

# Fierce play-off battles in Open; 7 Women's teams have edge

## Open Olympiad

Even though all teams have played through 28 of the 35 rounds, nothing is settled.

In Group A France have opened a wide edge over Indonesia, and Poland are nipping at Indonesia's heels. But the battle for fourth place is fierce. Spain has the edge at the moment, but Denmark, Japan and New Zealand all are close behind. Even Pakistan still has an outside chance of being one of the four qualifiers.

In Group B, Italy had another strong day – 84 out of 100 possible VPs – to pull a little further ahead – their lead now is 18 VPs – well over half a match. Iceland climbed past Israel into second place with 81 VPs for the day. Israel slipped a bit with two losses in the four matches, but they still are only 6.5 VPs behind second. Chinese Taipei are another 9 points in arrears.

Once again the competition is lively. Russia, Norway, the Netherlands and Great Britain still have good chances. And even the United States, which have been having their troubles here, are an outside possibility after an 82-VP day.

## Women's Olympiad

It looks as if the qualifiers from Group B are just about set. With only three matches remaining, the United States, Canada, Israel and Austria have outdistanced the field. Poland is the closest – 28 VPs behind fourth. Austria need only 48 points out of 75, Israel 44, Canada 43 and the United States 39 to clinch berths in the quarterfinals.

The big battle now is for position. Finishing first has special perks – the team can pick their opponent from among those who finished second, third, or fourth in the other group. With only 9 VPs separating first from fourth, all four places are up for grabs.

The two ACBL teams won both their matches, yesterday, but the U.S. scored 7 more VPs than Canada to go past them into first place.

The picture is far different in Group A. The first three positions seem assured – China, Germany and the Netherlands are well ahead of the field.

Presently South Africa hold the crucial fourth spot, but there are many teams right on their heels. Denmark, Sweden and Great Britain all are close behind, and even eighth-place Spain has an outside chance.

China and Germany won both their matches yesterday, Netherlands had a win and a tie, and South Africa finished below average – a 14-16 loss to Spain and a tie with Russia.

## General observations

The Palestine team no longer is winless. They defeated Lebanon, 17-13, in Round 27.

Canada's Open team faced two of the contenders, Indonesia and Poland, and merged with a tie against both of them.

Strangely enough, all five of the leaders in Open Group A had a bad day yesterday. France lost two matches, Indonesia lost one and tied one, Poland lost two and tied one, Spain lost one and tied one, and Denmark lost three.

## RANKING

OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

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A			B		
1	FRANCE	552	1	ITALY	553
2	INDONESIA	538	2	ICELAND	535
3	POLAND	533	3	ISRAEL	528
4	SPAIN	508	4	CHINESE TAIPEI	519
5	DENMARK	504	5	RUSSIA	510
6	JAPAN	500	6	NORWAY	498
7	NEW ZEALAND	497	7	NETHERLANDS	495
8	PAKISTAN	480	8	GREAT BRITAIN	491
9	SOUTH AFRICA	469	9	USA	488
10	SWEDEN	468	10	BRAZIL	478
11	AUSTRIA	463	11	AUSTRALIA	477
12	BELGIUM	461	12	INDIA	474
13	CANADA	456	13	HUNGARY	448
14	ARGENTINA	453	14	TURKEY	445
15	CHINA	450	15	HONG KONG	431
16	CHILE	442	16	YUGOSLAVIA	431
17	MOROCCO	434	17	GREECE	427
18	CROATIA	424	18	SWITZERLAND	426
19	IRELAND	417	19	FINLAND	426
20	CZECH REPUBLIC	416	20	PORTUGAL	410
21	ROMANIA	409	21	VENEZUELA	408
22	GERMANY	403	22	GUADELOUPE	405
23	UKRAINE	401	23	ESTONIA	403
24	PHILIPPINES	400	24	SLOVENIA	395
25	LITHUANIA	387	25	EGYPT	395
26	BANGLADESH	366	26	MONACO	389
27	LEBANON	366	27	LATVIA	372
28	SAN MARINO	359	28	BULGARIA	343
29	LUXEMBOURG	355	29	MAURITIUS	328
30	COLOMBIA	337	30	THAILAND	328
31	SINGAPORE	326	31	TUNISIA	324
32	LIECHTENSTEIN	325	32	FRENCH POLYNES.	304
33	BERMUDA	286	33	MEXICO	291
34	MALAYSIA	268	34	JORDAN	290
35	PALESTINE	145	35	KENYA	236
			36	CYPRUS	233

# Results

## Round 25

CROATIA	BANGLADESH	11-19	27/43
MALAYSIA	PHILIPPINES	7-23	26/62
CZECH REPUBLIC	PALESTINE	19-11	57/39
ROMANIA	SINGAPORE	25-5	50/6
POLAND	CANADA	15-15	28/30
SAN MARINO	NEW ZEALAND	7-23	26/61
GERMANY	BELGIUM	9-21	22/46
CHILE	LUXEMBOURG	12-18	36/50
FRANCE	ARGENTINA	10-20	28/48
UKRAINE	BERMUDA	21-9	61/35
SWEDEN	LIECHTENSTEIN	22-8	54/24
DENMARK	JAPAN	7-23	21/56
PAKISTAN	SPAIN	15-15	47/49
SOUTH AFRICA	MOROCCO	10-20	34/56
CHINA	LITHUANIA	23-7	55/19
IRELAND	COLOMBIA	17-13	19/9
INDONESIA	LEBANON	25-2	75/15
AUSTRIA	Bye	18	

GREECE	ESTONIA	21-9	49/25
NORWAY	INDIA	18-12	48/33
HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND	19-11	43/25
FRENCH POLYNES.	MAURITIUS	20-10	49/28
FINLAND	SLOVENIA	17-13	51/42
TURKEY	CHINESE TAIPEI	12-18	42/56
KENYA	EGYPT	2-25	17/78
ISRAEL	RUSSIA	11-19	33/52
NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL	13-17	30/41
BULGARIA	THAILAND	19-11	45/27
VENEZUELA	MEXICO	25-4	65/18
AUSTRALIA	LATVIA	9-21	28/52
MONACO	YUGOSLAVIA	19-11	61/42
TUNISIA	JORDAN	22-8	74/45
GREAT BRITAIN	USA	6-24	17/54
GUADELOUPE	CYPRUS	24-6	50/13
HONG KONG	ICELAND	7-23	33/67
ITALY	PORTUGAL	25-3	77/20

## Round 26

CANADA	INDONESIA	15-15	31/33
PAKISTAN	SWEDEN	10-20	41/61
ARGENTINA	SOUTH AFRICA	13-17	31/42
LUXEMBOURG	CHINA	18-12	44/32
COLOMBIA	BANGLADESH	8-22	21/50
LEBANON	SAN MARINO	23-7	57/25
BELGIUM	DENMARK	20-10	46/23
IRELAND	ROMANIA	13-17	19/29
PALESTINE	LITHUANIA	5-25	18/62
MOROCCO	MALAYSIA	20-10	47/24
AUSTRIA	GERMANY	8-22	14/44
SPAIN	PHILIPPINES	16-14	34/27
JAPAN	CZECH REPUBLIC	18-12	35/20
LIECHTENSTEIN	SINGAPORE	16-14	46/42
UKRAINE	POLAND	19-11	33/14
NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE	10-20	26/49
CROATIA	CHILE	17-13	38/28
BERMUDA	Bye	18	

SLOVENIA	ITALY	5-25	29/74
MONACO	VENEZUELA	8-22	23/54
THAILAND	TUNISIA	9-21	27/54
BRAZIL	GREAT BRITAIN	8-22	32/61
RUSSIA	GUADELOUPE	14-16	28/35
ICELAND	ESTONIA	17-13	52/44
PORTUGAL	TURKEY	16-14	41/35
EGYPT	AUSTRALIA	13-17	30/40
HONG KONG	FRENCH POLYNES.	24-6	60/21
SWITZERLAND	CYPRUS	20-10	50/29
USA	NORWAY	23-7	42/9
JORDAN	KENYA	16-14	39/34
YUGOSLAVIA	INDIA	19-11	41/23
LATVIA	HUNGARY	0-25	13/91
MEXICO	MAURITIUS	12-18	21/34
BULGARIA	FINLAND	16-14	39/36
CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS	6-24	20/59
GREECE	ISRAEL	10-20	12/32

## Round 27

GERMANY	IRELAND	25-2	63/4
CHILE	UKRAINE	15-15	50/49
LIECHTENSTEIN	CROATIA	14-16	47/51
JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	17-13	36/27
POLAND	SPAIN	19-11	36/20
SINGAPORE	AUSTRIA	6-24	33/72
CZECH REPUBLIC	MOROCCO	12-18	30/42
PHILIPPINES	LITHUANIA	22-8	70/42
FRANCE	BELGIUM	10-20	19/40
MALAYSIA	INDONESIA	7-23	24/57
PALESTINE	LEBANON	17-13	31/20
ROMANIA	COLOMBIA	16-14	39/34
CHINA	CANADA	11-19	17/36
SOUTH AFRICA	SAN MARINO	25-4	60/8
LUXEMBOURG	PAKISTAN	11-19	29/45
DENMARK	ARGENTINA	20-10	60/39
SWEDEN	BERMUDA	4-25	18/70
BANGLADESH	Bye	18	

KENYA	HONG KONG	2-25	13/75
ISRAEL	BULGARIA	19-11	55/38
MEXICO	GREECE	16-14	41/37
LATVIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	8-22	12/42
FINLAND	YUGOSLAVIA	8-22	31/61
MAURITIUS	JORDAN	25-5	65/23
HUNGARY	USA	20-10	35/15
INDIA	CYPRUS	25-0	89/13
NETHERLANDS	EGYPT	20-10	40/19
NORWAY	ITALY	19-11	35/19
SWITZERLAND	PORTUGAL	20-10	47/26
FRENCH POLYNES.	ICELAND	4-25	6/54
GUADELOUPE	SLOVENIA	20-10	57/34
GREAT BRITAIN	TURKEY	16-14	29/26
ESTONIA	TUNISIA	21-9	61/35
RUSSIA	MONACO	12-18	45/59
AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	11-19	17/35
VENEZUELA	THAILAND	25-5	51/8

## Round 28

PAKISTAN	CROATIA	18-12	52/40
CANADA	PALESTINE	25-0	105/32
SAN MARINO	MALAYSIA	24-6	70/32
BANGLADESH	GERMANY	10-20	37/60
PHILIPPINES	LUXEMBOURG	21-9	69/44
ARGENTINA	CZECH REPUBLIC	18-12	40/26
BERMUDA	SINGAPORE	23-7	52/18
POLAND	SWEDEN	12-18	27/41
NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	16-14	47/42
BELGIUM	ROMANIA	22-8	64/33
FRANCE	SOUTH AFRICA	24-6	62/25
UKRAINE	CHINA	7-23	32/66
COLOMBIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	21-9	51/27
LEBANON	JAPAN	4-25	20/71
INDONESIA	SPAIN	14-16	35/40
AUSTRIA	IRELAND	12-18	49/62
LITHUANIA	MOROCCO	6-24	10/49
CHILE	Bye	18	

MONACO	GREECE	9-21	20/47
SLOVENIA	SWITZERLAND	7-23	28/62
TURKEY	NORWAY	12-18	32/46
ESTONIA	KENYA	16-14	53/49
INDIA	RUSSIA	5-25	13/58
BRAZIL	HUNGARY	16-14	35/32
THAILAND	MAURITIUS	17-13	52/43
FINLAND	VENEZUELA	13-17	33/44
CHINESE TAIPEI	AUSTRALIA	15-15	41/40
EGYPT	FRENCH POLYNES.	12-18	41/56
TUNISIA	ISRAEL	16-14	29/22
NETHERLANDS	GREAT BRITAIN	16-14	47/41
BULGARIA	GUADELOUPE	7-23	22/58
ICELAND	MEXICO	16-14	44/38
PORTUGAL	LATVIA	14-16	33/40
ITALY	YUGOSLAVIA	24-6	67/29
JORDAN	HONG KONG	12-18	33/47
CYPRUS	USA	4-25	10/62

# Results

## Round 17

NEW ZEALAND	GREAT BRITAIN	14-16	44/47
SAN MARINO	MONACO	11-19	43/64
SPAIN	SOUTH AFRICA	16-14	40/32
MEXICO	VENEZUELA	11-19	62/80
HUNGARY	MOROCCO	24-6	63/18
CHINA	DENMARK	18-12	32/17
HONG KONG	GREECE	11-19	36/55
BRAZIL	INDONESIA	5-25	29/82
RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	6-24	27/73
PHILIPPINES	SWEDEN	5-25	21/71
PAKISTAN	GERMANY	4-25	8/64

ITALY	AUSTRALIA	19-11	55/38
JORDAN	FRANCE	21-9	76/49
COLOMBIA	CANADA	4-25	32/89
JAMAICA	THAILAND	15-15	37/35
ARGENTINA	POLAND	8-22	21/54
ISRAEL	FINLAND	19-11	58/37
TURKEY	CROATIA	6-24	41/84
INDIA	AUSTRIA	19-11	44/24
CHINESE TAIPEI	MALAYSIA	19-11	69/52
JAPAN	USA	4-25	26/82
BELGIUM	Bye	18	

## Round 18

MOROCCO	HONG KONG	20-10	54/30
GREAT BRITAIN	MEXICO	12-18	26/39
PHILIPPINES	NEW ZEALAND	17-13	48/38
DENMARK	BRAZIL	17-13	41/31
RUSSIA	SOUTH AFRICA	15-15	48/46
MONACO	PAKISTAN	19-11	48/30
INDONESIA	CHINA	11-19	25/42
SWEDEN	GERMANY	9-21	20/47
GREECE	HUNGARY	13-17	46/58
VENEZUELA	SAN MARINO	16-14	42/39
NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	15-15	18/17

AUSTRALIA	JAMAICA	20-10	47/21
CHINESE TAIPEI	ITALY	21-9	45/14
POLAND	TURKEY	12-18	32/46
INDIA	CANADA	14-16	54/57
FRANCE	JAPAN	12-18	24/37
CROATIA	ARGENTINA	19-11	52/31
MALAYSIA	USA	7-23	17/54
FINLAND	BELGIUM	14-16	18/26
THAILAND	JORDAN	14-16	31/37
AUSTRIA	COLOMBIA	21-9	60/30
ISRAEL	Bye	18	

# LADIES 18 LADIES

A		B	
1	CHINA 356	1	USA 350
2	GERMANY 347	2	CANADA 346
3	NETHERLANDS 335	3	ISRAEL 345
4	SOUTH AFRICA 314	4	AUSTRIA 341
5	DENMARK 306	5	POLAND 313
6	SWEDEN 305	6	ITALY 304
7	GREAT BRITAIN 302	7	FRANCE 295
8	SPAIN 297	8	INDIA 293
9	MEXICO 289	9	BELGIUM 278
10	BRAZIL 285	10	AUSTRALIA 261
11	NEW ZEALAND 284	11	FINLAND 259
12	HUNGARY 277	12	ARGENTINA 255
13	GREECE 262	13	CHINESE TAIPEI 254
14	RUSSIA 254	14	THAILAND 238
15	SAN MARINO 246	15	JAPAN 235
16	INDONESIA 240	16	CROATIA 235
17	MONACO 234	17	TURKEY 229
18	MOROCCO 219	18	JORDAN 219
19	HONG KONG 203	19	COLOMBIA 217
20	VENEZUELA 200	20	MALAYSIA 208
21	PHILIPPINES 173	21	JAMAICA 180
22	PAKISTAN 156		



## TODAY'S VUGRAPH MATCHES

**11.00 hrs (Open Series)**  
*Chinese Taipei v Brazil*

**14.00 hrs (Open Series)**  
*Japan v Spain*

**17.00 hrs (Open Series)**  
*Norway v Iceland*

*Evening match  
to be decided*



**O P E N****Round - 29 11.00**

CROATIA	1	BERMUDA
LITHUANIA	2	INDONESIA
MOROCCO	3	LEBANON
AUSTRIA	4	COLOMBIA
SPAIN	5	CHINA
SOUTH AFRICA	6	JAPAN
PAKISTAN	7	UKRAINE
DENMARK	8	FRANCE
CHILE	9	SWEDEN
IRELAND	10	BELGIUM
NEWZEALAND	11	ARGENTINA
LUXEMBOURG	12	POLAND
SINGAPORE	13	BANGLADESH
CZECH REPUBLIC	14	SAN MARINO
CANADA	15	PHILIPPINES
GERMANY	16	ROMANIA
MALAYSIA	17	PALESTINE
LIECHTENSTEIN	18	Bye

GREECE	19	THAILAND
CYPRUS	20	ITALY
USA	21	PORTUGAL
JORDAN	22	ICELAND
YUGOSLAVIA	23	GUADELOUPE
GREAT BRITAIN	24	LATVIA
MEXICO	25	TUNISIA
MONACO	26	BULGARIA
AUSTRALIA	27	NETHERLANDS
ISRAEL	28	VENEZUELA
HONG KONG	29	EGYPT
CHINESE TAIPEI	30	BRAZIL
RUSSIA	31	FINLAND
MAURITIUS	32	ESTONIA
HUNGARY	33	TURKEY
SLOVENIA	34	INDIA
KENYA	35	FRENCH POLYNES.
NORWAY	36	SWITZERLAND

**Round - 31 17.00**

ROMANIA	1	SOUTH AFRICA
FRANCE	2	LIECHTENSTEIN
CHILE	3	JAPAN
SPAIN	4	CROATIA
AUSTRIA	5	NEW ZEALAND
MOROCCO	6	POLAND
SINGAPORE	7	LITHUANIA
CZECH REPUBLIC	8	IRELAND
PHILIPPINES	9	INDONESIA
LEBANON	10	GERMANY
MALAYSIA	11	COLOMBIA
PALESTINE	12	CHINA
BELGIUM	13	UKRAINE
PAKISTAN	14	SAN MARINO
BANGLADESH	15	DENMARK
LUXEMBOURG	16	SWEDEN
BERMUDA	17	ARGENTINA
CANADA	18	Bye

FRENCH POLYNES.	19	GREAT BRITAIN
NETHERLANDS	20	MEXICO
ISRAEL	21	LATVIA
YUGOSLAVIA	22	GREECE
JORDAN	23	CHINESE TAIPEI
USA	24	FINLAND
MAURITIUS	25	CYPRUS
HUNGARY	26	HONG KONG
INDIA	27	ITALY
PORTUGAL	28	KENYA
NORWAY	29	ICELAND
SWITZERLAND	30	GUADELOUPE
EGYPT	31	BULGARIA
SLOVENIA	32	TUNISIA
MONACO	33	TURKEY
ESTONIA	34	AUSTRALIA
RUSSIA	35	VENEZUELA
THAILAND	36	BRAZIL

**Round - 30 14.00**

LEBANON	1	NEW ZEALAND
SAN MARINO	2	LUXEMBOURG
ARGENTINA	3	CANADA
ROMANIA	4	BERMUDA
SWEDEN	5	PALESTINE
DENMARK	6	MALAYSIA
GERMANY	7	PAKISTAN
SOUTH AFRICA	8	CZECH REPUBLIC
CHINA	9	SINGAPORE
COLOMBIA	10	POLAND
BELGIUM	11	BANGLADESH
INDONESIA	12	CROATIA
IRELAND	13	CHILE
FRANCE	14	LITHUANIA
UKRAINE	15	MOROCCO
LIECHTENSTEIN	16	AUSTRIA
JAPAN	17	SPAIN
PHILIPPINES	18	Bye

PORTUGAL	19	CHINESE TAIPEI
TURKEY	20	RUSSIA
BRAZIL	21	SLOVENIA
FRENCH POLYNES.	22	THAILAND
VENEZUELA	23	SWITZERLAND
AUSTRALIA	24	NORWAY
KENYA	25	MONACO
TUNISIA	26	INDIA
GREAT BRITAIN	27	HUNGARY
GUADELOUPE	28	MAURITIUS
ICELAND	29	FINLAND
EGYPT	30	ESTONIA
ITALY	31	GREECE
HONG KONG	32	ISRAEL
NETHERLANDS	33	CYPRUS
BULGARIA	34	USA
MEXICO	35	JORDAN
LATVIA	36	YUGOSLAVIA

**Round - 32 21.30**

PAKISTAN	1	ROMANIA
JAPAN	2	UKRAINE
SPAIN	3	FRANCE
CHILE	4	AUSTRIA
CROATIA	5	MOROCCO
LITHUANIA	6	NEW ZEALAND
POLAND	7	IRELAND
INDONESIA	8	SINGAPORE
CZECH REPUBLIC	9	LEBANON
COLOMBIA	10	PHILIPPINES
CHINA	11	GERMANY
SOUTH AFRICA	12	MALAYSIA
LIECHTENSTEIN	13	BELGIUM
DENMARK	14	CANADA
SWEDEN	15	SAN MARINO
BERMUDA	16	BANGLADESH
ARGENTINA	17	LUXEMBOURG
PALESTINE	18	Bye

MONACO	19	FRENCH POLYNES.
LATVIA	20	BULGARIA
YUGOSLAVIA	21	NETHERLANDS
ISRAEL	22	JORDAN
GREECE	23	USA
CYPRUS	24	CHINESE TAIPEI
FINLAND	25	HONG KONG
ITALY	26	MAURITIUS
HUNGARY	27	PORTUGAL
ICELAND	28	INDIA
GUADELOUPE	29	KENYA
GREAT BRITAIN	30	NORWAY
TUNISIA	31	SWITZERLAND
MEXICO	32	EGYPT
AUSTRALIA	33	SLOVENIA
VENEZUELA	34	TURKEY
THAILAND	35	ESTONIA
BRAZIL	36	RUSSIA

**LADIES****Round - 19 11.30**

SAN MARINO	51	SPAIN
PAKISTAN	52	DENMARK
VENEZUELA	53	MONACO
INDONESIA	54	SWEDEN
GREECE	55	NEW ZEALAND
MEXICO	56	NETHERLANDS
SOUTH AFRICA	57	MOROCCO
CHINA	58	GERMANY
HONG KONG	59	RUSSIA
BRAZIL	60	GREAT BRITAIN
HUNGARY	61	PHILIPPINES

JORDAN	62	COLOMBIA
JAPAN	63	POLAND
THAILAND	64	FRANCE
CROATIA	65	MALAYSIA
FINLAND	66	ITALY
JAMAICA	67	AUSTRIA
ARGENTINA	68	USA
ISRAEL	69	INDIA
TURKEY	70	AUSTRALIA
BELGIUM	71	CHINESE TAIPEI
CANADA	72	Bye

**Round - 20 15.30**

MOROCCO	51	GREECE
NETHERLANDS	52	INDONESIA
BRAZIL	53	MEXICO
GERMANY	54	SAN MARINO
HONGKONG	55	MONACO
DENMARK	56	HUNGARY
NEWZEALAND	57	SOUTH AFRICA
GREAT BRITAIN	58	PHILIPPINES
SPAIN	59	CHINA
SWEDEN	60	PAKISTAN
RUSSIA	61	VENEZUELA

AUSTRIA	62	CROATIA
TURKEY	63	JAMAICA
USA	64	JORDAN
ISRAEL	65	FRANCE
POLAND	66	BELGIUM
ITALY	67	CANADA
AUSTRALIA	68	CHINESE TAIPEI
COLOMBIA	69	ARGENTINA
MALAYSIA	70	JAPAN
INDIA	71	THAILAND
FINLAND	72	Bye

**Round - 21 20.30**

SAN MARINO	51	NETHERLANDS
HUNGARY	52	GERMANY
SWEDEN	53	DENMARK
SPAIN	54	GREAT BRITAIN
MOROCCO	55	MEXICO
INDONESIA	56	RUSSIA
MONACO	57	NEW ZEALAND
PAKISTAN	58	VENEZUELA
SOUTHAFRICA	59	HONG KONG
PHILIPPINES	60	CHINA
GREECE	61	BRAZIL

JORDAN	62	AUSTRIA
BELGIUM	63	USA
MALAYSIA	64	POLAND
COLOMBIA	65	AUSTRALIA
CROATIA	66	INDIA
FRANCE	67	ITALY
JAPAN	68	THAILAND
CANADA	69	ISRAEL
CHINESE TAIPEI	70	ARGENTINA
FINLAND	71	TURKEY
JAMAICA	72	Bye

# APPEALS

## CASES THIRTEEN-FOURTEEN-FIFTEEN

By Rich Colker & Tommy Sandmark

### 13 Women's Teams. Round 7. Board 7.

**The Committee:** Steen Moeller, Denmark (chairman); Bill Penchartz, Great Britain; John Wignall, New Zealand; Naki Bruni, Italy; Mazhar Jafri, Pakistan; Ernesto d'Orsi, Brazil, and Tommy Sandmark, Norway (Scribe).

Love All. Dealer South

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♦	1♥	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
INT	2♥	3NT	Dble <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Sputnik

<sup>(2)</sup> Explained by South to West: "I suppose it is natural - it has not been discussed" Explained by North to East: "I suppose it is lead-directing, asking for a black suit lead"

Table result: 4 NT by West down 2 = +100 North/South.

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table after the play. The defense against 4NT was a spade led to the king and a club switch to the queen, king and ace. The continuation was another club to the jack. The declarer misguessed the spade position and went two down. East/West complained about the different explanations.

**TD's ruling:** The score stands. East/West appealed.

**The parties involved:** Juanita Chambers, East, and Lynn Deas, West, of the United States believe that the Israeli South did not inform West properly as to the meaning of the double succeeding 3NT, and this caused damage both in the bidding and in the play. They did, however, not appeal the case in order to rectify the score, but only to ask the Committee to punish their opponents.

**The Committee:** The Committee had the understanding that this case was merely a quarrel that started at the table, and which the appellants wanted to continue. The committee further found absolutely no reason for this appeal whatsoever, as the questions asked by East and West were not the same. One of them had asked (on paper): "What does the double mean?" The other one: "x asks what lead?" East/West thus could not expect to receive the same answer to two different questions. Since "natural" may mean different things in different countries, West should have made some effort to clarify.

**The final result:** The Committee upheld TD's decision: The table result stands. The Committee feel that appeals of this kind are only damaging to the game of bridge. The Appeals Committee is certainly no place to continue an ongoing quarrel. TD was instructed to inform E/W not to bring any more appeals of this kind to the committee. The deposit was forfeited.

### 14 Open Teams. Round 15. Board 12.

**The Committee:** Edgar Kaplan, USA (chairman); Bobby Wolff, USA; Richard Colker, USA; Naki Bruni, Italy; Nissan Rand, Israel; Grattan Endicott, Great Britain, and Tommy Sandmark, Norway (Scribe).

North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Either 5♥ + 4♣ or 5♠ + 4♦, 5-9 HCP

<sup>(2)</sup> Alerted as "Force" from South to West. Not Alerted by North

Table result: 4♥ x by North +1 = +990 North/South.

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table at the end of the hand. East claimed that he was damaged by North's failure to Alert.

**TD's ruling:** TD ruled that the bad score was not obtained as a result of the infraction. The score therefore stands. East/West appealed.

**The parties involved:** East claimed that he had to believe that, since 3♦ was not Alerted on his side of the screen, it would have to be natural. This led him to believe that his partner held five hearts and four clubs. He therefore doubled 4♥, which he believed to be a step on the way to 4♠, in which case he would like his partner to lead a heart. North just plainly forgot to Alert his own bid, thinking that what was obvious to him would also be obvious to his partner and opponents.

**The Committee:** The Committee was split on this issue. The minority of two felt that there had been an infraction (the failure to Alert by North) and that East had been damaged. He could not ask about the meaning of the 3♦ bid without revealing an interest for the suit, and had thus been led into "tunnel thinking". Once you have been led astray like this, it is hard to dive out of it again, even though you can smell that there is something wrong with the bidding. The minority therefore wanted to give the non-offending side the benefit of any doubt and remove the double.

The majority were of another opinion. First, they felt that East should have asked about the bidding before he doubled because something did not quite add up. Second, they believed that the double itself was not a proof of good judgement. Third, though they realized that East was a victim of North's infraction, they took the view that experienced players from great bridge nations playing sophisticated systems and conventions would know that their multi-suit bids would cause problems for their opponents from time to time. So, when facing less experienced opponents they should feel a special ethical responsibility to ensure that the opponents are not disadvantaged. They should also take extra care not to end up in a situation like this. It was the opinion of the majority that East had done nothing to protect himself, and consequently he shared the blame for what happened.

**The final result:** The Committee upheld TD's decision: The table result stands. The Committee, however, awarded North/South IVP procedural penalty for North's failure to Alert. The deposit was returned.

### 15 Olympiad Open Teams. Round Ten. Tunisia v Brazil

Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

		<p><b>Belyfa</b></p> <p>♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ A Q J ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ 8 4</p>						
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N	E							
W	S							
<p><b>Branco</b></p> <p>♠ 9 2 ♥ K 10 9 7 2 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A K J 3</p>			<p><b>Vilas</b></p> <p>♠ A Q 10 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ J 9 6 4 ♣ 7 6 2</p>					
		<p><b>Hassine</b></p> <p>♠ K J 8 5 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ Q 10 9 5</p>						
West	North	East	South					
	INT	Pass	Pass					
2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass					
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble <sup>(3)</sup>					
All Pass								

<sup>(1)</sup> Correctly Alerted; hearts and another suit

<sup>(2)</sup> Alerted; pass or correct

<sup>(3)</sup> Alerted by North (not South) as showing cards (not strictly for penalty)

**Facts:** 2♥ doubled by West went down three, minus 800 for E/W. West called the Director at the end of the hand and stated that, having not been Alerted by South that his double of 2♥ was not for penalty, he (West) had misjudged the positions of the cards in the N/S hands when he could have played differently to go down only one. North had led the ♦A followed by the ♦K, and then shifted at trick three to the ♠7, ♠Q, ♠K, spade. Thinking that the hearts (at least honor-third) were on his right, and having seen South show up with the ♠K, South had no room to also hold the ♠Q. So when South then exited with the ♠10 (could be from 10-9 or from a higher honor) declarer went up with the ace. Declarer then played a spade to dummy's ace and a heart to his 10 (in case South had the ♥QJx). When North won the jack and exited a third spade, declarer ruffed and played North for ♥AJ exactly by leading a low heart from his hand, with the result of down three. The Director determined that South's double was played as takeout (or cards, but not as penalty) by N/S and should properly have been Alerted by South, North's pass clearly showing heart values. The Directors ruled that the mis-information from South's failure to Alert could have damaged West by influencing his play of the hand, and therefore adjusted the score for both pairs to 2♥ doubled by West down one, minus 200 for E/W.

**The Appeal:** N/S appealed, admitting that South had clearly forgotten to Alert his balancing double which was not for penalty. However, N/S believed that West, having seen the ♠K in the South hand at trick three and later placing the ♥AJ in the North hand, should have known that South's double was not strictly for penalty, and therefore should have inquired as to the double's meaning. They therefore contended that the damage was not due to South's failure to Alert, but rather to West's own failure to take proper precautions to protect himself. West restated his reasoning in playing the hand the way he did, and stated that he would have played the club suit differently had he been given more accurate information.

**The Committee's Decision:** The committee believed unanimously that declarer should have suspected the intended meaning of South's double and made additional inquiries about the call. Also, while his line of play was quite reasonable, there were other lines which could have catered to more possibilities and yielded better results than the actual one at the table. The committee therefore adjusted the result for both pairs to the one which occurred at the table, 2♥ doubled down three, minus 800 for E/W. The committee also assessed a 3-IMP procedural penalty against N/S (not to accrue to E/W) for their failure to Alert properly on both sides of the screen.

**Committee:** Richard Colker, chairman; Edgar Kaplan, USA; Steen Moeller, Denmark; John Wignall, New Zealand; Mazhar Jafri, Pakistan; and Ron Andersen, USA.

## Special Appeals Committee report

This appeal has caused quite a bit of discussion here. Here is the full report from the Committee, including special comments from Committee Chairman Bobby Wolff.

### Argentina vs. Indonesia. Open Teams. Round 18.

**The Committee:** Bobby Wolff, USA (chairman); Dan Morse, USA; Virgil Anderson, USA; Barbara Nudelman, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Ernesto d'Orsi, Brazil; Richard Colker, USA; Naki Bruni, Italy; Steen Moeller, Denmark; Grattan Endicott, Great Britain, and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

	<b>G. Mooney</b>		
	♠ A Q 6		
	♥ A Q 10 8 6 5 2		
	♦ 10 4		
<b>Monoppo</b>	♣ 8	<b>Lasut</b>	
♠ 9 8 5 2	♠ 7 4	♥ J 7	
♥ 9 4	♥ J 7	♦ Q 8 7 5 2	
♦ J 9 6 3	♣ A J 10 4	♣ A J 10 4	
♣ 9 3 2			
	<b>M. Monsegur</b>		
	♠ K J 10 3		
	♥ K 3		
	♦ A K		
	♣ K Q 7 6 5		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
		Pass	♠ J ♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
1♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	2♥	3♣ <sup>(3)</sup>	Dble
3♦ <sup>(4)</sup>	4♥	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Strong

<sup>(2)</sup> Alerted and explained by West to South: "Spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs". Alerted. Explained by East to South: "Two suits of the same color (spades and clubs or hearts and diamond)"

<sup>(3)</sup> Pass or correct

<sup>(4)</sup> West confirming to South: "spades and diamonds". East confirming to North: "hearts and diamonds"

Table result: 13 tricks = 510 North/South.

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table at the end of the play. All the facts of the bidding were confirmed by everybody. According to their partnership agreements, East's explanations to North were found to be correct. West's explanations to South were wrong, but he had indicated his real holding: spades and diamonds. North complained that if he and his partner had both been given the correct information, they could have reached the slam.

**D's ruling:** The result stands. North/South appealed.

**The parties involved:** West claimed that he thought he had bid 1♦ and not 1♥, and thus the explanation he gave to South was in accordance with the 1♦ bid. He had not seen the wrong bid at all during or at the conclusion of the auction, and consequently, he had not altered his explanation.

North admitted that he had made no slam try due to the fact that he thought that he was bidding a heart contract opposite partner's void. 4♥ was a signoff, while 3♥ would have been slam inviting, as 2♥ is a game force.

**The Committee:** The Committee determined that East had given North the right explanation. Thus the action taken by North could not be altered, as the Laws state that you may bid wrongly, but not explain wrongly. South, on the other hand, had the wrong explanation. In a split decision the Committee voted that North/South would enjoy the full benefit of any doubt, and gave them the full slam (1010 North/South).

As to West's explanation, the Committee found it self-serving, and it was hard for the Committee to imagine that West had not at all been able to see that his bid was other than what he had intended. The Committee was of the opinion that West, at the time he made the bid, could have been aware of the fact that this bid could damage his opponents and be to his advantage. It is a fact that East, who could have jumped to 4♣ or even 5♣, didn't do so. This kind of partnership understanding may make this type of destructive defense one that is without risk for West who can enter the auction on practically nothing. Such bids are damaging not only to the other side in this case, but also to bridge in general. Furthermore, there was not one single HCP reference on E/W's convention card which could denote

that the bid of 1♥ could be made on such a balanced distribution and no high cards. The Committee therefore regarded the 1♥ bid as a psychic bid, and did not at all take it kindly that the psychic was magnified through incorrect explanation.

**The final result:** The Committee decided to change the score to 6♥ making 13 tricks = 1010 North/South. East/West were furthermore given a procedural penalty of 4VP for their lack of full disclosure, the misleading description on the convention card and the failure to explain a psychic bid correctly.

The deposit was returned.

**The Committee Chairman's comment:** Our Committee realizes that the procedural penalty of 4VPs is a substantial one and could be looked upon as harsh. We based our decision on the particular offenses committed.

Pairs are allowed to play "destructive" defensive conventions. In return for their privilege, we MUST and do require the following Special Ethical Responsibilities:

1. NEVER allow "careless" misbidding which, if intentional, usually results in the favor of the misbidders.
2. NEVER allow incorrect explanations on either side of the table.
3. NEVER allow less than full disclosure at the table concerning the details of the convention or the tendencies of the players.
4. NEVER allow less than comprehensive disclosure on the convention card.

If ever ANY ONE of these requirements is not fulfilled, the opponents (particularly naive or inexperienced opponents) are at too much of a disadvantage. Here, all four of these caveats were violated.

Remember, we on the Appeals Committee, particularly in anything but a straight knockout event, represent the whole field, not just the opponents. Allowing a team to psychologically intimidate another is unfair to all teams in particular and to bridge in general.

Our responsibility is to have a level playing field so that all our teams have an equal chance for the result to be decided by bidding, play and defense, which are the cornerstones of our game.

## Lights, Please

By P.O. Sundelin

The power failure the other night reminded me of an incident at the European Championships at Ostend, Belgium in 1965.

The setting was the Grand Casino Ballroom. Spectators were allowed at the tables. Screens were unknown. The Belgian organizers had provided a recorder at each table – mostly nice little old ladies – who made notes not only of the bids but also of the play.

Switzerland against Italy: Seated around the table were Jean Besse and Pietro Bernasconi (the world's Giant problem maker who is here at Rhodes), and Giorgio Belladonna playing with Mondolfo.

The bidding just ended with four hearts, all pass, when the lights went out.

Complete darkness, a moment's silence, then West said: "I lead the spade ten".

"OK" said declarer, "what's your hand, partner?"

Dummy rattled off his cards, then play proceeded with the players naming the cards to each trick, ignoring the protests from the otherwise so friendly scorer: "Please, you can't do that, you can't do that!"

Yes, the contract was made.

## The Irish Linguist

By Rory Timlin

It is unusual that there is no Irish Women's Team in Rhodes. Irish ladies are often good for a bit of a laugh in addition to their undoubted prowess at the bridge table.

A few years ago, an Irish lady was making her international debut in France, so she decided to brush up on her French beforehand. One day at the event, she walked up to somebody in the street and said slowly and carefully: 'Ou – Est – Le – Bureau – De – Poste?' When there was no reply, she repeated the question. Again there was no response. By the third time she asked, a small crowd had gathered to watch developments. Eventually, at the fourth attempt, she realized that she was talking to a mannequin.

## Found

A bracelet was found outside the Rodos Palace. If you have lost one, come by the Daily News office and describe it. If your description fits, it's yours.

## Australian Summer Festival

January 1997

The Australian National Open Teams Champions, the centerpiece of the Summer Festival of Bridge, is Australia's premier team event. The "NOT" attracts at least 270 teams with a large international contingent and competitors from all over Australia.

The qualifying rounds are a 14-round Swiss event. The 12 finalist then proceed to a knockout competition over a further three days. There are a number of associated events, including Youth Pairs and Teams, Women's Teams, Senior Teams, Men's Pairs and Open Pairs. Mixed Teams concludes the tournament.

Don't forget – it's summer in Australia in January. The tournament will take place January 11-27 in Canberra.

For further information contact Margaret Bourke, c/o Australian Women's Teams (email timbourk@spirit.com.au) or from the Australian Bridge Federation.

## The Queen of Hearts

By Isabel Criado del Rey

This was Board 32 from Round 14 of the Spain-Monaco match in the Women's Teams.

Board 32. East/West Game. Dealer West.

<p>♠ A K J 3 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ A J 5 3</p> <p>♠ 10 4 2 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ K Q 10 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ 9 8 5 ♥ 6 4 3 2 ♦ 10 9 5 4 ♣ 7 4</p> <p>♠ Q 7 6 ♥ K J 7 ♦ A Q 8 2 ♣ 9 8 6</p>	
N	E						
W	S						
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>				
Vivaldi	Criado del Rey	Galtier	Urruticoechea				
Pass	1♣	Pass	3NT				
Pass	6NT	All Pass					

West led the ♣Q, and Begona Urruticoechea won with the ace. She cashed three top spades, ending in her hand to lead the ♠9. Jacqueline Vivaldi took the king and returned a small diamond. Begona won the king and played the ♦A and ♦Q, discarding a heart. Next came a club to the jack. When she then played the ♠J, West was squeezed in clubs and hearts. 6NT bid and made – 14 IMPs to Spain.

## Responsibility

By Ioan Bob

The Bridge World used to include an excellent feature called You Be The Judge. The idea was to apportion the blame between two partners who were usually famous players in top-level competition.

Board 23 from Round 20 of the Open Series makes a perfect case for such a column. It would be interesting for Daily News readers to apportion the percentage of the blame for each member of the partnership who misdefended this 4♣ contract.

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

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

North/South play a four-card major style. INT was explained as good but limited spade support. 2NT was a relay, asking for extra features. Presumably, West liked the sound of 3♦.

North chose the natural lead of the ♣K and South played the ♠8. This could be from a worthless doubleton, any four-card holding, or A J 8. Not sure what to do, North continued clubs. Curtains!

*Inferences available to North are:*

- (a) South does not have five hearts or he would have bid over INT;  
 (b) He has only 12-14 HCP, a flattish hand with possibly scattered values.

*For South:*

- (a) North has at most three hearts;  
 (b) His double promised 7+ HCP.

North/South play forcing free bids after intervention.

The necessary diamond switch was rarely found around the room. But is it really that difficult? Should North find the switch, given the information at his disposal, or should South overtake the club and switch to a diamond himself?

What do you think?

## Stepping Stone

By Elena Maitova

Russia v Monaco  
Round 10 Ladies Series.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Holding good spades over the opening bid, North decided to lead her bare queen of trumps. Tanya Ponomareva of Russia won with the king and immediately led a diamond, South winning and returning the ♥6. The best defense would have been to return a diamond, getting rid of the entry to dummy's clubs, but South was willing to sacrifice her trump trick by leading the suit. Tanya put up the ace in case the opening lead was from ♥Q 10 and led a club to the king and ace. She continued with the ♣Q and ruffed a club to establish the suit. Ace and a spade ruff put her on the table.

South was known to have four hearts, three clubs, two or three spades and the rest diamonds. Tanya led a club and South had to ruff. However, Tanya overruffed and exited with her last trump, endplaying South. Had South held the ♠K she could have cashed it before leading a diamond to dummy, but as it was she had to concede the rest and Tanya had 11 tricks; +450.

At the other table, the contract was the same, but Natalya Karetnikova led a diamond. Svetlana Zenkevitch won the ace and returned a diamond, breaking up the 'stepping stone' position. Declarer misguessed by discarding a club and playing a spade to the 10 and king. Natalya now found the best defense of leading the ♠K, breaking the communications and leaving declarer helpless. She tried to cash ♣Q but Natalya ruffed. Later the defense got another trump trick for one off.

The interesting and winning line of play at table one is to let the ♥Q hold the first trick. After winning the heart continuation, declarer must lead a club and let the ♠K hold also! Two bare honors win tricks but afterwards declarer is home or, as we say in Russia, feels as if she's "in the warm place."

## With A Little Help From My Friends

Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

Remember this unlucky slam board from Round 12 of the Women's event? We finally found someone who made 6NT, admittedly with a little help from her friends in the East/West seats. That somebody was Beryl Kerr, making her debut for Great Britain at these championships.

Beryl won the heart lead in dummy and cashed a top spade, getting the bad news. But West, for no obvious reason, chose to pitch a low club. Beryl led a club at trick three and, when East played low – after all, it wasn't obvious at this stage just what declarer had in the minor suits – put in the 9. West ducked, so Beryl crossed to dummy's other heart to lead a second club to the king. This lost to the ace but West didn't have another club to lead. So Beryl won the heart return and cashed all her red tricks. East was squeezed in the black suits and that was that, 6NT bid and made!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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## BOLS – IBPA Lunch



IBPA members who have not yet collected their invitation to the BOLS-IBPA lunch are requested to do so as soon as possible because it is necessary to know how many persons will be attending. You may sign up for the lunch with Evelyn Senn in the Press Room.

The lunch will take place

**Tuesday, October 29**

at noon in the La Terrasse restaurant in Rodos Palace

# Norway v Greece

Open Series (Round 24)

By Barry Rigal

On what was one of the quietest sets of hands of the tournament, there was nothing in the way of serious swings at all. What there was partscores – two or three showing interesting points in the play of defense.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Both tables opened a 15-17 notrump and were transferred to spades. Boye Brogeland in the Closed Room reopened with 3♣ in the South seat and bought a beautiful dummy for plus 130. George Chnaris passed, and after the ♦10 lead to the king and ace did not find the killing continuation – these defenses are always more difficult with the shortage visible. That was 6 IMPs to Norway.

Greece picked up a couple of small swings to regain the lead. Then Geir Helgemo guessed a partscore better than his counterpart.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

## Not so expensive

By Sam Leckie, Scotland

In the Press Room the other day, Patrick Jourdain inadvertently backed into a fellow journalist who was drinking a cup of coffee while standing near his personal computer. The coffee spilled onto the computer which came to an abrupt stop, and a small explosion followed.

Realizing what he had done, Patrick apologized profusely and added, "I must replace it."

The journalist said, "No, no. It is much too expensive."

"I meant the coffee," said Patrick.

## Thanks from Hungary

The players of the Hungarian team wish to thank the travel agency Forgos Travel. This company helped us to take part in the Olympiad here in Rhodes.



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Anna Kaliakmani, Greece

Both tables drove volunarily to 3♠, and both defenses found the good trump lead. In each auction North had raised clubs, so some values were known to be to declarer's left. Helgemo won the second trump, drew a third round and cleared the diamonds. Lucas Zotos won the third round and played back a low club. Helgemo decided this defense meant North had the club honors, so he put in the queen, discarded a club on the 13th diamond and guessed the hearts correctly.

Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

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

The last board on vugraph saw Chnaris in a precarious 3♥ contract after Helgemo had doubled a 1♥ opening. Chnaris was fortunate to get a spade lead, and he unblocked the spades. It is best is to take an immediate heart finesse – but that rates two down. He actually played a heart to the ace, cashed the ♠Q and played a fourth spade, pitching a diamond from hand. Tor Helness missed the club switch, which beats declarer by force. Instead he played his diamonds. Chnaris ruffed and ran the ♥J. The winning line now is to lead a low club from hand, since you can take then ruff further diamonds in hand. When Chnaris drew the last trump he forced himself, so he never got his club trick and went down one.

The Greeks in the Closed Room could have save the hand. Brogeland reached INT as South and West led a diamond and did not overtake the second diamond, following with his lowest spot. But Brogeland concealed the ♦2 and East misread the position and switched to a spade instead. Now declarer could run seven tricks in the majors with the aid of the heart finesse.

With one board to go Norway had a small lead and a good position in the Closed Room where Helness made 4♥ with the East hand on a diamond lead.

Board 32. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

But at the other table Anna Kaliakmani opened 2♥, which showed either the blacks or the reds. This was passed around to Brogeland who reopened with a double. Kaliakmani redoubled for rescue – but Maria Vlachaki knew where she wanted to play. The contract made only 840, but that turned the match into a 16-14 win for Greece.

## Get your 1995 World Championship Book now!

The 1995 World Championship Books, with complete reports on both the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup that were played in China, are nearly sold out. Britt Jannersten, who is handling the book store here, expects that the last of them will be sold today. The price is 7560 drachmas or the equivalent in other currencies.

The extensive analyses, which include every hand from the Bermuda Bowl final, were authored by Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. Daily News Editor Henry Francis was the editor-in-chief.

## Family connection

By Patrick Jourdain

It may be the first time that three members of the same family have represented their country (Hackett pere et deux fils) in an Olympiad. However, I have been reminded that in Geneva in 1990 in the Rosenblum, one of the two teams representing Martinique had FIVE members of the same family – Mr. And Mrs. Tessieres plus three sons.

The boys are still playing bridge and two of them will be representing the Central American-Caribbean Zone in the World Junior Championship in Canada next year.

I guess they will be the only Junior pair who played in another world championship seven years earlier!

# Canada v Indonesia

## Open Series (Round 26)

Indonesia went into this match very much in contention for one of the quarterfinal qualifying spots. Canada, well down in the standings, was making a last-ditch effort to gain on the leaders. But first blood went to Indonesia when the Canadians misdefended a diamond game.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North

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

  

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gitelman	Lasut	Mittelman
	2♣	Dble	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

George Mittelman led the ♥K to Henky Lasut's ace, and he immediately went after clubs, the queen losing to the ace. Gitelman returned a spade, ducked to the king, but Mittelman tried to cash the ♣K. Curtains! When the same contract went down in the Closed Room, Indonesia went ahead by 11.

But the lead didn't last long.

Board 18. North/South Game. Dealer East

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gitelman	Lasut	Mittelman
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baran	Panelewen	Molson	Watulingas
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

This is one time when who played the hand made a huge difference. Finding the killing heart lead was unlikely for North but easy for South. Since Panelewen actually led a spade in the Closed Room, giving declarer the opportunity draw two rounds of trumps and knock out the ♥A. A correct guess in diamonds gave Boris Baran his 10th trick.

But Mittelman had no trouble finding the heart lead and Gitelman gave him a ruff. Gitelman actually returned the deuce, so Mittelman shifted to a club. After a little thought declarer took the finesse, so Mittelman got another ruff. The defense still had a diamond and a trump coming for down three – 11 IMPs to Canada and the match was tied.

The next board was a trouble deal.

Board 19. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Both tables arrived in a notrump game and neither came close to making it. On the lead of the ♠9 in the Open Room, Eddy Manoppo studied the situation for a while and then took the king. Clubs looked like the best source for the game-going trick, so a club to the king lost to the ace. A second spade went to the jack, and declarer tried a second club, losing to the jack. Now North found the diamond switch, and that was the beginning of the end. Declarer won the second diamond, and his only hope for the contract was to find queen-third of hearts with North. When he took the finesse, he lost two more diamonds and a club for down three.

But the play went essentially the same way at the other table, so the result was a push. In other matches, large numbers of IMPs swung on this deal.

Canada got to a pushy game on Board 24, and then it was up to the Indonesians to find a way to beat it.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gitelman	Lasut	Mittelman
		1♦	INT
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

Indonesia stopped in 3♣ at the other table and made four. Manoppo led the ♣Q against the game, and Mittelman immediately went after diamonds, losing to the jack. Mittelman won the spade switch and ruffed a diamond. After a successful finesse to the ♥Q, he ruffed another diamond. But now he led to his trump ace, and the hand fell apart for him because of the 4-1 trump break – he had to go down one and 5 IMPs went on the Indonesian side of the ledger.

Partials aren't always that exciting, but they can prove important.

Board 27. Love All. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baran	Panelewen	Molson	Watulinga
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Baran had no trouble making his contract with an overtrick. But the bidding was more spirited at the other table.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gitelman	Lasut	Mittelman
			Pass
1♥	2♣	2NT	3♥
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Gitelman came in with an overcall on his first turn, and Mittelman showed strong support with the cuebid. Ten tricks were there, so that was 7 IMPs to Canada. Canada moved into the lead for the first time in the match on the next board.

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

In the Closed Room the auction was short and sweet – Mark Molson opened INT and was allowed to play there, making with an overtrick. This is how the bidding went at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Gitelman	Lasut	Mittelman
		INT	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Dbl !
2♥	Pass		
All Pass			

Mittleman was quite sure on the auction that Indonesia was on a 4-3 fit, so his partner was marked with five trumps – hence the double. As expected, he led his trump, won with the queen. Declarer took a losing finesse in clubs, and Mittelman sent back a club to the ace. Gitelman won the diamond switch and led another trump. All this combined to hold Lasut to just six tricks – minus 300 and 9 IMPs to Canada. The Canadians now led by 1 IMP.

Indonesia picked up 3 IMPs over the final four boards to finish 2 IMPs up – but that translates into a Victory Point 15-15 tie.



# Israel v Poland

Women's Series (Round 12)

Group B leaders, Israel, met one of the chasing pack in Round 12 and it was the Poles who started the match better.

Board 22. East/West Game. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 10 8 7 ♥ K J 4 ♦ K Q ♣ K 9 7 6 3</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ 10 8 ♦ A J 10 8 6 4 ♣ A J 10 2</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table> <p>♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ Q 7 6 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 5 4</p> <p>♠ K Q 6 4 2 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ Q 8</p>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ Q 7 6 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 5 4</p>
N	E					
W	S					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Janczewska	Birman	Harasimowicz	Popililov
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
Dble	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Daniella Birman's combination of simple overcall and jump rebid helped to get her side to a poor 3NT. After the excellent lead of ♥K then ♥J from Elisa Janczewska, that contract had no chance at all. Matilda Popililov was two down for -100.

In the Closed Room, Danuta Hocheker overcalled 3♦, shutting everybody out. Migri Tsur-Albu led a club so Hocheker could win and play a spade to establish a discard for her heart loser; +150 and 6 IMPs to Poland.

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ J ♥ A K 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 5 ♣ K Q J 6</p>	<p>♠ K 10 5 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ J 8 4 3 ♣ 5 3 2</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table> <p>♠ A 9 7 3 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A 10 9 7 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 8 6 4 2 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 8</p>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ 9 7 3 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A 10 9 7 4</p>
N	E					
W	S					

Both tables began 1♠ - Dble - 2♠ and, after two passes, West doubled again. The respective Easts, Harasimowicz and Tsur, bid only 3♣, when a jump was certainly an option, and now Porat decided to call it a day while Janczewska made a try with 3♠. Harasimow-

icz made an uncharacteristically timid bid of 4♣ now, but Janczewska obviously had a feel for her partner's mood because she went on to 5♣ anyway. Both declarers made 11 tricks so that was +150 for Israel and +600 for Poland - 10 IMPs to the latter.

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

<p>♠ A 6 4 ♥ A K 10 9 ♦ 10 5 3 ♣ 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ J 9 8 5 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ A Q 10 6</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table> <p>♠ K 10 ♥ Q J 5 4 3 ♦ K J 8 4 ♣ J 4</p>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ Q 7 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q 9 7 6 ♣ K 9 8 7</p>
N	E					
W	S					

In the Open Room, Janczewska opened the West hand with a Polish Club. That made sure that this became a partscore deal as Birman overcalled 1♠. Harasimowicz bid 1NT and Popililov just competed with 2♠. That was a good spot and duly made on the nose - +110.

In the other room, Porat did not open the West hand, but Hocheker did open 1♠ as North. Eva Miszewska responded 2♥ and Hocheker bid 2♠. Now Miszewska did not have a natural 2NT available, it was a shape enquiry. She bid it anyway, though it rated to get her side to some pretty horrible games, and Hocheker bid 3NT, ostensibly showing 5-2-3-3 or similar. With such poor spades she probably did not want to show her second suit and tempt partner to bid 4♠.

3NT was a pretty dreadful contract. After considerable thought, Porat led the ♥10 to the queen. Miszewska just laid down the ♠K and prayed for a miracle. It was not forthcoming. Porat won and switched to a club, and when the finesse lost, Tsur wasted no time in returning a heart - two down for -200.

Board 35. East/West Game. Dealer South.

<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ K J 10 9 8 3 ♣ 9 7</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 6 3 ♥ K Q 8 7 6 ♦ 2 ♣ 8 6</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table> <p>♠ A 9 5 4 2 ♥ A 9 ♦ A 6 ♣ K J 5 4</p>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ J ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ Q 7 5 4 ♣ A Q 10 3 2</p>
N	E					
W	S					

Both auctions began 1♠ - Pass - 1NT - Pass. Miszewska rebid 2♣ and Porat now overcalled 2♥. When that came back to Miszewska she doubled to show her extra values and Hocheker bid 2♠, ending the auction. In the other room Popililov rebid 3♣ - a horrible overbid - Birman bid 3♦ and Popililov closed proceedings with 3NT.

3NT was completely hopeless, especially after a low heart lead to the 10 and ace, and was eventually four down - minus 200.

2♠ was more interesting. Porat led a top heart and Miszewska won and played back her remaining heart to the queen. Porat switched to her singleton diamond to the jack and, after much thought, the queen and ace. A low spade was ducked to the queen and Miszewska took a club pitch on the heart. Now she played a club and Tsur took the ace to give her partner a diamond ruff. Porat returned the ♠K, confirming the bad break. Declarer's trump spots just were too weak. She won and played two rounds of clubs but had to lose two trumps for one down - minus 50 but 4 IMPs for Poland. Had Miszewska ducked the ♠K she would have got home if Porat switched to a club but a heart would have left her with a club and a spade to lose for the same one down - and leading hearts is pretty obvious.

Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.

<p>♠ - ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 2 ♦ 10 9 6 4 ♣ A 5 2</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 10 9 7 2 ♥ K Q ♦ 8 2 ♣ J 6</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table> <p>♠ J 8 6 3 ♥ J ♦ J 7 5 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7</p> <p>♠ 5 4 ♥ A 10 9 3 ♦ A K Q ♣ K 9 4 3</p>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ J 8 6 3 ♥ J ♦ J 7 5 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7</p>
N	E					
W	S					

Poland had a huge slice of luck on this deal. In the Open Room, Popililov opened a strong notrump and Birman bid a Texas 4♥ followed by RKCB. That got them to 6♣ the right way up.

In the other room, Miszewska also opened 1NT and Hocheker transferred with 2♥ then jumped to 4NT. She meant it as ace-asking, of course, but it was correctly taken as natural and duly passed. 95% of the time Israel would have gained 11 IMPs. This was the other 5% as the bad spade break doomed the slam while Miszewska had 11 tricks in 4NT after a heart lead.

Poland had gone off in two games which should have made in the Open Room, missing a chance of a serious win. As it was, the lucky slam board was enough to see them home by 41-32 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

## Happy birthday!

Today marks the birthdays of Barbara Nudelman of the United States, a member of the WBF Executive, and Suzy Howes, wife of WBF Counsel Bob Howes. Happy birthday, Barbara and Suzy!

## Players' buffet dinner at the Castello

All members of all teams playing in the Olympiad are entitled to an invitation to the special buffet dinner for players that will be held tomorrow at the Castello. The invitations will be distributed through the team captains.

Invitations are also available at the Records Desk for 5000 Drs. Each.

Buses will leave the hotel at 7:45 p.m.

## Jourdain's reply

Here is Patrick Jourdain's reply to Sam Leckie's article in yesterday Daily News:

Dear Sam,

Thank you for your kind letter in yesterday's Daily News. Here is my reply from the IBPA Pairs Championship:

3. Patrick Jourdain and A.N.Other (Great Britain and United States).

8. Sam Leckie and Famous Danish Journalist.

Yours,

Patrick Jourdain

P.S. A.N.Other = Alan Truscott

# Great Britain v Sweden

Women's Series (Round 13)

By Tony Gordon

This was a crucial match for both teams as Sweden had just dropped from first to fourth as a result of a heavy defeat at the hands of the Netherlands, and they were now only one place ahead of a Great Britain team that had been playing well after a poor start and were threatening to break into the top four.

Board 2. North/South Vul. Dealer East.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Swanstrom	Smith	Goethe	Davies
		Pass	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Andersson	McGowan	Karrstrand
		Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Pat Davies was tempted to pass 2♥ doubled, but she knew that that was not usually the winning approach on her hand type, so she bid a constructive 3♦ instead, and after Nicola Smith's well-judged raise to 6♦, she soon found herself claiming her laydown small slam. Lena Karrstrand did succumb in the Closed Room, but 2♥ went only three down and Great Britain had gained 13 IMPs.

Board 5. North/South Vul. Dealer North.

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

East played in INT in both rooms on the lead of the ♦Q.

In the Open Room, Eva Goethe decided to rely on clubs behaving, so she crossed to dummy's ♠A and ran the ♣J. When this lost to the ♣K, the hand collapsed and she went four down.

In the Closed Room, Liz McGowan could see that she would be in trouble if the club finesse lost. Since she did not hold the ♣10 it seemed unattractive to stake everything on a favorable club lie. Consequently, she was prepared to settle for one down by laying down the ♣A, and the fall of the king meant +90 and 7 IMPs to Great Britain.

The British style of responding at the two-level on a suitable 9-count paid dividends on the next hand when Dhondy/McGowan reached a game missed in the



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Nicola Smith, Great Britain

other room. At this stage, Great Britain led by 25 IMPs, but the next two swings went to Sweden.

On Board 8 Great Britain missed a good 6♣ and Sweden pulled back 11 IMPs, but the gain on Board 10 had an element of luck about it.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Swanstrom	Smith	Goethe	Davies
		Pass	1♣
1♥	Pass	2♣	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Andersson	McGowan	Karrstrand
		Pass	2♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
Dble	3♣	3♦	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> Four spades and at least five clubs

In the Open Room, Smith naturally led a club and Madeleine Swanstrom was soon claiming 11 tricks.

In the Closed Room, Karrstrand had a gadget to describe her hand and it was natural for Pia Andersson to start with the ♠K. She then switched to a diamond and Heather Dhondy ended up two down for another 13 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 11 was described in yesterday's Daily News by Patrick Jourdain. Smith's textbook play of the ♥9 from ♠J962 that led to the defeat of Sweden's well-bid 7♥ gained a deserved 14 IMPs and put Great Britain ahead by 15 IMPs.

Great Britain gained another 8 IMPs on the remaining boards to win the match by 60-37 IMPs, 20-10 VPs, and draw level with their opponents in fourth place.



## THE ISRAEL BRIDGE FEDERATION

The Israel Bridge Federation invites all players, delegates, officials, journalists and guests attending the 1996 World Bridge Olympiad to the two upcoming International Bridge Festivals in Israel.

- (1) The second Red Sea International Bridge Festival will be held at The Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat, from November 17-24, 1996. The program features Open Pairs, IMP Pairs and Swiss Teams competitions, with prizes totalling more than \$10,000.
- (2) The 31st Israel Bridge Festival, Israel Convention Centre, Tel Aviv, will be held from February 13-22, 1997. The program includes Mixed Pairs and Teams, Open and Women's Pairs, Swiss Teams and an Invitation event.

We hope to see you in the Holy Land,

**David Birman**

Festivals Chairman

**Dr. Nissan Rand**

President Emeritus, Israel Bridge Federation

P.S. — All those who register for either festival during the Olympiad here in Rhodes will receive a further 15% discount off their registration and hotel costs.

Please register with either D. Birman (Room 1322) or Dr. N. Rand (Room 1314) at the Rodos Palace Hotel.

## Leading Answer

You may remember that Mark Horton asked you two "Leading Questions" on page 7 of Daily News Number 5. Here is the Polish solution to one of the problems.

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Due to the indisposition of Elisa Janczewska, her regular partner, Eva Harasimowicz played this match with Danuta Hochecker. For a strange partnership, they showed remarkable confidence in each other.

North opened 1♣ and Eva overcalled 1♠. A negative double from South was followed by INT from Danuta and a jump to 3NT by North. When that came around to Danuta she doubled, asking for a lead of dummy's suit — hearts, because of the negative double. Eva alerted the double as asking for a heart lead and followed up with the lead of ace and another heart.

No guesswork here, just intelligent cooperation between two partners. One down was worth +200 and 13 IMPs as a diamond was led against the same contract at the other table.

# TUNISIA 1997

## Harmony of the Senses



In addition to the *Bermuda Bowl* and the *Venice Trophy*, there will be a brand new world championship, the *World Trans-National Open Teams*.

The new Championship will be played using a Swiss format, identical to that used in the Mixed Teams here in Rhodes. The qualifying stages will be held during Monday to Thursday of the second week with the top four qualifying for a semi final and final to be played on Friday and Saturday.

There will be alternating starting times; one day 1100 hrs, the next 1400 hrs and so on, with four matches per day. This will give all players some mornings and some evenings for other activities. No complicated systems will be permitted in the new competition.

The resort of Hammamet features three hotels, ranging from budget to luxury, to cater for all requirements.

In addition to all the facilities you would expect in any top hotel, there is a Thalassotherapy centre. For those unfamiliar with thalassotherapy, it is the use of heated seawater or mud packs for both prevention and cure of medical conditions.

There is a wide range of sporting facilities either in or near-by the resort and, along with the standard activities such as tennis, golf and swimming, you can try your hand at camel-riding.

Add beautiful weather and sensible prices and Hammamet offers a superb setting for our Championships and something for everyone. We hope to see you there.



The 1997 *Bermuda Bowl* and *Venice Trophy* will be held in Tunisia, in the exclusive coastal resort of Hammamet. WBF President, **José Damiani** and the Tunisian ambassador to Greece **Ben Haha** signed the contract for the tournament on Wednesday. The dates for the Championships are October 18th to November 2nd 1997.

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# Olympic Bridge Festival

## TEAM OF ROUSSOS DOMINATES THE SWISS EVENT

The beginning of the second session of the Swiss Teams found the Greek team of Giorgos Roussos (Roussos, Kotsiopoulos, Sapounakis, Panopoulos) in the lead, 12 VPs in front of the American team of Curtis Cheek.

In the fifth round Roussos won easily Cheek 22,5-7 (the Greeks are not so punctual in their appointments specially in the morning...), extending his margin from all the other competitors. One of them was the team of Bob Stucker which lost to Roussos 22 - 8 in the sixth round. So, after six rounds and just before the danish system began, the top teams were Roussos 130,5 VPs, Gans Ilana 114 VPs, Er/Cas 106 VPs. At table 1 Roussos blitzed Gans Ilana, dissolving any doubts about the final winner. The last round would determine the runner-up and the other prize beneficiaries. The unlucky team was Er/Cas which dropped from second to seventh position just below prizes. The winners finished unbeatable with 179,5 VPs out of 200, an amazing average of 22,5 VPs per match.

So the final standings are :

	<b>I. Roussos</b>	<b>GRE</b>	<b>179,5 VPs</b>	<b>+212 IMPs</b>
2.	Cheek	USA	137 VPs	+55 IMPs
3.	Gans Ilana	ISR	134 VPs	+59 IMPs
4.	U-I	UKR	132 VPs	+37 IMPs
5.	Swedes	SWE	131 VPs	+41 IMPs
6.	Bessiri	GRE	130 VPs	+36 IMPs

## HJORDIS EYTHORSDDOTTIR AND CURTIS CHEEK LEAD AFTER TWO SESSIONS OF OPEN PAIRS

In the 3-session Open Pairs participated 89 pairs from approximately 25 countries. A mixed pair, composed of Hjordis Eythorsdottir and Kurtis Cheek, lead the field after a steady performance in both sessions. They were ranked third in the first session and second in the second and kept a margin of 2% over the winner of the first session, the Turkish combination of Veysel Yildiz and Nevzat Aydogdu.

## VEYSEL YILDIZ AND NEVZAT AYDOGDU WIN THE FIRST SESSION OF OPEN PAIRS

The first session of the Open Pairs took place Friday evening and there was a Turkish pair which triumphed with an excellent 67.50%. Six other pairs topped 60%. The first five pairs come from different countries.

The standings of the first session are:

1.	<b>Yildiz V.</b>	<b>(TUR)</b>	<b>Aydoglu V.</b>	<b>(TUR)</b>	<b>67.50%</b>
2.	Rand N.	(ISR)	Poplilov L.	(ISR)	64.28%
3.	Cheek K.	(USA)	Eythorsdottir H.	(USA)	63.22%
4.	Bruggemann R.	(NTH)	Willemsens H.	(NTH)	62.90%
5.	Trishkin I.	(EST)	Levenko V.	(EST)	62.47%
6.	Lond P.	(EST)	Kobolt G.	(EST)	62.37%
7.	Durlow L.	(SWE)	Nilsson U.	(SWE)	60.56%
8.	Papakyriacopoulos Y.	(GRE)	Filios A.	(GRE)	58.35%
9.	Panopoulos K.	(GRE)	Roussos G.	(GRE)	58.20%
10.	Kannavos P.	(GRE)	Karlaftis G.	(GRE)	58.12%

## WIM HEEMSKERK AND RINI KUIJF WIN THE SECOND SESSION OF OPEN PAIRS

In the second session of the Open Pairs event Saturday afternoon, a Dutch pair won, making 64.37%. Their performance in the first session was not so good, so they are not among the first ten after two sessions.

1.	Heemskerk W.	(NTH)	Kuijf M.	(NTH)	64.37%
2.	Cheek K.	(USA)	Eythorsdottir H.	(USA)	62.01%
3.	Dionysopoulos D.	(GRE)	Procopiou Y.	(GRE)	60.99%
4.	Papakyriacopoulos Y.	(GRE)	Filios A.	(GRE)	60.07%
5.	Abdel Hamid H.	(EGY)	Radwan S.	(EGY)	59.90%
6.	Economopoulos G.	(GRE)	Themelidis C.	(GRE)	59.74%
7.	Jahic F.	(YUG)	Prijovic D.	(YUG)	59.53%
8.	Melander M.	(SWE)	Berggren M.	(SWE)	58.96%
9.	Hadjopoulos C.	(GRE)	Scordas V.	(GRE)	58.71%
10.	Xenakis A.	(GRE)	Bouras T.	(GRE)	58.70%

The Standings after two sessions are:

1.	Cheek K.	(USA)	Eythorsdottir H.	(USA)	62.62%
2.	Yildiz V.	(TUR)	Aydoglu V.	(TUR)	60.82%
3.	Trishkin I.	(EST)	Levenko V.	(EST)	59.77%
4.	Bruggemann R.	(NTH)	Willemsens H.	(NTH)	59.72%
5.	Lond P.	(EST)	Kobolt G.	(EST)	59.55%
6.	Papakyriacopoulos Y.	(GRE)	Filios A.	(GRE)	59.21%
7.	Abdel Hamid H.	(EGY)	Radwan S.	(EGY)	58.73%
8.	Kannavos P.	(GRE)	Karlaftis G.	(GRE)	57.69%
9.	Panopoulos K.	(GRE)	Roussos G.	(GRE)	57.32%
10.	Dionysopoulos D.	(GRE)	Procopiou Y.	(GRE)	57.16%

## SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE

After the first two events (Mixed Pairs and Swiss Teams) the standings for the special prize of the festival are:

1.	<b>Varelas D.</b>	<b>(GRE)</b>	<b>Total points 109</b>
2.	Kotsiopoulos P.	(GRE)	Total points 101
3.	Panopoulos K.	(GRE)	Total points 100
4.	Roussos G.	(GRE)	Total points 100
5.	Sapounakis A.	(GRE)	Total points 100

## BEGINNER'S PAIRS

At the same time as the Open Pairs event, a small but very important tournament takes place. Twelve pairs, composed of Greek players who play bridge for a period less than one year, participate in a three-session event.

After two sessions, the pair of Karamanlis M. and Pournaras P. who won the second session, lead the field with an average of 59.66% in front of Gonis H. and Tsombicou E. (58.77%). The winners of the first session were Papalopoulou K. and Papalopoulos M. (60.77%) who lie fourth after two sessions.

Marianna Koroni – Vassilis Virvidakis

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

As a result of the request of many players, the Olympic Bridge Festival will be continued.

There will be independent open pair sessions daily and the prizes will be the 60% of the entry fees.

First Session

Monday, 28 October 11:00  
at Capsis Metropolitan Hotel

Entry fees : 20\$ or 5,000 GRD

## Today's event

Open Pairs 3rd session  
at 11.00

Prize Giving Ceremony  
Gala Dinner  
at 20:30

Get your invitation from the  
Hospitality Desk  
of Capsis Metropolitan Hotel