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Yalcin has best record

The team captained by Yalcin of Switzerland scored 115 Victory Points out of a possible 125 in the five round-robin matches played yesterday in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams. They lead the Walt Walvick team from the United States by 14 VPs in Group A. The Walvick team finished second in the Bermuda Bowl last year.

In Group B, Anton Maas of the Netherlands has 91, two better than Poddar of Indonesia.

The Swedish team captained by Nilsson has 107 points atop Group C. Hoogenkamp of the Netherlands is second with 103.

Zakrzewski of Poland, with 101, has an 11-point lead over Covo of France in Group D.

The strong Brazilian team captained by Gabriel Chagas collected 110 VPs out of a possible 125, 13 points ahead of Marino of Italy in Group E.

Berry Westra of the Netherlands has 101 in Group F, followed by Joffe of South Africa with 96.

The leaders in the remaining groups:

- G - Angelini, Italy, 104; Bouhanna, France, 93.
- H - Lindkvist, Sweden, 103; Rocafort, France, 94.
- I - Price, Great Britain, 99; Reiplinger, France, 96.
- K - Cronier, France, 103; Sondakh, India, 95.
- L - Fu, China, 103; Otvosi, Poland, 93.
- M - Van Middeltem, Belgium, 94; Bitran, France, 92.
- N - Izisel, France, 105; Yamada, Japan, 91.
- P - Schwartz, United States, 98; Dufour, France, 94.
- R - Ross, United States, 104; Wu, China, 99.
- S - Hackett, Great Britain, 99; Gromov, Russia, 96.

Erhart has best record in McConnell Teams

The team captained by Maria Erhart of Austria compiled the best record in the Louis Vuitton McConnell Teams during yesterday's round-robin matches. She and her teammates scored 90 out of a possible 100 Victory Points. Her team is leading Group Z, 10 points ahead of Sue Picus of the United States. The Liu team from China is third with 78.

In Group Y, Liz McGowan of Great Britain is out front with 82 VPs, eight better than non-playing Captain Ed Francken of the Netherlands. Gail Greenberg of the United States and Zur Albu of Israel are tied for third with 71.

Jo Morse of the United States earned 80 points to take the lead in Group X. Veronique Bessis of France is second with 75, followed by Nadine Wood of the United States.

In Group W, the Italian team captained by Modica is out front with 78 VPs. In second place is de Laville Mont of France with 72, followed by Vandoni of Italy with 67.

French pair triumph in Zonal Mixed Pairs

Isabelle and Jacques Chilaud of France were the victors in the two-session J.M. West-on Zonal Mixed Pairs. This event, open to pairs who failed to qualify for the Mixed Pairs final, drew a field of 276 pairs.

The Chilauds were clear victors, averaging 62.63%. A pair from Chinese Taipei, Gloria Meng and Harry Lin, were second with 61.36%. In third place with 60.74% were C. Tak-Tak and Maurice Aujaleu, representing Morocco.

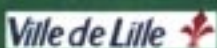
Italians leading in Junior Teams

Italian teams are running 1-2 in the Lipton Ice Tea Junior Teams competition. The Intonti squad is atop the standings with 107 points, five ahead of the team captained by Guariglia. Next is Madsen of Denmark with 96, followed by Verbeek of Germany with 87. Two Polish teams, Skalski and Jagniewski, are tied for fifth with 85.

The top non-European team is the squad captained by Joel Wooldridge of the United States.

Kibitzing

Only six kibitzers will be allowed at any table. That's the word from Chief Tournament Director, Bill Schoder. The first six to arrive will be seated. Kibitzers are not permitted to stand or smoke.



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VIVENDI ROSENBLUM CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 5 rounds)

| GROUP A | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----|
| 1 | YALCIN | CHE | 115 |
| 2 | WALVICK | USA | 101 |
| 3 | NARTIS | GRC | 86 |
| 4 | FARABET | FRA | 81 |
| 5 | SCHOU | DNK | 80 |
| 6 | GAL | HUN | 77 |
| 7 | NADAR | IND | 75 |
| 8 | BIONDIC | HRV | 71 |
| 9 | ARMSTRONG | GBR | 71 |
| 10 | ALART | FRA | 70 |
| 11 | AVAD | | 70 |
| 12 | KAPLAN | FRA | 68 |
| 13 | HAMEL | REU | 58 |
| 14 | SHIMIZU | JPN | 57 |
| 15 | YALMAN | | 47 |

| GROUP B | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----|----|
| 1 | MAAS | NLD | 91 |
| 2 | PODDAR | IND | 89 |
| 3 | GRAVERSEN | DNK | 85 |
| 4 | SVOBODA | CZE | 84 |
| 5 | CALDERWOOD | GBR | 83 |
| 6 | EKEBLAD | USA | 81 |
| 7 | BRESLAU | | 78 |
| 8 | CAPAYANNIDIS | GRC | 77 |
| 9 | AXA TEAM | FRA | 73 |
| 10 | AUBY | SWE | 71 |
| 11 | CLEARY | IRL | 69 |
| 12 | LEBELY | FRA | 66 |
| 13 | COUTURIER | FRA | 62 |
| 14 | AUBRY | FRA | 61 |
| 15 | ABE | JPN | 60 |

| GROUP C | | | |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | NILSSON | SWE | 107 |
| 2 | HOOGENKAMP | NLD | 103 |
| 3 | BURGAY | ITA | 94 |
| 4 | SMITH | USA | 92 |
| 5 | TEAM PROKOM | POL | 91 |
| 6 | ADAD | FRA | 86 |
| 7 | WOLFSON | USA | 76 |
| 8 | DARNICHE | FRA | 75 |
| 9 | MUNKSGAARD | DNK | 74 |
| 10 | PIPER | | 67 |
| 11 | JIN | CHN | 61 |
| 12 | WEISS | CHE | 58 |
| 13 | GHOSH | IND | 57 |
| 14 | PIROIRD | FRA | 50 |
| 15 | GOLICHEFF | FRA | 41 |

| GROUP D | | | |
|---------|------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | ZAKRZEWSKI | POL | 101 |
| 2 | COVO | FRA | 90 |
| 3 | WESTERHOF | NLD | 87 |
| 4 | BARRETT | | 86 |
| 5 | VANHOUTTE | FRA | 84 |
| 6 | BIRMAN | ISR | 83 |
| 7 | FORNACIARI | ITA | 81 |
| 8 | BARBAROUX | FRA | 76 |
| 9 | ZOBU | TUR | 75 |
| 10 | BROWNSTEIN | USA | 73 |
| 11 | NANIWADA | JPN | 65 |
| 12 | BHARDWAJ | KEN | 63 |
| 13 | BOURGOIS | FRA | 59 |
| 14 | SPENCER | GBR | 56 |
| 15 | LACROIX | FRA | 49 |

| GROUP E | | | |
|---------|------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | CHAGAS | BRA | 110 |
| 2 | MARINO | ITA | 97 |
| 3 | SAPORTA | FRA | 95 |
| 4 | SUSSEL | FRA | 94 |
| 5 | HERON | CAN | 87 |
| 6 | ZIMMERMANN | CHE | 81 |
| 7 | MACNAIR | GBR | 80 |
| 8 | SHIVDASANI | IND | 73 |
| 9 | GAUTHEY | FRA | 72 |
| 10 | LANTARON | ESP | 71 |
| 11 | BRUNO | USA | 67 |
| 12 | WENNING | DEU | 55 |
| 13 | BUSSENOT | FRA | 54 |
| 14 | KERENYI | HUN | 50 |
| 15 | DOHNERT | VEN | 43 |

| GROUP F | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----|
| 1 | WESTRA | NLD | 101 |
| 2 | JOFFE | ZAF | 96 |
| 3 | BOCHSLER | GBR | 85 |
| 4 | BO | FRA | 85 |
| 5 | FAZLI | PAK | 84 |
| 6 | LEVENT | TUR | 82 |
| 7 | CRAWLEY | LUX | 79 |
| 8 | MARSTON | AUS | 75 |
| 9 | BRAMLEY | USA | 74 |
| 10 | SPLJAK | HRV | 73 |
| 11 | LJUNG | SWE | 69 |
| 12 | DEFRANCHI | FRA | 64 |
| 13 | GALLOU | FRA | 64 |
| 14 | NA | CHN | 43 |

| GROUP G | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | ANGELINI | ITA | 104 |
| 2 | BOUHANNA | FRA | 93 |
| 3 | SOSLER | USA | 88 |
| 4 | KRETCHNER | FRA | 86 |
| 5 | LEVENDAAL | NLD | 85 |
| 6 | KLAR | USA | 84 |
| 7 | WALLIS | AUS | 80 |
| 8 | BLUMENTHAL | FRA | 79 |
| 9 | POLETYLO | POL | 73 |
| 10 | REPS | DEU | 70 |
| 11 | BAUSBACK | DEU | 70 |
| 12 | LIGGINS | GBR | 61 |
| 13 | PARAIN | FRA | 61 |
| 14 | SILABUSIDDHI | THA | 49 |
| 15 | TOLANI | IND | 49 |

| GROUP H | | | |
|---------|----------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | LINDKVIST | SWE | 103 |
| 2 | ROCAFORT | FRA | 94 |
| 3 | ROCHE | CAN | 91 |
| 4 | KEJRIWAL | IND | 80 |
| 5 | JACOBS | USA | 80 |
| 6 | BALIAN | FRA | 79 |
| 7 | HAGA | NOR | 76 |
| 8 | MOSCA | ITA | 76 |
| 9 | BENICHO | GLP | 73 |
| 10 | NOEL | FRA | 70 |
| 11 | PINTO | PRT | 66 |
| 12 | TEAM MULTIDRIK | DNK | 63 |
| 13 | HURPAUL | MUS | 61 |
| 14 | TESTU | FRA | 55 |

| GROUP I | | | |
|---------|-------------|-----|----|
| 1 | PRICE | GBR | 99 |
| 2 | REIPLINGER | FRA | 96 |
| 3 | MATEOS RUIZ | FRA | 95 |
| 4 | ROBINSON | USA | 93 |
| 5 | SHAY | USA | 90 |
| 6 | SMITH | GBR | 88 |
| 7 | ELIASSON | SWE | 86 |
| 8 | FAYAD | LBN | 80 |
| 9 | ENGEL | DEU | 76 |
| 10 | NORRIS | DNK | 65 |
| 11 | NG | HKG | 51 |
| 12 | SCHWARZ | FRA | 50 |
| 13 | COLLARIOS | CHE | 44 |
| 14 | WARTELLE | FRA | 44 |

| GROUP K | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | CRONIER | FRA | 103 |
| 2 | SONDAKH | IDN | 95 |
| 3 | DELPOUX | FRA | 94 |
| 4 | SCHAFFER | DNK | 93 |
| 5 | BERNASCONI | ITA | 90 |
| 6 | PINTO | PRT | 86 |
| 7 | GWINNER | DEU | 79 |
| 8 | HENAF | FRA | 76 |
| 9 | SEGUIN | FRA | 70 |
| 10 | ALEXANDER | GBR | 64 |
| 11 | PATHERPHEKAR | IND | 63 |
| 12 | POLESCHI | ARG | 61 |
| 13 | TOUBASI | PAL | 50 |
| 14 | CUVILLIER | FRA | 43 |

| GROUP L | | | |
|---------|----------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | FU | CHN | 103 |
| 2 | OTVOSI | POL | 93 |
| 3 | MITTELMAN | CAN | 92 |
| 4 | REKOUNOV | RUS | 89 |
| 5 | BEAUVILLAIN O. | FRA | 83 |
| 6 | WOLFF | USA | 82 |
| 7 | ZUKER | FRA | 78 |
| 8 | YALMAN | TUR | 75 |
| 9 | DAS | IND | 75 |
| 10 | MEJANE | FRA | 72 |
| 11 | JAMAR | BEL | 59 |
| 12 | KONIG | AUS | 59 |
| 13 | LEIBOVITZ | ISR | 57 |
| 14 | MONSTED | DNK | 50 |

| GROUP M | | | |
|---------|----------------|-----|----|
| 1 | VAN MIDDELEM | BEL | 94 |
| 2 | BITRAN | FRA | 92 |
| 3 | KOWALSKI | POL | 89 |
| 4 | AGARWALA | IND | 84 |
| 5 | HADIMARTONO | IDN | 82 |
| 6 | CIAFFI | ITA | 78 |
| 7 | BRACHMAN | USA | 77 |
| 8 | ISMIR | FRA | 76 |
| 9 | OLTMANS | NLD | 75 |
| 10 | BEAUVILLAIN E. | FRA | 74 |
| 11 | SPENGLER | CHE | 71 |
| 12 | GEITNER | FRA | 70 |
| 13 | NAKAMURA | JPN | 63 |
| 14 | LESTER | AUS | 58 |
| 15 | ROGOV | RUS | 54 |

| GROUP N | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----|
| 1 | IZISEL | FRA | 105 |
| 2 | YAMADA | JPN | 91 |
| 3 | STERNBERG | USA | 88 |
| 4 | SUNDELIN | SWE | 83 |
| 5 | YILDIZ | TUR | 78 |
| 6 | SCHALTZ | DNK | 78 |
| 7 | CHEN | CHN | 77 |
| 8 | ARAUJO | PRT | 73 |
| 9 | SCAVUZZO | URY | 72 |
| 10 | MARTIN | FRA | 70 |
| 11 | DUROT | FRA | 69 |
| 12 | DE LUNA | FRA | 68 |
| 13 | HOYLAND | NOR | 67 |
| 14 | HAMAOU | VEN | 65 |
| 15 | MAH | MAR | 49 |

| GROUP P | | | |
|---------|-------------|-----|----|
| 1 | SCHWARTZ | USA | 98 |
| 2 | DUFOR | FRA | 94 |
| 3 | KURBALIJA | GBR | 92 |
| 4 | NOBLE | AUS | 88 |
| 5 | SCHRODEL | DEU | 80 |
| 6 | MONBALLIU | BEL | 78 |
| 7 | YUREKLI | TUR | 78 |
| 8 | GRINBERG | ISR | 73 |
| 9 | ELLIA | FRA | 71 |
| 10 | RUIA | IND | 71 |
| 11 | INNOCENTINI | SMR | 68 |
| 12 | BONNIER | FRA | 58 |
| 13 | KLIS | FRA | 57 |
| 14 | GERIN | GLP | 53 |

| GROUP R | | | |
|---------|---------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | ROSS | USA | 104 |
| 2 | WU | CHN | 99 |
| 3 | CONTE | FRA | 95 |
| 4 | GOODMAN | GBR | 89 |
| 5 | DE RAEYMAEKER | IRL | 87 |
| 6 | PROTEGA | SVN | 86 |
| 7 | HENRI | BEL | 75 |
| 8 | GILBOA | ISR | 73 |
| 9 | DOUSSOT | FRA | 71 |
| 10 | GUNNELL | USA | 68 |
| 11 | PATEL | IND | 67 |
| 12 | VARELA | PAN | 58 |
| 13 | SARTEN | AUS | 30 |
| 14 | BONNAUD | FRA | 13 |
| 15 | HACKETT | GBR | 99 |

| GROUP S | | | |
|---------|------------|-----|----|
| 1 | GROMOV | RUS | 96 |
| 2 | THUILLEZ | FRA | 93 |
| 3 | ALBERTI | DEU | 85 |
| 4 | SANDSMARK | NOR | 83 |
| 5 | VIVES | | 79 |
| 6 | AVON | FRA | 78 |
| 7 | TEAM MAGIC | SWE | 77 |
| 8 | VERDIER | FRA | 77 |
| 9 | BRACCINI | ITA | 66 |
| 10 | BIGDELI | BEL | 65 |
| 11 | MACHHAR | IND | 64 |
| 12 | RIGAL | USA | 61 |
| 13 | DONG | CHN | 52 |
| 14 | FRANCOIS | | 43 |



LOUIS VUITTON McCONNELL CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 4 rounds)

| GROUP W | | | | GROUP X | | | | GROUP Y | | | | GROUP Z | | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|-------------|-----|----|---------|-----------|-----|----|---------|-----------------|-----|----|
| 1 | MODICA | ITA | 78 | 1 | MORSE | USA | 80 | 1 | MC GOWAN | GBR | 82 | 1 | ERHART | AUT | 90 |
| 2 | DE LAVILLE MONT | FRA | 72 | 2 | BESSIS | FRA | 75 | 2 | FRANKEN | NLD | 74 | 2 | PICUS | USA | 80 |
| 3 | VANDONI | ITA | 67 | 3 | WOOD | USA | 73 | 3 | GREENBERG | USA | 71 | 3 | LIU | CHN | 78 |
| 4 | KAPLAN | ZAF | 64 | 4 | BAHNIK | CZE | 71 | 4 | ZUR ALBU | ISR | 71 | 4 | LESQUILLIER | FRA | 66 |
| 5 | WEI SENDER | USA | 63 | 5 | FARHOLT | DNK | 71 | 5 | EL SHAFIE | EGY | 69 | 5 | FAVAS | FRA | 63 |
| 6 | WEBER | DEU | 63 | 6 | KITABGI | FRA | 71 | 6 | VARENNE | FRA | 66 | 6 | TRUSCOTT | USA | 61 |
| 7 | BERINGER | FRA | 61 | 7 | MANSELL | ZAF | 70 | 7 | AUKEN | DEU | 64 | 7 | LANGER | CHE | 60 |
| 8 | TEJOWIJOYO | IDN | 60 | 8 | BEN HASSINE | TUN | 64 | 8 | TAN | JPN | 61 | 8 | GOTHE | SWE | 58 |
| 9 | STEIN | USA | 58 | 9 | POCOCK | CAN | 47 | 9 | MUNSON | USA | 60 | 9 | MARCHESSE | ARG | 53 |
| 10 | BLOUQUIT | FRA | 57 | 10 | LECLERCQ | FRA | 46 | 10 | KROGULSKA | POL | 52 | 10 | DEORA | IND | 52 |
| 11 | VOLINA | RUS | 55 | 11 | TAK TAK | MAR | 43 | 11 | LEGER | FRA | 43 | 11 | CIVIDIN DE SARI | ITA | 48 |
| 12 | WADDINGTON | GBR | 54 | 12 | BOLLIER | FRA | 37 | 12 | ADRAIN | ZAF | 39 | 12 | BENHAMOU | FRA | 45 |
| 13 | NAKAKAWAJI | JPN | 46 | 13 | PATEL | IND | 37 | 13 | WINESTOCK | AUS | 38 | 13 | BIRR | DEU | 40 |
| 14 | CHORUS | NLD | 42 | 14 | MIRKOVIC | NOR | 36 | 14 | | | | 14 | SPEELMAN | NLD | 40 |



Lipton Ice Tea sponsors
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Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon

Standings after 5 rounds

| | | | |
|----|------------|-----|------|
| 1 | INTONTI | ITA | 107 |
| 2 | GUARIGLIA | ITA | 102 |
| 3 | MADSEN | DNK | 96 |
| 4 | VERBEEK | DEU | 87 |
| 5 | SKALSKI | POL | 85 |
| 6 | JAGNIEWSKI | POL | 85 |
| 7 | WOOLDRIDGE | USA | 83 |
| 8 | LOUVEAUX | BEL | 83 |
| 9 | ZWERVER | NLD | 82 |
| 10 | BJARNARSON | DNK | 81 |
| 11 | GACKOWSKI | POL | 79 |
| 12 | BAKHSI | GBR | 79 |
| 13 | KOLUDA | POL | 78 |
| 14 | GRZEZDZIAK | POL | 74 |
| 15 | BENSO | FRA | 73 |
| 16 | TERMAAT | NLD | 73 |
| 17 | FREY | FRA | 73 |
| 18 | GARRIGOU | FRA | 70 |
| 19 | FLIPO | FRA | 70 |
| 20 | BESSIS | FRA | 68 |
| 21 | BRINK | NLD | 66.5 |
| 22 | OMLO | NLD | 66 |
| 23 | KREGLEWSKA | POL | 65 |
| 24 | AMBARD | FRA | 65 |
| 25 | JOURDY | FRA | 64 |
| 26 | GIELEN | BEL | 58 |
| 27 | BENECH | FRA | 55 |
| 28 | CANNON | FRA | 50.5 |
| 29 | HOBEIKA | FRA | 50 |

European Seniors Committee and Delegates Meeting

Please note that this meeting is to be held 15 minutes after the end of play on Wednesday 26 August. The room in which this meeting is to be held is the SEPTENTRION ROOM on the 5th floor.

The agenda:

- Roll Call
- Chairman's Introduction
- General senior activities within the framework of the European Bridge League.
- The 5th European Senior Pairs Championship in Poland in March 1999.
- The European Senior Teams Championship, June 1999, Malta.
- Discussion on ideas to promote senior bridge in Europe.
- Plans for Bermuda Bowl type tournament among senior teams.
- Miscellaneous.



IBPA Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the International Bridge Press Association will meet this morning at 9:30 in Per Jansteren's shop on the main level.

Schedule of events

(Today)

- 10:45 Vivendi Rosenblum Cup
(Round-Robin)
- 10:45 Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup
(Round-Robin)
- 10:45 Lipton Ice Tea Junior Teams
(Triathlon)
- 10:45 Coralia Continuous Pairs

(Tomorrow)

- 9:30 WBF Congress meeting
- 10:45 Vivendi Rosenblum Cup
(Round-Robin)
- 10:45 Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup
(Round-Robin)
- 10:45 Lipton Ice Tea Junior Teams
(Triathlon)
- 10:45 Coralia Continuous Pairs

The following is the daily schedule for the Vivendi Rosenblum Cup and Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup round-robins:

- First match 10:45 to 12:10
- Second match 12:30 to 13:55
- Break
- Third match 14:45 to 16:10
- Fourth match 16:30 to 17:55
- Fifth match 18:15 to 19:40

Final-Session Two



J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

For the second and last session of the final of the J.M. Weston World Mixed Pairs Championship, I decided to watch a few of the leaders. As you will see, some did rather better than others on the boards I chose.

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

Paul Chemla and Catherine D'Ovidio were sitting East/West against Americans Curtis Cheek and Hjordis Eythorsdottir.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|----------|---------------|
| Chemla | Cheek | D'Ovidio | Eythorsdottir |
| | INT | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Rdble | 3♥ | 3♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Cheek's redouble of Chemla's takeout double of 2♠ made it easy for Eythorsdottir to compete to 3♠ over 3♥. D'Ovidio led a club to the queen, king and ace. Cheek played the ♠K to the ace and D'Ovidio led a second club. Cheek won on table to lead a heart toward his king-jack and Chemla went in with the ace. Chemla switched to the ♦K, but it was too late. Declarer won the diamond and threw dummy's second diamond on the ♥K. Next, Cheek ran the ♠10 to Chemla's jack to make ten tricks; +170.

Antonio Vivaldi and Enza Rossano were sitting North/South against another Italian pair, C. Livero and G. Segre.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Segre | Vivaldi | Livero | Rossano |
| | INT | Pass | 2♥ |
| Dble | 2♠ | 3♥ | 3♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Segre doubled the transfer so Vivaldi could show some spade suitability by bidding 2♠. Again it was easy for South to compete to 3♠ over 3♥, and that again ended the auction. Livero led a heart to her partner's ace and he

switched to the ♦K. Vivaldi won the ace and took his diamond pitch on the heart. Then he led the ♠K to the ace. When Livero returned a low spade, Vivaldi went up with the queen almost instantaneously, dropping the jack. He drew the remaining trump and took the club finesse for 11 tricks and +200.

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|----------|---------------|
| Chemla | Cheek | D'Ovidio | Eythorsdottir |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Dble |
| 1♠ | 3♣ | 3♠ | All Pass |

The opening lead was important on this one and the defence was always struggling after Cheek's reasonable but unsuccessful choice of the ♣A. After taking a look at dummy, he continued with the ♣J and Chemla won his king while pitching a diamond from dummy. Chemla continued with the ♥K and a second heart to the ace. Next, he ruffed a heart (Eythorsdottir pitched a diamond), cashed the ♦A, and ruffed a club. After ruffing another heart, Chemla exited with a diamond. Eythorsdottir won and switched to a low trump to the 10 and queen. The lead of dummy's last heart allowed Chemla to make his ♠K en passant; +140.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Segre | Vivaldi | Livero | Rossano |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1♠ | Dble | 2♠ | Dble |
| Pass | 3♣ | 3♠ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

The four-card major opening allowed the spade fit to come to light immediately. It also made it possible for Vivaldi to make a takeout double on the first round. Rossano's first double was responsive, also takeout, but when Livero took the push to 3♠, her second double was for blood.

Vivaldi avoided the disastrous club lead, choosing his ♠10 apparently without thought. That was covered by the queen and ace and Rossano switched to a low diamond. Segre ducked the diamond to Vivaldi's 10 but won the ♦Q continuation. Now declarer led his low heart to the ace, Vivaldi splitting his honours, to lead towards the ♣K. When South played low smoothly, Segre decided that she did not hold the ace so ducked the trick to Vivaldi's 8. Vivaldi led his last diamond to Rossano's king and, with four tricks in the bag, Rossano just had to sit back and wait for a trump trick to come her way; one down for -200 and a great result for Rossano/Vivaldi.

Board 21. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

7♦, you would think, should not be too difficult to reach. The question was, could East/West get to 7NT? This contract is a little better than the club finesse because you may occasionally get a show-up squeeze on the North hand and know to drop the club off-side?

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| J Auken | Delibaltadakis | S Auken | Levit-Porat |
| | Pass | 1♣ | 2♥ |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♥ | Dble | 7♦ | All Pass |

The first session leaders sailed into 7♦, but Sabine Auken didn't want to risk a disaster by making an unclear grand slam try over the two-key-card showing 5♥ bid. On this auction, East is close to bidding 7NT herself, hoping that a 13th trick materialises from somewhere as partner rates to have something extra for his 3♦ bid, but it is clearly a gamble.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Buchlev | Harris | Rauscheid | Budd |
| | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 7♦ | All Pass |

Photograph courtesy of Kodak's new digital camera



Paul Chemla (France)

Sabine's regular teammate in the German Ladies, Andrea Rauscheid, opened 1♦ and Nedju Buchlev made an inverted raise. 4♦ was Roman Keycard Blackwood, and Buchlev claimed to hold the trump queen as well as two key cards because of his great length in the suit. This suggested that the queen would be irrelevant to the success of the eventual contract. Rauscheid was in a not-dissimilar position to Auken, tempted by notrump but not quite able to count 13 tricks.

Another German pair, Ulrike Schreckenberger and Robert Maybach also reached 7♦

but by a quite different route:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| Maybach | | Schreckenberger | |
| | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 7♦ | All Pass | | |

2♣ was strong and artificial and 2♦ a relay. 2NT showed a strong three-suiter, 3♣ enquired and 3♦ showed short hearts. Now Maybach bid 3♥ to ask for controls, 3NT showed seven, and 7♦ was the obvious contract.

Board 22. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

Sabine Auken opened 3♥ as dealer and Jens

thought for a while before passing. With the ♠K inside, game was unbeatable; +170.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Buchlev | Harris | Rauscheid | Budd |
| | | 1♥ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Dble | 2♥ | 3♦ |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

Rauscheid did not see her hand as a pre-empt, preferring to open 1♥. The Germans were always going to get to game now, so Malcolm Harris did well to get his side into the auction. His double of 2♣ persuaded Maria Budd that there should be sufficient defence to defeat 4♥. However, Harris, who was both weaker and more distributional than he might have been, overruled her decision by removing to 5♦, doubled by Buchlev.

To get the maximum, Buchlev needs to lead a spade honour at either trick one or two, enabling the defence to get their spade ruff. Not altogether surprisingly, that was too tough to find. Buchlev cashed two top clubs and switched to a heart. Budd won, drew trumps and played a spade to the jack, king and ace; down two for -300. That was the best North/South could do, but looked likely to be below average for them. Rauscheid's aggressive choice of opening had already won the board for her side.

Elf Zonal Mixed Pairs Final Standings (Top 100)

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-----|--------|------------------|---------------|-----|--------|------------------|---------------|-----|--------|
| 1 CHILAUD I | CHILAUD J | FRA | 125.25 | 35 RICH P | WOLD E | USA | 112.83 | 69 SITTON J | ARQUEMBOURG C | FRA | 107.16 |
| 2 MENG G | LIN H | TWN | 122.71 | 36 AZZIMONTIA | ZUCCHINI G | ITA | 112.71 | 70 KAPLAN R | ETTLINGER D | ZAF | 107.16 |
| 3 TAK-TAK C | AUJALEU M | MAR | 121.47 | 37 CANDILLE C | BRIERE J | FRA | 112.69 | 71 PHILLIPS J | KERAS S | CAN | 107.14 |
| 4 BARR R | HERBST I | ISR | 121.08 | 38 EATON H | COKIN A | USA | 112.32 | 72 SAMAN M | NEGREL E | FRA | 106.99 |
| 5 QUIEVY L | SCHMITZ P | BEL | 120.24 | 39 BEAUQUEY V | DUPUIS X | FRA | 112.19 | 73 BOUTTAZ D | DIDIER M | FRA | 106.66 |
| 6 ELINESCU A | SCHOMANN M | DEU | 119.56 | 40 BENDEL B | BENDEL H | CHE | 111.56 | 74 DAVOSSA M | DAVOSSA E | ITA | 106.62 |
| 7 BERINGER C | BALIAN J | FRA | 118.53 | 41 KOFOED R | HOYLAND S | NOR | 110.78 | 75 BALORIN C | UETTIVILLER M | FRA | 106.52 |
| 8 BAK C | ZHAO J | NLD | 118.11 | 42 GRAMBERG A | SCHILHART N | DEU | 110.72 | 76 BREWIAK G | JAGNIEWSKI R | POL | 106.49 |
| 9 MOHANDES S | BOWLES A | GBR | 117.84 | 43 POUGNAND J | METZ M | FRA | 110.63 | 77 THOMAS P | CADI TAZIA A | MAR | 106.33 |
| 10 BROE J | MONSTED N | DNK | 117.27 | 44 TOIBIN N | RIGNEY T | IRL | 110.40 | 78 GRAEWERT E | THOMPSON D | LUX | 106.00 |
| 11 HENNING S M | HENNING S D | USA | 117.26 | 45 DAGHER H | ALOSTAZ R | EGY | 109.98 | 79 WENNING K | WENNING U | DEU | 105.81 |
| 12 PIES S | ROBINSON S | USA | 116.47 | 46 FLAUTRE M | BERNARD J | FRA | 109.98 | 80 POCOCK J | HEROND D | CAN | 105.68 |
| 13 HUGON E | BARUCCHI C | FRA | 116.45 | 47 WOOD N | DEPORTE P | USA | 109.88 | 81 COUPEY C | SAHAL M | FRA | 105.68 |
| 14 BIRR B | STAHL W | DEU | 116.25 | 48 RAYMOND A | WILDAVSKY A | USA | 109.83 | 82 RODWELL D | EDWARDS M | USA | 105.59 |
| 15 LIFTON V | LAIR M | USA | 115.86 | 49 ROSENBLATT L | ROSENBLATT M | USA | 109.82 | 83 MISRA K | PADHYE A | IND | 105.59 |
| 16 OHNO K | YAMADA A | JPN | 115.71 | 50 MANSSELL P | MANSSELL H | ZAF | 109.69 | 84 ESTILL L | SOLOMON R | CAN | 105.54 |
| 17 FORGE C | FORGE D | FRA | 115.68 | 51 NEIGKRICHT T | PICHLER E | AUT | 109.55 | 85 FOLTI F | ZUCCHINI P | SMR | 105.51 |
| 18 STERN S | STERN R | USA | 115.45 | 52 BOURCHTOFF A | GUETTA C | FRA | 109.54 | 86 SZCZEPANSKA A | ZAKRZEWSKI A | POL | 105.48 |
| 19 AGRO G | VERSACE A | ITA | 115.31 | 53 DAS M | KREMER J | FRA | 109.49 | 87 MACCORMAC M | CASSELLE P | IRL | 105.39 |
| 20 EL-SADI J | EL-SADI A | USA | 115.28 | 54 THADANI S | TEWARI R | IND | 109.42 | 88 PETTY V | SMOLSKI R | BMU | 105.34 |
| 21 UMEHARA K | ABE H | JPN | 115.27 | 55 GAILLARD C | DELFOUR A | FRA | 109.12 | 89 GENCER M | ALLIER G | CHE | 105.23 |
| 22 CORCHIA R | MATRICARDI G | ITA | 115.24 | 56 PETERS M | VANDERVORST M | BEL | 108.78 | 90 PANIGHI C | GAUTRET E | FRA | 105.12 |
| 23 SERF M | STOPPA J | FRA | 115.19 | 57 GALLAND N | HOFSTETTER J | CHE | 108.68 | 91 VAN DER WOPY | HANAYAMA T | JPN | 104.53 |
| 24 SKILLERN J | FOUNTAIN P | GBR | 115.18 | 58 BACO L | SIMEONI M | FRA | 108.59 | 92 RACZYNSKA J | ALLIX J | FRA | 104.39 |
| 25 BREVIK K | HOYLAND S | NOR | 114.94 | 59 SCARPACIA | COSTA A | ITA | 108.54 | 93 BUBU M | BUBU A | FRA | 104.30 |
| 26 STAWOWY B | BECKMANN R | DEU | 114.65 | 60 VAN EIJCK I | VAN EIJCK W | NLD | 108.32 | 94 KREMER C | RIGAUD P | FRA | 104.26 |
| 27 LACROIX N | LACROIX F | FRA | 114.65 | 61 RICCIARELLI G | RICCIARELLI M | ITA | 108.13 | 95 PACE L | TARANTINO M | ITA | 104.17 |
| 28 EVANS R | KAPLAN R | AUS | 114.37 | 62 DANIELS L | DEWILDE F | NLD | 108.03 | 96 LAKHANI G | SHAH J | IND | 104.15 |
| 29 NAHAS H | FAHS B | LBN | 114.06 | 63 SCHODER R | BEAN M | CAN | 108.01 | 97 FLAMANT J | DE GUIDE C | FRA | 104.14 |
| 30 VOS D | VOS H | NLD | 113.93 | 64 VEYSIERE S | MATEOS-RUIZ F | FRA | 107.91 | 98 GELIBTER B | GELIBTER D | BEL | 104.00 |
| 31 KURATANI T | SHIMIZU | JPN | 113.87 | 65 ZUCHELLI S | CESARI B | ITA | 107.77 | 99 TALBI A | TALBI R | FRA | 103.95 |
| 32 SVER N | CARIC J | CRO | 113.79 | 66 PERLIA I | HAUSLER H | DEU | 107.38 | 100 PARKER B | POLLING F | USA | 103.91 |
| 33 CHAUVIRE D | GERMAIN C | FRA | 113.43 | 67 CHMIELEWSKI E | FABIOLLES R | FRA | 107.19 | | | | |
| 34 MARZI F | VITALE R | ITA | 113.16 | 67 HARRIS D | GAGNE P | GRB | 107.19 | | | | |

Final-Session Two



J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

by Barry Rigal

Mixed Pairs second final session.
Board 3. E/W vul. Dealer South.

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

Against two very highly respected Italian internationals - who will remain nameless - for reasons, see below - Sue Picus and I bid 1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 3NT.

On the lead of a diamond to the ace and a diamond back, I cashed a third diamond. West saw fit to pitch the ♥8, calling for spades. Now the heart position looked clear. I led a heart to the 7 - which scored! I unblocked hearts, crossed to the ♣K and cashed the red suit winners. On the last one, West was forced to keep two clubs and two spades. Otherwise I would lead a spade and duck it. So West was endplayed with the clubs to lead spades for 10 tricks.

The contract was the same at the table where Charlotte and Mark Smith were sitting East-West, but South was the declarer. Mark, West, led a club to the queen and ace. Declarer immediately knocked out the ♦A and won the club return. That brought him to eight tricks, but when he finessed unsuccessfully in hearts, Charlotte shifted to the ♠J to beat the hand.

When Anton Maas and Bep Vriend were

sitting North-South, Maas got the opening lead of the ♠2, won by West with the 10. The club return went to the queen and ace, and Maas drove out the ♦A. He guessed right on the club return, letting it ride to his 8. He crossed to the ♦K, West discarding the ♥3. On the last diamond West pitched another heart and Maas tossed a spade from dummy.

He cashed the ♣K and the ♥A, then led to the ♥K. Now he got out with a club to West's jack, and West had to lead away from his ♠A-Q.

A beautiful ending occurred on Board 7 when Athe Zobu of Turkey reached a heart game.

Mixed Pairs second final session.
Board 7. Both vul. Dealer South.

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

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | Rigal | | Picus |
| | | | Pass |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

The opening diamond lead went to the ace, and declarer led to the ♣A and ruffed a

club. She crossed back with the ♠K and ruffed another club as North threw a spade. Now declarer couldn't ruff a spade in dummy - but she changed tactics. She drew trumps, cashed the ♠A and ran the trumps. In the three-card ending she exited with the ♦10 and I had to concede trick 13 to dummy's ♦9.

All sorts of bizarre things no doubt happened when Board 12 was played.

Mixed Pairs second final session.
Board 12. N/S vul. Dealer West.

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-------------|
| ♠ J 7 | | ♠ K 5 4 |
| ♥ Q J 10 8 5 4 | | ♥ 7 2 |
| ♦ 10 9 7 5 3 | | ♦ - |
| ♣ - | | ♣ AKJ109764 |
| ♠ A Q 9 3 2 | N | |
| ♥ 6 | W | E |
| ♦ Q J 6 | | |
| ♣ Q 8 5 3 | S | |
| | | ♠ 10 8 6 |
| | | ♥ A K 9 3 |
| | | ♦ A K 8 4 2 |
| | | ♣ 2 |

This was our auction:

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | Rigal | | Picus |
| 2♠ ⁽¹⁾ | Pass | 4♣ | Dble |
| Pass | 5♥ | 5♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 6♥ | Dble | All Pass |

⁽¹⁾ Spades and a minor.

Everyone looked shell-shocked when the opening lead of the ♣A was ruffed. The 3-0 diamond split meant minus 500, but there were many 980s, 750s, etc. And of course 510 on a diamond lead against 4♠!



WBF Congress

The World Bridge Federation Congress meeting will be held in the Eurotop Auditorium on Wednesday, 26 August, at 9:30 a.m. All countries are urged to send a delegate. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.



Sleeping Beauty

Playing bridge is clearly pretty tough as you can tell from this picture taken at the end of yesterday's first round match!

Strange happenings in J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

Here are four deals from the qualifying sessions of the J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs that feature strange happenings. First a second-round finesse of a 6, then a double finesse that made a difference of eight tricks. The third deal shows the difference between playing in the qualifying and the final, and the fourth features a devastating opening lead.

Third qualifying. Board 18. N/S vul. Dealer East.

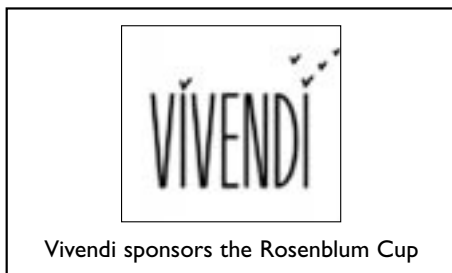
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| ♠ K J 8 6 3 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ K 4 | <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: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

⁽¹⁾ Five hearts, maximum notrump.

No question about it - East is an optimist. With 11 high card points and a flat hand she leaped to slam, knowing partner had 17 points and a flat hand. She placed the hand, now it was up to partner to find 12 tricks.

Alan Cokin of the United States, the victim, gave use this deal. He and his partner, H. Eaton, failed to qualify, but they would have made the grade if declarer hadn't found the key to making this hand.

Cokin did not lead a spade - he tried a trump instead. Declarer drew three rounds, then led the ♣Q. Cokin covered and dummy's ace won. Another club came back, and Eaton followed low in tempo. Declarer thought a moment, then played the SIX!! He had made his slam! Cokin and Eaton got exactly one matchpoint for this result, and all hopes of qualifying went sailing away.



Second qualifying. Board 7. Both vul. Dealer South.

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

Paul Hackett of Great Britain had a difficult call after West jumped to 3♦. He finally decided to take his chances with 3NT, and partner Peggy Dubois decided to sit for it.

East of course led a diamond, and Hackett wasn't at all happy when dummy was spread. Hearts were wide open, and diamonds soon would be as well. Clubs probably would run, but there was a big gap in the spade suit.

Hackett couldn't see any point in holding off in diamonds, so he won the ace and tested clubs. He took three rounds, ending in hand. Realising that 4♣ probably would make (declarer would get a heart pitch on the opening diamond lead), Hackett decided desperate measures were called for. He led a spade and... finessed the 10! It worked, so suddenly instead of being down five or so, he was scoring plus 690.

Third qualifying. Board 7. Both vul. Dealer South.

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

⁽¹⁾ Takeout.

Karen Allison of the United States wasn't trying to get tops in this session - her primary concern was qualifying and she wasn't going to take any unnecessary chances on a hand like this. She decided that making her contract exactly was likely to be a reasonable result since other pairs might get too high. She won the opening lead of the ♦7 with the queen and immediately cashed the ace of trumps followed by the queen. The defence came to their five tricks and Allison scored plus 110.

'I could have made 3♠,' Allison said afterwards.

'No you can't,' said North. 'No way!'

'You shouldn't say that,' said Allison. 'As a matter of fact I would have made three if this deal had come up in the final. Instead of cashing the ace of trumps, I would have led a low one toward the 9-8. Whether or not you took your king, I would have an entry to dummy. I would use that entry to lead a heart toward my king. You would duck so I would win. Then I would lead another heart and duck it. You would have to win it with your ace, and dummy's queen would give me my ninth trick.' 'Let's play the next board,' said North.

Third qualifying. Board 12. N/S vul. Dealer West.

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

Alan Mould of Great Britain had to accept an unhappy result here because of an unusual opening lead by North. The opening lead was... the five of hearts! How can you fault Alan for playing the 10. South of course recognised the situation when her queen held the trick. She fired back her singleton diamond, won with the queen in dummy. Alan called for a trump, but South leaped up with the ace and led a heart to her partner's ace. Now a diamond lead, ruffed, gave the defence the setting trick.

Never underlead an ace against a suit contract? A good rule, of course, but there's always the exception.

Round Robin



Round 1



Vivendi Rosenblum Cup



Reporting on the early stages of the Vivendi Rosenblum Cup is not straightforward. The boards are dealt at the table and this often involves a mad scramble at the end of a match to get the relevant details before the next round starts.

With no draw to guide us we made an on-the-spot decision to follow the fortunes of one of the favourites, the powerful Nickell team from the USA. A useful squad from Hungary opposed them. The Americans made a good start.

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East

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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Gal | Freeman | Winkler | Nickell |
| | | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | 2♥ | Pass | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | 3♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

As you can see, there was nothing to the play in 3♥ and declarer was quickly one down, -100. For our money West's bidding was certainly on the timid side.



Nick Nickell (USA)

Photograph courtesy of Kodak's new digital camera.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| Hamman | Hegedus | Soloway | Vikor |
| | | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | 2♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Bob Hamman is not the shy retiring type when it comes to bidding and he got his side to the cold game. Declarer won the opening heart lead, drew trumps and cashed his clubs. 11 tricks meant +450 and 8 IMPs.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South

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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|---------|----------|---------|
| Gal | Freeman | Winkler | Nickell |
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

West led the eight of clubs and East won with the jack and tried another top club. Declarer ruffed and simply played three rounds of trumps, claiming eleven tricks.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|---------|-------|
| Hamman | Hegedus | Soloway | Vikor |
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Dble | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♣ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 6♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

The same denomination, but two levels higher. Guided by the lead directing double West led the ♣8 and East won with the jack. He switched to the ♠3 taken by declarer's ace. The technical play now is to cross to dummy with a top diamond and take a heart

finesse in case East has ♥Qxxx. However declarer cashed one top heart and then went to dummy for a losing trump finesse. Now he lost two spade tricks to finish three down. That meant 12 more IMPs to Nickell.

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Gal | Freeman | Winkler | Nickell |
| | | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | Dble | 3♣ | All Pass! |

Whoops!

Nickell must have been delighted by this turn of events and he led the ♣Q. Freeman overtook it with the ace and played another club. Now declarer could make only four tricks, -250.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| Hamman | Hegedus | Soloway | Vikor |
| | | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | Dble | 3♠ | 4♥ |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Of course, 4♥ would have failed by a trick, but it was pretty clear for Hamman to bid on. He escaped for one down, but his side still picked up 5 IMPs.

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South.

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

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

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Dick Freeman (USA)

and the ♠Q as dummy let go a spade. The hearts were easy for declarer to negotiate and Hamman had made seven tricks in the red suits.

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Gal</i> | <i>Freeman</i> | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Nickell</i> |
| Pass | Pass | INT | 2♦ |
| Dble | 4♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

Nickell's 2♦ bid over East's weak notrump promised the majors and Dick Freeman took a slightly sporting shot at game.

East might well have led a trump but settled on the ♣2. Declarer won and played a heart. West went in with the ace and switched to the ten of spades. East was allowed to win with the king of spades and he returned a second trump. Freeman went up with the queen and ruffed a heart. A winning club finesse was followed by another heart ruff, a club to the ace and a heart. The defenders were able to win that trick so they made two heart tricks and two trump tricks for one down and a flat board.

It looks as if Freeman could have made his doubled game by rising with the ace of spades when West switched to the ♠10.

He then cross ruffs diamonds and hearts, on route taking a club finesse and cashing the other top club, to arrive at this position with the lead in dummy.

In the other room the USA had lost 100 in a heart contract but the suit was never mentioned in the replay.

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Gal</i> | <i>Freeman</i> | <i>Winkler</i> | <i>Nickell</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Dble | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

Your reporter is prepared to admit that he would have doubled 4♠ but although Nickell considered the matter briefly he was happy enough to see the opponents playing in his best suit. Declarer got the heart suit wrong so he finished three down, -300 and another five to Nickell.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Hamman</i> | <i>Hegedus</i> | <i>Soloway</i> | <i>Vikor</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | All Pass | | |

Hamman won the opening diamond lead with the ten and returned the suit, dummy's king winning the trick as South discarded the ♥5. North took the next diamond and cleared the suit, South parting with a second heart

| | |
|-------|---------|
| ♠ 9 | ♠ K 7 6 |
| ♥ - | ♥ - |
| ♦ 9 7 | ♦ - |
| ♣ - | ♣ - |
| ♠ - | ♠ Q |
| ♥ Q | ♥ J 9 |
| ♦ Q | ♦ - |
| ♣ 9 | ♣ - |

Declarer has made nine of the ten tricks played so far and now ruffs a heart with the ♠9 to ensure a tenth.

Nickell won by 30-5 IMPs which converted to 22-8VP.

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A top for Helgemo

by Johan De Grave (Belgium)

When kibitzing the highest ranked Belgian mixed pair, one has the chance of watching the greats for two boards only. Sometimes that is just enough.

Final Session 2. Board 13. All Vul. Dealer North.

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

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Dehaye</i> | <i>Munson</i> | <i>Dewasme</i> |
| | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

On the lead of the ♥8, Helgemo put in the 10 from dummy and won the jack with the king. He continued with the ♥Q, then small to the ace. Next he led a small spade to the 10. Bernard Dehaye hoped to get his partner in, so he switched to a diamond, giving Helgemo four diamond tricks. Helgemo then picked up the clubs successfully for 11 tricks and a likely top score on the board.

Appeals 2 correction

The original version submitted to the Daily News said:

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An amended version to try to make it clearer is:

Dissenting opinion (David Stevenson): It is not unreasonable to expect defenders to know their own conventions for defensive bidding. It is reasonable to expect that your opponents know whether they play Lebensohl or not in defence, especially for a player from a European country where such openings are normal. This gives the Appeal merit.



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Fortune favours the brave

You may remember this deal from session one of the J. M. Weston Mixed Pairs final. One of the problems for North-South is to reach 3NT after East overcalls 3♠.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Paulissen</i> | <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Speelman</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | 1♠ | INT |
| 2♠ | 3♠ | 4♠ | 4NT! |
| All Pass | | | |

As you can see from the above auction featuring pairs from The Netherlands and Germany, it was possible to go even higher in notrump. It was clear to South that North held a good hand with solid diamonds, and she was not prepared to accept what was likely to be a small penalty. Hence her brave decision to try her luck in 4NT.

Declarer won the opening lead of the ♠J with the queen and played a heart to the jack, queen and ace. East returned a heart to the 9 and king and declarer cashed the ♦A. The appearance of the jack meant there was an easy route to 10 tricks.

Of course an opening heart lead would have put paid to the contract - but who could have found that lead?

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Round Robin



Round 2

Vivendi Rosenblum Cup



The match between an Italian team captained by Alfredo Versace and a British team led by David Burn was our focus for the second round of the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams round-robin. Each team scored 3 IMPs over the first four deals, but the Italians went well ahead on Board 5.

The Italians took a successful save on the next deal.

Brian Callaghan, the declarer, was wide open in hearts, but it didn't matter - look how solidly the hearts are blocked. He won the opening spade lead and rattled off 11 minor suit tricks to score plus 690. The British also bought the hand in the other room.

Board 5. N/S vul. Dealer North.

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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Versace | Callaghan | Sementa | Burn |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | 2♦ | Dble | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | 3♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

Antonio Sementa scored exactly nine tricks - plus 110. But the auction was quite different at the other table.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|----------|------------|
| Liggins | Buratti | Fawcett | Lanzarotti |
| | Pass | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2♣ | Dble | Pass |
| 3♣ | Dble | All Pass | |

Joe Fawcett doubled suggesting an opening lead, but Glenn Liggins decided to try for a club partial with his four-card support. Andrea Buratti led a trump, and Liggins took the ace and led a spade. Massimo Lanzarotti put up the queen and Liggins took his ace. When he led another club, he was unhappy to see North show out. He won the ace and led another spade, his jack losing to the king. Buratti returned a heart to the queen and ace, and Liggins reverted to spades, losing to North's 10. A diamond switch netted two more tricks, and Lanzarotti pushed a heart through declarer. That gave the defence two more tricks, and the Italians still had to come to two more trump tricks. Down four, minus 800, 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 6. E/W vul. Dealer East.

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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Versace | Callaghan | Sementa | Burn |
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| Dble | 2♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

Versace had no problem making five, losing just two aces.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| Liggins | Buratti | Fawcett | Lanzarotti |
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 2♠ | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

Lanzarotti lost the normal tricks - two clubs, a heart and two trumps - for minus 300. That was another 8 IMPs to Italy.

Board 7. Both vul. Dealer South.

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

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Versace | Callaghan | Sementa | Burn |
| | | | Pass |
| 1♠ | 2♦ | 2♠ | Dble |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Board 9. E/W vul. Dealer North.

| | | |
|-------------|--|-----------|
| ♠ 7 6 | | ♠ AKQ9842 |
| ♥ A K Q J 4 | | ♥ 10 2 |
| ♦ 7 4 | | ♦ J 5 |
| ♣ 8 6 4 3 | | ♣ A J |

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Versace | Callaghan | Sementa | Burn |
| | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | 2♥ | 3♥ | Dble |
| Rdble | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

With the ♦A outside, Sementa had no problem chalking up 10 tricks. But this was the bidding at the other table:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Liggins | Buratti | Fawcett | Lanzarotti |
| | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 3NT! | All Pass |

Fawcett's gamble for nine quick tricks in notrump did not work. Buratti of course quickly took his five heart tricks, then led a diamond to partner's ace for a two-trick set - another 12 IMPs to Italy.

The Italians stayed out of trouble on the final deal to complete an impressive victory.

Board 10. Both vul. Dealer East.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Liggins</i> | <i>Buratti</i> | <i>Fawcett</i> | <i>Lanzarotti</i> |
| | | Pass | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | Dble | 2♣ | 2♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Liggins led the ♣Q to the ace, and Lanzarotti countered with a club to Fawcett's jack. Fawcett led a heart, and Versace guessed to play the jack. When he then led a club, Liggins ruffed in and switched to the ♦K. Declarer won this, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and got back to his hand by ruffing another diamond. The ♠J was allowed to hold, but the queen was covered and won with the ace. Then declarer ruffed another diamond and gave up the last two tricks to score plus 140.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <i>Versace</i> | <i>Callaghan</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Burn</i> |
| | | Pass | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | INT | Dble | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

The opening spade lead rode to the queen, and Burn passed a club to East's jack. Another spade went to the jack, king and ace, and declarer ruffed a spade. He cashed the ♣A and led another club, ruffed by Versace with the 9. He switched to the ♦K, taken by the ace, and declarer ruffed a diamond to try to score a club ruff. But Versace was able to ruff with his 8, and the defense still had two trump tricks coming for a two-trick set. Eight more IMPs to the Italians.

Versace and Co. won the match, 42 IMPs to 11, which translates to 24 Victory Points for the Italians and 6 for the Brits.

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