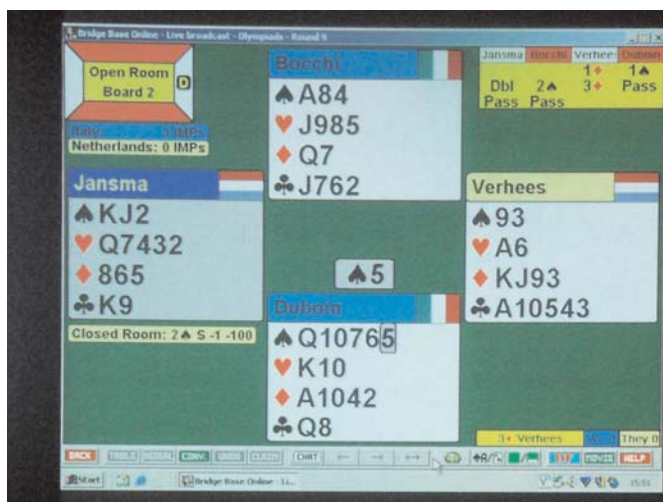


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## The View From The Top



Nearly halfway through the round-robin portion of the 12th World Bridge Olympiad, most of the teams looking down from the top of the standings are the ones expected to be there – but there are some potential surprises as the competition enters the fourth day today.

A few teams not usually seen in the contending spots are trying to prove the odds makers wrong.

Those would be Georgia and Lebanon in the Open series and Croatia in the Women's heat, and there are others who could move up with strong showings in the days ahead.

As for the favourites, the holders – Italy in the Open and USA in the Women's – seem in good position to have another run at the championship.

Italy were leading their group in the Open series, and the USA Women's squad was comfortably in qualifying position after nine rounds of play.

Europe has been dominant in both Olympiad series and in the International Senior Cup as more than half of the current contenders make their homes on the continent.

Open series teams are in four groups that will produce the 16 teams that will compete in head-to-head matches. The women are playing in two groups, and the top eight from each will make up the round of 16 for them.

The Seniors do not have a knockout phase for their competition.

### VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 10	10:00
	<b>INDONESIA v SPAIN (GROUP D)</b>	
OPEN	ROUND 11	14:00
	<b>NORWAY v USA (GROUP B)</b>	
OPEN	ROUND 12	17:30
	<b>ITALY v NETHERLANDS (GROUP C)</b>	

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## OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 ITALY	177	1 CHINA	193	1 ENGLAND	205	1 JAPAN	171
2 NETHERLANDS	170	2 U.S.A.	178	2 HUNGARY	173	2 FRANCE	164
3 GEORGIA	168	3 LEBANON	169	3 EGYPT	169	3 SPAIN	162
4 NEW ZEALAND	166	4 GERMANY	168	4 POLAND	168	4 BRAZIL	158
5 ARGENTINA	162	5 INDIA	167	5 ROMANIA	165	INDONESIA	158
6 ICELAND	147	6 TURKEY	164	6 DENMARK	159	6 SWEDEN	157
7 RUSSIA	146	7 NORWAY	154	IRELAND	159	7 PORTUGAL	152
8 SCOTLAND	144	8 ESTONIA	152	8 FINLAND	154	8 GREECE	150
9 CHINESE TAIPEI	142.5	9 AUSTRALIA	140	9 ISRAEL	146	9 SOUTH AFRICA	146
10 LATVIA	141	10 BULGARIA	138	10 MALAYSIA	143	10 PAKISTAN	142
11 HONG KONG	138	11 SWITZERLAND	120	11 AUSTRIA	122	11 WALES	137
12 BELGIUM	128	12 MARTINIQUE	105	12 SAN MARINO	116	12 LITHUANIA	122
13 CANADA	114	13 CROATIA	101	13 MEXICO	109	13 BOSNIA/HZVNA	106
14 MOROCCO	104	LUXEMBOURG	101	14 CYPRUS	97	14 BOTSWANA	102
15 BANGLADESH	95	15 CHILE	94	15 VENEZUELA	78	15 BERMUDA	99
16 SERBIA/MNGRO	91.5	16 SINGAPORE	85	16 PHILIPPINES	74	JORDAN	99
17 GUADELOUPE	87	17 KENYA	83	17 REUNION	73	17 CZECH REP.	98
18 MAURITIUS	84	18 TUNISIA	81	18 FR POLYNESIA	64	18 COSTA RICA	71

## WOMEN'S SERIES RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B	
1 CHINA	185	1 NETHERLANDS	180
2 FRANCE	176	2 CROATIA	173
3 AUSTRIA	166	3 POLAND	159.3
RUSSIA	166	4 ENGLAND	158
5 SWEDEN	156	5 U.S.A.	155.3
6 BULGARIA	153	6 GERMANY	153
7 EGYPT	150	ISRAEL	153
8 FINLAND	149	8 GREECE	149
9 BRAZIL	144	9 JAPAN	148
SWITZERLAND	144	10 NEW ZEALAND	135
11 ITALY	139	11 SOUTH AFRICA	133
12 AUSTRALIA	138	12 DENMARK	131
13 CANADA	137	13 VENEZUELA	130
14 PAKISTAN	132	14 INDONESIA	129
15 SCOTLAND	128	15 ARGENTINA	126
16 TURKEY	126	16 NORWAY	125
17 INDIA	123	17 IRELAND	116
18 HUNGARY	116	18 MOROCCO	108
19 SPAIN	115	19 REUNION	105
20 MEXICO	74	20 WALES	96
21 JORDAN	62	21 KOREA	76
22 KENYA	53		

## SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 12 ROUNDS

1 NETHERLANDS	240
2 SWEDEN	223.5
3 DENMARK	221
4 ISRAEL	220
5 U.S.A.	218
6 POLAND	211
7 FRANCE	207
8 JAPAN	203
9 TURKEY	202
10 GERMANY	199
11 ENGLAND	195.5
12 CHINESE TAIPEI	194
PAKISTAN	194
14 CHINA	189
15 SCOTLAND	185
16 NEW ZEALAND	174.5
17 PORTUGAL	174
18 AUSTRIA	173.5
19 WALES	172
20 CANADA	170
21 AUSTRALIA	165
22 BELGIUM	164
23 ITALY	162.5
24 SPAIN	155
25 SWITZERLAND	154
26 IRELAND	130
27 GUADELOUPE	117
28 VENEZUELA	111.5
29 COSTA RICA	65

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A				
Match		IMPs		VPs
1	Argentina	Mauritius	98 26	25 2
2	Bangladesh	Latvia	41 52	13 17
3	Belgium	Italy	23 36	12 18
4	Canada	Iceland	27 50	10 20
5	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	57 48	17 13
6	Georgia	Guadeloupe	83 10	25 1
7	Morocco	Scotland	30 63	8 22
8	Netherlands	Russia	75 21	25 4
9	New Zealand	Serbia & Montenegro	68 28	23 7

GROUP C				
Match		IMPs		VPs
19	Ireland	Austria	51 43	16 14
20	Hungary	San Marino	37 50	12 18
21	French Polynesia	Denmark	36 77	7 23
22	Finland	Egypt	28 30	15 15
23	Venezuela	England	27 87	3 25
24	Romania	Israel	49 54	14 16
25	Reunion	Cyprus	21 70	5 25
26	Poland	Malaysia	42 43	15 15
27	Philippines	Mexico	28 111	0 25

GROUP A				
Match		IMPs		VPs
1	Iceland	Argentina	55 59	14 16
2	Hong Kong	Bangladesh	73 46	21 9
3	Guadeloupe	Belgium	28 70	6 24
4	Georgia	Canada	79 37	24 6
5	Serbia & Mont.	Chinese Taipei	35 57	9.5 19.5
6	Scotland	Italy	36 86	5 25
7	Russia	Latvia	41 28	18 12
8	New Zealand	Mauritius	64 54	17 13
9	Netherlands	Morocco	88 23	25 3

GROUP C				
Match		IMPs		VPs
19	Poland	Austria	32 44	13 17
20	Philippines	San Marino	18 88	2 25
21	Mexico	Denmark	12 54	6 24
22	Malaysia	Egypt	49 50	15 15
23	Cyprus	England	17 101	0 25
24	Israel	Finland	48 60	13 17
25	Ireland	French Polynesia	29 24	16 14
26	Venezuela	Hungary	31 103	2 25
27	Romania	Reunion	67 29	23 7

GROUP A				
Match		IMPs		VPs
1	Argentina	Georgia	58 37	19 11
2	Bangladesh	Chinese Taipei	76 39	23 7
3	Belgium	Canada	25 67	6 24
4	Guadeloupe	Scotland	39 58	11 19
5	Hong Kong	Russia	38 43	14 16
6	Iceland	New Zealand	47 41	16 14
7	Italy	Netherlands	46 45	15 15
8	Latvia	Morocco	63 63	15 15
9	Mauritius	Serbia & Montenegro	62 38	20 10

GROUP C				
Match		IMPs		VPs
19	Austria	Israel	40 39	15 15
20	San Marino	Ireland	16 56	7 23
21	Denmark	Hungary	11 77	2 25
22	Egypt	French Polynesia	114 11	25 0
23	England	Finland	55 52	16 14
24	Cyprus	Romania	15 87	2 25
25	Malaysia	Reunion	51 23	21 9
26	Mexico	Poland	29 102	1 25
27	Philippines	Venezuela	44 56	13 17

GROUP B				
Match		IMPs		VPs
10	Switzerland	Australia	17 43	10 20
11	Singapore	Bulgaria	75 75	15 15
12	Norway	Chile	68 12	25 4
13	Martinique	China	12 60	5 25
14	Luxembourg	Croatia	51 41	17 13
15	Lebanon	Estonia	63 25	23 7
16	Kenya	Germany	55 33	20 10
17	USA	India	33 13	19 11
18	Turkey	Tunisia	58 13	24 6

GROUP D				
Match		IMPs		VPs
28	Bermuda	Brazil	44 56	13 17
29	Bosnia	Botswana	36 37	15 15
30	Costa Rica	Sweden	42 52	13 17
31	Jordan	Spain	46 56	13 17
32	Czech Republic	South Africa	74 43	21 9
33	France	Portugal	30 26	16 14
34	Greece	Pakistan	72 70	15 15
35	Indonesia	Lithuania	65 29	22 8
36	Japan	Wales	47 24	20 10

GROUP B				
Match		IMPs		VPs
10	Australia	Estonia	58 61	14 16
11	Bulgaria	Croatia	69 45	20 10
12	Chile	China	15 115	0 25
13	Germany	Turkey	35 56	11 19
14	India	Tunisia	61 52	17 13
15	Kenya	Switzerland	41 68	9 21
16	Lebanon	Singapore	85 31	25 4
17	Luxembourg	Norway	31 55	10 20
18	Martinique	USA	20 77	4 25

GROUP D				
Match		IMPs		VPs
28	Botswana	Bermuda	37 61	10 20
29	Wales	Bosnia	58 24	22 8
30	Sweden	Brazil	36 25	17 13
31	Spain	Costa Rica	96 28	25 2
32	South Africa	Jordan	67 41	20 10
33	Portugal	Czech Republic	70 23	24 6
34	Pakistan	France	36 27	17 13
35	Lithuania	Greece	16 90	1 25
36	Japan	Indonesia	88 51	23 7

GROUP B				
Match		IMPs		VPs
10	Australia	China	53 56	14 16
11	Bulgaria	Chile	46 70	10 20
12	Croatia	Turkey	15 93	1 25
13	Estonia	Tunisia	57 22	22 8
14	Germany	Switzerland	78 28	25 5
15	India	Singapore	75 26	25 5
16	Kenya	Norway	13 107	0 25
17	Lebanon	Martinique	47 34	18 12
18	Luxembourg	USA	15 94	1 25

GROUP D				
Match		IMPs		VPs
28	Bermuda	Spain	42 67	10 20
29	Bosnia	South Africa	40 68	9 21
30	Botswana	Portugal	42 62	11 19
31	Brazil	Pakistan	57 59	15 15
32	Costa Rica	Lithuania	17 107	0 25
33	Jordan	Japan	14 62	5 25
34	Czech Republic	Indonesia	30 67	7 23
35	France	Greece	57 28	21 9
36	Sweden	Wales	19 31	13 17

# WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

## ROUND 7

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Egypt Australia	48 24	21 9
41	China Austria	39 26	18 12
42	Canada Brazil	42 47	14 16
43	Kenya Bulgaria	19 67	4 25
44	Turkey Finland	37 29	17 13
45	Switzerland France	34 59	9 21
46	Sweden Hungary	30 52	10 20
47	Spain India	59 26	23 7
48	Scotland Italy	31 55	9 21
49	Russia Jordan	51 26	21 9
50	Pakistan Mexico	94 12	25 0

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	England Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Indonesia Argentina	66 25	24 6
52	Greece Croatia	39 34	16 14
53	Germany Denmark	23 51	8 22
54	Wales Ireland	35 29	16 14
55	Venezuela Israel	21 51	8 22
56	USA Japan	31 27	16 14
57	South Africa Korea	32 51	11 19
58	Reunion Morocco	67 69	15 15
59	Poland Netherlands	16 59	5 25
60	Norway New Zealand	45 57	12 18

## ROUND 8

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia Finland	35 32	16 14
41	Austria Egypt	38 9	22 8
42	Brazil China	22 46	9 21
43	Bulgaria Canada	30 14	19 11
44	France Turkey	80 13	25 1
45	Hungary Switzerland	25 57	7 23
46	India Sweden	25 30	14 16
47	Italy Spain	45 33	18 12
48	Jordan Scotland	12 76	2 25
49	Mexico Russia	10 43	7 23
50	Pakistan Kenya	61 16	25 5

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Norway Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina Ireland	28 24	16 14
52	Croatia Indonesia	42 33	17 13
53	Denmark Greece	40 45	14 16
54	England Germany	61 25	23 7
55	Israel Wales	68 19	25 4
56	Japan Venezuela	5 60	3 25
57	Korea USA	20 51	8 22
58	Morocco South Africa	24 64	6 24
59	Netherlands Reunion	61 46	18 12
60	New Zealand Poland	48 39	17 13

## ROUND 9

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Jordan Australia	12 58	5 25
41	Italy Austria	25 26	15 15
42	India Brazil	32 12	20 10
43	Hungary Bulgaria	39 42	14 16
44	France Canada	30 51	10 20
45	Finland China	25 34	13 17
46	Kenya Egypt	5 58	3 25
47	Turkey Mexico	48 41	16 14
48	Switzerland Pakistan	30 41	13 17
49	Sweden Russia	44 45	15 15
50	Spain Scotland	15 41	9 21

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Indonesia Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Netherlands Argentina	70 39	22 8
52	Morocco Croatia	47 32	18 12
53	Korea Denmark	20 72	4 25
54	Japan England	36 55	11 19
55	Israel Germany	26 52	9 21
56	Ireland Greece	55 27	22 8
57	Wales New Zealand	51 28	20 10
58	Venezuela Norway	30 55	9 21
59	USA Poland	20 36	10,25 18,25
60	South Africa Reunion	42 5	24 6

# Notice to Transnational Mixed Teams

There is now limited space for any new teams to enter the Transnational Mixed Teams, and entries that have not been registered in advance will be taken on a strictly first come – first served basis. Teams wishing to register should come to the WBF Office as soon as possible, at the times listed below.

Pre-registered teams **MUST** come as soon as possible to the WBF Office during the opening hours listed below to confirm their entry and pay any outstanding entry fee

The office will be open for Transnational entries and for pre-registered teams to confirm their entries between:

10.00 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 17.00 hours

# SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

## ROUND 9

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	Italy	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	New Zealand	England	46 8 25 5
62	Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	42 12 23 7
63	Germany	Belgium	32 8 21 9
64	Ireland	Poland	8 33 8 22
65	USA	Portugal	41 7 24 6
66	Wales	Austria	42 14 22 8
67	Venezuela	Turkey	32 40 13 17
68	Denmark	China	38 17 21 9
69	Switzerland	Israel	0 57 1 25
70	Costa Rica	Sweden	13 67 2 25
71	Japan	Spain	32 20 18 12
72	Canada	Scotland	31 5 22 8
73	Australia	Pakistan	8 27 10 20
74	France	Guadeloupe	70 4 25 0

## ROUND 10

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	Belgium	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Pakistan	France	9 19 10 18
62	Austria	USA	24 33 13 17
63	Portugal	New Zealand	22 33 12 18
64	Chinese Taipei	Switzerland	23 9 19 11
65	Venezuela	Denmark	19 40 9 21
66	Guadeloupe	Costa Rica	24 27 14 16
67	Israel	Japan	12 45 6 24
68	Spain	Netherlands	9 59 3 25
69	Scotland	Germany	26 16 18 12
70	Italy	Canada	24 44 10 20
71	China	Ireland	46 14 23 7
72	Sweden	Australia	49 5 25 4
73	Poland	Turkey	10 21 12 18
74	England	Wales	15 31 11 19

## ROUND 11

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	Scotland	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Canada	Belgium	20 41 9 21
62	Netherlands	Israel	23 43 10 20
63	Denmark	Poland	25 32 13 17
64	Germany	Italy	40 15 22 8
65	New Zealand	Austria	54 21 24 6
66	Japan	Chinese Taipei	9 27 10 20
67	Costa Rica	Pakistan	10 53 4 25
68	Wales	Portugal	16 33 10 20
69	Switzerland	Spain	31 20 18 12
70	Turkey	China	28 29 15 15
71	Australia	Guadeloupe	59 8 25 2
72	USA	England	7 59 2 25
73	France	Sweden	25 7 20 10
74	Ireland	Venezuela	34 31 16 14

## ROUND 12

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	USA	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Poland	Chinese Taipei	20 25 14 16
62	Canada	Wales	43 1 25 4
63	Pakistan	Italy	28 14 19 11
64	Venezuela	Israel	18 24 14 16
65	Ireland	England	7 29 9 21
66	Costa Rica	Netherlands	0 64 0 25
67	Portugal	Turkey	25 11 19 11
68	China	Spain	9 19 12 18
69	Germany	New Zealand	45 2 25 4
70	Guadeloupe	Scotland	1 40 5 25
71	Austria	Denmark	1 22 7 21
72	France	Japan	4 3 15 15
73	Australia	Switzerland	3 37 6 24
74	Belgium	Sweden	14 30 11 19

## Playing times

### Open and Women's:

Round 10	10.00
Round 11	14.00
Round 12	17.30

### Seniors:

Round 13	10:45
Round 14	13:30
Round 15	15:45
Round 16	18:00

## Changes in starting times

The program for the Seniors on Saturday and Sunday has been changed as follows:

On Saturday there will be three matches with starting times of 13.30, 15.45 and 18.00.

On Sunday there will be two matches with starting times of 10.45 and 13.30.

After these two matches, the Seniors' meeting will start at 15.15.

For the Women's series, the starting time for the final three rounds on Saturday have been changed to 11.00, 14.00 and 17.00.

## World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price £22-00. You can order a copy in advance during the championships at the special reduced price of US\$30-00 or 25 Euros, inclusive of surface mail, by going to the Press Room and filling in one of the forms available there and handing it, along with your preferred currency, to Jan Swann, who is in charge of the Press Room.

As always, the chief analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. The book will consist of 336 large pages, and will feature every deal of the finals and semi-finals of both Open and Women's events, plus extensive coverage of the earlier stages, and also the Senior, University and Transnational events. There will be a full listing of all the teams taking part, a full results service, and many photographs.

# OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 10

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Belgium	Argentina	10 Luxembourg	Australia	19 Mexico	Austria	28 Bermuda	France
2 Serbia & M'gro	Bangladesh	11 Lebanon	Bulgaria	20 Malaysia	San Marino	29 Bosnia	Czech Rep.
3 Scotland	Canada	12 Kenya	Chile	21 Cyprus	Denmark	30 Botswana	Jordan
4 Russia	Chinese Taipei	13 India	China	22 Israel	Egypt	31 Brazil	Costa Rica
5 New Zealand	Georgia	14 Germany	Croatia	23 Ireland	England	32 Greece	Sweden
6 Netherlands	Guadeloupe	15 USA	Estonia	24 Hungary	Finland	33 Indonesia	Spain
7 Morocco	Hong Kong	16 Turkey	Martinique	25 Venezuela	Fr Polynesia	34 Japan	South Africa
8 Mauritius	Iceland	17 Tunisia	Norway	26 Romania	Philippines	35 Lithuania	Portugal
9 Latvia	Italy	18 Switzerland	Singapore	27 Reunion	Poland	36 Pakistan	Wales

## ROUND 11

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Argentina	Netherlands	10 Australia	India	19 Fr Polynesia	Austria	28 Czech Rep.	Bermuda
2 Bangladesh	Morocco	11 Bulgaria	Germany	20 Finland	San Marino	29 Jordan	Bosnia
3 Belgium	Mauritius	12 Chile	Estonia	21 England	Denmark	30 Costa Rica	Botswana
4 Canada	Latvia	13 China	Croatia	22 Venezuela	Egypt	31 Wales	Brazil
5 Chinese Taipei	Italy	14 Kenya	Turkey	23 Romania	Hungary	32 Sweden	France
6 Georgia	Iceland	15 Lebanon	Tunisia	24 Reunion	Ireland	33 Spain	Greece
7 Guadeloupe	Hong Kong	16 Luxembourg	Switzerland	25 Poland	Israel	34 South Africa	Indonesia
8 New Zealand	Scotland	17 Martinique	Singapore	26 Philippines	Cyprus	35 Portugal	Japan
9 Russia	Serbia M'gro	18 Norway	USA	27 Mexico	Malaysia	36 Pakistan	Lithuania

## ROUND 12

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 New Zealand	Argentina	10 Australia	Lebanon	19 Austria	Malaysia	28	Bermuda
2 Netherlands	Bangladesh	11 Bulgaria	Kenya	20 San Marino	Cyprus	Bosnia	
3 Morocco	Belgium	12 Chile	India	21 Denmark	Israel	29 Botswana	Sweden
4 Mauritius	Canada	13 China	Germany	22 Egypt	Ireland	30 Brazil	Spain
5 Latvia	Chinese Taipei	14 Croatia	Estonia	23 England	Hungary	31 Costa Rica	South Africa
6 Italy	Georgia	15 Luxembourg	Turkey	24 Finland	Fr Polynesia	32 Jordan	Portugal
7 Iceland	Guadeloupe	16 Martinique	Tunisia	25 Mexico	Romania	33 Czech Rep.	Pakistan
8 Serbia & M'gro	Hong Kong	17 Norway	Switzerland	26 Philippines	Reunion	34 France	Lithuania
9 Scotland	Russia	18 Singapore	USA	27 Poland	Venezuela	35 Greece	Japan
						36 Indonesia	Wales

# SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 13

61 Belgium	Pakistan
62 Denmark	Portugal
New Zealand	Bye
63 Austria	Ireland
64 Wales	Germany
65 Chinese Taipei	Venezuela
66 Switzerland	France
67 Israel	China
68 Netherlands	Australia
69 Italy	Guadeloupe
70 Usa	Canada
71 Japan	Costa Rica
72 Scotland	Sweden
73 Turkey	England
74 Spain	Poland

## ROUND 14

61 China	Chinese Taipei
62 Guadeloupe	Belgium
63 Germany	Usa
64 Pakistan	Scotland
65 Australia	Japan
66 Costa Rica	Switzerland
67 Venezuela	Spain
68 Canada	New Zealand
69 England	Denmark
70 France	Netherlands
71 Portugal	Ireland
72 Turkey	Austria
73 Sweden	Italy
74 Poland	Israel
Bye	Wales

## ROUND 15

61 China	Germany
62 Ireland	Australia
63 Scotland	Austria
64 Belgium	England
65 Denmark	Costa Rica
66 Venezuela	Canada
67 Israel	New Zealand
68 Switzerland	Sweden
69 Italy	Portugal
70 Netherlands	Guadeloupe
71 Chinese Taipei	Wales
72 Spain	Usa
73 Poland	Bye
73 Japan	Pakistan
74 Turkey	France

## ROUND 16

61 Canada	Poland
62 Pakistan	Netherlands
63 Guadeloupe	Switzerland
64 Sweden	Japan
65 New Zealand	Spain
66 Wales	Israel
67 Ireland	France
Bye	China
68 Usa	Chinese Taipei
69 Australia	Denmark
70 Germany	Venezuela
71 England	Scotland
72 Portugal	Belgium
73 Austria	Italy
74 Costa Rica	Turkey

# WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

## ROUND 10

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 India	Australia	51 Korea	Argentina
41 Hungary	Austria	52 Japan	Croatia
42 France	Brazil	53 Israel	Denmark
43 Finland	Bulgaria	54 Ireland	England
44 Egypt	Canada	55 Indonesia	Germany
45 Kenya	China	Bye	Greece
46 Turkey	Italy	56 Wales	Morocco
47 Switzerland	Jordan	57 Venezuela	Netherlands
48 Sweden	Mexico	58 USA	New Zealand
49 Spain	Pakistan	59 South Africa	Norway
50 Scotland	Russia	60 Reunion	Poland

## ROUND 11

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Australia	Austria	51 Argentina	Croatia
41 Brazil	Turkey	52 Denmark	Wales
42 Bulgaria	Switzerland	53 England	Venezuela
43 Canada	Sweden	54 Germany	USA
44 China	Spain	55 Greece	South Africa
45 Egypt	Scotland	56 Indonesia	Reunion
46 Finland	Russia	57 Ireland	Poland
47 France	Pakistan	58 Israel	Norway
48 Hungary	Mexico	59 Japan	New Zealand
49 India	Jordan	60 Korea	Netherlands
50 Italy	Kenya	Morocco	Bye

## ROUND 12

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 France	Australia	51 Israel	Argentina
41 Finland	Austria	52 Ireland	Croatia
42 Egypt	Brazil	53 Indonesia	Denmark
43 China	Bulgaria	54 Greece	England
44 Kenya	Canada	Bye	Germany
45 Turkey	Hungary	55 Wales	Japan
46 Switzerland	India	56 Venezuela	Korea
47 Sweden	Italy	57 USA	Morocco
48 Spain	Jordan	58 South Africa	Netherlands
49 Scotland	Mexico	59 Reunion	New Zealand
50 Russia	Pakistan	60 Poland	Norway

### No smoking

Smoking is prohibited in ANY lobby area other than the area near the hotel's main reception desk. Smoking is also prohibited in any areas of the Congress Centre, including the Press and Bulletin rooms, the WBF Main Office, the Scoring and Results Room and the VuGraph Auditorium.

Violations of this policy will subject you to a fine of 2VPs. Continued violations will result in the player being prohibited from playing and the team not being admitted to the playing area.

## NOTICE

**WBF Seniors Committee**

**Annual Meeting**

**Thursday 28 October 2004**

**WBF Meeting Room on L2 at 20.00**

Agenda

- 1) Format of WBF Senior events
- 2) Age limits
- 3) Any other business

Those entitled to attend:

WBF Committee members, Senior team Captains, NBO Presidents.

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Chairman, WBF Seniors Committee

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## One for Ripley's

Forrest Gump's well-known box of chocolates analogy certainly has application to bridge – from one event to the next, you never know what you're going to get.

Take this deal, with several bizarre features, from the eighth round of the Senior Bowl in which Canada opposed Japan.

First there was South, holding a robust eight-card suit – and never making a peep (an excellent decision, as it turned out). Then there was Jonathan Robinson's experience playing a 1-0 fit at the five level. At least the one was the ace.

Here is the deal and the auction (Robinson was East):

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass (!)	Pass		

Robinson's INT was a one-round force, and his 5♣ was meant to be a splinter – shortness in clubs and great diamond support. Imagine his surprise and chagrin when his partner, guessing that Robinson had a boatload of clubs, decided let him play there.

Robinson managed four tricks for minus 700 – and it could have been a lot worse if not for a great opening lead by teammate John Carruthers at the other table.

Carruthers considered the South hand worth an opening, so he started with 4♣, doubled by West. North extended the pre-empt by bidding 5♣, and when East freely bid 5♦, West raised him to six.

Carruthers found the killing lead of a heart – the 2, in fact, which cost a trick and 1 IMP, but it was the only lead to defeat the slam. Obviously, looking at all the cards, the ♥K defeats the slam two tricks (the suit was blocked after the low heart lead), but had he not found the killing lead, the team would have lost 19 IMPs for minus 700 at one table and minus 1370 at the other. The good lead held the loss to 12, and gave Robinson a story he call tell for a long time – including his bad luck with that brutal 8-4 trump split.

## Egyptian One-Two

Egypt have a strong squad in the Open series and must have a good chance to at least reach the knockout stages. In Round 6 they achieved an important 24-6 VP victory over Denmark. These two deals had a major part to play in that success.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Heshmat		Nadeem
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣(i)	Pass
3NT(ii)	All Pass		

(i) Enquiry

(ii) Minimum, not three hearts

Against 3NT, Mohamed Heshmat led the jack of clubs, which ran to declarer's king. Declarer played a heart to the king then, needing to retain the ♠K as a later entry to the hearts, tried the effect of ducking a club, with the possibility that the ace might be doubleton with South. That was all the opportunity that Heshmat required. He won the club and switched to the ten of diamonds, for the jack, queen and ace. When declarer now tried a second heart, Heshmat won the ace and played a second round of diamonds. Tarek Nadeem had four diamond winners plus the ace of clubs and that was down three for +300 to Egypt.

In the other room, 3NT was made with an overtrick so Egypt picked up 14 IMPs



Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ A Q J 10 7 4 2</p> <p>♥ A 10</p> <p>♦ 6 5 3</p> <p>♣ 8</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ 9 8</p> <p>♥ K Q 5 4 3 2</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣ 10 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ K 5 3</p> <p>♥ 8</p> <p>♦ Q J 10 9 7 2</p> <p>♣ A Q 9</p>
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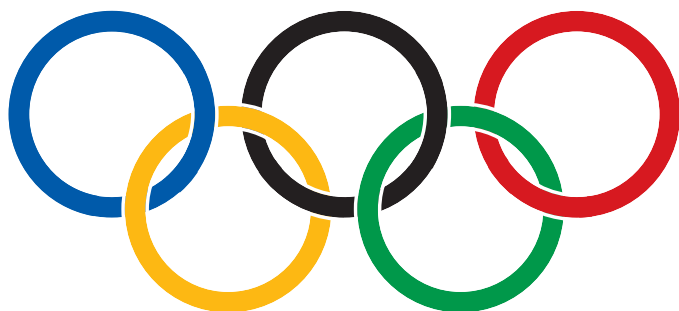
West	North	East	South
<i>El Ahmady</i>		<i>Sadek</i>	
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
4NT	5♥	2♠	4♣(i)
6♠	All Pass	5♠(ii)	Pass

- (i) Hearts and clubs  
(ii) Two key cards, no ♠Q

Under pressure in the auction, Waleed El Ahmady and Tarek Sadek reached what appears to be a hopeless slam. North led the king of hearts and El Ahmady played quickly, ♥A, ♠A then ♠J to dummy's king, followed by the ♦2 off the table. South was taken in by this and convinced himself that his partner held the ♠Q and that declarer might have the bare king of diamonds. I am not convinced that this analysis stands up to inspection, as it seems to leave West with a whole string of small clubs and nothing resembling a 4NT bid followed by a raise to slam, but that hardly matters. The bottom line was that El Ahmady had created an illusion in his opponent's mind and South fell for it. He went up with the ace of diamonds and there was an almighty crash as the bare king appeared from North – contract made!

That was +980 for Egypt and another 14 IMP swing as 6♠ was also bid at the other table, where it failed by a trick.

Let this be a warning to you to beware this Egyptian team.



## Da Capo

by David Burn

In an attempt at more comebacks than Frank Sinatra, this deal from round 2 makes its third appearance in the Bulletin:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

After the queen of hearts and a heart continuation, ruffed by declarer, the two lines compared in yesterday's edition both involved ruffing and playing a spade, putting up the ace when North shows out.

On the actual lie of the cards, it works to continue spades, later playing South for one of the club honours. But this would fail if North had both club honours, since South would win the second spade and play a club. In this case, you can succeed only by ruffing the third heart, cashing the diamonds, and taking a club finesse to endplay North.

It may be better to eliminate the red suits before playing a spade. When North shows out, you put in the queen of spades. South wins and plays a black card. If this is a club, you put in the ten to endplay North regardless of his club holding; if a spade, you win in dummy and lead a club to the ten.

*Grazie David, Editor.*

### Lost bag

Ron Klinger requests that whoever took his WBF bag by mistake please return it to the Press Room. If some of the contents are no longer in it, please return the hand records from the 2004 Australian Swiss Pairs

## Be Prepared

By Linda Lee (Canada)



If bridge is really a sport, then it's logical that bridge players can learn from other athletes how to prepare for an event such as the World Bridge Olympiad.

Some people no doubt believe that sports psychologists are only a small step above witchdoctors, but many elite athletes are now using them to improve their performances.

Before this Olympiad I decided to work with one. I will find out during this event how much it has helped.

What is the goal of this type of preparation? There are several: to manage performance anxiety, to achieve peak performance, to manage all the problems that can occur when you are playing.

The techniques that we worked on included relaxation techniques, clearing the decks, visualization, goal setting, pre-game preparation and developing specific plans to handle in-game "situations."

Are you having trouble sleeping during the tournament? Are you over-anxious before your play? Relaxation can help. I was rather surprised when the psychologist (who generally worked with track and field athletes and tennis players) was able to describe exactly the physical symptoms I experience before a session.

The symptoms are universal and cross all sports. They are caused by the release of four different hormones and are part of your body's "fight or flight" mechanism. They signal that your body is ready for what is to come. In order to perform at your best, you have to control these feelings, but not eliminate them completely – it's important to be keyed up and ready, just not too much.

Here is a brief summary of a few of the techniques I learned that you may be able to put to immediate use.

1. Are there any extraneous problems that are affecting your game? These may be difficulties with relationships, job problems, family problems or even team problems. You definitely don't want to let these issues affect you while you play.

Try to imagine some kind of locked box. This might be a chest, a safe — whatever works for you. It should have a lock and you should be able to open it later. Take all your problems one by one and mentally put them into the box. When this is all done, lock the box. Promise yourself that later you will go and open the box and remove the problems again. You are not abandoning them, just putting them aside for now.

2. If you need to relax, start with focusing on your breathing. You breathe from your diaphragm, in through

your nose and out through your mouth. Anyone who has studied yoga will be familiar with a variety of breathing techniques. While this is going on you visualize something calming: a color, a scene. Then you walk through a relaxation script. It seems to work best if someone else runs through the script for you, although you can do it for yourself.

The one we worked on involves progressively relaxing parts of your body starting from your head and working down to your toes. You can buy tapes of relaxation scripts at major bookstores. With a lot of practice, you learn what it feels like to relax and you can reach this state quickly when you need to. In general, relaxation is something that does require practice.

3. Goal setting is also helpful. Why are you here? Why are you playing in this event? When you set goals, don't just set team goals. You don't have control over achieving these goals and this can be frustrating, so set some individual goals too. Is having fun one of your goals? Surprisingly perhaps, it wasn't one of mine. When things are most frustrating, remembering your goals may help. When you have to make choices, think about your goals: they may help you to make decisions.

4. Visualization is used in preparation for all sports. Familiarity makes situations easier to handle. You can prepare yourself for what is to come by visualizing it in advance.

Visualizing yourself doing well may help you to believe in yourself. Believing you can do something is a good part of actually doing it – *posse quam possunt*, as Virgil put it ("They can because they think they can."). Worried about fighting back when you are down in a match? Visualize yourself in that situation, and you will be more ready to deal with it when it happens.

5. Have some plans to deal with problem situations. What will you do when you have had a bad result? Let's say that you are angry at partner or yourself for making a serious error. Coaches in all sports teach the same basic approach: a) allow yourself to express anger; b) move to a neutral state; c) set up for the next hand.

At the bridge table you need a way to express anger: this might be writing something down on your scorecard, or talking to yourself, or getting up and getting some water.

Now blow the mental whistle or take a deep breath — use whatever 'Stop' signal works for you. Time to let go. Put it out of your mind. Then start to prepare for the next hand.

It is a good idea to have a similar plan for dealing with other problems that may occur – for example, your feelings when you have a series of bad results. Your plan might include dealing with the anger, remembering your goals, relaxation and then resetting.

My experience so far with sports psychology is limited, but I believe that it will help me perform better in bridge competition, and I intend to work more on it in the future.

## Nice Defense

by Alan Sze

In the 5th round encounter in Group A between tournament favourites Italy and underdogs Hong Kong, the match turned out to be a closely contested one. Witness this fine defense by the Hong Kong players in the Open Room:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wan	Fantoni	Zen	Nunes
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♠

Zen for Hong Kong led the four of spades after South showed an unbalanced hand in diamonds (9 to 13 high card points) and North revealed an opening hand in hearts (South denying support). Declarer took the queen of spades with the ace and played a club to the jack. For lack of something better to do with his dull collection, Wan decided to false card with the eight. Declarer then played the jack of hearts and overtook it with the queen but Zen cooperated in the good works by ducking nonchalantly.

Now declarer had a real problem in communications and perhaps should have played on hearts anyway - because even if clubs played for four tricks, there were still only eight. Instead, he chose to play the club queen, hoping to smother West's ten. This did not happen, so dejectedly, he played the third club. Wan took the trick and returned a spade, of course. Zen exited with a diamond after cashing the spades and declarer had to concede a second under-trick to the defense. In the Closed Room, Lai of Hong Kong made 3NT on the friendlier lead of a diamond to the queen and it was plain sailing from then on. It was 10 IMPs to Hong Kong.

Despite this pick up, Hong Kong lost the match narrowly, by 14 - 16 in VPs.

## A visit to the Dentist

By Barry Rigal

Marcelo Caracci of Chile faced a significant challenge on this deal from the third round of the Open series in the World Bridge Olympiad - and he was up to it. His opponents were Steve Weinstein and Robert Levin of the USA.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	2♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	4♦

Levin, East, started with the ♠2, and Caracci made his first good play, discarding a club from dummy instead of ruffing.

Weinstein won the ♠A and also made a good play, continuing with the ♠5 instead of shifting to a club.

Caracci made his second good play, inserting the 6, forcing the king, which was ruffed in dummy. Caracci played a heart to the queen and continued with the jack, taken by Weinstein with the ace. Weinstein then correctly played the ♠Q to tap the hand with the long trumps again.

When Caracci cashed dummy's ♥K, Weinstein was left with the last trump, but Caracci showed his accurate reading of the deal by cashing the ♣A and ♣K (dentist's coup), then played the ♦A and a diamond to the king. When he continued with the ♦Q, Weinstein had no good choices. If he discarded a spade, Caracci would simply play another winning diamond.

When Weinstein ruffed the diamond, he was forced to play a spade from the 10-8 into Caracci's J-9. After getting everything else right, Caracci wasn't going to go wrong in the two-card ending.

SENIORS

## USA v Sweden

ROUND  
8

After seven rounds of the Seniors competition, Sweden headed the table while USA were close behind near the front of the chasing pack. The match began quietly with two flat boards but then exploded into life with two big swings.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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N												
	W	E										
		S										

West	North	East	South
Bell	Hallen	Miles	Backstrom
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ekberg	Robison	Alfredsson	Onstott
Pass	6♠	All Pass	4♠

For USA, John Onstott opened 4♠ and Jim Robison simply punted the small slam, trusting the trump suit to be

decent at this vulnerability. After a diamond lead, Onstott drew trumps and took the club finesse for his overtrick; a painless +1460.

For Sweden, Lars Backstrom opened 1♠. According to his partner's explanation, the 4♠ rebid showed good spades but no club fit. Anyway, whatever the subtleties of that call, Hans-Olof Hallen checked on key cards then invited seven, and Backstrom was sufficiently impressed with his black-suit holdings to accept the invitation. Leo Bell led a trump and Backstrom won, drew a few more rounds, pitching clubs from the dummy, then led the queen of clubs. When Bell played low without a flicker, Backstrom went up with the ace and was one down in his 'laydown' grand slam; -100 and 17 IMPs to USA.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

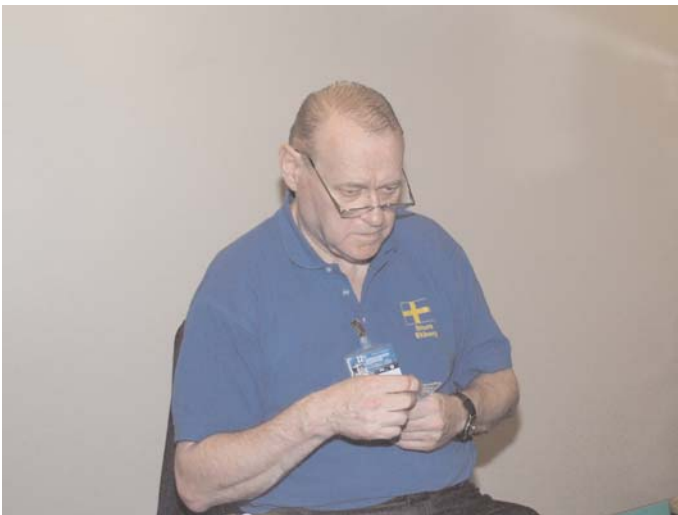
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	W	E										
		S										

West	North	East	South
Bell	Hallen	Miles	Backstrom
Pass	4♣	Dble	4♥
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ekberg	Robison	Alfredsson	Onstott
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♥
3♣	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Bell saw no sensible opening bid on the West cards so passed to await developments. Those developments proved to be a 4♣ opening on his left, showing a heart suit with one hole in it, and a double from partner, Marshall Miles. What the American agreement for this double was, I am not sure, but I would have thought it was normal for it to be take-out of hearts. If so, Miles must have felt rather uncomfortable when his partner leapt to 6♣ over Backstrom's conversion to 4♥, but what could he do about it?

The club slam proved to be no problem for Bell. He ruffed the heart lead, crossed to a top diamond and took the finesse of the queen of clubs. When the clubs proved



Sture Ekberg, Sweden

to be three-two with the king onside, there was just a club to be conceded, the second spade going on the long diamond; +1370.

Ekberg opened a quiet 1♣ as West and Jim Robison overcalled 1♥. Lars Alfredsson made a negative double and Onstott raised hearts. Now Ekberg made a slightly cautious 3♣ rebid and Robison jumped to 4♥. A penalty double from Alfredsson concluded proceedings. Perfect defence nets six tricks for down three, but that is difficult to achieve on this deal and the contract was actually two down for -300 but 14 IMPs to USA, who had taken a grip on the match with 31 IMPs in two deals.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A K Q 9 8 3											
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	♣ J 8 5 2											
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	♣ Q 7 4											

West	North	East	South
Bell	Hallen	Miles	Backstrom
1♥	1♠	3♠	4♠
5♣	Pass	5♦	Dble
5♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ekberg	Robison	Alfredsson	Onstott
Pass	1♠	Dble	2NT
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass



Jim Robison, USA

Bell opened the West hand with 1♥ and Miles made a splinter raise over the 1♠ overcall. When Backstrom competed with 4♠, Bell was willing to show his club control and East/West did well from here to settle for 5♥, making exactly for +650.

Ekberg was not willing to open at the one level with 9 HCP, nor at the two level when holding a poor main suit and two aces. At his table it was North, Robison, who opened the bidding with 1♠ and Alfredsson doubled.

Onstott showed a constructive spade raise and Ekberg had an easy 4♥ bid. When Robison went on to 4♠, Alfredsson in turn went on to 5♥ but then doubled when Robison bid his spades one more time. With eleven tricks the limit in a heart contract, taking 500 out of 5♠ was the best that East/West could do, though it cost them 4 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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	♣ K Q J 9 8 7 6 5											

West	North	East	South
Bell	Hallen	Miles	Backstrom
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ekberg	Robison	Alfredsson	Onstott
Dble	5♣	5♦	4♣
			All Pass

Backstrom opened the South hand with 1♣ and a fierce competitive auction developed, ending in 5♣ doubled. It appears that there should be a loser in each suit in this contract but, after cashing a top diamond, Bell played a second round rather than switch to a spade. He had seen his partner encourage diamonds, rather than make a suit preference signal for spades, but I am still unconvinced that a spade switch was not correct – maybe partner had not signalled spades, but he had equally not signalled hearts, and a spade switch would never cost unless East held the ♥K, irrespective of the position of the ♠Q. Anyway, whatever the rights or wrongs of the defence, the contract escaped for down one; -200.

Onstott opened 4♣ and Robison raised to 5♣ over the take-out double. Alfredsson tried 5♦ and was left to play there. That made in some comfort after a club lead and Sweden had 9 IMPs, their only significant gain of the set. USA won the match by 42-10 IMPs, 23-7 VPs, and moved to joint top of the standings, while Sweden slipped to fifth. That may be the end of this match, but it is by no means the end of the story of Board 23. We will read elsewhere about the Canadian Seniors' exploits on the deal in question, but here let's take a look at what happened when Israel met Denmark, also in the Seniors.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Levit	Lund	Kaminski	Moller

Dble	5♣	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Norris	Schwartz	Dahl	Romik

1♠	Pass	2♦	4♣
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Steen Moller opened with a club pre-empt and Yeshayahu Levit doubled for take-out. When Peter Lund raised to 5♣, Amos Kaminski tried 5♦ and Levit raised to slam. After a club lead, Kaminski could win, draw trumps and knock out the ace of spades to come to an easy twelve tricks; +1370.

There are a couple of books about entitled '25 Conventions You Should Know' and '25 More Conventions You Should Know', both published by the excellent Master Point Press of Canada. I would like to write '25 Conventions You Would Be Better Off Never Having Heard Of'. My 25 would include Namyats. Here, Pinhas Romik could not open 4♣ because that would have shown a good 4♥ bid and, as he did not deem 1♣ to be appropriate, passed as dealer. At his next turn he made a pre-emptive overcall of 4♣ and his opponents bid to 5♦, where they were about to play until Adrian Schwartz saved in 6♣. Now Georg Norris went on to the diamond slam.

Romik had to find a lead. His partner had not doubled West's 5♣ cuebid, suggesting that he did not have the ace of clubs, yet had been willing to save in 6♣, risking that his opponents might go on to 6♦. He should, therefore, have some defence somewhere. Romik decided that a club lead would achieve nothing and that he should attack, leading from strength. His logic led him to put the king of hearts on the table and the slam was defeated when it would have made on any non-heart lead! Very nicely done and 16 IMPs to Israel, helping them to an 18-12 VP win in an important match in this championship.

## Championship Diary

Yesterday we left you with a number of posers.

Why is the king of hearts the only king without a moustache?

Most standard English playing cards used today derived from the original French models produced in the mid-16th century. For the purpose of mass production, the earliest cards were printed using woodblocks. Disfiguring occurred over the centuries as unskilled block makers distorted the original designs, resulting in hands, symbols of office and other attributes losing their meaning. Among the many distortions that took effect, the king of hearts not only lost his moustache, but the axe he was originally holding became a sword.

The two ever presents at the Olympiads are Alan Truscott & Jaime Ortiz Patiño.

Germany's Sabine Auken & Daniela von Arnim have appeared in five consecutive Olympiads: 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004. Who can top that?

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk the founder of the Turkish Republic and its first President, stands as a towering figure of the 20th Century. Among the great leaders of history, few have achieved so much in so short a period, transformed the life of a nation as decisively, and given such profound inspiration to the world at large. He is regarded as the father of his country, but it was not named after him.

Watching the Arsenal v Manchester United game on Sunday we were asked by Ron Tacchi which country is named after a football club. That was an easy one for Justin Hackett, 'Why, it must be the United Kingdom!'

There is much debate in the Bulletin Room about the merits of Dan Brown's book *The Da Vinci Code*. David Burn, coach of the England Open team said 'A book that once I had put it down I couldn't pick up again.'

While relating to David Stern the story of how I managed to get ten tickets for the Saturday of a test match between England & Australia at the end of the 1989 World Junior Championships with less than one day's notice, Alan Truscott mentioned that in 1934 his father had taken him to the Oval to watch the same two teams. Unfortunately the ground was full but, undeterred, they simply got on a tram and went round and round the ground for the whole day! Ponsford & Bradman both made double hundreds, and England lost by 562 runs.



# ESTORIL 2005



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### Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl World Transnational Open Teams Championships 22nd October - 5th November 2005

#### The Championships

The Opening Ceremony will be on Saturday 22nd October 2005.

The Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup Round Robin will start on Sunday 23rd and finish on Saturday 29th, with the final stages starting on Sunday 30th.

The Seniors Bowl will also start on Sunday 23rd and will end before the start of the Transnational Open Teams on Monday 31st October.

The Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday 5th November.

Details of Registration and Schedule of Play will be published when they are available



The Quarter Final will start on Thursday, late afternoon, the Semi-Final will be played on Friday and the Final will be held on Saturday.

#### The venue

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The World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 31st October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3 or 4 per day) but the exact format will depend on the number of teams entered.

**OPEN** **Sweden v Japan** **ROUND 5**

**A musical joke**

Cultured bridge writers (alas, not this one) know of a piece by Mozart entitled A Musical Joke because the ending is three flat notes.

That could sum up the fifth-round Open series match between Japan and Sweden. With a comfortable lead near the end, the strong Swedish team dropped 23 IMPs over the final three boards to lose a close match 31-28.

Sweden earned the first significant swing of the match on this deal.

*Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.*

♠ Q 3 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 6 4 ♣ 10 7	<table border="1" 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		♠ J 10 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ A 2 ♣ K Q J 8 6 5	♠ A K 5 ♥ K Q 7 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A 4 3 2
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<b>West</b> <i>Takano</i> Pass 3♥		<b>North</b> <i>Sylvan</i> 2♣ Pass										
<b>East</b> <i>Teramoto</i> 2♥ 4♥		<b>South</b> <i>Sundelin</i> Pass All Pass										

Tadashi Teramoto (East) might have made the heart game but, after winning the club opening lead with the ace, he played three rounds of spades, discarding dummy's losing club. North ruffed and erred by playing the ♥10, but Teramoto also erred by playing low, allowing the 10 to force dummy's jack. Now when Teramoto played the ♦K, Johan Sylvan won the ace and played a second club, allowing P.O. Sundelin's ♥9 to score. That was plus 100 for North/South.

<b>West</b> <i>Fredin</i> 2NT All Pass	<b>North</b> <i>Ino</i> 1NT 3♣	<b>East</b> <i>Lindkvist</i> 2♥ Pass	<b>South</b> <i>Imakura</i> 2♠ 3♠
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Tadashi Imakura did a lot of bidding with the South hand, even considering that his partner opened a strong 1NT. Peter Fredin's 2NT was intended as a relay, apparently with the intention of introducing his diamond suit.

Imakura was lucky not to be doubled. Fredin started with the ♦K, taken in dummy. The ♣K was next. Magnus

Lindkvist won the ♣A and got out with the ♥K. Declarer won the ♥A and took a heart pitch on the ♣Q. When he played the ♦2 from dummy, Lindkvist ruffed and cashed his top spades. He picked up his partner's ♠Q in the process, but South was left with two losing diamonds for two down and 7 IMPs to Sweden, now leading 8-1. Japan missed a chance for a nice gain three boards later.

*Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.*

♠ K J 5 ♥ A Q 10 8 ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ 8 4	<table border="1" 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		♠ 10 9 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ A Q 8 5 4 2 ♣ 10 3	♠ Q 7 ♥ 9 6 5 3 2 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q J 9 6
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<b>West</b> <i>Takano</i> Pass 3NT		<b>North</b> <i>Sylvan</i> 2♠ All Pass										
<b>East</b> <i>Teramoto</i> 3♣		<b>South</b> <i>Sundelin</i> 1♠ Pass										

Sylvan led a low diamond to the jack and king, and Hideki Takano played a low spade to the queen and ace. A diamond was returned to the 10 and queen, and the ♦A was cashed. A second round of spades went to the West hand, and declarer played a low club to the queen, ducked by Sundelin. Now the successful heart finesse made a second club finesse unnecessary; Plus 630 to Japan.



*Johan Sylvan, Sweden*



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The opening lead was the ♠10 to South's ace. Fredin falsecarded with the jack and took the second spade in dummy. He then played a heart to the ace and cashed the ♠K, pitching dummy's diamond. He then took the losing club finesse, and Tadashi Imakura had the opportunity to give Fredin a big problem by playing a fourth round of spades. Had Fredin not guessed to ruff with the trump queen, he would have gone down. Imakura, however, returned a low club to dummy, and there was no further problem for Fredin; Plus 620 and a push. Board 10 featured bidding accidents by both sides, but Sweden escaped unscathed while Japan paid a heavy price.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 9 7		
	♥ 10 7		
	♦ 5 4 2		
	♣ K Q 7 6 4 3		
♠ J 10 2		♠ A K 5	
♥ Q J 8 6 4		♥ A 9 5 3	
♦ J 10 9 6		♦ A 3	
♣ 10		♣ A J 9 5	
	♠ Q 8 6 4 3		
	♥ K 2		
	♦ K Q 8 7		
	♣ 8 2		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
4♣	Dble	2NT	Pass
		4NT	All Pass

No doubt 4♣ was meant to show shortage. In any event, the Swedes missed the cast-iron 4♥ contract, playing a tenuous 4NT instead. Fortunately for the team, Lindkvist managed 10 tricks. The opening lead was the ♣8: 10, queen, ace. He continued with the ♥A and a heart to South's king. The ♣2 was next, and Ino made the good play of inserting the 6 instead of playing the king, which would have given Lindkvist 10 easy tricks. Lindkvist won the ♣J, played a heart to dummy and passed the ♦9 around to South's queen. Imakura did not read his partner's ♦5 accurately, switching to a low spade from the queen. That gave declarer 10 tricks and a nervous plus 630.

In the Closed Room, the wheels came off in the auction for Takano and Teramoto.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>
3♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

Takano's first bid was a transfer, and the response obviously was some sort of super-acceptance. Takano tried to retransfer, then apparently was convinced by the 4♠ bid that East had started with a long spade suit. The 3-3 fit did not play well.

Sundelin started with the ♦K. Teramoto won the ♦A and fired one back. Sundelin won the ♦Q and played a third round of the suit, East discarding a low heart. Teramoto then tried a heart finesse. Sundelin won the ♥K and played a fourth round of diamonds, ruffed by Sylvan with the ♠9. Teramoto pitched a club rather than overruff with a spade honor, and the ♣Q was taken by East with the ace. A low club was ruffed in dummy, and declarer tried the spade finesse. Sundelin won and returned the suit, and soon it was over. Minus 300 and 13 IMPs to Sweden, now leading 22-5.

Going into the final three deals, Sweden was leading 28-8. Then disaster struck.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Magnus Lindkvist, Sweden

<b>West</b> <i>Takano</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Sylvan</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Teramoto</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Sundelin</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Sylvan lost three tricks for plus 130. In the Closed Room, Fredin and Lindkvist had the chance for a huge plus score, but it turned into a major minus.

<b>West</b> <i>Fredin</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Ino</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Lindkvist</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Imakura</i>
1♦	2♣	Dble	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Fredin hit on the killing lead of a low heart from the West hand. Imakura put in the 10 and won the king when Lindkvist played the jack. Imakura started on clubs right away, and the defenders had a total of eight tricks for plus 1100. When Lindkvist won the ♣A, however, he returned the ♥2, which appeared to confuse Fredin, who pictured South with the ♦K, therefore placing East with the ♠K. Had Lindkvist returned the ♥9, suggesting a sequence and a source of tricks, Fredin likely would have avoided the play he actually made – a spade. The grateful declarer claimed 10 tricks and plus 950 at that point for a 13-IMP gain instead of a 14-IMP loss.

The next deal was also a disappointment for the Swedes.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠Q 2		♠K 10 7 4 3									
♥8 5 4 2		♥K 6 3									
♦J 10 9 5		♦K 4 3									
♣10 8 5		♣K 4									
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Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT								
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠								
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣								
All Pass											

Sylvan had no trouble taking 10 tricks in this contract for plus 130. In the Open Room, Ino and Imakura were much more aggressive.

<b>West</b> <i>Fredin</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Ino</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Lindkvist</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Imakura</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The favourable lie of the club suit meant that Ino was destined to make his contract, and indeed he finished with an overtrick for another 7 IMPs to Japan.

The final deal of the set, although it represented a gain of only 3 IMPs for Japan, nevertheless was interesting and typified the Swedes' missed chances in the set.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Takano</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Sylvan</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Teramoto</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Sundelin</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	2♣	All Pass	

Sylvan played well to land the awkward contract. Teramoto started with a low spade to the 9, queen and ace. Sylvan played the ♣A and ♣Q to Takano's king. A spade was returned to the jack and ace, and Sylvan played a



Hideki Takano, Japan

heart to the king and ace. East switched to the  $\diamond 10$ , and declarer put up the king. He ruffed the third round of diamonds, played a heart to the queen and ruffed a heart, then exited with his spade. West could ruff, but in the two-card ending was forced to lead from the  $\clubsuit 10 6$  into declarer's  $\clubsuit Q 7$  – plus 90 for North/South.

The auction took a different turn in the open room.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1 $\diamond$	2 $\clubsuit$	Dble	All Pass

Interestingly, after East starts the defense with a low diamond and West wins the jack, the only card to guarantee defeat of the contract is a low spade from the doubleton queen. That, of course, is a double dummy play, and Fredin did not find it. He switched instead to the  $\heartsuit 10$ , and declarer made the correct play of the king. East won the  $\heartsuit A$  and played the  $\diamond 10$  and another diamond, ruffed by declarer. The contract was now cold if declarer played correctly: heart to the queen, spade to the ace,  $\clubsuit A$ ,  $\clubsuit Q$  to West's king. Declarer could then ruff the  $\diamond A$ , cash the  $\clubsuit J$ , play a spade to dummy's king and make his  $\clubsuit 7$  en passant by playing a heart from dummy in the two-card ending.

Declarer did not play correctly, however, giving the defenders a chance to defeat him. After ruffing the third round of diamonds, Ino played a heart to the queen and followed with another heart, giving Fredin a chance to discard a spade. Ino then played the  $\spadesuit 8$  to the king, followed by another heart from dummy.

At that point, if Fredin had ruffed in with the 10 or king, the contract would have been defeated. Fredin, however, ruffed with a low trump. Ino overruffed with the  $\clubsuit 7$ , leaving him with the  $\spadesuit A 4$  and the  $\clubsuit A Q J$ . He could not be prevented from taking three more tricks for plus 180 and a 3-IMP gain instead of a 3-IMP loss.



*Tabashi Imakura, Japan*

## Little Fish are Sweet

by Mark Horton

Small boards can provide a story as on this deal from Round 5. First up we have the Vugraph match between Sweden and Japan.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ A J 5		$\spadesuit$ 8 4
	$\heartsuit$ 5 4 3		$\heartsuit$ 6
	$\diamond$ K Q 10 5 4		$\diamond$ A 9 8
	$\clubsuit$ J 9		$\clubsuit$ A Q 8 7 4 3 2
$\spadesuit$ K 10 6 3		$\spadesuit$ Q 9 7 2	
$\heartsuit$ A Q J 8 2		$\heartsuit$ K 10 9 7	
$\diamond$ 7 3 2		$\diamond$ J 6	
$\clubsuit$ K		$\clubsuit$ 10 6 5	



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Lindkvist</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led a spade and declarer put up the king, which lost to the ace. North switched to the king of diamonds and continued with a low diamond to South's jack. South continued the defence with a spade to his partner's jack and North played a third diamond. South discarded a small club, so declarer could win and claim the rest.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>
1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass
INT	Pass	3 $\clubsuit$	All Pass

Three Clubs is easy enough, but declarer was the architect of his downfall. He won the opening lead of the king of diamonds with the ace, crossed to the king of clubs, cashed the ace of hearts and took a ruffing heart finesse, discarding a diamond. Now South could play another diamond and score a trump promotion for one down. Oops.

In the match between Cyprus and Malaysia, Colin Morley, representing the former, was more ambitious:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Morley</i>		<i>Morley</i>	
1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	2 $\clubsuit$	Pass
2 $\diamond$	Pass	3 $\clubsuit$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Colin, realising that his team was well behind in the match, decided a small subterfuge was in order. Unluckily, despite giving the matter a lot of thought, North eventually led the king of diamonds and declarer finished four down. You might say the operation was a success, but the contract died.

## Appeal No. 2

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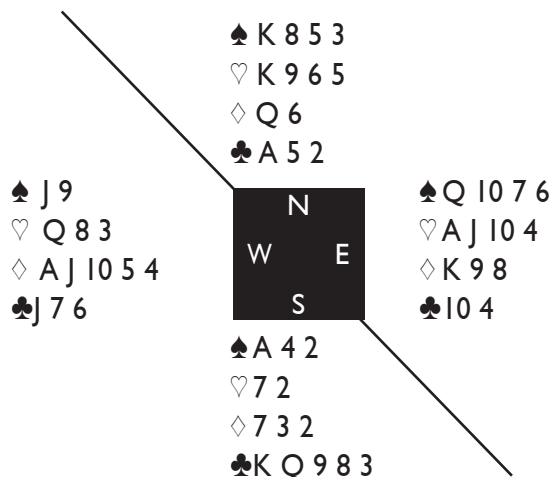
### Hungary v. Mexico

#### Appeals Committee:

J. Gerard (Chair), E. d'Orsi, G. Endicott,  
D. Morse, N. Rand

#### Open Teams Round 3

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Honti	Herrera	Dzilaqy	Resk
	1♣	Pass	2♦
Double	3♣	3♦	All Pass

#### Comments:

2♦ = S>W 9-11 with clubs  
N>E 11-12 with clubs

#### Contract:

3♦, played by East

Result: Seven tricks, NS - 100

#### The Facts:

At the end of the play East summoned the director to complain that had he been given the explanation his partner had received he would have found the ♦Q and made the contract.

#### The Director:

After a number of enquiries, ruled that East had received a correct explanation of opponents' agreement.

**Ruling:** table score stands.

**Relevant Laws:** 40, 75.

**East/West appealed.**

**Present:** The E/W players and their Captain.

#### The Players:

Confirmed their complaint to the tournament director. By the time that declarer had to decide where to look for ♦Q this was the only honour card that he had not seen. He relied on the explanation given to him, having previously seen opponents open on 9 and again on 10 HCP.

#### The Committee:

Noted that for lack of space in a tightly written card there was no point count written for the 2♦ bid. Listened to the director's explanation of the manner in which he had formed his opinion that North's explanation was the correct one. The committee accepted that the director had good grounds for his ruling and decided it had heard nothing in the evidence to gainsay this.

#### The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

**Deposit:** Returned. The merit in the appeal consisted in the question as to whether the way in which the Director had judged the North explanation to be right was satisfactory.

In a separate decision, the committee noted the absence of the Mexican pair. It is stated in the General Conditions of Contest that all players at the table shall attend an appeal hearing unless they receive permission not to attend from the committee via the director.

The committee issued a warning to the Mexican team that they may be penalized if they are in breach of this regulation again.

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