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Over their Shoulders

Open Series: With only four squads going forward from each group, it may be time for the leading teams to start looking over their shoulders, particularly if they happen to be lying fourth. There is not much in it in Groups A & B, but in Group C, **Indonesia** are 18.5 VPs ahead of fifth placed Japan. In Group D, China have a margin of 14 VP over South Africa & Morocco.

Women's Series: There is more margin for error here, as eight teams qualify from each group. **Sweden** and **South Africa** are the teams currently in the hot seats.

Seniors: The **USA** have powered their way to the top of the table, and opened up a gap over **Sweden** and **Scotland**.

University: It is currently a two-horse race, as **Austria** and **Italy** have drawn clear of the field.



At the President's dinner on Tuesday night, José Damiani presented awards to Marijke Blanken and Harry van de Peppel

Bus Rides are not free!

You must pay for your ticket when you travel on the municipal buses between the city of Maastricht and the venue!

You can buy ticket strips - Strippen Kaart - on the bus, but it is cheaper to get them from the Information desk here at the MECC.

Please do not try and travel without a ticket, as you run the risk of incurring an on the spot fine of Dfl65!

EBL

Special Congress

The EBL Special Congress will take place TODAY, Thursday, 31st August, at 10 a.m. in the WBF Meeting Room 2.1 on the Promenade level (the same room used for the WBF Congress yesterday).

The very important matter of the approval of the new EBL Statutes will be decided. Therefore, all delegates are urged to attend the Congress.

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 8

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Ireland	Denmark	25 - 47	10 - 20
2 Croatia	Brazil	61 - 47	18 - 12
3 Belgium	Austria	64 - 20	24 - 6
4 Singapore	Spain	33 - 109	1 - 25
5 Tunisia	Switzerland	37 - 54	11 - 19
6 Slovenia	Wales	63 - 51	17 - 13
7 Canada	Poland	19 - 50	9 - 21
8 Colombia	Pakistan	62 - 50	17 - 13
9 Hong Kong	Tanzania	103 - 30	25 - 1

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Lebanon	Netherlands	35 - 78	6 - 24
12 Finland	Hungary	27 - 68	7 - 23
13 Monaco	Bangladesh	70 - 52	19 - 11
14 Greece	Chinese Taipei	51 - 43	16 - 14
15 Philippines	Liechtenstein	44 - 38	16 - 14
16 Scotland	Romania	37 - 36	15 - 15
17 Russia	Portugal	35 - 29	16 - 14
18 USA	Australia	52 - 36	18 - 12
19 Guadeloupe	Luxemburg	38 - 93	4 - 25

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Egypt	Mexico	63 - 40	20 - 10
22 Israel	India	48 - 18	21 - 9
23 Latvia	Germany	44 - 35	17 - 13
24 San Marino	Malta	42 - 71	9 - 21
25 France	Venezuela	62 - 29	22 - 8
26 England	Sweden	45 - 59	12 - 18
27 Yugoslavia	Czech Republic	71 - 47	20 - 10
28 Indonesia	Uruguay	103 - 10	25 - 0
29 Japan	Cyprus	71 - 44	21 - 9

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 Norway	China	75 - 23	25 - 5
32 Martinique	New Zealand	9 - 85	1 - 25
33 Bermuda	Botswana	55 - 53	15 - 15
34 Italy	Malaysia	61 - 62	15 - 15
35 Argentina	Bulgaria	64 - 44	19 - 11
36 Turkey	Palestine	67 - 44	20 - 10
37 Thailand	La Reunion	71 - 40	21 - 9
38 Iceland	Ukraine	40 - 31	17 - 13
39 South Africa	Morocco	75 - 46	21 - 9

ROUND 9

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Croatia	61 - 51	17 - 13
2 Brazil	Belgium	47 - 62	12 - 18
3 Austria	Singapore	91 - 25	25 - 2
4 Spain	Tunisia	59 - 30	21 - 9
5 Switzerland	Wales	46 - 39	16 - 14
6 Ireland	Canada	35 - 63	9 - 21
7 Poland	Colombia	74 - 25	25 - 5
8 Pakistan	Hong Kong	61 - 73	13 - 17
9 Tanzania	Slovenia	55 - 64	13 - 17

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Finland	86 - 32	25 - 4
12 Hungary	Monaco	80 - 19	25 - 3
13 Bangladesh	Greece	37 - 43	14 - 16
14 Chinese Taipei	Philippines	85 - 40	24 - 6
15 Liechtenstein	Romania	53 - 35	19 - 11
16 Lebanon	Russia	33 - 93	3 - 25
17 Portugal	USA	22 - 71	5 - 25
18 Australia	Guadeloupe	61 - 39	20 - 10
19 Luxemburg	Scotland	40 - 20	19 - 11

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	Israel	37 - 80	6 - 24
22 India	Latvia	38 - 27	17 - 13
23 Germany	San Marino	135 - 11	25 - 0
24 Malta	France	26 - 79	5 - 25
25 Venezuela	Sweden	12 - 109	0 - 25
26 Egypt	Yugoslavia	38 - 75	7 - 23
27 Czech Republic	Indonesia	48 - 102	4 - 25
28 Uruguay	Japan	60 - 81	11 - 19
29 Cyprus	England	14 - 114	0 - 25

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	Martinique	88 - 32	25 - 4
32 New Zealand	Bermuda	49 - 52	14 - 16
33 Botswana	Italy	10 - 154	0 - 25
34 Malaysia	Argentina	49 - 38	17 - 13
35 Bulgaria	Palestine	102 - 40	25 - 3
36 Norway	Thailand	113 - 18	25 - 0
37 La Reunion	Iceland	49 - 52	14 - 16
38 Ukraine	South Africa	27 - 129	0 - 25
39 Morocco	Turkey	67 - 27	23 - 7

ROUND 10

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Belgium	Denmark	21 - 46	10 - 20
2 Singapore	Brazil	10 - 77	2 - 25
3 Tunisia	Austria	28 - 55	9 - 21
4 Wales	Spain	6 - 75	2 - 25
5 Slovenia	Switzerland	16 - 30	12 - 18
6 Canada	Croatia	40 - 48	14 - 16
7 Colombia	Ireland	12 - 57	6 - 24
8 Hong Kong	Poland	17 - 16	15 - 15
9 Tanzania	Pakistan	23 - 68	6 - 24

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Monaco	Netherlands	24 - 54	9 - 21
12 Greece	Hungary	33 - 49	12 - 18
13 Philippines	Bangladesh	41 - 67	10 - 20
14 Romania	Chinese Taipei	29 - 44	12 - 18
15 Scotland	Liechtenstein	48 - 37	17 - 13
16 Russia	Finland	65 - 46	19 - 11
17 USA	Lebanon	76 - 32	24 - 6
18 Guadeloupe	Portugal	35 - 53	11 - 19
19 Luxemburg	Australia	21 - 17	16 - 14

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 10

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Latvia	Mexico	21 - 39	11 - 19
22 San Marino	India	22 - 48	10 - 20
23 France	Germany	60 - 8	25 - 5
24 Sweden	Malta	79 - 22	25 - 4
25 England	Venezuela	51 - 18	22 - 8
26 Yugoslavia	Israel	59 - 22	23 - 7
27 Indonesia	Egypt	43 - 44	15 - 15
28 Japan	Czech Republic	31 - 46	12 - 18
29 Cyprus	Uruguay	33 - 53	11 - 19

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 Bermuda	China	36 - 66	9 - 21
32 Italy	New Zealand	55 - 28	21 - 9
33 Argentina	Botswana	76 - 27	25 - 5
34 Palestine	Malaysia	17 - 92	1 - 25
35 Turkey	Bulgaria	35 - 47	13 - 17
36 Thailand	Martinique	44 - 38	16 - 14
37 Iceland	Norway	29 - 60	9 - 21
38 South Africa	La Reunion	60 - 30	21 - 9
39 Morocco	Ukraine	77 - 35	24 - 6

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 9

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Russia	51 - 42	17 - 13
42 Italy	Japan	59 - 38	19 - 11
43 Austria	Israel	71 - 10	25 - 3
44 Denmark	England	49 - 50	15 - 15
45 Sweden	USA	39 - 53	12 - 18
46 Spain	Brazil	92 - 53	23 - 7
47 Chinese Taipei	Norway	40 - 55	12 - 18
48 New Zealand	Indonesia	20 - 62	6 - 24
49 Croatia	Jamaica	94 - 27	25 - 2
50 Ireland	Finland	38 - 59	11 - 19

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Turkey	72 - 27	24 - 6
52 Pakistan	India	44 - 27	19 - 11
53 China	Venezuela	68 - 17	25 - 5
54 Egypt	Greece	51 - 39	17 - 13
55 Mexico	Morocco	100 - 19	25 - 0
56 Scotland	South Africa	60 - 86	10 - 20
57 Netherlands	Wales	56 - 49	16 - 14
58 Poland	Argentina	53 - 81	9 - 21
59 Canada	Germany	53 - 80	9 - 21
60 Australia	France	49 - 18	21 - 9

ROUND 10

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Japan	Hong Kong	76 - 29	24 - 6
42 Israel	Italy	64 - 35	21 - 9
43 England	Austria	51 - 42	17 - 13
44 USA	Denmark	58 - 40	19 - 11
45 Brazil	Sweden	54 - 54	15 - 15
46 Finland	Spain	44 - 62	11 - 19
47 Norway	Russia	79 - 26	25 - 5
48 Indonesia	Chinese Taipei	62 - 55	16 - 14
49 Jamaica	New Zealand	60 - 68	14 - 16
50 Ireland	Croatia	21 - 60	7 - 23

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 India	Czech Republic	26 - 61	8 - 22
52 Venezuela	Pakistan	66 - 57	17 - 13
53 Greece	China	64 - 52	17 - 13
54 Morocco	Egypt	88 - 45	24 - 6
55 South Africa	Mexico	44 - 64	11 - 19
56 France	Scotland	45 - 37	16 - 14
57 Wales	Turkey	67 - 45	20 - 10
58 Argentina	Netherlands	35 - 64	9 - 21
59 Germany	Poland	58 - 20	23 - 7
60 Australia	Canada	30 - 70	7 - 23

ROUND 11

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Israel	10 - 29	11 - 19
42 Italy	England	39 - 13	20 - 10
43 Austria	USA	32 - 87	4 - 25
44 Denmark	Brazil	48 - 35	18 - 12
45 Sweden	Spain	49 - 32	19 - 11
46 Japan	Norway	37 - 31	16 - 14
47 Russia	Indonesia	15 - 57	6 - 24
48 Chinese Taipei	Jamaica	78 - 25	25 - 5
49 New Zealand	Ireland	68 - 32	22 - 8
50 Croatia	Finland	39 - 40	15 - 15

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Venezuela	39 - 37	15 - 15
52 Pakistan	Greece	21 - 31	13 - 17
53 China	Morocco	57 - 37	19 - 11
54 Egypt	South Africa	30 - 26	16 - 14
55 Mexico	Scotland	43 - 22	19 - 11
56 India	Wales	44 - 24	19 - 11
57 Turkey	Argentina	24 - 15	17 - 13
58 Netherlands	Germany	25 - 19	16 - 14
59 Poland	Australia	85 - 26	25 - 4
60 Canada	France	10 - 56	6 - 24

OPEN RANKINGS**AFTER 10 ROUNDS****GROUP A**

1	POLAND	198.0
2	BELGIUM	191.0
3	DENMARK	182.0
4	BRAZIL	181.0
5	AUSTRIA	175.5
6	IRELAND	172.5
7	SPAIN	172.0
8	SWITZERLAND	166.0
9	SLOVENIA	156.0
10	HONG KONG	153.5
11	CROATIA	152.0
12	PAKISTAN	142.5
13	CANADA	141.0
14	WALES	124.0
15	COLOMBIA	102.0
16	TUNISIA	94.0
17	SINGAPORE	90.0
18	TANZANIA	68.0

GROUP B

1	AUSTRALIA	199.0
2	USA	195.0
3	NETHERLANDS	184.0
4	RUSSIA	175.0
5	HUNGARY	167.0
6	GREECE	165.0
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	160.0
8	FINLAND	153.0
9	LIECHTENSTEIN	151.0
10	ROMANIA	146.0
11	LEBANON	143.0
12	PORTUGAL	142.0
13	SCOTLAND	138.0
14	LUXEMBURG	132.0
15	MONACO	126.0
16	BANGLADESH	119.0
17	GUADELOUPE	111.0
18	PHILIPPINES	71.0

GROUP C

1	SWEDEN	212.0
2	ENGLAND	204.0
3	FRANCE	200.0
4	INDONESIA	195.5
5	JAPAN	177.0
6	ISRAEL	172.0
7	INDIA	163.0
	GERMANY	163.0
9	YUGOSLAVIA	152.0
10	EGYPT	137.5
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	133.0
12	MEXICO	112.0
13	VENEZUELA	111.5
	CYPRUS	111.5
15	URUGUAY	106.0
16	LATVIA	103.0
17	MALTA	99.0
18	SAN MARINO	92.5

GROUP D

1	ITALY	218.0
2	ARGENTINA	195.0
	NORWAY	195.0
4	CHINA	186.0
5	SOUTH AFRICA	172.0
	MOROCCO	172.0
7	ICELAND	168.0
8	NEW ZEALAND	167.0
9	BULGARIA	163.2
10	LA REUNION	153.2
11	TURKEY	138.0
12	UKRAINE	129.0
13	MARTINIQUE	126.0
14	THAILAND	123.5
15	MALAYSIA	118.0
	BERMUDA	118.0
17	BOTSWANA	46.0
18	PALESTINE	40.0

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
AFTER 11 ROUNDS**GROUP A**

1	NORWAY	228.0
2	AUSTRIA	198.0
3	USA	193.1
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	191.0
5	DENMARK	188.5
6	FINLAND	184.0
7	ENGLAND	178.0
8	SWEDEN	172.0
9	ITALY	169.0
10	ISRAEL	167.5
11	NEW ZEALAND	167.0
12	INDONESIA	165.0
13	JAPAN	163.0
14	CROATIA	154.0
15	HONG KONG	147.0
16	SPAIN	137.0
17	IRELAND	133.0
18	BRAZIL	127.0
19	RUSSIA	116.4
20	JAMAICA	92.0

GROUP B

1	FRANCE	211.0
2	GERMANY	206.0
3	NETHERLANDS	201.0
4	CANADA	197.0
5	POLAND	191.0
6	CHINA	189.0
7	GREECE	176.0
8	SOUTH AFRICA	172.0
9	AUSTRALIA	167.0
10	MEXICO	164.0
11	SCOTLAND	163.0
12	EGYPT	157.0
13	ARGENTINA	151.0
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	148.0
15	VENEZUELA	143.0
16	MOROCCO	141.0
17	WALES	134.0
18	PAKISTAN	129.0
19	TURKEY	123.0
20	INDIA	105.0

SENIORS' RANKINGS**AFTER 15 ROUNDS**

1	USA	294.25
2	SWEDEN	275.25
3	SCOTLAND	272.00
4	AUSTRALIA	269.00
5	FRANCE	268.00
6	ENGLAND	264.00
7	EGYPT	260.00
8	GERMANY	257.00
9	POLAND	251.00
10	ITALY	239.00
11	CANADA	232.00
12	SAN MARINO	223.50
13	SWITZERLAND	217.00
14	FINLAND	217.00
15	NETHERLANDS	215.50
16	BELGIUM	211.00
17	TURKEY	210.00
18	ISRAEL	206.00
19	IRELAND	200.00
20	CZECH REPUBLIC	177.00
21	ARUBA	168.00
22	NETH. ANTILLEN	152.00
23	WALES	131.00
24	VENEZUELA	92.00

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**AFTER 12 ROUNDS**

1	AUSTRIA	257
2	ITALY	241
3	GERMANY	223
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	223
5	NORWAY	217
6	DENMARK	216
7	POLAND	205.5
8	NETHERLANDS	205
9	USA	204
10	CHINA	195.25
11	FRANCE	184
12	CHINESE TAIPEI	183
13	SINGAPORE	180
14	HONG KONG	178
15	INDONESIA	160.5
16	ENGLAND	140
17	JAPAN	139
18	BELGIUM	126
19	IRELAND	108.5
20	YUGOSLAVIA	104
21	BOTSWANA	103
22	LATVIA	75

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 11

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

ROUND 12

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

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 12

GROUP A		GROUP B	
41 England	Hong Kong	51 Greece	Czech Republic
42 USA	Italy	52 Morocco	Pakistan
43 Brazil	Austria	53 South Africa	China
44 Spain	Denmark	54 Scotland	Egypt
45 Finland	Sweden	55 France	Mexico
46 Norway	Israel	56 Wales	Venezuela
47 Indonesia	Japan	57 Argentina	India
48 Jamaica	Russia	58 Germany	Turkey
49 Ireland	Chinese Taipei	59 Australia	Netherlands
50 Croatia	New Zealand	60 Canada	Poland

ROUND 13

GROUP A		GROUP B	
41 Hong Kong	USA	51 Czech Republic	Morocco
42 Italy	Brazil	52 Pakistan	South Africa
43 Austria	Spain	53 China	Scotland
44 Denmark	Sweden	54 Egypt	Mexico
45 England	Norway	55 Greece	Wales
46 Israel	Indonesia	56 Venezuela	Argentina
47 Japan	Jamaica	57 India	Germany
48 Russia	Ireland	58 Turkey	Australia
49 Chinese Taipei	Croatia	59 Netherlands	Canada
50 New Zealand	Finland	60 Poland	France

ROUND 14

GROUP A		GROUP B	
41 Brazil	Hong Kong	51 South Africa	Czech Republic
42 Spain	Italy	52 Scotland	Pakistan
43 Sweden	Austria	53 Mexico	China
44 Finland	Denmark	54 France	Egypt
45 Norway	USA	55 Wales	Morocco
46 Indonesia	England	56 Argentina	Greece
47 Jamaica	Israel	57 Germany	Venezuela
48 Ireland	Japan	58 Australia	India
49 Croatia	Russia	59 Canada	Turkey
50 New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	60 Poland	Netherlands

Calling all Limerick Writers

Please remember the Bulletin Limerick Competition, as yet the response has been less than an avalanche. This is your chance of fame for we shall printing the best entries, hopefully tomorrow we will have our first extract. You can bring your limericks, with the first line 'There was a young lady from Maastricht' to the Bulletin Room or email them to twaylfm@hotmail.com.

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 16

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

ROUND 17

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

ROUND 18

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

ROUND 19

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

OPEN

New Zealand v La Reunion

ROUND 6

After the first two days play, the surprise package of the Open series was the Indian Ocean island nation of La Reunion. They were lying in second place in Group D overnight and met New Zealand on Tuesday morning. A lively set of deals saw plenty of swings.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gerente	Blackstock	Deleflie	Henry
Pass	Dble	1♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
3♦	Dble	1♦	Pass
All Pass		5♦	Dble

In the Closed Room, Michel Deleflie, for La Reunion, opened a light 1♦ and this ran around to Stephen Blackstock who made a take-out double then bid his hearts over Stephen Henry's 2♠ response. Henry raised the hearts and Blackstock went on to game. Deleflie cashed two top diamonds then switched to his singleton club. Blackstock won and played four rounds of trumps and had the rest, his spade loser going on the long club; +620.

David Ackerley also opened 1♦ and Scott Smith made an aggressive pre-emptive raise. Yves Mondon doubled for take-out and Ackerley continued the pre-empt with a leap to 5♦. Sylvain Dumas doubled that, ending the auction. Dumas led ace and another heart to Mondon's queen. He played two top clubs and Ackerley ruffed then cashed a top trump. Next he played a low heart, which allowed Dumas to ruff in front of dummy with the ♦J. There were two spades to lose from here for down four; 800 and 5 IMPs to La Reunion.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gerente	Blackstock	Deleflie	Henry
1♥	3♥	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Open Room

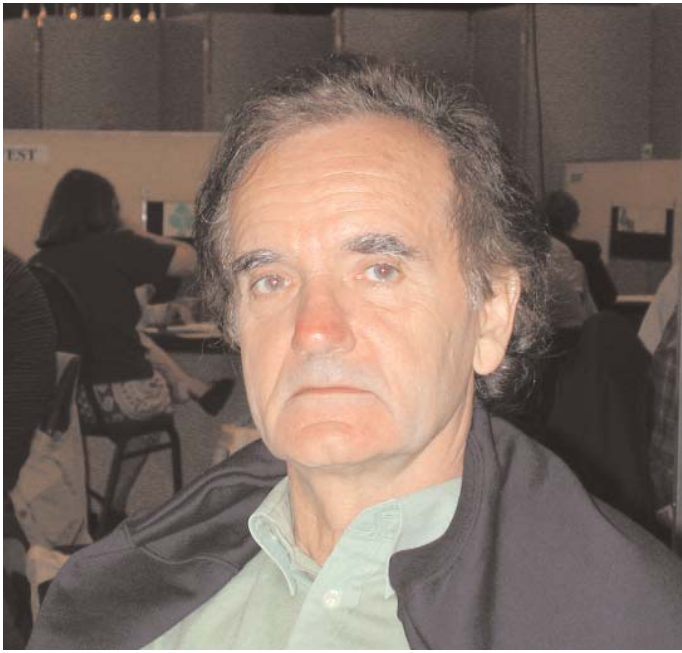
West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The New Zealand North/South pair play an aggressive opening system which involves opening 1♦ with four or more hearts and 1♥ with spades, each opening denying the other major. Here, 1♦ showed 8-13 with four or more hearts and Alain Gerente's 1♥ overcall was for take-out. When Blackstock made a pre-emptive heart raise, Deleflie asked his partner to pick a minor at the game level. The favourable diamond position meant that Gerente had no problem in coming to 11 tricks for +600.

Unless there is something of which I am not aware in the



Stephen Blackstock, New Zealand



Michel Deleflie, La Reunion

New Zealand methods, Ackerley's final bid in the Open Room looks to be a very poor effort after his partner had shown the black suits. Justice was done when the defence took five heart tricks and a diamond for down two; 200 and 13 IMPs to La Reunion.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ K J 7 4 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ Q 10 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 8 5 ♥ A 8 ♦ A J ♣ A K J 9 4	♠ K J 3 2 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ K 8 7 6 4 ♣ 6
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	♠ Q 10 6 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ 8 7 5											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gerente	Blackstock	Deleflie	Henry
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

In the Closed Room, 1♥ showed 8-15 with four or more spades and 1♠ was for take-out. Clubs were never mentioned so the good slam was never in the picture; +660 after a spade lead and continuation when North succumbed to a major-suit squeeze in the endgame.

Unfortunately, I do not have all the details of the Smith/Ackerley system but, as you can see, they sailed into the club slam and chalked up +1370 for a 12 IMP swing to New Zealand.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ 8 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K Q 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ 9 8 7 5 ♣ Q J 2	♠ J 10 ♥ K 8 7 6 4 ♦ Q 6 3 2 ♣ A 10
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	♠ 8 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ A K 10 ♣ K 9 7 6 4 3											

Henry and Blackstock bid to 3NT by North after a relay sequence. The heart lead meant 12 tricks for +690.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
Pass	3♥	2♦	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	Dble	5♦
			All Pass

The lead against 6♣ doubled was a spade. Declarer's line was to pitch a diamond on a spade and play for diamonds to be 3-3, which would have given him a spade and a diamond winner to get rid of his hearts. When that did not work, he tried the heart finesse and was one down; 100 and 13 IMPs to New Zealand. Obviously, the ruffing diamond finesse would have brought home the slam, but that was only one chance and declarer preferred the combination play in the red suits.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A ♥ 5 3 ♦ K Q 7 3 ♣ Q J 10 9 4 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 6 5 ♥ 9 7 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ A 8 7 3	♠ Q 10 9 8 7 3 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K 5
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	♠ 4 ♥ A K J 10 8 6 2 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ 6											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gerente	Blackstock	Deleflie	Henry
1♣	Pass	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
1♣	Pass	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

When South overcalls 4♥, East has no option but to bid 4♠, and North, of course, doubles. Smith was prepared to pass out 4♠ doubled, while Gerente tried for a better spot.

Blackstock led a heart against 5♣ doubled. Henry took two hearts then switched to his trump. Blackstock played two rounds of clubs and Gerente won in dummy and played a spade to his ace then drew trumps. Next declarer tried the queen of diamonds which lost to the ace. He had to lose two more diamonds and was four down; 800.

Had the defence found their club ruff, 4♠ doubled might also have cost 800. Dumas cashed two top hearts then switched to ace and another diamond. Ackerley cashed the ace of spades and now had to lose only two trumps and the ace of clubs; down three for 500 but 7 IMPs to New Zealand.



Stephen Henry, New Zealand

In the Open Room, the lead was the ten of diamonds to dummy's ace. Dumas cashed two top trumps then played the queen of hearts. Smith judged to duck that and declarer quickly went back to trumps. With no heart loser he had ten tricks and his contract; +620 and 12 IMPs to La Reunion.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

For New Zealand, a relay sequence saw North describe a 2-4-5-2 hand in the 8-13 range and South selected the final contract of 4♠. Gerente led ace and another club for Deleflie to ruff. A heart to the ace and a third club saw Deleflie over-ruff dummy for one down, the diamond loser going away on the king of hearts; -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gerente	Blackstock	Deleflie	Henry
4♥	1♥	Dble	1♠
All Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
3♠	2♦	Pass	2♥
4♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, 1♥ showed 8-13 with four or more

spades. The double showed hearts and 1♠ was an artificial relay, normally with invitational values. The jump to 4♥ made life very difficult for North/South. Gerente led a top spade against 5♦ and Henry allowed this to win, pitching a club from hand. A heart switch went to the king and Deleflie switched to ace and another club. Gerente ruffed the king and that was two down; -100.

Mondon's multi earned his side a big penalty when Smith was convinced that his suit had to be hearts and so made a jump overcall in spades. Mondon was very happy to double 4♠, of course. He cashed the ace of hearts then switched to his diamond. Dumas won the ace and returned a diamond, ruffed and over-ruffed. Back came a club and Smith finessed, hoping to create a parking place for one of his heart losers. The ♣K won and another diamond was ruffed and over-ruffed. Declarer ruffed the next club and drew two rounds of trumps but there was still another trump and a heart to lose; four down for -800 and 14 IMPs to La Reunion.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ Q J 10 6 4 ♣ K 7	♠ 5 2 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ K 9 7 3 2 ♣ 4 3 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 9 7 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q J 10 8 5	♠ A 10 6 4 ♥ K 10 6 5 4 ♦ A 8 ♣ 9 6
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gerente	Blackstock	Deleflie	Henry
Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Mondon	Ackerley	Dumas
2♦	2♥	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Henry's 1♦ opening showed 8-13 with hearts and the double showed diamonds, so that the two auctions were more similar than might at first sight appear to be the case. Liking the look of his diamond holding, however, Mondon was in a better position to double the final contract than was Blackstock as he was facing a normal-range opening. The heart lead meant that both declarers had to go two down; 200 to New Zealand, but 500 to La Reunion and 7 IMPs.

At the end of an action-packed match, La Reunion had consolidated their position near the top of their group with a 62-48 IMP, 18-12 VP win.

STILL PLAYING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS



When she and her teammates made their way to Turin, Italy, in 1960 to play in the World Teams Bridge Olympiad, Josephine Morcos was terrified. She had never competed in a world championship, and it was the first time the United Arab Republic, for whom she was playing, had chosen a ladies team.

"We were trembling," Morcos recalls. "It was very exciting."

Morcos and her teammates far exceeded expectations, winning the women's series in the first Olympiad.

Forty years later, Morcos is still competing at the world level, representing Egypt in the 11th Olympiad. She has played for Egypt every year since her debut in 1960, winning the zonal championship three times along the way.

One of her biggest fans is Omar Sharif, who has represented Egypt many times, including this year, as a member of the team in the 1st Senior International Cup.

Sharif has, in fact, recruited Morcos twice in the past to play on his team in the Open series - in 1968 in Deauville, France, and in New Orleans, USA, in 1978. Both times the team was four-handed.

"Josephine is a wonderful player," Sharif says.

Morcos, who lives in Heliopolis, in the Cairo area, was taught bridge by her husband, Youssef, in 1943. "He taught me while we were engaged," she says. "He told me, 'You must learn bridge. Otherwise we will not have a happy life together.'"

Youssef, Josephine recalls, "is a good teacher. You learn easily and he lets you like it."

After her husband returned from World War II, they began playing together in the club at Heliopolis, winning most of the time and enjoying the game immensely. "We played for years and years," she says, "and have never quarreled."

Josephine took to the game instantly and displayed real talent. "I have a mathematical mind," she says, "and we always played against good players."

Morcos says the ability to concentrate has been the key to her success. She acknowledges that her concentration is not what it once was, "but I still play the hands well."

When she and partner Aida Choucry played in the Olympiad in 1960, they never had any idea their team might win, but their non-playing captain, Italian Sergio de Polo, had different ideas. "He pushed us and told us to forget the mistakes."

With one match to go, Youssef told the team that they could win and another team lost, the championship would be theirs - and that's what happened!

In Maastricht, Morcos is playing with Sophie Sarwat, a champion swimmer as well as a bridge expert. With two victories on Tuesday, Egypt moved into contention for a berth in the knock-out phase of the tournament.

For Morcos, bridge is a family affair. Both her daughters and their husbands play, and she has ideas about future generations of the family. "I hope," she says, "that my grandchildren will play."

Grand visions

Looking at these two hands,

♠ K 10 7 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q 8 7 5 2
 ♣ K Q 10

N
 W E
 S

♠ –
 ♥ A K Q J 3
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ A 9 7 5 2

what contract would you like to be in? There are three potential spots for a grand slam - clubs, diamonds and hearts – and when the deal was played in the Senior International Cup, half the field arrived in a grand slam.

As reported by Nissan Rand, however, some of the grand slam bidders were less than pleased, as you can imagine after seeing all four hands.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K 10 7 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ Q 8 7 5 2
 ♣ K Q 10

N
 W E
 S

♠ –
 ♥ A K Q J 3
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ 10 7 2
 ♦ J 10 9 4
 ♣ J 4 3

♠ A Q 9 8 6 5
 ♥ 9 8 5 4
 ♦ 3
 ♣ 8 6

Rand reports that a quarter of the field found 7♣, hauling in all the tricks for plus 2140. Another quarter took all the tricks in 6♥ or 6♣, while 25% landed in 6♦, just making for 1370. Finally, one fourth of the tables had reason to regret choosing diamonds for their grand slam.

Especially frustrated were Poland and the Czech Republic, opponents in the eighth round. At both tables, North-South bid to 7♦, which fails because of the bad trump split. Had either side chosen a different slam - even 6NT by North - there was a huge gain to be had. Perhaps, considering what might have come to pass, the Poles and Czechs should have been happy to have a push board.

Reminder

Entries for the e-bridge Universities outstanding play awards must be submitted by Friday evening.

Expensive Double

We are all aware that a double that tells declarer how to make his contract is a foolish and expensive call. It is equally expensive to double a contract which is doomed to defeat if it persuades your opponents to run to another contract which makes. And when the two contracts are at the slam level, you are likely to have a rough time of it when you explain your action to teammates.

Germany v Egypt

Open Round 6

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q 4
 ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ A J 6 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ K Q 8 7 2
 ♦ 8 4 3
 ♣ Q 3

♠ 10 8 7
 ♥ –
 ♦ K 10 9 6
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 5 4

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ A 10 9 5 3
 ♦ A Q J 2
 ♣ K

West	North	East	South
	Marsal		Schroeder
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	6NT
Dble	All Pass		

Reiner Marsal's sequence to 4♥ suggested three-card support and around a 15- or 16-count, so Dirk Schroeder went on with a RKCB 4NT. The response showed two key cards but denied the queen of trumps, which Schroeder temporarily forgot. Slightly optimistically, Schroeder hoped that his partner held the ♥KQ and not the ♣A, so bid the slam. When West doubled, it was clear what that was based on and that North held poor trumps but the ace of clubs. Perhaps, if he also held the right cards, there might be 12 tricks without needing to play on hearts. Schroeder converted to 6NT and West doubled again.

The opening lead was the queen of clubs, and Schroeder could see 11 tricks if the diamond finesse succeeded. He won the king of clubs and crossed to the ace of spades to take a diamond finesse. When that won, it was a simple matter to take the rest of the outside tricks then duck a heart to West, forcing him to lead back into the heart tenace to give the 12th trick. From being about to defend a doomed 6♥ contract, West's greed led him to concede -1680. As the result in the other room was +620 to Egypt, that meant -14 IMPs instead of +12 or 13.

Incidentally, there is another way to make 6NT, once you know where the heart honours are situated. Win the club lead and duck a heart. That rectifies the count for a minor-suit squeeze against East to provide the 12th trick.

The Norwegian Bravehearts

by Jon Sveindal, Norway

The strong performance that has brought the Norwegian ladies to the top of the table of group A, is one of the few minor surprises so far in Maastricht. Light openings and solid defenses together with optimism and enthusiasm mixed with a deadly competitive attitude, have yielded a bunch of good results so far.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul

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The Norwegian Bravehearts met New Zealand in round 8, and North opened 2NT, showing the minors and 10 to 13. East passed, and after South's Three Clubs, Anne-Lill Hellemann bid

Three Spades. Two passes followed, and South fought on with Four Clubs. Anne-Lill passed, and after a huddle that made it obvious to Anna Malinowski in the East seat that North was on the edge to going to game, she finally passed. Anna made a quick summary: South obviously has four clubs, which gives partner none. South often tends to have a semi-fit in opener's second suit, so she pictured partner's hand to be at least 6-3 in the majors, probably 6-4. And a good hand, since South might have made an invitational bid. Quite a few players would have come to the same conclusion if given the task, and then have bid a thoughtful pass. But Anna Malinowski actually acted on her findings! And became a hot favorite for "The bravest bid of the tournament Award" (if there is any of the kind) when she put Four Hearts onto the tray - hoping that North would come to her rescue if she were wrong. Anna would have doubled Five Clubs, of course. But South doubled, and that completed the auction. There was not much to the play. South led the Ace of clubs, and Anna ruffed and played the Ace of spades and another to North's king. The heart return was as good as any, and collected South's queen and the Ace. A spade ruff set up the suit, and a diamond to the ace was followed by a spade. Anna discarded her diamond, and South collected a trick for her small heart.

She was entitled to another trump trick, but that was all. Ten tricks made - and 590.

At the other table Siv Thoresen opened 1 diamond, Soelvi Remen responded 3NT, which Siv pulled to Five Clubs. A quiet two down undoubled meant 9 IMPs for Norway.

Silence is Golden

by Nissan Rand, Israel

Round 8.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	2NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

South's decision to investigate the range of North's weak two was borderline, but his side may well have been pushed to the

three level in any event. If declarer assumes that West has the king of hearts the contract can be made by playing three rounds of clubs in order to get rid of a loser, but when North preferred to try for ♥Kx with East, the contract was one down.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	Katz		Rand
	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South's decision to go quietly on the first round paid a handsome dividend, when East-West got too high. If East had no way of making a negative response to his partner's take-out double via Lebensohl - some pairs would be able to use Two Spades in this situation - then West's decision to bid game was understandable but unfortunate.

South overtook his partner's lead of the queen of hearts and returned the suit. Declarer won and played the king of diamonds. The next nine tricks went to the defence. North had played the four of hearts under the king, and after taking the diamond, South switched to the four of clubs. North cashed his hearts and then went back to clubs. +1400 was quite a reward for South's silence.



WBF Seniors Congress & Prize-Giving Ceremony

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

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

The agenda will be as follows:

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

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

José Damiani
WBF President

Nissan Rand
Chairman of
WBF Seniors Committee

Names of Players

There are a number of omissions and inaccuracies in the lists of team-members in the Official Program. Brian Senior, who is the editor of the Official Book of these Championships, would like to be able to include a complete and accurate listing of all the players and non-playing captains.

Please, could you check your team's entry in the Program and, if it is not complete, bring a correct listing to Brian in the Bulletin Room on the bottom floor of the MECC.

Thank you

Careless Talk

Germany v Cyprus

Open Round 3 Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Marsal</i>		<i>Schroeder</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

We have already seen this deal during the match report of Iceland v China in the Open series, but we have not yet shown how the slam can be made. Before making his opening lead of the eight of hearts, West asked the meaning of the 4♣ bid - not once, but twice. It wasn't too difficult for Dirk Schroeder to work out that West was looking at the ace of the suit. Schroeder won the ace of hearts and led a low trump off the table, winning the queen when East played low.

It was clear that declarer would have to take one of the black-suit finesses as hearts were surely breaking 4-2 after trick one. With West marked with a lot of black cards, he was the more likely to hold the missing ♣A and ♠K, but what was even more significant was that he had twice asked about the 4♣ bid. Clearly, the ruffing club finesse was working, and Schroeder duly led the ♣K to trick three. The club was covered and ruffed and Schroeder next cashed the top hearts, pitching spades from hand. He ruffed a heart, cashed the ace of spades, and then the club queen. The fall of the ♣J simplified life. Schroeder crossed to the ace of diamonds and led winning hearts through East. If East never ruffed, declarer would pitch his clubs and lead a diamond from dummy at trick 12; if East ruffed low, he could over-ruff, cash the ♣10 and ruff the low club in dummy; finally, if East ruffed high, the low club would be discarded and declarer would have the rest. There was no escape for the defence; +920 and 11 IMPs to Germany against 5♦ just making in the other room.

Lost

Stefano Uccello of Italy has misplaced his green Maastricht bag, which contains his convention card, sunglasses and his mobile telephone.

Please check your bag to make sure you have not picked it up by mistake. If you find it please hand it in to the Daily Bulletin office.

Gin for Germany and Tonic for Wales

By Patrick Jourdain, Wales

Dirk Schroeder has been absent from the German team for some time, but on this deal from their round 6 match against Egypt, he showed he had not lost his skill. The same deal provided some light relief in the Wales win over Singapore.

Open Round 6.

Board 17. Dealer: North. Love all.

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Marsal</i>		<i>Schroeder</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♠	Dble	pass	3NT
All Pass			

Three Notrumps is a fascinating contract for North-South, particularly if declarer drops West's diamond king. And, as Schroeder pointed out, he might well have done that on the bidding. West's low spade lead was won by dummy's queen, and Schroeder led a diamond to the ten. The moment it lost he realised that finessing would only gain when East has doubleton king, and this was unlikely given that West had seven spades and, by inference from East's failure to open, some length in hearts.

When the finesse lost all looks gone, but Schroeder recovered in the strangest way. West cashed one top spade, East throwing a diamond, and Schroeder a club, and then West switched to a heart, won by East's king. East now got greedy, and saw no harm in trying a switch to the queen of clubs. Schroeder taught him a sharp lesson. He won the club king and ran all the diamonds. This was the position when the last was led:

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	♠ - ♥ Q 10 ♦ 2 ♣ 8				

There are now two ways of gaining an extra trick. You can throw a club on the diamond, enter dummy with the heart ace, and exit with a spade. This works because West has no more clubs, and must concede a trick at the end. Schroeder, however, found a more spectacular line. On the last diamond he jettisoned the ace of hearts! East had to bare his ace of clubs, and was then thrown in to lead away from the jack of hearts!

At the other table Egypt had reached Five Diamonds doubled two light, so the gain was 12 IMPs to Germany.

The Wales Open team, of which I am the npc, has not been playing poorly in its first world championship, but had been regularly turning in narrow losses... until Round 6, when the team recorded a 25-5 win over Singapore, much to the relief of the Welsh players and their captain.

The same deal provided some amusement (for the Welsh) when the Multi scored a success.

The popularity of the Multi has been declining recently in its traditional home, Britain, (Mike Hirst, a member of the current Welsh team, and I took it up in the early '70s after it was publicised by Jeremy Flint) whilst still enjoying growth in those countries that previously had not permitted it in their licensing systems. One advantage, though a rare one, is that by concealing the identity of your major, the opponents may unwittingly select it as their trump suit:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goodman</i>	<i>Chu</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Foo</i>
	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Chu opened Two Spades, showing spades and a minor, 2NT enquired, and they alighted in Four Clubs. This went two off on the bad break for 100 to Wales.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Thomas</i>		<i>Denning</i>
	2♦	Pass	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This time Adrian Thomas opened a Multi, and Paul Denning responded Three Diamonds, being natural, invitational, but non-forcing. West quite naturally assumed North's suit was hearts, and came in with a conservative Three Spade call. When this came back to South, as East had not raised, he could guess what was going on. The re-opening double effectively asked North to Pass if this was his suit, or take out if not. Declarer did well to hold his losses to three trumps, one heart and a diamond, to go only one off, but this was a further 100 to Wales and 5 IMPs.

Correction

In the match reported by Barry Rigal between Canada & Egypt, the Egyptian players in the Open Room were Maud - North, and Lily - South.

OPEN

England v Sweden

ROUND 8

After seven rounds of the Open round robins, England led Group C by 1 VP from Sweden. The two countries met on vugraph in Round 8.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Liggins	North Nilsland	East Fawcett	South Fallenius
2NT	Pass	1♥	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West Sylvan	North Hallberg	East Sundelin	South Simpson
2♥	2♠	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room, Mats Nilsland led the king of spades and, when Glyn Liggins ducked, continued with another spade. Liggins won the third spade and played the jack of hearts then a heart to the ace. That got the bad news and Liggins cashed a third heart



Gunnar Hallberg, England

then played a club to the king and a club back to the jack and queen. A diamond through meant that the defence had the rest now; four down for -200.

That didn't look great for England but things went even worse for declarer in the Open Room. Colin Simpson led the ten of spades and continued the suit when it held the trick. P.O. Sundelin won the third spade and cashed the jack of hearts. He looked suspiciously at the fall of the ♥9 then played a club to the jack. Simpson won the queen and switched to the jack of diamonds. Hallberg could take five diamonds and two more spades for six down; -300 and 3 IMPs to England.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Liggins	North Nilsland	East Fawcett	South Fallenius
2NT	Dble	Pass	1♥
All Pass		3♣	Dble

Open Room

West Sylvan	North Hallberg	East Sundelin	South Simpson
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	Dble	3♣	Pass
		All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Bjorn Fallenius cashed a top spade and switched to his trump to dummy's ace. Joe Fawcett played a small diamond off the table and Nilsland won the jack and returned a spade to the queen and ace. Fawcett ruffed and led the jack of hearts to his ace then led a diamond up. When Fallenius followed low Fawcett judged to duck, dropping the now bare ace. He had to lose two trumps from here, but that was all - one down for -200.

Simpson also led a top spade but switched to his trump at trick two. Sundelin rose with the ace and crossed to hand with a heart to play a diamond to the king and ace. Gunnar Hallberg played back a spade for the queen and ace and Sundelin ruffed then gave up a second diamond. A heart was won in dummy and Sundelin cashed the king of clubs, ruffed a diamond, then cashed the spade jack. With no way back to dummy without suffering an over-ruff, he had to lose the rest for down two; -500 and 7 IMPs to England.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 5 3
♥ 9 3 2
♦ 8 3
♣ A K 10 8

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liggins	Nilsland	Fawcett	Fallenius
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	Dble

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Hallberg	Sundelin	Simpson
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		Pass

When West's 1♥ opening is passed round to South, as in the Closed Room, he has to do something. Would your choice be double, 1♠ or INT? This time double worked out badly because Nilsland made the normal 2♦ response and was not close to making after a trump lead. The contract drifted two down for -200.

The Swedish bidding in the Open Room kept their opponents out of the auction, unfortunately for the Swedes. Hallberg led a club against 2♥ and Simpson won the king and switched to a low spade, which ran to the jack. Hallberg found the good switch to a low diamond. Johan Sylvan won in hand and tried the queen of hearts but Hallberg rose with the ace to play ace and another diamond for Simpson to ruff. Now Simpson played the ace of clubs. Sylvan could ruff and draw trumps, but had to lose another spade trick for down one; -100 and 7 IMPs to England.

England picked up 3 IMPs on the next deal to extend their lead to 21-5, then the momentum in the match changed with a vengeance.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q J
♥ 10 6 3
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ Q 10 9

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liggins	Nilsland	Fawcett	Fallenius
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Hallberg	Sundelin	Simpson
Dble	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦	3♥	3♠
Dble	5♦	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

Given a free run, Nilsland/Fallenius bid the no trump game which requires nothing more than the spade finesse. When that succeeded, there were ten tricks for +430.

Sylvan's take-out double of 1♦ created a very different scenario for Hallberg/Simpson in the Open Room. Perhaps Hallberg might have considered bidding 3NT over Simpson's 3♠ bid, but that contract would require nine running tricks to succeed and it seemed more likely that 5♦ would be the correct spot. Sylvan was happy to tell him that he might be mistaken, but even he must have been surprised at just how badly 5♦ doubled went for declarer.

Simpson won the opening heart lead and, knowing that dummy was going to get forced by further heart leads, decided to play East for the ♦10. He led a low diamond to his six at trick two and that lost to the ten. Sylvan returned the king of hearts, forcing dummy to ruff. Simpson was in trouble now and his attempt to get out of trouble did not make things any better. He played on clubs and Sylvan discarded on the second round then ruffed the third one. Sylvan next cashed the two top trumps and played the jack of hearts and another heart. Simpson could ruff but then had to lead spades from hand so, with Sundelin having come down to only a doubleton spade, never made a second spade trick. Sundelin won the ♠K and cashed a heart for down five; -1100 and a huge 17 IMPs, and the lead, to Sweden.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5 2
♥ J 6 4
♦ 10 9 7 5 4
♣ J 3

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liggins	Nilsland	Fawcett	Fallenius
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Open Room

West Sylvan	North Hallberg	East Sundelin	South Simpson
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Liggins' 2♥ response was a transfer so that effectively the two sequences were identical up to 3NT. Now Fawcett contented himself with a bid of 4♥, a mild slam try, while Sundelin made a much more serious slam invitation by leaping to 5♥, which Sylvan raised to six.

In game, Fawcett received the lead of the jack of clubs so was able to make all 13 tricks for +710. That saved an IMP as the trump lead in the other room left Sylvan to take two club finesses for his slam. Plus 1430 meant another 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Liggins	North Nilslund	East Fawcett	South Fallenius
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Dble	2♠	All Pass

Open Room

West Sylvan	North Hallberg	East Sundelin	South Simpson
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

In the Closed Room, where the stakes were low, 2♠ drifted two down for -100. The stakes were considerably higher in the open room, where Hallberg started out with a low trump lead to Sylvan's six. Sylvan decided to play for club ruffs in the dummy so cashed the ace of clubs and crossed to the ♦K. He ruffed a club then played ace and another diamond, ruffed and over-ruffed. Hallberg played the ace then queen of trumps, drawing all declarer's trumps. When Sylvan led a heart towards the dummy, Hallberg rose with the ace and played a club - the king! That crashed the queen and now the defence had only a trump trick to come. Sylvan made eight tricks for +640 and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Liggins	North Nilslund	East Fawcett	South Fallenius
	3♠	Pass	1♦
1♠			3NT
All Pass			

Open Room

West Sylvan	North Hallberg	East Sundelin	South Simpson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠			INT
All Pass			

Both declarers made nine tricks for a swing of 450 to Sweden and another 10 IMPs. The Swedish lead was up to 63-21, having scored 58 unanswered IMPs over the last seven deals.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West Liggins	North Nilslund	East Fawcett	South Fallenius
	4♥	Dble	All Pass
4♥			

Open Room

West Sylvan	North Hallberg	East Sundelin	South Simpson
	3♠	All Pass	
3♥			

What would be your choice on the West cards? I would go for the 4♥ call chosen by Liggins and, perhaps not entirely coincidentally, the English player in the Women's series also opened at the four level while her Danish counterpart opened only 3♥. While it

was easy for East to double 4♣, in neither series did 3♠ get doubled. Both English teams therefore picked up a 12 IMP swing for +800 against -150, when everybody was held to six tricks.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liggins	Nilsland	Fawcett	Fallenius
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Hallberg	Sundelin	Simpson
1♦	Pass	1♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

For a second time in five deals, England gained a major swing due to a more aggressive approach on a competitive deal. Fawcett/Liggins were probably not too happy at missing game on the East/West cards. Fawcett chose a mildly invitational sequence when he might have taken a stronger route. Three Hearts made 11 tricks, declarer just losing two trump tricks; +200. As a teammate of Liggins/Fawcett back in England, I can't remember when they last missed a game - of course, I can remember plenty of their games that have gone down.

Simpson's 4♠ overcall put a lot of pressure on his opponents. Sundelin decided that he should offer clubs as an alternative spot rather than just bid 5♥. Perhaps he was correct to bid 4NT for that purpose, but when Simpson doubled and Sylvan could not bid 5♣, surely he did not hold four of them, and 5♥ would have been a better bid on the East cards than Sundelin's actual choice of 5♣.

Simpson led a top spade against 5♣ and Sundelin ruffed and played a heart to the ace. Simpson switched to his diamond and Sundelin won in hand and advanced the jack of clubs. I don't understand why Simpson didn't cover that, but it didn't matter very much. When the ♣J held the trick, Sundelin tried to cash the jack of diamonds, so Simpson was able to ruff with his king of clubs. He played a top spade now and Sundelin ruffed. He played a low heart and ruffed it low in dummy. Hallberg over-ruffed and returned a trump, crashing the ace and queen. Sundelin could cash two winning diamonds but that was all. He was four down for -400 and 12 IMPs to England.

After a good start to the match, England had been blown away in the middle period but the late recovery saw them pull back to lose by only 45-63 IMPs, 11-19 VPs, but the win was enough to put Sweden on top of the group.

UNIVERSITY

By Marc Smith courtesy of



Dutch win 'Derby of the Low Lands'

Whilst the peoples of Belgium and The Netherlands nowadays live peacefully as neighbors, there is still intense rivalry whenever the representative sides of these countries meet on the sports field. Bridge is no exception.

When the two teams met head-on in the Universities Cup yesterday there was more than Victory Points and Overall Ranking places at stake. There were bragging rights, and the Dutch quartet earned those with an outstanding performance exemplified by the deal below....

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 6 5 ♥ Q 10 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K 8 6 5 4 3	N W E S	♠ K J 9 2 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ J 7 2 ♠ Q 10 3 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ Q 8 6 2 ♣ Q 9 ♠ A 8 7 4 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ A K J 10 ♣ A 10
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At most tables around the room, North-South reached Four Spades after an auction something like 1♦-1♠-4♠. There are insufficient entries to the North hand to score four fast diamond tricks, so declarer usually suffered a one trick set in game. That is exactly what happened where The Netherlands were sitting North-South.

The Belgian South elected to jump only to Three Spades and there matters rested. Declarer was favorite to bring this contract home, thus earning a swing for Belgium. Dutchmen Sjoert Brink (West) and Bas Drjver had other ideas!

Drjver started well, with a low heart lead. Declarer ducked and West won with the queen. Now came the key play - a club switch by Brink. Declarer captured the queen with his ace, cashed the ace of spades, and played a spade to the jack.

Drjver won with the queen of spades, cashed the ace of hearts and played a club to the king. Brink returned a third club, promoting the ten of spades for his partner - one down and a flat board!

WBF Systems Committee

There will be a Meeting of the WBF Systems Committee at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd September in the WBF Meeting Room (Room 2.1, Promenade Floor).

Internet championship reaches round of eight

By Henry Francis, USA

Eight teams from five nations still are in the competition for the 2000 Internet World Bridge Championship. Seeded No. 1 is the American team that also is the defending champion, captained by Doug Simson.

Three of the top-ranked players in the world make this a team to be feared. The many-time world champions are Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. Rounding out the squad are Simson, Steve Catlett and James Gleick.

The Simson team will face Team Bundy, another American squad, in the quarterfinals. Playing for Team Bundy are Peggy Kaplan, captain; Richard Pavlicek, Richard Pavlicek Jr., Gray Schneider and Larry Bass.

The eight remaining teams have been divided by hemispheres. Competition will continue until a hemispheric champion is crowned. The two survivors will face off for the world championship on Nov. 16 in Birmingham, Alabama, the opening day of the American Contract Bridge League's North American Bridge Championships there. The losing hemispheric finalists will battle for third place.

The other Western Hemisphere battle matches Argentina against the Florida Kees, the third American team. They have already finished the first half of their match, and the Kees lead by 16 IMPs after 24 boards. Argentina features the youngest player ever to compete in such a major event - 13-year-old Agustin Madala. Also on the team are Pablo Lambardi, captain; Pablo Ravenna and Alejandro Bianchedi.

The Florida Kees actually is a multi-nation squad - Captain Jay T. McKee, captain; Richard Reisig and Lea Dupont are Americans. Benito Garozzo now is an American, but he achieved bridge immortality as a key member of the Italian Blue Team that dominated world bridge for two decades. Joao Paulo Campos of Brazil is an internationalist who has competed at the world level for his country. Raija Reisig comes from Finland but lives in the United States with husband Richard.

Ireland, Romania, Sweden and China remain in the running in the Eastern Hemisphere. Ireland, seeded No. 1 in the group, will oppose China, and Romania will face Sweden.

Romania is the team that eliminated E95 of Russia, the squad that nearly beat the Simson team in last year's final. Romania, down 18 with eight boards to go, rallied to win, 101-87. Playing for Rumania are P. Catalin, captain; Dorin Petre Musat, Dorin Ghergulescu and Marian Radulescu. The Swedish representatives are Lars Larsson, captain; Leif Putzan, P.G. Eliasson, Bjorn Wenneberg and B. Kristom.

Ireland and China are far apart geographically, but the Internet puts them in the next room for their match. Ireland will field the following team: Tom Hanlon, captain; Jim McGann, Rory Timlin, James Joyce and John Carroll. Opposing them will be Wanfeng Mou, captain; Y.N. Han, Ji Jun, Li Zhang and Sam Wan.

All matches from this point on will consist of 48 boards, played in two 24-board halves. Monitors are required unless all members of both teams waive the requirement.

The matches must be completed no later that Sept. 15. The Florida Kees and Argentina have special permission to complete the second half of their match on Sept. 18. Final hemisphere matches must be completed by no later than Sept. 30.

Madala is Argentina's great bridge hope. Although he is only 13 years old, he already has credentials unmatched by most veteran players. He is a member of the Argentine team that has reached the quarterfinals of the second annual Internet Bridge World Championship. He is two matches away (both against United States teams) from the final against the winner of the eastern hemisphere.

He also placed second in the South American Open Pairs, a nine-session event that brought together all the best players on the continent - players such as Gabriel Chagas of Brazil. In Junior competition, he has won the South American championship pairs three straight years - he won for the first time when he was only 11. He also has several Argentine national championships to his credit.

"I have never yet met a player of his skill at his age," said Pablo Lambardi, the team captain. "He played in last year's Argentina Open Pairs with a partner 70 years his senior! Carlos Cabanne, Argentina's best-known player, was 82 at the time. They came in second.

"Agustin is in high school, and his biggest bridge problem is that his mother won't let him play late on weekdays. He has to wait till she goes to sleep to sneak into OKbridge (shhh-secret)."

Here's an example of Agustin in action:

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

West started with the ♠Q. East won and continued spades. Agustin pitched a club from dummy as he won with the king. He led a heart to the queen and ace, and East, believing he had two more trumps coming, led a club to partner's ace.

Agustin ruffed the spade return and crossed to his hand with the ♣J. He took a finesse with the ♦Q, cashed the ace and ruffed a diamond. He returned to dummy with the ♣K, leaving this position:

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

Agustin led the diamond off dummy and East ruffed with the 8, but Agustin pitched his last spade. East was fixed - he had to lead away from his J-9, so his third trump trick disappeared and Agustin had his doubled contract.

Agustin's partner in the IWBC is another Junior - Pablo Ravenna is 25 years old. He has represented Argentina in three Junior World Championship Teams, including the one in Fort Lauderdale last year. He was also invited to represent South America this year at the Generali Junior Individual in Athens. He and Agustin were partners for that second-place finish in the South American pairs.

Double Act

When Egypt met Venezuela in Round 8 of the Women's contest, the Egyptians picked up points when the redoubtable Lily & Maud each made a game.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Maud</i>		<i>Lily</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the king of hearts, and when that held she switched to the jack of clubs. Declarer ducked, and East overtook and continued with a top club. Declarer ducked for a third time, but took the next club, discarding a heart from hand, West discarding a spade. Lily cashed two top spades, and then played three rounds of diamonds, forcing West to lead into the heart tenace.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Maud</i>		<i>Lily</i>
1♥	2♣	Pass	2♥
Dble	2NT	Pass	3NT

East led the six of hearts, and when declarer put up dummy's ten, West correctly played the jack. She continued with the ace of hearts and then the queen, North winning with the king and discarding a club from dummy. Maud now cashed five club tricks, discarding a diamond on the last one. West had to find four discards, and parted with one spade and three diamonds. Declarer continued with the nine of diamonds, intending to play the jack, but when East covered she put up the ace, felling West's ten. Now she could establish her game going trick in diamonds. It was worth 12 IMPs when the same contract failed at the other table.

If you go back to trick two, West can destroy declarer's timing by switching to a diamond, or the seven of clubs, but only a computer would think of that!

Portraits

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

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

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



Double means trouble!

by Jon Sveindal, Norway

Women series. Board 5.

Dealer North. N/S Vul

<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ A K Q 5 4 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5 ♣ 6</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 6 2 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 8 7 4 2 ♣ 10 9 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 7 ♥ J 8 ♦ J 3 ♣ A K 8 7 5 3</p>
N						
W E						
S						
West	North	East	South			
Dble	INT All Pass	Pass	3NT			

When someone makes a double, someone is in trouble. The Norwegian women, Soelvi Remen and Siv Thoresen cooperated brilliantly on this hand from the encounter with Ireland in Round 6.

Soelvi flashed a red card onto the tray, asking partner to lead her weaker major, usually promising a solid suit. Her bravado was handsomely rewarded when Siv led the two of hearts. Soelvi's suit was solid, and five heart tricks and the ace of spades put the contract two light. Doubled. +500 for Norway.

At the other table the bidding also went INT - 3NT, but this time West passed. East led from her longest and strongest, an Eva Lund Heitmann in declarer's seat won the queen with the ace, and played a spade. It is possible that East should fear the Club suit and rise with the ace to watch partner's play. Shift to a heart if she plays a high spade, and continue diamonds if she played a low one. It is a tough problem, and I guess not many players would have found the correct answer. (A Smith Peter would help if East does play the ace. Editor) East played low, and nine tricks were there for the taking. Eva cashed her clubs, and when the opponents discarded hearts en masse, she also threw hers and reverted to spades. East won the ace, but had only diamonds left. So Aase Langeland saw her partner enter twelve tricks on her scorecard for a gain of 15 IMPs.

No double - no trouble!

Appeals Committees

Thursday 9.00 a.m.

Each of the following committees has work to do:

Tigris room: Robert S. Wolff, J. Gerard, D.W. Stevenson (and as scribe), E. d'Orsi, J. Polisner.

Euphrates room: J. Wignall, G. Endicott, R. Colker, H.De Wael (and as scribe) D. Morse.

Also at 5 p.m. in **Tigris room:** J. Gerard, J-P. Meyer, D.W. Stevenson (and as scribe) J. Polisner, G. Endicott.

Anti-doping code

All participants at this championship have been advised of General Condition of Contest 32, which states:

"All players and officials are required to accept the regulations determined by the Olympic Movement Anti-doping Code. . ."

The WBF Executive Council has established procedures for this tournament to comply with the Code, which include:

1. Several members from Olympiad teams (Open and Women) and from the University Teams will be required to give urine sample(s) to a qualified laboratory technician selected by the WBF for the purposes of testing for violation of the Anti-doping Code. The selection of the players will be made randomly and by lot by the WBF. The testing will be performed by a laboratory approved by the IOC. At the time the sample is taken, players should inform the WBF, in a sealed envelope, about any prescription or over-the-counter medication being taken.
2. The type of "dope" which will be included in the testing includes so-called "recreational" drugs such as cocaine, marijuana, hashish, as well as so-called performance-enhancing substances. Even caffeine over a specific concentration is prohibited. The WBF is informed that 8-12 cups of American coffee consumed over a 3-hour period can produce a positive result for caffeine. A complete list of the prohibited substances is available on the Internet at www.olympic.org or is available in the office of the WBF secretary in room 2.3 on the Promenade level of the MECC.
3. Any violations revealed by the test results (which may not be received for several weeks) will be referred to a special committee appointed by the WBF President for resolution, which could include disqualification of the offending player or his/her entire team. Any appeal of the decision of the committee by any player subjected to discipline related to the anti-doping policy shall be to the IOC Court of Arbitration for Sport.

My French is not THAT Bad

By Patrick Jourdain, Wales

At the wonderful WBF Presidents Dinner, (or should that be the WBF Presidents wonderful Dinner?), I was sitting next to the elegant Elly Ducheyne. As Press Room Manager she has a great command of several languages, but clearly does not expect much in the same area from anyone British. The menu was in French and I saw the main course was filet de boeuf roti au four. I could translate every word except the last, and enquired of Elly:

"My French is not up to this. What is "four"? "

"Quatre" replied Elly helpfully. When I explained I needed a translation from French to English, rather than the other way round, she gave me the correct answer: "oven".



Appeal No. 1



Hong Kong v Austria

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff (Chairman, USA), David Stevenson (Scribe, England), Joan Gerard (USA), Jean-Paul Meyer (France), Jeffrey Poliner (USA)

Open Teams. Round 2.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vulnerable.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Vernle</i>	<i>Wan</i>	<i>Krittner</i>	<i>Chin</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	5NT ⁽³⁾	All Pass	4NT ⁽³⁾

Comments:

- ⁽¹⁾ Explained (N to E) as "minors"
⁽²⁾ Explained as "no interest in minors"
⁽³⁾ Quantitative

Contract:

Five no-trump, played by East.

Lead:

Small heart.

Result:

Twelve tricks, NS +690.

Present:

All players except West.

The Facts:

After opening of dummy East called TD, explaining that he was told dummy would have both minors. If he have known the actual distribution was possible, he might have led otherwise. The explanation is not in line with the actual hand. North/South

showed their system-details, that state 3♠ to be "Minor-suit Stayman". The convention card shows "3♠ - minor interest".

The Director:

Deemed that there are discrepancies between the given information, the convention card and the system details, resulting in damage to the opponents. The ruling was a consensus after discussion between the Directors and some players.

Ruling:

Incomplete information given. Score adjusted to 5NT-2, NS -200 to both sides.

Relevant Laws:

Law 20F - 75C.

North/South appealed.

The Players:

The appellants commented that the system agreement between North/South is 'Minor-suit Stayman'. While different pairs play this convention differently the specific arrangement of this pair is that the bid shows both minors with mild slam interest. The primary evidence is the supporting system notes, duly furnished after the Director was summoned. The notes say "Minor Suit Stayman, mild slam interest, opener bids 4♣/♦ to set the suit and invite cue-bid". If 3♠ promises only one of the minors, there is no way opener can set the suit on his own. So North did give the correct system meaning to East when he wrote 'minors'. As for South, he realized that he had made the wrong bid (3♠) after the tray was pushed to the other side (systematically he should go through 3♣, Stayman, then rebid 4♦ to show this type of hand). Consequently, for fear of complicating matters, he dared not bid 4♦ over partner's 3NT (signoff) and instead, invited with a quantitative 4NT. The good diamond slam that was bid at the other table was thus missed.

The respondents said that North told East that South had both minors when asked about his 3♠ bid. Consequently East was damaged as he was talked out of his rational club lead.

At the appeal East said that he would have asked further questions if the answer had been Minor suit Stayman.

The Committee:

Noted that the player explained "Minors", the convention card said "Minor interest" and the system details said "Minor Suit Stayman". The Committee felt a club lead was unlikely anyway, but possible, and decided on a weighted assigned score under Law 12C3 to reflect this.

The Chairman expressed his worry that players did not know their system and felt at this level that consequent results were not what should decide bridge matches.

The Committee's decision:

Score adjusted to 80% of 5NT+1 by North, NS +690, 20% of 5NT-2, NS -200 to both sides.

Deposit:

Returned.

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 England	Venezuela	42 - 30	18 - 12
86 Italy	Switzerland	31 - 21	18 - 12
87 Australia	Scotland	33 - 11	21 - 9
88 Canada	Sweden	42 - 24	20 - 10
89 Ireland	Neth. Antillen	18 - 14	16 - 14
90 Germany	Egypt	18 - 26	13 - 17
91 USA	Israel	66 - 15	25 - 2
92 Turkey	Wales	58 - 20	25 - 5
93 Belgium	Aruba	37 - 54	10 - 20
94 Poland	San Marino	33 - 13	20 - 10
95 Netherlands	Czech Republic	33 - 29	16 - 14
96 France	Finland	26 - 26	15 - 15

ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Netherlands	Venezuela	35 - 5	23 - 7
86 Wales	Czech Republic	16 - 22	14 - 16
87 Israel	Egypt	28 - 38	12 - 18
88 England	Turkey	12 - 35	9 - 21
89 Poland	France	35 - 14	21 - 9
90 Switzerland	Finland	5 - 48	4 - 25
91 Germany	Sweden	27 - 18	17 - 13
92 Neth. Antillen	USA	17 - 43	8 - 22
93 Italy	Belgium	19 - 27	13 - 17
94 Aruba	Ireland	41 - 23	20 - 10
95 San Marino	Australia	24 - 18	16 - 14
96 Scotland	Canada	24 - 17	17 - 13

ROUND 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	San Marino	2 - 51	3 - 25
86 USA	Australia	14 - 15	15 - 15
87 Sweden	Finland	42 - 26	19 - 11
88 Netherlands	Neth. Antillen	41 - 19	21 - 9
89 Aruba	Scotland	19 - 28	13 - 17
90 Czech Republic	Canada	1 - 52	2 - 25
91 Switzerland	Turkey	50 - 29	21 - 9
92 France	Germany	36 - 39	14 - 16
93 Wales	Italy	9 - 45	6 - 24
94 Belgium	Poland	13 - 15	14 - 16
95 Ireland	Israel	17 - 46	7 - 23
96 Egypt	England	3 - 55	2 - 25

ROUND 15

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Ireland	Venezuela	71 - 8	25 - 0
86 Germany	Israel	2 - 39	5 - 25
87 Turkey	Canada	27 - 37	12 - 18
88 San Marino	France	13 - 65	2 - 25
89 Belgium	Egypt	9 - 23	11 - 19
90 Australia	England	41 - 16	22 - 8
91 Czech Republic	Neth. Antillen	29 - 14	19 - 11
92 Scotland	Switzerland	25 - 26	15 - 15
93 USA	Wales	28 - 9	20 - 10
94 Italy	Aruba	53 - 4	25 - 3
95 Poland	Sweden	28 - 36	13 - 17
96 Finland	Netherlands	32 - 20	18 - 12

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	Hong Kong	24 - 34	12 - 18
72 China	Chinese Taipei	18 - 27	13 - 17
73 USA	Botswana	70 - 13	25 - 1
74 Denmark	Ireland	51 - 13	25 - 5
75 Belgium	Netherlands	16 - 63	3 - 25
76 France	Czech Republic	22 - 42	10 - 20
77 Poland	Yugoslavia	30 - 37	13 - 17
78 Norway	Indonesia	28 - 29	15 - 15
79 England	Singapore	32 - 31	15 - 15
80 Japan	Austria	32 - 51	10 - 20
81 Germany	Italy	20 - 40	10 - 20

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ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

71 Latvia	Singapore
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73 Yugoslavia	Austria
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77 Ireland	Japan
78 Botswana	Belgium
79 USA	Indonesia
80 Poland	France
81 Hong Kong	England

ROUND 15

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

ROUND 16

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

Help me please!

By David Stevenson, England

Are you excited by 55 appeals cases from an ACBL National? Do notes on current appeals cases really excite you? Does a fairly tasteless tie with a soup stain make you feel great?

No? Well, if you have these items in a green bag, please return it to me (or to Elly in the Press Room). Reward negotiable!

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The TAS Groep consists of eight companies that provide innovative solutions for a variety of market segments. Their developers optimise the supply chains of their customers, which consist of some of The Netherlands' top 100 companies and large government organisations. The company currently employs a total of 1,500, which are spread over its four subsidiaries in the Netherlands. Over the last fifteen years, TAS has developed into one of the largest IT service providers in The Netherlands. The company is listed on the AEX in Amsterdam.



TAS sponsors the Dutch Bridge Federation (NBB) because a lot of their employees play bridge. Further to that there is a noteworthy link to bridge: the analytic thinking, which characterizes bridge, is an important point in selecting new employees for the TAS Groep.

VUGGRAPH

Auditorium I <i>(Dutch commentary)</i>	Time	Auditorium II <i>(English commentary)</i>
The Netherlands v Greece <i>(OPEN)</i>	10.00	Finland v USA <i>(OPEN)</i>
Philippines v The Netherlands <i>(OPEN)</i>	14.00	Argentina v China <i>(OPEN)</i>
Poland v The Netherlands <i>(WOMEN)</i>	17.30	No match



Ed's Column door Ed Hoogenkamp

De Professor

De denkpauzes van Bauke Muller zijn legendarisch. Acht, negen minuten is geen uitzondering. Het kwam voor dat hij na schijnbaar eindeloos piekeren aanstalten leek te maken een kaart te gaan spelen. De tegenpartij - en zelfs partner Wubbo de Boer - veerde hoopvol op. Maar nee, Muller pakte rustig zijn pakje shag, draaide kalm een sigaretje, stak deze zichtbaar genietend op en verzonk vervolgens weer in gepeins.

De drie andere spelers aan tafel waren op zulke momenten een studie waard. Het roken aan tafel kan niet meer, het denken nog wel.

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Spel 17. N/-

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West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
Hamdan	de Boer	Fahs	Muller
	1♣	1♦	4♥
doublet	pas	pas	

West kwam uit met ♠A en speelde ♦9 na voor ♦B. Oost speelde schoppen na, getroefd door Zuid. Muller speelde ♥A en ♥H en ging denken....

Na een minuut of zeven speelde hij een kleine klaveren en legde op ♣8 van west ♣10. Even later waren alle ruitenverliezers in de hand verdwenen en schreef Muller +590. Na de wedstrijd vroeg ik hem naar zijn gedachten gedurende al die minuten en wat hem deed besluiten de klaverensnit te nemen.

'Wat dacht je, behalve durf ik het of durf ik het niet?'

'Ik vermoedde dat ze aan de andere tafel 50 down zouden gaan, dus het verschil tussen -300 en -500 zou maar drie impen zijn. Toch dacht ik dat gezien het gemak waarmee oost de verkeerde kaart naspeelde hij vrijwel zeker ♣V zou hebben. Toen bedacht ik me dat Erik (Kirchhoff, de coach) vanmorgen zei dat het andere paar wel eens problemen had om hun verdeling goed te seinen. Dat paar is beter dan dit, dus waarom zou het bij hen niet mis zijn gegaan, misschien kon west de ♦9 van oost niet lezen.'

'De professor' pauzeert even, krijgt pretlichtjes in zijn ogen en zegt: 'en west werd na een tijdje toch wel behoorlijk zenuwachtig...!'

Results of the first ever Olympiad Pub Bridge Drive

1. T. Joa - Go	NL/USA	56.59 %
2. Nielsen - Dalsgaard	DK	55.20 %
3. Reimer - Nelissen	NL	54.86 %

Play took place in various pubs in the inner city of Maastricht, and although the players enjoyed nice weather, and a relaxed atmosphere, they fought hard for every point. The next pub drive will be on Monday September 4th. You can sign up at the hospitality desk until 13.00 on Monday.

Today's

visitors drive

Golden Tulip Drive: starting at 20.00 in the Golden Tulip Hotel (next to the MECC). Subscription at the Hospitality Desk (MECC).