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The Battle is Joined

More than 200 teams got down to the business of trying to qualify for the knockout phases of their respective events - 173 squads in the Rosenblum (open) and 39 in the McConnell (women).

Round-robin play will continue today and on Thursday as teams try to finish in the top four in their groups, qualifying them for head-to-head play, beginning Friday for the Rosenblum and Saturday for the McConnell.

The defending Rosenblum champions from Montreal in

2002 this year are playing on different teams - Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin and Guido Ferraro on the Lavazza squad, and Alfredo Versace and Lorenzo Lauria on the T.C. Parioli - BTA squad.

The 2002 McConnell winners have also dispersed to different teams as Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer and Kerri Sanborn are playing on the Lynn Baker squad, while Irina Levitina and Jill Meyers are on the Hansa Narasimhan team. McConnell competitors have the day off Friday.



Damiani re-elected WBF president

José Damiani was re-elected on Tuesday to a fourth term as president of the World Bridge Federation.

During Damiani's tenure, bridge has made inroads with the International Olympic Committee, which has declared bridge a sport, and the WBF is now engaged in a campaign to interest more young people in the game. Damiani has steadfastly promoted the motto, "Bridge for Peace."

Other WBF elections: Gianariggo Rona, first vice president; John Wignall, second vice president; vice presidents, Panos Gerontopoulos (Zone 1), George Retek (Zone 2), Mazhar Jafri (Zone 4) and Patrick Choy (Zone 6). Also elected were Jean-Louis Derivery, treasurer, and Dan Morse, honorary secretary.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Time	Rosenblum Cup	McConnell Cup
10.30	Round 5	Round 4
13.45	Round 6	
14.00		Round 5
16.05	Round 7	
16.40		Round 6
18.25	Round 8	

WBF CONGRESS MEETING



The WBF Congress Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th June 2006 at 09:30 in the Theatre Verdi at the VeroneFiere.

The Theatre is situated on the lower ground floor of the venue, near the

Registration Desks.

All countries represented in Verona are requested to send a delegate to this important meeting.

Coffee and croissants will be available for delegates.

ROSENBLUM CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 4 Rounds)

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Lynch	86	1 Iceland	91	1 Russia	84	1 Mullamphy	87
2 Clair	82	2 Vasilev	81	2 Akgul	83	2 Morath	80
3 Cope	80	3 Nickell	72	3 Gordon	77	3 Herbst	78
4 Bessis	77	4 Oz-One Kanektar	68	4 Milner	73	4 Izisel	70
5 Simson	67	5 Forrester	66	5 Hadi	72	5 Johnson	68
6 Drenkelford	66	6 Kendrick	58	6 Chateau Rossenovo	65	6 Markowicz	62
7 Hauge	64	7 Agressor	57	7 Adad	51	7 Lol	62
8 Panahpour	40	8 Fioretti	50	8 Warendorf	47	8 Madsen	58
9 Bel2	36	9 Izmir Buyuksehir Belediyesi	50	9 Smith	43	9 Atay	39
10 Clark	33	10 Aubonnet	47	10 T.C.Parioli - Angelini Junior	37	10 Venit	31
11 Nader	29	11 Dohnert	21	11 Passarinho	34	11 Haagensen	19

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G		GROUP H	
1 Tananbaum	83	1 Welland R	88	1 Berg	74	1 Tudor	77
2 Ekeblad	82	2 Hecht-Johansen	85	2 Hackett	68	2 Jacobs	75
3 Assemi	77	3 Bareket	82	Team PharmaService	68	3 Computerland	69
4 Auken	74.5	4 Villa Fabbriche	74.5	Borevkovic	68	4 Altshuler-Shaham	66.5
5 Nadar	73.5	5 Otvosi	55	5 Bigat	65	5 Jokisch	62
6 Mossop	59	6 Poddar	54	6 Barbosa	64	6 Szilagy	59.5
7 O'Briain	55	7 Oz-One Nagy	47	7 Kirilenko	61.5	7 Dhampur Sugar Mills	57
8 Gosney	47.5	8 Malaspina	45	8 Kokten	59	8 Blumenthal	54
9 Pauncz	43	9 Lara	40.5	Corsica	59	9 Onstein	52
10 Mayantz	39.5	10 Kvangraven	40	10 Meltzer	55	Ingham	52
11 Colectivo 06	22	11 COOK & Buddys	39	11 Abate	21.5	11 Sarten	47

GROUP I		GROUP J		GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Yadlin	87	1 Lavazza	74	1 Grenthe	61	1 Van Helsing	67
2 Zimmerman	77	2 Popova	63	2 Allfrey	58	2 Strul	54
3 Romania	70	3 Soulet	50	3 Hamaoui	54	3 Noble	46
4 Piekarek	68	4 Sundelin	48	4 Muzzio	50	4 Belgium I	43
5 Gardiner	66	5 Hargreaves	41	5 Teltscher	39	5 Gillis	42
6 de Botton	60	6 Brenn	37	6 Bartley	38	6 Chang	41
7 Lewis	59	7 Colchamiro	28	7 Geely Auto	34	7 West VIP	40
8 Shen Zhen Qiao You	57	8 Ruia	24	8 Goenka	32	Triantafyllis	40
9 Sakura Krakow	50	9 11 diamonds	23	9 T.C.Parioli - BTA	31	9 Read	35
10 San Marino	41	Slovenija	23	10 Freed	23	10 Dohet	12
11 Mori	29						

GROUP M		GROUP N		GROUP O		GROUP P	
1 China SMEG	76	1 Orange	79	1 Cornell	89	1 Henner	75
2 Tornay	71	2 Mahaffey	74	2 Allix	74	Robinson	75
3 Bridge+	70.5	3 Gwinner	70	3 Rogoff	71	3 Canada	72.5
4 Allana	67	4 Rayner	68	4 Bausback	66	4 Texans	69
5 Furuta	65	5 Pont	63	5 Chagas	65	5 Schneider	66
6 Mragowia SI	64	6 Alizee	62	6 Quinn	61	6 Shanghai Heng Yuan Xiang	61
7 Spector	61.5	7 Moers	57	Gartaganis	61	7 Indonesia	57
8 Smykalla	55	8 Smilgajs	56	8 Gerin	58	8 Kitabgi	50.5
9 Tolani Shipping Team	49.5	9 Arcelor Stainless india	49	9 Schwartz	52	9 Tangues	49
10 Philogene	47.5	10 Harper	46	10 D.M.R.	37.5	10 Morimura	46
11 Beauchamp	39	Datloff	46	11 Jung	15	11 Cuevas	38

McCONNELL CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 3 rounds)

GROUP Q		GROUP R		GROUP S		GROUP T	
1 Venezuela	62	1 Baker	59	1 Narasimhan	60	1 Renoux	63
2 Levy	57	2 DanGer	51	2 Viaggi e Sapori	55	2 Netherlands	60
3 Bistoquet	52	3 Rossard	50	3 Katt-Bridge	53	3 Sver	55
Jacobs	52	San Marino Ladies	50	4 Bessis	46	4 Radin	53
5 McGowan	51	5 Brewiak	46	Martel	46	5 Hammerli	41
6 Penfold	46	6 Makiko	44	6 Steiner	43	Gruppo Midi	41
7 Westheimer	45	7 La Cucina Italiana	42	7 Cocogirls	38	7 Wood	39
8 Canada	31	8 China Global Times	41	8 Deora	36	8 Philippines	38
9 Axelrod	28	9 Pollack	38	9 Gmur	34	9 Morse	37
10 Gwinner	24	10 Swartz	29			10 Goodman	22

ROSENBLUM and McCONNELL



In the Rosenblum Cup, 16 groups of either 10 or 11 teams play. Teams will play 4 (or 3) matches Tuesday and Wednesday, 3 matches on Thursday.

In each group the teams ranked 1st to 4th will qualify for the KO phase (see conditions of contest in case of ties) played from Friday by 64 teams.

In Mc Connell, 4 groups of 9 or 10 teams will each qualify the first four for the KO round of 16, played on Saturday. In the round robin, 3 matches will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. No match on Friday. For starting times see front page.



Rulings and Appeals

The WBF Code of Practice applies in all events at these championships. The attention of players is drawn particularly to the fact that the appeals committee bases the hearing of each appeal on the expectation that the ruling of the director is free of significant error and appropriate to the facts. An appeals committee will change the ruling made by the director only if wholly convinced by the appellant that such is not the case. For this reason, players who are inclined to appeal a ruling are asked to bear these considerations in mind:

1. The chief tournament director is at the top of his profession and the team of directors he has assembled include a number of senior directors with exceptional experience of world championships.
2. If any question arises as to the application of the law to the facts of a case, there is consultation among these directors.
3. In reaching decisions that involve bridge judgment, the directors consult a number of expert players for their opinions. Consequently, only the strongest arguments will overturn rulings that are never made on impulse or without proper consultation.



Gianarrigo Rona, elected first vice president of the WBF

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COSE DI CASA LORO

Si', perche' e' doveroso dedicare spazio, attenzione e merito a chi ha guadagnato il primo titolo in palio, quello a coppie miste. Lo stile di Karen McCallum e Matthew Granovetter e' una combinazione, a volte esplosiva, di aggressivita' e fermezza, di attacco e ritirata strategica, di solidita' e leggerezza. Praticamente tutto e il contrario di tutto, all'apparenza. Non danno molti punti di riferimento e approfittano a mani basse di eventuali disattenzioni avversarie. I due conoscono il gioco nei minimi particolari e si nota. Si nota, anche se al tavolo sono avversari gradevoli, specialmente Granovetter che non lascia passare minuto senza ridere, scherzare, divertirsi con tutti i presenti.

Tirando

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Granovetter</i>		<i>McCallum</i>
		Passo	Passo
Passo	1♣	Passo	2SA
Passo	3SA	Fine	

Il fatto che 3SA si facciano non vuol dire che chiamarli e' un'azione automatica. Granovetter ha aperto quarto di mano e, nel silenzio avversario, la compagna ha mostrato una mano limitata senza nobili. Si', Nord ha la classica mano "senzosa", quella con Dame, Fanti, dieci, forchette, ma nessuno griderebbe allo scandalo se Nord decidesse di passare (lo testimonia il risultato della sala). In fin dei conti si sa a priori che, al meglio, si sfiora il punteggio di manche senza raggiungerlo. Granovetter, invece, ha fatto rimbalzare il carrello, con sopra la conclusione a 3SA, come se avesse aperto con il massimo rinforzato. Ovest ha attaccato cuori, non che cambi, e la McCallum ha inserito il 10 del morto per intavolare il Fante di fiori (Re, Asso). Fiori per il 9 (in presa) e fiori per la Dama di Est che e' tornata nel colore del compagno. Catturato il sul terzo giro nel colore, Sud ha incassato la fiori vincente scar-tando quadri e ha proseguito con 3 giri di picche (partendo di Fante coperto dal Re di Ovest). Est, in presa con il 10, ha constatato tristemente di avere solo quadri. Non c'e' stato bisogno d'indovinare la carta sul ritorno. Dieci prese, una tombola.

Cercasi fit, anche usato

Board 17. Dich. Nord. Tutti in prima.

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Granovetter</i>	<i>Allouche-Gaviard</i>	<i>McCallum</i>
	1♦	2♦	2♠
3♣	Passo	Passo	Contro
Passo	3♦	Fine	

Cominciamo col dire che l'apertura con le carte di Nord non e' stata la scelta unanime della sala. Il buon appoggio in un eventuale nobile del compagno ha costituito la ragione principale di chi, come Granovetter, ha deciso di aprire le ostilita'. Est e' entrata con 2♦ mostrando i nobili e la McCallum, in Sud, ha cuebiddato di corta il colore avversario, in appoggio a quadri. Manca un seme all'appello e lo spagnolo Ventin non ha voluto farlo mancare alla festa. Dopo il passo di Granovetter, che ha cominciato a temere una brutta piega degli eventi, la Gaviard ha riflettuto per un momento e poi ha preso la decisione di passare. Il compagno, sulla bicolore nobile, ha dichiarato altro. Avra' le sue ragioni. Riflettori su Sud che, per un attimo, ha pensato ad un arrivo anticipato di *Babbo Natale*. Il suo cartellino rosso, pero', non ha resistito tanto. Nord, con mezza presa difensiva (o poco piu'), ha tolto con convizione, chiudendo la licita. La McCallum non ha fatto una piega, "avra' i suoi motivi", si sara' detta. Vero. Considerate che a 3♣ contrate per ottenere qualcosa di appetibile bisogna attaccare picche. In caso contrario ci si deve accontentare di un centino. E stare molto attenti, in quanto se Sud non supera al volo con l'Asso l'eventuale attacco di Re di quadri per tornare di onore a fiori, *Babbo Natale* Ovest si trasforma nella *Befana* e distribuisce con dovizia il carbone alla linea avversaria, sotto forma di 3♣ contrate e fatte. Per inciso, la linea E/O fa 3♠. Tornando alla storia, la Allouche - Gaviard ha attaccato con il singolo di fiori, per un pezzo del morto e la piccola di Ventin (l'avevamo detto che non e' *Babbo Natale*. Perde la presa ma non ne affranca due in un colpo solo). Granovetter ha proseguito picche per il Re e l'Asso di Est che ha cercato le perdenti del dichiarante tornando Re di cuori, per la scopa d'Asso del compagno. Ventin ha giocato fiori ma Granovetter, ormai, era in controllo. Taglio alto, atout, 10 prese cedendo una cuori nel finale.

Board 13. Dich. Nord. Tutti in zona.

	♠ J 10 7 6 5 4	
	♥ K 3	
	♦ Q 6 5 2	
	♣ 6	
♠ AK3	N O E S	♠ Q9
♥ 7652		♥ AQ104
♦ A7		♦ J10943
♣ QJ97		♣ 83
	♠ 82	
	♥ J98	
	♦ K8	
	♣ AK10542	

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Granovetter</i>		<i>McCallum</i>
	2♠	Passo	Passo
Contro	Passo	3♦	Fine

Per lo stile di coppia quella di Nord e' una sottoapertura estremamente seria (in seguito ne vedremo un'altra ancora piu' seria che, per questo, ha prodotto un contratto curioso). Volente o nolente Est si e' trovata di fronte ad un problema. A disposizione c'e' il 2SA lebensohl, caso perfetto per non usarlo, ed Est ha dichiarato 3♦ per mostrare una mano non completamente negativa con il colore. Nessuno ha aggiunto verbo. Contratto giusto, apparentemente, in quanto si fa, mentre di cuori ce ne sono solo 2 (difficili da dichiarare su 2♠...). Escludendo il caso del passo generale a 2♠ contrate, che comporterebbe un bel guadagno per E/O, il punto focale e' che in orizzontale si fanno 3SA e molti ci sono arrivati per inerzia. Se a questo aggiungete che la dichiarante, per un autoproblema di tempi, e' andata fuorigioco finendo un down...

Board 7. Dich. Sud. Tutti in zona.

	♠ 10 5 4	
	♥ Q 7 5 2	
	♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2	
	♣ -	
♠ KQ6	N O E S	♠ J732
♥ 96		♥ AKJ8
♦ -		♦ J4
♣ KQJ86543		♣ A97
	♠ A98	
	♥ 1043	
	♦ AKQ109	
	♣ 102	

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	<i>Granovetter</i>		<i>McCallum</i>
5♣	Fine		1♦

A volte si e' martello, a volte incudine. Nelle situazioni di mezzo, l'importante e' non farsi coinvolgere quando non e' il caso (facile, no?). L'importante in questo board, dopo l'aggressione a mano armata di Ovest, era rimanere calmi con le carte di Nord. Per tanti motivi (a 5♦ si paga un mutuo), non ultimo quello: "e se ti chiamano 6♣?".

Board 6. Dich. Est. E/O in zona.

	♠ J 7 2	
	♥ A 9 8	
	♦ K 4 3	
	♣ AK 10 2	
♠ 4	N O E S	♠ KQ865
♥ 432		♥ KJ76
♦ 10752		♦ A8
♣ J7543		♣ Q9
	♠ A 10 9 3	
	♥ Q 10 5	
	♦ QJ96	
	♣ 86	

Piu' o meno tutti i N/S hanno giocato 3SA dopo l'apertura di 1♠ di Est. La coppia vincitrice lo ha dichiarato da Nord, ricevendo l'attacco cuori (colore dichiarato al secondo giro da Est. Mano letta). In presa con il 9 della mano, Granovetter ha proseguito con una quadri per un onore del morto, fiori per la mano e ancora quadri, cautelandosi dall'Asso secondo. Movimento fluido delle picche e 10 prese.

Board 11. Dich Sud. Tutti in prima.

	♠ K 10 6 5 3	
	♥ A 9	
	♦ AK 9	
	♣ QJ5	
♠ J84	N O E S	♠ AQ97
♥ J2		♥ Q64
♦ 8543		♦ Q72
♣ A1092		♣ 873
	♠ 2	
	♥ K108753	
	♦ J106	
	♣ K64	

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Helness</i>	<i>Granovetter</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>McCallum</i>
Passo	2♠	Fine	2♥

Come dicevamo, la sottoapertura di Sud, nello stile di coppia, rasenta l'apertura piena. Il 2♠ di Nord non e' forzante, e infatti chiude il discorso. Non si puo' definire il contratto del secolo, ma Granovetter realizza 8 prese e non e' neanche una mano pessima, perche' per fare 4♥ bisogna giocarle in Nord oppure non ricevere l'attacco quadri, se il manovratore e' Sud. Parlando con un'angolista (donna, c'e' l'apostrofo) Granovetter a fine mano ha detto: "90 volte su 100 e' quinta a cuori e ha molto di meno. A 4♥ si puo' andar sotto - vero! -, ho detto 2♠ per dare la possibilita' a Sud di tenere aperta le licite, se avesse ritenuto giusto farlo. Questo non e' bridge, e' matchpoint...". Tutt'altra cosa....



Backward Glances

by Barry Rigal

It may not have been a giant coup, but it is always pleasant to bid to a slam when the field is going down in 3NT. Reaching slam after opening the East cards 1♦ might be easier – after a 15-17 no-trump it was more challenging. The deal comes from the third qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

(1) KC for clubs

(2) Ask for ♣Q

East had the rare hand that was able to use key-card after West showed clubs and a GF hand, instead of the knee-jerk 3NT bid over 2♦ that was found at many tables. Of course on a spade lead 3NT wraps up 12 tricks – is there any justice. Since making slam scored 19% we can assume that 38% of the field did reach slam – well bid overall on a combined 27-count?

Board 2. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	All pass	

Can N/S make game here? The answer is no – but the defences to set the two likely games are by no means automatic. To set 3NT by South West must either lead the ♦Q or cash a top club and shift to the ♦Q!. Dummy covers and East ducks, clearing the way for West to get in and play another diamond through the tenace and set up a fifth winner.

How about 4♥? On a club lead declarer puts up the jack and ruffs away the king. Then he draws trumps in three rounds, pitching two clubs from dummy. The ♠K and ♠10 are ducked, and West takes the third spade; what next? If he leads the ♣A, declarer ruffs and gets out with the ♦K, and the defence can take only two diamond winners whatever they do. If he leads a diamond declarer can play low or more likely put in the jack. Either way he again holds his diamond losers to two.

At the table West had the opportunity for a ‘cost nothing’ false-card which turned out to work like a charm. On the opening club lead, which was clearly from one or three-cards, West covered the ♣J with the ace, suggesting to declarer that East had the ♣K. Play proceeded along predictable lines. Declarer ruffed the ♣A, drew trumps in three rounds, then led the ♠K and ♠10, both ducked, before leading a third spade and leaving West on play. But at this point when West led a low diamond, declarer knew he had to have the ♦A for his opening bid; so he went up with the ♦K. When this lost to the ♦A and a club came back, declarer could ruff the ♣10 away and exit with a low diamond to West’s bare ♦Q, but he still had to lose a trick to the ♦10 and so had only nine tricks.

So what is the defence to 4♥? East must lead a trump, which gives the defence one more club exit at a critical moment. Whatever declarer does he must lose three diamonds and a spade.

Convention cards

Players are reminded of the requirement to have two identical, fully completed convention cards at the table at all times for the use of their opponents. Blank cards can be obtained from the Hospitality Desk, where copies of the WBF Standard Card are also available.

Systems

Players are reminded that HUM and Brown Sticker Conventions are not permitted at any time during these championships. Red Sticker cards may not be used unless these were pre-registered with the WBF in advance.

Bridge at the Movies

Everyone has a favourite movie quote. It occurred to us that some of them could easily be ascribed to bridge players. We invite you to submit your favourites to the Bulletin. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

'Made it, Ma! Top of the World!'

Cody (James Cagney) 'White Heat'.

Karen McCallum & Matthew Granovetter

'Round up the usual suspects!'

Captain Louis Renault (Claude Rains), 'Casablanca'.

Meckstroth, Rodwell, Hamman, Soloway, Nickell, Freeman

'What we've got here is a failure to communicate'

Luke (Paul Newman) 'Cool Hand Luke'.

Any Mixed Pair

'I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse'

Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando) 'The Godfather'.

Gianarrigo Rona

'Badges? We ain't got no badges! We don't need no badges! I don't have to show you any stinking badges!'

Gold Hat (Alfonso Bedoya) 'The Treasure of the Sierra Madre'

Anyone from the Daily Bulletin

'You don't understand! I coulda had class. I coulda been a contender. I could've been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what I am.'

Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando) 'On the Waterfront'

We are sure you can think of someone!

Finally we can't fail to include this one:

Groucho Marx in A Night at the Opera (introducing Mrs Claypool to Mr Gottlieb)

'Mrs Claypool, Mr Gottlieb;
Mr Gottlieb, Mrs Claypool;
Mrs Claypool, Mr Gottlieb;
Mr Gottlieb, Mrs Claypool;

If you four people want to play bridge, don't mind me, go right ahead.'

Table Presence

The Irish-Australian combination of Hugh McGann and Fiona Brown had a storming last session in the Mixed Pairs final and were actually leading the event with two rounds to play. Larry Cohen and Kerri Sanborn took two good boards off them in the penultimate round, ruining their hopes of a gold medal, but they finished well against Zia and Jill Meyers to eventually finish fourth. A great effort, especially from Fiona, who is very inexperienced at this level. Hugh sniffed out the position on this deal from the second session:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
McGann		Brown	
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Fiona raised Hugh's weak no trump to game via Stayman and North led ace, king and a third heart to dummy's queen. Hugh played a diamond to the king, South pitching a club. Many players would take the spade finesse now and make only nine tricks, but Hugh suspected that the thirteenth heart was in the South hand as North might well have led a low card at trick two to preserve communications had he held four hearts. The club discards suggested that South might be 4-4-0-5, making her heavy favourite to hold the jack, so Hugh continued by leading to the club king then back to his ten.

Hugh cashed the clubs then the diamonds, and South, a strong player, bared the ♠K. Against many declarers that would have worked as they would have taken the spade finesse and been held to only nine tricks. But Hugh was, as they say, seeing the ball well, and his table presence told him to lead low to the ace at trick twelve. When the king dropped he had eleven tricks and a lot of matchpoints.



Беда́ (никогда́) не приходит одна́ (When it rains it pours) by Mark Horton

There was not much joy for the pair I decided to watch during the third session of the Mixed Pairs final.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ 10 8 6 5 ♦ K 9 ♣ Q 9 8	<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 J ♥ J 7 2 ♦ A 7 6 5 2 ♣ 10 5 2	♠ Q 7 6 4 ♥ A Q 4 3 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ J 6
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West <i>Jacobs</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Auken</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
Pass	Pass 3NT	Pass All Pass	INT

West led the eight of hearts that ran to declarer's nine. A spade to the jack saw East win and the defence cashed their heart tricks, West exiting with a spade. Declarer won with

dummy's ace and ducked a club, claiming eight tricks when she discovered the suit was breaking.

Going minus on this deal was bad news, worth only 20%.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 9 5 3 ♦ A K 7 ♣ K 9 3	<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		♠ K Q 10 8 5 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ 8 4	♠ A 6 4 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ A Q 10 6
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West <i>Jacobs</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Auken</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
1♥ 2♠ 3NT	1♠ Dble All Pass	1♣ Dble* Redble	Pass Pass Pass

North led the queen of spades, and declarer won and ran the eight of hearts, North winning with the king. He cashed the king of spades and exited with the eight, South discarding the six of diamonds.

There was no compelling reason for declarer to guess the club suit, so like the vast majority declarer recorded +400.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 4 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ Q 10 8 4 3 2 ♣ 2	<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 J 8 6 5 2 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ J ♣ A 10 6	♠ 9 7 ♥ K 10 4 3 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ J 7 5 4
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West <i>Shah</i>	North <i>Gromov</i>	East <i>Deora</i>	South <i>Gromova</i>
1♦ 2♦	1♠ 2♠	Dble* 3♦	Pass Redble* All Pass

This proved to be a terrible board for the Russian pair.



Andrei Gromov, Russia

North led a heart and declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the ace and a diamond. Now if South had gone in with the king and switched to a spade the contract would have been defeated, but when she played low declarer could win and play on hearts, discarding his losing club. He lost three spades and a diamond, but conceding +110 was worth only 14%.

Mind you, plus 100 would not have been much better, as many North/South pairs played in spades, generally making loads of tricks.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Shah</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Deora</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦*	2♦
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When South made a natural overcall of the Precision-style opening, North's Three Diamonds was forward going, and when South showed a heart stop North showed one in clubs, which was enough for South to go on to game. West led the seven of clubs and declarer simply took her tricks. It got our featured pair back to average on the round.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ A K 10 ♦ K 8 6 3 ♣ A J	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 9 5 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 3 2
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	♠ Q J 9 8 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ 6 4										

West	North	East	South
<i>Cima</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Gemignani</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
INT	2♠	Pass	1♠
		Dble*	All Pass

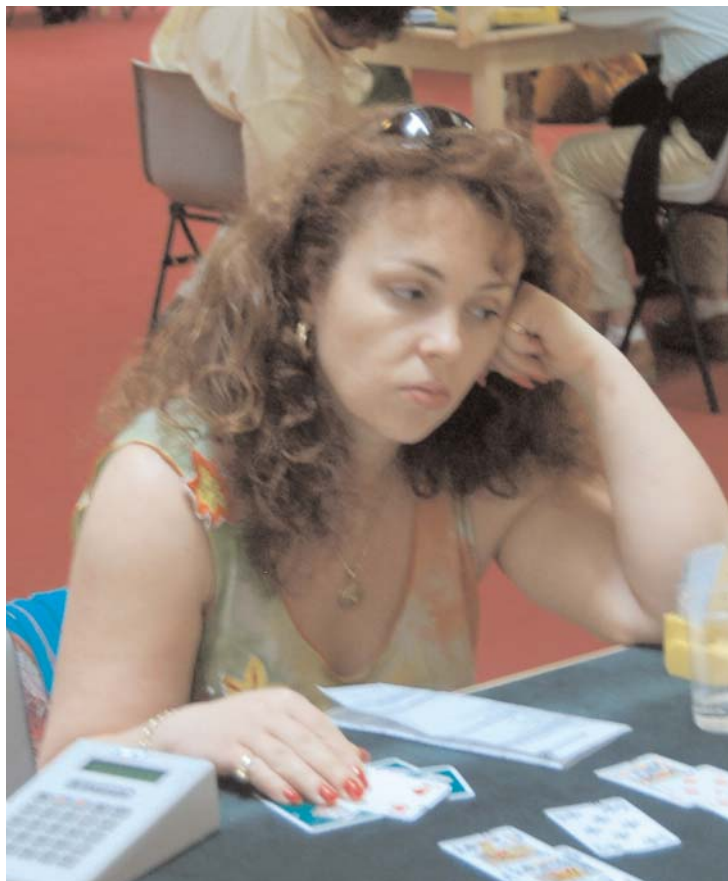
This struck me as a very unlucky result for North/South. First West makes an ultra strong overcall of INT, then East produces a double that West can easily pass. The defenders made no mistakes, West leading a trump so declare had no chance of ruffing a diamond in dummy. Two down, -500 and a wretched score.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ 10 7 5 2 ♣ J 7 5 4 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 7 2 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ A K 10 2
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	♠ K Q 8 6 5 ♥ K J 7 6 ♦ A 8 ♣ Q 9										
	♠ A 10 9 3 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ Q J 9 6 ♣ 8 6										

West	North	East	South
<i>Cima</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Gemignani</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	INT	1♠	Pass
		All Pass	

East led the king of spades and declarer ducked, won the heart switch in hand, played a diamond to the queen, a club to the ace and a diamond. That gave him an eventual 10 tricks and +180 but it was another poor result.



Victoria Gromova, Russia

Report from the Trenches

by Barry Rigal

Not all 'equal' cards are equal, as the following deal demonstrates.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A K 6 4 ♥ 6 3 ♦ 10 8 7 6 ♣ J 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 7 ♥ 9 8 7 5 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ 9 7 3</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 10 8 5 3 ♥ K Q 4 2 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ K Q</p>	<p>♠ J 2 ♥ A J 10 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ A 10 8 5 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
			INT

All Pass

East has a difficult choice at the vulnerability – bidding to show the majors is a risky action but would work fine today. At the table she passed, though, and it was up to the defence to try to extract compensation for missing their spade partscore.

On a top spade lead and low spade continuation declarer wins in hand and plays ace and a second club, East winning as West shows three. Now two spades are cashed, and what is South to discard? At the table South decided to throw a heart and a diamond, reasonably enough, but elected to pitch the heart jack, not the ten. Now East can infer South started with precisely 2-3-3-5 shape with both red aces. Had South pitched the heart ten it could have been from A10 x; but as it was, his heart holding was almost sure to be A J 10. So the right exit is a top diamond; maybe a deceptive queen is best. When West gets in with the ♣J he plays a low diamond and declarer has to guess diamonds to get out even for two down.

Sometimes the right technical bid gives too much away – but sometimes the rewards are wholly out of proportion to the virtue of doing the right thing. You hold

♠ A
♥ A 9 8 7 5
♦ K 6
♣ K J 9 6 5

and you open 1♥ with a song in your heart, metaphorically speaking, but after LHO passes, partner jumps to 3♥ preemptively and RHO doubles. How now, brown cow? At the table you might choose to bid 4♥, but in reality you know LHO will bid 4♠ and leave you to guess what to do now. You can sacrifice or defend – but as the cards lie neither action is going to be cheap. The full deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A ♥ A 9 8 7 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ K J 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K 9 6 5 3 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ Q 10 8 ♣ 10 3</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 10 8 4 ♥ Q J 6 3 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 4 2</p>	<p>♠ Q J 7 2 ♥ 2 ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ A Q 8 7</p>
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However, West had the opportunity to be master of his own domain; over the double of 3♥ his right action is to bid 4♣, which should be played as hearts and clubs, but not setting up a forcing auction if the opponents bid 4♠. If West bids 3NT here it should be used as a hand worth at least 4♥, setting up a forcing pass auction if the opponents bid 4♠.

I missed my chance here, although to be fair I'm not sure whether the right line is really indicated.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 4 2 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ K Q ♣ A K 8 6 5</p>	<p>♠ Q J 7 5 3 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ J 4 3 2</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 8 6 ♥ A 8 4 3 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ 10 7</p>	<p>♠ A 10 ♥ K 10 9 7 ♦ 9 8 5 4 3 ♣ Q 9</p>
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Whether we should have reached the excellent 4♥ once I downgraded the West cards to a 15-17 no-trump, I do not know. As it was, partner took up the slack, and we did play 4♥, on the lead of the ♠Q to the ♠A and the ♠10 returned. You take the ♠K, and it looks natural to unblock the diamonds and either lead a heart to the ♥A to arrange the spade discard and spade ruff, or pass the ♥Q in an attempt to go for more. Neither line succeeds – thanks to the unlucky 4-1 trump break offside.

(If the heart finesse loses and the ♥10 comes back it does look natural to put up the ♥J, and now you are dead). You can no longer build a club discard for your spade loser since you do not have the re-entries to hand at the right time. A slightly better line is to play the ♣K at trick three. Why? Well North does not know who has the ♣A yet and is likely to give partner true count. That is all you need; after you pass the ♥Q and discover the bad trump break, the fall of the ♣Q 9

give you a ruffing finesse in clubs against the ♣J, and you still have your diamond re-entries to hand to pitch dummy's spades.

I'm not normally known as a pessimist, but when I was faced with the following bidding problem I took the path of least resistance. Holding:

♠ J
♥ J 7
♦ K Q 10 8 5 4 2
♣ A 5 2

You hear a Multi 2♦ on your right, and 4♣ from partner – showing a two-suiter with clubs and a major, at least 5-5. How should you value your hand, and what should be the trump suit. I have to confess I took the coward's way out and passed... I did have the excuse that we had been doubled in 4♣, though! This was the full deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Curiously enough, South had hit the nail on the head with her penalty double! There is no play for 4♣ so long as South avoids leading her spade, to give declarer the finesse she cannot conveniently take. Alas for her, South actually chose to lead the ♥A and shift to her spade. Sue Picus won cheaply in hand and simply played to ruff her three spade losers in dummy, and could limit her losers to one heart and two clubs.

Expensive Balance

Balancing is an important part of the game; don't balance often enough and you are unlikely to score very well - particularly when playing matchpoints. However, once in a while what looks to be a quite normal balancing action can turn out to be spectacularly badly timed, as was this effort from the last session of the Mixed Pairs final.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Wernle		Smederevac
			1♥
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♦	Pass	6♦
Dble	All Pass		

Jovanka Smederevac's 1♥ opening was limited by her failure to open a strong club and was a potential canapé. Over the 2♣ overcall, Sascha Wernle bid a non-forcing 2♠. Smederevac had no reason to disturb 2♠ but West had a fair bit to spare for his previous action so repeated the excellent club suit. Disaster! Wernle took the opportunity to introduce his second suit and Smederevac leapt straight to the small slam. West doubled for a heart lead and, of course, there was no defence. Wernle took all thirteen tricks for +1190 and rather more matchpoints than would have been scored in 2♠.

Win a game with Zia

Since an earthquake devastated his native Parkistan last year, Zia Mahmood has been working hard to raise funds to build a school in one of the hardest-hit areas.

He has appealed to bridge players around the world to contribute to a school fund managed by the Citizens Foundation, a non-governmental organization in Pakistan (www.citizensfoundation.org/).

The school, said Zia, will be called the World Bridge School.

Zia is also selling raffle tickets for US\$10 or 7 Euros for a chance to play in a tournament with him. There is no limit to the number of tickets one can purchase. The drawing will take place toward the end of 2006. The tournament to be played with Zia, will be by mutual agreement and will include venues on both sides of the Atlantic..

To purchase raffle tickets or to make a donation (tax-deductible), look for the sign at the Hospitality Desk on the lower ground floor. There will also be a booth in front of the playing area selling tickets just before game time and during the long break.

Two Gentlemen of Verona

William Shakespeare used Verona as a setting for his legendary Romeo and Juliet and the lesser known Two Gentlemen of Verona. We are considering redressing the balance by staging this Shakespearian comedy at the closing ceremony. When the chosen actors enquired about their fees they were told they would receive a percentage of the profits. (You may recall the film Shakespeare in Love - 'What about paying the actors?' 'They are paid out of the profits.' 'But there are never any profits.')

Dramatis Personae

<i>Duke of Milan, father to Silvia</i>	<i>Gianarrigo Rona</i>
<i>Valentine, Proteus, the two gentlemen</i>	<i>Ron Tacchi & Mark Horton</i>
<i>Antonio, father to Proteus</i>	<i>José Damiani</i>
<i>Thurio, a foolish rival to Valentine</i>	<i>Brent Manley</i>
<i>Speed, a clownish servant to Valentine</i>	<i>Herman de Wael</i>
<i>Launce, the like to Proteus</i>	<i>Franco Broccoli</i>
<i>Panthino, servant to Antonio</i>	<i>Jean Claude Beineix</i>
<i>Julia beloved to Proteus</i>	<i>Sabine Auken</i>
<i>Silvia, beloved of Valentine</i>	<i>Jovi Smederevac</i>
<i>Lucetta, waiting-woman to Julia</i>	<i>Daniela von Arnim</i>
<i>Servants, Musicians</i>	<i>Brian Senior, Jean-Paul Meyer and Akis Kanaris</i>

Just in case we don't have time to learn our parts, here is a brief synopsis.

In Verona, Proteus and Valentine (the two gentleman of Verona) discuss the qualities of love. Valentine announces that he is leaving for Milan. Separately, Valentine's servant Speed reports to Proteus that his love Julia gave no response to his letter to her. At Julia's house, her servant Lucetta gives her Proteus' letter, which Lucetta had hid from Julia. Although Julia tears it up and refuses to read it, she eventually pieces it together and shows her desire for Proteus. At Antonio's house (Proteus' father) Antonio and his servant Panthino discuss that it is time to get Proteus out of the house; they decide he should go to the court of the Duke of Milan (where Valentine is). Antonio informs Proteus he is to leave the next day, surprising and depressing him.

In Milan, we learn that Valentine and Silvia are in love, while Speed continues to jest and chide his master over the matter. Back in Verona, Proteus and Julia exchange rings and have a tearful goodbye. Proteus' servant Launce also prepares to leave as he and his dog are to accompany Proteus. In Milan again, Thurio and Valentine trade witticisms as both woo Silvia, though she obviously loves Valentine while her father, the Duke of Milan prefers Thurio. The Duke then announces that Proteus has arrived from Verona. All meet him and Proteus immediately 'falls in love' with Silvia, instantly forgetting his promised love to Julia. Valentine tells Proteus he is in love with her but Proteus hides his feelings for her, actually questioning the appropriateness of his new emotions in private. In a street, Speed meets Launce and his dog and they trade witticisms. Alone, Proteus agonises over his new love. He decides to forget Julia and to pursue Silvia. In order to get rid of Valentine he plans to inform the Duke of Valentine and Silvia's plans

to elope that night hoping to get Valentine banished and create a less obstructed path to Silvia. Back in Verona, Julia tells Lucetta of her plans to travel to Milan, disguised as a male page. They immediately start packing.

Back in Milan, Proteus informs the Duke of Valentine's plans. Separately, the Duke encounters Valentine on his way to Silvia's room. He coyly reveals Valentine's plot by pretending himself to be in love with an unattainable woman. Upon discovering a letter of intent and a rope ladder on Valentine, the Duke banishes him from Milan. Proteus and Launce come across him. Proteus wishes him well and promises that he can write letters for Silvia and address them to Proteus and he'll deliver them. They leave and Launce reveals he's starting to think Proteus is using Valentine to get to Silvia. Speed meets Launce and they again joke around as Speed reads a love letter describing Launce's new love for a milkmaid. At the Duke's palace, he and Thurio explain to Proteus how sad and sullen Silvia is. Proteus states that he will try to cheer her up by slandering Valentine and praising Thurio, to which the Duke agrees.

In the forest between Milan and Verona, several outlaws ambush Valentine and Speed on their way back to Verona. Upon hearing Valentine is banished from Milan (he says for killing a man) they ask him to join them in crime and become their commander or die. Of course he joins. Back in Milan, Proteus reveals that his wooing of Silvia is going poorly since she constantly scolds him for foreswearing both Valentine and Julia. This causes Proteus to love Silvia even more. Thurio appears with musicians to play beneath Silvia's window. In hiding, Julia appears disguised as a boy and sees her love Proteus singing love verses to Silvia, causing her to become extremely anguished. Her host tells her he has heard from Launce that Proteus is deeply in love with Silvia. Julia then overhears Proteus yet again give praises of love to Silvia but she again curses him for being false to Julia and Valentine. Proteus tells her they are dead but she will not be moved. In defeat, he asks for a picture of her that he may be with her through it. Reluctantly, she promises to give it to him. Julia heads to bed in tears. At Silvia's room, she meets Sir Eglamour and asks him to accompany her through the forest on a journey to Verona to seek out Valentine; he agrees. They decide to meet at Friar Patrick's cell the next evening. Separately, Launce relays that he tried to give Silvia the dog Proteus sent to her but the hangman's boys stole the dog, so he presented his own log (Crab) to her. She of course, refused it and sent Launce away. Proteus learns of this and in anger, sends Launce to try again. Proteus then speaks with Julia, disguised as a servant named Sebastian. He gives her his ring (given to him by her) to give to Silvia. He leaves and Julia approaches Silvia. Julia gives her a letter from Proteus and the ring but Silvia will not accept either, explaining she will not hurt Julia any more than Proteus already has betrayed her. Julia (as Sebastian) begins to weep and tells Silvia it is for Julia's loss. Silvia gives Julia her picture for Proteus, and some money to be given to Julia. Alone, Julia vows to stay loyal to Proteus, since she still loves him and she will try to sway his love back toward her.

At the abbey in Milan, Eglamour meets Silvia and they head for the forest. At the palace Proteus tells Thurio he cannot sway Silvia's love to favour him. The Duke appears and declares Silvia has fled with Eglamour to Mantua (he knows this since he had spies trailing them); all pursue. In the forest, the outlaws capture Silvia while Eglamour flees with more outlaws in pursuit of him. They leave to bring her to Valentine. Separately, Valentine ponders his solitude when Proteus, Julia (as Sebastian) and Silvia appear, Proteus having rescued Silvia from the outlaws. Valentine hides and overhears Silvia continue to curse Proteus, even though he rescued her. Proteus swears he'll force her to love him but Valentine appears and rescues Silvia from him. Proteus in shame, asks Valentine's forgiveness and he grants it. Julia reveals herself and Proteus newly finds his love for her and promises himself to her. The outlaws appear with the Duke and Thurio as their prisoners. Thurio in fear of Valentine, withdraws his suit for Silvia's hand. The Duke seeing Thurio is a coward declares Valentine is forgiven and may have Silvia. Valentine rejoices and asks the Duke to also forgive all the outlaws and cancel their banishment. This too, the Duke agrees. All rejoice and return to Milan; Valentine and Silvia planning to marry alongside Proteus and Julia.

Championship Diary Day 3

We detected a beeping sound emanating from one of the computers in the Daily Bulletin office. In due course the coordinator confessed that it was his. He explained that it happened when he made people laugh on BBO.

'So you're playing then?' said Tacchi.

At the end of the qualifying stage of the Mixed Pairs a table manned by Richard Grenside was set up to collect the names of the Dropouts.

One player came over and on seeing the sign observed, 'So this is where I register for the trip to Venice'

Yesterday afternoon Bill Gates took part in a friendly match against some French hot shots. On one deal he dealt and passed, subsequently raising his partner's opening bid of INT to 3NT. After the opening lead down came the dummy with 12 high card points and a diamond suit of AK9xx! This caused Elisabeth Delor to remark 'You should be very rich to pass this hand.'

However, it was Bill who had the last laugh, his team winning the match 39-25 IMPs.

When I asked the layout Editor if there would be room for the Championship Diary in today's Bulletin back came the reply 'I'll tell you tomorrow.'

Karen McCallum's fight



A little more than a year ago, Karen McCallum's life turned upside down. On April 1, 2005, she went for her regular mammogram, receiving some very bad news. She had breast cancer. In a matter of days, she was in the hospital for a lumpectomy, but another examination shortly thereafter revealed cancer in a lymph node. McCallum was given several options for treatment, eventually going with her doctor's recommendation for a mastectomy and chemotherapy.

It has been a rough year for McCallum, who turned 60 the day the 8th World Bridge Championships began in Verona.

"I have had five surgeries in the past year," she says, "and it's very draining."

McCallum says that when she was first told she had cancer, she was incredulous. "I had always had marvellous health," she says. "I didn't believe them. You can't. You can't absorb it."

Eventually, of course, she had to knuckle down to the challenge of surviving. It wasn't easy, even with the loving care of Alex, her husband of 27 years. After the removal of her right breast, she had to have reduction surgery, a painful procedure, on the left breast. The chemotherapy left her tired and often confused.

Preferring to look on the positive side of things, McCallum believes she has grown personally because of the ordeal. "You learn a lot about what's important in life," she says.

McCallum says she was gratified to meet many people willing to help her in her struggle. She is now doing counselling with women facing the same ordeal she did. She knows how they feel, so she can help.

Feeling better now, McCallum has begun working out again and is enjoying being 50 pounds lighter than she was a year ago.

"Life is returning to normal," she says, still basking in the glow of her victory, with Matthew Granovetter, in the Mixed Pairs at this tournament.

She almost didn't play, feeling she was still susceptible to what she calls "chemo brain," a fuzzy-headed kind of feeling that affects her play.

It will be a while before McCallum can put cancer behind her - the normal time is five years - but she has been told that she has a good prognosis for long-term health.

For now, she is concentrating on bridge play and her new business, making jewellery (check out www.copperfield-bazaar.com), and hoping to inspire other women with breast cancer by showing that the disease can be beaten.

"I'm feeling great," she says.

Round 1

Rosenblum Cup

A Lively Start

by Brian Senior

The Rosenblum started with a lively set of deals, with a large number of IMPs changing hands in many matches. Naturally, with my gift for such things, I selected one of the low-scoring matches, that between Oz-One Kanektar of Australia and the Anglo-American Forrester squad. There was still plenty of action, however.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K J 3 ♥ Q 10 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 Q 9 4 ♥ J 7 ♦ K Q J 9 2 ♣ Q J</p>
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<p>♠ 7 5 2 ♥ 9 4 3 2 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ K 9 8</p>		<p>♠ 10 8 6 ♥ A K 8 6 5 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A 4 2</p>									
<p>West <i>Rosendorff</i> <i>Townsend</i></p>	<p>North <i>Moss</i> <i>Dyke</i></p>	<p>East <i>Kanektar</i> <i>Gold</i></p>	<p>South <i>Forrester</i> <i>Wiltshire</i></p>								
<p>3NT</p>	<p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>INT</p>	<p>Pass</p>								

Both East/West pairs bid quickly and in an unrevealing manner to 3NT. At the average club, declarer would wrap up ten tricks after a low heart lead. However, both Tony Forrester and David Wiltshire started with a top heart and soon had five heart tricks stacked in front of them. Neither then cashed the ace of clubs, preferring to exit passively on the assumption that declarer had the ♣K. David Gold had kept eight winners while Avi Kanektar had kept only seven, so that was one down and two down respectively and 2 IMPs to FORRESTER.



Hans Rosendorff, Australia

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 7 4 ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ A 9 8 6 3 ♣ 5</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ J 9 ♥ A K Q 10 9 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 6 3</p>
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<p>West <i>Rosendorff</i> <i>Townsend</i></p>	<p>North <i>Moss</i> <i>Dyke</i></p>	<p>East <i>Kanektar</i> <i>Gold</i></p>	<p>South <i>Forrester</i> <i>Wiltshire</i></p>								
<p>Pass 5♥</p>	<p>1♠ Dble</p>	<p>3♥ All Pass</p>	<p>1♦ 4♠</p>								

There were huge swings on this one in other matches but it was flat in our featured match at +850 for East/West. A spade sacrifice is very cheap but, even allowing for the vulnerability, it is not clear to North/South which side is doing the saving.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ - ♥ A K Q 6 5 ♦ A K 2 ♣ K J 10 6 5</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 8 7 5 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 9 8 3 2</p>
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<p>♠ K J 10 9 6 4 ♥ J 9 ♦ J 8 6 3 ♣ Q</p>											
<p>West <i>Rosendorff</i></p>	<p>North <i>Moss</i></p>	<p>East <i>Kanektar</i></p>	<p>South <i>Forrester</i></p>								
<p>4♣ 6♥</p>	<p>4♠ 6♠</p>	<p>Pass 5♥ Dble</p>	<p>2♠ Pass All Pass</p>								
<p>West <i>Townsend</i></p>	<p>North <i>Dyke</i></p>	<p>East <i>Gold</i></p>	<p>South <i>Wiltshire</i></p>								
<p>Dble 6♥</p>	<p>Pass 6♠</p>	<p>Pass 4♥ Dble</p>	<p>3♠ Pass All Pass</p>								

Another potential swing board proved to be flat. Forrester opened with a weak 2♠ and Nigel Rosendorff used leaping Michaels, showing clubs and hearts. Mike Moss competed with 4♠ and, when Kanektar could bid freely to 5♥, Rosendorff went on to the small slam. Perhaps he could have bid 5♠ along the way, but it is not clear that Kanektar would have co-operated. When Moss bid a sixth spade, Kanektar doubled, ending the auction.

Wiltshire opened 3♠, adding a level because of the six-four shape, and Tom Townsend made a take-out double. Kieran Dyke hoped to be able to let his opponents play 4♥ so passed quietly but, when they bid the slam, took the obvious save.

Nothing silly happened at either table so both contracts went four down for -800.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ A 10 9 8 6 3 ♦ K ♣ A Q 5 4 2	<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		♠ Q J 9 5 3 ♥ 7 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ K J 10 7	♠ 8 4 ♥ K 5 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ 8 6
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West	North	East	South
Rosendorff	Moss	Kanektar	Forrester
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
4♣	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Dyke	Gold	Wiltshire
1♠	2♥	4♣	5♦
All Pass			

Townsend's decision to open a hand that Rosendorff passed led to two quite different auctions but the same final contract.

Rosendorff cashed a top spade and caught a low card from partner, suggesting interest in clubs. He duly switched to the ♣9, which Forrester ducked. Kanektar overtook to switch to a trump to the bare king and Forrester crossed to the king of hearts and drew trumps then tried to ruff out the hearts. When hearts proved to be four-one, there was little hope left, and the contract drifted one off for -50.

Townsend also led a top spade and saw a small card from partner. He, however, switched to a trump. Wiltshire won, crossed to the king of hearts and cashed four rounds of trumps. Then he played a heart and Townsend played low, as he had to do, but declarer finessed and could now set up the hearts to come to an overtrick; very nicely done for +420 and 10 IMPs to OZ-ONE.

The East/West bidding suggested that there was some distribution around, plus the opening bidder needed some high

cards somewhere and East had suggested the king of clubs at trick one, but it was still a brave play to find.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ J 10 9 6 5 4 ♦ - ♣ A J 7 5 4 3	<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		♠ 9 8 5 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ Q 10 2	♠ A K 2 ♥ Q ♦ J 10 8 6 4 3 ♣ 9 8 6
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West	North	East	South
Rosendorff	Moss	Kanektar	Forrester
2♠	3♠	4♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Dyke	Gold	Wiltshire
Dble(ii)	1♣	1♦	1♥(i)
3♣	1♠(iii)	Pass	2♦
All Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠

- (i) Spades
- (ii) Hearts
- (iii) Three spades



Tom Townsend, England

Dyke opened the North hand – the partnership open all weak no trumps with 1♣ – and Townsend got both his suits into the auction without putting any momentum into the auction so that there was no reason for Gold to consider going to the five level. Indeed, he gave more consideration to doubling the final contract. As it was, 4♠ down three was quite satisfactory for the English pair when declarer won the opening heart lead in the wrong hand and his next play was not a trump, thereby conceding the maximum number of tricks possible (No, I don't want somebody to write in and say that, double dummy, declarer can hold himself to just four tricks).

Moss did not open the North hand, creating a very different scenario as Rosendorff showed hearts and a minor over Forrester's 1♠ opening. Moss competed to 3♠ and Kanektar was happy to bid a pass or correct 4♣ over that. Forrester didn't really expect to make 4♠ with those heart and club holdings, but the six-card suit suggested bidding and who knows what might happen if you keep the ball rolling? Sure enough, Kanektar doubled and Rosendorff, who had two extra cards in his suits and very few high cards, took it out into 5♣, doubled by Moss. After all, give East queen-third of clubs and less in spades, and 5♣ could have been cold.

Forrester led the ace of diamonds and was not thrilled by the sight of dummy. Kanektar ruffed and played a heart, Moss going in with the ace and switching to a spade. Declarer won the ♠A and pitched a heart on the ♠K, then ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, played a club to the king and ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, and had to decide whether to play for clubs two-two, when he could make the contract by leading a trump, or three-one, when that play would leave him three down. Everything pointed to the actual club situation, so Kanektar played winning hearts now and just lost the two trumps for down one; -200 and 8 IMPs to FORRESTER.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosendorff	Moss	Kanektar	Forrester
1♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
Dble	All Pass	2♥	4♠

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Dyke	Gold	Wiltshire
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣(i)	Pass	2♥	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

(i) Non-forcing game-try

Given a free run, Townsend/Gold bid to the good heart game. Dyke led ace and another spade, forcing dummy. Townsend tried a diamond to the king and Dyke won the ace and played a third spade. The forcing game ensured the defeat of the contract; down one for -100.

In the other room, Moss did a very good thing for his side when he came in with a four-card 1♠ overcall. Forrester had the perfect hand for him and leapt to 4♠, doubled by Rosendorff. Kanektar cashed a top heart then switched to a club. Rosendorff won and switched to the king of diamonds, looking for a quick kill. But Moss could win, draw trumps and ruff two clubs in hand; +790 and 12 IMPs to FORRESTER.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

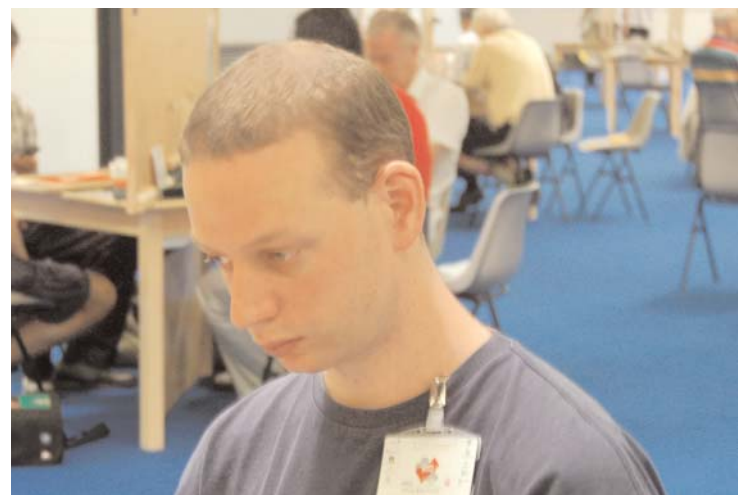
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	♠ K 9 6 ♥ Q J 2 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ K 9 5 4											

West	North	East	South
Rosendorff	Moss	Kanektar	Forrester
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠

Kanektar cashed the top hearts then switched to the jack of clubs. Moss won in hand and played a spade to the king then ran the ♠9 to the queen. Kanektar played a second club. Moss won the king and ruffed a club then cashed the trumps. When he crossed to the queen of hearts, Rosendorff was squeezed in the minors and that was ten tricks for +620.

The same contract was also brought home on the squeeze at the other table to flatten the board.

FORRESTER ran out winners by 22-15 IMPs, 16-14 VPS, a remarkably low IMP-turnover on such a lively set of deals.



David Wiltshire, Australia

Round 2

Rosenblum Cup

Round up the Usual Suspects *by two gentlemen of Verona*

When the Internet collapsed early in the afternoon the Vaupillon Recorder sent an emergency fax to the venue asking for an action packed report on one of the day's big matches. Phoning for clarification your reporters were told to 'Round up the usual suspects.'

That explains how we came to find ourselves at the table occupied by teams from the USA and Turkey for a round 2 match in the Rosenblum round robin.

There was slight delay in the Closed room as North/South did not have a fully completed convention card and unaccountably Meckwell's second language does not happen to be Turkish.

North led the ace of hearts and switched to the five of spades – not best – whereupon our intrepid reporter went for a glass of water as it was clear the contract was now going to make.

After that surprising push the Americans moved ahead on the next deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A 9 7 4 3 2
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♦ –	♦ 10 9 5					
♣ K Q J 7 6 2	♣ 5 3					
	♠ Q J 10					
	♥ 6 5					
	♦ A K Q J 2					
	♣ A 10 8					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tabak</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Coskunola</i>	<i>Freeman</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
4♣	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

In Vaupillon the West hand would be described as a 'Bridget Bardot' - i.e. shapely.

I will confess that I was called away from the table for a few vital moments just after -North had bid Two Hearts, so the bids that follow may not be accurate. However the final contract was Four Hearts doubled and North – perhaps unwisely – led the nine of clubs and when South won at once the contract could no longer be defeated.

Not a great result with ten tricks available in no trumps and eleven in diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Uygu</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Paracik</i>
	Pass	2♠	2NT
3♥	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 5 3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 7 6
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♦ Q 9 7 4	♦ J 10 6 3					
♣ 6	♣ J 10 9 2					
♠ Q 8 2		♠ A K 10 4				
♥ K J 6 4 3		♥ 10				
♦ –		♦ A K 8 5 2				
♣ A K 7 5 4		♣ Q 8 3				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tabak</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Coskunola</i>	<i>Freeman</i>
Pass	1♦	2NT*	3♦*
4♣	4♦	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Yes, we know East is the dealer, but the board was rotated. North led the king of diamonds and declarer ruffed, cashed the top clubs and attacked hearts. When the smoke had cleared he was two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Uygu</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Paracik</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

East led the five of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the ace and cashed the king. His next move was a surprising one as he played a low club from dummy. West pounced on that and cashed the queen of spades followed by a heart. Declarer ruffed and had to do no more than play a diamond to the queen to chalk up his game. However, he cashed a top diamond and had to go one down, -100 and 9 IMPs to Nickell.



Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tabak	Nickell	Coskunola	Freeman
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
All Pass	INT*	2♦	2♥

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and played a spade to the jack and queen. He ruffed the diamond continuation, ruffed a spade, ran the ten of clubs, played a club to the jack and ruffed a spade. East overruffed and it was all downhill from here, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Uygu	Meckstroth	Paracik
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
All Pass	INT	Pass	2♥

West found the excellent lead of the six of hearts, East's ten holding the trick. The king of hearts left East on lead and he switched to the king of diamonds. Declarer was booked for three down, -300 and a 3 IMP loss.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tabak	Nickell	Coskunola	Freeman
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♣	All Pass	1♥	Dble

South led the two of clubs and declarer won in hand and played the queen of diamonds. South won and played another trump. Declarer won with dummy's king getting the bad news and cashed the king of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played a heart. South won, drew trumps, cashed a diamond and played a spade – three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Uygu	Meckstroth	Paracik
2♦	2♥	1♦	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
		All Pass	

Despite his best efforts declarer could make no more than six tricks, - 300. That gave Nickell the first big swing of the match and they added another right at the end.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tabak	Nickell	Coskunola	Freeman
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

In the good old days you could use Three Clubs to ask partner to bid suits up the line, but inflation has affected everything and Nickell had to start with Four Spades.

He hit the jackpot this time and was soon claiming twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Uygu	Meckstroth	Paracik
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Redble*	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A typical third in hand opening from Meckstroth picked off the suit in which North/South could make a slam and they made no attempt to go beyond game. It cost 12 IIMPs leaving Nickell comfortable winners, 36-6 IMPs. 22-8 VP.

Smoking Regulations

This building is totally non-smoking. Anyone wishing to smoke must go outside at the end of the session. You may not go to smoke during a session. Please stand well away from the doors.

Mobile phones & other electronic devices

There are penalties for anyone taking mobile phones or any other electronic device capable of sending or receiving data into the playing area.

Alcoholic drinks

Alcoholic drinks are not permitted in the playing areas at any time.

Dress code

Players are asked to take note of the recognition of bridge as a sport by the IOC, and the WBF requests that players should, at all times, be dressed appropriately. This is particularly the case at the opening ceremony and at the prize-giving ceremony or victory banquet, when it is expected that teams should at least be uniformly dressed even if a team uniform is not available. During play, appropriate dress would, for example, be an open-necked shirt, or a smart polo or sweatshirt worn with trousers or skirt as appropriate.

Destiny Served

When Karen McCallum arrived in Verona last week, she tried to beg off of her date to play in the Mixed Pairs with Matthew Granovetter. She has been undergoing treatment for breast cancer and the chemotherapy affected her play. Granovetter, saying he believed they were destined to win, prevailed upon McCallum to play - and win they did.

On the last round, when the results with a round to go were distributed, McCallum and Granovetter found that they were leading. This was the next-to-last deal of the event:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣4, ducked by McCallum. East erred by putting up the king, taken by McCallum with the ace. She did not like her contract, but there was not much she could do about it except try to make it and hope for some luck.

She played a heart to dummy's queen, which held, then followed with the ♥A and a third round of the suit. West won the ♥J and thought for a long time before under-leading his ♠A, providing a much-relieved McCallum with her ninth trick. Plus 600 was a 62% score. Minus 100 would have been 26%.

They did even better on the next deal when East-West bid to a hopeless 4♠, down one. Plus 100 was worth 81% for the winners.

Perhaps it was destiny after all.

Restaurant

There will be a restaurant available with a self-service for warm and cold dishes. To get there, take the exit on the ground floor at the back side and follow the signs crossing an open area (250 meters in total).

TEAM ROSTERS

Rosenblum Cup

Group	Team Name	Countries	First Name	Second Name	Third Name	Fourth Name	Fifth Name	Sixth Name	
A	Bel2	BEL	Debus E	Henri J	Lafourcade J	Vandereet P			
	Bessis	FRA-CAN	Bessis M	Bessis T	Gaviard J	Tessieres G	Wolpert G		
	Clair	ITA	Brunelli C	Clair P	Darbi L	Fogel P	Palmieri M	Totaro C	
	Clark	AUS-NZL	Clark A	Feitelson C	Hay J	Rogers P			
	Cope	RSA	Apteker A	Cope T	Donde B	Holman G			
	Drenkelford	NED	Drenkelford H	Eijck W	Hermans R	Jialal M	Wilde F		
	Hauge	NOR	Aa T	Austberg P	Furunes J	Hauge R	Molberg J	Svendsen J	
	Lynch	USA	Berkowitz D	Cohen L	Dawson D	Lynch C	Passell M	Wold E	
	Nader	BRA	Junqueira G	Moreira M	Nader J	Orsi E	Sampaio F		
	Panahpour	FRA-ENG	Cronier B	Cronier P	Panahpour L	Panahpour M			
	Simson	USA	Doub D	Johnson W	Simson D	Tolliver M	Wildavsky A	Zwerling M	
	B	Agressor	RUS	Curlin I	Khazanov I	Lebedeva M	Prokhorov D	Solntsev E	Vorobei P
		Aubonnet	FRA	Aubonnet B	Carde C	Colombaro A	Danic J	Forge D	Ventos V
		Dohnert	VEN	Diebold Z	Dohnert L	Fente M	Rosen E		
		Fioretti	ITA-SMR	Fioretti F	Fornaciari E	Frazzetto L	Gaddi C	Magnani C	Pizza E
Forrester		ENG-USA	Forrester T	Gold D	Moss M	Townsend T			
Iceland		ISL	Einarsson B	Haraldsson S	Magnusson M	Thorvaldsson M			
Izmir Buyuksehir Belediyesi		TUR	Coskunol A	Koylu C	Paracik S	Tabak H	Uygun H	Yavuz N	
Kendrick		ENG-BUL-ENG	Collins P	Isporski V	Kendrick D	Kovachev Al-Shati V			
Nickell		USA	Freeman D	Hamman B	Meckstroth J	Nickell F	Rodwell E	Soloway P	
Oz-One Kanektar		AUS	Dyke K	Kanetkar A	Rosendorf N	Wiltshire D			
Vasilev		BUL	Gunev R	Nanev I	Stefanov J	Vasilev L			
C		Adad	FRA	Adad P	Agnetti A	Mateos-Ruiz F	Naigard R	Potier J	Ringuet P
		Akgul	TUR	Akgul M	Kandemir I	Kolata S	Yuksel T		
		Chateau Rossenovo	BUL	Barantiev N	Batov V	Bonev I	Ivanov I		
		Gordon	USA-CAN-IND	Allegaert W	Baran B	Gordon M	Landen S	Rajadhyaksha P	Shivdasani J
	Hadi	PAK-ENG	Ahmed J	Ataullah M	Cohen H	Hadi K	Ispahani S	Shoab K	
	Milner	USA-POL	Compton C	Garner S	Kwiecien M	Milner R	Pszczola J	Weinstein H	
	Passarinho	ESP-POR-ISR-BEL	Panadero M	Passarinho J	Shneider Y	Wens P			
	Russia	RUS	Dubinina A	Gromov A	Krasnosselski M	Rekunov V			
	Smith	ENG	Byrne M	Czerniewski P	Hassett J	Smith M			
	T.C.Parioli - Angelini Junior	ITA	Baroni I	Delle Cave G	Fellus S	Franchi A	Iavicoli F	Montanari M	
	Warendorf	NED	Buket W	Schippers-Bosklop E	Stienen R	Warendorf E			
	D	Atay	TUR	Akkasoglu M	Atalay B	Atay S	Gumrukuoglu L	Guner F	
		Haagensen	NOR	Anfinson I	Haagensen O	Solheim E	Vassoy L		
		Herbst	ISR	Barel M	Barr R	Herbst I	Herbst O	Zack Y	
		Izisel	FRA-MON	Izisel G	Mari C	Michaud-Lariviere X	Pilon D		
Johnson		USA-POL	Burger C	Johnson P	Lesniewski M	Perlman H	Weichsel P	Zerbini M	
Lol		ITA-TUR-NED	Battista A	Cohen L	Gandini M	Ispahani N	Pisak M	Reshef R	
Madsen		DEN	Askgaard M	Bjarnarson G	Konow K	Madsen M			
Markowicz		POL-ISR	Jeziro A	Klukowski J	Markowicz V	Melman V	Zaremba J	Zeligman S	
Morath		SWE	Efraimsson B	Morath A	Tornqvist T	Upmark J			
Mullamphy		AUS	Cummings V	Gumby P	Klinger R	Lazer W	Mullamphy M		
Venit		VEN-ITA	Bellini G	Boccaro R	Calvi L	Morganti L	Morganti U	Tonon S	
E		Assemi	USA-ENG	Abdou W	Assemi F	Eisenberg B	Goldberg C	Sheehan R	Wojewoda E
		Auken	DEN	Auken J	Christiansen S	Marquardsen A	Schaltz M		
		Colectivo 06	POR	Cerquinho M	Goncalves C	Pereira De Souza J	Pessanha P	Pinto E	Pinto P
		Ekeblad	USA-CAN	Ekeblad R	Gitelman F	Greco E	Hampson G	Moss B	Rubin R
	Gosney	AUS-NZL	Brown F	Davidson J	Gosney P	Whibley M			
	Mayantz	ARG-ENG-BUL-ITA	Brizio R	Budkin D	Hughes C	Mayantz M	Nedkov S	Rizzo E	
	Mossop	ENG-SUI	Mossop D	Price D	Simpson C	Zivkovic G			
	Nadar	IND-354	Chokshi S	Nadar K	Prabhakar B	Satyanarayana B	Tiwari R	Venkatraman R	
	O'Briain	IRL	Anderson R	Greenwood D	O'briain M	O'briain P			
	Pauncz	ITA	Duccini G	Fossi N	Pauncz P	Vivarelli Colonna G			

	Tananbaum	FRA	Chimion T	Marille P	Matula G	Palau J	Pigeaud F	Tananbaum M
	Bareket	ISR	Bareket I	Lebovits G	Lengy A	Roll Y		
F	COOK & Buddys	USA IND	Bellio A	Cook J	Emond M	Shah B	Vazirani S	Zhu J
	Hecht-Johansen	DEN	Bilde M	Blakset K	Blakset L	Hansen J	Hecht-Johans.	Nielsen H
	Kvangraven	NOR	Brekka G	Hoiland T	Kvangraven N	Reinertsen M	Rynning E	
	Lara	POR	Lara M	Orey Capucho M	Palma A	Pereira P		
	Malaspina	USA	Malaspina M	Miller P	Niederman D	Rasmussen J		
	Otvosi	POL	Borewicz M	Otvosi E	Przybora T	Romanski J	Stepinski J	Szymanowski M
	Oz-One Nagy	AUS	Hans S	Nagy Z	Nunn T	Richman B		
	Poddar	IND	Bapat A	Poddar D	Samant A	Sridhar R	Tikare A	
	Villa Fabbriche	ITA	Attanasio D	Failla G	Lo Presti F	Mazzadi F	Pulga R	Rinaldi G
	Welland R	SWE-USA	Fallenius B	Levin B	Martel C	Stansby L	Weinstein S	Welland R
G	Abate	ITA	Abate F	Agosti U	Agrippino B	Bondi M	Mura M	Stufano D
	Barbosa	POR	Barbosa J	Ferreira B	Henriques J	Pinto R	Silva A	
	Berg	USA	Berg M	Cheek C	Clerkin D	Clerkin J	Ferguson B	Grue J
	Bigat	TUR-SUI	Assael S	Atabey Y	Bigat H	Ciftcioglu D	Yalman A	
	Borevkovic	CRO	Borevkovic G	Brguljan K	Rase D	Zoric V		
	Corsica	FRA	Costi J	Garcia S	Guillaumin P	Simeoni M	Vincentelli T	
	Hackett	ENG	Armstrong J	Hackett P	Holland J	Waterlow T		
	Kirilenko	RUS	Dobrin D	Khiouppenen J	Kholomeev V	Kirilenko S	Shudnev A	Zhmak M
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	Meltzer	USA-NOR	Bates R	Helgemo G	Helness T	Larsen K	Meltzer R	Sontag A
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	Computerland	POL	Araszkiwicz K	Golebiowski S	Jurek P	Kowalski D	Olanski W	Sielicki T
	Dhampur Sugar Mills	IND-355	Goel A	Gupta N	Mukherjee K	Roy D	Roy K	Takral S
	Ingham	TUR-CAN-AUS	Babac M	Duquette J	Ingham S	Uysal A		
	Jacobs	POL-USA	Balicki C	Jacobs G	Katz R	Mahmood Z	Rosenberg M	Zmudzinski A
	Jokisch	GER	Handel R	Jokisch P	Kasimir U	Kemmer C		
	Onstein	NED	Cleeff J	Eskes O	Kroes V	Prooijen R		
	Sarten	AUS-AUT	Renton H	Sarten A	Tishler S	Watts M		
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	Lewis	USA	Koneru V	Lewis L	Lewis P	Mori L	Sprung D	Sprung J
	Mori	ITA-MNL	Baldassin D	Gabriele P	Mannato G	Principe G	Stasolla A	Tarantino F
	Piekarek	GER	Gotard T	Kondoch H	Piekarek J	Smirnov A		
	Romania	ROM	Briciu M	Ghigheci O	Serpoi G	Stirbu C		
	Sakura Krakow	POL	Kupnicki M	Majdanski L	Pilch T	Stefanik K	Szymczak A	Walczak P
	San Marino	SMR-ITA	Alocchi F	Fazzardi G	Leoni A	Paolucci M	Treossi P	Zucchini P
	Shen Zhen Qiao You	CHN	Chen S	Shen J	Wang R	Zhang B		
	Yadlin	ISR-TUR	Ginossar E	Kalish A	Ozdil M	Podgur L	Yadlin D	Yadlin I
	Zimmerman	FRA-SUI	Bompis M	Levy A	Mouiel H	Multon F	Quantin J	Zimmermann P
J	I I diamonds	POL-FRA	Jaszczak A	Saporta P	Uszynski W	Voltaire J		
	Brenn	CZE-AUT	Lauer Z	Purstl C	Rokyta M	Zouchova Z		
	Colchamiro	USA	Bethe P	Bloom B	Bloom S	Colchamiro J	ColchamiroM	Munson CooperK
	Hargreaves	CAN	Dalton R	Hargreaves M	Mcavoy J	Oddy V		
	Lavazza	ITA-ARG	Bocchi N	D'avossa M	Di Bello S	Duboin G	Ferraro G	Madala A
	Popova	BUL-TUR	Aronov V	Karakolev G	Popova D	Zobu A		
	Ruia	IND	Gokhale R	Iyengar S	Karmarkar S	Ruia A	Shah J	
	Slovenija	SLO	Ambroz B	Novak M	Rasula B	Zadel M		
	Soulet	FRA	Allouche-Gaviard	Eisenberg E	Payen B	Soulet P	Sussel P	
	Sundelin	SWE-LAT	Claeson B	Eliasson P	Gullberg T	Linander J	Sundelin P	Swanstrom M
K	Allfrey	ENG	Allfrey A	Bakhshi D	Mcintosh A	Robson A		
	Bartley	GER	Alberti A	Bartley G	Kuzselka B	Pauly M		
	Freed	USA	Freed G	Kniest T	Stack D	Wickham B		
	Geely Auto	CHN	Gui S	Liu W	Shi X	Zhong H		
	Goenka	IND	Goenka J	Hooda S	Roy R	Sadhu A		

	Grenthe	FRA	Duguet M	Grenthe P	Louchart P	Rombaut J	Sebbane L	Toffier P
	Hamaoui	VEN	Di Fabio C	Gusso F	Hamaoui S	Pasquini P	Slimak P	Valdes J
	Muzzio	ARG	Bianchedi A	Camberos H	Madala A	Muzzio E	Scanavino E	
	T.C.Parioli - BTA	ITA	Angelini F	Fantoni F	Lauria L	Nunes C	Sementa A	Versace A
	Teltscher	SCO-ENG	Coyle W	Goldberg V	Silverstone V	Teltscher B	Teltscher K	
L	Belgium I	BEL	Carcassonne-Lab	Coenraets P	Cooreman T	Labaere A	Neve O	
	Chang	USA	Chang F	Deutsch S	Kranyak J	Lall H	Lall J	Smith R
	Dohet	FRA	Champion F	Dohet A	Grosselin A	Lambert B		
	Gillis	NOR-ENG-IRL	Brogeland B	Erichsen E	Gillis S	Hanlon T	Mcgann H	Saelensminde E
	Noble	AUS	Bilski G	Brown T	Burgess S	Noble B	Prescott M	
	Read	CAN	Feldman D	Gaspari F	Read E	Vujic A		
	Strul	POL-USA	Chmurski B	Jones B	Kowalski A	Strul A	Tuszynski P	
	Triantafyllis	GRE	KanellopoulouD	Kapayannidis T	Triantafyllis P	Triantafylli L		
	Van Helsing	AUT	Babsch A	Berger H	Bieder W	Hansen R		
	West VIP	CHN	Chen J	Hu X	Lin Y	Shaomin S		
M	Allana	PAK-CAN	Abedi N	Allana A	Fazli J	Jafer R	Khan S	Mittelman G
	Beauchamp	AUS	Adams D	Adams E	Beauchamp D	Dawson J		
	Bridge+	FRA	Beauvillain E	Herve J	Jeanneteau Y	Marina B	Queran G	Tignel J
	China SMEG	CHN	Dai J	Fu Z	Shi H	Yang L	Zhao J	Zhuang Z
	Furuta	JPN	Chen D	Furuta K	Hayashi N	Jomura T	Shimamura K	
	Mragowia SI	POL	Cichocki M	Gierulski B	Hochecker D	Pikus K	Skrzypczak J	Sztyrak L
	Philogene	MRI	Henry S	Lebreton C	Li Mew T	Philogene P		
	Smykalla	GER	Hein S	Malchus P	Schneider M	Smykalla G		
	Spector	USA-NED	Bramley B	Feldman M	Jansma J	Seamon M	Spector W	Verhees Sr. L
	Tolani Shipping Team	IND	Agarwal R	Chakradeo A	Lewis A	Manna G	Sequera A	Shah A
	Tornay	LIB-USA	Fayad M	Hamdan F	Harfouche G	Radin M	Tornay G	
N	Alizee	AUT	Fischer D	Lindermann A	Saurer B	Schifko M	Simon J	Wernle A
	Arcelor Stainless india	IND	Anklesaria K	Dalal R	Desai V	Khare A	Padhye A	Tolani R
	Datloff	CAN-USA	Brower D	Datloff J	Meyers M	Wiener L		
	Gwinner	GER	Gwinner H	Pawlik A	Schrodell M	Zeitler K		
	Harper	ENG	Harper R	Hoffman M	Priday T	Priday V		
	Mahaffey	USA-POL-SCO	Cohler G	Gawrys P	Lair M	Lev S	Mahaffey J	Shenkin B
	Moers	FRA-GLP	Bouveresse J	Duguet M	Grenthe G	Grenthe J	Moers J	Naels P
	Orange	NED	Bakkeren T	Bertens H	Brink S	Drijver B	Ramondt V	Westra B
	Pont	ESP	Lambardi P	Llopart A	Pont J	Ventin J	Wasik A	
	Rayner	CAN	Delogu R	Rayner J	Roche M	Thurston P		
	Smilgajs	SWE-LAT	Ahlesved K	Cullin P	Matisons M	Smilgajs A		
O	Allix	FRA	Allix J	Crozet F	Hertz A	Mauberquez E		
	Bausback	GER	Bausback N	Buchlev N	Engel B	Gromoeller M	Jahr U	Kirmse A
	Chagas	BRA	Branco M	Brenner D	Brum P	Chagas G	Villas-Boas M	
	Cornell	NZL-AUS-CAN	Bach A	Blackstock S	Cornell M	Delmonte I	Demuy V	Henry S
	D.M.R.	ITA	Albamonte G	Ciccarelli A	Comella A	Intonti R	Sabbatini S	
	Gartaganis	CAN	Balcombe K	Campbell G	Colbert D	Gartaganis J	Gartaganis N	Klimowicz P
	Gerin	FRA-GLP	Dadoun P	Garnier C	Gerin D	Mathieu P	Picard P	
	Jung	KOR	Hwang I	Jung I	Park J	Sung K		
	Quinn	IRL-WAL	Holland C	Keaveney G	Quinn P	Reddan D	Thomas A	
	Rogoff	IRL-ENG-USA	Carroll J	Garvey T	Rigal B	Rogoff B		
	Schwartz	EGY-USA	Ahmadi W	Casen D	Krekorian J	Sadek T	Schwartz R	Willenken C
P	Canada	CAN	Fraser D	Gamble M	Hanna N	Jacob D	Lebi R	Maksymetz B
	Cuevas	CHI	Caracci M	Cuevas L	Robles J	Smith J		
	Henner	SWE-USA	Bertheau P	Fredin P	Henner-Welland C	Jacobus M	Lindkvist M	Nystrom F
	Indonesia	INA	Abdullah I	Effendi R	Hendrawan M	Polii B	Tuerah D	Yusuf A
	Kitabgi	FRA	Beaumier A	Beaumier D	Kitabgi A	Nahmias A		
	Morimura	JPN	Imakura T	Ino M	Morimura S	Teramoto T	Yoshida T	
	Robinson	USA	Boyd P	Robinson S	Stewart F	Woolsey K		
	Schneider	ITA-USA-POL	Arganini P	Baze G	Buras K	Kalita J	Kotorowicz K	Narkiewicz G
	Shanghai Heng Yuan Xiang	CHN	Boam J	Shen Y	Tian Z	Zhang J	Zhou S	
	Tangues	REU	Brethes S	Deleflie M	Gerente A	Giraud C	Hamel P	Wanquet C
	Texans	IND-USA	Das B	Kanningat K	Kushari P	Mukherjee S	Sarkar S	Venkatesh G

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TEAM ROSTERS

Group	Team Name	Countries	First Name	Second Name	Third Name	Fourth Name	Fifth Name	Sixth Name	
Q	Axelrod	RSA	Axelrod B	Balkin D	Banducci P	Hammerschlag U			
	Bistoquet	GLP	Bistoquet C	Bringold S	Cassin J	Gerin M	Mondor F	Thirion C	
	Canada	CAN	Christie M	Foster R	Nisbet P	Peckett H			
	Gwinner	SUI	Grey H	Langer D	Nikitine R	Saesseli I			
	Jacobs	USA-ITA	Berkowitz L	Cappelletti S	Cuzzi M	Glasson J	Jacobs S	Olivieri G	
	Levy	FRA	Clement M	Dumon S	Heredia B	Levy A			
	McGowan	SCO	Leslie P	Mcgowan E	Mcquaker F	Sheasby S			
	Penfold	ENG-ISR	Dhondy H	Ford J	Penfold S	Poplilov L	Senior N	Smith N	
	Venezuela	VEN	Bettini M	Daryanani P	Pacheco M	Rabicew E	Tache N	Tagliavia M	
	Westheimer	SWE-USA-FRA	Andersson P	Bjerkan C	Ovidio C	Simon C	Westheimer V	Willard S	
	R	Baker	GER-USA	Arnim D	Auken S	Baker L	Deas L	Palmer B	Sanborn K
		Brewiak	POL	Brewiak G	Harasimowicz E	Pasternak M	Sarniak A	Sobolewska E	Szczepanska A
		China Global Times	CHN	Ling G	Wang H	Wang L	Wang W	Zhang Y	Zhang Y
		DanGer	DEN-GER	Bekkouche N	Binderkrantz T	Gromann I	Weber E		
La Cucina Italiana		ITA	De Biasio A	Gigliotti D	Paoluzi S	Pomares Y De M	Saccavini I	Torielli V	
Makiko		JPN	Asakoshi K	Hayashi M	Kosaka Y	Miwa A	Nishimura T	Takeuchi H	
Pollack		USA	Hamman P	Kearse A	Kennedy B	Passell N	Pollack R	Sutherland P	
Rossard		FRA	Blouquit C	Fishpool C	Raczynska J	Rossard M			
San Marino Ladies		ITA-SMR	Cottone O	Filippi M	Mirulli M	Perlini M	Stacchini L	Urbani A	
Swartz		RSA	Adrain D	Fihrer J	Hulett M	Swartz C			
S		Bessis	FRA	Bessis V	Hugon E	Peccoud J	Saporta R		
		Cocogirls	REU	Deleflie F	Hoyon M	Huseinaly N	Michaux D	Robert P	Wan-Hoi R
		Deora	IND	Bayman L	Deora H	Karmarkar M	Kothari U		
		Gmur	RSA	Gmur D	Hulett Y	Stephenson V	Van Rensburg C		
	Katt-Bridge	SWE	Bertheau K	Midskog C	Ryman J	Ryman M			
	Martel	USA	Gwozdziński M	Martel J	Strauch C	Woolsey S			
	Narasimhan	USA	Levin J	Levitina I	Meyers J	Narasimhan H	Rosenberg D	Stansby J	
	Steiner	RUS-USA	Gromova V	Letizia M	Ponomareva T	Seamon-Molson J	Sokolow T	Steiner C	
	Viaggi e Sapori	ITA	Buratti M	Capriata E	Ferlazzo C	Forti D	Golin C	Manara G	
	T	Goodman	AUS	Goodman M	Grenside S	Millar M	Peston G		
		Gruppo Midi	ITA	De Lucchi F	Duboin E	Rosetta A	Tamburelli R		
		Hammerli	AUT-SUI-DEN	Erhart M	Hammerli C	Kalkerup B	Moller K		
		Morse	RSA-USA	Bloom V	Holroyd M	Kasle B	Lourie O	Miller S	Morse J
		Netherlands	NED	Arnolds C	Michielsen M	Pasman J	Simons A	Vriend B	Wortel M
Philippines		PHI-NZL	Egan V	Gallego T	Mariano G	Mayer F			
Radin		USA-ISR	Breed M	Granovetter P	Moss S	Quinn S	Radin J	Zur-Campanile M	
Renoux		FRA-MON	Avon D	Grand M	Renoux M	Varenne M			
Sver		CRO	Muller R	Pecina P	Petrovic I	Pilipovic M	Ruso S	Sver N	
Wood		RSA-USA	Gilmour K	Ichilcik L	Kruger H	Maloney L	Tornay C	Wood N	

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- c) Memory
- d) Concentration
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