

# 3 Far East teams in semis; Defending champs advance

Perhaps the balance of power is shifting. It wasn't long ago that Europe and North America dominated the world bridge scene. But this time three of the eight semifinalists are from the Far East – Chinese Taipei and Indonesia in the Open and China in the Women's.

Not only that, but it's possible for all three to reach the finals – Indonesia and Chinese Taipei will not play each other. The pairings for the Open semifinals are:

## Indonesia vs. Denmark

## Chinese Taipei vs. France

Another unusual happening – TWO North American teams have advanced to the Women's semifinals. Both the United States and Canada triumphed yesterday. This is the first time this has happened in a Women's event—although last year's Bermuda Bowl final featured the United States and Canada in the final. Today's pairings in the Women's semifinals:

## Austria vs. The United States

## China vs. Canada

That's right – Venice Cup champion Germany is NOT among the Women's semifinalists. Germany took an early lead against Canada, but the Canadians took charge in the second quarter, gaining 30 IMPs. They picked up another 4 in the third quarter. Germany attempted a comeback over the final 16 boards, but fell well short, losing 140-112.5

Austria, the defending Olympiad Women's champion, took a 35-point lead in the first quarter against Great Britain, and the British never were able to stage the necessary comeback. The match was very tight the rest of the way, but the winner was Austria, 134-108.

In the Open, defending champion France had some uneasy moments during the second quarter of their match with Russia. However, a big third quarter put the match beyond the reach of the Russians, and France is still looking to repeat its 1992 triumph. The final tally was 203-128.

Denmark was far behind Italy at the halfway mark, 97-56. But the third quarter was the biggest blowout of the day – Denmark outscored Italy, 76-11, for the quarter and 161-139 for the match.

Indonesia took the lead at the outset against Iceland and the issue was never in doubt – this time the Ice couldn't quell the Fire. Indonesia outscored Iceland in every quarter to win 180-115.

The closest match of the day was between Chinese Taipei and Poland. Chinese Taipei took the lead in the first quarter, Poland closed most of the gap in the second, and pulled within 5 IMPs in the third. The fourth quarter was extremely hard-fought, but Chinese Taipei had the edge – enough to win the match by 10 IMPs – 132-122.

In the Women's, China was very strong against Israel. The Chinese took a 42-point lead in the first quarter, and they added another 25 in the second. Israel made a small comeback in the fourth quarter, but it fell far short – China advanced with a 151-86 victory.

Big gains in the first and third quarters did the trick for the United States against the Netherlands. The Americans moved ahead with a 151-101 triumph.

## Intellectual sports should be in Olympics – Hodler



Talking about Olympic plans are President **Evangelos Nartis** of the Hellenic Bridge Federation, front, and, left to right, WBF President **José Damiani**, IOC Vice President **Marc Hodler** and WBF Vice President **Mazhar Jafri**.

Marc Hodler, vice president of the International Olympic Committee, conferred with WBF President José Damiani and members of the WBF Executive yesterday, discussing matters involving bridge, the WBF and the Olympic movement. He made some highly interesting observations about bridge and the Olympics.

At present, he said, there are really only two kinds of games in the Olympics—physical and technical. The physical require strength, the technical require various skills.

"All doubts about bridge being a unique game have been eliminated in my view. I strongly believe there should be a third category of sports in the Olympics.

"The Olympic view is that the Olympic sports should be sports that provide for better health. Mental health also is important. We should be proud of developing our minds. There definitely is a place in the future for intellectual sports."

He believes mind sports such as bridge and chess should become part of the Winter Olympics. "We have so many thousands of competitors and staff at a Summer Olympics that we don't really want to add any more. But the Winter Olympics are smaller, and there are always plenty of places where such mind games can be played."

In answer to a question about bridge's place in the Olympic scheme, Hodler said, "First admittance is provisional. We always look again at a sport after 12 to 18 months. Bridge will be reviewed next June. There is no doubt in my mind that the recognition of bridge will be reaffirmed."

# Quarterfinal Results

## OPEN

Country	1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	4th Session	Total
<b>FRANCE</b>	55	31	57	60	203
RUSSIA	40	37	22	29	128
<b>DENMARK</b>	32	24	76	29	161
ITALY	50	47	11	26	134
ICELAND	16	23	39	37	115
<b>INDONESIA</b>	47	35	58	40	180
POLAND	35	21	34	32	122
<b>CHINESE TAIPEI</b>	51	15	29	37	132

## LADIES

Country	1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	4th Session	Total
ISRAEL	11	21	25	29	86
<b>CHINA</b>	53	46	31	21	151
NETHERLANDS	25	36	9	37	107
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	47	30	47	27	151
<b>CANADA</b>	33	53	39	15	140
GERMANY	37	19	35	24	112.5*
GREAT BRITAIN	17	35	30	26	108
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	52	26	29	27	134

\* 2.5 – point penalty

## Justice prevails!

By Jon Sveindal

The Norwegian team was among the favorites before this championship got under way, but high hopes and expectations were not fulfilled. However, most Norwegians will find some consolation in the fact that Geir Helgemo was named the Bridge Personality of the Year at the annual general meeting of the International Bridge Press Association on Tuesday.

And he sure is a great personality. His manners at the table are impeccable, and he never gives the opponents any clue as to how he thinks things are going. He always puts up a fierce fight, amazingly often ending up victorious.

This board against old Dutch rivals from the Bermuda Bowl in Santiago in 1993 may illustrate these points.

North/South Game. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jansen	Helness	Westerhof
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♥

After this Stayman sequence, Helgemo led the ♠5, and declarer put up the ace. He played a small spade to his king, smoothly ducked by Helgemo. A club to the queen was taken by Helness, but at this point Helness made a very uncharacteristic error. Instead of returning partner's suit, he played the ♠10. South's jack was taken by the ace, and Helgemo continued with the 9 to set up the 7.

In with the queen, declarer now played a diamond to the jack – again ducked by Helgemo without a flicker. The came the ♥A, the ♥K and a heart to the queen. Helgemo discarded the eight and ten of diamonds!

I am certain that Jan Westerhof could smell that something fishy was going on – but what? Finally he went for the endplay. A spade put Helgemo in – and in a way he was endplayed – but only after he had cashed the ♦K and ♦3 for down one.

## We need that paper!

A large supply of the A3 paper that we use to print the Daily News was taken from the Daily News office yesterday. This is special paper – paper that will be very difficult to replace in the limited time we have left in this tournament.

If you have the paper, please, please return it. We really need it to produce your daily newspaper.

## PROGRAM

### World Mixed Teams Championship

#### Swiss Teams 10-Board Matches

#### Wednesday

14.00 - 15.30	Round 5
15.50 - 17.20	Round 6
20.00 - 21.30	Round 7
21.50 - 23.20	Round 8

#### Thursday

11.00 - 12.30	Round 9
13.45 - 15.15	Round 10
15.35 - 17.05	Round 11
17.25 - 18.55	Round 12

#### Friday

11.00 - 12.30	Round 13
12.50 - 14.30	Round 14
14.40 - 16.10	Round 15

#### Semifinals (Friday) 3 x 10 boards

17.30 - 19.00
20.45 - 22.15
22.30 - 24.00

#### Final (Saturday) 3 x 12 boards

10.30 - 12.15
12.30 - 14.15
14.30 - 16.15

## SPECIAL INDONESIAN PRESS GREETINGS

First, we salute the participants and the WBF and HBF Executives for hosting this Olympiad. We wish to thank the President of the Indonesian Bridge Association, Lieutenant-General Mr Wiranto and his partners (Mr Roy Tirtaji, Mr Surya Paloh, Mr Edward Possumah and friends) for coming to Rhodes and giving their support to the fine effort of our team. God bless us all. Amen.

**JEFFREY RAWIS and FRIENDS**  
(Media Indonesia Daily Newspaper)

# Great Britain v Spain

Women's Series (Round 21)

By Tony Gordon

With only one round remaining in the round-robin, there was only one qualifying position up for grabs in the Women's event and that was fourth place in Group A. Great Britain were the current occupants of that position and they had a 6-VP cushion over fifth-place Denmark. Sweden, South Africa and Spain were the next three teams and they all had mathematical chances of qualifying.

Great Britain had a potentially difficult last match against Spain, but had the consolation of knowing that Denmark and Sweden were in opposition in the final round.

Great Britain got off to the perfect start when Spain missed a good slam on Board 1 to give Great Britain 11 IMPs. Four boards later Spain had a misunderstanding over whether a 3♣ enquiry was four-card or five-card Stayman and, as a result, played in their 4-3 spade fit. 4♣ did not make, whereas 5♣ made in the other room for another 12 IMPs to Great Britain.

Two partscore gains got Spain back in the match, and when Great Britain played in the wrong game on Board 11 the British lead was down to 2 IMPs. A 5-IMP gain on the next board eased British fears, but then came Board 13 (which, as it turned out, actually contained the cards belonging to Board 14):

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

In the Open Room, the bidding proceeded 1♣ - 1♥ - 2NT - Pass - 3NT - All Pass. Heather Dhondy led the ♠7 rather than a heart and Cortina won her ♠K. She then played a diamond to the king and finessed the eight on the way back. This resulted in her making an overtrick.

In the Closed Room, the bidding proceeded 1NT - Pass - 3NT - All Pass. Hernandez led the ♥6 and dummy's ♥9 held the trick. Since East had the long hearts, Nicola Smith tackled diamonds by starting with the ace. This resulted in her going two down and Spain had taken the lead in the match.

However, from this point on, things got better and better for Great Britain.

Board 14 (which actually contained the cards belonging to Board 13) put Great Britain back in the lead.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

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

In the Closed Room, Great Britain bid unopposed to 4♥ and Pat Davies made 13 tricks on the lead of the ♣2.

In the Open Room, Dhondy overcalled 1♠ and when Spain subsequently bid up to 6♥ she led the ♠A. She continued with the ♠7 and Cortina won with the ♠K and, presumably placing Dhondy with the ♥K for her overcall, played the ♥3 to the ♥A, an action that gave Great Britain 11 IMPs.

Board 15. North/South Vul. Dealer South.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Dhondy	Velasco	McGowan	Cortina
			1♥
2NT	Dble	4♦	All Pass

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Conrado	Smith	Hernandez	Davies
			1♥
2NT	Dble	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	All Pass

After similar starts in both rooms, Liz McGowan bid 4♦ in the Open Room and was allowed to play there. There seems to be some doubt as to whether she made 9 or 10 tricks, but it wasn't overly significant in view of events in the other room.

In the Closed Room, Hernandez bid only 3♦ and when this was passed round to Smith she concluded that as Davies had neither doubled 3♦ nor bid 3♥ she was likely to have some spades. Consequently, Smith bid 3♣, but Hernandez's double must have caused her to doubt the wisdom of her decision. However, dummy was just what the doctor ordered, and it was Hernandez who was left regretting the wisdom of her decision.

+730 gave Great Britain 13 IMPs and some breathing space.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

In the Open Room, Spain played 3NT from the South seat after North had shown only diamonds. Dhondy found the good lead of the ♥7 and the defense took the first four tricks. However, no sooner had McGowan exited with a club than she realized she should probably have played the ♦10 instead to save her partner from a minor-suit squeeze. However, Velasco mistimed the subsequent play and went one down.

In the Closed Room, Great Britain played 3NT from the North seat after North had shown diamonds and hearts. Hernandez led the ♥J and Smith ducked in dummy, but Conrado decided to overtake and continue the suit. When Hernandez cleared up any further problems in the heart suit by cashing the ♥10, Smith could afford to subsequently overtake the ♠K and establish four club tricks for her contract. 10 IMPs to Great Britain.

Board 19. East/West Vul. Dealer South.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Dhondy	Velasco	McGowan	Cortina
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

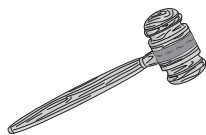
Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Conrado	Smith	Hernandez	Davies
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

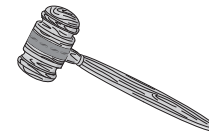
After the same start to the auction in each room, Smith was able to bid a forcing 2♥ in the Closed Room whereas Velasco had to force with 3♥ in the Open Room. Davies splintered with 4♣ in the Closed Room and then passed Smith's signoff - plus 450 to Great Britain.

Cortina had less room to maneuver in the Open Room and she took the bull by the horns and bid 4NT. When Velasco showed two key cards, she gambled that they were what she needed and bid a sixth heart. McGowan's club lead ensured that the gamble failed and added another 11 IMPs to Great Britain's growing tally.

Great Britain had once again kept their supporters on tenterhooks, but their storming finish gave them an 80-33 IMPs, 24-6 VPs, victory that clinched the last qualifying place by the comfortable margin of 14 VPs.



# APPEALS



## CASES TWENTY - TWENTY ONE - TWENTY TWO

By Tommy Sandsmark, Norway

### 20 Open Teams. Round 14. Board 14. Lithuania vs. Luxembourg

**The Committee:** Bobby Wolff, USA (chairman); Virgil Anderson, USA; P.O. Sundelin, Sweden; Naki Bruni, Italy; Steen Moeller, Denmark; Edgar Kaplan, USA; Dan Morse, USA and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

Love All. Dealer East

<p>♠ Q J 8 3 2 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ 8 2</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ A J 7 2 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ A 10 9 7 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K 7 6 ♥ 10 9 8 5 ♦ 9 8 5 3 ♣ Q J</p>	<p>♠ A 10 9 5 4 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ K 4 3</p>
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Schaaper	Sarkanas	Pino	Vainikonis
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	4♥ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	5♣ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Game forcing; at least 14 good HCP

<sup>(2)</sup> Cuebids

<sup>(3)</sup> Agreed hesitation

Table result: 6♣ by North made = +920 North/South.

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table after the play. The bidding by North did not show any distribution besides a long club suit.

**TD's ruling:** The score was adjusted to 5♣ +1 = 420. N/S appealed.

**The parties involved:** N/S maintained that 4♣ was invitational to slam and that South could have gone directly to 6♣ after the 4♦ cuebid. The reason why he went on cuebidding was that, since North's hand was unlimited, he thought there might even be a possibility of playing 7♣. He did not bid 4 NT (RKCB) because he was afraid of getting 5♦ from North. He did not agree that there was any change in tempo. E/W stated that the hesitation had been agreed upon at the table, which was confirmed by the TD.

**The Committee:** The Committee found that there had been a change in tempo even if this change in tempo was challenged later, which may be due to some language difficulties. However, the Committee did not consider this break in tempo a revealing hesitation. South had enough info after the 4♦ cue to bid at least 6♣.

**The final result:** The Committee unanimously reverted the score to the table result, +920 N/S. The deposit was returned.

### 21 Open Teams. Round 15. Board 16. USA vs. Chinese Taipei

**The Committee:** Steen Moeller, Denmark (chairman); Richard Colker, USA; Naki Bruni, Italy; John Wignall, New Zealand, and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

E/W Game. Dealer West.

<p>♠ J ♥ Q 10 7 6 ♦ A K 10 6 4 3 ♣ 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K 10 9 7 2 ♥ K J 4 ♦ 9 ♣ A K Q 5</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 9 8 7</p>
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<p>♠ Q 8 4 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q J 8 7 2 ♣ J 4 2</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 9 8 7</p>
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lin	Garner	Shen	Oest
1♦	Dble	1♥	Pass
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Table result: 4♠ by North -1 = +100 E/W

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table at the end of the hand. North claimed he had been deceived by East's explanation of 3♥, which had been explained as "Invitational." The explanation was, however, consistent with their convention card. E/W were playing Precision. East led the ♦5 to the ♦10, and West then switched to a heart. Declarer misguessed and went one down.

**TD's ruling:** TD ruled that the table score stands. North/South appealed.

**The parties involved:** This particular appeal took two Committee meetings, as no representatives from Chinese Taipei were present at the first meeting and the TD was not quite sure that he had ensured that they would be there. At the first meeting, the N/S players insisted that North's screenmate, East had said "top of the range" when explaining the 3♥ bid. North claimed that "top of the range" for him would indicate 14-15 HCP when the opponents were playing Precision. Furthermore, North said that "invitational" was inconsistent with both West's hand and with the fact that East failed to bid 4♥ over 3♠. North claimed he had been misinformed and as a result misguessed the heart to go one down. This was mostly due to the fact that the ♠A would have to be with East (who had doubled 4♠), so in order for West to have points enough to fulfil "top of the range," he would surely hold the ♥A. Had he had the right explanation, he would have had a chance to make the right guess and could have won his contract. A number of questions remained unanswered, so the Committee scheduled another meeting to be able to receive the facts from both sides.

**The Committee:** The second Committee meeting, now with E/W present, revealed that nobody had really said "top of the range," only "invitational." This was consistent with both the TD's explanation and with North's own statement on the Appeal Form. E/W maintained that their idea of "invitational" was that good distribution would compensate for the lack of HCP. They were consistent in inviting game on such hands, and East did not find his hand good enough to bid the game.

**The final result:** The Committee found no infraction and upheld TD's decision. The table result stands: 4♠ by North, -1 = +100 E/W. The deposit was returned.

### 22 Open Teams. Round 30. Board 28. Monaco vs. Kenya

**The Committee:** Bobby Wolff, USA (chairman); Virgil Anderson, USA; Barbara Nudelman, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Naki Bruni, Italy; Steen Moeller, Denmark; Edgar Kaplan, USA; Dan Morse, USA; Nissan Rand, Israel; Richard Colker, USA, and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

N/S Game. Dealer West.

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

Table result: 4♠ by West -1 = +100 N/S

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table at the end of the hand, West claiming that he had been deceived by his opponents' convention card, which showed the lead of the 10 to be different from their actual methods. The card stated that against suit contracts, the lead of the 10 would show 10 or 10 9. At the table TD was assured by both North and South that the lead of the 10 could show: high card 10 9, 10 9 or 10 even against suit contracts.

**Table result:** North led the ♣10. Declarer went up with the ace and the contract went one down.

**TD's ruling:** TD ruled that by N/S's inadequate (improper) filling out of the convention card, declarer's options in the play had been reduced. He therefore adjusted the score to +420 E/W. North/South appealed.

**The parties involved:** West stated that he was guided by what he saw on the convention card. He admitted to not having posed any further questions to his opponents. He therefore decided that the lead couldn't be from the king, so he played the ace on the tiny possibility that the king would drop.

N/S maintained that declarer had simply played unfortunately, as there was no way of winning the contract without finessing the club at trick one.

**The Committee:** The Committee did find an infraction (convention disruption), as N/S's convention cards were not properly filled in. The Committee discussed whether this infraction should be penalized by 1 VP or by giving E/W 420. However, as to E/W, the play made by West was so inferior that the Committee were unable to grant them the contract.

**The final result:** E/W were to keep their bad score (minus 50). The Committee then by a narrow margin took away whatever might have been gained by N/S on the infraction and adjusted N/S's score to minus 420. The deposit was returned.



# France v Russia

## Open Quarterfinals Series

As France and Russia entered the second set of 16 boards, France led by 15, 55-40. The first four boards were dull, France making two small gains to go ahead by 21. Then on Board 21 Russia had a chance to cut heavily into that lead, but one slight misstep saw the Russians losing 4 IMPs instead of gaining 7.

Board 21. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

In the Closed Room France played a quite 2♣, making with an overtrick. The Russians' view of the deal was altogether different.

West	North	East	South
Khiouppenen	Mouiel	Zlotov	Holomeev
	1♣	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Only 21 HCP, but nevertheless this game had chances. The opening diamond lead went to the ace, and Vadim Holomeev quickly took the opportunity to get rid of his losing heart on dummy's other high diamond.

Now he embarked on a crossruff – but he failed to take one essential step – he did not take the club finesse. If he had done so, he would have had no trouble taking five top tricks plus five ruffs. As it was, in the course of his crossruff, Alan Levy trumped in with his king and led a spade. Herve Mouiel of course won and led a second trump, preventing declarer from getting his necessary sixth ruffing trick. Down one – 4 IMPs to France.

After France gained 7 IMPs on a partscore deal where there were plus at both tables, this monster came along.

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Petrounine	Multon	Zlotov
	2♣	3♠	INT
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Alexandre Petrounine made this contract on the ♦Q opening lead. He won and drove out West's trump king. Then it was a simple matter to set up the diamonds with one loss to take care of dummy's heart losers.

But the French pair got carried away in their enthusiasm at the other table.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khiouppenen	Mouiel	Holomeev	Levy
	2♣	3♠	INT
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	6♣!
Dble	All Pass		6♦

Jouri Khiouppenen led a club. Declarer won and cashed the ♦A. Next he led the ♠J and if West covered Levy would have made his slam. After thinking about it for a minute or so, Khiouppenen played low, severely disrupting declarer's communications. After much thought, he decided he had to play for the heart finesse. Therefore he cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade, then took the heart hook. Down one – 200 to Russia – and 14 IMPs to Russia. That cut the French lead to 18. France got 8 of these IMPs back on the next deal when Russia was beaten in game contracts at both tables.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Petrounine	Multon	Zlotov
	3♥	3♠	4♥
Pass	5♥	Dbl	All Pass
4♠			

This was beaten two tricks – 300 to France. At the other table:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Khiouppenen	Mouiel	Holomeev	Levy
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♥	3♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Two diamonds always have to be lost, so the problem is how to hold the trump losers to one. It so happens that playing ace and another works, but declarer took the normal shot – a finesse to the queen. This lost, and he still had to lose another trump. Down one – 8 IMPs to France.

After a push on Board 25, Russia made two huge gains.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

The gain here came strictly from the bidding. In the Open Room, Russia had an easy auction to 4♥, making with an overtrick. This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Petrounine	Multon	Zlotov
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

A trump had to be lost, of course, and when the club finesse failed, declarer was beaten a trick – 13 IMPs to Russia, halving the French lead to 13.

Board 27. Love All. Dealer South.

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

This was a strange board – Mouiel made 4♠ doubled for France – and lost 10 IMPs! Why? Look at the auction at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Petrounine	Multon	Zlotov
	4♠	Dble	INT
2♦			Redbl !!
All Pass			

That's right – redouble! Petrounine even guessed the trump position and racked up an overtrick for the very strange score of plus 1080. Now France was ahead by only 3.

On the following, both declarer and one of the defenders in the Open Room led clubs during the course of the play when they should have done something else. This was the last deal shown on vugraph.

Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

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

The contract was 3NT at both tables. In the Closed Room, the play and defense were normal, down one. But the declarer in the Open Room was given a chance and he gave it back.

The opening ♥J lead went to the queen, and declarer got off to a good start by leading a spade to the king and the ♠10 to the jack. Khiouppenen has an easy out at this point – a heart, but he actually led the ♠4! Mouiel finally played low from dummy and won the queen. Now he has his game if he drives out the ♠A – the ♦K will give him an entry since East holds that ace. But declarer also led a club! He ducked when West put up the 10, and West surprised declarer by leading another heart. Now declarer found himself one trick short – he had only three hearts, three clubs, a spade and a diamond for down one and a push. At halftime France led by 12 IMPs.

# Iceland v Indonesia

## Open Quarterfinals Series

This match featured a real clash of styles. There was the largely free and easy Indonesians facing an Icelandic team, two of whose pairs play some of the most complex relay methods on view here in Rhodes. Indonesia started the match with a bang.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Baldursson	Lasut	Thorbjornsson
	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dble	3♥	3♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arnarson	Sacul	Jonsson	Karwur
	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Henky Lasut opened a strong club and Sevar Thorbjornsson overcalled 1♥, natural. Eddy Manoppo made a negative double, showing 5-7 HCP or some strong hands, and Jon Baldursson raised pre-emptively to 3♥. Lasut bid 3♠ and there the matter rested. Thorbjornsson led two top hearts then switched to a cunning low club. That went low from dummy, jack from North, and Baldursson switched to the ♦10, which ran to dummy's queen. But there was still a diamond to lose so Lasut was one down - minus 50.

Arnarson/Jonsson are the Icelandic "Standard" pair and Thorlakur Jonsson opened 1♠. Franky Karwur overcalled 2♥ and Gudmundur Arnarson bid 2♠. Denny Sacul raised to 4♥ and Jonsson gave himself 4♠. Karwur went on to 5♥ and Jonsson doubled that but then found that he couldn't beat it - +650 and 12 IMPs to Indonesia.

There were a series of minor swings, then this one which also produced only a minor swing when it could have been a huge one.



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Franky Karwur, Indonesia

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Baldursson	Lasut	Thorbjornsson
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
2♠	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble	Rdbl
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arnarson	Sacul	Jonsson	Karwur
	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

Both Souths opened with a strong club and both Wests intervened. In the Open Room, Manoppo showed either hearts and clubs or diamonds and spades then jumped to 2♠ to show his extra playing strength. When Thorbjornsson bid 3NT, Lasut knew that he had the clubs sewn up and doubled. The double was general penalties rather than specifically showing clubs and Baldursson ran to 4♣. Lasut doubled again and now Baldursson tried another suit. Lasut could not have been as confident this time when he doubled, but you wouldn't have known it from his manner. Thorbjornsson, who had a pretty good hand, redoubled, and

that ended the auction.

Lasut led a spade and Baldursson played uncharacteristically carelessly. He won the ace, ruffed a spade to hand and took the club finesse. The defense grabbed four tricks on a black crossruff and what had looked to be a matter of overtricks had turned into a rather embarrassing one down - minus 200.

In the Closed Room, Arnarson overcalled 2♠ and now the Indonesians drove to the perfectly good slam. But Arnarson doubled and got his club ruff and Sacul could not avoid losing a spade trick or overruff as well for one down. Sacul was no doubt pretty impressed with teammates when he discovered that -100 was worth +3 IMPs.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Lasut opened a strong club and passed the 1♦ negative response. I'm sure Manoppo wasn't exactly charmed by this development, but at least 1♦ made easily enough, with an overtrick in fact - +90.

The Icemen got to 3NT via 1♦ - 1♠ - 3♦ - 3♠ - 3NT. A heart lead would beat 3NT, but Karwur led a club. Sacul won the king and returned the ♣J to the queen, ducked. But now Jonsson played a third club and Karwur had to find a switch. Again a heart would have been best, as he can lead a second one when in with the ♦J to establish a defensive heart trick, but he tried a low spade. That ran to the queen and Jonsson played three rounds of diamonds. Karwur took the jack and finally switched to a heart but it was too late. Jonsson tried the jack and won the queen with his ace to play a fourth diamond, and now Sacul was endplayed and obliged to give declarer the rest; +600 and 11 IMPs to Iceland.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Both Souths played 3NT on a low heart lead to the jack and king, though on quite different auctions. Arnarson had opened a multi on the West cards so it was pretty clear that he had hearts. Manoppo had not opened in the other room but Lasut had overcalled 1♠. Thorbjornsson led the ♣K at trick two, and when that held he tried a spade to the king and ace. Here, Lasut was known to hold spades, and he returned the ♠J, setting up his 10. Thorbjornsson won and cashed the diamonds then exited with ♥Q to Manoppo's ace, hoping that somebody had discarded foolishly or that the ten



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Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Iceland



would drop. But the defense had not done anything silly and had the rest – minus 100.

Karwur also led the club at trick two then played a spade to the king and ace. Here, Jonsson was not known to have five spades. He returned the ♠2, hoping that even if declarer had both the queen and 9 he might rise with the queen, playing for a doubleton honor offside. But Karwur put in the 9 and that was his ninth trick – +600 and 12 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

Baldursson opened 2♥, showing a weak hand with at least five hearts and at least a four-card minor. Manoppo doubled in fourth seat and Lasut closed his eyes and bid 3NT. Though this was not without risk facing a balancing double, it is one of the prices you pay for giving over 2NT to Lebensohl. Thorbjornsson liked his defense to 3NT so doubled, ending the auction. He led ♥K the ♥Q, both ducked, but now decided that it was time to switch. In fact, the friendly lie of the minor suits means that 3NT is unbeatable, but the diamond switch gave Lasut time to establish an overtrick for +950.

In the other room, North did not open. Karwur opened a Precision 1♦ in third seat and Arnarson over-called 1♠. When that collected an unassuming cuebid from Jonsson, Arnarson bid 4♠ where he made eleven tricks; +650 but 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

In the Open Room, Thorbjornsson opened a multi and Baldursson inquired with 2NT. Thorbjornsson bid 3♦ to show spades and a maximum and Baldursson bid 4♠. Lasut doubled that (optional) and Manoppo decided to defend. Lasut led a club and Baldursson played three rounds to pitch a heart from dummy then played a spade. Lasut won the ace and cashed ♥A then exited with a low heart, hoping to find Manoppo with the jack. Being a good partner, Manoppo duly obliged so there was only one diamond discard from dummy and Lasut had to get two diamond tricks for one down; -200.

In the Closed Room, it went 2♠ – Pass – 4♠ to Jonsson. He doubled for takeout and Arnarson bid 4NT, two places to play. Jonsson bid 5♣ and that was doubled by Sacul. Karwur led hearts, Jonsson played a club and Karwur continued hearts, so that suit was picked up for declarer. But there were two more trump losers to come so Jonsson had to go one down; -100 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Indonesia had to be happy with the way the set had gone. After 16 boards they led by 47-16 IMPs.

## Denmark v Italy

### Open Quarterfinal

By Barry Rigal

Italy had qualified going away while Denmark scraped into fourth spot in theirs with only 1 VP to spare. But the match began with Denmark picking up a couple of small swings. Then both Blakset and Christiansen played delicate games and took their eye off the ball.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

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

In 4♥ as North, Christiansen received a spade lead in response to West's opening bid. He took the top spades and played ace and another diamond. When a spade came back he ruffed, ruffed a diamond and now had ten top tricks on a crossruff. But he played on trumps and went down on the 4-1 split.

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

Blakset reached 4♥ after opening a strong and artificial 2♣ and hearing Lanzarotti overcall 2♠. He won the opening spade lead and failed to touch trumps before ruffing two spades in the dummy. Now the defense got a black suit crossruff going for one down. Expensive, given that even 6♥ is cold if declarer starts by drawing two rounds of trumps.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Italy gave most of the points back when they reached the wrong game on this one. 4♠ had made in the Closed Room when Lauria found an unfortunate low club lead, but Italy reached 3NT from the East seat. Blakset led a low (3rd and 5th) club and Buratti failed to conceal the four, so Christiansen could read the club position and switched to a low diamond for the ten and jack. Blakset played the ♠K now and declarer was cut off from dummy and the fourth club. To make matters

worse, he cashed the ♠J, thereby establishing the ten and exposing himself to a squeeze for three down; 14 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Denmark were lucky to break even here when both tables reached 3NT after West had opened a weak 2♥. Both Souths, Blakset and Versace, won the heart lead and played the ♠K, ducked of course. Now Blakset played a diamond to dummy and the ♠Q. If the defense win and play another club, that is simply one off in top tricks – but they played a heart instead and he survived. Versace found the key play of his top heart at trick three, cutting the defensive communications. Now they can take four tricks but no more with careful play. An excellent play by Versace which seems to have escaped every other declarer in either series. Italy led by 18 IMPs at the end of an interesting first quarter.

## With A Little Help From My Friends

By Birgit Barlund

In the Women's match between Finland and Turkey in the final round of qualifying, Finnish declarer, Sue Backstrom, found herself in a 3NT contract where she could use all the help she could get.

Love All. Dealer North.

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

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

North had bid diamonds and hearts so West led a club. Sue Backstrom took the ♣ A K, ♠K and ♠A and learned the bad news in the spade suit. She played a third club and West still didn't want to lead hearts so switched to a small diamond instead. Sue ran this to her bare jack and cashed two club tricks. East had to keep two spades so was forced to part with the fourth heart. Now Sue played a heart and it didn't matter which defender won the third heart; either East would be employed to lead into the spade tenace or West would be the stepping stone to get to the two diamond winners in dummy.

At our table hearts were never mentioned and North was declarer. I led the ♥10 and switched to the ♦10 after winning the second heart trick. Declarer was three down and Finland gained 11 IMPs.

# THE 1996 IBPA ANNUAL AWARDS

## The 1996 Personality of the Year



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**Geir Helgemo (Norway)**

In the course of the last 18 months Geir Helgemo has won the World Junior Pairs (with Boye Brogeland), the Cap Volmac Pairs (with Tor Helness) and the Generali World Men's Individual. In addition he has put together a good string of results in ACBL North American Championships (notably Miami).

He has been representing Norway in Rhodes. He and Tor Helness (who finished second in the Bermuda Bowl in Santiago as a partnership in 1993) are undoubtedly one of the strongest pairs in the world.

But Geir has also impressed everyone as a pleasant opponent and a cheerful companion. He has given two excellent interviews, one to the ACBL at Miami and the other to The European Bridge League News. (See the accompanying article by the ACBL's Brent Manley.)

Here is a nice defense by Helgemo taken from this Olympiad:

Game All. Dealer West

<p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ A 10 9 4 3</p> <p>♦ A K 5 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ A</p>	<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		<p>♠ A J 9 5 2</p> <p>♥ J</p> <p>♦ Q 7</p> <p>♣ K J 10 8 2</p>
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	S										
<p>♠ 8 3</p> <p>♥ K 8 7 6 5</p> <p>♦ J 10 9 6</p> <p>♣ 9 3</p>		<p>♠ K 10 7 6 4</p> <p>♥ Q 2</p> <p>♦ 8</p> <p>♣ Q 7 6 5 4</p>									

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

Geir led the ♠8 to the queen and ace. East played the ♣2 (showing attitude) to North's ace, and then followed ♦A, ♦K and another diamond to Geir's 10. Now put yourself in West's chair, and imagine that you are in. You probably feel like switching to a small heart, don't you?

Let's enter Geir's mind for a second, and this is what makes him such an outstanding player. He knew that

East had a club honor, but it would make a difference if it was the king or the queen. Suppose South held both the black kings. A small heart would then bring South in on the queen. He could then cash both his black kings, play a heart to the 10 and exit with another diamond. And – oops, West is left endplayed. Left with only hearts, South will have won his contract.

Now, this was not the layout of the hand, so in this case it would have been sufficient to play a small heart. But Geir, of course, did not know that, and then, in order to cater for South having both the black kings, he played ♥K!! This doesn't only bring dummy in too early, but it also lays the foundation for two down, instead of one which you will get if you play a small heart.

Honestly, would you have been able to think along these lines when defending with Helgemo's slightly anemic West hand? There is only one word that describes it: Outstanding!

## "Le Bridgeur" Award for Best Play

**Wubbo de Boer, the Netherlands**

Occasion: The Generali World Individual, Paris, May 1996 Author: Eric Kokish (Canada).

Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ Q J 10 5 4 3</p> <p>♥ K 10 9 8 4 2</p> <p>♦ 3</p> <p>♣ –</p>	<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		<p>♠ K 6</p> <p>♥ Q 6</p> <p>♦ K Q 10 7 6 2</p> <p>♣ Q 10 5</p>
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	S										
<p>♠ 7 2</p> <p>♥ J 5 3</p> <p>♦ A J 5 4</p> <p>♣ 9 8 7 6</p>		<p>♠ A 9 8</p> <p>♥ A 7</p> <p>♦ 9 8</p> <p>♣ A K J 4 3 2</p>									

West	North	East	South
de Boer	Chemla	Kokish	Nartis
2♠	Dble	Pass	3NT
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Wubbo de Boer ruffed the opening club lead. If declarer follows with a heart to the queen, the contract fails because the defense can win and clear trumps, and declarer must lose a second heart trick. So Wubbo guessed correctly to run the ♥10 round to East's ace. Back came a second club, which he ruffed again.

Now the problem for declarer is that if he plays on trumps the defense can duck the first round. When they win the second trump and play a third club the hearts are blocked. Declarer has to ruff to get back to hand and runs out of trumps. However, if you unblock the hearts at once before playing the ♠K, East wins his ♠A, and leads a diamond to his partner, then gets a heart ruff.

De Boer, who saw the problems coming up, found an ingenious if quixotic solution to his problem. Having gone to all those lengths to finesse in hearts at trick two, he now led the ♥K from his hand, crashing the queen, then ruffed a heart with dummy's ♠K! Then he simply drew trumps, having retained control of the hand, and could not be prevented from making ten tricks.

## Precision Award for Best Defense

**Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz, USA**

Author: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands)

Bad luck being non-Dutch, from NRC-Handelsblad, 10th Nov '95.

The following deal is from the first Politiken Invitational World Pairs at Copenhagen. This tournament, with a format similar to the Cap Volmac and Macallan Top 16, was won by Zia Mahmood and Peter Weichsel, a Pakistani-American partnership. This hand is interesting both from a declarer's and a defender's point of view.

Game all. Dealer West.

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Both Weichsel (against the Italian European Champions Lanzarotti-Buratti) and the Dane, Dennis Koch-Palmund (against Berkowitz-Cohen from the USA) jumped straight to 5♣ with the North hand after the 1♠ opening bid by West. Both East players led a spade, but from there their paths diverged.

At trick one, Weichsel played low from dummy and ruffed the spade in his hand. He drew trumps with the ♣Q. At trick three he played the ♦9 and when East did not cover he let this card run to the king. West did the best he could by returning the ♥Q. Weichsel won the ace, crossed to dummy by leading the ♣7 to the king, pitched a diamond on the ♠A and ran the ♦Q, throwing a heart when West did not cover: an elegant route to 11 tricks.

At the table Dennis Koch-Palmund decided to play the ace when East, David Berkowitz, led a spade, discarding a diamond from his hand. Next, the Dane put some pressure on the Americans by playing a low diamond, away from dummy's QJ5. After some considerable thought Larry Cohen judged well by ducking. Berkowitz won with the ♦10 and persisted in spades. Declarer ruffed high, crossed to dummy's ♣K with a middle trump, ruffed a diamond high, re-entered dummy with a small club to the ♣5 and ruffed the last diamond high. At this point declarer cashed the ♥A on which Cohen unblocked the queen. When a small heart followed, Berkowitz did very well to win the trick with the ♥9. He kept the trick and was able to cash the ♥K as well: one down.

The defensive problem here is of course the location of the ♥J. If West had that card then Berkowitz should have popped up with a 'crocodile' ♥K. He reasoned correctly however, that from ♥QJ-doubleton Cohen certainly would have thrown the ♥J. The Jack would strongly indicate the possession of the queen as well, since otherwise declarer would probably have taken a finesse with ♥AQx.

## Post Mortem

(not published in Handelsblad)

After the spade lead declarer can always make his contract in a legal, though double dummy, way. He takes the ♠A, discards a diamond and plays a heart. There are two possibilities:

- West follows with the queen. North should duck this card. Hereafter West cannot avoid being endplayed. He will be stripped in hearts and/or clubs, whereafter declarer will give him a trick in diamonds. Now West must concede the 11th trick in



diamonds or spades.

2. West follows small. This time North should go up with the ace, pull a trump and continue with a small heart from his hand, achieving the same endplay as described under 1.

So it appears that only a heart lead by East kills 5♣.

## Romex Award for Best Auction

Derek Patterson and Pat Collins, GB

Author: Brian Callaghan (GB)

Source: from the 1995 Lederer Memorial

### Lederer Invitation Teams November 1995

Game all. Dealer North.

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W		E										
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West	North	East	South
Patterson	Friday	Collins	Edwin
	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

This hand defeated all but one of the East/West pairs. The key to it was that East's ♠Q was worth a whole trick and his two diamonds could be discarded on West's top spades. Most Easts heard their partners make a bid to show a raise in hearts after South had overcalled in spades, and most of them quickly jumped to game.

Pat Collins though hit the jackpot by making a trial bid of 3♣. When his partner cuebid in spades he showed a diamond control in return, and his partner cuebid in spades again. Now that he knew his ♠Q was working he could use Blackwood and bid slam. This won 13 IMPs for his team.

## A word from Yugoslavia

Kind regards to all organizers and players of this beautiful Olympiad Championship for fair play, good organization and excellent atmosphere.

We are from a young bridge club, which provided five players for the Yugoslavian Open team.

Without sponsors we were still able to send a team and to do all for bridge development in Yugoslavia.

**Seka Milovik-Jovicovic**  
**B.C. Slem**  
 Beograd, Yugoslavia

## Geir Helgemo

By Brent Manley, United States

This article first appeared in the *Daily Bulletin of the American Contract Bridge League at the North American Championships in Atlanta in November, 1995. It has been revised to some extent to fit circumstances.*

Geir Helgemo of Norway, only 27 years old, has established himself as a world-class player whose reputation grows with each achievement.

Just this year (1995), Helgemo has won his second Cap Volmac World Top Tournament and the Generali Masters Individual. At the ACBL Summer Championships he finished second in the Life Master Pairs with Tony Forrester.

He has been Norway's top player for five years, and he is the bridge columnist for the Norwegian national newspaper VG.

Bob Hamman, the world's No. 1 rated player, has grown to respect Helgemo's playing skill. "He's a terrific player. He has a good common-sense approach to the game and doesn't need a lot of conventions. He knows what he's doing."

"I like games where you use your brain," says Helgemo. At age 5 he took up chess and almost instantly was successful. "I was a fairly good chess player for my age," he said.

At the age of 12, after lots of time playing other card games, Helgemo discovered bridge. His approach was to study first, and he became a voracious reader, tackling Charles Goren and Hugh Kelsey early on before moving to other authors.

"It was hard work. I read a lot in the first few years, but at that age it's easier to learn. When you start at 20 or 25, it's not that easy."

At the age of 18 he left Trondheim University after studying computer science for three years. At that point he became a newspaper writer and a bridge professional.

Helgemo doesn't play much bridge at home. His recreational activities include squash and bowling, although he enjoys almost every sport.

At the table, Helgemo is aggressive, favoring light openers and mostly natural bidding. Table feel is one of his strongest assets. "I'm very good at reading what's happening at the table," he says.

One of Helgemo's great disappointments was losing in the 1993 Bermuda Bowl in Santiago, Chile. His long-term goal is to win a world championship, and he certainly came close in Chile.

## Busy day for IBPA members

Yesterday was a very busy day for members of the International Bridge Press Association. Awards were presented, officers were elected, the annual meeting was held, and the BOLS luncheon also took place.

### The BOLS luncheon

Marlof Strumphler of the Netherlands, public relations consultant for BOLS Royal Distilleries, greeted IBPA members at the annual luncheon – but he had some bad news for the members. After 22 years, BOLS is withdrawing as a sponsor for the IBPA. The parting is on the best of terms, and both BOLS and the IBPA hope that the association can be resumed some time in the future.

More than 100 IBPA members were present at the luncheon, the largest number in the history of the organization.

Mark Horton displayed the cover of a special book devoted to BOLS tips that will be published soon. Every full member of the IBPA who fills in the necessary form will get a complimentary copy of the book. If interested, see Evelyn Senn in the Press Room.

Awards were presented to the three top pairs in the World Championship Journalist Pairs. The winners of that event were Nissan Rand and Uri Gilboa of Israel. Strumphler paid tribute to the persons who have been most instrumental in the association with BOLS – Herman Filarski, Andre Boekhorst, Albert Dormer and Evelyn Senn.

Over the years there have been many BOLS contests, some featuring bridge tips, some concerned mainly with brilliancy and most recently we have had the BOLS Press Awards.

### The new officers

Henry Francis of the United States, chief editor of the Daily News at these championships, was elected president. Jean-Paul Meyer of France became executive vice president. New members of the Executive are Barry Rigal of Great Britain (3 years), Julius Butkow of South Africa (3 years), Jan van Cleeff of the Netherlands (2 years), and Dilip Jadhavi of India (1 year).

The following were reelected: Per Jannersten of Sweden, organizational vice president; Alan Truscott of the United States, chairman; Evelyn Senn of the Netherlands, treasurer; Stuart Staveley of Scotland, secretary, and Eric Kokish of Canada, executive council.

Francis also is executive editor of the Bridge Bulletin published by the American Contract Bridge League and the executive editor of the Encyclopedia of Bridge.

He succeeds Tommy Sandsmark of Norway, IBPA president for the past five and a half years.

## Hands from Mixed Teams

The 1996 World Championship Book is going to cover the Mixed Teams as well as the Olympiad. But to do this the writers need hands – lots of hands.

If you know of a hand that is worthy of publication, please pass it along to one of the four persons who will be writing the new book – Eric Kokish, Brian Senior, Richard Colker or Barry Rigal.

Of course your Daily News also wants to give good coverage to the Mixed Teams. If you have a good hand, why not drop by the Daily News office and tell either Henry Francis or Brian Senior about it?

## The qualifiers!

It's interesting to note that no country placed more than one team in the quarterfinals – 16 different countries were represented in yesterday's matches. We have TD A.S. Viswanathan to thank for this observation.

## IBPA Executive meeting

The newly-elected Executive of the IBPA will meet tomorrow at 10.00 in the Press Room. Items concerning plans for the coming year will be discussed.

# The Secrets of the British Women

By Chris Dixon

The British women qualified for the quarterfinals by scoring 72 VPs from a maximum of 75 in their last three matches in the round robin. How could even a team as talented as these Britons produce such near perfection when the pressure was at its greatest? I discovered that there were forces at work which made this feat almost predestined.

Nicola Smith, the most experienced player in the British women's team, leaves nothing to chance. In the 19th round match against Brazil, in the warmth of mid-day, she was dressed in summery white shorts. They scored 24-6, so Nicola wore those lucky shorts again for the match against the Philippines. Another 24-6. For the last match, against Spain, in the cool of the evening, there was Nicola with the same shorts (and a thick coat across her knees). Pat Davies, her partner, has been there before. "When we need three good results", she told me, "I make sure that I am wearing something very comfortable."

I noticed, examining Nicola's scorecards, that the round numbers were neatly written in the appropriate place at the top of the scorecard – except for one, on which the number was replaced by the word "treize." How had this respect for the unlucky number (I daren't print it) been rewarded? I looked over the results. They had played a board of this number in each of the odd numbered matches. How had they fared:

Round 1	Lost 1 IMP
Round 3	Gained 12 IMP
Round 5	Flat
Round 7	Gained 1 IMP
Round 9	Gained treize IMP
Round 11	Gained 3 IMP
Round treize	Gained 7 IMP
Round 15	Flat
Round 17	Flat
Round 19	Gained 9 IMP
Round 21	Gained 11 IMP

A net gain of 55 IMPs! And had round treize itself produced any luck for them? Round treize was against Sweden, the match in which their opponent had mis-guessed the trump suit in a 7♥ contract – a 281-IMP decision!

Any luck in the last round? How about hand treize itself. This had been transposed with hand 14, so the real hand treize was this:

Hand treize. Love All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
Lead: ♦10			
Treize tricks			
North/South +510			

This was Nicola and Pat's sequence. At the other table, Heather Dhondy overcalled 1♠ with the West cards, and the Spanish ladies reached 6♥. A spade was led and continued and declarer led the ♥3 from dummy and when East followed with the four, well, influenced no doubt by the white shorts, played the ace!

You may have noticed the British girls wearing mysterious black wrist bands. These are "Taktionic Bands." Filled with crystals, they exert gentle forces on the pressure points in the wrists inducing a feeling of relaxed tranquillity. Do they work? I asked Liz McGowan.

"Of course they work!", she replied, "have you ever seen a calm McGowan before?"

I confessed that I hadn't.

Yesterday, the British supporters witnessed a curious sight. Pat Davies, not renowned for her athletic prowess, plunged herself into the near freezing waters of the Capsis Hotel outdoor sea water pool. What could possibly have influenced her to take such a dramatic step? I asked Pat later.

"Jane insisted that I exercise. I could choose between tennis, a five-mile run or swimming," Pat replied.

Jane Townsend is the team's sports psychologist. To be mentally alert and physically relaxed is her advice, and she has many ways of showing the team members how to achieve this state. One member of the team is not always relaxed, This is Jill Arthur, wife of the British NPC and the team's official scorer. In the match against Spain, she was scoring in the Closed Room, but couldn't bear to watch!

Yesterday morning, the quarterfinal match against Austria started. You could easily recognise Nicola Smith as she went into play. Just look out for those white shorts and the Taktionic Bands!

## Open Qualifying – The Final Round

Going into the final round of qualifying, Group A looked as though the four qualifiers were probably settled while Group B was still very much alive with three teams vying for fourth spot. Fourth going into the match were Israel 3.5 VPs ahead of Great Britain, who they were playing, while Russia, who had what looked an easy match on paper against Kenya, were a further 3 VPs behind. We will concentrate on Great Britain v Israel with occasional looks at the Russian match.

Board 8 Love All. Dealer West.

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

For Great Britain, Justin Hackett opened 1NT (14-16) as North and played there. Ophir Herbst led a low club to the ace and Ilan Herbst returned the ♣J, ducked. Now Ilan switched to a low diamond for the ten and king and Ophir played ace and a third diamond. Justin played ♥J next, ducked after much thought, and followed up with ace then queen of hearts. Ophir won and cashed the ♠K, leaving Justin with the rest; +90.

In the other room, Tony Forrester opened the West

hand 2♥, supposedly either a weak two in spades or weak with 5-5 in hearts and a minor. Andy Robson responded 2♠, for correction, and played there. The cards lay nicely for Robson and he made ten tricks; +170 and 6 IMPs to Great Britain.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

In the Closed Room, Forrester opened 1♠ in third seat and Zohar Tur overcalled 2♠. Michaels. Robson bid 3♣, doubled by Nir Greenberg, and Tur jumped to 4♦ to show his extra strength. But Greenberg settled for 4♥ where he played for +650.

In the Open Room, Ilan preferred a multi 2♦ opening. Justin passed for now and it went 2♥ – Pass – 2♠ to him and now he jumped to 4♦, game-forcing red two-suiter. Jason cuebid 4♠ and Justin used RKCB for diamonds. But Jason didn't want to respond 5♦ in case Justin chose to play there. He jumped to 6♥ and that was that. Jason won the spade lead, crossed to ♦A and led a low club up. Ophir won and returned a club and

Jason set about a crossruff; +1430 and 13 IMPs to Great Britain.

Russia lost 13 IMPs when they played in game while the Kenyans bid and made 6♥.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Everybody played 3NT. Russia made it from the North seat on a heart lead, West having bid the suit, while Kenya were two down; 13 IMPs to Russia.

Israel made it also. For Britain, Jason opened 3NT in fourth seat and played there. Ilan led the ♥Q, ducked, ♥J ducked, then ♥10, ducked. Now he cashed the ♥A and that was two down. Technically, Jason should rise with the king on the first heart as a spade switch will always beat him. He played for a misdefense and thought he got a tempo break from East on the second heart. He went with that feeling even though it meant West was seriously misdefending, and paid the price; 13 IMPs to Israel.

Israel won by 8 IMPs, 17-13 VPs, but it wasn't enough because Russia blitzed Kenya to take the fourth spot.

# Open Qualifying B – Cross Table

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
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# Open Qualifying A – Cross Table

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
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**MIXED TEAMS OLYMPIAD****STANDINGS AFTER 4 ROUNDS**

1	Mrs NAHMENS	FRA	89
2	Mrs VALEANU	ROM	86.5
3	BURGAY	ITA	82
4	Mrs MIDSKOG	NOR	81
5	FELDMAN	USA	77
6	Mrs POKORNA	CZE	76
7	FILIPPI	SMR	74
8	DERI	CAN	73
9	WALSHE	IRL	72
10	Mrs ZOBU	TUR	71
11	Mrs WICKERS	FRA	71
12	BILUSIC	CRO	71
13	JUURI-OJA	FIN	71
14	MORI	USA	71
15	Mrs ROMANOV	LAT	70
16	BOUVERESSE	GUA	70
17	MS SNEPVANGE	NLD	69
18	STANSBY	USA	68
19	KUMALA	FIN	68
20	Mrs HARDEMAN	BEL	67
21	DE BOER	NLD	67
22	Mrs CANESI	ITA	67
23	MAURIN	FRA	67
24	Mrs FAIVRE	FRA	66
25	KAPLAN	USA	66
26	ROSENKRANZ	MEX	65
27	Mrs SOLAKOGLU	TUR	65
28	DI SILVIO	LIE	64.5
29	FALCIAI	ITA	64
30	JACKAL	IND	64
31	CHEEK	USA	64
32	LEE	CAN	64
33	CERVI	ITA	63
34	KARRSTRAND	SWE	63
35	BAUSBACK	GER	63
36	ENGEL	DEU	63
37	KOWALSKI	POL	63
38	CORMACK	NZL	62.5
39	WENNING	DEU	62
40	PACAULT ESP	FRA	62
41	SAUNDERS	BMU	61
42	KASLE	USA	61
43	Mrs DAS	FRA	60
44	BRADLEY	USA	59
45	KARLAFTIS	GRE	59
46	QUERAN	FRA	59
47	EKINCI	TUR	58
48	GOENKA	IND	57
49	HELLENBERG	ANT	57
50	Mrs LESUR	FRA	56
51	Mrs KOSHI	JPN	54
52	GAROZZO	USA	54
53	BARONI	ITA	53
54	CAPAYANNIDES	GRE	53
55	ESKINAZ	TUR	52
56	ROUSSOS	GRE	51
57	DUBROVSKY	USA	51
58	OTVOSI	POL	51
59	SAPOJNIKOV	UKR	51
60	Mrs KASIMHOC	TUR	51
61	YUREKLI	TUR	50
62	LINDSTROM ***	SVK	50
63	Mrs BELLO	FRA	49
64	STEINBUCHER	TUR	48
65	OZUMERZIFON	TUR	48
66	QADIR	PAK	47
67	MINARIK	HUN	47
68	Mrs VANNUZZI	ITA	46
69	VOLHEJN	CZE	45
70	BONORI	ITA	44
71	HENDRICKX	BEL	44
72	REYGADAS	MEX	43
73	SIMPSON	CAN	41
74	D'ORSI ***	BRA	38
75	HARRIS	GBR	38
76	YALMAN	TUR	37
77	SHKLIAR	UKR	31
78	TANER	TUR	31

# Olympic Bridge Festival

## KEAVENEY AND TIMLIN WIN TODAY'S OPEN PAIRS EVENT

Number of pairs: 40

Final ranking Pairs tournament October 29th

	<b>I Keaveney</b>	<b>Timlin</b>	<b>65.69 %</b>
2	Sarkanias	Saulis	62.50 %
3	Swanstrom	Gullberg	60.97 %
4	Skordas	Hadjopoulos	60.00 %
5	Shihamura	Teramoto	59.03 %
6	Strandberg	Melander	58.33 %
7	Rozenal	Alkan	56.67 %

## PROGRAM OF NEXT DAY'S ONE SESSION EVENTS

WEDNESDAY	30/10	11.00	OPEN PAIRS
THURSDAY	31/10	19.30	OPEN PAIRS
FRIDAY	1/11	19.30	OPEN PAIRS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

After 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.

**Today, 30 October 11:00****at Capsis Metropolitan Hotel**

Entry fees : \$20 or 5,000GRD



All journalists present are hereby cordially invited to the annual

## WBF PRESS CONFERENCE

on  
**FRIDAY, 1st November 1996**in the  
**APOLLO ROOM**at  
**10.00 a.m. (Please note the time change)**

On the panel:

**Mr. José Damiani**, *President of the WBF***Mr. Henry Francis**, *President of the IBPA***Mr. Nartis**, *President of the Hellenic Bridge Federation***Mr. Yannopoulos**, *Mayor of the town of Rhodes***Mr. Panos Gerontopoulos**, *IBPA and WBF Liaison Officer*

After the Press Conference, and after the 1st match, at 12.30, the WBF cordially invites all journalists present for a drink in La Terrasse Bar.