTA - David WESTFALL	50.78
55	Salvador ASSAEL - Ali YALMAN	52.81	113	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	50.77
56	Leslie AMOILS - Jeff SAPIRE	52.79	114	Mark AQUINO - Richard BINDER	50.74
57	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	52.71	115	Dipak PODDAR - Jeetu SOLANI	50.68
58	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	52.70	116	David OLSON - James OLSON	50.66
			117	Darrian Bogdan COTESCU - Dragos IORDACHE	50.63

118	Serge CHEVALIER - Jacques CLOUTIER	50.61	182	Fiona BROWN - David WILTSHIRE	48.01
119	Eva CAPLAN - Karin WENNING	50.61	183	Nishat ABEDI - Fawad HAKIM	47.93
119	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	50.61	184	Barbara KASLE - Howard PARKER III	47.91
121	Robert CAPPELLI - Robert KATZ	50.61	185	Alan APPLEBAUM - Victor KING	47.87
122	Roeland MAAT - Mark De MEER	50.61	186	Doug FISHER - Bob TODD	47.80
123	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	50.56	187	Jaime CARRERA - Herbert JORDAN	47.76
124	Sheng Hong CHEN - Rui WANG	50.54	188	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	47.73
125	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	50.53	189	Veronel LUNGU - Viorel MICESCU	47.46
126	Emilio LA ROVERE - Luiz Ronaldo LIMA	50.46	190	Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU	47.34
127	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	50.44	191	Dave BLACKMAN - Tony WATKINS	47.33
128	Mehmet Ali KORDOV - Kutluhan UNAL	50.44	192	Ron BISHOP - John DUQUETTE	47.27
129	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	50.37	193	Jacqueline SINCOFF - Roger LORD	47.14
130	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	50.29	194	Kostandin KAPO - Artan XHORI	47.09
131	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	50.23	195	Jerry CLERKIN - Stewart CRAMER	47.09
132	Ethan LIU - Qing YANG	50.21	196	Marshall BAUM - Serge BONDAR	47.06
133	Iftikhar BAQAI - Mitch DUNITZ	50.19	197	Rachael MOLLER - David GURVICH	47.06
134	Arun BAPAT - Ashok Kumar GOEL	50.14	198	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	47.02
135	Naveed ATHER - Saleh FETOUH	50.14	199	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	47.01
136	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	50.09	200	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	46.99
137	Stephen CASTELLINO - Paul CORNELIUS	50.02	201	Jaroslav CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	46.99
138	Robert BLANCHARD - Shane BLANCHARD	49.97	202	Allen KAHN - Jeffrey ROTHSTEIN	46.91
139	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	49.93	203	Ed SCHULTE - Jay WHIPPLE III	46.89
140	Alexander PERLIN - Michael PRAHIN	49.87	204	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	46.85
141	Henry LORTZ - Wayne OHLRICH	49.78	205	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - Miguel REYGADAS	46.85
142	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	49.76	206	Justin BLANCHARD - Vincent DEMUY	46.81
143	Ruth NAKANO - Dick YARINGTON	49.68	207	Xueliang CAO - Yu Xiong SHEN	46.78
144	Ranald DAVIDSON - Marc-Andre FOURCAUDOT	49.64	208	Igor MILMAN - Oleg RUBINCHIK	46.67
145	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	49.59	209	Weiqiang TIAN - Qijiao WEI	46.59
146	Luis GAMIO KLAPIC - Tariq LATIF	49.55	210	Daryl DREW - James ZINKAND	46.57
147	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	49.25	211	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	46.33
148	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Abdelkamal RERHAYE	49.23	212	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	46.18
149	Dominique GERIN - Ivan RUE	49.18	213	Malcolm EWASHKIW - Robert HOLLOW	46.16
150	Seth COHEN - Jeff RUBEN	49.16	214	Mike ASH - Alan GOODMAN	46.08
151	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	49.12	215	Daniel BOYE - Larry SUNSER	46.04
152	Marshall LEWIS - James MATES	49.10	216	Patrick K. H. HUANG - Edmund TSE	46.02
153	Nicole STRASSER - George BILSKI	49.04	217	Shelley LPKOFF - Vandana VIDWANS	45.73
154	COQUILLETTE - MOSCOW	48.99	218	Ahmed KCHAOU - Anas MESTIRI	45.68
155	Richard CHAN - Peter WONG	48.99	219	Kathleen FORTNEY - Charles FORTNEY	45.19
156	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	48.98	220	Erick HERDOIZA - Carlos RENDON	45.06
157	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	48.97	221	Irfan ASHRAF - Lino D'SOUZA	44.96
158	Craig GANZER - R POPPER	48.92	222	Salih Murat ANTER - Ata AYDIN	44.29
159	Grazyna BREWIAK - Janoslaw PIASECKI	48.87	223	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	44.27
160	Rui LI - Jjiang TONG	48.82	224	Julio Alberto ALFONSIN - Victor MARINESCU	44.17
161	Michel LEBEL - Bernard PAYEN	48.75	225	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	44.12
162	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	48.68	226	Lutz DOHNERT - Donald VANCIL	44.12
163	Edgar DE SOUZA - Anil TIKARE	48.64	227	Khalil BENSOUDA - Abdellatif CADITAZI	44.08
164	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan PEICHEV	48.64	228	Karic CHIU - Peter YEUNG	43.91
165	Elly SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	48.59	229	Donna MORGEN - Howard KAHLENBERG	43.74
166	Diana WYLIE - Wendell WYLIE	48.59	230	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	43.63
167	Stephen TU - Tien-Chun YANG	48.45	231	Thomas BANDY - Scott STEARNS	43.43
168	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	48.45	232	Odette ZIGHELBOIM - Steve HAMAOU	42.93
169	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN	48.42	233	Wissem BELLAZREG - Chahir MAKNI	42.70
170	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	48.41	234	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG - Samuel IEONG	42.61
171	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	48.41	235	Franco GUSSO - Fernando Alfredo LEMA	41.42
172	Joao BARBOSA - Antonio PALMA	48.35	236	Eleanor SEAMAN - Jerry GOLDBERG	41.13
173	Charles GARNIER - Luc SOUDAN	48.32	237	AI CHANEY - Bob WALSH	40.91
174	Richard BOWDERY - Simon COPE	48.31	238	Jacqueline PAVEL - Horia GEORGESCU	40.83
175	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	48.28	239	David AMSTERDAM - Brad BARRY	40.42
176	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	48.23	240	Leila FEHRI - Paul HU	40.41
177	Fred HOFFER - Don PIAFSKY	48.21	241	Stephannie RUSSO - Maria TSOUKALAS	40.29
178	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	48.19	242	Enis FANI - Rasim HAMZARAJ	40.25
179	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	48.17	243	BENALI - Said SBILI	38.31
180	Glenn MILGRIM - Eugene SAXE	48.11	244	Frank COLE - John LUTE	37.69
181	Janet DE BOTTON - Artur MALINOWSKI	48.07	245	Maria ABRAVANEL - Eduardo VARGAS	37.56

Three 3NT Contracts

by Brian Senior

What is everybody's favourite contract? Three No Trump, of course. Playing in the Rosenblum qualifying stage, I came across these three examples.

Round 2. Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

David Kendrick knows that it rarely pays to lead my suit so he kicked off with the jack of hearts. Declarer thought a while then called for the queen. I switched to the nine of diamonds but declarer was up to that one, putting in the ten. Now he had only one entry to hand. He led to the ace of clubs and continued with the queen as I peered, notionally showing an even number, just in case...

Declarer overtook with the ♣K and continued with the ten to the jack. Three rounds of spades meant one down.



Brian Senior, England

Clearly, declarer would have succeeded by playing for jack to three clubs rather than jack to four with a defender – jack-doubleton wins on either line. His line works when the third spade cannot be cashed – the jack is short or there is ace-king doubleton.

Round 3. Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Our style is to open the higher of two four-card suits except with both majors, so a 1♣ opening is five unless 3-3-3-4 or three-suited. So, the opening lead was a club to declarer's nine. Xiajing Wang played a diamond to the jack and ace and Kendrick returned a club, forcing declarer to make an early commitment. Wang overtook with the ace and cashed the queen, pitching a spade from hand, then led a heart to the king – jack from North.

Four rounds of diamonds squeezed Kendrick down to four cards and there was no combination he could select that gave him a better chance than giving declarer a spade guess. He actually bared the ace of hearts. Wang exited with his low heart to the bare ace and threw the ♥Q when the jack of clubs was cashed. On the low spade switch he rose with the king and had nine tricks.

To defeat the contract, South has to switch to a low spade when in with the ace of diamonds. If declarer plays the king the defence has the communications to take five tricks when declarer plays a heart. If he puts in the jack, that loses to the queen and now North can switch back

to clubs. If declarer now crashes the king under the ace and cashes the queen, he establishes five defensive winners, while if he does not take the third club trick he does not have nine winners.

Curiously, an initial spade lead, which at first sight looks good, does not work for the defence. South wins and returns a spade, ducked to the queen. North can see that there is no point in clearing the spades, so switches to a club. Declarer wins the king rather than the nine, so that South can never lead a second club. He will therefore clear spades after winning the ace of diamonds. Finding two discards on the long diamonds will prove too much for South and declarer will have no problem in coming to nine tricks.

Round 6. Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 5 ♥ Q 10 9 3 ♦ K 8 7 3 ♣ 10 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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		♠ Q J 8 7 ♥ 6 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q 9 6 3 2	♠ 8 4 2 ♥ K J 7 4 2 ♦ A 10 5 2 ♣ J ♠ 10 6 3 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ Q J 9 6 ♣ 7 5 4
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	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>DelMonte</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

One Club could have been as short as a singleton and the first double showed four or more spades, the second double showing three-card support.

The opening lead was the four of hearts, fourth-best, to South's ace. DelMonte dropped the nine in hope of attracting a continuation – a good play – but Kendrick decided that queen-ten-nine was not a strong enough holding for someone to have bid 3NT in the face of hearts being bid and supported so found the killing switch to the queen of diamonds – and that meant down two. Well judged.

In the other room, Andrew Robson and Alexander Allfrey bid to 5♣, and there was no defence to that contract so a 13-IMP swing.

Burn One, Get Two Back

by Brian Senior

Some went down, others were given their contract by a favourable lead, but Tarek Sadek found the way to bring home his no trump game on this deal from the third session of the Rosenblum Round of 32.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K Q 7 ♥ 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 8 5 ♣ K Q 7	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 5 2 ♥ A K 10 6 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 6 4 2 ♠ 9 6 4 ♥ J 7 5 3 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ J 10 3	♠ 10 8 3 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K 9 4 ♣ A 9 8 5
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	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Sadek</i>		<i>El Ahmady</i>	
	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Waleed El Ahmady overcalled with the East cards and the Egyptian pair drove to game. North led the five of clubs to the ten and king. How did Sadek find his way home?

Sadek led the queen of diamonds to the king and North led a spade. Sadek won in hand and continued with the jack of diamonds. Again North won and played a second spade. Cashing all the major-suit winners would leave declarer forced to lead a club towards his hand and that would lead to defeat. Instead, he won the second spade with the jack, cashed the ace and king of hearts and led the low spade to his king, stranding the ace in dummy. Now he played ten and another diamond. North won the nine of diamonds but then had to lead clubs, putting Sadek in hand to cash the long diamond; nine tricks for +400.

By burning one spade trick, Sadek had got two back – a diamond and a club – making the lost spade a good investment.

Round of 64 – Session 4 **Rosenblum Cup**

Not So Easy by Phillip Alder

The Swedish-American team of Peter Fredin-Bjorn Fallenius, Peter Bertheau-Fredrik Nystrom and Kevin Bathurst-Daniel Zagorin was expected to have an easy time against the Canadians Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell-Piotr Klimowicz and Paul Thurston-David Willis. However, after 42 of the 56 boards, the Canadians led by 4 IMPs, 84-80.

In the fourth quarter Canada gained 3 IMPs on the first board; then:

Board 44. Dealer West. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Klimowicz</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
1♣ (1)	1♠	Pass	INT
Dble	2♦	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	All Pass

(1) Polish Club – but read on

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Willis</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, Campbell and Klimowicz play Polish Club with a weak INT opening. So 1♣ was natural, or balanced 14-18 without four diamonds, or 17-plus with a long major, or any 19-plus. On the third round, East would have been a genius to pass.

Three clubs made all right, declarer effectively crossruffing home. The swing would depend on the play in three notrump, which is a very tough double-dummy problem.

North started well, leading his fourth-highest spade. South, after winning with his ace, had to shift to the ♦J! Then, when North takes declarer's queen with his king, he returns another spade. Now declarer cannot recover. If he tries the ♣Q, South wins and leads his second diamond.

At the table, South led back his other spade at trick two. Now West could have made the contract by force if he had led the ♦Q from his hand! Not having X-ray vision, though, Fredin played the ♥J.

South could have won this and shifted with effect to a diamond, but trying to stop the ♥10 from becoming a dummy entry, he ducked.

Now West led the ♣Q. South took this and returned the ♥Q, but declarer played a club to dummy's ten and led the ♠9, setting up nine tricks: two spades, three hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

Minus 110 and plus 600 gave Fredin 10 IMPs and the lead by 3.

More points went the same way on the next deal.

Board 45. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Klimowicz</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣ (1)
Pass	1♦ (2)	Pass	1♥ (3)
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) 16-plus points

(2) Usually 0-4 points (A=3, K=2, Q=1), but could be a game-force

(3) Either 20-plus points or 5-plus hearts and 16-19 points

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Willis</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

With the ♣A onside, 4♥ was easy to make.

One thinks that Thurston could have doubled 2NT. That would surely have gotten partner to bid 3♥ over 3♣ and put his side back on track.

It is true that 3♣ lost one spade, one heart, two diamonds, one club and a diamond ruff for down two, but Fredin gained 8 IMPs.

Canada scored 20 unanswered IMPs on the next three boards, although the biggest swing was in dispute because Campbell in the Open Room bid 3♦ at one point, a transfer to hearts, but Bertheau believed it to be natural. As a

consequence, he misdefended to let 4♠ make. The director was called, but in the end it became moot.

Three boards later came:

Board 51. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

♠ 7 6 3		
♥ Q 6 2		
♦ A J 7 3		
♣ Q 4 3		

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 4 2		
♥ J 9 7 4		
♦ K Q 10 2		
♣ 7 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Klimowicz</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Willis</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass


On BBO there was some discussion about Klimowicz's rebidding 3♣, not 2♣. He misguessed trumps to take only 10 tricks.

Fallenius ruffed the second diamond, played a heart to dummy's king, and ran the ♠J. South won with his king and played another diamond. Declarer ruffed and cashed his last two trumps. Now it was a matter of finding the ♣Q. Fallenius led his ♣J, and when South played low, declarer rose with dummy's king and finessed the ♣10 on the way back to make five and gain 11 IMPs.

The match was settled two deals later when Willis took a shot at 3NT, was doubled and went down 500 nonvulnerable to lose 12 IMPs.

Fredin won the match by 27 IMPs, 136-109.





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Round of 32 – Session 4

Rosenblum Cup

No Repeat in Rosenblum

by Brent Manley

In 2006, Rose Meltzer was captain of the winning team in the Rosenblum Cup. She has a different squad in the event in Philadelphia, but she still had hopes of leading her team to victory.

Entering the fourth quarter of her match against fellow American Lou Ann O'Rourke, Meltzer trailed 108-97. With 14 deals to play, the deficit was not overwhelming, but Meltzer never gained momentum.

The bad news came early for Meltzer, on the second board.

In the diamond slam, Sjoert Brink took the opening heart lead in dummy with the ace and played a spade to his queen. He ruffed a low spade, played a club to his ace and ruffed another low spade. A club ruff put him in hand and he cashed his three high diamonds, giving up one at the end for a nifty plus 920 and an 11-IMP gain.

There were more swings to O'Rourke, and after eight boards, the score was 124-97 for her squad.

Meltzer finally scored on this board.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bates	Berkowitz	Wold	Sontag
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Alan Sontag took the club lead with his ace, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade. He then played three high trumps, conceding a spade and a diamond for plus 400.

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Drijver	Paulissen	Brink
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Drijver	Paulissen	Brink
			2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Gert Jan Paulissen's double seems a big position, but it worked out splendidly for his team. Jan Jansma started with a low spade, and Paulissen collected his two spade tricks before switching to the ♣K. A diamond went to Jansma's ace and the ♣A was trick number five for East/West. That was plus 500.

West	North	East	South
Bates	Berkowitz	Wold	Sontag
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

David Berkowitz's 1♣ was strong. After Sontag could muster no response over the 1♠ overall, Berkowitz was not tempted to move when Sontag balanced. The defenders took the same five tricks for plus 100 and 9 IMPs to Meltzer.

If that gave Meltzer partisans a reason to hope, the next deal put dreams of a comeback to rest.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bates	Berkowitz	Wold	Sontag
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

This contract played very well after Sontag led the ♦J. Eddie Wold rode it around to his queen and played the ♣Q to Sontag's ace. The ♦K drove out the ace, which was followed by a heart to the jack and queen. A club went to Wold's king, and when the ♥A collected the king, Wold could claim 11 tricks for plus 200.

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Drijver	Paulissen	Brink
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Jansma's 2♣ was natural, and 3♥ appears to be forcing to game. Jansma selected the wrong game, however – at least on the lie of these cards.

Drijver started with a low spade to the king and ace. A club went to dummy's king. Brink won and played another spade. Drijver won the jack when Jansma inserted the 10, and he made the killing switch to the ♦8: queen, king ace. Declarer played a club to dummy and a spade to his queen. He cashed the ♣J, then the ♠8 before exiting with a diamond. Brink won and played the ♥K, soon claiming

another couple of tricks for plus 100 and 7 IMPs to O'Rourke.

The following deal was another gain for Meltzer.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bates	Berkowitz	Wold	Sontag
4♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Sontag started with a low diamond and Berkowitz won the queen when Wold played low. The ♣J went to Sontag's king and a heart through dummy's queen assured that the defenders would take four tricks. Plus 100 to Meltzer.

At the other table, the auction was much more spirited.

West	North	East	South
Jansma	Drijver	Paulissen	Brink
4♦	1♣	1♠	3♣
5♠	5♣	5♥	Pass
	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Paulissen led the ♦10 to Drijver's queen. He played the ♣J to the ace and ruffed a spade, then played another club to dummy to ruff the other spade, cashed the ♣10 and played the ♦A and ♥K, ducked. Declarer still had to lose a heart and a diamond for minus 300 and another 9 IMPs to Meltzer.

That was well short of what was needed as O'Rourke advanced with a 139-115 victory.



Just One More Trick

by Phillip Alder

The fourth-place finishers in the Mixed Pairs, Robin Taylor and Alan Sontag, were only 11.7 matchpoints behind third. Probably any extra trick would have moved them into the bronze-medal position.

Sontag is known as a lightning fast, accurate dummy player. Taylor showed that 30 years of living with Sontag have rubbed off in this deal from the second qualifying session (rotated to make her South).

Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Sontag		Taylor
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Seven tricks would not be hard. The battle was for the overtrick.

West led her fourth-highest heart, taken by declarer's queen. Taylor played her ♦J, West winning with her ace and leading a second heart, ducked to East's ten. East shifted to a spade. South won and played the ♦10, which East ducked to deny declarer a dummy entry. East took the third diamond and led another spade.

South won and crossed to dummy with a diamond to give this position:

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



Alan Sontag, USA

Declarer called for the ♣10. If East had ducked, South would have run the club, then played another club. And when East won with his ace and led a third spade, Taylor won with her queen and exited with the ♠7 to endplay East to lead away from the ♣Q.

Plus 120 was worth 311.5 matchpoints out of 414, 152.7 more than plus 90.



To Safety-Play Or Not To Safety-Play

by Phillip Alder

The last deal of the third session of the Round of 64 of the Rosenblum (rotated to make South the declarer) presented an interesting declarer-play problem.

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q 8 5

♥ A 8 3 2

♦ A

♣ J 8 7 5



♠ 9 6 4 2

♥ K

♦ K Q 9 7 6

♣ A Q 6

You push into a very thin 6♠ and get a heart lead. How would you plan the play? Would it make any difference if the lead was a low club with East playing the king?

Answer on page 16.



No Spades, partner?

In WBF Championship tournaments the law on enquiring about revokes is applied as written. Viz:

1. Declarer may ask a defender who has failed to follow suit whether he/she has a card of the suit led.
2. (a) Dummy may ask declarer (subject to no loss of rights under Law 43B2[b].)
(b) Dummy may not ask a defender.
3. Defenders may ask declarer and (at the risk of creating Unauthorized information) may ask one another.

Combining Chances

by Phillip Alder

This deal arose during the last qualifying round of the Rosenblum Cup.

Dealer North. East-West Vul.

♠ K J 5 4

♥ A 7 6 5

♦ K 8 4

♣ 9 8



♠ 7

♥ K J 10 8 2

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ A 7 5

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

How would you plan the play in 4♥ after West leads the ♠10?

Answer on page 18.

Calling All Journalists

A press conference with Shuttle Astronaut Col. Gregory H. Johnson is scheduled for Monday at 8:30 a.m. in Independence Suites 2 and 3 at the Marriott. Johnson, a bridge player, will be joined in the press conference by poker star Phil Gordon, winner of two ACBL national championships.

Johnson is an avid player who took the ♠A with him on a 6.6 million-mile shuttle flight in March 2008. Gordon, winner of the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs and the Roth Open Swiss Teams, has been a strong supporter of youth bridge in North America.

After the press conference, the Annual General Meeting of the International Bridge Press Association will take place in the same rooms. Annual awards will be presented a 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the same location.

To Safety-Play Or Not To Safety-Play

(Answer to problem on page 15)

This was the full deal:

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q 8 5 ♥ A 8 3 2 ♦ A ♣ 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	♠ 7 ♥ J 10 9 7 4 ♦ J 10 4 2 ♣ K 9 3	♠ 9 6 4 2 ♥ K ♦ K Q 9 7 6 ♣ A Q 6
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Six pairs got to 6♠, two making and four going down. These were the auctions for the successful pairs:

North	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
1♣	INT (1)
2♣ (1)	2♦ (2)
2♥ (3)	2♠
3♠	3NT (4)
4♦ (5)	4♥ (6)
5♦ (7)	5♥
6♠	Pass

- (1) Balanced – chosen as the least of evils
- (2) 13-plus points
- (3) 15-17 with four hearts
- (4) Some slam interest, but weaker than a four-level control-bid
- (5) Diamond control-bid, no club control
- (6) Club control-bid, says nothing about hearts
- (7) An odd number of key cards, which had to be three

North	South
<i>Romanowski</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>
INT (1)	2♣
2NT (2)	3♠
4♦ (3)	4♥ (3)
4NT (4)	5♣ (5)
6♠	Pass

- (1) 15-17 balanced – chosen as the least of evils
- (2) 4-4 in the majors
- (3) Control-bid with slam interest in spades
- (4) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (5) One key card

When Fulvio Fantoni was the declarer, West led the ♣2, third-and-fifth leads. East thought for a long time, then played his king. Now declarer had at least eight tricks in the side suits; he just had to avoid two trump losers. And Fantoni knew the percentage play: He led his ♠9 and ran it when West played low.

The plan, if the nine loses to the ten or jack, is to finesse dummy's queen on the second round. But in comparison with an immediate finesse of dummy's queen, this play gains when West has ♠ J-10-x or ♠ K-J-10-x.

After the nine held, declarer played a spade to dummy's queen, cashed the ♠A, and claimed.

Note that if East had played the ♣K from ♣ K-10-9-4-3 and a two- or three-card trump holding including the ten or jack without the king, South would have had to congratulate him, because East would have won the second trick and given his partner a club ruff!

Against Jean-Michel Voltaire, West led the ♣4, also third-and-fifth leads. This misled his partner into thinking that West could have ♣ Q-6-4-2. So this East also put up the ♣K.

Voltaire introduced a slight variation because he next played a spade to dummy's eight. When that held, he led a heart to his king, finessed the spade queen, and claimed soon thereafter.

The other four pairs in 6♠ failed. One received a club lead into the ace-queen, but the other three got heart starts.

It was still possible to win 12 tricks, but it was harder and the temptation to take the trump safety-play went down.

However, on a heart lead, declarer could have won three spades, two hearts, three diamonds, two clubs and two heart ruffs in his hand.



ROSENBLUM CUP ROSTERS**Top 16 Teams**

Alizee Cayne	Doris FISCHER, Peter JOKISCH, Udo KASIMIR, Bernd SAURER, Udo KASIMIR (npc) Cezary BALICKI, Jimmy CAYNE, Lorenzo LAURIA, Michael SEAMON, Alfredo VERSACE, Adam ZMUDZINSKI, Charlie WEED (npc)
China Open Consus Red Poland	Xu HOU, Jie LI, Jing LIU, Miao SHI, Weimin WANG, Zejun ZHUANG, Jihong HU (npc) Zdzilaw BELING, Dominik FILIPOWICZ, Gregor LEWACIAK, Michal NOWOSADZKI, Piotr WALCZAK, Jan ZADROGA
Diamond	John DIAMOND, Fred GITELMAN, Eric GRECO, Geoff HAMPSON, Brad MOSS, Brian PLATNICK, John DIAMOND (npc)
Fleisher	Martin FLEISHER, Mike KAMIL, Robert LEVIN, Chip MARTEL, Lew STANSBY, Steve WEINSTEIN, Jan MARTEL (npc)
Fredin	Kevin BATHURST, Peter BERTHEAU, Bjorn FALLENIIUS, Peter FREDIN, Fredrik NYSTROM, Daniel ZAGORIN, Daniel ZAGORIN (npc)
Lavazza	Waleed EL AHMADY, Norberto BOCCHI, Giorgio DUBOIN, Guido FERRARO, Tarek SADEK, Antonio SEMENTA, Maria Teresa LAVAZZA (npc)
Martens Nickell	Krzysztof JASSEM, Michal KOPECKY, Josef KURKA, Krzysztof MARTENS Bob HAMMAN, Ralph KATZ, Zia MAHMOOD, Jeff MECKSTROTH, Nick NICKELL, Eric RODWELL, Donna COMPTON (npc)
O'Rourke	Roger BATES, Sjoert BRINK, Bas DRIJVER, Marc JACOBUS, Lou Ann O'ROURKE, Eddie WOLD, Lou Ann O'ROURKE (npc)
Robinson	Peter BOYD, Doug DOUB, Steve ROBINSON, Fred STEWART, Adam WILDAVSKY, Kit WOOLSEY
Strul	Michael BECKER, Boye BROGELAND, Steve GARNER, Erik SAELENSMINDE, Aubrey STRUL, Howard WEINSTEIN, Aubrey STRUL (npc)
Vito	Kalin KARAIVANOV, Borislav POPOV, Tony RUSEV, Stefan SKORCHEV, Roumen TRENDAFILOV, Tony RUSEV (npc)
Wolfson	Larry N. COHEN, Eldad GINOSSAR, Ron PACHTMAN, Michael ROSENBERG, Chris WILLENKEN, Jeff WOLFSON,
Zimmermann	Fulvio FANTONI, Geir HELGEMO, Tor HELNESS, Franck MULTON, Claudio NUNES, Pierre ZIMMERMANN, Pierre ZIMMERMANN (npc)

McCONNELL CUP ROSTERS**Top 8 Teams**

Hampton	Benedicte CRONIER, Laura DEKKERS, Joyce HAMPTON, Marion MICHIELSEN, ylvie WILLARD, Jenny WOLPERT
Netherlands	Carla ARNOLDS, Jet PASMAN, Anneke SIMONS, Martine VERBEEK, Bep VRIEND, Wietske van ZWOL, Alex van REENEN (npc)
Joel	Geeske JOEL, Jill LEVIN, Jill MEYERS, Debbie ROSENBERG, Janice SEAMON-MOLSON, Tobi SOKOLOV, David SOKOLOV (npc)
Full Spectrum Auctions	Lynn BAKER, Lynn DEAS, Irina LEVITINA, Karen McCALLUM, Beth PALMER, Kerri SANBORN, Giancarlo BERNASCONI (npc)
Westheimer	Pia ANDERSSON, Mildred BREED, Hjordis EYTHORSDDOTTIR, Marinesa LETIZIA, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Valerie WESTHEIMER, (pc)
Moss	Sally BROCK, Sylvia MOSS, Shawn QUINN, Judi RADIN, Nicola SMITH, Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE
China Ladies Team	Xuefeng FENG, Ling GU, Yan LU, Ming SUN, Yanhui SUN, Hongli WANG, Chuancheng JU (npc)

Combining Chances

Answer to problem on page 15

by Phillip Alder

♠ 10 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ K J 10 6 3 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K J 5 4 ♥ A 7 6 5 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ 9 8	♠ A Q 9 8 6 3 ♥ Q 9 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ Q 4
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In the match between China Open and Lavazza, Antonio Sementa for Lavazza started badly by covering with dummy's ♠J. Li Jie (East) took the trick with his queen and, of course, shifted to a club, the four to be precise. Now declarer had to guess the hearts correctly, which he did not do. He cashed his king, then ran the jack.

At the other table Wang Weimin did much better, playing dummy's ♠4 at trick one. When Walid El Ahmady (West) took the first trick, with his partner Tarek Sadek (East) signaling in standard fashion with the eight, there was no way he was shifting to a club. He led his second spade, which declarer ruffed.

Now declarer could have ducked a diamond, but there was no particular need. He took his two top hearts, then ducked a diamond.

When the ♥Q dropped and the diamonds were 3-3, Wang came home with an overtrick, giving the China Open team 11 IMPs on the board.

Playing Cards



Decks of playing cards from WBF Championships are available from the Jannersten Stand on the 4th floor. New deck

1 US\$ per deck. Used deck 0.70 US\$ per deck.

Three Slams in Ten Boards

by Phillip Alder

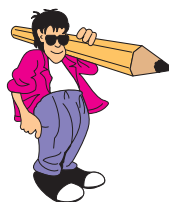
The Senior Teams opened with three slams in the first 10-board match. This was the final deal:

Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 7 6 ♥ 8 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ 9 8	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K ♥ A K 3 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ A K 7 5 3 2	
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You bid nicely into 6♣. West leads a low heart and East puts up the ten. What would be your plan?
 Answer on page 26.

Championship Diary



When someone arrived in the office at an unconscionably early hour they remarked:

'It's the early bird that catches the worm.'

Quick as a flash Tacchi rejoined:

'The sensible worm gets up late.'

We are asked to announce that a meeting of the newly formed Notice Committee will be held in Room 304 at 10.00 a.m. tomorrow.

On Sunday afternoon more than 6000 spectators were following the three matches being featured on BBO. The big draw was the table featuring Bates/Wold and Helgemo/Helness, with over 3000 kibitzers. A long way to go before a record is set, but we'll keep you posted.

Singular Seniors

by Mark Horton

The Rand Cup has drawn a powerful field, but many of the fancied teams have already fallen by the wayside. I was about to search for stories when some famous names dropped by the Bulletin office with a tale to tell. By coincidence both my featured deals come from Round 9 and on each occasion the contract reached was unique.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mariani</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Cedolin</i>	<i>Hayden</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl*	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

- 3♠ Splinter
- Rdbl First round club control

Paul Hackett and Gary Hayden are playing together for the first time, and they did very well to reach a slam after West had opened the bidding. The key to the auction was South's decision to splinter. That meant both players were happy to swap cue bids before North jumped to slam.

East naturally led his partner's suit (it would be a stroke of genius to find a trump lead) and declarer was able to ruff two spades in dummy for +1430.

They were the only pair to bid the slam, which contributed to their remarkable 58-0 IMP victory over the

powerful Lavazza squad. It put them back on the road to qualification whilst dashing their opponent's hopes.

Next up was this deal:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schoenborn</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Floqvist</i>	<i>Baran</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

When West opened 1♠ (according to his partner 'in a state of dementia') he responded 2♣ and then rebid his suit. When he showed his preference for spades and West supported clubs he envisaged a doubleton queen opposite and jumped to slam.

South led the six of diamonds and dummy was somewhat of a disappointment.

However, things looked up when he played low and North could not produce the king. Declarer ruffed a heart, cashed the ace of diamonds discarding a heart and played a diamond. North ruffed in with the jack of clubs and declarer overruffed and ruffed a heart. When he played another diamond North ruffed with the queen of clubs, +940.

In the replay East/West climbed to the dizzy heights of 2♠ and +110 was not much of a comparison.

One of these deals might be a contender for best bid hand of the year – can you guess which?

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship (Results subject to confirmation)

ROUND 1

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Norway	17 - 15	16 - 14
2	China	China Hong Kong	9 - 46	5 - 25
3	Israel	India	20 - 6	19 - 11
4	Australia	Argentina	42 - 15	23 - 7
5	Bye	France	0 - 11	12 - 18
6	Netherlands	Canada	29 - 25	16 - 14
7	Italy	Japan	32 - 11	21 - 9
8	Germany	USA 1	29 - 15	19 - 11
9	Sweden	Russia	27 - 21	16 - 14

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 1	USA 2	48 - 13	25 - 5
2	Sweden	China	18 - 36	10 - 20
3	Germany	Israel	9 - 29	9 - 21
4	Norway	Australia	15 - 1	19 - 11
5	China Hong Kong	Bye	11 - 0	18 - 0
6	India	Netherlands	13 - 44	6 - 24
7	Argentina	Italy	48 - 0	25 - 2
8	France	Japan	57 - 29	23 - 7
9	Russia	Canada	14 - 13	15 - 15

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Sweden	9 - 31	8 - 22
2	China	Germany	44 - 38	16 - 14
3	Israel	Norway	46 - 2	25 - 3
4	Australia	China Hong Kong	48 - 0	25 - 0
5	Bye	India	0 - 9.5	0 - 18
6	Netherlands	Argentina	54 - 1	25 - 1
7	Italy	France	24 - 28	14 - 16
8	Japan	Canada	47 - 1	25 - 2
9	USA 1	Russia	51 - 1	25 - 2

ROUND 4

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Germany	USA 2	21 - 16	16 - 14
2	Norway	China	24 - 33	13 - 17
3	China Hong Kong	Israel	21 - 7	19 - 11
4	India	Australia	24 - 9	22 - 8
5	Argentina	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
6	France	Netherlands	15 - 0	19 - 11
7	Canada	Italy	32 - 12	21 - 9
8	Russia	Japan	24 - 26	14 - 16
9	USA 1	Sweden	29 - 22	17 - 13

ROUND 5

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Russia	17 - 26	13 - 17
2	China	USA 1	7 - 25	10 - 20
3	Israel	Sweden	19 - 16	16 - 14
4	Australia	Germany	18 - 25	13 - 17
5	Bye	Norway	0 - 9.5	0 - 18
6	Netherlands	China Hong Kong	49 - 15	24.5 - 4.5
7	Italy	India	22 - 18	16 - 14
8	Japan	Argentina	21 - 31	12 - 18
9	Canada	France	36 - 24	18 - 12

RANKING AFTER 5 ROUNDS

1	Netherlands	100.50
2	USA 1	98
3	Israel	92
4	France	88
5	Australia	80
6	Germany	75
	Sweden	75
8	India	71
9	Canada	70
10	Argentina	69
	Japan	69
12	China Hong Kong	68.50
13	China	68
14	Norway	67
15	Italy	62
	Russia	62
17	USA 2	56

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship *(Results subject to confirmation)*

ROUND 1			
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	Poland	2 - 21	9 - 21
12 Hungary	Australia	29 - 15	19 - 11
13 Canada	Israel	9 - 20	12 - 18
14 USA 2	USA 1	48 - 10	25 - 4
15 China	Norway	15 - 30	11 - 19
16 Uruguay	Chinese Taipei	31 - 13	20 - 10
17 Netherlands	Germany	15 - 25	12 - 18
18 Sweden	England	32 - 18	19 - 11

ROUND 2			
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 Australia	France	15 - 26	12 - 18
12 Israel	Hungary	17 - 23	14 - 16
13 USA 1	Canada	43 - 7	25 - 5
14 Norway	USA 2	45 - 6	25 - 4
15 Chinese Taipei	China	29 - 33	14 - 16
16 Germany	Uruguay	25 - 1	22 - 8
17 England	Netherlands	32 - 2	24 - 6
18 Poland	Sweden	47 - 19	23 - 7

ROUND 3			
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	Israel	37 - 35	16 - 14
12 Hungary	USA 1	39 - 24	19 - 11
13 Canada	Norway	49 - 29	21 - 9
14 USA 2	Chinese Taipei	28 - 26	16 - 14
15 China	Germany	9 - 21	12 - 18
16 Uruguay	England	26 - 18	17 - 13
17 Netherlands	Sweden	27 - 32	14 - 16
18 Australia	Poland	24 - 27	14 - 16

ROUND 4			
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 USA 1	France	19 - 20	15 - 15
12 Norway	Hungary	41 - 6	25 - 5
13 Chinese Taipei	Canada	21 - 6	19 - 11
14 Germany	USA 2	36 - 15	21 - 9
15 England	China	20 - 40	9 - 21
16 Sweden	Uruguay	59 - 14	25 - 3
17 Poland	Netherlands	17 - 8	17 - 13
18 Australia	Israel	11 - 23	12 - 18

RANKING AFTER 4 ROUNDS

1	Germany	79
2	Norway	78
3	Poland	77
4	Sweden	67
5	Israel	64
6	China	60
7	Hungary	59
8	France	58
9	Chinese Taipei	57
	England	57
11	USA 1	55
12	USA 2	54
13	Australia	49
	Canada	49
15	Uruguay	48
16	Netherlands	45

RONA CUP

World Young Ladies Championship

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

ROUND 1		
1	France	Poland
2	USA	China

ROUND 2		
1	France	Poland
2	USA	China

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

ROUND 6

1	China Hong Kong	USA 2
2	India	China
3	Argentina	Israel
4	France	Australia
5	Canada	Bye
6	Japan	Netherlands
7	Russia	Italy
8	USA 1	Norway
9	Sweden	Germany

ROUND 7

1	USA 2	India
2	China	Argentina
3	Israel	France
4	Australia	Canada
5	Bye	Japan
6	Netherlands	Italy
7	China Hong Kong	USA 1
8	Norway	Sweden
9	Germany	Russia

ROUND 8

1	Argentina	USA 2
2	France	China
3	Canada	Israel
4	Japan	Australia
5	Italy	Bye
6	Russia	Netherlands
7	USA 1	India
8	Sweden	China Hong Kong
9	Germany	Norway

ROUND 9

1	USA 2	France
2	China	Canada
3	Israel	Japan
4	Australia	Italy
5	Bye	Netherlands
6	Argentina	USA 1
7	India	Sweden
8	China Hong Kong	Germany
9	Norway	Russia

ROUND 10

1	Canada	USA 2
2	Japan	China
3	Italy	Israel
4	Netherlands	Australia
5	Russia	Bye
6	USA 1	France
7	Sweden	Argentina
8	Germany	India
9	Norway	China Hong Kong

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

ROUND 5

11	France	Norway
12	Hungary	Chinese Taipei
13	Canada	Germany
14	USA 2	England
15	China	Sweden
16	Uruguay	Netherlands
17	USA 1	Australia
18	Israel	Poland

ROUND 6

11	Chinese Taipei	France
12	Germany	Hungary
13	England	Canada
14	Sweden	USA 2
15	Netherlands	China
16	Poland	Uruguay
17	Australia	Norway
18	Israel	USA 1

ROUND 7

11	France	Germany
12	Hungary	England
13	Canada	Sweden
14	USA 2	Netherlands
15	China	Uruguay
16	Chinese Taipei	Australia
17	Norway	Israel
18	USA 1	Poland

ROUND 8

11	England	France
12	Sweden	Hungary
13	Netherlands	Canada
14	Uruguay	USA 2
15	Poland	China
16	Australia	Germany
17	Israel	Chinese Taipei
18	USA 1	Norway

ROUND 9

11	France	Sweden
12	Hungary	Netherlands
13	Canada	Uruguay
14	USA 2	China
15	England	Australia
16	Germany	Israel
17	Chinese Taipei	USA 1
18	Norway	Poland

The Youth Begins

by Brian Senior

Sunday morning saw the start of the Youth World Championships. There are 16 teams in both the Juniors (roughly) U26 and Youngsters (U21) championships. In each event a complete round robin of 15 x 10-board matches sees the top eight qualify for the knock-out stages.

For the first round of the Juniors, I decided to watch two of the European qualifiers, Sweden and Russia.

Board 6. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 7 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ 3 ♣ 10 8 7 6 5 2	♠ Q 9 5 3 2 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 10 9 ♣ J 9 3	♠ 8 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ A K J 5 4 2 ♣ A Q 4	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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> ♠ K J 6 ♥ Q 10 9 5 3 ♦ Q 8 7 6 ♣ K		N		W		E		S	
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West	North	East	South
Bech	Volozhenin	Arvidsson	Nekrasova
Pass	2♥	1♣	1♠
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

One Club was strong and the overcall showed two suits of the same colour.

Ksenia Nekrasova led the nine of hearts, zero or two higher. Eric Arvidsson knew the diamonds were at least four-two on his left so clubs was the likely suit to provide the necessary tricks for the contract. Cashing the ace would be fine on a two-two split or if either honour was



singleton, but if South held a small singleton it would be necessary to win in dummy and take the finesse.

Arvidsson judged well, winning in hand and laying down the club ace. When the king fell he continued with queen and another. Ivan Volozhenin won the third club and knocked out the king of hearts. On the run of the clubs, Nekrasove unguarded the diamonds so Arvidsson had twelve tricks for +690. With Russia stopping in 3♦ in the other room, that was 11 IMPs to Sweden.

On Board 8, Arvidsson and Bech were, as the saying goes, both fluent, but in different languages. That meant 6NT doubled off a cashing ace-king and 11 IMPs to Russia.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 7 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ Q 8 4 2	♠ K J ♥ 10 3 ♦ K 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ K 9 3	♠ Q 9 8 6 4 2 ♥ A J 9 ♦ 6 ♣ J 6 5	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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> ♠ 5 ♥ Q 8 7 6 5 2 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ A 10 7		N		W		E		S	
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West	North	East	South
Bech	Volozhenin	Arvidsson	Nekrasova
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♥
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Arvidsson did not like to open 2♠ with such a weak suit, particularly second in hand and vulnerable, but he was happy to jump to the spade game when Simon Bech doubled the weak 2♥ opening.

Nekrasove led a diamond. Arvidsson won dummy's ace and laid down the ace of spades then eliminated the red suits before putting North in with the king of spades. Volozhenin was now endplayed and there were only two club losers; +620. That was worth another 10 IMPs to Sweden when Russia again stopped out of game in the other room.

Sweden won the match by 27-20 IMPs, converting to 17-13 VPs.

Round 2

Damiani Cup

China v Chinese Taipei

by Brian Senior

Chinese Taipei jumped out to a 29-IMP lead on the first four deals of their match with Asian rivals China in Round 2 of the Youngsters Championship for the Damiani Cup, but China came back strongly to snatch a 33-29 IMP, 16-14 VP win.

returned the suit, picking up four diamond tricks for declarer. Trumps were drawn and all dummy's spades went away on the diamonds, after which there was just a club to lose; ten tricks for +170 and 7 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hao	Yujie	Lee	Renjie
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
2♠	Dble	3♠	All Pass

With a negative double on his right, Po Hsiang Hao scraped up a pre-emptive raise to 2♠ and that made it very easy for Hsuan Lee to compete to 3♠, where he played. After a diamond to the ace and a diamond back, Lee crossed to the ace of clubs and led a spade up, claiming nine tricks when the king appeared; +140.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

In the other room, the Chinese Taipei North could open 1♥, natural but with the possibility of canapé to diamonds, as here. Two Diamonds showed 8-10 with heart support and now West saw no point in bidding with such minimal values. South took the push to 3♥ but now West again passed, imagining that his partner had already done the job of pushing the opposition up a level.

East led a club. West won the ace and switched to the ten of diamonds. That went to the jack and king and East

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hao	Yujie	Lee	Renjie
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	All Pass	4♣	Pass



Po-Hsiang Hao, Chinese Taipei

Over partner's reverse, Hao showed the fifth spade then tried 3NT. Lee's Four Club call looks very optimistic on such a poor suit and meant that Hao played a level higher than he would have liked.

Jiang Yujie led the six of diamonds to dummy's bare ace, Tang Renjie following with a rather optimistic jack – it seems that on the auction he should be able to read the lead as being from weakness. Hao led the ten of clubs to Yuejie's queen and he continued with a second diamond to the king. Renjie played a diamond back so Hao won, crossed to a top heart and conceded a club, claiming ten tricks when the suit split evenly; +630.

In the other room, the Chinese East/West pair bid 1♣ – 1♠ – 2♥ – 2♠ – 3♣ – Pass. Two Spades was non-forcing. Plus 130 meant 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hao	Yujie	Lee	Renjie
2♠	Dble	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Two Spades was just a simple weak two bid. I don't approve of East's simple raise, preferring to bid 4♠ immediately and let the opposition make the final decision, but 3♠ followed by 4♠ worked very nicely today as Yujie doubled and found that he could not beat it.

Yujie led out two top hearts so Hao ruffed and played the queen of spades to the king and ace then back to the ♠J. A diamond up saw Yuejie win the ace and lead a club to the ace. Hao won the club return with the king and had the rest for +590.

In the other room, the Chinese West opened 2♠, weak with spades and a minor, and North overcalled 3NT.

When East bid 4♠, South took the push to 4NT. East led ace and another spade and, after cashing his winners, declarer led a diamond up. As West had discarded both diamonds, he knew not to finesse; down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to Chinese Taipei.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hao	Yujie	Lee	Renjie
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
4♠	All Pass	2♠	Pass

South is endplayed on opening lead. Renjie led the normal king of diamonds to declarer's ace. Lee played three rounds of spades and Yujie won and returned a diamond to the queen, Renjie exiting passively with a diamond and declarer pitching a club from hand. He now took a losing heart finesse and the heart return left him with no way to avoid a club loser for one down; -50.

After winning the jack of diamonds, declarer could have succeeded in a variety of ways, but he surely misplayed the hand earlier on. At the other table the Chinese declarer won the diamond lead and led a club towards the queen, eventually throwing a heart on the jack of diamonds. With the club king inside he even had the luxury of guarding against a four-one spade split, playing ace then low to his nine, and soon had ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs.



Table Talk

by Brian Senior

All Bulletin personnel should go to dinner with different players every evening. You may sit and watch at a table for two hours and never see anything newsworthy, but how often do you go through a whole dinner conversation with a group of bridge players and have the same problem?

Sure enough, Saturday evening saw me at dinner in a group including the Anglo-American partnership of James Mates and Marshall Lewis. During their excellent second session in the Open Pairs qualifying, Marshall played this deal in 3NT after opening 2NT.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

East led a low spade to dummy's nine. Marshall started clubs by leading the queen. West could see that covering would make life very easy for declarer as he would win the ace and lead a second round to knock out the jack – so he tried the effect of ducking. Not a good idea.

Marshall crossed to the ace of clubs and played the king of spades. This was East's last chance to take his ace so he did so, and returned a heart. Marshall could have ensured three heart tricks without loss by playing low from dummy, but he judged that East would never have led the suit if holding the queen so rose with dummy's king.

A diamond to the king allowed Marshall to cash the queen of spades, pitching a club from dummy. Now three more rounds of diamonds squeezed West out of his fourth heart as he had to keep the club guard. Marshall took the heart finesse and now the queen fell under the ace to give twelve tricks and a huge +490.

Three Slams in Ten Boards

Answer to problem on page 18

by Phillip Alder

Three slams in ten boards.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

You must assume trumps are 3-2. Some analysts suggested taking the first trick, ruffing the low heart, and playing three rounds of trumps. Yes, you might get lucky and have West win that last trump. Then you can try for a singleton or doubleton ♠J and, if necessary, fall back on the diamond finesse. But if, as here, East takes the third club and shifts to a diamond, you will have to finesse because East's having the ♦K is much more likely than either opponent's having a singleton or doubleton ♠J.

It is much better, though, to cash the ♠K at trick two, ruff the low heart, and discard your two low diamonds on dummy's top spades.

You need trumps 3-2 and will go down only if spades are 5-1 or the third spade is ruffed by a defender with only two trumps. If that happens and the diamond finesse was winning, you may legitimately count yourself as unlucky.

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28.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.30	1	1		Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Jason Rosenfeld, Mountain View CA	65.38%
9.98	2			Michael Crawford, San Diego CA; Andrew Gumperz, Castro Valley CA	62.98%
7.48	3	2		Patty Michael - Pat Galligan, San Mateo CA	59.06%
5.61	4			Lewis Gartnerman, Westwood MA; Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	58.89%
4.43	5			Nicolas Hammond, Atlanta GA; Willem van Eijck, Rotterdam 3032 Netherlands	58.81%
4.31	6	3		Elaine Weintraub - Phyllis Taxin, Philadelphia PA	58.00%
3.33	7			Jack Mendelsohn, Erdenheim PA; Sidney Gordon, Melrose Park PA	57.34%
3.36	8			Jay Whipple III, Boca Grande FL; Ed Schulte, Tampa FL	57.29%
3.24		4		Stan Carol, Monroe Twp NJ; Victoria Selph, Mt Victoria MD	56.33%
2.80		5		Brian Mahony - Florence Mahony, Redding CT	56.02%
2.19		6		Diana Wylie - Wendell Wylie, Douglassville PA	52.08%
3.96			1	Barbara Sobel - Howard Sobel, Narberth PA	51.42%
2.97			2	Claude Le Feuvre, Van Nuys CA; J. P. Goenka, Kolkata India	50.96%
2.31			3	Brenda Rigby, Hawthorne NJ; Carole Gelfer, Wyckoff NJ	49.79%
1.67			4	B J Sanders - Mark Sanders, Austin TX	46.69%

FRIDAY - SATURDAY HANDICAPPED KO

12 Tables

22.39	1	Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ; Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL; Howard Einberg, Los Angeles CA; G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; James Glickman, Las Vegas NV
15.67	2	Real Fradette, North Wales PA; Elaine Clair, Gwynedd Valley PA; David Legrow, Eagleville PA; Bruce Greenspan, Danvers MA
8.96	3/4	John Winslow - Marian Stark, Mission Viejo CA; Gayle Gerth - Bob Levine, Dana Point CA
8.96	3/4	Barry Harper, Regina SK; Sara Parks M.D., Owensboro KY; Earl Knipfel, Moose Jaw SK; Witold Turant, 92-432 Lodz Poland; John Russell, North Barrington IL

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27.0 Tables / Based on 61 Tables

	A	B		
24.85	1		Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Hills CA; Stephen Goldstein, Anaheim CA	59.48%
18.64	2		Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Robert Bitterman, Charlotte NC	59.20%
13.98	3	1	David Fleischer, Alexandria VA; James Stormes, Chevy Chase MD	57.50%
10.48	4	2	Thomas Shelley, St Croix VI; Alan Bronstein, Christiansted VI	57.33%
8.28	5	3	Alan Seltzer, Wyomissing PA; Deepak Khanna, Shillington PA	56.57%
7.10	6	4	Roberto Verthelyi, New York NY; Robert Barrington, Liverpool NY	56.51%
6.21	7	5	Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA; Jeremy Siegel, Philadelphia PA	56.15%
5.52	8	6	Sheldon Per, Bensalem PA; Dennis O'Brien, Ambler PA	55.64%
4.97	9	7	Norman Trabulus, Port Washington NY; Charles Bilich, Hewlett NY	55.34%
4.52	10		Kenji Miyakuni, Tokyo 167-004 Japan; Yukiko Tokunaga, 1800002 Japan	55.14%
4.14	11	8	Ranjan Bhaduri, Chicago IL; Raymond Jung, Hamilton ON	54.33%
4.75	12		Elaine Landow - Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA	54.26%
3.55	13		Abbie Cole, New York NY; Zeke Jabbar, Boca Raton FL	53.70%
3.31	14		Peter Stein, Hillsborough NJ; Cho-Wei Sit, Watchung NJ	53.53%
3.11	15		Barry Gorski - Kathleen Del Corso, Reading PA	53.34%
2.92	16		Michael Crawford - Suzanne Crawford, San Diego CA	52.60%

2nd SATURDAY FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

35.0 Tables

	7	3		
11.13	1		Rita Whitney, Skillman NJ; Paul Rizza, Monroe Township NJ	63.10%
8.35	2		Lewis Shapiro, Baltimore MD; Witold Palosz, Coockeyville MD	61.90%
6.26	3		B J Sanders - Mark Sanders, Austin TX	60.86%
4.70	4		Linda Jonas - John Jonas, Dana Point CA	60.27%
3.71	5		Beau Norton, Barnegat NJ; Marc Lipman, Green Brook NJ	59.97%
6.99	6	1	Larry Abramovitz, Warrington PA; Norman Garfield, Southampton PA	59.25%
5.24	7	2	Larry Shaw, Trenton NJ; Richard Stone, Skillman NJ	58.94%
2.47	8		Howard Matusow - Todd Grundy, Philadelphia PA	58.08%
3.93	9	3	Karen Piper - Tom Piper, N Huntingdon PA	57.81%
2.02	10		Francine Schnoll - Joanne Stillman, New York NY	56.55%
2.95		4	Gina Bresler, Fort Washington PA; Hollis Rosenthal, Ambler PA	55.53%
2.33		5	Carol Elfant, Philadelphia PA; Arlene Rosen, Langhorne PA	55.36%
2.00		6	Jacqueline Hammerschmidt, West Chester PA; Joyce Negrotti, Berwyn PA	54.91%
1.81		7	Benson Notgarnie, Warwick PA; Deborah Haveson, Langhorne PA	54.64%

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