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## Gitelman-Moss Lead 2001 Cavendish Pairs Helgemo-Lev in Hot Pursuit

With two huge games on Day Two (both session tops), Fred Gitelman and Brad Moss leapfrogged from forty-first place to take the lead of the 2001 Cavendish Pairs over second-place Geir Helgemo and Sam "I Am" Lev. Gitelman-Moss's 2157.17 lead Helgemo-Lev's 1827.17 by more than 300 cross-imps. Close behind in third place are Boye Brogland and Espen Erichsen (with 1815.92) followed by Giorgio Duboin and Guido Ferraro (with 1765.21) and Jan Jansma and Louk Verhees (with 1729.50). The increasing strength of non-North American players is evidenced by the fact that non-NA pairs occupy four of the top ten spots while "half" non-NA pairs occupy three of the seven other top spots. Other pairs posting strong Day-Two sessions were Levin-Weinstein, Feldman-Osberg, Boyd-Robinson, and Robbins-Tudor. Complete event standings can be found on page 3.

## Coren-Hamilton Lead WBP Pairs

Richard Coren and Fred Hamilton registered two solid sessions to take the lead at the two-thirds point of the World Bridge Production pairs. Coren-Hamilton's score of 816 leads Barry Schaffer and Colby Vernay's 788 by 30 imps followed by last year's winners Jill Levin and Larry Cohen with 750. The complete WBP Pair standings can be found on page 4.



Just a reminder of what it looks like outside of Las Vegas casinos.

# 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. WBP Pairs contestants should be aware that the Conditions of Contest in effect for the Cavendish Pairs will also apply to that event except that any details which are dependent on the number of tables (such as the total or average number of cross-imps available on each board, or the movement) will be scaled back to take into account the number of tables in the WBP event.

## Schedule

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday, May 13th	12:30 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego A, B & C
	12:30 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session, WBP Pairs	Montego D, E & F
	5:00 PM	Awards Ceremony and Closing Cocktail Party	St. Croix A&B

## A Polite Inquiry

by Sam Leckie

With one session to go I must admit my position doesn't look good. Here's how I size things up:

Pair	Place
Chemla – Levy	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Kwiecien – Pszczola	7 <sup>th</sup>
Levin – Weinstein	6 <sup>th</sup>
Nickel – Hamman	14 <sup>th</sup>
Rodwell – Fleisher	37 <sup>th</sup>
Weinstein – Garner	34 <sup>th</sup>

Now I don't want anyone thinking I'm a sore loser, but there are one or two things I would like looked into before my huge payout. Firstly, in the first round when Kwiecien and Pszczola were -710 imps, can I be sure that Kwiecien didn't play with his partner's twin brother "Cola," a switch I believe has been done before.

I'd also like the "Weinstein" question looked into. Can we be sure that the two partnerships didn't get mixed up? I know that I was called in as dummy a couple of times by Levin and it didn't look to me that the right Weinstein was playing the hand. As far as Chemla-Levy are concerned, Chemla still says "C'est la vie." It must mean *both* of us were ill. In the Rodwell-Fleisher case both were carrying heavy loads. In Fleisher's case it was that heavy haversack.

Last but not least come Hamman-Nickell and I must admit they kept getting good scores which never appeared on the score sheet at the end. Was Hamman recording properly? You see one of my payouts is to his current partner, Paul Soloway. It makes you think! Still, maybe my visit to each of their rooms last night made a difference. And to think, I could have chosen Rose Meltzer and Peter Weichsel as one of my six. What a chump I am!



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# The Cavendish Pairs: Standings After Day Two

Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price	Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price
1	2157.17	Brad Moss – Fred Gitelman	\$31K	27	-129.13	Roger Bates – Dan Mordecai	\$13K
2	1827.17	Geir Helgemo – Sam Lev	\$38K	28	-193.79	Amadeo Llopart – Juan Ventin	\$10K
3	1815.92	Boye Brogland – Espen Erichsen	\$22K	29	-202.55	Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	\$19K
4	1765.21	Giorgio Duboin – Guido Ferraro	\$27K	30	-207.87	Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd	\$21K
5	1729.50	Jan Jansma – Louk Verhees	\$14K	31	-236.92	Adam Wildavsky – Dan Morse	\$13K
6	1627.83	Robert Levin – Steve Weinstein	\$44K	32	-269.83	Pyotr Gawrys – Amos Kaminski	\$11K
7	1556.50	Michel Kwiecien – Jacek Pszczol	\$46K	33	-294.08	Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway	\$11K
8	1485.92	Bjorn Fallenius – Roy Welland	\$18K	34	-301.92	Steve Garner – Howard Weinstein	\$36K
9	1396.00	Magnus Lindkvist – Michael Moss	\$16K	35	-598.50	Steve Levinson – Barnett Shenkin	\$12K
10	1353.50	Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller	\$24K	36	-726.21	Albert Faigenbaum – Christian Mari	\$21K
11	1297.92	Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard	\$20K	37	-897.92	Martin Fleisher – Eric Rodwell	\$31K
12	1260.13	Mark Lair – George Steiner	\$16K	38	-1041.92	Ashley Bach – Michael Cornell	\$10K
13	1243.17	Ron Smith – Billy Cohen	\$22K	39	-1057.92	Larry Robbins – Harry Tudor	\$13K
14	1226.13	Bob Hamman – Nick Nickell	\$28K	40	-1077.00	Billy Eisenberg – Zia Mahmood	\$27K
15	1027.87	Michel Abecassis – J-C Quantin	\$24K	41	-1144.50	Bill Pollack – Rozanne Pollack	\$10K
16	843.13	Mark Feldman – Sharon Osberg	\$10K	42	-1176.50	Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth	\$27K
17	829.50	Grant Baze – Mike Whitman	\$10K	43	-1285.45	Drew Casen – Richard Schwartz	\$11K
18	826.08	Gaylor Kastle – Bobby Wolff	\$14K	44	-1421.92	Rose Meltzer – Peter Weichsel	\$12K
19	808.87	Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes	\$10K	45	-1548.50	Bob Blanchard – Ralph Katz	\$15K
20	799.50	Eric Greco – Geoff T. Hampson	\$35K	46	-1554.50	Chris Convery – Craig Gower	\$11K
21	644.50	Anton Mass – Vincent Ramondt	\$16K	47	-1670.15	Ross Gabel – Jon Wittes	\$20K
22	643.83	Paul Chemla – Alain Levy	\$40K	48	-1836.71	Linda Lewis – Paul Jay Lewis	\$10K
23	601.92	Gene Freed – Jim Robison	\$10K	49	-1941.08	Chris Compton – John Onstott	\$14K
24	193.83	Eddie Wold – John Mohan	\$26K	50	-2337.17	Malcolm Brachman – Mike Passell	\$10K
25	137.71	Valerio Giubilo – Alfredo Versace	\$12K	51	-2356.08	Russ Ekeblad – Michael Seamon	\$27K
26	-21.21	Ishmael Del'Monte – Neville Eber	\$12K	52	-3344.13	Gary Cohler – Richard Finberg	\$10K



## Overall and Session Awards



### Cavendish Pairs

Place	Session					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	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$227,934	\$30,940
2 <sup>nd</sup>		\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$12,000	\$146,529	\$19,890
3 <sup>rd</sup>			\$2,500	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$97,686	\$13,260
4 <sup>th</sup>				\$2,500	\$5,000	\$73,265	\$9,944
5 <sup>th</sup>					\$2,500	\$65,124	\$8,840
6 <sup>th</sup>						\$56,983	\$7,734
7 <sup>th</sup>						\$48,843	\$6,630
8 <sup>th</sup>						\$40,702	\$5,526
9 <sup>th</sup>						\$32,562	\$4,420
10 <sup>th</sup>						\$24,422	\$3,316

# The WBP Pairs: Auction Results and Standings

Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price	Rank	Score	Pair	Auction Price
816		Richie Coren – Fred Hamilton	\$2500	-46		Flo Rotman – Dan Rotman	\$1200
788		Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	\$1400	-51		Disa Cheek – Judy Wadas	\$1000
750		Jill Levin – Larry Cohen	\$2200	-130		Jo Morse – Kyle Larsen	\$2000
684		Ken Kranyak – Keith Wolff	\$1000	-142		Bob La Fleur – Jan George	\$1000
444		Nels Ericksen – Marjorie Michellin	\$1000	-219		Jeff Roman – Glenn Lublin	\$2100
434		Lynn Baker – Irina Levitina	\$1000	-221		Bruce Ferguson – Peter Schneider	\$1000
428		Lou Ann O'Rourke – Mike Cappelletti, S	\$1500	-333		Marshall Miles – Vic Chernoff	\$1300
385		David Seibert – Alan Seibert	\$3000	-390		Reese Milner – Marc Jacobus	\$1600
314		Russ Samuel – Shawn Samuel	\$1000	-406		Bill Doroshow – Nate Ward	\$1000
289		Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	\$1800	-500		Wayne Chu – Ya Nong Han	\$1200
244		Joe Jabon – John Garrison	\$1000	-690		Srikanth Kodayam – Leszek Rabioga	\$2600
242		Petra Hamman – Nancy Passell	\$1200	-870		Shelia Ekeblad – Mark Molson	\$1100
226		Pinhas Romik – Stellio DiBello	\$1800	-939		Mickey Friedman – Harold Lilie	\$1000
145		Simon Kantor – Murray Melton	\$1200	-1378		Ina Demme – Sheri Weinstock	\$1000
107		Phil Becker – Kumar Bhatia	\$1100				
9		Leonard Ernst – Gene Simpson	\$1300				\$43,100



## 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>		\$750	\$1,000	\$12,091	\$5,198
2 <sup>nd</sup>			\$400	\$ 8,061	\$3,466
3 <sup>rd</sup>				\$ 5,862	\$2,520
4 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 4,397	\$1,890
5 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 3,664	\$1,574
6 <sup>th</sup>				\$ 2,565	\$1,102

*We hope you enjoyed this year's Cavendish Invitational*

*Have a safe trip home!*

# e-bridge Deal of the Day

by Marc Smith

On this deal from the Friday evening session, Australia's Ishmael Del'Monte made a play against last year's winners of the event that would be a worthy contender for the IBPA's "Play of the Year" award.

See how you would have approached the problem:.

Bd: 16	♠ ---		
Dlr: West	♥ AK984		
Vul: E/W	♦ K8753		
	♣ Q97		
	♠ 10764		
	♥ J76		
	♦ A1092		
	♣ A3		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fleishman</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Del'Monte</i>
3♠	Dbl	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Marty Fleishman, sitting West, led the ♠K under which Rodwell played the jack and Del'Monte the six. Then came a switch to the ♥5. Del'Monte rose with dummy's king and cashed the ♦K (jack from East and the nine unblocked from his hand). Then came a second diamond to the queen and ace. How would you have continued, and why?

Declarer has eight tricks with little hope of a ninth. It seems likely that East stops the hearts, and as soon as he gets in, a spade will be led through declarer's ten. Unless East's spade holding is specifically ♠J9, when declarer will be able to duck the nine on the second round, blocking the suit, West will cash far too many winners in the suit.

Del'Monte envisioned one other layout of the opponents' cards that might enable him to avoid such a fate. What if East's second spade should be the eight? Declarer saw that if he led a low spade from his hand at trick five, West would have to go in with the nine—a crocodile coup against East's eight. Thus, Ishmael led the ♠4.

This was the full hand:

Bd: 16	♠ ---		
Dlr: West	♥ AK984		
Vul: E/W	♦ K8753		
	♣ Q97		
♠ AKQ9852		♠ J3	
♥ 53		♥ Q102	
♦ 64		♦ QJ	
♣ J2		♣ K108654	
	♠ 10764		
	♥ J76		
	♦ A1092		
	♣ A3		

As you can see, the layout was not quite as declarer had imagined it, but put yourself in Marty Fleisher's position with the West hand... What would you have made of declarer's play? Would you have been able to "see" the doubleton ♠J10 in your partner's hand?

Marty Fleisher did exactly that. He rose with the ♠Q, thus crocodiling (if Andrew Robson can invent a whole bridge language, the rest of us can add to it) his partner's ten. When, in fact, East followed with the lowly three on the second round, Fleisher could no longer defeat the hand. (If he cashed the ♠A, the ♠10 would be declarer's ninth trick.) In fact, he switched to the ♣J. Declarer ducked this around to his ace, and led the ♥J, running it to East. Eric Rodwell won with the queen and could cash the ♣K to save the overtrick, but with no link to his partner's spade winner(s) there was no fifth trick to be found.

Should Marty have found the winning defense here? I will leave you to decide for yourself whether the answer is a clear "Yes" or "No" or some "Probably" or "Perhaps" in between. I guess much depends on whether you think declare would really have bid 3NT over his partner's double with ♠7-6-4-3.

Whatever your view, you must take your hat off to a man who sought me out after the session to report an excellent play by an opponent despite the fact that he was made to play the goat on the deal. Thanks, Marty!



# The Cavendish Pairs: Day One (Reprise)

Amos Kaminski has made his reputation by taking actions that might not be recommended in the text books, but that just happen to work. Here was Board 10 from Friday's second session. Put yourself in the North seat here and cover up the South and West hands to appreciate the true pathos of the situation.

Bd: 10	♠ 10862		
Dlr: East	♥ 86		
Vul: Both	♦ AJ54		
	♣ Q92		
♠ KQJ3		♠ A	
♥ K107		♥ AJ52	
♦ K63		♦ 10987	
♣ K73		♣ AJ84	
	♠ 9754		
	♥ Q943		
	♦ Q2		
	♣ 1065		

If you have tears, prepare to shed them now. Amos was declarer in 6NT on the auction:

West	North	East	South
Amos		Pyotr	
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

North led a heart, which seems quite reasonable, and Amos won the ten and fired a spade to the ace and a diamond to the king. On the given auction it is obviously correct technique to duck this as declarer will eventually cross back to dummy to play on diamonds again and you will collect your two tricks. Not today, thank you! Declarer takes the club finesse and cashes his twelve top tricks, thanks to your duck in diamonds. That play swung a cool 650 cross-imps, but you can hardly blame North.



A couple of the big swing boards from Session Two are also worth a second look.

Bd: 4	♠ K9		
Dlr: West	♥ ---		
Vul: Both	♦ J8762		
	♣ A87652		
♠ 10732		♠ A8	
♥ AJ1063		♥ K87542	
♦ AQ9		♦ K4	
♣ K		♣ J104	
	♠ QJ654		
	♥ Q9		
	♦ 1053		
	♣ Q93		

Only three pairs in the field reached the laydown 6♥ here. Steiner and Lair were lucky enough to encounter a North who passed over Lair's 1♥ bid. The auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
Lair		Steiner	
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣(1)	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥(2)	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(1) Shortness; (2) Two keycards, no ♥Q

Steiner knew his partner did not have the ♥Q and even given two aces and a wasted club honor slam was highly unlikely to be worse than a diamond/spade finesse. As it was, the magic ♦Q made the slam laydown.

Moss-Lindkvist also got there. This was their auction:

West	North	East	South
Lindkvist		Moss	
1♥	2NT	3♣(1)	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

(1) Heart raise

Once Moss made the good decision to bid on over 4♥ Lindkvist's minor-suit controls were golden.



Bd: 11	♠ Q7	
Dlr: South	♥ AJ82	
Vul: None	♦ QJ1073	
	♣ J10	
♠ 9854		♠ KJ10
♥ Q654		♥ K1097
♦ 52		♦ 96
♣ K87		♣ Q632
	♠ A632	
	♥ 3	
	♦ AK84	
	♣ A954	

Del'Monte and Eber were the only pair to bid and make slam here. 6♦ by North is by no means laydown. A trump lead

dooms you and even with a club or a heart lead you need to work a club to build a spade discard, then crossruff. The successful auction was:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Eber</i>		<i>Del'Monte</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	3♥(1)
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
(1) Splinter			

Life was made a lot easier for Eber in the play when East led a spade based on a negative inference about a failure to double 3♥. +920 instead of -50 swung 550 cross-imps or so.

## The Cavendish Pairs: Day Two

### Session Three:

Bd: 1	♠ 986432	
Dlr: North	♥ 1096	
Vul: None	♦ ---	
	♣ 8543	
♠ Q		♠ AK
♥ KQ852		♥ A743
♦ 987		♦ AKJ32
♣ AK92		♣ Q6
	♠ J1075	
	♥ J	
	♦ Q10654	
	♣ J107	

The Lightner conundrum: When you have a void, and are not on lead to a Grand Slam, do you always double? At pairs it can be a tough decision, a retreat to 7NT can be expensive. As far as I can tell, only a couple of pairs, including Kwiecien-Pszczola, decided to double and were lucky enough to find an opponent generous enough to pass it out and not retreat to 7NT. Kwiecien found the diamond lead and picked up over 400 cross-imps for being in the right place at the right time.

Bd: 3	♠ 1052	
Dlr: South	♥ QJ76	
Vul: E/W	♦ K765	
	♣ 75	
♠ AK874		♠ J
♥ A3		♥ 8
♦ 432		♦ AQJ10
♣ 963		♣ KQJ10842
	♠ Q963	
	♥ K109542	
	♦ 98	
	♣ A	

So far this tournament we've seen light opening bids tend to backfire on their perpetrators. This time though Johnson-Meckstroth left their opponents little chance to reach the marginal, but making slam.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wolff</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Kasle</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
			1♥
1♠	3♦(1)	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass
(1) Mixed heart raise			

On this auction you'd definitely be happy to stop in 5♣. But with the diamond finesse working, 6♣ is trivial. Levy-Chemla were faced with a 2♥ opening. After (2♥)-2♠-(4♥)-5♣; (5♥) Chemla felt he had enough for a forcing pass, and now it was easy for Levy to bid 6♣. Ron Smith and Billy Cohen were playing the Lewises and after (2♥)-2♠-(5♥) East was endplayed into bidding 6♣ with the same happy result.

Bd: 5	♠ J105	
Dlr: North	♥ KJ1097	
Vul: N/S	♦ J76	
	♣ 105	
♠ AK		♠ 86432
♥ A4		♥ Q63
♦ AKQ93		♦ 54
♣ A632		♣ KQ4
	♠ Q97	
	♥ 852	
	♦ 1082	
	♣ J987	

6♦ is clearly the best slam here. Even on a club lead you

have the entries to test spades before falling back on a club or heart position.

At the table I was watching Boyd-Robinson bid via a Kokish 2♥ to 2NT to show a balanced game-forcing hand. But it was tough to get to a five-two fit now, so they played 6NT. With all the suits behaving there were twelve easy tricks.

What's the problem you say? Well, put yourself in Quantin's position. After a 2♦ game-forcing opening they bid 2♦-2♥ (neg); 2NT-3♥; 3♠-4NT; 6♦-6NT. Lev knew that spades and diamonds were splitting so he tried the effect of the ♥J lead! Now Quantin "knew" that the ♥K was wrong. His best bet seemed to be a club-heart squeeze once diamonds split. So he ducked the first trick in both hands, then cashed his spade and diamond winners and the ♥A hoping for an ending. But Lev could keep the spade and heart winners and Helgemo the clubs for down one.

Bd: 6	♠ K1054		
Dlr: East	♥ KJ6		
Vul: E/W	♦ 42		
	♣ QJ85		
♠ ---		♠ A963	
♥ A3		♥ Q8742	
♦ AJ10963		♦ K85	
♣ 107632		♣ A	
	♠ QJ872		
	♥ 1095		
	♦ Q7		
	♣ K94		

It is not often you see one table try to stop in 2♦ while another one bids to 6♦. Where E/W were using Flannery, the auction 2♦-All Pass was hardly absurd. But where Onstott and Compton were E/W they bid:

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
2♦	4♠	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Even on a trump lead declarer can arrange simply to set up hearts for twelve tricks and on a spade lead declarer had a simple crossruff to allow him to make all his trumps by ruffing three spades and two hearts in hand.

Mike Moss did not need opposition intervention to get to slam. After 1♥-1NT; 2♦ he made the delicate slam try of 6♦, knowing of likely club shortage since the opponents had not bid spades. twelve easy on a



Again twelve tricks were spade lead.

Bd: 11	♠ 982		
Dlr: South	♥ A4		
Vul: None	♦ Q10876		
	♣ 963		
♠ 107		♠ Q643	
♥ K1085		♥ Q732	
♦ K53		♦ A42	
♣ KJ72		♣ Q8	
	♠ AKJ5		
	♥ J96		
	♦ J9		
	♣ A1054		

1NT is a really tricky spot here, having opened a strongish notrump. Helgemo handled it very nicely on the friendly low club lead; he really stands no chance on a heart lead I think. He won the club and played the ♦9, overtaking with the ten when Wold ducked. Mohan let the ♦10 hold, so Helgemo finessed the ♠J and then led a second diamond. When Wold hopped up with the ♦K and tried to cash his clubs that gave Helgemo his seventh trick. Had Wold ducked the second diamond I think Mohan might have known enough to win his ♦A and shift to a heart—but that is far from easy to do.

At many tables N/S stopped in 1♠ after 1♣-1♦; 1♠ and registered +80.

Bd: 18	♠ QJ9652		
Dlr: East	♥ ---		
Vul: N/S	♦ A9		
	♣ KQ1098		
♠ K3		♠ A4	
♥ KJ6		♥ Q10984	
♦ Q6532		♦ KJ74	
♣ AJ7		♣ 52	
	♠ 1087		
	♥ A7532		
	♦ 108		
	♣ 643		

One of the first true freaks of the tournament threw up some highly disparate results. For example, although most of the field were trying their luck at four of a major one way or another Gitelman and Moss were happy to stop a little lower. They were doubled in 3♥ by Cohler and Finberg on the auction:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT(1)	2♠(2)	3♥(3)	Pass
Pass!	Dbl!	All Pass	
(1) 14-17 HCP; (2) ♠+m; (3) Game forcing			

That was a comfortable +530. The defense can set up one long trump, but there is insufficient defensive communication to create further trump winners for South.

By contrast of course 4♠ doubled is no picnic for N/S. Only a heart lead gives declarer any realistic play, but even then it is not a lock to make. But as the cards lie it cannot be defeated if declarer plays on trumps. Again, results varied from Kwiecien and Pszczola, who beat 4♠ on the ♦K lead, Kwiecien having opened 1♦, to the Pollacks, who beat 4♠ when Billy Pollack led a club on the auction: 1NT (10-12)-Pass-3NT-4♠; All Pass. But at several tables hearts were bid and supported and a heart was led; +790.

Bd: 21	♠ AJ10732		
Dlr: North	♥ 432		
Vul: N/S	♦ 1084		
	♣ 6		
♠ KQ86		♠ 5	
♥ J6		♥ A98	
♦ AK753		♦ QJ6	
♣ 87		♣ AKQ952	
	♠ 94		
	♥ KQ1075		
	♦ 92		
	♣ J1043		

Both 6♣ and especially 6♦ are excellent. At several tables the defense made a mistake: leading a heart. For instance,

West	North	East	South
<i>Seamon</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Ferraro</i>
	Pass	1♣(1)	1♥
2♦	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass
(1) Strong			

But one of the pre-tournament favorites (no names this time: the bribe has been received) led the ♠A. Although it looks as if it is still not too late to shift to a heart to disrupt declarer's communications, declarer simply can just rise with the ace and run his heart and club winners to squeeze South in the round suits.

Bd: 22	♠ A75		
Dlr: East	♥ KJ8		
Vul: E/W	♦ KJ10982		
	♣ J		
♠ J93		♠ KQ10642	
♥ AQ		♥ 1076	
♦ 76		♦ A3	
♣ K106532		♣ Q4	
	♠ 8		
	♥ 95432		
	♦ Q54		
	♣ A987		

Paul Chemla found himself in a delicate spot here, sacrificing in 5♦ over 4♠. The play is quite complex. Although an initial heart lead sets the hand, one can hardly blame East for leading a black suit. He actually tried the ♣Q and Chemla took it to play a heart. West hopped up with his ace and tried to cash the ♣K. Chemla could ruff and play on trumps with communications to set up and run hearts.

Bd: 24	♠ 8542		
Dlr: West	♥ KQ4		
Vul: None	♦ A86		
	♣ A72		
♠ KQ76		♠ AJ93	
♥ 7		♥ 1063	
♦ J1093		♦ KQ54	
♣ J1096		♣ Q5	
	♠ 10		
	♥ AJ9852		
	♦ 72		
	♣ K843		

Craig ("Cojones") Gower showed he could not be pushed around here.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Convery</i>
Pass	1♣	Dbl	2♥(1)
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3NT!	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl(2)
All Pass			
(1) Clubs and hearts; (2) Doubt			

Gower inferred that spades were four-four and backed his judgment by passing the redouble—and right he was! Nine top tricks and +800 will teach these Dutchmen who is boss.

#### Session Four:

Chris Patrias, one of our peripatetic Directors, produces two stories. The first concerns John Onstott, who accidentally passes his partner's forcing 2♣ bid with ♠Qxxx ♥x ♦Jxxxxx ♣xx. The tray is pushed under the screen and he realizes his mistake and calls the Director. The ruling (law 25B) is that he can pass and accept his fate or change his call but in that case the best score his side can achieve is -75 cross-imps (average minus). Onstott judges to pass and Compton goes down four tricks in 2♣. (We believe he might have made a trick more on a different line.) Since no game makes his way, but partscores go down only one/two tricks, Onstott loses only 67 cross-imps. Nicely judged!

The second story: As Round One of Session Four is due to begin a generously proportioned World Champion points out to Chris that only half of his partnership is present. "Not to worry," says Chris. "Judging by body weight you are up to 80% of the partnership attendance!"

"85%" corrects the W.C., nothing if not realistic.

But we digress. Back to bridge.

The session started off with a spectacular bang! Look at these two auctions. Are they really from the same deal?

West	North	East	South
<i>Deutsch</i>	<i>Levinson</i>	<i>Soloway</i>	<i>Shenkin</i>
		2♥	3♣
4NT	5♣	Pass	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Down two in a freely-bid slam. Not best you say? Then contrast it with:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Eisenberg</i>		<i>Zia</i>
		2♥	3♣
5♥	5♠	Pass	6♠
7♥	Pass	Pass	7♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

That was a quiet 2920. Here is the full deal.

Bd: 2	♠ AQ9753		
Dlr: East	♥ ---		
Vul: N/S	♦ QJ432		
	♣ Q10		
♠ 8		♠ 42	
♥ A10542		♥ KQJ763	
♦ AK10765		♦ 98	
♣ 3		♣ 875	
	♠ KJ106		
	♥ 98		
	♦ ---		
	♣ AKJ9642		

But that was not the most embarrassing accident for E/W on this board. Against the Pollacks Adam Wildavsky opened 2♥ and heard a 3♣ overcall. Dan Morse jumped to 4NT and over the 5♠ intervention Adam passed to show one keycard. This went around to Dan who bid 7♦, doubled by North. Adam passed this back to Dan who retreated to 7♥. When this got doubled Adam thought he knew what was going on: Morse had, for example, ♠A ♥Axx ♦AKQJxxx ♣Ax and North's double of 7♦ on a diamond void had been to persuade Morse to retreat to 7♥, to get his partner to lead a diamond for a ruff. So Adam found the Masterbid of 7NT! The defense took the first thirteen tricks and left Adam and Dan the rest, for a mere -3500.

Bd: 4	♠ 52		
Dlr: West	♥ 8652		
Vul: Both	♦ A10		
	♣ KJ1032		
♠ K83		♠ Q9764	
♥ AKJ73		♥ Q10	
♦ KJ		♦ Q43	
♣ Q65		♣ A97	
	♠ AJ10		
	♥ 94		
	♦ 987652		
	♣ 84		

3NT by West is clearly the best spot here, but if you do want to play 4♠ the question is whether to reach it by East or West.

A simple route to avoid 4♠ was that taken by Wildavsky-Morse: 1♥-1♠; 2NT-3NT. But when Howard Weinstein declared 4♠ as West after a strong notrump and transfer sequence Eisenberg led a spade and Zia put in the jack at trick one. Weinstein won in hand and played a spade to the nine and ten, leaving Zia to guess how to continue. There might have been some suit preference in Billy's low spade lead, but Zia could not be sure and in any event his diamond length suggested that it might be the ♦K that would get away if Eisenberg had that card plus a high heart. So Zia shifted to a diamond and declarer was home free.

Bd: 7	♠ J8		
Dlr: South	♥ K1087542		
Vul: Both	♦ 6		
	♣ K64		
♠ AQ43		♠ 10975	
♥ Q96		♥ A	
♦ AJ74		♦ Q1032	
♣ A8		♣ QJ107	
	♠ K62		
	♥ J3		
	♦ K985		
	♣ 9532		

4♠ looks a particularly comfortable spot here but Mike Moss and Magnus Lindkvist found a way to torment declarer.

West	North	East	South
<i>Del'Monte</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Moss</i>
			Pass
1NT	2♥	2NT(1)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Dbl
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
(1) Lebensohl			

On Lindkvist's heart lead declarer won the ace and took a

club finesse. Back came a diamond to the queen, king and ace. Declarer ruffed a heart to dummy and unsuspectingly ran the ♠10 to Lindkvist's jack. Magnus led a heart for a ruff and overruff and a diamond ruff coming back; down one.

Bd: 11	♠ A10	
Dlr: South	♥ A532	
Vul: None	♦ AK2	
	♣ AK75	
♠ K43		♠ J76
♥ QJ6		♥ 10874
♦ Q9876		♦ 103
♣ 92		♣ 10843
	♠ Q9852	
	♥ K9	
	♦ J54	
	♣ QJ6	

Of all the little-known percentage plays, one of the most obscure is featured in the spade suit on this deal. There might be something to be said for playing 6♣ here, but 6NT looks the normal spot. How should you play the key suit? The answer is to run the ♠Q! If the suit is three-three it is a blind guess; if the suit is four-two you can pick up three of the four honor-doubletons by leading the queen. No other play caters for that. It is only fitting that Fred Gitelman—author of BridgeMaster which features this precise combination—was at the helm in 6NT. He made the right play and was rewarded when the cards cooperated.

Bd: 15	♠ Q7542	
Dlr: South	♥ Q74	
Vul: N/S	♦ Q52	
	♣ 109	
♠ 93		♠ J
♥ K983		♥ AJ2
♦ 97643		♦ KJ10
♣ K3		♣ AQJ754
	♠ AK1086	
	♥ 1065	
	♦ A8	
	♣ 862	

Bart Bramley fell victim to a trap here—a little unluckily I think. Gaylor Kasle must have been the only player in the field to pass the South cards; this was how the auction went:

West	North	East	South
Lazard	Wolff	Bramley	Kasle
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dbl	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

On two top rounds of spades Bramley ruffed and decided he

needed a minor miracle in the red suits. Since South was “known” not to have the ♦A as well as the ♠AK, Bramley decided to play for the perfect heart lie, as well as the ♦A onside, rather than hope that the ♦A was doubleton. So he drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and played a heart to the jack, drew the last trump, cashed out the hearts to pitch a diamond, then led a diamond to the king with some confidence. Alas for him, Gaylor's silence in the auction had cost him a vulnerable game.

Bd: 17	♠ Q3		
Dlr: North	♥ K10974		
Vul: None	♦ Q2		
	♣ K1052		
♠ AJ752		♠ K64	
♥ 8		♥ AJ52	
♦ 1095		♦ KJ63	
♣ AQ97		♣ 43	
	♠ 1098		
	♥ Q63		
	♦ A874		
	♣ J86		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Lazard	F'genbaum	Bramley	Mari
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Sidney Lazard had both an unfortunate auction and a mildly helpful defense but still needed to work hard to make his game. He received a club lead to his queen, played the ♥A and ruffed a heart, then misguessed diamonds by leading to the king. Mari won and returned a diamond and Faigenbaum exited with a third heart. Now Lazard cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club and led dummy's fourth heart in this ending:

	♠ Q3	
	♥ K10	
	♦ ---	
	♣ K	
♠ AJ7		♠ K6
♥ ---		♥ J
♦ 10		♦ J6
♣ 9		♣ ---
	♠ 1098	
	♥ ---	
	♦ 87	
	♣ ---	

Declarer knew that North was either 3-4-2-4 or 2-5-2-4. So if both opponents followed to this trick Sidney could ruff this trick, ruff a club with the ♠A, and play the ♦J and South would be endplayed. When as happened at the table North

ruffed in, declarer could overruff and cash two spades and the  $\diamond J$  for his tenth trick.

Bd: 20	$\spadesuit$ 74	
Dlr: West	$\heartsuit$ 65	
Vul: Both	$\diamond$ 843	
	$\clubsuit$ AKJ653	
$\spadesuit$ AJ962		$\spadesuit$ 10853
$\heartsuit$ K8		$\heartsuit$ A10732
$\diamond$ K1052		$\diamond$ J96
$\clubsuit$ 42		$\clubsuit$ Q
	$\spadesuit$ KQ	
	$\heartsuit$ QJ94	
	$\diamond$ AQ7	
	$\clubsuit$ 10987	

Ferraro and Duboin, the leaders after two sessions, were not happy with their game yesterday but on this round they put together two huge boards in a row. Here they reached 3NT after the auction: (1 $\spadesuit$ )-2 $\clubsuit$ -(3 $\heartsuit$ ; Mixed Raise)-3NT; All Pass. On a spade lead Duboin won and peeled off six clubs. The key to the defense is that East has to keep all his spades and the player with five of them has to let a couple go. The point is that while West has to keep his red kings guarded, East has a few free diamond discards. At the table East did not appreciate this and let go his spades. Now West had to bare his  $\heartsuit K$  and he got endplayed to lead away from the  $\diamond K$ .

Bd: 21	$\spadesuit$ A53	
Dlr: North	$\heartsuit$ Q9876	
Vul: N/S	$\diamond$ 93	
	$\clubsuit$ Q65	
$\spadesuit$ 9874		$\spadesuit$ QJ1062
$\heartsuit$ 3		$\heartsuit$ AJ4
$\diamond$ 10654		$\diamond$ J8
$\clubsuit$ 10932		$\clubsuit$ K87
	$\spadesuit$ K	
	$\heartsuit$ K1052	
	$\diamond$ AKQ72	
	$\clubsuit$ AJ4	

On this deal Ferraro declared 6 $\heartsuit$  on the auction:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ferraro</i>		<i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Dbl
4 $\spadesuit$	Dbl	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 $\heartsuit$	Pass	6 $\heartsuit$
All Pass			

On a spade lead Guido carefully won the king and cashed the  $\diamond AK$ , then led a heart to the queen. The "dentist's coup" had extracted East's troublesome doubleton diamond. When he won the  $\heartsuit A$  he had to return a black suit to let declarer cross to hand to finesse in hearts and make his slam.

Peter Weichsel and Rose Meltzer reached the same contract on the following auction:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Ferraro</i>		<i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Dbl
3 $\spadesuit$	4 $\heartsuit$	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 $\clubsuit$ (1)	Pass	5 $\diamond$ (2)
Pass	5NT(3)	Pass	6 $\heartsuit$
All Pass			
(1) One keycard; (2) $\heartsuit Q$ ask; (3) $\heartsuit Q$ + other queen values			

Peter received the  $\spadesuit Q$  lead and played the hand similarly to Ferraro—with one slight refinement. He won the  $\spadesuit K$ , cashed the  $\diamond AK$ , and played the  $\heartsuit 10$  (unblocking, to facilitate later communication) to his queen and East's ace. Again East had to concede a black-suit entry to the North hand allowing him to take the heart finesse through the opening bidder.