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The Right Spirit

The spirit of the Olympiad was demonstrated in the Open Series yesterday.

Tanzania got their wires crossed, and thinking there was no match in the morning, failed to appear for their scheduled encounter with **Poland**. The Poles graciously gave up their free evening to play the match, and were rewarded by the bridge gods, who granted them a victory.

The race for a top four finish is very exciting in Groups A, B & D, but in Group C, there is almost a full match between the fourth and fifth placed teams.

In the Women's contest, there is every indication that the battle for qualification will not be decided until the final day of the Round Robin.

USA still head the rankings in the Seniors event, but **England** are hot on their heels.

Italy & Austria continue to dominate the University Event.



Better late than never - Poland and Tanzania get their match in Thursday evening while the other Open teams ate dinner

Trains notice

Because of work on the rail lines, there are no trains running between Utrecht and 's-Hertogenbosch this weekend. If you are going to Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam for a flight home, you must take the train that goes from Maastricht to Eindhoven to Rotterdam to Schiphol. The cost is 51 Dutch guilders. The trip takes three hours, 20 minutes.

TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS - REGISTRATION

Teams are required to register with Hospitality in order to participate in this event, but they may not do so until they have paid the entry fee.

A member of each team should see Mrs Christine Francin in the WBF Office, Room 2.3 on the Promenade Floor of MECC to pay the entry fee for his team BEFORE registering with Hospitality. Please note that even teams that have already paid must obtain a receipt before registering.

No registration will be accepted from any team without a receipt from Mrs Francin.

Mrs Francin will be available from 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.30 - 18.00 daily on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and from 10.00 - 12.00 on Tuesday.



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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 11

GROUP A

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|------------|---------------|----------|--------|
| 1 Denmark | Singapore | 82 - 38 | 24 - 6 |
| 2 Brazil | Tunisia | 69 - 11 | 25 - 4 |
| 3 Austria | Wales | 96 - 15 | 25 - 0 |
| 4 Spain | Switzerland | 64 - 31 | 22 - 8 |
| 5 Belgium | Canada | 66 - 36 | 21 - 9 |
| 6 Croatia | Colombia | 82 - 32 | 25 - 5 |
| 7 Ireland | Hong Kong | 77 - 47 | 21 - 9 |
| 8 Poland | Tanzania | 136 - 17 | 25 - 0 |
| 9 Pakistan | Slovenia | 33 - 95 | 3 - 25 |

GROUP B

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| 11 Netherlands | Greece | 46 - 28 | 19 - 11 |
| 12 Hungary | Philippines | 82 - 37 | 24 - 6 |
| 13 Bangladesh | Romania | 52 - 45 | 16 - 14 |
| 14 Chinese Taipei | Liechtenstein | 43 - 50 | 14 - 16 |
| 15 Monaco | Russia | 31 - 90 | 4 - 25 |
| 16 Finland | USA | 28 - 101 | 1 - 25 |
| 17 Lebanon | Guadeloupe | 30 - 72 | 6 - 24 |
| 18 Portugal | Luxemburg | 62 - 48 | 18 - 12 |
| 19 Australia | Scotland | 40 - 47 | 14 - 16 |

GROUP C

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 21 Mexico | San Marino | 51 - 35 | 18 - 12 |
| 22 India | France | 65 - 52 | 18 - 12 |
| 23 Germany | Sweden | 86 - 31 | 25 - 4 |
| 24 Malta | Venezuela | 32 - 65 | 8 - 22 |
| 25 Latvia | Yugoslavia | 75 - 36 | 23 - 7 |
| 26 Israel | Indonesia | 34 - 49 | 12 - 18 |
| 27 Egypt | Japan | 43 - 63 | 11 - 19 |
| 28 Czech Republic | Cyprus | 75 - 60 | 18 - 12 |
| 29 Uruguay | England | 16 - 58 | 6 - 24 |

GROUP D

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|----------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 31 China | Italy | 41 - 60 | 11 - 19 |
| 32 New Zealand | Argentina | 64 - 42 | 20 - 10 |
| 33 Botswana | Palestine | 92 - 63 | 21 - 9 |
| 34 Malaysia | Bulgaria | 71 - 58 | 18 - 12 |
| 35 Bermuda | Thailand | 37 - 90 | 5 - 25 |
| 36 Martinique | Iceland | 37 - 85 | 5 - 25 |
| 37 Norway | South Africa | 57 - 48 | 17 - 13 |
| 38 La Reunion | Morocco | 81 - 62 | 19 - 11 |
| 39 Ukraine | Turkey | 35 - 90 | 4 - 25 |

ROUND 12

GROUP A

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 Tunisia | Denmark | 45 - 63 | 11 - 19 |
| 2 Wales | Brazil | 53 - 70 | 11 - 19 |
| 3 Switzerland | Austria | 34 - 74 | 7 - 23 |
| 4 Slovenia | Spain | 68 - 42 | 20 - 10 |
| 5 Canada | Singapore | 53 - 40 | 18 - 12 |
| 6 Colombia | Belgium | 55 - 47 | 16 - 14 |
| 7 Hong Kong | Croatia | 53 - 67 | 12 - 18 |
| 8 Tanzania | Ireland | 62 - 62 | 15 - 15 |
| 9 Pakistan | Poland | 74 - 82 | 14 - 16 |

GROUP B

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 11 Philippines | Netherlands | 9 - 115 | 0 - 25 |
| 12 Romania | Hungary | 8 - 102 | 0 - 25 |
| 13 Liechtenstein | Bangladesh | 70 - 33 | 23 - 7 |
| 14 Scotland | Chinese Taipei | 61 - 40 | 19 - 11 |
| 15 Russia | Greece | 55 - 71 | 12 - 18 |
| 16 USA | Monaco | 65 - 14 | 25 - 5 |
| 17 Guadeloupe | Finland | 22 - 62 | 7 - 23 |
| 18 Luxemburg | Lebanon | 29 - 73 | 6 - 24 |
| 19 Australia | Portugal | 52 - 87 | 8 - 22 |

GROUP C

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|---------------|----------------|----------|---------|
| 21 France | Mexico | 91 - 34 | 25 - 4 |
| 22 Sweden | India | 23 - 42 | 11 - 19 |
| 23 Venezuela | Germany | 77 - 49 | 21 - 9 |
| 24 England | Malta | 96 - 22 | 25 - 1 |
| 25 Yugoslavia | San Marino | 51 - 29 | 20 - 10 |
| 26 Indonesia | Latvia | 107 - 20 | 25 - 0 |
| 27 Japan | Israel | 23 - 79 | 4 - 25 |
| 28 Cyprus | Egypt | 18 - 111 | 0 - 25 |
| 29 Uruguay | Czech Republic | 33 - 63 | 9 - 21 |

GROUP D

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| 31 Argentina | China | 62 - 23 | 23 - 7 |
| 32 Palestine | New Zealand | 20 - 117 | 0 - 25 |
| 33 Bulgaria | Botswana | 45 - 32 | 18 - 12 |
| 34 Turkey | Malaysia | 39 - 50 | 13 - 17 |
| 35 Thailand | Italy | 29 - 59 | 9 - 21 |
| 36 Iceland | Bermuda | 74 - 37 | 23 - 7 |
| 37 South Africa | Martinique | 85 - 21 | 25 - 3 |
| 38 Morocco | Norway | 40 - 32 | 16 - 14 |
| 39 Ukraine | La Reunion | 35 - 63 | 9 - 21 |

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 15

GROUP A

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 41 Hong Kong | Spain |
| 42 Italy | Sweden |
| 43 Austria | Denmark |
| 44 Brazil | Norway |
| 45 USA | Indonesia |
| 46 England | Jamaica |
| 47 Israel | Ireland |
| 48 Japan | Croatia |
| 49 Russia | New Zealand |
| 50 Chinese Taipei | Finland |

GROUP B

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 51 Czech Republic | Scotland |
| 52 Pakistan | Mexico |
| 53 China | Egypt |
| 54 South Africa | Wales |
| 55 Morocco | Argentina |
| 56 Greece | Germany |
| 57 Venezuela | Australia |
| 58 India | Canada |
| 59 Turkey | Poland |
| 60 Netherlands | France |

Appeals Committees

There are no appeals scheduled for 09.00 today. Committee members will be advised when they are required by Grat-tan Endicott.

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 12

GROUP A

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 41 England | Hong Kong | 73 - 41 | 22 - 8 |
| 42 USA | Italy | 52 - 24 | 21 - 9 |
| 43 Brazil | Austria | 36 - 74 | 7 - 23 |
| 44 Spain | Denmark | 60 - 35 | 20 - 10 |
| 45 Finland | Sweden | 66 - 24 | 24 - 6 |
| 46 Norway | Israel | 41 - 49 | 14 - 16 |
| 47 Indonesia | Japan | 30 - 51 | 11 - 19 |
| 48 Jamaica | Russia | 26 - 71 | 6 - 24 |
| 49 Ireland | Chinese Taipei | 46 - 48 | 15 - 15 |
| 50 Croatia | New Zealand | 52 - 37 | 18 - 12 |

GROUP B

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|---------|
| 51 Greece | Czech Republic | 57 - 48 | 17 - 13 |
| 52 Morocco | Pakistan | 45 - 41 | 16 - 14 |
| 53 South Africa | China | 56 - 45 | 17 - 13 |
| 54 Scotland | Egypt | 80 - 52 | 21 - 9 |
| 55 France | Mexico | 76 - 26 | 25 - 5 |
| 56 Wales | Venezuela | 19 - 73 | 4 - 25 |
| 57 Argentina | India | 68 - 55 | 18 - 12 |
| 58 Germany | Turkey | 75 - 12 | 25 - 3 |
| 59 Australia | Netherlands | 33 - 46 | 12 - 18 |
| 60 Canada | Poland | 69 - 100 | 9 - 21 |

ROUND 13

GROUP A

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 41 Hong Kong | USA | 50 - 56 | 14 - 16 |
| 42 Italy | Brazil | 22 - 63 | 7 - 23 |
| 43 Austria | Spain | 58 - 48 | 17 - 13 |
| 44 Denmark | Sweden | 51 - 24 | 21 - 9 |
| 45 England | Norway | 44 - 46 | 15 - 15 |
| 46 Israel | Indonesia | 33 - 25 | 16 - 14 |
| 47 Japan | Jamaica | 79 - 41 | 23 - 7 |
| 48 Russia | Ireland | 38 - 27 | 17 - 13 |
| 49 Chinese Taipei | Croatia | 57 - 26 | 21 - 9 |
| 50 New Zealand | Finland | 38 - 41 | 14 - 16 |

GROUP B

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 51 Czech Republic | Morocco | 37 - 39 | 15 - 15 |
| 52 Pakistan | South Africa | 18 - 62 | 6 - 24 |
| 53 China | Scotland | 46 - 43 | 16 - 14 |
| 54 Egypt | Mexico | 23 - 38 | 12 - 18 |
| 55 Greece | Wales | 63 - 40 | 20 - 10 |
| 56 Venezuela | Argentina | 61 - 35 | 20 - 10 |
| 57 India | Germany | 50 - 56 | 14 - 16 |
| 58 Turkey | Australia | 62 - 6 | 25 - 4 |
| 59 Netherlands | Canada | 31 - 56 | 10 - 20 |
| 60 Poland | France | 25 - 52 | 9 - 21 |

ROUND 14

GROUP A

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 41 Brazil | Hong Kong | 51 - 62 | 13 - 17 |
| 42 Spain | Italy | 52 - 35 | 19 - 11 |
| 43 Sweden | Austria | 33 - 61 | 9 - 21 |
| 44 Finland | Denmark | 78 - 34 | 24 - 6 |
| 45 Norway | USA | 58 - 39 | 19 - 11 |
| 46 Indonesia | England | 48 - 74 | 10 - 20 |
| 47 Jamaica | Israel | 40 - 55 | 12 - 18 |
| 48 Ireland | Japan | 48 - 75 | 9 - 21 |
| 49 Croatia | Russia | 57 - 57 | 15 - 15 |
| 50 New Zealand | Chinese Taipei | 42 - 64 | 10 - 20 |

GROUP B

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 51 South Africa | Czech Republic | 27 - 71 | 6 - 24 |
| 52 Scotland | Pakistan | 86 - 48 | 23 - 7 |
| 53 Mexico | China | 40 - 73 | 8 - 22 |
| 54 France | Egypt | 74 - 13 | 25 - 3 |
| 55 Wales | Morocco | 56 - 50 | 16 - 14 |
| 56 Argentina | Greece | 48 - 37 | 17 - 13 |
| 57 Germany | Venezuela | 49 - 43 | 16 - 14 |
| 58 Australia | India | 41 - 45 | 14 - 16 |
| 59 Canada | Turkey | 69 - 26 | 24 - 6 |
| 60 Poland | Netherlands | 28 - 46 | 11 - 19 |

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 16

GROUP A

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 41 Sweden | Hong Kong |
| 42 Denmark | Italy |
| 43 Finland | Austria |
| 44 Norway | Spain |
| 45 Indonesia | Brazil |
| 46 Jamaica | USA |
| 47 Ireland | England |
| 48 Croatia | Israel |
| 49 New Zealand | Japan |
| 50 Chinese Taipei | Russia |

GROUP B

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 51 Mexico | Czech Republic |
| 52 Egypt | Pakistan |
| 53 France | China |
| 54 Wales | Scotland |
| 55 Argentina | South Africa |
| 56 Germany | Morocco |
| 57 Australia | Greece |
| 58 Canada | Venezuela |
| 59 Poland | India |
| 60 Netherlands | Turkey |

ROUND 17

GROUP A

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 41 Hong Kong | Denmark |
| 42 Italy | Austria |
| 43 Sweden | Norway |
| 44 Spain | Indonesia |
| 45 Brazil | Jamaica |
| 46 USA | Ireland |
| 47 England | Croatia |
| 48 Israel | New Zealand |
| 49 Japan | Chinese Taipei |
| 50 Russia | Finland |

GROUP B

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 51 Czech Republic | Egypt |
| 52 Pakistan | China |
| 53 Mexico | Wales |
| 54 Scotland | Argentina |
| 55 South Africa | Germany |
| 56 Morocco | Australia |
| 57 Greece | Canada |
| 58 Venezuela | Poland |
| 59 India | Netherlands |
| 60 Turkey | France |

OPEN RANKINGS**AFTER 12 ROUNDS****GROUP A**

| | | |
|----|-------------|-------|
| 1 | POLAND | 239.0 |
| 2 | BELGIUM | 226.0 |
| 3 | BRAZIL | 225.0 |
| 4 | DENMARK | 224.5 |
| 5 | AUSTRIA | 223.5 |
| 6 | IRELAND | 208.5 |
| 7 | SPAIN | 204.0 |
| 8 | SLOVENIA | 201.0 |
| 9 | CROATIA | 195.0 |
| 10 | SWITZERLAND | 181.0 |
| 11 | HONG KONG | 174.5 |
| 12 | CANADA | 168.0 |
| 13 | PAKISTAN | 159.5 |
| 14 | WALES | 135.0 |
| 15 | COLOMBIA | 123.0 |
| 16 | TUNISIA | 109.0 |
| 17 | SINGAPORE | 108.0 |
| 18 | TANZANIA | 83.0 |

GROUP B

| | | |
|----|----------------|-------|
| 1 | USA | 245.0 |
| 2 | NETHERLANDS | 228.0 |
| 3 | AUSTRALIA | 221.0 |
| 4 | HUNGARY | 216.0 |
| 5 | RUSSIA | 212.0 |
| 6 | GREECE | 194.0 |
| 7 | LIECHTENSTEIN | 190.0 |
| 8 | CHINESE TAIPEI | 185.0 |
| 9 | PORTUGAL | 182.0 |
| 10 | FINLAND | 177.0 |
| 11 | LEBANON | 173.0 |
| | SCOTLAND | 173.0 |
| 13 | ROMANIA | 160.0 |
| 14 | LUXEMBURG | 150.0 |
| 15 | BANGLADESH | 142.0 |
| | GUADELOUPE | 142.0 |
| 17 | MONACO | 135.0 |
| 18 | PHILIPPINES | 77.0 |

GROUP C

| | | |
|----|----------------|-------|
| 1 | ENGLAND | 253.0 |
| 2 | INDONESIA | 238.5 |
| 3 | FRANCE | 237.0 |
| 4 | SWEDEN | 227.0 |
| 5 | ISRAEL | 209.0 |
| 6 | JAPAN | 200.0 |
| 7 | INDIA | 199.0 |
| 8 | GERMANY | 197.0 |
| 9 | YUGOSLAVIA | 179.0 |
| 10 | EGYPT | 173.5 |
| 11 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 172.0 |
| 12 | VENEZUELA | 154.5 |
| 13 | MEXICO | 134.0 |
| 14 | LATVIA | 127.0 |
| 15 | CYPRUS | 123.5 |
| 16 | URUGUAY | 121.0 |
| 17 | SAN MARINO | 114.5 |
| 18 | MALTA | 108.0 |

GROUP D

| | | |
|----|--------------|-------|
| 1 | ITALY | 258.0 |
| 2 | ARGENTINA | 228.0 |
| 3 | NORWAY | 225.0 |
| 4 | ICELAND | 216.0 |
| 5 | NEW ZEALAND | 212.0 |
| 6 | SOUTH AFRICA | 211.0 |
| 7 | CHINA | 204.0 |
| 8 | MOROCCO | 199.0 |
| 9 | BULGARIA | 193.2 |
| | LA REUNION | 193.2 |
| 11 | TURKEY | 175.0 |
| 12 | THAILAND | 157.5 |
| 13 | MALAYSIA | 153.0 |
| 14 | UKRAINE | 141.0 |
| 15 | MARTINIQUE | 134.0 |
| 16 | BERMUDA | 130.0 |
| 17 | BOTSWANA | 79.0 |
| 18 | PALESTINE | 49.0 |

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
AFTER 14 ROUNDS**GROUP A**

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 1 | NORWAY | 276.00 |
| 2 | AUSTRIA | 257.00 |
| 3 | FINLAND | 248.00 |
| 4 | CHINESE TAIPEI | 246.25 |
| 5 | USA | 241.60 |
| 6 | ENGLAND | 235.00 |
| 7 | JAPAN | 226.00 |
| 8 | DENMARK | 224.50 |
| 9 | ISRAEL | 217.50 |
| 10 | NEW ZEALAND | 203.00 |
| 11 | INDONESIA | 200.00 |
| 12 | SWEDEN | 196.00 |
| 13 | ITALY | 195.50 |
| 14 | CROATIA | 195.25 |
| 15 | SPAIN | 189.00 |
| 16 | HONG KONG | 185.00 |
| 17 | RUSSIA | 173.40 |
| 18 | IRELAND | 170.00 |
| | BRAZIL | 170.00 |
| 20 | JAMAICA | 117.00 |

GROUP B

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 1 | FRANCE | 282.00 |
| 2 | GERMANY | 263.00 |
| 3 | CANADA | 250.00 |
| 4 | NETHERLANDS | 248.00 |
| 5 | CHINA | 240.00 |
| 6 | POLAND | 232.00 |
| 7 | GREECE | 226.00 |
| 8 | SCOTLAND | 221.00 |
| 9 | SOUTH AFRICA | 219.00 |
| 10 | VENEZUELA | 202.00 |
| 11 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 200.00 |
| 12 | AUSTRALIA | 197.00 |
| 13 | ARGENTINA | 196.00 |
| 14 | MEXICO | 195.00 |
| 15 | MOROCCO | 186.00 |
| 16 | EGYPT | 181.00 |
| 17 | WALES | 164.00 |
| 18 | TURKEY | 157.00 |
| 19 | PAKISTAN | 155.00 |
| 20 | INDIA | 147.00 |

SENIORS' RANKINGS**AFTER 19 ROUNDS**

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 1 | USA | 352.25 |
| 2 | ENGLAND | 347.00 |
| 3 | FRANCE | 341.00 |
| 4 | SCOTLAND | 337.00 |
| 5 | SWEDEN | 332.25 |
| 6 | AUSTRALIA | 328.00 |
| 7 | GERMANY | 327.00 |
| 8 | EGYPT | 320.00 |
| 9 | POLAND | 319.00 |
| 10 | CANADA | 305.00 |
| 11 | ITALY | 302.00 |
| 12 | BELGIUM | 291.00 |
| 13 | TURKEY | 279.00 |
| 14 | SAN MARINO | 271.50 |
| 15 | SWITZERLAND | 271.00 |
| 16 | ISRAEL | 266.00 |
| 17 | FINLAND | 264.00 |
| 18 | NETHERLANDS | 261.50 |
| 19 | IRELAND | 259.00 |
| 20 | ARUBA | 244.00 |
| 21 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 240.00 |
| 22 | NETH. ANTILLEN | 189.00 |
| 23 | WALES | 171.00 |
| 24 | VENEZUELA | 123.00 |

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**AFTER 16 ROUNDS**

| | | |
|----|----------------|--------|
| 1 | ITALY | 331 |
| 2 | AUSTRIA | 324 |
| 3 | DENMARK | 294 |
| 4 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 288 |
| 5 | NORWAY | 280 |
| 6 | GERMANY | 276 |
| 7 | NETHERLANDS | 272 |
| 8 | FRANCE | 262 |
| 9 | POLAND | 259.5 |
| 10 | USA | 257 |
| 11 | CHINESE TAIPEI | 254 |
| 12 | INDONESIA | 243.5 |
| 13 | SINGAPORE | 238 |
| 14 | CHINA | 227.25 |
| 15 | JAPAN | 215 |
| 16 | HONG KONG | 214 |
| 17 | ENGLAND | 204 |
| 18 | BELGIUM | 195 |
| 19 | YUGOSLAVIA | 144 |
| 20 | IRELAND | 141.5 |
| 21 | BOTSWANA | 130 |
| 22 | LATVIA | 116 |

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 13

| GROUP A | | GROUP B | | GROUP C | | GROUP D | |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Denmark | Wales | 11 Netherlands | Romania | 21 Mexico | Sweden | 31 China | Palestine |
| 2 Brazil | Switzerland | 12 Hungary | Liechtenstein | 22 India | Venezuela | 32 New Zealand | Bulgaria |
| 3 Austria | Spain | 13 Bangladesh | Chinese Taipei | 23 Germany | Malta | 33 Botswana | Malaysia |
| 4 Tunisia | Canada | 14 Philippines | Russia | 24 France | Yugoslavia | 34 Argentina | Thailand |
| 5 Singapore | Colombia | 15 Greece | USA | 25 San Marino | Indonesia | 35 Italy | Iceland |
| 6 Belgium | Hong Kong | 16 Monaco | Guadeloupe | 26 Latvia | Japan | 36 Bermuda | South Africa |
| 7 Croatia | Tanzania | 17 Finland | Luxemburg | 27 Israel | Cyprus | 37 Martinique | Morocco |
| 8 Ireland | Pakistan | 18 Lebanon | Australia | 28 Egypt | Uruguay | 38 Norway | Ukraine |
| 9 Poland | Slovenia | 19 Portugal | Scotland | 29 Czech Republic | England | 39 La Reunion | Turkey |

ROUND 14

| GROUP A | | GROUP B | | GROUP C | | GROUP D | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 Switzerland | Denmark | 11 Liechtenstein | Netherlands | 21 Venezuela | Mexico | 31 Bulgaria | China |
| 2 Spain | Brazil | 12 Chinese Taipei | Hungary | 22 Malta | India | 32 Malaysia | New Zealand |
| 3 Slovenia | Austria | 13 Scotland | Bangladesh | 23 England | Germany | 33 Turkey | Botswana |
| 4 Canada | Wales | 14 Russia | Romania | 24 Yugoslavia | Sweden | 34 Thailand | Palestine |
| 5 Colombia | Tunisia | 15 USA | Philippines | 25 Indonesia | France | 35 Iceland | Argentina |
| 6 Hong Kong | Singapore | 16 Guadeloupe | Greece | 26 Japan | San Marino | 36 South Africa | Italy |
| 7 Tanzania | Belgium | 17 Luxemburg | Monaco | 27 Cyprus | Latvia | 37 Morocco | Bermuda |
| 8 Pakistan | Croatia | 18 Australia | Finland | 28 Uruguay | Israel | 38 Ukraine | Martinique |
| 9 Poland | Ireland | 19 Portugal | Lebanon | 29 Czech Republic | Egypt | 39 La Reunion | Norway |

ROUND 15

| GROUP A | | GROUP B | | GROUP C | | GROUP D | |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Denmark | Spain | 11 Netherlands | Chinese Taipei | 21 Mexico | Malta | 31 China | Malaysia |
| 2 Brazil | Austria | 12 Hungary | Bangladesh | 22 India | Germany | 32 New Zealand | Botswana |
| 3 Switzerland | Canada | 13 Liechtenstein | Russia | 23 Venezuela | Yugoslavia | 33 Bulgaria | Thailand |
| 4 Wales | Colombia | 14 Romania | USA | 24 Sweden | Indonesia | 34 Palestine | Iceland |
| 5 Tunisia | Hong Kong | 15 Philippines | Guadeloupe | 25 France | Japan | 35 Argentina | South Africa |
| 6 Singapore | Tanzania | 16 Greece | Luxemburg | 26 San Marino | Cyprus | 36 Italy | Morocco |
| 7 Belgium | Pakistan | 17 Monaco | Australia | 27 Latvia | Uruguay | 37 Bermuda | Ukraine |
| 8 Croatia | Poland | 18 Finland | Portugal | 28 Israel | Czech Republic | 38 Martinique | La Reunion |
| 9 Ireland | Slovenia | 19 Lebanon | Scotland | 29 Egypt | England | 39 Norway | Turkey |

UNIVERSITY TEAMS PROGRAM

| ROUND 17 | | ROUND 18 | | ROUND 19 | | ROUND 20 | |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 71 Latvia | Yugoslavia | 71 Poland | Latvia | 71 Latvia | Netherlands | 71 Botswana | Latvia |
| 72 Indonesia | Belgium | 72 Italy | England | 72 USA | Yugoslavia | 72 Japan | Poland |
| 73 Botswana | Germany | 73 France | Singapore | 73 Chinese Taipei | Belgium | 73 Denmark | England |
| 74 England | Chinese Taipei | 74 Yugoslavia | Denmark | 74 Poland | Hong Kong | 74 Netherlands | Indonesia |
| 75 Ireland | Czech Republic | 75 Norway | Germany | 75 Austria | Singapore | 75 China | Belgium |
| 76 Singapore | Italy | 76 Belgium | USA | 76 England | Japan | 76 Yugoslavia | Ireland |
| 77 China | Austria | 77 Czech Republic | China | 77 Germany | Czech Republic | 77 Singapore | Germany |
| 78 Denmark | Poland | 78 Hong Kong | Netherlands | 78 Indonesia | Botswana | 78 Italy | France |
| 79 Norway | Japan | 79 Austria | Ireland | 79 China | Norway | 79 Czech Republic | Austria |
| 80 France | Hong Kong | 80 Chinese Taipei | Indonesia | 80 Denmark | Italy | 80 Hong Kong | USA |
| 81 USA | Netherlands | 81 Japan | Botswana | 81 Ireland | France | 81 Norway | Chinese Taipei |

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

| ROUND 20 | | ROUND 21 | | ROUND 22 | | ROUND 23 | |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| 85 Wales | Venezuela | 85 USA | Venezuela | 85 Venezuela | Germany | 85 Switzerland | Venezuela |
| 86 Sweden | Scotland | 86 Turkey | Egypt | 86 Neth. Antilles | Finland | 86 France | Canada |
| 87 Finland | Poland | 87 Canada | Aruba | 87 England | Belgium | 87 Netherlands | Italy |
| 88 Italy | England | 88 Wales | Netherlands | 88 USA | San Marino | 88 Germany | Ireland |
| 89 Switzerland | San Marino | 89 Czech Republic | Ireland | 89 Australia | Poland | 89 Israel | Aruba |
| 90 France | Aruba | 90 Scotland | Belgium | 90 Egypt | Italy | 89 Finland | Wales |
| 91 Neth. Antilles | Canada | 91 France | England | 91 Scotland | Netherlands | 91 Egypt | San Marino |
| 92 Netherlands | Turkey | 92 San Marino | Neth. Antilles | 92 Ireland | France | 92 Poland | Scotland |
| 93 Israel | Australia | 93 Sweden | Israel | 93 Turkey | Sweden | 93 Neth. Antilles | Turkey |
| 94 Czech Republic | Germany | 94 Australia | Switzerland | 94 Israel | Czech Republic | 94 Sweden | Australia |
| 95 USA | Egypt | 95 Germany | Finland | 95 Switzerland | Canada | 95 Czech Republic | England |
| 96 Ireland | Belgium | 96 Poland | Italy | 96 Aruba | Wales | 96 Belgium | USA |

OPEN

France v Sweden

**ROUND
7**

Toe to Toe

When two of the strongest teams in a bracket meet, you can expect intense competition, which is exactly what the VuGraph audience witnessed in Round 7 Tuesday in the Open series of the Olympiad in the match between France and Sweden. The teams started the day near the top of the standings in Group C, France only 1 Victory Point out of first, and Sweden only 2 behind.

The entertaining match produced a 53-43 victory for France. Sweden started off strongly, earning 14 IMPs on the first board of the match.

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| W | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ A Q 7 4 2 ♥ A K 7 ♦ K Q 9 7 ♣ K | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Fallenius | Allegrini | Nilsland | Palau |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 3♥ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Should Patrick Allegrini have bid his diamond suit over 2♥? It certainly would have worked out in this case, but usually it is better to show support when you have support (in this case with the cuebid). It makes partner much happier in the long run. Unfortunately for France, the bad trump split doomed the contract, and Jean Jacques Palau finished down one for minus 50.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| Chemla | Lindkvist | Levy | Fredin |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♣ ⁽¹⁾ |
| 1♥ | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| 3♣ | 4♥ ⁽²⁾ | Pass | 6♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Strong and artificial

⁽²⁾ Shortness

The strong club is often subject to interference that other systems do not encounter. In this case, the 1♣ opening worked to the advantage of North-South as Magnus Lindkvist could mention his good diamond suit without fear of an ambiguous auction.



Peter Fredin, Sweden

The diamond slam was cold, so Sweden scored up plus 920 and a 14-IMP gain.

The Swedes tacked on another 6 IMPs on the next board when an odd-looking 2♦ bid by Mats Nilsland produced a good game contract.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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| ♠ Q 10 3 ♥ A K 10 5 3 ♦ K Q ♣ K 4 2 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N | | E | W | | | | S | | ♠ K 9 7 6 ♥ Q J ♦ A 9 3 ♣ A 10 9 8 | ♠ A 8 5 4 ♥ 6 4 ♦ J 8 7 6 5 4 2 ♣ — |
| N | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ J 2 ♥ 9 8 7 2 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 7 6 5 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| Fallenius | Allegrini | Nilsland | Palau |
| | Pass | 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass |
| 2NT | All Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 5♦ | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Diamonds and four spades.

2NT was a forcing bid, and 4♦ presumably showed extra length. With the heart suit lying as it did, Nilslund had no trouble taking 11 tricks for plus 400.

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Chemla | Lindkvist | Levy | Fredin |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♥ | Dble | 2♦ | 3♣ |
| 3♦ | All Pass | | |

Paul Chemla did well to raise his partner's diamond bid with only two trumps, but Alain Levy could not find another call. In practice, with the heart suit lying so favorably, Levy made 12 tricks after Peter Fredin led the ♠J. It was 20-0 Sweden.

France earned 2 overtrick IMPs on board three, then earned a 9-IMP swing when Palau played well to land a tough 3NT contract.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Chemla | Lindkvist | Levy | Fredin |
| 2♥ | All Pass | | |

Fredin might have taken action in fourth seat, but he might be buying trouble. The more his partner produced, the more Chemla would go down, so Fredin opted for a conservative position. The defense started with the ♠Q and a spade to the king. Fredin switched to a low trump, but Chemla put in the 10 and continued with the ♥Q. Fredin won and played a diamond to North's ace, winning the return with the ♦K. The ♠A was ruffed, but Chemla still had to lose the ♣A and a trump trick for minus 200.

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Fallenius | Allegrini | Nilslund | Palau |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Fallenius could not open 2♥ because that bid shows a limited hand with four hearts and a longer minor. The pass allowed the French to find their vulnerable game. All Palau had to do was to find nine tricks.

Fallenius started with the ♥Q, ducked by Palau. He won the spade switch in dummy, played a diamond to the king and another diamond, ducking to East's jack. Palau won the spade continuation in his hand and played two more rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy. When he played a low club from the table, East rose with the king and played a third round of spades.

Palau won in hand, played a club to dummy's ace and applied the coup de grace with the ♥9, which he ran to West's 10. Fallenius found himself on lead with the ♥K 8, while Palau was waiting with the ♥A. A well-earned swing for France, now within 9, trailing 20-11.

The defending Olympiad champions took the lead shortly thereafter when the Swedes let through a vulnerable game.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Fallenius | Allegrini | Nilslund | Palau |
| | | Pass | 3♣ |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♥ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

⁽¹⁾ Transfer

Nilslund could not open 2♠ because the bid would not show the hand he held, so he passed, giving Palau the chance to start with the club preempt.

Allegrini led his singleton club and hopped up with the ♠A at trick two. A diamond ruff put Palau in and Allegrini ruffed the club return to give his partner a second club ruff, scuttling the contract.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Chemla | Lindkvist | Levy | Fredin |
| | | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Fredin started with the ♣4, which brought proceedings to a screeching halt as Levy tried to figure out what was going on. After a long time in the tank, Levy finally went up with the ♣A. When Levy played a spade from dummy, Lindkvist inexplicably played the ♠J. There was now no way for Levy to be defeated. Levy won the ♠K and played a second spade to Lindkvist's ace, and he gave Fredin a ruff, but the last trick for the defense was the ♣K. Plus 620 was a 12-IMP gain for France, now in the lead, 23-20.

Another 12 IMPs went to France when Lindkvist-Fredin reached a hopeless 3NT, down one, while Allegrini-Palau found the cold 5♣, making six.

A Swedish gadget backfired on the next board as France made another gain.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>Chemla</i> | <i>Lindkvist</i> | <i>Levy</i> | <i>Fredin</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

6♣ can be defeated only with a diamond lead, but finding that lead might be as tough as bidding slam with the North-South cards. Fredin was not tested to bring home his notrump contract, finishing with an overtrick for plus 430.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Fallenius</i> | <i>Allegrini</i> | <i>Nilsland</i> | <i>Palau</i> |
| 2♣ ⁽¹⁾ | 2♦ | Dble | Redble |
| 3♣ | Dble | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Four hearts and a longer minor.

Apparently, the 2♣ opening in the Swedish methods does not carry strict requirements for high-card points. 2♦ redoubled was going to make at least two overtricks (only a heart lead would prevent 12 tricks), so Fallenius had to run. Allegrini had the answer to 3♣, and it was a bloody affair as Fallenius went four off for minus 800 and another 9 IMPs to France.

Sweden got back into the plus column by bidding a vulnerable 3NT and bringing it home while Chemla and Levy defended 1♠, beating it two tricks for a mere plus 100.

On this deal, Allegrini and Palau took a phantom save at the six level, but still gained 5 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Fallenius</i> | <i>Allegrini</i> | <i>Nilsland</i> | <i>Palau</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Dble | 1♥ |
| 2♣ | 3♥ | 4♥ | 5♥ |
| 6♣ | 6♥ | Dble | All Pass |

Interestingly, in all the bidding, the seven-card spade suit was never actually mentioned. Anyway, as you can see, East-West can legitimately take only 11 tricks, but North-South must grab their hearts right away or one of them will go away. At any rate, the phantom save cost North-South minus 300, losing the spade opening lead, a club and a diamond. A diamond lead would have earned the Swedes plus 500, but that is far from clear.

The auction was much different at the other table.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <i>Chemla</i> | <i>Lindkvist</i> | <i>Levy</i> | <i>Fredin</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass |
| 2♥ ⁽²⁾ | Dble | 4♠ | All Pass |

⁽¹⁾ Strong hand, but not game-forcing

⁽²⁾ Relay

Fredin led the ♥10 to partner's jack. Lindkvist returned a diamond, and that was that. Plus 480 and 5 IMPs to the French. Board 14 turned out to be a push in the France-Sweden match, but it was among the more interesting deals of the day, especially for what happened at other tables.

The Swedish auction was quite impressive.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>Chemla</i> | <i>Lindkvist</i> | <i>Levy</i> | <i>Fredin</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ ⁽²⁾ | Pass | 1♣ ⁽¹⁾ |
| Pass | 3♥ ⁽⁴⁾ | Pass | 3♠ ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Pass | 4♠ ⁽⁶⁾ | Pass | 6♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Strong and artificial

⁽²⁾ Hearts

⁽³⁾ Relay

⁽⁴⁾ Showing 4-6-1-2 shape

⁽⁵⁾ Setting trumps as hearts and asking about key cards

⁽⁶⁾ Maximum, two key cards, the trump queen but no ♠K

On the lead of the ♣3, there was nothing to the play, and eventually Lindkvist took the successful spade finesse for 13 tricks and plus 1010. The French in the other room also reached 6♥, from the South hand, and the opening lead was the ♣9 with the same plus 1010 as the outcome.

In the match against Sweden, England's Heather Dhondy reached 7♥ from the North seat and was faced with the opening lead of the ♠10 from Pia Andersson. The alternative to the spade finesse, of course, is to find the ♦Q doubleton or tripleton, but Dhondy was aware of Andersson's reputation for creativity, so she played low and brought the grand slam in.

In the Norway-New Zealand match, Stephen Blackstock of New Zealand also found the ♠10 for his opening shot against 7♥, but Jon Egil Furunes decided to take his chances with diamonds, rising with the ♠A and suffering down one.

Back to the France-Sweden match, on the following deal, Lindkvist and Palau both finished down three in notrump contracts, but it could be argued that Lindkvist did much better – he was two levels higher!

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Fallenius | Allegrini | Nilsland | Palau |
| | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Fallenius put himself in contention for creative lead of the day by starting off with the ♠J. Palau went up with the king, and Nilsland ducked. Palau continued with the ♣K, taken by Fallenius with the ace. Another spade went to the 9 and 10, and Nilsland returned a diamond to the king and ace. Fallenius played a third round of spades to Nilsland's ace, and a diamond cleared the suit. When Palau played a heart to the 10, Nilsland cashed out for down three.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------------------|------|--------|
| Chemla | Lindkvist | Levy | Fredin |
| | 1NT ⁽¹⁾ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ 14-16

Levy started with a diamond, and Chemla won the ace and returned the suit, setting up four tricks for the defense. Lindkvist, in a hopeless position, at least succeeded in playing the heart suit for four tricks. Combined with one more black winner, he was able to earn a push for minus 150.



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Practice Makes Perfect

Sue Lusk in Maastricht

The New Zealand Women warmed up for the World Team Olympiads with a practice match against the Indonesian Women's Team. This hand is from that warm-up match.

Board 7. Dealer North. N/S Vul

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| | <i>Sue Weal</i> | | <i>Kathy Yule</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♣ | All Pass | |

4♥ was sign-off & 4NT was Keycard. 5♥ showed 2 key-cards without the trump Q and 6♣ was choice of contract.

A diamond was led to A, and a diamond ruffed. Then a heart to the K for another diamond ruff; ♥A, ♠A, ♠K and a small spade ruffed with trump Queen. The last diamond was then ruffed with the ♣K. When the third round of hearts went to the Jack and West's Queen, South could smile with AJ9 of trumps left.

WOMEN **England v Austria** **ROUND 10**

Good Show!

It may be difficult to be objective when watching a VuGraph show, but even partisans can appreciate an entertaining match, however it comes out. That was the case in round 10 of the women's Olympiad series, as England defeated Austria, 51-42.

Austria, a formidable squad, started the day in second place in Group A. They scored first, taking 5 IMPs by stopping in a part score while Nicola Smith and Heather Dhondy reached a game with very little play against a defense that did not slip.

England retaliated with 13 IMPs on the next board, however.

a diamond, and Erhart was endplayed, down to nothing but clubs. Her line of play, in fact, would have succeeded even if North had started with four diamonds to the Q-J. That was 13 IMPs to England.

On this deal, Dhondy took advantage of a favorable opening lead, and a slip by the defense to land a shaky contract.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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| ♠ - ♥ AKQ1064 ♦ AK106 ♣ KJ5 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ Q5 ♥ 873 ♦ QJ4 ♣ AQ962 ♠ AJ962 ♥ J95 ♦ 853 ♣ 74 ♠ K108743 ♥ 2 ♦ 972 ♣ 1083 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Bamberger | Dhondy | Fischer | Smith |
| | | | 2♠ |
| 3♣ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♥ | All Pass | | |

⁽¹⁾ Strong takeout

Dhondy led the ♥7, taken in dummy with the 9. Gabriele Bamberger played the top two diamonds, and exited with a diamond to Dhondy's queen. Back came another trump and Bamberger played a third round, ending in dummy. She cashed the ♠A, pitching a club, and played a club to the jack and queen. The ♣A finished her off for down one and minus 100. Given the information Bamberger had on the bidding, her line of play seems way off the mark. It seems a simple matter, with South likely to have six spades, to ruff out that suit and pull trumps before throwing North in with a diamond. With no clues from the bidding, Sandra Penfold got it right.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| Penfold | Erhart | Senior | Smederevac |
| | | | Pass |
| 2♣ | Dble | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

Maria Erhart led the ♦Q to Penfold's king. She played a heart to the 9, pitched a club on the ♠A, played a diamond to her ace, a heart to the jack, followed by a spade ruff. Now she exited with

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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| ♠ 109 ♥ K10743 ♦ 542 ♣ K87 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ J87654 ♥ Q86 ♦ J10 ♣ 43 ♠ AK ♥ A5 ♦ Q9876 ♣ AJ109 ♠ Q32 ♥ J92 ♦ AK3 ♣ Q652 |
| N | | | | | |
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| S | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Bamberger | Dhondy | Fischer | Smith |
| | | | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2♠ | All Pass | |

Doris Fischer's pass with so many high-card points seems conservative, but with two bidding opponents her partner could have been completely broke. In any event, the defense had six top tricks but got only five.

Fischer started with the ♦9. Dhondy eyed the card suspiciously, but with little to rely on for her contract except hope, she played low. Two more diamonds provided a discard for one of Dhondy's losing clubs. Dhondy gave the defense one more chance to defeat her when, upon leading a low spade from dummy, she covered Bamberger's ♠9 with the jack. Fischer won the king and could have defeated the contract by cashing the ♣A and continuing with a diamond, promoting her partner's ♠10. Instead, Fischer cashed the ♠A, followed by the ♣A and the ♣J. Dhondy ruffed and turned her attention to hearts. As the cards lay, she could not go wrong. If she played a low heart from her hand to dummy's 9, West could win but would have to play another heart (she had only the king left in clubs). East, in with the ace, would have to give declarer and ruff-sluff with a diamond or play a club, whereupon the king would be ruffed out.

In practice, Dhondy played to the ♥J and ducked the return to East's ace. A hard-earned but well-deserved plus 110.

At the other table, Nevena Senior overcalled a natural INT when South opened 1♣ and North responded 1♠. Penfold transferred to hearts and Senior brought home nine tricks by playing three rounds of hearts. The defenders took three diamonds tricks from there, but that was it. Plus 140 was good for a 6-IMP gain.

Another game swing extended England's lead to 26-7.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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| ♠ 7 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ A J 8 6 2 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | ♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ A K ♦ K 9 5 3 2 ♣ K 9 | ♠ A J ♥ J 8 6 5 3 ♦ J ♣ Q 10 7 5 4 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ♠ Q 10 9 6 ♥ Q 10 9 7 4 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ 3 |
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| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Penfold</i> | <i>Erhart</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Smederevac</i> |
| Pass | INT | 2♣ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Dble |
| 3♣ | Pass | Pass | 3♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Two suiter

Penfold led the ♥2 to the king, and Jovanka Smederevac played the ♣K from dummy. Penfold won and played a diamond to the jack and ace. Smederevac rode the ♠10 to Senior's jack, and Penfold ruffed the heart return. The trump ace was still outstanding, so declarer finished with nine tricks and plus 140.

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Bamberger</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> | <i>Fischer</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | 1♥ | Dble |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Fischer led the ♣4 to her partner's ace. Bamberger switched to her singleton heart, and when Fischer got in with the trump ace, she gave her partner a heart ruff. That was all for the defense, however, as Dhondy had the ♣K to take care of dummy's third diamond, so she didn't have to try to figure out that suit. On the next deal, the auction had a significant influence on the outcome.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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|---|
| ♠ J 4 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A Q 9 7 4 ♣ 9 7 5 |
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| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Bamberger</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> | <i>Fischer</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| | 1♣ | 1♠ | All Pass |

Smith led the ♥J, and it was not long before Fischer was claiming 10 tricks for the loss of one heart, one club and one diamond.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Penfold</i> | <i>Erhart</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Smederevac</i> |
| Pass | 1♥ | Dble | 2♦ |
| 3♠ | 3♦ | Dble | Pass |
| | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

Erhart led a low diamond to Smederevac's ace. Next on the table was the ♥J. Penfold made the reasonable play of the ♥K, which would freeze the suit if South had led from a doubleton ♥J. Erhart did open 1♥, after all. Unfortunately for her, the ♥10 was with South, so when Erhart won the ♥A and played another one, Penfold ducked. Down one England 7 IMPs.

Dhondy made a good decision on this deal to save her team from a loss.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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|---|
| ♠ 2 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q 10 9 6 5 2 ♣ A K 4 3 |
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| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Penfold</i> | <i>Erhart</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Smederevac</i> |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 4♥ | 1♦ |
| Dble | All Pass | | 5♦ |

Perhaps Smederevac sounded like she was saving against the heart game. It is difficult otherwise to understand the double of 5♦. Indeed, six was no problem at all, and Smederevac chalked up plus 650.

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Bamberger</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> | <i>Fischer</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 4♥ | 1♦ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | 5♦ |

Dhondy, looking to the five level four trumps, including the ace of the suit her partner had bid all on her own, plus controls in two outside suits, considered her bid carefully before raising to the slam. Plus 920 was good for 7 IMPs to England.

Super-aggressive bidding by Erhart and Smederevac produced a 10-IMP gain for the Austrians on this deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------------------|--------|------------|
| Penfold | Erhart | Senior | Smederevac |
| | 1♠ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Canape

Erhart could not have fancied her chances of landing 11 tricks with that dummy in view, but the contract passed the ultimate test - it was a maker. With the doubleton ♠Q falling, Erhart had no problem scoring plus 600, a 10-IMP gain since Smith and Dhondy played a more reasonable 2♥, making three for plus 140. Austria pulled to within 1 IMP when Bamberger and Fischer judged well in staying low in their heart contract while Penfold and Senior got to high and went off one.

Austria went ahead when the defense slipped on this deal to let a game through.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Bamberger | Dhondy | Fischer | Smith |
| 1♦ | 4♣ | All Pass | |

Fischer led the ♦7, taken in dummy with the ace, and she switched accurately to a trump when Dhondy played a club from dummy, hoping for a ruff. Dhondy had no chance after that and finished down one for minus 50.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| Penfold | Erhart | Senior | Smederevac |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 4♣ | All Pass | |

Senior led the ♥5 and Erhart inserted the 9 from dummy. Penfold had a difficult decision. Ducking would have worked out grandly on this occasion but what if partner had led from ♥K 10 5? In that case, ducking would let declarer off with no heart losers. In practice, Penfold played the ♥Q, taken by declarer with the ace.

Erhart nearly gave the contract back by playing the ♠Q at trick two. Had Penfold won that trick and switched to a diamond, Erhart would have seen the ♥J, her 10th trick, stranded in dummy. Penfold ducked, however, and Erhart quickly recovered, unblocking the other high heart from her hand, entering dummy with the ♦A and taking a club pitch on the ♥J. That was plus 420 for Austria, now in the lead, 42-33.

The next deal was a push, but a diabolical opening lead by Bamberger nearly earned a huge gain for Austria.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| Penfold | Erhart | Senior | Smederevac |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♣ ⁽¹⁾ |
| Pass | 1♠ | 3♣ | 4♣ |
| Pass | 5♠ | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Strong and artificial

Senior led the ♣Q to dummy's ace. Erhart cashed the ♥A and played a club to the king. She ruffed a heart and cashed the ♠K and played a spade to the 8 in her hand. Next came a diamond, and Senior made the expert play of the ♦Q. Erhart won the ♦A, overtook the ♠Q with the ace and played another diamond, inserting the 9 when Senior played low. That was just what the contract needed and she scored up plus 980. Smith had a much more difficult problem to work out.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------|---------|-------|
| Bamberger | Dhondy | Fischer | Smith |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Bamberger's opening shot was the ♦2! Fischer put up the



Maria Erhart, Austria

queen. Smith won, played the top three spades from her hand, then the ♣A and a club to dummy's king. The moment of truth had arrived, and when Smith played a low diamond from dummy Fischer followed smoothly with the 7. Smith considered her play for a long time, and as the VuGraph camera focused on the cards in her hand, Smith finally pulled out the ♦9 and put it on the table. When the ♦K appeared, she had her slam.

England regained the lead on the next board when Fischer mishandled a game contract.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Penfold | Erhart | Senior | Smederevac |
| | | 1♥ | Pass |
| 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

⁽¹⁾ Canape

South led the ♣Q to Senior's ace and she immediately attacked diamonds, playing low to the 10. Erhart won the ♦Q, cashed the ace and exited with the ♦2, not exactly taxing defense. Senior played the ♠A, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and cashed the ♥A, continuing with a heart to her hand. She was home with five hearts, two diamonds, two black aces and a club ruff.

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|---------|-------|
| Bamberger | Dhondy | Fischer | Smith |
| | | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

Fischer also got the ♣Q lead. She won and played a diamond to the 10 and queen. Dhondy returned the ♥10, and Fischer erred by winning the ♥K in hand. Her diamonds were not established and the deal was threatening to become awkward. Fischer played a club and ruffed with the ace, establishing a trump trick for the defense, then played a diamond to dummy's king. Dhondy cashed the ♣K and exited with a diamond to the king. She still had a trump trick coming for plus 50 and 10 IMPs to England, who added 8 more IMPs on the last two boards for an impressive victory over a strong team.



WBF Seniors Congress & Prize-Giving Ceremony

The 1st WBF Seniors Congress will take place on Saturday, 2nd September 2000 at 10:00 in the WBF Meeting Room 2.1 on the Promenade Level of the MECC.

Members of the WBF Executive Council, NBO Presidents, Senior Liaison Officers, Captains, Players and Officials of the Seniors Teams at the Maastricht Olympiad are all invited to attend.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome from the WBF President and the Chairman of the WBF Seniors Committee
2. Any comments on the 1st International Seniors Cup in Maastricht
3. Definition of the age for Senior players
4. Future Senior events
 - a) Senior Pairs and Teams in Europe
 - b) Senior Tournament in Bali
5. Various

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at 11:30 and be followed by a cocktail/reception.

José Damiani
WBF President

Nissan Rand
Chairman of
WBF Seniors Committee

Roll of Honour

These Championships are being attended by many of the players and Captains who have experienced the joy of victory at an Olympiad.

Women

- 1960 Joséphine Morcos
 1976 Luciana Capodanno & Marisa Andrea
 1980
 1984 Betty Ann Kennedy
 1988
 1992 Maria Erhart, Doris Fischer,
 Jovanka Smederevac & Terry Weigkricht
 1996 Shawn Quinn

Open

- Claude Delmouly
 Marcelo Branco & Gabriel Chagas
 Paul Chemla, Christian Mari & Pierre Schemeil
 Krzysztof Martens & Piotr Tuszyński
 Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff & Dan Morse
 Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Hervé Mouiel,
 Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, José Damiani
 Alain Levy, Christian Mari, Hervé Mouiel
 Jean-Louis Stoppa

Jimmy Ortiz Patino, Pierre Schemeil & Alan Truscott have been present at all eleven Olympiads!

How rulings are given: consultation

By David Stevenson, England

"Director!"

What happens next? If it is a mechanical matter, the Director reads the Law to the players and that is that. However, suppose a judgement ruling is involved - what next? The Floor Director takes all the facts, tells the players to proceed with the next board, and disappears.

Now the ruling is discussed among the Directors, and a decision is taken by consensus. The Floor Director does not decide on his own: in fact, on rare occasions he may actually disagree with the final ruling. If there is a lot of bridge judgement involved in the ruling, the consultation will include some uninvolved players. This is especially the case if a weighted assigned score is considered under Law 12C3.

After the Floor Director finds out the consensus ruling, he communicates it to the players involved and tells them that they may appeal. If they do so it will be heard in peaceful surroundings in front of an Appeals Committee of between three and five people.

The Committee does not re-consider the case from the start: their job is to review the Director's ruling, and one question that a Committee should always ask the appellants is "Why do you believe the Director's ruling to be wrong?". The Floor Director usually presents the case to them, but occasionally there is another Presenting Director, usually when the Floor Director cannot be spared from other duties [for example, if there are two appeals and he is the Floor Director for each].

When I write up an Appeals case, I want to show who the Floor Director is. He is important in my view because he is the person who gets the facts when they are fresh, using his skill to make sure he knows exactly what happened, and usually presents them to the Committee.

However, Bill Schoder [Kojak] does not agree: "At this time I am unhappy with any specific Director being named because people who do not understand the process will assume the ruling is his. I may have a different view in future once the process is generally understood."

Portraits



Jan van Genk will be drawing portraits during these championships. Every day he will provide two for publication in the bulletin. You might be one of his models today!

Don't worry, he will draw you without disturbing your concentration!

All the drawings will be for sale, the price depending on the size.



Cohen and Berk at work

By Barry Rigal

Barry Cohen and David Berkowitz, representing the USA as members of the George Jacobs team, found themselves on defense against 4♥ on this deal from the ninth round. A fine play by Cohen helped the team to a game swing on their way to a 71-22 victory over Portugal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------|--------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| <p>♠ A 10 8 7 5 2 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ K J 10 ♣ 7</p> | <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | <p>♠ 4 ♥ K Q J 7 3 ♦ 9 5 4 3 ♣ A 4 2</p> | <p>♠ K Q 3 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ K 8 3</p> |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>♠ J 9 6 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ Q J 10 9 6 5</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | |
| Silva Santos | Cohen | dos Santos | Berkowitz | | | | | | | | | |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass | | | | | | | | | |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | | | | | | | | | |

South led the ♣Q, taken by the ace.

Declarer has a tricky play problem. Perhaps the right thing is to ruff a club at once and lead the ♦10 from dummy. Declarer actually took a diamond finesse at once. If Cohen wins the ♦Q to play a trump, declarer can arrange to ruff a club and play a second diamond to set up the suit, coming to five hearts, two diamonds, two aces and a club ruff for 10 tricks.

But when declarer led a diamond to the 10 at trick two, Cohen won with the ace! He shifted to the ♥8. Declarer won the ace in dummy, played the ♠A and ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, on which Cohen unblocked the king, ruffed a spade and played two more rounds of trumps.

In the ending, declarer had eight tricks and, despite the fact that Cohen still had a trump, there were chances for the contract. East confidently repeated the diamond finesse. Disaster: Cohen won the ♦Q, played a club to Berkowitz's hand. Another club allowed Cohen to toss his low diamond, and his heart took the last trick for down two.

Celery, Highway 401 & Canada

(Profiles of the Canadian Open and Women's Teams)

The Canadian teams here in Maastricht have several themes in common. Most significant among these is the fact that three members of the Open team are spouses of Women's team members: George Mittelman and Diana Gordon, Eric Kokish and Beverley Kraft, and John Carruthers and Katie Thorpe. All are long-term relationships, although Kraft and Kokish interrupted theirs briefly to marry other mates before resuming their romance. The other members of the teams are Francine Cimon, Rhoda Habert, Martine Lacroix (Women's) and Drew Cannell, Nader Hanna and Robert Lebi (Open). Martin Kirr (Open) and Jim Green (Women's) are their NPCs.

Highway 401 is the major roadway between Toronto and Montréal. It is significant to the Canadian teams because five of the Open and four of the Women's team members have lived in or now live in Québec. All the Open team and their NPC Martin Kirr now live in Toronto, having abandoned the sophistication of Montréal for the cosmopolitan atmosphere of their new home. Katie, Beverley and Diana now live in Toronto, Rhoda resides in Paris, but Francine and Martine remain in Québec.

Birthplaces other than Canada is another theme. Nader was born in Egypt and came to Canada as an adult. Rhoda, George, Robert, Katie, Martin and John were all born in Europe, leaving only six native-born Canucks plus Jim Green (who many believe to be an alien from another planet) on the two teams.

Other themes include McGill University in Montréal (Robert, Eric, George, John, Rhoda and Beverley), non-practicing lawyers (Katie and Eric), the usual (for bridge players) careers in computers, teaching, and bridge eleven of the fourteen players and captains), and no children (only Beverley and Eric have a child together, although Jim Green has a child by a previous marriage).

Both teams have enjoyed considerable success as players, having won multiple Canadian, North American, international and world championships. Successes include victories in the World Mixed Pairs, the Vanderbilt, the Forbo, the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the North American Swiss, the Master Mixed Teams, silver in the Bermuda Bowl, and bronze in the Venice Cup, Olympiad and Rosenblum.

Why the reference to celery in the title? Several members of both teams, for reasons which escape the writer, have an aversion to this most innocuous vegetable.

John Carruthers

UNIVERSITY BRIDGE

At its meeting of 28 August 2000 the BUSB (Belgian University Sport Federation) recognized bridge officially as a sport.

As a result, from now onwards bridge will be found on the list among all other sports at all universities in Belgium and bridge events for students will be included in the university calendar.

The Federation's decision also enables us to organize bridge lessons in university buildings.

We sincerely hope that all countries will follow this example, and we count on your cooperation. Therefore, we appeal to all of you to personally do your utmost to make your national sports committees recognize bridge as a sport.

Paul Magerman

OPEN

USA v Finland

ROUND 11

Going into Thursday morning's vugraph match, USA were lying second in Group B, while their opponents, Finland, were eighth and in need of a solid result to keep their qualification hopes alive. The vugraph show started with Board 19, and it was soon clear that this was not to be Finland's day.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, the Americans played in 2♠ down two for -100. There was more action in the Open Room:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♦ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

Steve Garner's 1♦ over Kauko Koistinen's strong club opening showed both majors or both minors, and Howard Weinstein's



Osmo Kiema, Finland

3♣ was pass or correct, guaranteeing not only clubs but also support for at least one of the majors. When Osmo Kiema balanced with 3♣, Garner made a take-out double on his good hand and Weinstein judged correctly to convert for penalties.

Weinstein led his diamond and Garner won the ace and returned the three, asking for a club switch. Weinstein duly led a low club after ruffing the diamond and declarer played a hopeful king. Garner won the ♣A and returned a club to the queen. Now came a heart switch. Garner took two hearts then played a third diamond, forcing Kiema to ruff high in hand. There was no way to avoid another loser from here. Kiema had unblocked the ♥K to give himself an entry to hand but, if after a spade to the ace and a heart to the jack he played the ♠9, Weinstein could cover and now the queen of diamonds could not be cashed for a club pitch. The contract was down three for -500 and 9 IMPs to USA.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

The Finnish East/West pair bid to 3♦, which failed by a trick; -100. Weinstein and Garner were more optimistic:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| 1NT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

Garner's sequence to 2♠ was invitational with five spades, saying nothing about hearts. Two No Trump was non-forcing but allowed partner to show a second suit and when Garner showed hearts Weinstein had rather endplayed himself into playing 3NT. The lead was a low club to dummy's jack. Weinstein played a diamond to the jack and Koistinen ducked smoothly. Not having second sight, declarer could not play a low diamond to drop the ace now, but had to run the spades. He threw two diamonds and a club on the spades then led a second diamond to the ten and ace. Koistinen cashed the ace of clubs then took his only chance of breaking the contract, leading his heart in the hope that Kiema would hold the AKJ instead of his actual AQJ. That meant that Weinstein had an overtrick; +630 and 12 IMPs to USA.

The Americans picked up another 5 IMPs on Board 1 when Weinstein/Garner stopped in 3♥ making while Leskela/Kurko were down one in the hopeless game.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| Pass | INT | All Pass | 1♦ |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| 1♥ 3♥ | Pass Pass | 3♦ 4♥ | Pass All Pass |

A low club lead meant that INT made exactly in the Closed Room. In the open room, Weinstein's normal, to these eyes, 1♥ overall led to his declaring a thin game. The lead of the king of clubs puts declarer under serious pressure. He cannot win and draw all the trumps as he then has no control of the diamond suit. If declarer wins and draws two rounds of trumps to prevent the defensive club ruff, they can duck the next round of each black suit to cut his fast communications to his winners. North can then play a third trump when the defence does get in, leaving declarer with too many diamond losers. Weinstein found the answer, ducking the opening lead. Koistinen continued with the five of clubs but Weinstein had committed himself to a line of play and followed it, running the club to his jack. He played three rounds of hearts then ran the clubs, throwing two diamonds away, and could establish a spade for his tenth trick; +620 and a further 12 IMPs to the American lead, up to 38-0.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|------------------|-------|-----------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| Pass 3♠ | Pass All Pass | 2♠ | Dble |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| Pass 3♥ | Pass Dble | 1♠ 4♠ | Dble All Pass |

Finally Finland got on the scoreboard. Jarmo Kurko opened with an intermediate 2♠ bid, promising five or more spades plus at least four cards in any other suit, and Paavo Leskela made a preemptive raise over David Berkowitz's take-out double. Kurko did not waste much time over the play and soon chalked up +170.

Garner had a normal one-level opening and Weinstein showed a four-card raise with a decent 6-10 points. Koistinen's double of the heart bid probably helped Garner to his decision to try the game. Kiema led ace and another heart and Garner ruffed and laid down the ace of trumps. After the take-out double, garner wanted to play North for ♠Qxx, but he could see that he was in danger of being forced to ruff three rounds of hearts, which would make that impossible. Accordingly, his next play was the jack of clubs from hand. Kiema won his king and led a third heart. Garner ruffed and cashed the clubs, throwing dummy's remaining heart loser. Now he was ready to play a diamond up. Kiema won the ace and exited with a diamond, and now Garner took the spade finesse. Well played, but alas the patient died and he was one down; - 100 and 7 IMPs to Finland.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| Dble Dble | Pass 3♦ Pass | Pass Pass 4♣ | 2♦ Pass All Pass |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| Dble 3♦ 4♦ | Pass Pass Pass | Pass 3♣ 3♠ 5♣ | 1♦ Pass Pass All Pass |

Berkowitz's weak two opening made life a little more difficult for his opponents than the one-level opening in the other room. Still, it seems strange that Weinstein was making a slam try, while Kurko's pessimistic evaluation of the East hand in the Closed Room resulted in his side missing game. After South's weak opening bid, Kurko took two spade finesses so held himself to ten tricks; +130. Garner had no difficulty in coming to 11 tricks, expecting as he did that South would hold the bulk of the missing high-card values for his 1♦ opening. He won the diamond lead and drew two rounds of trumps then led a low heart to the ten and king. Back came a spade, on which Garner played the ten. Kiema could win the ♠J and give dummy a diamond ruff, but Garner simply cashed the ace of spades, expecting to develop a show-up squeeze if the king did not fall and South held four hearts as well as the ♠K. When the ♠K did fall, Garner took the heart finesse immediately for his contract; +400 and 7 IMPs to USA.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-------|-----------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 3♥ | 4♠ |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 6♥ | All Pass | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| 1♥ | INT | 1♦ | Pass |
| 5♣ | 5♠ | 3♥ | 4♠ |
| | | Dble | All Pass |

I have to confess to feeling a little sorry for Leskela in the Closed Room. He took a route to slam that suggested that he was prepared for a spade opening lead and Larry Cohen led a spade anyway to take the first two tricks and defeat the slam, when many would have tried a club lead instead. Well done, Cohen; -100.

In the Open Room, Weinstein's 5♣ bid was a non-specific general slam try, a bit like Last Train. Garner doubled the 5♠ save and the defence proceeded to take the maximum. Weinstein led the king of hearts and promptly switched to the two of diamonds. Garner won the king and cashed the ace of clubs then underled in diamonds to get his ruff, trusting that the ♦2 must promise the queen; three down for -500 and 12 IMPs to USA.



Larry Cohen, USA

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

In the Closed Room, Berkowitz managed 11 tricks after a diamond lead and continuation - he took the club finesse to get rid of a diamond; +450.

Garner led a low trump in the Open Room and Koistinen won cheaply in hand and immediately led a low spade to the king and a spade back for the jack and ace. It seemed to be a dull board from here, with declarer bound to succeed, and the vugraph audience and commentators' attention wandered a little. However, Koistinen found a losing line of play. He won the trump return in

hand and ruffed a spade, bringing down the queen, then played a club to the ace and cashed the ten of spades to pitch a diamond from dummy - the heart plays had made it clear that the remaining trump was with East, along with the last spade. Now Koistinen seems to have convinced himself that the ace of diamonds was offside. He led a low diamond and, when Garner played low, ducked it to West. Had West really held the $\diamond A$, he would have returned a club to the king and declarer would have led the $\diamond K$ to the ace, ruffed the club return and ruffed his diamond loser to make his contract. In real life, he looked extremely foolish because Weinstein could win the first diamond and lead back to Garner's ace. Garner then played the last trump and there was no longer a trump in dummy to take care of the diamond loser; down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to USA, ahead now by 68-8.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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| <p>\spadesuit A Q 2 \heartsuit J 6 4 \diamond A Q 8 6 \clubsuit 9 6 5</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | <p>\spadesuit 10 9 7 4 \heartsuit 10 7 5 3 2 \diamond J 3 \clubsuit 7 4</p> | <p>\spadesuit K J 8 6 \heartsuit K Q 9 8 \diamond 7 5 \clubsuit K J 2</p> |
| N | | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------|----------------|--------------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| | | Pass | 1 \diamond |
| Dble | Rdbl | Pass | Pass |
| 2 \clubsuit | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | Pass | 2 \heartsuit | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| | | Pass | 1 \heartsuit |
| 2NT | Dble | Pass | Pass |
| 3 \clubsuit | All Pass | | |

I am not sure that the world is yet ready for methods that require a double of a Precision-style 1 \diamond opening on the West hand. One Diamond redoubled might just have scraped one down, but even had it been let through, that would have been much cheaper than the final contract which East/West scrambled into. Two Hearts doubled went four down for -1100 in the Closed Room. Meanwhile, Kiema's methods allowed a 1 \heartsuit opening on the South cards. Weinstein overcalled an unusual 2NT and Koistinen doubled. Looking at his hand, it seems that Koistinen thought that his double had established a force on his side, as he could hardly pass 3 \clubsuit otherwise. Kiema saw things differently and passed out 3 \clubsuit . Koistinen led a trump to the king and ace. At trick two, Weinstein led a low diamond from hand and Koistinen ducked it, allowing the jack to win. Weinstein took a trump finesse and, when the trumps divided evenly, could establish and cash the diamonds for +110 and 15 IMPs to USA.

USA made partscores in both rooms on the next deal and were blowing the Finns completely away at 101-8. Finland were looking at zero Victory Points but salvaged a point over the remaining few deals.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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| <p>\spadesuit 10 5 3 2 \heartsuit J 8 6 \diamond Q 8 6 5 2 \clubsuit 4</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | <p>\spadesuit A K Q 8 4 \heartsuit K Q 10 4 \diamond 10 \clubsuit K 10 3</p> | <p>\spadesuit 9 7 6 \heartsuit 7 5 2 \diamond A 9 3 \clubsuit Q 9 7 5</p> |
| N | | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| Pass | 1 \clubsuit | Pass | 2 \clubsuit |
| Pass | 2 \spadesuit | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3 \clubsuit | Pass | 4 \diamond |
| Pass | 4NT | All Pass | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| Pass | 1 \clubsuit | Pass | 1 \heartsuit |
| Pass | 1 \spadesuit | Pass | 2 \clubsuit |
| Pass | 2 \spadesuit | Pass | 3 \diamond |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 6 \clubsuit | All Pass | |

Berkowitz/Cohen stopped in 4NT after Berkowitz had used 4 \diamond Roman Key Card Kickback and found that one key card plus the trump queen were missing. After a diamond to the ace and a diamond back, Berkowitz made an overtrick; +460.

The Finns bid the slam after Kiema made an invitational raise to 4NT. Garner led ace and another diamond and Koistinen won the king and followed the percentage line in trumps, leading low to the king then running the ten; -920 and 10 IMPs to Finland.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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|--|---|---|---------|---|--|--|
| <p>\spadesuit J 2 \heartsuit Q 10 9 3 2 \diamond A 9 7 \clubsuit A 10 9</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | <p>\spadesuit Q 7 4 \heartsuit K J 8 7 5 \diamond 8 6 \clubsuit J 8 7</p> | <p>\spadesuit A K 9 8 6 \heartsuit 6 \diamond Q 5 3 2 \clubsuit K Q 4</p> |
| N | | | | | | |
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| <p>\spadesuit 10 5 3 \heartsuit A 4 \diamond K J 10 4 \clubsuit 6 5 3 2</p> |
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Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-------|-----------|
| Leskela | Cohen | Kurko | Berkowitz |
| 2♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | 2NT | Pass |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Weinstein | Koistinen | Garner | Kiema |
| 1NT | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | 3♣ | Pass |

Three No Trump was easy in the closed Room because Berkowitz led the jack of diamonds round to declarer's queen. Kurko played on spades and soon had nine tricks; +400.

It was much tougher for Weinstein who, not strong enough for game-forcing two-over-one response, was playing the same contract from the West side. Koistinen led a low heart to the ace and back came a second heart to the ten and jack, dummy throw-

ing a spade. Cashing the king of hearts would have established two heart tricks for declarer and brought his total up to eight. Best would have been a diamond switch, but Koistinen actually switched to the queen of spades, imagining that declarer was not interested in the suit for his discard. Weinstein won the ace of spades and led a spade to his jack then, after some thought, played the queen of hearts to North's king. Koistinen switched to a diamond now - eight, three, ten. The commentators were concerned that Weinstein might expect spades to be 4-2 and might try for a diamond endplay to force South to lead into dummy's spade tenace at trick 12. This line, of course, would lead to defeat. Weinstein saw deeper into the hand than that, however, and ducked the diamond, dropping the nine to tempt South to lead another diamond away from his king. Kiema did not fall for that one, but exited passively with a club. Weinstein cashed the clubs and ♥9 then tested spades. Had South actually held four spades plus the ♦KJ10, he would have been squeezed, so there was no reason to risk the endplay line.

A flat board, but nicely played by Weinstein. Perhaps it would have been tougher had Kiema played the ♦J rather than the ten, but Weinstein looked like a man who was going to get it right whatever happened.

Finland picked up 20 IMPs over the last six boards, holding their loss to 28-101, 1-25 VPs. USA were looking very good for the knock-outs, while Finland looked in need of a miracle.

The 1st World University Teams Bridge Cup

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Players in the University event are reminded that e-bridge will present prizes in the following categories:

- Best Play of the Hand by Declarer
- Best Defensive Play by an Individual or Partnership
- Best Bidding by an Individual or Partnership

Today (Friday) is the last day on which nominations may be submitted. The winners will be selected by a committee comprising David Birman (Israel), Alain Levy (France), Billy Eisenberg (USA), Omar Sharif (Egypt) and Bobby Wolff (USA).

The winner(s) in each category will receive a trophy and a \$500 prize. The awards will be made at the Prize Giving Ceremony and Victory Banquet at Fort Sint Pieter in Maastricht of Saturday, September 2nd at 7pm. The prizes for outstanding play will be presented by Bobby Wolff, Pinhas Romik and Gianarrigo Rona.

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The Recovery Trophy will be presented by Bob Hamman at the Prize Giving and Victory Banquet. The recipients will be the team making the most improvement in the second half of the event (in terms of places in the overall standings). For this purpose, the standings after Match 11 (end of play Tuesday) are deemed to be the cut-off point.

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Egypt too hot for Mexico

Open Teams - Round 8

Egypt v Mexico

Board 6. Dealer North. E/W Vul

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|---|---|--|--------------|
| ♠ 9 8 7 5 4 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A J ♣ Q J 8 2 | | ♠ Q J 3 ♥ A K 9 6 3 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 7 6 4 | |
| ♠ 6 ♥ J ♦ K 9 5 4 3 2 ♣ A K 10 9 3 | ♠ A K 10 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ 5 | ♠ Q J 3 ♥ A K 9 6 3 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 7 6 4 | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Kotb</i> | | <i>Elshazly</i> | |
| 3♣* | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| All Pass | | | Dble |

A spade lead would put paid to the contract in double quick time, but North naturally led his partner's suit. Declarer took the top hearts, discarding a spade from his hand, and played a diamond. When South played the six, declarer tried a hopeful king, but North produced the ace, and switched to a spade. Declarer ruffed, and played a diamond. North followed with the jack, and a critical moment for the defence had arrived. If South overtakes and plays a top heart, the attack on declarer's trumps will ensure three more tricks for North-South.

However, South allowed his partner to win the trick, and North continued with a spade, once again ruffed by declarer. He continued with a diamond, and as it would not help North to ruff, he discarded a spade. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a trump to his ace. When he played a winning diamond, North had no answer.

If declarer decides to play North for the doubleton ace of diamonds, he can always make the contract after the heart lead, by withholding his king of diamonds.

'Unfair against GIB'

Matt Ginsberg sent us an email about his program.

He acknowledges that it is hard for him to object to the description of GIB as undisputed top dog in the world of computer bridge.

As to the bug mentioned in Bulletin 2, Ginsberg points out that GIB did stuff like this a couple of years ago, but he hasn't seen anything like it in a very long time.

He also comments that *needless to say, the deal in question has nothing to do with why GIB isn't participating in Maastricht. As I have said on multiple occasions previously, a personal conflict prevented my attending. In addition, the contest has no official sanction and two of the participants have even gone so far as to say publicly that they don't view it as the world championship.*

The Tale of the Singleton Spade

By Billy Eisenberg & Marc Smith

courtesy of

Round 12 of the Women's series saw Canada opposing Poland. Going into this match, both teams were very much in contention, lying fourth and fifth respectively in their group.

Rudyard Kipling noted that if one could keep one's head while those around were losing theirs, one would be a man. Presumably, in these days of equality, one could also be a woman in similar circumstances. I wonder quite how Canada's Dianna Gordon felt about events at her table - she did her best to assist her partner and then watched from a distance as the world around her went crazy. What's worse, she lost a slam swing for her trouble....

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul

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| ♠ 5 4 ♥ A K Q 8 6 5 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ 9 2 | | ♠ Q 2 ♥ J 7 3 2 ♦ A K 9 6 4 3 ♣ A | |
| ♠ K 9 8 7 6 ♥ 10 ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q J 10 7 5 | ♠ A J 10 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ J 7 ♣ K 8 6 4 3 | ♠ Q 2 ♥ J 7 3 2 ♦ A K 9 6 4 3 ♣ A | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Miszewska</i> | <i>Thope</i> | <i>Sendacka</i> | <i>Gordon</i> |
| Dble | 4♣ | 1♦ | 1♠ |
| 5♥ | Pass | 6♥ | All Pass |

Gordon's One Spade overall was a good effort - a cheap action showing where her strength lies. It also had the effect of making life very difficult for her Polish opponents, who were rather hamstrung by their system - Ewa Miszewska could not bid Two Hearts at her first turn since that would have been non-forcing in her partnership's methods. She therefore started with a negative double. Katie Thorpe's leap to Four Spades left West in the unenviable position of either defending, having never shown her strong 6-card major, or of introducing her suit for the first time at the 5-level. Of course, she felt relatively confident in electing to bid because her partner clearly held at most a singleton spade.

Now the spotlight turned onto Jolanta Sendacka in the East seat. Her hand seemed enormous - a singleton ace in the unbid suit, the ace-king of her own suit, 4-card support for West's suit, and her partner marked with at most a singleton spade. Who wouldn't raise to Six Hearts?

That's exactly what happened, so the Canadians were set for a nice gain. Unfortunately, although the operation had been a success, the patient was about to die. Thorpe was sufficiently convinced by the confidence of the opponents' bidding that she selected as her opening lead not a spade but the queen of clubs. The play did not take long - 13 tricks made and Poland +1460.

As it is unlikely that either opponent has first-round spade control, perhaps North should have cashed the spade king at trick one, retaining the lead and also getting count from partner. Of course, it is always easier with hindsight.

At the other table, North-South did not enter the auction. The Canadian East-West pair correctly diagnosed that they had two top spade losers and stopped in Five Hearts. A club was led at the second table, too, but that was only +710 so Poland gained 13 IMPs.

Commonsense Partnership Bidding

by Tommy Suhendra, Indonesia

The University of Indonesia Bridge team that won the 4th PABF Congress for youth last May, played against Norway in Round 12. Having been defeated in a row by France, Hong Kong and Italy in the three previous rounds, it hardly seemed to be the right time to face the powerful Norwegians, who were lying fifth.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Closer Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| Ellestad | Yohanes | Fyllingen | M.Hidayattulah |
| | 2♥ | Pass | Pass |
| 4♣* | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 5♣ | Pass |
| 5♠ | All Pass | | |

Four Clubs was 'Leaping Michaels' promising clubs and spades, and 4NT was Blackwood. Five Spades was easily made for +650.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Reza | Christen | Hidayattulah | Hagen |
| | 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Dble | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Redbl | 5♥ | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

West ought to have passed South's double of Four Spades. When East bid Five Spades after passing three times, it was not difficult for West to realise that North was likely to be short in spades. Relying on his partner to have at least ♠Kx, West boldly went on to the slam. When the spade finesse obliged, and the clubs broke, declarer recorded a splendid +1430 to win 13 IMPs.

It helped Indonesia to stop the rot, with a 29-28 IMPs win, 15-15 VP.

Senior Slam

Egypt v England - Seniors Round 14

Bill Hirst of the England Seniors team was pleased to make this slam contract against the world's most famous bridge player, Omar Sharif.

Round 14. Board 24.

Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Bill and his partner, Bernard Goldenfield, reached 6♦ from the East seat, and Bill received the lead of a low heart. The 4-1 trump break means that declarer has to show a little care. If he draws two rounds of trumps, it appears that the slam can no longer be made.

Hirst won the king of hearts and played a diamond to the ace, noting the fall of the ten. Next he played ace and another club to South's king. Back came another heart. Hirst won this with dummy's jack and, believing the ♦10 to be an honest card, ruffed with the eight. When South showed out, Hirst could breathe again. He played the queen and another diamond then drew the last trump and ran the clubs; 12 tricks for +920.

Limerick Update

At last limericks are beginning to arrive in the Bulletin room. Two of the better examples are given below. Unfortunately I cannot give the provenance of the first rhyme as the person signed their name with an undecipherable scribble, so if you recognize your effort to please the muse let me know and your name will be published.

*Said a furious player from Maastricht,
As her devout partner she kicked,
"Don't twiddle your hair
When you've values to spare
The next time you do that, you're nicked."*

The second example is from Jon Robinson of Canada who is playing in the Senior International Cup.

*There was a young lady from Maastricht
Whose play was as bad as 'twas quick
At a very fast pace
She trumped partner's Ace
And revoked on the very last trick.*

Remember, bring your verses to the Bulletin Room or email them to 'twaylfm@hotmail.com'.

SENIORS

Israel v Egypt

by Stefan Back

ROUND 13

Late la Ola!

Omar Sharif and his partner Sadek Radwan, playing on the Egypt Seniors team, were definitely not in a bright mood after they had played their 12-board match against Nisan Rand and Moshe Katz from Israel, knowing that besides a couple of dull boards they had produced three annoying scores that would give their side no reason for a "la Ola". Have a look at their "terrible threesome":

In the very first board a competitive auction saw Omar as declarer in 3♠.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| Sharif | Katz | Radwan | Rand |
| | INT | Pass | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | Pass | 3♠ | All Pass |

North led the king of clubs and continued with the queen overtaken by South's ace and ruffed by West. Sharif now crossed to the king of diamonds and led a low spade. When the jack appeared on his right he "smelled" the 4-1 trump split but unfortunately got the hand wrong in the end. North, after having scored the king of spades, exited with a third round of clubs and West had to ruff again. Now, the declarer played a heart to the jack, cashed the ace of hearts, then played two top diamonds from hand and continued with a low heart. North took the chance to ruff with the six of spades, got off lead with a club and patiently waited for two more trump tricks to set the contract one; Israel: +50.

If declarer, after cashing his red suit winners, plays the thirteenth diamond instead of a heart he reaches the following ending with seven tricks already "in the bag":

Betty Ann is working

The programme for the Olympiad is a fine piece of work, but it has at least one omission, according to Betty Ann Kennedy, who was not listed as non-playing captain of the USA team in the 1st Senior International Cup. She notes that it has been fun, especially since her team was leading at the end of play Thursday.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ♠ 10 8 ♥ 9 ♦ 6 ♣ - | N W E S | ♠ 7 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ - ♣ - | ♠ - ♥ 7 6 ♦ - ♣ J 10 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|

If North discards a club, West scores the six of diamonds and another spade trick in the end to make his contract. If North ruffs with the six of spades, dummy will overruff and once again the same trump endplay applies. If North ruffs with the nine of spades and returns a club declarer ruffs in dummy to lose only the ace of trumps later on. If North finally ruffs with the nine of spades and exits with ace of trumps and another trump, then declarer will score the king of hearts to survive.

Annoying but probably just a small pickup for the opponents. But there were much bigger numbers to come:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| Sharif | Katz | Radwan | Rand |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

This dummy must have been a delight (and relief) for the South, our fearless "king of balancing". Things even got better for him when West, left on play with the king of clubs, tried to beat the contract by giving his partner some heart ruffs and therefore continued ace of hearts and another heart to the nine and king. Now it was soon all over. South ruffed, cashed the ace of spades and played a diamond to the queen and ace. He won the club re-

turn, cashed the jack of diamonds, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart and claimed ten tricks; Israel +570.

And then there was board 11, in which everything went exactly the way North wanted it to:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

South opened 3♥ and North decided to go quietly and passed. East understandably decided to reopen the bidding and chose to double. West with no better option available went for 3NT and North must have been very willing to double this. Much to his surprise, no one had any objections and so 3 NT doubled became the final contract. Here's the bidding once again:

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| Sharif | Katz | Radwan | Rand |
| | | | 3♥ |
| Pass | Pass! | Dble | Pass |
| 3NT | Dble | All Pass | |

What can you say about the play? Although Sharif got the hearts "right" - when it went low to the king and jack back he ducked the queen - the blocking of South's long suit didn't really help and in the end West was six down for +1400 to Israel.

Now, what do expect from a match like that? You don't really feel like "la olaing", do you?

Well, thank god sometimes you are lucky, your partners come out with a huge set and you even win a match like that.

Okay, you have lost a couple of IMPs on board 6 and 11 (10 and 17 to be precise), but you already collect 2 IMPs for Board No.1, where your North/South pair at the other table bid 1NT and scored an overtrick.

The rest, of course, has to come from rather "unexpected contributions" from the other room:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul

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

After the following auction, South ended up in 3NT:

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| Sharif | Katz | Radwan | Rand |
| | | | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass! | 1NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

As East did not introduce his diamonds, West led a low spade. South won in dummy and played a heart to the 9 and 10. West played another spade to South's ace, and he now successfully finessed in hearts and ran the suit. In the end declarer cashed the ace and king of clubs and had to admit defeat, when the queen did not appear. One down seemed all right but not spectacular from East/West's point of view. However, it became a nice addition to North/South's +800, collected in 4♣ doubled at the other table for 13 IMPs!

Finally, the match turned on the very last deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul

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

Sharif - Radwan had a straightforward auction to 4♠:

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| Sharif | Katz | Radwan | Rand |
| Pass | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Sadek Radwan won the ten of clubs lead with the jack and played ace of spades and spade to the queen. Losing a trump trick meant +450 to Egypt when he claimed later on only to lose one more trick, the diamond king.

Nothing special but worth another 11 IMPs, as the Egyptian North/South pair, Abdelaziz El Shafie and Mohsen Kamel, managed to set the contract in the other room, which happened to be 3NT, by one trick!

With a couple of minors swings to go with these two huge closed room results, Egypt finally won the match 38-28, 18-12 in VPs respectively. Anyone for a "La Ola" NOW?

A Big Thank You!

The players and officials from the Ukraine would like to thank Pieter Korving for making their participation in the Championships possible. They are having a wonderful time in Maastricht, enjoying fantastic hospitality, a full social programme, and many other acts of kindness.

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 16

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 85 Venezuela | Poland | 18 - 42 | 9 - 21 |
| 86 Switzerland | Sweden | 17 - 10 | 17 - 13 |
| 87 Neth. Antillen | England | 13 - 53 | 5 - 25 |
| 88 Ireland | Scotland | 41 - 24 | 20 - 10 |
| 89 Italy | Finland | 29 - 15 | 19 - 11 |
| 90 Israel | Netherlands | 63 - 18 | 25 - 4 |
| 91 Australia | France | 5 - 44 | 5 - 25 |
| 92 Egypt | Czech Republic | 29 - 36 | 13 - 17 |
| 93 Germany | USA | 23 - 16 | 17 - 13 |
| 94 Wales | Belgium | 16 - 32 | 11 - 19 |
| 95 Aruba | Turkey | 19 - 15 | 16 - 14 |
| 96 Canada | San Marino | 21 - 28 | 13 - 17 |

ROUND 17

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 85 Venezuela | Aruba | 5 - 44 | 5 - 25 |
| 86 Czech Republic | Turkey | 20 - 23 | 14 - 16 |
| 87 France | Netherlands | 27 - 35 | 13 - 17 |
| 88 Poland | Egypt | 3 - 24 | 9 - 21 |
| 89 Wales | Canada | 5 - 43 | 5 - 25 |
| 90 Sweden | San Marino | 29 - 25 | 16 - 14 |
| 91 Israel | Scotland | 4 - 19 | 11 - 19 |
| 92 Finland | Australia | 3 - 20 | 10 - 20 |
| 93 Switzerland | Germany | 4 - 14 | 12 - 18 |
| 94 USA | Italy | 17 - 13 | 16 - 14 |
| 95 Belgium | Neth. Antillen | 44 - 19 | 22 - 8 |
| 96 England | Ireland | 20 - 9 | 18 - 12 |

ROUND 18

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 85 Belgium | Venezuela | 40 - 8 | 23 - 7 |
| 86 Australia | Neth. Antillen | 31 - 23 | 17 - 13 |
| 87 Scotland | San Marino | 30 - 14 | 19 - 11 |
| 88 Aruba | Finland | 6 - 21 | 11 - 19 |
| 89 USA | England | 18 - 27 | 13 - 17 |
| 90 Turkey | Ireland | 24 - 21 | 16 - 14 |
| 91 Sweden | Egypt | 28 - 7 | 21 - 9 |
| 92 Canada | Israel | 31 - 10 | 21 - 9 |
| 93 Czech Republic | Switzerland | 32 - 19 | 19 - 11 |
| 94 Germany | Wales | 37 - 22 | 19 - 11 |
| 95 Italy | France | 18 - 38 | 10 - 20 |
| 96 Netherlands | Poland | 25 - 38 | 11 - 19 |

ROUND 19

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 85 Venezuela | Italy | 11 - 31 | 10 - 20 |
| 86 Israel | France | 13 - 14 | 15 - 15 |
| 87 Egypt | Ireland | 41 - 32 | 17 - 13 |
| 88 Belgium | Canada | 17 - 15 | 16 - 14 |
| 89 Germany | Netherlands | 26 - 23 | 16 - 14 |
| 90 Neth. Antillen | Poland | 13 - 27 | 11 - 19 |
| 91 Turkey | Finland | 37 - 6 | 23 - 7 |
| 92 England | Sweden | 36 - 7 | 23 - 7 |
| 93 Australia | Czech Republic | 14 - 5 | 17 - 13 |
| 94 Switzerland | USA | 29 - 34 | 14 - 16 |
| 95 Wales | Scotland | 9 - 16 | 13 - 17 |
| 96 San Marino | Aruba | 8 - 41 | 6 - 24 |

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 13

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 71 Germany | Latvia | 63 - 4 | 25 - 1 |
| 72 France | China | 42 - 1 | 25 - 4 |
| 73 England | Norway | 18 - 30 | 12 - 18 |
| 74 Czech Republic | Poland | 26 - 23 | 16 - 14 |
| 75 Indonesia | Ireland | 44 - 12 | 23 - 7 |
| 76 Austria | Chinese Taipei | 14 - 16 | 14 - 16 |
| 77 Japan | USA | 30 - 14 | 19 - 11 |
| 78 Netherlands | Singapore | 42 - 21 | 21 - 9 |
| 79 Italy | Hong Kong | 53 - 6 | 25 - 3 |
| 80 Yugoslavia | Botswana | 37 - 36 | 15 - 15 |
| 81 Denmark | Belgium | 29 - 26 | 16 - 14 |

ROUND 14

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 71 Latvia | Singapore | 11 - 22 | 12 - 18 |
| 72 Chinese Taipei | Czech Republic | 36 - 16 | 20 - 10 |
| 73 Yugoslavia | Austria | 0 - 47 | 3 - 25 |
| 74 Germany | Netherlands | 17 - 42 | 8 - 22 |
| 75 Italy | Norway | 44 - 10 | 24 - 6 |
| 76 China | Denmark | 11 - 14 | 14 - 16 |
| 77 Ireland | Japan | 9 - 35 | 8 - 22 |
| 78 Botswana | Belgium | 2 - 64 | 0 - 25 |
| 79 USA | Indonesia | 7 - 33 | 8 - 22 |
| 80 Poland | France | 11 - 23 | 12 - 18 |
| 81 Hong Kong | England | 9 - 49 | 5 - 25 |

ROUND 15

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 71 Belgium | Latvia | 21 - 17 | 16 - 14 |
| 72 Denmark | Germany | 27 - 5 | 21 - 9 |
| 73 Poland | China | 48 - 11 | 25 - 5 |
| 74 Singapore | Botswana | 38 - 26 | 18 - 12 |
| 75 USA | Austria | 32 - 22 | 18 - 12 |
| 76 Czech Republic | Hong Kong | 21 - 8 | 19 - 11 |
| 77 Norway | Ireland | 51 - 8 | 25 - 4 |
| 78 France | England | 29 - 16 | 19 - 11 |
| 79 Japan | Italy | 31 - 37 | 14 - 16 |
| 80 Netherlands | Chinese Taipei | 32 - 36 | 14 - 16 |
| 81 Indonesia | Yugoslavia | 32 - 19 | 19 - 11 |

ROUND 16

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Imp's | VP's |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 71 Latvia | England | 33 - 38 | 14 - 16 |
| 72 Hong Kong | Singapore | 21 - 13 | 17 - 13 |
| 73 Netherlands | Czech Republic | 7 - 27 | 10 - 20 |
| 74 Belgium | France | 27 - 29 | 14 - 16 |
| 75 Japan | China | 36 - 15 | 21 - 9 |
| 76 Germany | Indonesia | 14 - 29 | 11 - 19 |
| 77 Austria | Norway | 32 - 28 | 16 - 14 |
| 78 Chinese Taipei | Yugoslavia | 29 - 13 | 19 - 11 |
| 79 Ireland | USA | 20 - 22 | 14 - 16 |
| 80 Botswana | Denmark | 4 - 78 | 0 - 25 |
| 81 Italy | Poland | 59 - 9 | 25 - 3 |

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Press conference on Saturday Captains choose opponents

Tomorrow, Saturday 2nd September on 17.30 hrs, there will be a press conference in the MECC (room 2.1). During this press conference the captains of the Open Teams and Women's Teams will make public their choice for an opponent in the round of 16 (knockout phase).

All journalists are invited to visit this press conference.

VUGRAPH

Auditorium I

(Dutch commentary)

The Netherlands v France
(WOMEN)

Tanzania v Belgium
(OPEN)

The Netherlands v Chinese Taipei
(OPEN)

Time

10.00

14.00

17.30

Auditorium II

(English commentary)

Italy v Iceland
(OPEN)

Australia v Finland
(OPEN)

Brazil v Austria
(OPEN)

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Ed's Column door Ed Hoogenkamp

Een kwestie van afspraak?

In de wedstrijd Nederland - Griekenland kwam een uitkomstprobleem voor waarover de meningen zeer verdeeld waren. Partner vroeg met een doublet om een specifieke uitkomst. Wat bleek nu? Navraag bij diverse topspelers wat zij bij de gegeven bieding zouden starten, leverde op dat er drie (!) kleuren in aanmerking bleken te komen.

| West | Noord | Oost | Zuid |
|---------|-------|------|-------------------|
| | | pas | 1♣ ⁽¹⁾ |
| 1♦ | 3SA | pas | pas |
| doublet | pas | pas | pas |

⁽¹⁾ 3+ kaart ♣

Test eerst eens wat u zelf zou uitkomen. U heeft als oost:

♠ 10 9 7 4
 ♥ 10 7 5 3 2
 ♦ B 3
 ♣ 7 4

Wat start u?

Vraagt partner om een start in zijn eigen kleur (ruiten) of juist niet?
 En als het om een andere kleur vraag, welke dan? Het hele spel lag als volgt.

Spel 10. O/Allen.

| | | | |
|--------------|----------|--------------|--|
| | ♠ AV 2 | | |
| | ♥ B 6 4 | | |
| | ♦ AV 8 6 | | |
| | ♣ 9 6 5 | | |
| ♠ 5 3 | | ♠ 10 9 7 4 | |
| ♥ A | | ♥ 10 7 5 3 2 | |
| ♦ H 10 9 4 2 | | ♦ B 3 | |
| ♣ AV 10 8 3 | | ♣ 7 4 | |
| | | | |
| | ♠ HB 8 6 | | |
| | ♥ HV 9 8 | | |
| | ♦ 7 5 | | |
| | ♣ HB 2 | | |

In de praktijk kwam oost uit met ♠10. Dat leidde tot twee gedoubleerde overslagen, terwijl klaveren het contract doet sneuvelen.

In principe moet een partnership het eens zijn over de 'wel of niet ruiten-vraag'. Het lijkt voor de hand te liggen om dat de koppelen aan de stijl van volgbieden. Volgt west regelmatig op een gammele kleur dan start oost als gevolg daarvan regelmatig een andere kleur. Doublet vraagt dan om een uitkomst in de gevolgde kleur. Is het volgbod echter in het algemeen solide dan zal oost die kleur vrijwel altijd uitkomen en vraagt doublet dus om een uitkomst in een andere kleur. Welke kleur? Klaveren ligt voor de hand. De kans is klein dat west besluit 1♦ te volgen op een slechte ruitenkleur met een solide hoge kleur ernaast. Verder zal west zich realiseren dat als hij doubleert met een solide hoge kleur partner in een aantal gevallen niet kan zien welke hoge kleur hij uit moet komen...

Aida in the MECC

On 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 September Giuseppe Verdi's opera Aida will be played in the MECC in Maastricht. It promises to be a great spectacle. The opera starts at 20.00 daily (Sunday 16.00), but it is advised to be at the location an hour earlier.

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