

TOE TO TOE IN ISTANBUL



Players in the Transnational Mixed Teams check their scores on the monitors

After 11 days of play, the finals are set for the Open and Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad as Italy, the Netherlands, Russia and the USA prepare their opening shots today.

Italy, the holders, will be favoured over a young Netherlands team in the Open series, but it's not likely the Italians will take the match for granted. After leading early in the 96-board semi-final match against Russia, the Dutch withstood a charge by their opponents and regained the momentum to win handily, thanks in part to a final 16 boards with little room for swinging.

Italy earned their final berth with a relatively easy

victory over a game Chinese team.

In the Women's series, Russia made it to the final with a surprisingly easy win over England. A veteran USA team, on the other hand, was tested by the Chinese women, carrying a tenuous 17-IMP lead into the final 16 boards. To the Americans' relief, it was dull set.

Also today, the losing semi-finalists in both events will begin 48-board playoffs for bronze medals.

In the 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams, the squad captained by Sabine Auken had a healthy lead after eight rounds of qualifying. Auken is playing with Zia Mahmood, Paul Chemla and Catherine D'Ovidio.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	FINAL	
		11:00
	To Be Decided	14:00
	To Be Decided	17:00

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SEMI-FINALS RESULTS



OPEN TEAMS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-64	Boards 65-80	Boards 81-96	Total
Netherlands	Russia	30 - 12	68 - 12	7 - 48	24 - 12	30 - 8	36 - 24	195 - 116
China	Italy	19 - 27	22 - 28	32 - 32	22 - 41	18 - 23	23 - 29	136 - 180

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-64	Boards 65-80	Boards 81-96	Total
China	USA	17 - 24	30 - 50	45 - 38	25 - 22	20 - 20	9 - 19	146 - 173
Russia	England	38 - 33	26 - 37	60 - 21	46 - 20	25 - 13	17 - 42	212 - 166

Today's Agenda

OPEN / WOMEN	WORLD UNIVERSITY	TRANSNATIONAL MIXED
10:00		Round 9
11:00	Final...3rd/4th play-off.....	Round 9
	Boards 1-16	
11:50		Round 10
14:00	Final...3rd/4th play-off.....	Round 10
	Boards 17-32	
14:30		Round 11
16:20		Round 12
17:00	Final...3rd/4th play-off.....	Round 11
	Boards 33-48	
18:10		Round 13

Please note that the lunch break is 30 minutes shorter than originally advertised in the WTMTTC. However, the schedule for Friday remains as in the programme.

Press Conference

A press conference with WBF President Jose Damiani is scheduled for Friday at 11 a.m. in the WBF meeting room on the Lobby 2 level. Joining Damiani at the press conference will be European Bridge League President Gianarrigo Rona and Turkish Bridge Federation President Ata Aydin. All journalists are invited to attend.

Mobile phones

No one is allowed to have a mobile phone in the playing rooms. The line-up desk is accepting phones of those who brought them to the playing area. The best solution, of course, is not to carry a mobile phone.

— Ton Kooijman

World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Ranking after 8 Rounds

Rank	Players	Country	VPs	Rank	Players	Country	VPs
1	AUKEN S.	FRA - GER	171	67	CHAMBERS	CAN - USA	119
2	BATOV V.	BUL	156	68	GOTARD T.	GER - DEN	117
3	VAN CLEEFF	NTH - ISR	155	69	LANGER D.	GER - SWI	117
4	ZHANG D.	CHI	147	70	BILGI UNI.	TUR	117
5	FORNACIARI	ITA	146	71	SEFARAD	TUR	117
6	ADAMSON S.	SCO	146	72	ERDEM S.	TUR	117
7	CERSANIT	POL	146	73	PANAHPOUR	ENG - NOR	117
8	ANADOLU	TUR	146	74	THOMASBERG.	AUT	116
9	ETI	TUR - ISR	144	75	SARDINAS L	TUR	116
10	VALANI	TUR - BUL	144	76	PEGASUS	TUR	116
11	SHORT B.	SCO	144	77	KARADENIZ	TUR	115
12	YALMAN A.	TUR - SWI	144	78	DOBRIN D.	RUS	114
13	FREED G.	USA	143	79	YOSHIDA T.	JPN	114
14	CHAGAS	POR - BRA	142	80	MUSTAFA	TUR - POL	114
15	VENETINA II	ARG - VEN	141	81	BAKAN O.	TUR - PAK	114
16	MERSIN	TUR	140	82	SAYER N.	TUR	114
17	SHIMAMURA	JPN	140	83	DAGDEVIREN	TUR	112
18	KITABGI A.	FRA	139	84	BAKIRLI	TUR	112
19	HNATOVA D.	CZE	139	85	HACKETT P.	ENG - NOR	112
20	CINAR	TUR	138	86	KRAUTSAK	CRO	111
21	POPOVA D.	TUR - BUL	137	87	BLUEBIRD	TUR	110
22	ZIMMERMAN	FRA	136	88	Bk.MANDIRI	IDN	110
23	KANTARCI A	TUR	136	89	PRIEBE J.	CAN - USA	109
24	KOLANKAYA	TUR	135	90	YENER S.	TUR	109
25	TACSPOR	TUR	134	91	YILDIRIM	TUR	109
26	KORKUT E.	TUR	134	92	CUMMINGS	CAN	109
27	IC	TUR - LEB	133	93	AKUZUM	TUR	108
28	WEBER E.	GER	133	94	SARILEVI	TUR	108
29	HAMAQUI S.	VEN - ITA	133	95	PEREKHREST	RUS	108
30	TERENZI R.	ITA	133	96	SEVIMLI G.	TUR	108
31	KUZEY	TUR	133	97	CLEARY A.	IRE	107
32	LAKHANI G.	IND - GRE	132	98	HUMPS	IRE	106
33	FRIENDSHIP	PAK - IND	132	99	HINGORANI	BOT - KOR	106
34	MAUD	EGY	131	100	MPE	ROM - MAL	105
35	SUE	FIN	131	101	GOKBRIDGE	TUR	105
36	ERGIL E.	TUR	131	102	TURAN G.	TUR	105
37	HANS S.	AUS	130	103	BICACO C.	TUR	104
38	MILES	USA	129	104	ERKEL M.	TUR	104
39	YILANKIRAN	TUR	129	105	PRADOS A.	ITA - SPA	104
40	FURUTA K.	JPN	129	106	KALMIK P.	TUR	104
41	RINGO	TUR	129	107	SALMAN Y.	TUR	102
42	AKSUYEK E.	TUR	128	108	NUHOGLU S.	TUR	102
43	ALLIX J.	FRA	127	109	DATA STEEL	PAK	101
44	SAYLIK R.	TUR	127	110	SAYILKAN R	TUR	101
45	ESKINAZ N.	TUR	127	111	PRIDAY T.	ENG	100
46	ANAK F.	TUR	126	112	NEVRA	TUR - LEB	100
47	I.FOOTWEAR	TUR	126	113	DOWLING S.	AUS - IRE	99
48	ALBERTI A.	GER	125	114	KEDI	TUR	99
49	GIBSON M.	NZL	125	115	DOMENECH D	FRA - ISR	99
50	KALTIM PR.	IDN	124	116	TAGA F.	TUR	97
51	GIURA N.	AUS - NZL	124	117	KEN-BOT	BOT - KEN	96
52	BARENDREGT	NTH - AUT	124	118	JOVI	AU	96
53	WAKSMAN S.	FRA - BEL	124	119	AYDIN BEL.	TUR	95
54	EKSIOGLU M	TUR	123	120	YIGITSUBAY	TUR	92
55	WEIGKRICHT	AUT - HUN	123	121	EGELI B.	TUR	92
56	HKHZ	HKG	123	122	BORNOVA SPO	TUR	89
57	LA MAISON	TUR	122	123	SEZERLI T.	TUR	88
58	FISCHER D.	AUT	122	124	DAGCIOGLU	TUR - AUS	86
59	HALFON D.	FRA	122	125	KIZILOK	TUR	85
60	ENA	TUR	122	126	YENGEC	TUR	85
61	GOKSU H.	TUR - RUS	121	127	KENT	TUR	83
62	KAMEL M.	EGY	121	128	YUREKLI E.	TUR	79
63	NYARADI G.	HUN	121	129	ARSLAN S.	TUR	76
64	FALAY F.	TUR	120	130	BOYBEK U.	TUR	74
65	SAYILKAN T	TUR	119				
66	GREY H.	SWI	119				

Appeal No. 5

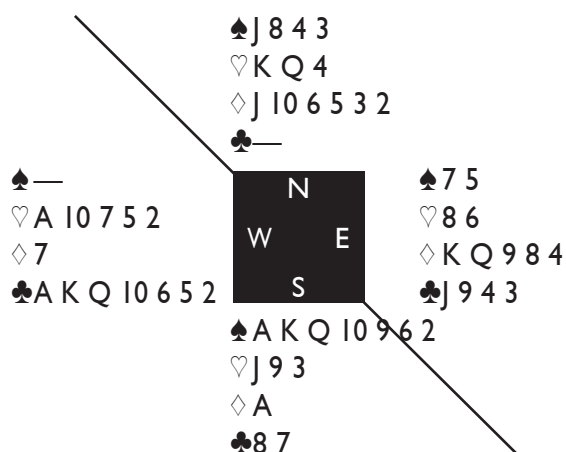
Pakistan v Italy

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff (Chairman, USA), Jim Kirkham (USA), Jean-Paul Meyer (France), Nissan Rand (Israel), John Wignall (New Zealand), Richard Colker (Scribe, USA).

Open Teams Quarter-Finals, Segment 2, Open Room

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Hadi</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Shoaib</i>
2♠(1)	3♣(2)	4♣	1♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	4♠
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			6♠

(1) ♥ + ♣ (emphasis on ♣)

(2) N to E: forcing in ♠; S to W: ♦ but not very strong

(3♦ would be better)

Contract and Opening Lead:

6♠ by South. ♥A led.

Result: Twelve tricks, N/S +1430

The Facts:

After the hand West called the Director. He said there were different explanations of the 3♣ bid on the two sides of the screen which affected his actions over both 4♠ and 6♠. He said that if he had known North had primary spade support he would have jumped to 6♣ directly over 4♠; he would also have bid 7♣ over 6♠ in the actual auction.

The Director:

Determined that E/W had no documentation to show which of the two explanations of 3♣ was correct. It was therefore decided that both West and East had received

misinformation. Four players were consulted. Two of them thought that bidding 6♣ over 4♠ was more attractive if West knew that 3♣ showed spade support. Assuming the auction as given, two of the four passed 6♠ with the information West had at the time but bid 7♣ when told 3♣ showed spade support. A third bid 7♣ regardless, but was more "comfortable" doing so knowing that North had spades. A fourth, who passed 6♠ in either case, thought the different explanations made only a "tiny" difference.

Ruling:

Score adjusted to 50% of 6♣ down 1, 10% of 6♣ doubled down 1, 20% of 7♣ doubled down 2 and 20% of 6♠ making.

Relevant Laws: Law 21B3, 40C, 75 and 12C3.

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and the E/W Captain.

The Players:

South said that, while he conceded that E/W were misinformed, what he told West was only that North's 3♣ bid showed diamonds, which did not deny that he might also hold spades-only that he chose to show just his diamonds at that point in the auction. Thus, the assumption that North denied spades was West's own. South further said that when North supported spades later in the auction he could have as many as three or four spades. West said he would certainly have bid 6♣ directly over 4♠ if he had known North had primary spade support, and while he could not be certain what he would have done over 6♠ his decision to defend was strongly influenced by his not knowing that North showed primary spade support. His reason for defending was that if North could have, say, only two spades, East was likely to have spade length and might either have a natural trump trick or have a trump holding which could not be picked up if he (West) tapped dummy in clubs at Trick 2 (after cashing his ♥A). Had he known that North showed primary spade support, he might very well have bid 7♣ over 6♠.

The Committee:

Rejected South's statement that West drew his assumption about North's spade holding at his own risk. While it is true that North might have some spade support in reserve when he showed diamonds, the information that North showed primary spade support with his 3♣ bid was crucial to West's decisions, both over 4♠ and over 6♠. In addition, the Committee judged that West was quite likely to bid 7♣ over 6♠ based on their

own judgments and those of the experts polled by the Director. The fewer spades North held (and the more East was therefore likely to hold) the more it made sense for West to defend. Indeed, the more pointed-suit cards East held (in addition to the likely four-card club support for his 4♣ bid) the more likely East was to be able to ruff a second heart at Trick 2 and defeat 6♠. There were even some East holdings where 7♣ might make (including ones where N/S had a diamond trick but North failed to lead the suit). Thus, the Committee believed that the misinformation definitely undermined West's ability to judge (correctly) to bid 7♣.

The Committee's Decision:

Adjust the score for both sides to 7♣ doubled by West, down two, +500 for N/S. While the Committee did not question the Director's decision to make a split-score adjustment, they believed West was so likely to bid 7♣ over 6♠ that it should be the dominant (indeed the only) determinant of the score adjustment. The Chairman also explained to N/S the importance of them knowing their methods, especially at this level of play, and pointed out the disservice that not having clearly set out agreements in frequently occurring and easily anticipatable situations (like the present one) does to the game.

Deposit: Returned.

Bulgarian Bridge Site

From Krastya Kavlakov: Bridge players, journalists and fans everywhere are invited to visit the newly found website of the Bulgarian Bridge Federation:
www.bgbridge.org.

Surmeli Shuttle

On Thursday and Friday, the shuttle bus will leave the Surmeli Hotel at 9 a.m.

JUDGEMENT RULINGS

by Grattan Endicott

Appeals Committee Coordinator

This Olympiad has attracted a remarkable number of entries, including quite a number of players who have not played previously in a WBF Tournament. In fairness to them it is surely right to draw their attention to the careful way in which the directors' judgemental rulings are made.

Following best practice a director does not give such a ruling instantaneously; he collects the facts and discusses them with other directors. But it goes far beyond this. The WBF Code of Practice requires him to consult a number of quality players on the bridge judgements that have to be made and he is careful to do this in a way that allows them to give their opinions unbiased by extraneous information. This is not all. Having gathered the opinions of players he takes this feedback to his colleagues, one of whom will be the chief tournament director or a very experienced director the CTD has nominated to act for him.

Players new to all this will understand that when the table director returns to them and gives them a ruling involving bridge judgement, the ruling he gives them has been the subject of three stages of consultation and is a fully considered decision. If taken to appeal it is no surprise that at the start of the hearing the Appeals Committee will believe the ruling to be well justified. Only if the evidence they hear convinces the committee that after the process described above the directors have still got it wrong, will the committee make any change in the director's adjudication. We will be extremely surprised if that happens often, for which reason we do urge captains to think very carefully before they enter an appeal.

The regulations empower the chief director to authorize the award of a weighted score where in the director's opinion this achieves a better equity in the adjustment.

The Appeals Committee will retain the US\$50 deposit when it considers it necessary.



The logo for SISKOM is displayed in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are thick and closely spaced, with a modern, geometric feel. The 'S' and 'K' are particularly prominent due to their size and the way they connect to the other letters.

WOMEN

China v USA

SEMI-FINAL-I

Many of these players met in the final of the Venice Cup last year in Monte Carlo, where USA came out on top after a close battle. China have been trying to beat various American teams for more than a decade now and there could be no better time than the present to gain some long overdue revenge.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ A K Q 5 2 ♣ A K J</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		<p>♠ A K J 9 3 ♥ A J 8 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ 5 3</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ K 9 7 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 10 7 6 4</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Meyers	Gu	Montin
3♥	2♦	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	W Wang	Molson	H Wang
3NT	2♦	2♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Both teams missed an opportunity to start the match with a substantial gain as the respective East/West pairs



Ling Gu, China

languished in game for a push at +520. Clearly the West players, in particular Tobi Sokolow, have a different idea to mine as to what an overcall of a multi shows.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ Q 9 6 2 ♣ A K</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		<p>♠ K Q 10 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A J 5 4 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 6 4 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Meyers	Gu	Montin
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	3♣	3♥
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	W Wang	Molson	H Wang
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass		3♣	3♥

Both Souths competed with 3♥ over 3♣. Though Randi Montin alerted her bid as non-invitational Jill Meyers went on to game anyway. At both tables West cashed the top clubs then, in response to a clear suit-preference signal, switched to a spade.

Hongli Wang, in 3♥, simply won the ace of spades, drew trumps and took her nine top tricks for a painless +140.

Montin had to try to find a tenth trick and ducked the spade to Ling Gu's ten. Back came a club. There is a winning line from her – ruff high and play for West to hold jack to three trumps before ruffing out the spade, but you would be on pretty good form to find that line, and in practice Montin ruffed with the nine and was over-ruffed; down one for -100 and 6 IMPs to China, drawing first blood in the young match.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Zhang	North Meyers	East Gu	South Montin
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♣
3NT	All Pass		Pass
West Sokolow	North W Wang	East Molson	South H Wang
			3♣

All Pass

Meyers decided that, as 3♣ was surely not going to be a success, she might as well hope to find her partner with some heart support. Now, what do you think of Gu's double of 3♥? True, she had the unbid suits, but I think she did very well to get involved with an effective 11-count. Yalan Zhang had a fairly straightforward response of 3NT. Meyers led a heart to dummy's jack and Zhang rattled off five rounds of diamonds. Meyers had to keep four hearts or declarer could just cross to the ♠A and lead a club up for her ninth trick, so had to throw a spade. But now Zhang played ♠K then a spade to the jack and had five spade tricks and 11 in all; +660.

Wenfei Wang did not respond to her partner's preempt at the other table and, while Janice Seamon-Molson was tempted to balance, she had the wrong shortage for a double and an inadequate main suit for an overcall so eventually chose to pass. Three Clubs drifted two off for -100 but that was a further 11 IMPs to China. Surprisingly, those were to be the last IMPs scored by the Chinese during the first session.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West Zhang	North Meyers	East Gu	South Montin
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	7♥
All Pass			
West Sokolow	North W Wang	East Molson	South H Wang
	1♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7NT
All Pass			



Janice-Seamon Molson, USA



Wenfei Wang, China

Both North/South pairs bid confidently to the cold grand slam. Hongli treated her hand as balanced in response to the strong club then took control on hearing that her partner had a heart suit; +2220. Meyers opened 1♥ and showed a balanced 14-16 over the forcing response. After a series of cuebids Montin leaped to 7♥; +2210.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠Q 2 ♥8 6 3 ♦AQ 7 5 ♣J 10 7 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 8 7 6 ♥A K ♦K J 6 2 ♣A 6 3</p>	<p>♠A K 9 5 3 ♥Q J 4 2 ♦10 9 ♣K 5</p>
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W		E										
	S											
<p>West Zhang Sokolow</p>	<p>North Meyers W Wang</p>	<p>East Gu Molson</p>	<p>South Montin H Wang</p>									
<p>INT 2♠</p>	<p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>1♠ 2♥</p>	<p>Pass Pass</p>									

Montin led the ♣8 and Meyers won the ace then played a second round. Gu won the ♣K and led the ♦10 to the queen and king. Back came the ♦J. She won the ace and played a heart up. Meyers won the king and played a diamond, ruffed. Gu drew three rounds of trumps then played the ♥Q to Meyers' ace. Meyers cashed the ♥10 and played a club; down one for -100.



Tobi Sokolow, USA

Hongli led the ♣9 and Molson put up dummy's jack, which Wenfei ducked. Molson led a heart off the dummy and Wenfei won, cashed the other heart and played ace and another club. Molson could ruff, draw three rounds of trumps and play winning hearts; +110 and 5 IMPs to USA.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠K J 8 7 6 ♥K Q J 10 9 ♦3 ♣K J</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 10 5 2 ♥4 3 2 ♦Q J 10 ♣7 5 4</p>	<p>♠Q 4 ♥7 5 ♦K 6 5 4 ♣10 9 6 3 2</p>
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W		E										
	S											
<p>West Gu</p>	<p>North Montin</p>	<p>East Zhang</p>	<p>South Meyers INT</p>									
<p>2♣</p>	<p>All Pass</p>											
<p>West Sokolow</p>	<p>North W Wang</p>	<p>East Molson</p>	<p>South H Wang INT</p>									
<p>2♦</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>All Pass</p>									

Both Wests came in over INT. The board had been rotated in the Open Room and it was Zhang who had to respond to the 2♣ overall showing both majors. She judged to pass, a bit of a random shot, I would have said, and certainly not a successful one on this occasion. Montin led a trump to the ace and Meyers switched to the nine of spades, which ran to the queen. Gu returned a spade for the king and ace and now Montin found the diamond switch, the second round obliging declarer to ruff with the king. Gu led the ♥Q from hand but Meyers won and played ace and another diamond for Montin to ruff. A spade through promoted an extra trump trick for Meyers; down three for -150.

Sokolow also showed both majors and Molson gave preference to hearts. Hongli led a trump to the six and nine and Molson played to the ♠Q then a club up, Wenfei taking her ace. She played ace and another heart but, while that prevented spade ruffs in hand, declarer was under no pressure and simply conceded two spades and a diamond; eight tricks for +110 and 6 IMPs to USA.

The set ended with USA ahead by 24-17 IMPs. There was a long way to go, but that was one small step towards yet another world championship final for the Americans.

UNIVERSITY **Turkey v USA** **ROUND 5**

This round featured a very quiet set of deals with very few swing opportunities. Both sides played fairly accurately, leading to a low-scoring 25-6 win for the Americans. The USA won a partscore swing on the very first deal:

USA.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Dalkilic</i>	<i>Glickman</i>	<i>Eskizara</i>
2♠	All Pass	1♠	Pass
<i>Paksoy</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Seker</i>	<i>Pahk</i>
INT(i)	Pass	2♣(ii)	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Paksoy</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Seker</i>	<i>Pahk</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♦(i)
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2S	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

(i) Good heart raise

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Dalkilic</i>	<i>Glickman</i>	<i>Eskizara</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	4♥
All Pass			

- (i) Forcing
- (ii) Clubs or any strong hand

Joon Pahk's aggressive take-out double in the Closed Room allowed N/S to locate their heart fit and compete to the three-level. Against 3♥, East, Basar Doga Seker cashed the ace-king of clubs and then switched to a spade. Declarer carefully won in hand to unblock the ♦A, and played a small heart towards dummy. East won and played a spade to dummy's now-bare ace. The play proceeded: diamond ruff, heart to dummy's king, diamond ruff, spade ruff, diamond ruff, club ruff. The final trick was won by Serhat Ozer Paksoy's master trump, but declarer already had nine tricks in the bag. Note the precise timing of the crossruff: if declarer wins the first spade in dummy, he will lack the entries to take three diamond ruffs in hand and his contract will fail.

In the Open Room, West, John Kranyak judged to downgrade his flat 10-count and the American pair bought the contract cheaply in 2♠. Marc Glickman had no trouble taking nine tricks for +140 and 7 IMPs to the

Despite his five-card trump support, Pahk judged well to compete to only 3♥ because of his balanced pattern, and indeed only nine tricks were there for the taking. In the Open Room, the no-play game was reached; minus 50, and 5 more IMPs to the USA.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Paksoy	Greenberg	Seker	Pahk
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥(i)	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(i) Five spades, four hearts, 7-9 points

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Dalkilic	Glickman	Eskizara
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C(i)	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(i) Checkback

The gadget used in the Closed Room had the unfortunate side effect of wrong-siding 4♥. North, Ari Greenberg led the ♣10 and there was nothing declarer could do to avoid losing the ♠K, ♥K, a club ruff, and the ♦A. In the Open Room, East's club holding was protected from the opening lead and Glickman easily scored up his contract for +420 and 10 big IMPs to the USA.

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Trump Coup Endplay

Kutluhan Unal of the Turkish 'Kantarci' team in the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship dropped into our office to show a nicely played 4♥ game, culminating in an endplay for the game-going trick.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Unal was declarer as West on the lead of the two of diamonds from North. He won the ace of diamonds and crossed to the ace of clubs to play a spade to the jack and ace. South cashed the king of diamonds then switched to a trump to dummy's jack. Unal cashed the king of spades, throwing a club, then ruffed a diamond low and played king of clubs and ruffed a club with the ace before playing another diamond. South went in with the nine of hearts so Unal over-ruffed with the king and exited with a club to North. At trick twelve, North could lead either his heart or club but either would be into declarer's ♥Q8, sitting poised over South's ♥97, and that meant ten tricks.

Nicely played and worth 14 IMPs when compared with the impossible contract of 6♣ minus four at the other table.

Final Call: Victory Banquet Invitations

To all participants in the Open, Women's and Senior teams – collect your invitations before 18.00 today (Thursday) at the Hospitality Desk.

If you do not collect your invitation, we will assume you are not attending the banquet.

Sale of invitations will depend on space and will commence on Friday.

Appeal No. 6

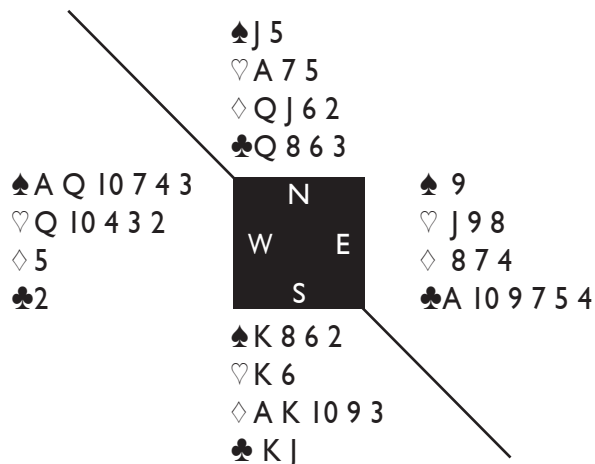
Appeal No. 6 Hungary v Russia

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff (Chairman, USA), Jens Auken (Denmark), Joan Gerard (USA), Jean-Paul Meyer (France), Ernesto d'Orsi (Brasil), Richard Colker (Scribe, USA).

Open Teams Quarter-Finals, Segment 6

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Szalay	Gromov	Macskasy	Doubine
2♦(2)	Pass	Pass	1♣(1)
3♠(5)	2NT(3)	3♦(4)	Dbf
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbf

- (1) Strong, artificial
- (2) W to S: a weakish hand with both majors (E/W's actual agreement); E to N: natural
- (3) N to E: 8+ GF with ♦ stopper
- (4) W to S: No agreement, may be ♦
- (5) E to N: no agreement; W to S: better or longer ♠

Comments:

West's 2♦ bid showed a weakish hand with both majors; he could have bid 2♣ to show either a diamond one-suiter or a good hand with both majors.

Contract and Opening Lead:

3♠ doubled by West. ♦Q led.

Result: Eight tricks, N/S +100. North led the ♦Q and continued with a second diamond, West ruffing and playing a heart to South's king. South tapped West with a third diamond and West then led the ♥J to North's king. With the ♠9 in dummy North could not tap declarer again with a fourth diamond and decided to play a club rather than

give his partner a heart ruff. Declarer won the ♣A, finessed the ♠Q, cashed the ♠A and played on hearts conceding two trump tricks to South for down one: -100.

The Facts:

At the end of play North called the TD and complained that with the correct explanation of the 2♦ bid (both majors) he could have bid 2♣, systematically showing a heart stopper and asking for a spade stopper, after which N/S would have easily reached the good 3NT contract.

The Director:

Determined that E/W's agreement was that 2♦ showed both majors and that East forgot. An inspection of N/S's system notes showed that after their strong 1♣ is over-called with a two-suited bid a cue-bid of one of two known adversely held suits asks for a stopper in that suit and shows a stopper in the other suit, as North claimed. (By inference 2NT shows both suits stopped.)

Ruling:

Score adjusted to 3NT making four after a spade lead, +630 for N/S.

Relevant Laws: Laws 40 and 12.

East/West appealed.

Present: All players and both Captains.

The Players:

West said that after the misexplanation (East admitted he forgot his system), when 3♠ was passed around to South he knew the whole situation. East's 3♦ bid suggested that he had misunderstood West's 2♦ bid and North's 2NT showed diamonds. Thus, South knew his diamonds would run and that North could not double 3♠, so he could work out that West likely had six spades and North and East one or two spades each. He therefore had a double shot: by doubling 3♠ he could either get a good result or ask for the contract to be returned to 3NT if that proved better. South explained that when North bid 2NT he showed stoppers in both majors so when 3♠ was passed around to him he knew North had at least 2-3 cards in each major including at least one stopper to go with his (South's) own substantial holdings; thus he thought it was clear to double 3♠ and collect a number. Finally, West claimed South told him during the auction (after the 3♦ bid came under the screen) that 2NT showed a diamond stopper (not both majors stopped). South denied this.

The Committee:

Discounted West's statement that South told him dur-

ing the auction that North's 2NT bid showed a diamond stopper; it made no sense given the explanation South received about West's 2♦ bid and N/S's system notes. They also quickly agreed that North had been given misinformation (MI) about the meaning of the 2♦ bid which led to his not being able to utilize his agreement about cue-bidding one of the opponents' suits, which would have easily led to a 3NT contract by South (over 2♦ North bids 2♠ showing a heart stop and asking for a spade stop and South then bids 3NT- or 2NT, which North would raise to game. West would likely lead a spade and ten tricks would then be easy for South. The Committee further noted that West made no argument that would allow the table result to stand or that refuted the idea that there had been MI. His contention that South had a "double shot" was ill-conceived: E/W's infraction led to South's double of 3♠ as a matter of normal bridge judgment when the correct information would surely have seen N/S reach the superior contract of 3NT. The Laws allow a player this type of "double shot" (actually it is just "redress for damage") when he takes a normal bridge action based on MI which turns out to be inferior and then seeks redress. (The sort of double shot that would not be allowed is if South took a wild or gambling action on his own initiative knowing that MI was present and expecting that he could seek redress if his gamble turned out poorly. As long as South takes reasonable actions given the misinformation he has received and there is no reason to believe that he knew for sure that he was misinformed, he is entitled by law to redress for damage caused by the MI.)

Committee's Decision:

Adjust the score for both sides to 3NT by South making 4, +430 for N/S.

Deposit: Retained. The appeal was judged to lack substantial merit.

World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Revised schedule for Thursday November 4th

10.00 – 11.30	Round 9
11.50 – 13.20	Round 10
14.30 – 16.00	Round 11
16.20 – 17.50	Round 12
18.10 – 19.40	Round 13

Please note that the lunch break is 30 minutes shorter than originally advertised. However, the schedule for Friday remains as in the programme.

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11.50 – 13.20	10.Tur
14.30 – 16.00	11.Tur
16.20 – 17.50	12.Tur
18.10 – 19.40	13.Tur

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Impression of Round 7

Leaders Poland played Belgium, in third place, whilst Italy sat down against Denmark. An interesting set of boards followed, like always in junior matches.

Christina S Mortensen of Denmark faced a difficult decision when Lopresti and Sbarigia intervened with some obstructive bidding.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ QJ7	
	♥ 76	
	♦ AJ64	
	♣ AK52	
♠ A643		♠ 85
♥ 10932		♥ AKJ85
♦ K 2		♦ 95
♣ 1084		♣ QJ96
	♠ K1092	
	♥ Q4	
	♦ Q10873	
	♣ 75	

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	Dble
3♥	Dble	Pass	??

Not so easy, North has at least a 15-17 NT and can be stronger. So what is the right bid: 3NT, 4♦, pass?

Christina chose 3NT and went three down when she tried – after five heart tricks and ♠A - to catch the bare king of diamonds in East.

A tough decision to pass the double, I presume. But even with a five-four fit in diamonds the defence against 3♥ is abundant. Two club tricks, a club ruff, two tricks in diamonds and a club for ♥Q in South. And still a spade to come for down three.

Christina forgot to take revenge shortly after.

Board 8. Dealer west. None.

	♠ A106	
	♥ J643	
	♦ 6	
	♣ AQ964	
♠ QJ		♠ K743
♥ 97		♥ AQ82
♦ Q1098743		♦ J2
♣ 53		♣ K87
	♠ 9852	
	♥ K105	
	♦ AK5	
	♣ J102	

West	North	East	South
Sbarigia	Kjaldbak	LoPresti	Mortensen
3♦	Dble	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

The impartial kibitzer really hoped for a redouble but Chistina probably had seen some of Kjare's take out doubles. But even opposite eleven 3NT proved to be unbeatable.

West led ♠J ducked all around. ♠Q was for the ace and a third spade for ♠K in East who played ♦J for ♦A in South. A losing clubfinesse but with ♥A-Q both in east there was no further problem in the play.

In the first boards of the session Steven den Donder and Alon van Amsel seemed to have the best of Jacek Kalita and Krzysztof Kotorowicz, who tried a grand slam missing a vital ace down in trick one when den Donder led that ace. The Belgium pair then bid to an optimistic 4♥.

Board 9. Dealer North. East-west.

	♠ K8	
	♥ J9854	
	♦ A1084	
	♣ KQ	
♠ Q108		♠ J9432
♥ 1063		♥ AQ
♦ K2		♦ J9
♣ 109743		♣ A865
	♠ A76	
	♥ K72	
	♦ Q7653	
	♣ J2	

West	North	East	South
	den Donder		van Amsel
	1♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A very thin game. To make it only needed one loser in trump and one in diamonds. With ♥AQ before the ♥K and diamonds two-two the Belgium declarer was home very quickly.

Expensive in many matches was a board where West had a nice defensive play available to help partner.

Only a few East-West pairs succeeded in taking a plus score. First of all John Kranyak of the USA found the killing lead after an informing auction.

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South.

♠ 7643 ♥ 10764 ♦ K10764 ♣ —	♠ K10982 ♥ 2 ♦ 85 ♣ AQJ98	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ Q ♥ QJ93 ♦ AQJ3 ♣ 5432
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ AJ5 ♥ AK85 ♦ 92 ♣ K1076					

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

John heard North splinter in hearts and realised that suit was no future. And North-South seemed to have a lot of clubs. So he came up with a nice lead: ♣2, after it was not difficult to start with the first five tricks.

Bas Tammens of the Netherlands, playing against Taiwan, created the plus score with a tiny opening bid.

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



Fabio Lo Presti, Italy

When you have an opening bid to show both majors you should do so when you have them. And nice major suits are indeed. The good thing for this preemptive was de position, the vulnerability and the diamond lead really shocking decarer. East, Meike Wortel, too ♦A, played back ♦Q and Jack, overtaken by West for one down.

LoPresti and Sbarigia also could have got a plus.

West	North	East	West
	1♣	1♦	Dble
4♦	4♠	All Pass	

East, Fabio, led ♦A and West, Matteo, played ♦2. In Italian style this was discouraging and what else then clubs, as the bidding suggested a five-card club suit with North, could be the plan? Alas, East played ♦Q, made the trick but then switched to ♠Q for eleven tricks and a happy Kjare Gjaldbak.

Board 13. Dealer North. All.

♠ Q4 ♥ AK4 ♦ K5 ♣ QJ9762	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ AK1065 ♥ 3 ♦ 10743 ♣ 1043
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 32 ♥ QJ98762 ♦ AQJ ♣ 5		♠ J987 ♥ 105 ♦ 9862 ♣ AK8			

West	North	East	South
Dble	1♥	1♠	INT
All Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

West for sure knew there were at least 50 points in the pack. Against 4♥ East led ♠A and everybody played low. East switched to a club and declarer threw his last spade on a club honor. Diamond to the Queen, then hearts. When the ♦K fell doubleton ten tricks and 620 were there.

West missed a great chance. In the first trick he should play ♠Q. This will cause East to also win a trick with ♠K, thinking ♠Q was a singleton. There is no ruff available but West can see the two top honors in trumps.

Estimating the scores in team of four matches is very dangerous. The other table often produces results that are hard to imagine. Belgium lost 10-20 to Poland, Denmark 10-20 to Italy and Taiwan 14-16 to the Netherlands. USA seemed to get up in the rankings and be amongst the leading teams.

RESULTS

ROUND 7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Romania UK	37	70	7	23
2	Sweden USA	58	38	20	10
3	Germany Hungary	25	21	16	14
	Bye Turkey	0	0	0	18
4	Belgium Poland	40	60	10	20
5	Chinese Taipei Netherlands	26	31	14	16
6	Denmark Italy	24	46	10	20
7	France Indonesia	10	70	2	25

ROUND 8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	UK Poland	32	42	13	17
	Sweden Bye	0	0	18	0
2	USA Germany	62	29	23	7
3	Turkey Romania	57	45	18	12
4	Netherlands Belgium	36	53	11	19
5	Italy Chinese Taipei	28	44	11	19
6	Indonesia Denmark	43	52	13	17
7	Hungary France	25	51	9	21

RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1	POLAND	155
2	ITALY	145
3	BELGIUM	139
4	U.S.A.	136
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	132
6	INDONESIA	129
7	DENMARK	122
8	TURKEY	121
9	SWEDEN	120
10	FRANCE	117
11	GERMANY	114
12	UNITED KINGDOM	103
13	NETHERLANDS	101
14	HUNGARY	88
15	ROMANIA	86

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ROUND 9

1	Poland Turkey
	Bye USA
2	Netherlands UK
3	Romania Sweden
4	Belgium Italy
5	Chinese Taipei Indonesia
6	Denmark Hungary
7	France Germany

ROUND 10

1	Turkey Netherlands
	Bye Romania
2	UK Italy
3	Sweden Poland
4	Indonesia Belgium
5	Hungary Chinese Taipei
6	Germany Denmark
7	USA France

ROUND 11

1	Netherlands Sweden
2	Romania USA
3	Italy Turkey
	Poland Bye
4	Belgium Hungary
5	Chinese Taipei Germany
6	Denmark France
7	Indonesia UK

OPEN **Russia v Netherlands** **SEMI-FINAL-I**

by Mark Horton

Russia, a slumbering giant in bridge terms, against the well-organised and youthful team from the Netherlands. An intriguing semi-final, which started very quietly.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Doubinine	Verhees	Gromov	Jansma
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass		3♣	3♥

Three Hearts was not in jeopardy, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Rekunov	Drijver	Khokhlov
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
Dble	Rdble	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

When North showed his strength South jumped to game. Two top clubs and a spade gave him a small chance but he put in the jack, and Netherlands had 6 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Doubinine	Verhees	Gromov	Jansma
Pass	4♥	All Pass	Pass

When West passed North was faced with a classical problem. How high to go with his hand?

One of the fascinating aspects of bridge is that players have different views as to how certain types of hand should be treated. (As an aside, as the game at the very highest levels becomes more and more professional situations like this can be researched and analysed in great depth using suitable software. Suppose you researched this situation and discovered that on average it would cost you say 3.5 IMPs if you opened Four Hearts. Unless you were very stubborn you would stop doing it!) Here



Andrei Gromov, Russia



Loek Jr. Verhees, Netherlands

North's opening salvo left East/West short of breath. East led the ace of spades and a second spade to West's king. He switched to a diamond and East won, cashed the ace and played a spade, ruffed and overruffed. East still had to make the king of hearts, so that was three down; +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Rekunov	Drijver	Khokhlov
1♦	4♥	Dble	All Pass

After West has opened the bidding the odds must change. Here it was easy enough for East to show some cards and for West to pass. East led the ace of diamonds and switched to his heart. Declarer won with the queen and played a diamond. West won and played king and another spade. East won and played a third spade, ruffed and overuffed. The defenders still had another trick to come for the same down three, but this time -500 and 8 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Doubinine	Verhees	Gromov	Jansma
Dble	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The area of protection can cause all sorts of problems, and here East/West got into trouble when East clearly hoped/expected West to deliver a better hand. 3NT was hopeless. According to the play record, South led a spade and North won and switched to a club, ducked to South who won and played two more rounds of spades. Declarer won in dummy, cashed five rounds of diamonds...and claimed six tricks, even though the ace of clubs is still to come. It was scored as down three; -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Rekunov	Drijver	Khokhlov
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT*
	2♣	All Pass	

Two Clubs was straightforward, and the position of the club honours gave declarer nine tricks; +110 and 5 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Doubinine	Verhees	Gromov	Jansma
1♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	INT	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

With an awkward lead, South went for the two of clubs, third and fifth, which went to the five, seven and king. Declarer's first decision had to centre on the club suit. Unless someone was playing a deep game the suit could not be breaking 4-4, so it would not help to play



Jan Jansma, Netherlands

either major suit, as the defenders would then have an easy five tricks to cash.

Accordingly, he took the only alternative of cashing five rounds of diamonds. North was under great pressure and he discarded the ♠9,♠8 and ♥3 – the only way to give declarer a problem. South parted with the ♥8 and ♠3. This was the position:

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

Declarer exited with a club and North won and returned a club to South's ace, dummy discarding a spade. When a spade came next it seemed clear that the only hope was to rise with the ace and cash the ace of hearts, but declarer played low and was one down; -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Rekunov	Drijver	Khokhlov
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
		INT	All Pass

INT was easy. Declarer played in simple style for seven tricks, +90 and 4 IMPs.



Vladimir Rekunov, Russia

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Doubinine	Verhees	Gromov	Jansma
INT	Dble	Rdble*	Pass
2♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

South led the six of hearts to North's jack and won the low diamond return with the queen. He played a diamond back to North's ace and the defence continued with ace and another heart. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ten, cashed two spades, ruffed a diamond, played a club to the ace, drew the last trump and played a low club. When the queen appeared he was home; +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schollaardt	Rekunov	Drijver	Khokhlov
1♣	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The defenders made no mistake, quickly cashing the four winners they were entitled to. Declarer got the hearts right to go only one down; -50 and 3 IMPs to Russia. Netherlands had won a low scoring set 30-12.

On My Return

It would be remiss of me if I omitted to say how deeply touched I have been by the immense warmth and kindness shown to me during the recent brief interruption in my normal activities. From the innumerable messages received from many parts of the world, it has been obvious to me that concern has been felt for me far greater than any I have felt for myself. It is good to have friends. Please note, however, that I have now deleted from my English Thesaurus the phrase, "I need this like I need a hole in the head."

— Grattan Endicott

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WOMEN'S PAIRS
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without Verona walls,
But purgatory, torture,
hell itself.*

*Romeo and Juliet
Act III Scene III*

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There are no quotas, so there are no limits to the number of pairs and teams from each country entering the events. Players must be nominated by their own federations, of course, and must be members in good standing with their NBOs.

It is the perfect opportunity for players from all over the world to come together in friendship to play bridge and enjoy the ambience of a great championship. Participants will be able to compete in a field that includes world and zonal champions, giving them a rare chance to play against the top players in the world. It is an exciting and challenging experience to play in such an event, as well as to have the fun and fascination of watching the finals of the main teams events on the Vugraph presentation.

The opening ceremony will be on Friday 9th June, and the awards ceremony on Saturday 24th June. Although the exact programme of events is still to be confirmed, it is probable that it will start with the Mixed Pairs, followed by the main Open, Women's, Senior and Junior Teams and finishing with the pairs events in these categories.

The name of Verona is known throughout the world

because of Shakespeare's tragedy, Romeo and Juliet. The places where, according to the tradition, the two young lovers lived and died, are visited by thousands of tourists and lovers every year. Only a few paces from Piazza Erbe, at number 27 of Via Cappello, is Juliet's House (La Casa di Giulietta), once owned by the Dal Cappello, or Capulet, family. A small marble balcony records the most famous verses of Shakespeare's tragedy, where Juliet stood while Romeo declared his love for her.

Verona's historical centre boasts many magnificent Roman ruins, the most famous probably being the Roman Arena, which dates back to the 1st century A.D. This great amphitheatre held up to 25,000 spectators and its interior is still perfectly preserved, although most of the exterior wall has now fallen down.

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OPEN

Italy v China

SEMI-FINAL-3

After two sets in the Open series semi-final match between Italy and China, the match was closer than many might have expected. Italy had a 55-41 lead, but as they are favoured in the event, the margin might have seemed surprising to some observers.

China was playing well, and they started the third segment with a gain.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 10 7 2 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 ♣ A 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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>♠ — ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ Q 6 4 3 2 ♣ K Q 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ K 9 8 4 3 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ A K ♣ J 9 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<p>♠ A Q J 6 5 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 7 5</p>												
<p>West <i>Shi</i> 3NT</p>	<p>North <i>Fantoni</i> Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Zhuang</i> INT</p>	<p>South <i>Nunes</i> 2♣</p>									

Haojin Shi's 3NT bid is optimistic, to say the least. Perhaps he was persuaded by his diamond sequence. When Claudio Nunes started with the ♠Q, the thin contract had a chance, but only if the Italians misdefended. Zejun Zhuang took the ♠Q with the king and played the suit right back. Nunes won and switched accurately to a low club, ending all chances for nine tricks. Declarer was soon two down for minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Versace	Xin	Lauria	Sun
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Considering that he might have led his partner's suit on the go against 3♣ doubled, allowing the contract to make, Alfredo Versace did well to pull the double. Lorenzo Lauria was not pleased to be playing 3♠ doubled, and even with a defensive error he was two off for minus 300.

Shaolin Sun started with his singleton diamond: 7, 2, A. Lauria led a club to the ace and played another club, Li Xin won the ♣Q and returned a diamond to East's king, ruffed by South. He got out with a third round of clubs, ruffed in dummy. The ♦9 was covered by North, an error, and ruffed by East with the 8. South overruffed with the jack



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy



Zejun Zhuang, China

and exited with a heart. Dummy's ♠10 won, and Lauria played a good diamond, discarding a heart. Sun made all five of his trumps. That plus the club trick was good for a 5-IMP gain for China.

The Chinese managed a huge swing three boards later when they 'right-sided' a 3NT contract and went into the lead.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K J 7 5 ♥ A K J 5 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 2	<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 4 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A J 10 8 2 ♣ K 6 4	♠ Q 6 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ K Q ♣ A J 10 9 5 3
N						
W E						
S						
West Versace 1♥ 2♠ 3♥	North Xin 2♣ Pass Pass	East Lauria 2♦ 3♣ 3NT	South Sun Pass Pass All Pass			

Played from the East seat, 3NT had no chance at all. The ♣8 went to the queen and ace, and the ♣J was taken by the king at trick two. Lauria played a heart to dummy's ace and a low diamond to the queen and ace. He followed with the heart finesse, and when it lost the defenders had seven tricks – minus 300. There was a much better auction at the other table.

West Shi 1♥ 2NT	North Fantoni 2♣ 3NT	East Zhuang 2♠ All Pass	South Nunes Pass
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The meaning of the 2♠ bid is unclear. Perhaps it was a club cuebid of some sort. In any case, the contract was played from the correct side. Fulvio Fantoni started with the ♣A, following with the ♣J to Shi's queen. Shi played a diamond from hand, taking the queen with the ace. He erred by continuing from dummy with the ♦J instead of return to hand to play his other low one toward the J-10, but when Fantoni won the ♦K, he put the ♠Q on the table and Shi was able to establish a third diamond trick for plus 630 and a 14-IMP gain. China had taken the lead 60-56. The lead grew on the next deal when both North players ignored the vulnerability to enter a strong auction and suffering a four-digit number – but China did one trick better in the play.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Most players in the competition, if given the chance, apparently entered the bidding with the shapely North hand – to their partner's regret on this occasion.

West	North	East	South
Versace	Xin	Lauria	Sun
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dble	2♠
Dble	All Pass		

Versace got off to the best lead – a trump. Sun put up the king and Lauria won the ace to return a low diamond. A second spade came back, ducked to Lauria's jack. The ♦K was ruffed in dummy and Sun cashed the ♠Q, picking up trumps. Declarer played the ♣3 to East's singleton ace, and then pitched hearts from dummy as East played three more diamonds. A heart then went to the ace, and dummy ruffed the club return, but Sun was left with the ♥Q J. Lauria could do no more than win the ♥K and return one – down four and plus 1100 for Italy.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Fantoni	Zhuang	Nunes
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Shi also started with a trump, but Zhuang ducked when Nunes put up the king. In dummy, Nunes played the ♥Q, a move that cost an important trick. Shi won the ♥A and continued with a spade to the jack. The ♠A was followed by the ♣A, a diamond to the ace and a club, ruffed in dummy. Declarer had only one more trick – the ♠9. That was minus 1400 and 7 IMPs to China.

With five boards left, China had a chance for a double-digit swing, but they had to settle for 3 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Xin	Lauria	Sun
1♦	3♠	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Versace took a long time to play this contract, and took only eight tricks for his trouble.

The opening lead was a low heart, and Versace put up dummy's king, ruffing out the ace. After long thought, he played the ♦A, following with the ♠K to North's ace. The ♥8 was next, and again Versace studied a long time before winning with the queen, pitching a spade from hand. Again, Versace took his time before playing a diamond to the jack and North's queen. The ♠Q was ruffed in dummy and a low club played from the East hand. South played the 3 and Versace got it wrong again by inserting the ♣J. When the miserable deal – for Versace, anyway – was over, declarer was three down for minus 150.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Fantoni	Zhuang	Nunes
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Fantoni started with the ♥8. Shi played low from dummy and ruffed the ♥10. At trick two, he played the ♠K from dummy. Fantoni won the ace and accurately continued with the ♠Q, forcing dummy to ruff. Shi played a low club to the ace and king, then dropped the doubleton queen offside by playing the top diamonds, but he was short of entries to dummy to lead up to the ♣J, so he played low from hand, hoping North's ♠K had been from an original holding of ♠K Q doubleton. It was not so, and Shi was one down for minus 50.

Shi can always make the contract if he is looking at all the cards – ruff the opening lead, cash the top diamonds and play a low club from hand. Had North overcalled at the three level as his counterpart did, Shi might have considered the possibility of a singleton club honor with North, but the 1♠ bid did not supply enough useful infor-

mation.

China saw their 4-IMP lead become an 8-IMP deficit on the next deal.

It's always tough when the bidding heats up and you have to make a decision at a very high level. The most successful players are the ones who get these situations right more often than their opponents. On the following deal, the Chinese got it wrong and paid the price.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Xin	Lauria	Sun
Dble	4♦	Dble	2♦
4♠	All Pass		Pass

Sun and Xin had a good sacrifice at 5♦, but they went quietly over 4♠ — minus 620.

West	North	East	South
Shi	Fantoni	Zhuang	Nunes
1♥	3♦	3♠	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

Once Nunes bid 5♦, China was booked for a loss on the board, but it would have been only 4 IMPs if Shi had doubled 5♦ instead of bidding on. There were three inescapable losers, so China lost 12 IMPs to trail 81-73.

The rest of the boards were more or less flat, as was the entire session: China still trailed by 14 IMPs with 48 boards to go.

USA Team

The Nov. 2 Daily Bulletin published a list of the names of the USA team in the World University competition with four misspelled names. This is the team with all names as they should be: Ari Greenberg, Joon Pakh, Noble Shore, Charlie Garrod, John Kranyak and Marc Glickman.

Championship Diary

When Patsy Mehan came into the office to deliver an interesting deal she remarked that she was interested in tournaments that might combine bridge and skiing. Tacchi, surprisingly alert at such an early hour, promptly directed her to what he described as a Polish web site, Bridgeski!

When England was facing France in on VuGraph in the exciting conclusion to their quarter final, Paul Chemla was one of the commentators. Still looking for a partner for the Transnational event Paul mentioned that if England lost he would like to partner Nicola Smith, as they had never played together. A note was dispatched to the Open Room, and delivered to Nicola just as Board 9 was placed on the table. It read 'If you lose you can play with Chemla in the Transnationals.' According to her partner Nicola immediately produced her best bridge of the Championships so far!

Tacchi nobly volunteered to write up a match report and watched a whole session. After typing in the first deal he recalled Bob Hamman's maxim that 'Bridge is a game of mistakes' and the words of his mother, 'If you can't say anything nice about someone don't say anything.' He promptly turned off his computer!

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.

SENIORS FINAL BUTLER RANKING

(Pairs must play 120 boards to qualify)

Rank	Players	Country	Boards	IMPs
1	Levit - Rand	ISR	132	1,18
2	Doremans - Trouwborst	NED	336	1,17
3	Bell - Miles	USA	180	0,99
4	Humburg - Mattsson	GER	180	0,98
5	Schermer - Chambers	USA	240	0,96
6	Schwartz - Romik	ISR	300	0,84
7	Tedd - Jourdain	WAL	216	0,81
8	Faigenbaum - Damiani	FRA	216	0,74
9	Stoppa - Stretz	FRA	192	0,73
10	Hirst - Hassett	ENG	240	0,72
11	Mirza - Ghazi	PAK	228	0,69
12	Sikorski - Omernik	POL	240	0,59
	Pinto - Ferreira	POR	204	0,56
14	Marsal - Schroeder	GER	276	0,55
15	Korkut - Tursan	TUR	204	0,54
	Robison - Onstott	USA	252	0,54
17	Kubak - Milavec	AUT	252	0,53
18	Carruthers - Silver	CAN	240	0,49
	Janssens - Boegem	NED	336	0,47
20	Wang - Lu	CHI	252	0,45
21	Chang - Lin	CHT	204	0,44
	Backstr?m - Hall?n	SWE	252	0,44
23	Li - Tang	CHI	312	0,42
24	Baroni - Ricciarelli	ITA	252	0,42
25	Nakamura - Yamada	JPN	336	0,37
26	Mari - Chemla	FRA	252	0,33
	Serifoglu - Ketenci	TUR	216	0,33
28	Dahl - Norris	DEN	336	0,32
29	Coyle - Goldberg	SCO	216	0,30
30	Liggat - Bennett	SCO	216	0,29
31	Haughie - Nagy	AUS	264	0,25
	Unger - Baratta	AUT	240	0,25
33	Bankoglu - Yalman	TUR	228	0,22
	Lund - M?ller	DEN	336	0,22
35	Jones - Collings	ENG	228	0,18
36	Robinson - Laliberte	CAN	216	0,15
	Zaidi - Khan	PAK	192	0,15
38	Sbarigia - Giove	ITA	228	0,12
	Zdzienicki - Aleksandrzak	POL	240	0,12
	Luck - Jones	WAL	252	0,12
41	Mohiuddin Ahmed - Talpur	PAK	168	0,10
42	Uhlmann - Schneider	GER	216	0,09
43	Ekberg - Alfredsson	SWE	216	0,08
44	Monteiro dos Santos - Dias	POR	228	0,02
	Hoffer - Piafsky	CAN	204	0,02
46	Radecki - Korpetta	POL	192	-0,02
	Hu - Lin	CHT	228	-0,02
48	Rubies - Masana	ESP	216	-0,04
	Ohno - Hirata	JPN	336	-0,04
50	Mariani - Fornaciari	ITA	192	-0,06
	Ip - Robb	NZL	192	-0,06
52	Baxter - Diamond	SCO	228	-0,16
53	Rosen - Bernazzani	VEN	156	-0,17
54	De Mesmaecker - Hendrickx	BEL	336	-0,24
55	Travassos - Leit?o	POR	204	-0,25
56	Eichholzer - Obermair	AUT	180	-0,27
57	Lenart - Freeman-Greene	NZL	204	-0,28
58	Dowling - O'Lubaigh	IRE	228	-0,29
59	Gracia - Corachan	ESP	228	-0,34
60	Rue - Stanley	ENG	204	-0,35
	Froelicher - Nikitine	SWI	252	-0,35
	Weiss - Weiss	SWI	252	-0,35
63	McDonald - Walsh	AUS	228	-0,41
64	Esteruelas - Moreno	ESP	228	-0,42
65	Lessells - Cleary	IRE	216	-0,45
66	Bigat - Achterberg	SWI	168	-0,46
67	Crichton - Grant	AUS	180	-0,51
68	Levit - Kaminski	ISR	204	-0,62
69	Lin - Hsia	CHT	228	-0,64
	Daryanani - Tagliavia	VEN	240	-0,64
71	Thirion - Mondor	GUA	192	-0,70
	Henri - Busquin	BEL	336	-0,70
73	Gilliocq - Bonnet	GUA	216	-0,74
74	Comyn - Moran	IRE	228	-0,82
75	Gibson - Woodfield	NZL	168	-1,21
76	Cassin - Pelletier	GUA	204	-1,26
77	Slimak - Devletian	VEN	216	-1,34
78	Houtkooper - Wijbenga	CRC	276	-1,82
79	Mellado Fresard - Miranda	CRC	312	-2,13

Rosters of Transnational Mixed Teams

No	Team Name	Country	1st Name	2nd Name	3rd Name	4th Name	5th Name	6th Name
1	ADAMSON S.	SCO	Ms ADAMSON S.	Ms MARTIN A.	MATHESON J.	MURDOCH J.		
2	AKSUYEK E.	TUR	AKSUYEK E.	BILGEN S.	Ms NIERINCK N.	Ms TELATAR A.		
3	AKUZUM	TUR	AKUZUM T	Ms PEKKIP M.	Ms TUZEL F.	TATAEOGLU M.	AKUZUM T.	
4	ALBERTI A.	GER	Ms ALBERTI A.	BAUSBACK N.	ENGEL B.	Ms KUZSELKA B.		
5	ALLIX J.	FRA	ALLIX J.	HERTZ A.	MAUBERGUEZ E.	Ms RACZYNSKA J	Ms REESS V.	
6	ANADOLU	TUR	Ms ADIGUZEL	ARIGUN C.	CUHADAR E.	Ms TERCAN G.		
7	ANAK F.	TUR	ANAK F.	AKSOY I.	Ms ANAK M.	Ms ARAZ B.	Ms KARAVIL S.	KILERCIOGLU M
8	ARSLAN S.	TUR	ARSLAN S.	ERTEKIN M.	Ms GUNER R.	Ms INAN T.	Ms OZDAL B.	Ms SUNGET S.
9	AUKEN S.	FRA-GER	Ms AUKEN S.	CHEMLA P.	MAHMOOD Z.	Ms D'OVIDIO C.		
10	AYDIN BEL.	TUR	EKEN S.	Ms KOLDEMIR A.	Ms TAGCI R.	PIRLIBEYLIOGLU	KOUYA K.	
11	BAKAN O.	TUR-PAK	BAKAN O.	Ms ILICAK I.	Ms RITTER C.	SERIM G.	KHAN S.	Ms SEN E.
12	BAKIRLI	TUR	Ms BAKIRU A.	DORTKAS H.	Ms GULEC L.	KOCA B.		
13	BARENDREGT	NTH-AUT	BARENDREGT R.	FLADR M.(cze)	FRASER H.	ROKYTA M.	ZOUCHOVA Z-cze	
14	BATOVV.	BUL	BATOVV.	STEFANOV J.	Ms IVANOVA S.	Ms MIRCHEVA R.		
15	BICACO C.	TUR	Ms BICACO C.	ALAADDINOGLU	Ms GONISH C.	KIRANLIOGLU C.	Ms KOCAK N.	YIRIK H.
16	BILGI UNI.	TUR	AKBIYIK A.	Ms ALP P.	ANG M.	Ms EKMEKCI A.	ORHANGAZILI H.	Ms PASINER A.
17	Bk.MANDIRI	IDN	KARWUR F.	Ms SYARIFAH N.	MONDIGIR B.	Ms SUMENGE W.	Ms SYOFIAN E.	TUMBEL J.
18	BLUEBIRD	TUR	Ms YAVAS D.	ERDOGAN O.	KAHYAOPLU Y.	Ms ERDOGAN F.		
19	BORNOVA SPO	TUR	TABAK H.	Ms AGIRNASLI E	EROLA.	Ms ESKINAZI S.		
20	BOYBEK U.	TUR	Ms BOYBEK U.	Ms ABACIOGLU O	ABACIOGLU E.	BOYBEK M.	Ms AYHAN S.	DANACIOGLU H.
21	CERSANIT	POL	Ms GRUNT A.	Ms KOWALSKA H.	Ms KUCHARSKA K	KUCHARSKI P.	LUTOSTANSKI P	MAJCHER A.
22	CHAGAS	POR-BRA	CAPUCHO M.	CAPUCHO M.	CHAGAS G.	CHAGAS L.		
23	CHAMBERS	CAN-USA	CARRUTHERS J.	Ms NATILI D.	CHAMBERS N.	Ms VENNY R.swe	Ms WOLPERT H.	WOLPERT G.
24	CHUMPS	IRE	Ms KIRBY B.	O'BRIEN B.	PATTINSON B.	Ms PATTINSON M		
25	CINAR	TUR	GUR O.	Ms ANTMEN A.	Ms CINAR N.	RICHARDSON L.		
26	CLEARY A.	IRE	CLEARY A.	CLEARY E.	FINN M.	O'LUBAIGH S.		
27	CUMMINGS	CAN	CUMMINGS M.	MACHAY S.	JAIN P.	ISSEVER F.		
28	DAGCIOGLU	TUR-AUS	DAGCIOGLU A.	SCHULTZE F.	Ms TERRANEO G.	Ms KARA Z.	Ms DUNDAR F.	
29	DAGDEVIREN	TUR	Ms ARMAN H.	Ms BAYTOK C.	Ms ERDEN S.	ERSIN M.	Ms ONEN C.	
30	DATA STEEL	PAK	TARIQ R.	PARVEZ M.	Ms ROSHAN B.	Ms RUBINA A.		
31	DOBRIN D.	RUS	DOBRIN D.	Ms CHUBAROVA s	Ms NEKRASOVA K	RADOKHLEB A.		
32	DOMENECH D	FRA-ISR	DOMENECH D.	YADLIN D.	Ms EMODI G.	Ms SAFRA C.Arg		
33	DOWLING S.	AUS-IRE	DOWLING S.	BROWN T.	Ms GRENSIDE S.	Ms INGHAM S.	GUE P.	
34	EGELI B.	TUR	EGELI B.	Ms ARCASOY F.	DURAL T.	Ms HACIRAIFOGL		
35	EKSIOGLU M	TUR	Ms EKSIOGLU M.	OZGUVEN B.	ASLAR B.	Ms DE TARANTO N.	GUREL E.	SOHTORIK Y.
36	ENA	TUR	KAMGOZEN E.	Ms AKGUL E.	Ms ER U.	Ms KAMGOZEN N.	ERK A.	KAHRAMAN A.
37	ERDEM S.	TUR	ERDEM S.	Ms COKGOR S.	COKGOR T.	Ms PARDO M.	GUR N.	
38	ERGIL E.	TUR	ERGIL E.	Ms ELLIALTI S.	SENGULER Z.	Ms VAHABOGLU G	VAHABOGLU H.	
39	ERKEL M.	TUR	ERKEL M.	BAYRAKTAR H.	Ms ERKEL N.	Ms EVLIYAGIL M	TAS C.	CIVGINER G.
40	ESKINAZ N.	TUR	ESKINAZ N.	MAYA S.	Ms MIZRAHI E.	Ms PISAK M.		
41	ETI	TUR-ISR	Ms ADUT V.	ATABEY Y.	OZDIL M.	Ms POPLILOV M.		
42	FALAY F.	TUR	FALAY F.	GURSEL A.	Ms GURSEL R.	Ms SOHTORIK Z.		
43	FISCHER D.	AUT	Ms FISCHER D.	Ms GOGOMAN A.	LINDERMANN A.	SAURER B.	BABSCH A.	
44	FORNACIARI	ITA	Ms BURATTI M.	Ms CUZZI M.	FORNACIARI E.	MARIANI C.		
45	FREED G.	USA	FREED G.	KENNEDY B.	LEWIS L.	ROBISON J.		
46	FRIENDSHIP	PAK-IND	GHAZI R.	Ms KARMARKAR	MMOINUDDIN K.	Ms SINGAPURI Y		
47	FURUTA K.	JPN	FURUTA K.	Ms HOSHI Y.	Ms NAKAJIMA S.	TANAKA R.	Ms UMEHARA K.	
48	GIBSON M.	NZL	GIBSON M.	Ms FREEMAN-GRE	LENART T.	Ms WOODFIELD J		
49	GIURA N.	AUS-NZL	Ms GIURA N.	HUGHES N.	McLEISH D.	Ms McLEISH P.		
50	GOKBRIDGE	TUR	GOBOY L.	Ms MAGRISO S.	Ms OZFRESKO R.	SU S.	Ms YARDIMCI J.	YILDIZ D.
51	GOKSU H.	TUR-RUS	GOKSU H.	Ms PANINA L.	ROSENBLUM M.	Ms SOLAKOGLU F	Ms YILMAZ I.	
52	GOTARD T.	GER-DEN	Ms GOTARD B.	GOTARD T.	Ms KIRSTAN M.	TORNQVIST T.		
53	GREY H.	SWI	Ms GREY H.	PIEDRA F.	Ms SAESSELI I.	YALCIN T.	ABOU CHANAB B.	
54	HACKETT P.	ENG-NOR	HACKETT P.	ALEXANDER M.	Ms ALEXANDER M	Ms LANGELAND A		
55	HALFON D.	FRA	Ms HALFON D.	Ms FREY N.	HARARI D.	RIEHM F.	FAIGENBAUM A.	
56	HAMAOU I S.	VEN-ITA	HAMAOU I S.	GUSSO F.	PACHECO M.	PASQUINI P.	SLIMAK P.	ZIGHELBOIM O.
57	HANS S.	AUS	HANS S.	Ms HAVAS E.	NUNNT.	Ms TRAVIS B.		
58	HINGORANI	BOT-KOR	HINGORANI G.	Ms HWANG I.	Ms MEEHAN P.Ir	MINWALLA D.		
59	HKHZ	HKG	CHEN J.	CHIU K.	Ms LU Q.	WAN S.	ZEN D.	Ms ZHENGY.
60	HNATOVA D.	CZE	Ms HNATOVA D.	KURKA J.	Ms POKORNA J.	SVOBODA O.		
61	I.FOOTWEAR	TUR	Ms GURKAN S.	KAZANCI C.	SELCUK C.	SENCER C.	Ms TUNCER G.	Ms ZAIM M.
62	IC	TUR-LEB	ALUF S.	Ms ALTUNOK B.	Ms ALUFT.	KOKTEN N.	Ms CHAMAA I.	MARTENS K.pol

63 JOVI	AUT	GLOYER A.	Ms KRIFTNER S.	SCHIFKO M.	Ms SMEDEREVAC		
64 KALMIK P.	TUR	Ms BAYULKEN O.	MUSAOGLU A.	OZTURK L.	MAZLUM H.	Ms CAYDAM	KALMIK P.
65 KALTIM PR.	IDN	ASBI T.	Ms BOJOH L.	Ms DEWI S.	PANELEWEN S.	TOBING R.	Ms TUEJE J.
66 KAMEL M.	EGY	KAMEL M.	Ms ATTASI Z.	Ms WATTAR N.	WATTAR W.		
67 KANTARCI A.	TUR	Ms KANTARCI A.	KANTARCI M.	Ms BAL A.	BAL M.	PEKOZ N.	UNAL K.
68 KARADENIZ	TUR	GOKSU S.	Ms KIBAROGLU N	KARADENIZ C.	UCUM Z.	Ms DIRIM N.	Ms BINGOL N.
69 KEDI	TUR	Ms AKIN S.	Ms ASSAEL R.	COPUR M.	ERKMAN I.	Ms KOKBU S.	POLAT H.
70 KEN-BOT	BOT-KEN	DIKGANG M.	DANIEL G.	Ms ESMail S.	Ms DEEN M.		
71 KENT	TUR	Ms KENT Y.	KENT A.	GURSOY Y.	Ms AKYOLLU U.		
72 KITABGI A.	FRA	Ms KITABGI A.	NAHMIAS A.	Ms BEAUMIER A.	BEAUMIER D.		
73 KIZILOK	TUR	KIZILOK O.	Ms KOGAK G.	Ms FARHAT M.	TARHAN		
74 KOLANKAYA	TUR	KOLANKAYA A.	Ms ATALAY B.	AVCIOGLYU H.	MsGUMRUKCUOGLU	TASTEPE N.	
75 KORKUT E.	TUR	KORKUT E.	UYSAL A.	Ms BABAC M.	Ms BEYOGLU S.		
76 KRAUTSAK	CRO	KRAUTSAK D.	FILJAR D.	Ms LONCAR-FILJ	REFI B.	Ms TRAUB I.	Ms ZAGAJSEK S.
77 KUZHEY	TUR	ERS V.	Ms GUNAY D.	GUVEN B.	KOC C.	Ms UZBABACAN N	
78 LA MAISON	TUR	Ms ANAPA D.	DEMIRBAS H.	KOKSOY E.	Ms OZBEY F.	Ms TOKCAN M.	
79 LAKHANI G.	IND-GRE	LAKHANI G.	PROKOPIOU Y.	RAYTHATHA A.	DIONYSOPOULOS		
80 LANGER D.	GER-SWI	LANGER D.	KUTNER R.	GWINNER H.	Ms NIKITINE R.		
81 MAUD	EGY	Ms MAUD	Ms LILY	HISHMAT M.	SADEK T.		
82 MERSIN	TUR	GURKAN T.	Ms HAYFAVI Y.	Ms MERZE S.	YAMUT E.		
83 MILES	USA	MILES	JONES	Ms GAMIO	Ms PINCUS	YAGCI R.	
84 MPE	ROM-MAL	DIX M.	Ms ARDELEAN S.	ANDREI F.	Ms PARNIS-ENGL		
85 MUSTAFA	TUR-POL	Ms SARNIAK	Ms BREWIAK G.	AKGUL M.	KRZEMIEN R.	MsZEGILEWICZ K	KOLATA S.
86 NEVRA	TUR-LEB	DEMREN F.	DRAZ M.	Ms ISPAHANI N.	Ms YAMAC M.	SAIKALI G.	Ms HAMADAN N.
87 NUHOGLU S.	TUR	Ms NUHOGLU S.	KANDEMIR I.	KARAKURT B.	Ms OZAN E.		
88 NYARADI G.	HUN	Ms NYARADI G.	NYARADI G.	Ms NYARADI I.	KOTANYI B.		
89 PANAHPOUR	ENG-NOR	Ms PANAHPOUR L		KING P.	Ms BEKKOUCHE N	SVENDSEN J.	
90 PEGASUS	TUR	CIVGINER H.	Ms ATALAY Z.	KESIKBAS O.	Ms TOLAY A.	Ms SELCUK S.	
91 PEREKHREST	RUS	PEREKHREST K.	KURSAKOVA L.	TATARKIN V.	ZENKEVICH S.		
92 POPOVA D.	TUR-BUL	Ms POPOVA D.	ARONOV V.	GUNEV R.	Ms ZOBU A.		
93 PRADOS A.	ITA-SPA	Ms PRADOS A.	Ms ARRIGONI G.	MACI G.	PALMA F.	Ms PAOLUZI S.	RESTA G.
94 PRIDAY T.	ENG	PRIDAY T.	PRIDAY V.	PIPER Y.	RAY K.		
95 PRIEBE J.	CAN-USA	COHEN R.	COHEN J.	PRIEBE J.	PRIEBE		
96 RINGO	TUR	BILGEN M.	Ms IRTEM M.	Ms OZSOY S.	UNLU D.		
97 SALMAN Y.	TUR	SALMAN Y.	EROL A.	Ms MIZRAHI E.	Ms MIZRAHI E.	Ms OZSARFATI S	Ms PARDO C.
98 SARDINAS L	TUR	Ms SARDINAS L.	ERCAN E.	Ms OZGUR H.	YILDIZ V.		
99 SARILEVI	TUR	AYDOGU E.	Ms LEVI T.	POPLILOV L.	Ms SARI N.		
100 SAYER N.	TUR	Ms SAYER N.	Ms AZIZ L.	BARIS M.	Ms TREVES F.	FARUK S.	
101 SAYILKAN R	TUR	SAYILKAN R.	ACAR S.	KARDES A.	Ms KOSEMEN S.	TUNCER E.	Ms URGUNLU N.
102 SAYILKAN T	TUR	SAYILKAN T.	ERBIL E.	Ms ERBIL E.	Ms INAL G.		
103 SAYLIK R.	TUR	SAYLIK R.	Ms ERTROYLU S.	Ms ISMET K.	FRANCO S.	Ms BOZ F.	
104 SEFARAD	TUR	DEMIR I.	Ms BENEFRAIM P	GOSKU O	CIVANYAN H.	Ms SOMER Y.	TUYSUZ M.
105 SEVIMLI G.	TUR	Ms SEVIMLI G.	ALTINOK O.	Ms KARTAL H.	Ms SOUZZANGER	TIGAN Z.	ULUYOL B.
106 SEZERLI T.	TUR	Ms DINCEL S.	Ms SUEDIJELI Z	SEPETCIOGLU S.	SEZERLI T.		
107 SHIMAMURA	JPN	Ms SHIMAMURA	Ms FUKUDA S.	KAKU H.	TERAMOTO T.		
108 SHORT B.	SCO	SHORT B.	BAXTER K.	Ms McGOWAN E.	Ms McQUAKER F.		
109 SUE	FIN	UTTER L.	Ms BACKSTROM J	Ms BARLUND B.	KOISTINEN K.	Ms MULTIMAKI E	SALOMAA M.
110 TACSPOR	TUR	SAGOCAK S.	BINGOL A.	Ms BINGOL Z.	Ms SENCER B.		
111 TAGA F.	TUR	Ms TAGA F.	TAGA S.	IRGIN A.	Ms KIRCHLE A.		
112 TERENCE R.	ITA	TERENZI R.	Ms CANESI M.	CEDOLIN F.	Ms GERGATI P.	Ms ROSSANO E.	VIVALDI A.
113 THOMASBERG.	AUT	PATUZZI K.	PATUZZI W.	THOMASBERGER	LINDENLAUF D.	LIWA J.	PURKARTHOFFER
114 TURAN G.	TUR	GEGIT O.	FIRAT H.	Ms GUREL Z.	OLCAY B.	TURAN G.	Ms TURAN E.
115 VALANI	TUR-BUL	Ms ALEV L.	IKOFF J.	KOVACHEV V.	Ms LEKOVA-KOVA	Ms SEMERCI U.	
116 VAN CLEEFF	NTH-ISR	VAN CLEEFF J.	BAR R.	HERBST I.	VAN ETTINGER		
117 VENETINA II	ARG-VEN	Ms DARYANANI B	BIANCHEDI A.	MADALA A.	Ms TAGLIAVIA M		
118 WAKSMAN S.	FRA-BEL	Ms WAKSMAN S.	NEVE O.	USZYNSKI W.	Ms COURTNY N.		
119 WEBER E.	GER	WEBER E.	REIM A.	GROMANN I.	STAHL W.	LUDEWIG B.	WEBER F.
120 WEIGKRICHT	AUT-HUN	BIEDER W.	Ms GRUMM I.	Ms TERRANEO S.	VIKOR D.	Ms WEIGKRICHT	REPS K. (ger)
121 YALMAN A.	TUR-SWI	YALMAN A.	Ms YALMAN A.	BIGAT H.	EKINC O.	Ms YALMAN G.	Ms YALMAN S.
122 YENER S.	TUR	Ms YENER S.	CELIKBAS U.	EKSIOGLU M.	Ms GUREL S.	KARATAS A.	Ms SERGICI S.
123 YENGEÇ	TUR	DERICI F.	DERMAN S.	GUNEY H.	Ms KOCA B.	CINAR S.	Ms UYGUR G.
124 YIGITSUBAY	TUR	Ms YIGITSUBAY	KUCUKKILIC Y.	Ms SIREL N.	SOGOCIN R.		
125 YILANKIRAN	TUR	YILANKIRAN S.	Ms DIVRIK S.	Ms ESKINAZ S.	SIRIKLIOGLU M		
126 YILDIRIM	TUR	AK F.	Ms INCI Y.	KIRAN C.	Ms KIRAN T.		
127 YOSHIDA T.	JPN	YOSHIDA T.	Ms OTA H.	Ms SETOGUCHI N	TAKAYAMA M.	Ms SEKIZAWA M.	
128 YUREKLI E.	TUR	YUREKLI E.	Ms YUREKLI S.	DURAK L.	Ms SARANGA M.		
129 ZHANG D.	CHI	LU Y.	SUN M.	WANG W.	WANG L.	FU Z.	ZHOU Q.
130 ZIMMERMAN	FRA	ZIMMERMAN P.	BESSIS M.	Ms BESSIS V.	Ms HUGON E.	SAPORTA P.	Ms SAPORTA R.

2004 International Bridge Press Association Awards

The annual IBPA awards were announced earlier in the tournament. Here are two of the winning entries.

C & R Motors Best Played Hand

From the 9th NEC Cup

Reported by Eric Kokish (Toronto)

The deal occurred during match 7, Poland v England.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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In Poland/Russia v. Ye Olde England in the 9th NEC Cup, Cezary Balicki found himself in 3NT from the East side on the lead of the ♠10 to the king and ace. Would you bet on declarer or the defenders?

On general principles, it's usually right to back Balicki as declarer, and this deal will do nothing to change that strategy. Please observe. At trick two he led a club to the 8 and ace, the normal play as he couldn't afford to let North gain the lead. How do you like it so far? Balicki demonstrated that bad breaks mean nothing to a player with vision. He played the ♥A, heart to the king, and a club, ducking South's queen. What can South do? Pretty would be an understatement. Not you, Cezary – your declarer play.

The other candidates were:

•Tim Bourke, Australia, reported by Richard Oshlag, USA in IBPA Bulletin 469.7

•Patrick Jourdain, Wales, reported by Michelle Brunner, England in IBPA Bulletin 473.11

•Dan Hohor, Australia, reported by Ron Klinger, Australia in IBPA Bulletin 474.9

•David Price, England, reported by Raymond Brock, England in IBPA Bulletin 475.4

•Yalın Atabey, Turkey, reported by Christer Andersson, Sweden in IBPA Bulletin 475.6

ITES Best Defended Hand

Bloom 'n' Gill

Ron Klinger, Northbridge, NSW

(From the Sydney Morning Herald, May 5, 2004)

Martin Bloom and Peter Gill did particularly well in the

final of the NSW Open Teams Selection. They were leading for quite some time and finished fourth, one point behind third place and just missing a spot on the NSW Team. In Round 5 of the final, Gill pulled off a neat coup against a top class declarer. He later said, "As an avid reader of the SMH bridge column, I noticed the coup earlier this year. I was delighted to put it into practice." (Sydney Morning Herald, February 5, 2004; IBPA Bulletin 470, March 2004, page 3.)

Here is the deal where Gill employed the manoeuvre to which he referred:

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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W E						
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♠ Q 8 6 2
 ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A J 10 5

West	North	East	South
	Bloom		Gill
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bloom led the fourth-highest diamond three: four – two – seven. Declarer continued with the club two: seven – queen – five!! Declarer expected the club ace to be on his left, of course, and it seemed that clubs were three-three. He continued with the club three: ten – four – nine. Gill cashed the ace of clubs, followed by the jack and the diamond return gave the defence five tricks. That was worth 10 IMPs as the datum was EW plus 410.

Every other declarer made three no trumps, three times with an overtrick. After the queen of clubs wins, declarer can succeed, as the heart suit is friendly, by reverting to diamonds to create an extra trick there. Full marks to Gill, whose brilliant defence led declarer astray.

The other candidates were:

•Terje Aa / Glenn Grotheim, Norway, reported by Brent Manley in IBPA Bulletin 467.6

•David Price / David Burn, England, reported by Simon Cochem, England in IBPA Bulletin 468.5

•Paul Hackett / Janet de Botton, England, reported by Henry Francis in IBPA Bulletin 468.11

•John Mohan / John Sutherlin, USA, reported by Henry Francis in IBPA Bulletin 468.11.