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## Invitational

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## El Ahmady-Sadek Lead 2003 Cavendish Pairs

Walid El Ahmady and Tarek Sadak finished second last year and like they say in the Hertz ads, "We're number two, so we have to try harder." So they did, and going into today's final session they're sitting number one in the 2003 Cavendish Pairs with 2621. Fred Gitelman and Brad Moss, who had the largest single-session score on Day One with 1162, did themselves one better scoring 1292 yesterday afternoon (but for only a section second; Greco-Hampson scored 1367) and added another 400 in the evening to take over second place with 2507. Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes, the leaders going into yesterday's play, are now in third place with 1987. Glenn Milgrim-Chris Willenken and Bjorn Fallenius-Roy Welland with 1776 (very patriotic of them) and 1724, respectively, are in fourth and fifth place. Stewart-Woolsey, Berkowitz-Cohen, Bertheau-Nystrom, Gabel-Wittes and Brodeland-Erichsen make up the second five places. The complete Day Two standings can be found on page 3.

## Samuel-Samuel Lead 2003 WBP Pairs

Russell and Shawn Samuel blasted their way through the first two sessions of the WBP Pairs, racking up section tops in both of the sessions, to lead the WBP Pairs with a score of 1181—more than twice the score of the next ranked pair. And who is that next pair? Why it's Lynn Baker and Debbie Rosenberg with 511. In third place are Garey Hayden and Barbara Kasle with 397. Leonard Holtz-Renee Mancuso and Mark Lair-Jim Mahaffey round out the top five pairs. The complete standings at the two-thirds point can be found on page 2.



### Gamblers Non-Anonymous

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## Conditions of Contest: Expansions and Clarifications

In general, it is our intent to allow methods with which other contestants are expected to be familiar. It is also our intent to allow reasonable artificiality in auctions where the bidding side has guaranteed sufficient (high-card) values to invite game. If you have any questions about your own or your opponents' methods, the person to see is Barry Rigal.

### Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday, May 11	11:30 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego ABC
	12:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session, WBP Pairs	Montego DEF
	4:15 PM	Closing Party	St. Croix

## 2003 WBP Pairs (Dedicated to the Memory of Joe Jabon) Day One Standings and Auction Results

Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price (in \$K)	Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price (in \$K)
1	1181	Russ Samuel – Shawn Samuel	\$1.1	13	-16	Alan Cokin – Harold Lilie	\$2.6
2	511	Lynn Baker – Debbie Rosenberg	\$1.2	14	-27	Les Amoils – Darren Wolpert	\$1.2
3	397	Garey Hayden – Barbara Kasle	\$1.2	15	-39	Frank Cymerman – Ken Kranyak	\$1.4
4	386	Leonard Holtz – Renee Mancuso	\$1.7	16	-88	Steve Cox – Marshal Lewis	\$1.0
5	304	Mark Lair – Jim Mahaffey	\$1.7	17	-216	Mike Cappelletti Jr. – Lou Ann O'Rourke	\$1.3
6	294	Harold Feldheim – Jim Murphy	\$1.4	18	-260	Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	\$2.0
7	145	Marjorie Michelin – Bob Morris	\$1.1	19	-314	Roger Lord – Jaqueline Sincoff	\$1.0
8	114	Simon Kantor – Jim Robison	\$2.3	20	-344	Lars Froeland – Aksel Hornslien	\$1.3
9/10	72	Kyle Larsen – Jo Morse	\$1.7	21	-354	Sheila Ekeblad – Michael Seamon	\$1.6
9/10	72	Vincent Demuy – Gavin Wolpert	\$2.5	22	-560	Leonard Ernst – Richard Halperin	\$1.0
11	33	Dan Klein – George Mittelman	\$1.4	23	-635	Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	\$2.0
12	16	Kent Mignocchi – Beverly Perry	\$1.0	24	-747	Teri Casen – Larry Cohen	\$1.0

Auction Total: \$35,700



## Overall and Session Awards WBP Pairs



Place	Session			Overalls	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Auction	Players
1 <sup>st</sup>			\$1,500	\$9,860	\$3,960
2 <sup>nd</sup>			\$750	\$6,574	\$2,640
3 <sup>rd</sup>				\$4,780	\$1,920
4 <sup>th</sup>				\$3,586	\$1,440
5 <sup>th</sup>				\$2,988	\$1,200
6 <sup>th</sup>				\$2,092	\$ 840

# 2003 Cavendish Pairs: Standings After Day Two

Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price (in \$K)	Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price (in \$K)
1	2621	Walid El Ahmady – Tarek Sadek	\$18	26	-356	Russ Ekeblad – Ron Rubin	\$12.5
2	2507	Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss	\$25	27	-366	Nels Erickson – Gene Freed	\$12.5
3	1987	Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes	\$30	28	-379	Dennis Dawson – Eric Rodwell	\$12.5
4	1776	Glenn Milgrim – Chris Willenken	\$12.5	29	-422	Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein	\$40
5	1724	Bjorn Fallenius – Roy Welland	\$17	30	-436	Alain Levy – Herve Mouiel	\$20
6	1695	Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	\$14	31	-446	Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway	\$12.5
7	1594	David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen	\$31	32	-479	Doug Doub – Adam Wildavsky	\$12.5
8	1588	Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom	\$20	33	-603	Andrei Gromov – Alexander Petrunin	\$22
9	1559	Ross Gabel – Jon Wittes	\$14	34	-620	Pierre Saporta – Pierre Zimmermann	\$12.5
10	1241	Boye Brogeland – Espen Erichsen	\$18	35	-623	Nicola Del Buono – Benito Garozzo	\$12.5
11	1223	Mike Passell – Eddie Wold	\$26	36	-656	Jan Jansma – Louk Verhees	\$17
12	1147	Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood	\$33	37	-878	Drew Casen – Richard Schwartz	\$12.5
13	1011	Cezary Balicki – Adam Zmudzinski	\$34	38	-1015	Bill Passell – Aubrey Strul	\$12.5
14	751	Gary Cohler – Harry Tudor	\$12.5	39	-1021	Jimmy Cayne – Geir Helgemo	\$15
15	683	Piotr Gawrys – Krzysztof Jassem	\$25	40	-1105	George Jacobs – Ralph Katz	\$12.5
16	637	Andrea Buratti – Massimo Lanzarotti	\$34	41	-1120	Billy Cohen – Ron Smith	\$21
17	609	Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth	\$21	42	-1204	Alan Sontag – Lew Stansby	\$28
18	608	Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller	\$20	43	-1336	Grant Baze – Michael Whitman	\$12.5
19	581	Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard	\$19	44	-1337	Chris Compton – Gaylor Kasle	\$12.5
20	577	Valerio Giubilo – Alfredo Versace	\$16	45	-1449	Joe Grue – Mike Moss	\$13
21	448	Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson	\$37	46	-1652	Giorgio Duboin – Guido Ferraro	\$22
22	-119	Marc Jacobus – Sam Lev	\$19	47	-1753	Luis Lantaron – Juan Ventin	\$12.5
23	-133	Paul Chemla – Christian Mari	\$22	48	-1831	Sabine Auken – Daniela Von Arnim	\$12.5
24	-179	Michael Kwiecien – Jacek Pszczola	\$36	49	-2365	Rose Meltzer – Peter Weichsel	\$12.5
25	-215	Peter Fredin – Magnus Lindkvist	\$21	50	-2569	Andy Robson – Rita Shugart	\$12.5

Auction Total: \$973K



## Overall and Session Awards Cavendish Pairs



Place	Session					(From Players' Pool)	Overalls	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>		Auction	Players
1 <sup>st</sup>			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	(\$5,000)	\$231,350	\$26,810
2 <sup>nd</sup>			\$2,500	\$2,500	\$10,000	(\$3,000)	\$148,724	\$17,236
3 <sup>rd</sup>			\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ 5,000	(\$2,500)	\$ 99,150	\$11,490
4 <sup>th</sup>					\$ 3,000		\$ 74,362	\$ 8,618
5 <sup>th</sup>							\$ 66,100	\$ 7,660
6 <sup>th</sup>							\$ 57,838	\$ 6,702
7 <sup>th</sup>							\$ 49,576	\$ 5,744
8 <sup>th</sup>							\$ 41,312	\$ 4,788
9 <sup>th</sup>							\$ 33,050	\$ 3,830
10 <sup>th</sup>							\$ 24,788	\$ 2,872

## The 2003 Cavendish Pairs: Day Two

### Session One (Redux):

This column has already seen fit on a couple of occasions to pass snide comments on Peter Fredin's propensity to bid notrump when other people see no such reason. Well, it's time to set the record straight.

Bd: 21	♠ AQJ953		
Dlr: North	♥ ---		
Vul: N/S	♦ 10973		
	♣ 1063		
♠ K106		♠ 842	
♥ A82		♥ Q10943	
♦ AJ6		♦ 842	
♣ AQ98		♣ 52	
	♠ 7		
	♥ KJ765		
	♦ KQ5		
	♣ KJ74		

On Board 21 from the first session of the Pairs Peter held the balanced 18-count in the West seat and heard his vulnerable LHO open 2♠, passed back to him. The field reopened with either double or 2NT and were frequently punished to the tune of 300. Fredin took a look at his defensive spade holding and side aces—and passed! Right he was. On a club lead the defense had five minor-suit winners and a trump trick. Plus 100 was worth 172 cross-imps.

### Session Three:

Bd: 3	♠ Q63		
Dlr: South	♥ ---		
Vul: E/W	♦ 983		
	♣ AKQ10964		
♠ AK4		♠ 1072	
♥ 10753		♥ QJ82	
♦ KQ752		♦ AJ104	
♣ 3		♣ 85	
	♠ J985		
	♥ AK964		
	♦ 6		
	♣ J72		

When you reach 5♣ off three cashing winners you do not generally realize that game is on a finesse for the eight of trumps. But Eric Rodwell was alive to all the possibilities and exploited the location of the ♣8 to bring home eleven tricks. He reached 5♣ on the auction:



West	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East	South <i>Dawson</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♣	Dbl	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

and was treated to the lead of the ♣5. He had to guess whether this was from ♣53 or ♣85 and got it right when he inserted dummy's seven. When this held he cashed the ♥AK to pitch spades, then ruffed a heart and exited with a diamond. Now his LHO could win and lead a second trump but Rodwell could win in dummy and ruff out the hearts to set up his eleventh winner. (Larry Cohen, amongst others, reached the same contract and made it by identical play.)

Bd: 7	♠ QJ984		
Dlr: South	♥ 97		
Vul: Both	♦ J984		
	♣ 74		
♠ AK		♠ 53	
♥ AKJ65		♥ Q842	
♦ Q1052		♦ A73	
♣ A6		♣ Q1095	
	♠ 10762		
	♥ 103		
	♦ K6		
	♣ KJ832		

6♥ produced the most scintillating play and defense possibilities so far. Say you reach 6♥ from the strong hand and are given a chance on the lead of the ♠Q. You strip the spades, draw trumps and lead a diamond to the ace.

Both Zia and Gene Freed found the necessary unblock of the ♦K and their declarers went down by leading a club to the ace and a club up. On reflection both unlucky declarers may have been kicking themselves for two reasons: The first is that if they had cashed the ♦A at trick two they might have avoided giving the show away and tipping South off to the possibility of an unblock. But the second and more serious reason was that 6♥ was still cold even after the unblock. Since South surely has the club king (or there would be no need to unblock), you lead the ♣Q from dummy, covered all around. Now you have to guess what to do next. Leading up to the ♣10 would work if North has the ♣J or the doubleton ♣8 or ♣7, with the diamonds originally five-one. But as the cards lie the winning line is to cash the ♦Q before playing a second club to the ten. If South ducks, you concede a diamond trick only while if South wins he is endplayed into either giving you a ruff-and-discard to pitch a diamond from dummy or to lead a club into your nine-five to allow you to pitch your diamond losers.

Bd: 10	♠ A764		
Dlr: East	♥ Q5		
Vul: Both	♦ 9632		
	♣ 543		
♠ KQ102		♠ J5	
♥ 9876		♥ A2	
♦ J10		♦ K5	
♣ 1076		♣ AKQJ982	
	♠ 983		
	♥ KJ1043		
	♦ AQ874		
	♣ ---		

Wold and Passell were continuing their winning ways. Here, for example, after the auction...

West	North	East	South
<i>Passll</i>		<i>Wold</i>	
		2♣	2♥
Dbl(1)	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(1) Values			

Can you blame South for leading a "surprise" diamond? That was declarer's ninth trick. Mind you, even on a spade lead the defense would have been tough to find. And note, of course, that this is a board where N/S are a favorite to make game (even on a spade lead 5♦ can't be defeated).

Bd: 14	♠ A1096		
Dlr: East	♥ K43		
Vul: None	♦ K8765		
	♣ A		
♠ J7		♠ KQ5432	
♥ A105		♥ QJ92	
♦ Q10		♦ 43	
♣ KQ9763		♣ J	
	♠ 8		
	♥ 876		
	♦ AJ92		
	♣ 108542		

Gaylor Kasle managed to manufacture a spectacular amount of bricks without any straw. After the ambitious auction...

West	North	East	South
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Kasle</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♠	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Kasle took the ♣J opening lead with the ace, played ♦K, ♦A, then passed the ♠8! Meckstroth won to play a heart but Kasle could score his ♥K, then cash the ♠A and run the ♠10

to establish his eleventh trick (seven trumps, two spades, one heart and one club). If Johnson covers the ♠8 with the jack declarer has to guess which doubleton he has. (On the auction with Meckstroth apparently having a weak-two type hand in spades but not having opened, the calculation is a fairly close one.)

Fallenius and Welland were in the process of putting together a very solid set when they met Kwiecien-Pszczola. They had just the right machinery to reach slam here...

Bd: 17	♠ 653		
Dlr: North	♥ KJ2		
Vul: None	♦ ---		
	♣ Q1096432		
♠ J1087		♠ A2	
♥ 3		♥ A84	
♦ J10874		♦ AKQ9632	
♣ 875		♣ A	
	♠ KQ94		
	♥ Q109765		
	♦ 5		
	♣ KJ		
West	North	East	South
<i>WellandPszczola</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>	
	Pass	2♣	2♥
Dbl(1)	3♥	4♦	4♥
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
(1) 0/1 heart			

Fallenius gave some thought of doing more here, but trusted Welland to have produced a cue-bid if he had one. 6♥ is of course remarkably cheap (both Kwiecien and Pszczola might well have done more here) though the room found the N/S hands too tough to handle. 6♦ was bid almost universally, so +920 was only worth 47 cross-imps.

Bd: 19	♠ Q64		
Dlr: South	♥ 8		
Vul: E/W	♦ AJ10832		
	♣ 543		
♠ AK1073		♠ J8	
♥ KQJ76		♥ 9532	
♦ ---		♦ Q64	
♣ KQ7		♣ J1098	
	♠ 952		
	♥ A104		
	♦ K975		
	♣ A62		

Larry Cohen and David Berkowitz missed the chance for a coup, of sorts, here. David opened 1NT (10-12) and Doug

Doub overcalled 2♣ (Landy). When Larry Cohen jumped to 3♦ (somewhere between an invite and a preempt) David cue-bid 3♥ to show his values. Doub now tried 4♦ to get his partner to pick a major and Wildavsky's 4♥ ended the auction. Adam collected a painless +620, but this seemed unremarkable in the context of 5♦ being easily set 500 via the spade ruff.

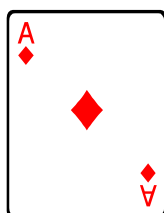
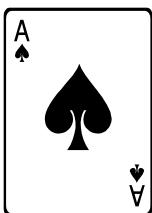
The unusual sacrifice available to N/S is 4NT. Assuming you guess the diamonds (pretty close to 100% on the auction) you can escape for -300.

One of the nicer defensive plays of the event came on this board when Ralph Katz and George Jacobs were defending 5♥, declared by Bart Bramley from the strong hand. Katz led the ♦A, reasonably enough, and Bramley ruffed to lead the ♥K. Jacobs took the first heart (to conceal the bad split) and returned a low diamond. Bramley naturally ruffed this rather than running it to the queen and now he could not draw all the trumps and ruff out the spades, as he would run out of trumps. The best he could do was to ruff out spades and lead a club, but Jacobs could win his ♣A and lead the ♦K, to promote his ♥10.

Bd: 22	♠ AJ875		
Dlr: East	♥ 32		
Vul: E/W	♦ A		
	♣ 97632		
♠ K1032		♠ 964	
♥ K964		♥ QJ10875	
♦ 8743		♦ J65	
♣ J		♣ 8	
	♠ Q		
	♥ A		
	♦ KQ1092		
	♣ AKQ1054		

Left to your own devices you'd surely be a lock to bid 7♣ here. However, even at favorable vulnerability one rarely gets left alone in an auction.

Chris Compton recognizes a hand of power and quality when he sees it, and he opened the East hand 2♥. Harry Tudor showed a powerhouse with the minors by jumping to 4♥, but when Cohler bid 6♣ he had to decide whether he was worth 7♣ or not. Tudor eventually passed, though not without considerable misgivings. It's tough not to be wise after the fact here, but when you're looking at all the top clubs isn't partner at least 17-to-13 (the required IMP odds) to hold two aces?



Bd: 24	♠ AJ97		
Dlr: West	♥ KJ102		
Vul: None	♦ KJ3		
	♣ K8		
♠ K2		♠ 10653	
♥ Q54		♥ 876	
♦ 9872		♦ Q6	
♣ QJ96		♣ A752	
	♠ Q84		
	♥ A93		
	♦ A1054		
	♣ 1043		

Billy Miller made a nice play here, though admittedly it was only for overtricks—but every imp counts.

Billy played 3NT as North on a heart lead to the queen and king. He crossed to the ♥A to pass the ♠Q, king, ace. Now the ♦J was covered by the queen and ace and the ♠8 was passed to the ten. East exited with a diamond so Miller cashed his heart and spade winners (with dummy keeping two diamonds and one club), reducing West to the bare ♣Q to keep diamonds guarded. Now Miller crossed to the ♦10 and led the ♣10 to the queen, king and ace and took trick thirteen with the ♣8 over the ♣7—a true Vice Squeeze.

#### Session Four:

Bd: 3	♠ J85		
Dlr: South	♥ AJ94		
Vul: E/W	♦ 108		
	♣ J865		
♠ Q9743		♠ ---	
♥ Q7		♥ K5	
♦ Q972		♦ KJ6543	
♣ A4		♣ Q10972	
	♠ AK1062		
	♥ 108632		
	♦ A		
	♣ K3		

The popular contract here was for South to play 4♥ (often doubled). The opening lead was almost invariably the ♠3, ruffed by East. At the table where Louk Verhees was East, and also where Mike Whitman held the East cards, they overruled the strong suit-preference implicit in the opening lead and shifted to a diamond, collecting their +100 in due course. Had they returned a club, declarer would surely have come to ten tricks. Bart Bramley did not follow the same set of instructions defending 5♥ doubled; he did play back his low club at trick two. Was he punished by collecting only +100 instead of +300? No. His declarer rose with the ♣K and Lazard gave him a second ruff. Bramley then cashed the ♠Q and led another club, promoting the ♥Q for down 500!

Board 7 was a difficult hand around the room. The typical

auction started...

Bd: 7	♠ AK1095	
Dlr: South	♥ A72	
Vul: Both	♦ 64	
	♣ Q43	
♠ J862		♠ Q7
♥ K1086		♥ QJ954
♦ K95		♦ A72
♣ A6		♣ KJ5
	♠ 43	
	♥ 3	
	♦ QJ1083	
	♣ 109872	

1♠-P-P-? and the normal actions with the West cards are to pass or reopen with 1NT. If you let 1♠ play, on the ♥Q lead declarer collects six tricks. Conversely, if you reopen with 1NT what is East to do? The winning action is to drive to game, offering a choice of hearts or notrump, and West will surely opt for the suit game. If you don't want to transfer, and reach a five-three heart fit instead of 3NT, why not use Stayman instead? However, at the table where Brad Moss reopened with 1NT Fred Gitelman drove to 3NT without transferring. He would have been right to do so if Sam Lev had not had both the ♠10 and ♠9, since 4♥ can probably be reduced to the club guess if the defense leads spades at every turn to kill the discard for the losing diamond. The fact remains that the decision was very expensive.

Note, if the defenders do lead four rounds of spades declarer might go wrong. Since one defender is known to have ten minor-suit cards, might you play for the minor-suit squeeze instead of the club finesse?

Bd: 10	♠ K72	
Dlr: East	♥ J43	
Vul: Both	♦ K984	
	♣ J42	
♠ J84		♠ Q1065
♥ Q82		♥ 10765
♦ Q1072		♦ 5
♣ 865		♣ Q1093
	♠ A93	
	♥ AK9	
	♦ AJ63	
	♣ AK7	

Even at the Cavendish, routine safety plays have their place. Imagine that as South you reach 3NT on the unremarkable auction 2♣-2♦; 2NT-3NT. Now you get a low spade lead to East's queen. While you are patting yourself on the back for not looking for slam, bear in mind that although you have several outside chances for developing a trick from your six-card fits, the simple way to play the hand is to take the

opening lead and play the ♦A and lead a low diamond, intending to put in the nine if West follows small. This play ensures three diamond tricks against any lie of the cards. (If West shows out on the second diamond you change tack and go up with the king to lead a diamond toward your jack.) Of course stopping in 3NT is another key to the deal—but think how embarrassing it would be to go down with 31 HCP!

Zia has been complaining that Hamman does not double enough, but finally we come to a deal where Bob could not resist using the red card. (Of course based on what we've seen so far, Zia doubles enough for the both of them.)

Bd: 12	♠ J9432	
Dlr: West	♥ QJ976	
Vul: N/S	♦ 2	
	♣ Q7	
♠ K6		♠ AQ85
♥ K108532		♥ 4
♦ 5		♦ A109843
♣ J832		♣ A10
	♠ 107	
	♥ A	
	♦ KQJ76	
	♣ K9654	

Playing against Fantoni-Nunes Bob heard Zia open 2♥, which he passed. But when his LHO reopened with 3♦ he decided to risk a double. No one had anything more to say and Zia led a low club to the ten and king. Back came a club to Hamman's ace and the ♦8 went to the king. When declarer exited with a low club Hamman got his heart away. Declarer finished up scoring one club and three trump tricks for down 1400!

Bd: 20	♠ A64	
Dlr: West	♥ 853	
Vul: Both	♦ 1094	
	♣ A865	
♠ J1085		♠ K92
♥ K10		♥ Q74
♦ AKQ5		♦ 763
♣ K93		♣ J1072
	♠ Q73	
	♥ AJ962	
	♦ J82	
	♣ Q4	

Jon Wittes and Ross Grabel did well in defending 1NT here. After the normal auction 1NT-All Pass, Wittes (North) found the low heart lead to give the defense a chance. Declarer took Grabel's ♥J with his king and ran the ♠8 to the queen. Grabel exited with a low heart as declarer won the ten and played a second spade on which Wittes played the ace and

declarer erred by unblocking the king. That let Wittes lead a third heart to his partner, horribly squeezing declarer. In the six-card ending he elected to keep his three top diamonds, two spades and the stiff ♣K, so the defense cashed out their clubs for down one.

Bd: 21	♠ 76	
Dlr: North	♥ 2	
Vul: N/S	♦ Q10542	
	♣ K10974	
♠ AKQJ9832		♠ 105
♥ 3		♥ A864
♦ 73		♦ A98
♣ Q5		♣ J862
	♠ 4	
	♥ KQJ10975	
	♦ KJ6	
	♣ A3	

What is the winning strategy with the South cards? In third seat opening 4♥ normally seems to act as a transfer to 4♠, in which case what else can you do but double when the auction gets back to you so at least you can blame partner if you concede -590 (or 690)? Still, if you open 1♥ what do you do when the next hand jumps to 4♠? It's tough to say, though bidding 5♥ escapes today for -200, the unusual save at unfavorable vulnerability. However, the N/S pair we were watching did considerably better.

Kit Woolsey (at red yet!) opened the North hand with 2NT. Yes, we know the definition is "both minors, less than an opening bid" and they do open light, but even so... Stewart jumped to 4♥, then persisted with 5♥ over 4♠, and can you blame Chemla for bidding 5♠ now? Unless his partner was going to produce two defensive tricks it would be a good save...but not today. On a heart lead Chemla took his best chance by winning the ace and leading a club from dummy. Stewart hopped up with the ace to shift to a diamond, and that was one down.

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## Still a Long Way to Go

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

Let me start off by straightening out one thing. My number 12 selection is the one listed in Bulletin Number 1, Berkowitz-Cohen, and not the pair they switched to that number later. This is typical of the tricks people try to play on me. Take this tournament itself. When I arrived in Vegas I headed straight for the Rio. As the web site didn't mention a venue, I assumed it was the same as last year. Imagine my surprise when nobody there knew anything about a bridge tournament. After about an hour and many phone calls I managed to track it down to here. As soon as I arrived I queried the omission with Bob Hamman with Barry Rigal in attendance.

"It didn't work," Barry said.

"What didn't work?" I stupidly asked him.

"You found the place, didn't you?" he answered with a smile.

Now let me tell you about this guy. He has become a big shot in the writing game and in fact most months his "Letter From America" appears in our top bridge magazine. When I

first knew him he would have been happy to write "A Postcard From Aberdeen, Scotland" (where he once worked) except that nobody wanted to hear from him!

Now that I've got that out of my system, let's have a look at my selections after three sessions. Gitelman-Moss are 3<sup>rd</sup>, Berkowitz-Cohen 11<sup>th</sup> whilst Doub-Wildavsky, Balicki-Zmudzinski and Gromov-Petrinin are all within striking distance. In fact, overall I'm in a better position than I was in last year at the same stage of the event.

As far as Kwiecien-Pszczola are concerned I'm having the same problem as last year. Every time I look at the fellow sitting opposite Michael he looks different. I've a funny feeling that he tires easily and now and again his brother "Pepsi" takes his place.

Just to show you all how much I've learned about this tournament, I woke up this morning with a bit of a sore throat, so I spent the day in the company of Harry Tudor and I didn't need to say one word all day.

**Good Luck today, have a safe trip home,  
and we hope to see you all again next year.**