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NOW IT'S ONE ON ONE



Gold medallists in the Masters Individual: Catharina Midskog and Tor Helness.

The short matches are over. Now it's lose and go home – or into the Transnational Mixed Teams. The round of 16 will be completed today.

There was little drama in the final stages of the round robin qualifying, although France had reason to regret going for 800 on the final board of the final match against China Macau. France still won, but the 5-IMP loss on the last board dropped them into tie with Romania, and the French lost out on the tie-breaker.

Leading the qualifiers in the Open series were Italy, Israel, Norway and Germany. In the Women's, Germany stubbed their toes, losing a close match to Sweden, but then they blitzed their next two opponents to finish with 372 VPs (87%). The other group leaders were Finland and England.

USA and Indonesia led the Seniors qualifiers.



Today's Schedule

- 10.00** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 1st Session
- 13.00** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 2nd Session
- 15.30** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 3rd Session
- 18.00** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 4th Session



OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Finland	Canada	22 - 13 17 - 13
2	Japan	Trinidad & Tobago	71 - 21 25 - 4
3	Pakistan	Albania	69 - 19 25 - 4
4	France	Italy	27 - 9 19 - 11
5	BYE	Ireland	0 - 0 0 - 18
6	Estonia	Denmark	31 - 24 16 - 14
7	South Africa	Romania	19 - 45 9 - 21
8	Kenya	Brazil	9 - 53 5 - 25
9	Slovakia	China Macau	9 - 45 7 - 23

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Bulgaria	Bangladesh	76 - 23 25 - 3
2	Chile	New Zealand	7 - 60 3 - 25
3	Singapore	Morocco	31 - 30 15 - 15
4	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Belgium	8 - 52 5 - 25
5	Bermuda	Spain	4 - 57 3 - 25
6	Norway	Iceland	63 - 13 25 - 4
7	Poland	Chinese Taipei	65 - 6 25 - 2
8	Georgia	Guadeloupe	40 - 15 21 - 9
9	Egypt	Ukraine	23 - 26 14 - 16

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Estonia	Kenya	52 - 21 22 - 8
2	Brazil	South Africa	72 - 28 25 - 5
3	Romania	Slovakia	47 - 51 14 - 16
4	China Macau	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0
5	Ireland	France	34 - 9 21 - 9
6	Italy	Pakistan	25 - 19 16 - 14
7	Denmark	Canada	15 - 35 10 - 20
8	Trinidad & Tobago	Finland	16 - 35 11 - 19
9	Albania	Japan	6 - 78 0 - 25

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Norway	Georgia	69 - 23 25 - 5
2	Guadeloupe	Poland	26 - 53 9 - 21
3	Chinese Taipei	Egypt	19 - 38 11 - 19
4	Ukraine	Bermuda	63 - 30 23 - 7
5	Spain	Bosnia & Herzegovina	40 - 64 9 - 21
6	Belgium	Singapore	23 - 9 18 - 12
7	Iceland	Bangladesh	75 - 48 21 - 9
8	New Zealand	Bulgaria	4 - 46 5 - 25
9	Morocco	Chile	53 - 35 19 - 11

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Canada	Trinidad & Tobago	14 - 47 7 - 23
2	Finland	Albania	110 - 1 25 - 0
3	Japan	Italy	21 - 43 10 - 20
4	Pakistan	Ireland	33 - 25 17 - 13
5	France	China Macau	40 - 29 17 - 13
6	BYE	Romania	0 - 0 0 - 18
7	Slovakia	Brazil	25 - 39 12 - 18
8	Kenya	Denmark	16 - 39 10 - 20
9	South Africa	Estonia	23 - 27 14 - 16

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Bangladesh	New Zealand	32 - 35 14 - 16
2	Bulgaria	Morocco	42 - 27 18 - 12
3	Chile	Belgium	10 - 51 6 - 24
4	Singapore	Spain	56 - 36 20 - 10
5	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Ukraine	26 - 46 10 - 20
6	Bermuda	Chinese Taipei	36 - 69 9 - 21
7	Egypt	Guadeloupe	32 - 34 15 - 15
8	Georgia	Iceland	34 - 54 10 - 20
9	Poland	Norway	30 - 50 10 - 20

ROUND 15

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Mexico	India	8 - 61 3 - 25
2	Netherlands	Portugal	79 - 11 25 - 1
3	Sweden	Argentina	57 - 19 24 - 6
4	San Marino	China Hong Kong	28 - 50 10 - 20
5	French Polynesia	Israel	22 - 52 8 - 22
6	Austria	Latvia	60 - 26 23 - 7
7	China	Jamaica	28 - 16 18 - 12
8	Hungary	Scotland	61 - 19 25 - 5
9	Russia	Korea	58 - 43 18 - 12

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Greece	Switzerland	36 - 10 21 - 9
2	Reunion	Venezuela	33 - 14 19 - 11
3	England	Belarus	50 - 15 23 - 7
4	Turkey	Germany	40 - 30 17 - 13
5	Botswana	Serbia	36 - 26 17 - 13
6	Thailand	Indonesia	38 - 19 19 - 11
7	Jordan	Lithuania	34 - 36 15 - 15
8	USA	Lebanon	50 - 13 24 - 6
9	Philippines	Australia	27 - 27 15 - 15

ROUND 16

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Austria	Hungary	17 - 5 18 - 12
2	Scotland	China	45 - 39 16 - 14
3	Jamaica	Russia	32 - 12 20 - 10
4	Korea	French Polynesia	34 - 55 10 - 20
5	Israel	San Marino	29 - 15 18 - 12
6	China Hong Kong	Sweden	4 - 74 1 - 25
7	Latvia	India	45 - 52 14 - 16
8	Portugal	Mexico	51 - 22 22 - 8
9	Argentina	Netherlands	2 - 22 10 - 20

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Thailand	USA	67 - 14 25 - 3
2	Lebanon	Jordan	17 - 46 8 - 22
3	Lithuania	Philippines	45 - 3 25 - 5
4	Australia	Botswana	81 - 23 25 - 3
5	Serbia	Turkey	44 - 53 13 - 17
6	Germany	England	52 - 30 20 - 10
7	Indonesia	Switzerland	15 - 30 12 - 18
8	Venezuela	Greece	38 - 41 14 - 16
9	Belarus	Reunion	44 - 10 23 - 7

ROUND 17

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	India	Portugal	63 - 14 25 - 4
2	Mexico	Argentina	28 - 71 5 - 25
3	Netherlands	China Hong Kong	38 - 18 20 - 10
4	Sweden	Israel	29 - 15 18 - 12
5	San Marino	Korea	46 - 19 21 - 9
6	French Polynesia	Jamaica	38 - 37 15 - 15
7	Russia	Scotland	71 - 19 25 - 4
8	Hungary	Latvia	36 - 41 14 - 16
9	China	Austria	59 - 14 25 - 5

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Switzerland	Venezuela	36 - 23 18 - 12
2	Greece	Belarus	35 - 58 10 - 20
3	Reunion	Germany	22 - 51 8 - 22
4	England	Serbia	52 - 17 23 - 7
5	Turkey	Australia	18 - 9 17 - 13
6	Botswana	Lithuania	10 - 62 4 - 25
7	Philippines	Lebanon	7 - 60 3 - 25
8	USA	Indonesia	39 - 13 21 - 9
9	Jordan	Thailand	19 - 28 13 - 17

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E - ROUND 15

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	India Italy	21 - 55	7 - 23
2	Japan Palestine	50 - 13	24 - 6
3	Thailand Poland	38 - 47	13 - 17
4	England USA	56 - 37	19 - 11
5	Guadeloupe Brazil	5 - 53	4 - 25
6	Egypt Portugal	36 - 46	13 - 17
7	Trinidad and Tobago Norway	13 - 38	9 - 21
8	China Hong Kong Reunion	17 - 40	10 - 20
9	Belarus Lithuania	13 - 27	12 - 18

GROUP F - ROUND 15

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	China Denmark	29 - 24	16 - 14
2	Australia France	15 - 48	7 - 23
3	Serbia Finland	24 - 38	12 - 18
4	Philippines Canada	37 - 3	23 - 7
5	Kenya Russia	21 - 86	1 - 25
6	Estonia Scotland	14 - 47	7 - 23
7	Spain Bermuda	51 - 15	23 - 7
8	Venezuela Indonesia	20 - 50	8 - 22
9	Argentina Jordan	23 - 48	9 - 21

GROUP G - ROUND 15

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Hungary Ireland	38 - 11	21 - 9
2	Pakistan Barbados	40 - 8	23 - 7
3	Turkey Netherlands	13 - 42	8 - 22
4	Latvia Korea	36 - 17	19 - 11
5	South Africa Greece	41 - 26	18 - 12
6	Morocco Mexico	18 - 24	14 - 16
7	Sweden Germany	22 - 18	16 - 14
8	Singapore Jamaica	58 - 21	24 - 6
9	New Zealand Chinese Taipei	48 - 27	20 - 10

GROUP E - ROUND 16

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Egypt China Hong Kong	28 - 50	10 - 20
2	Reunion Trinidad and Tobago	55 - 38	19 - 11
3	Norway Belarus	50 - 25	21 - 9
4	Lithuania Guadeloupe	20 - 30	13 - 17
5	Brazil England	37 - 40	14 - 16
6	USA Thailand	61 - 18	25 - 5
7	Portugal Italy	40 - 34	16 - 14
8	Palestine India	34 - 46	12 - 18
9	Poland Japan	27 - 17	17 - 13

GROUP F - ROUND 16

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Estonia Venezuela	15 - 76	2 - 25
2	Indonesia Spain	50 - 32	19 - 11
3	Bermuda Argentina	22 - 52	8 - 22
4	Jordan Kenya	58 - 4	25 - 3
5	Russia Philippines	62 - 37	21 - 9
6	Canada Serbia	34 - 23	17 - 13
7	Scotland Denmark	27 - 52	9 - 21
8	France China	51 - 45	16 - 14
9	Finland Australia	71 - 23	25 - 4

GROUP G - ROUND 16

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Morocco Singapore	42 - 24	19 - 11
2	Jamaica Sweden	18 - 88	1 - 25
3	Germany New Zealand	64 - 6	25 - 3
4	Chinese Taipei South Africa	38 - 29	17 - 13
5	Greece Latvia	42 - 28	18 - 12
6	Korea Turkey	16 - 44	8 - 22
7	Mexico Ireland	39 - 54	12 - 18
8	Barbados Hungary	63 - 27	23 - 7
9	Netherlands Pakistan	43 - 14	22 - 8

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP K - ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	USA Chinese Taipei	35 - 20	18 - 12
2	Wales Kenya	48 - 28	20 - 10
3	Sweden Hungary	25 - 51	9 - 21
4	Japan France	12 - 27	12 - 18
5	Brazil England	44 - 29	18 - 12
6	New Zealand South Africa	52 - 14	24 - 6
7	Denmark Pakistan	32 - 32	15 - 15
8	Estonia China Hong Kong	40 - 48	13 - 17



GROUP L - ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Thailand Belgium	0 - 74	0 - 25
2	Netherlands Finland	59 - 1	25 - 3
3	Italy Canada	22 - 56	7 - 23
4	Indonesia Ireland	16 - 33	11 - 19
5	Germany Australia	26 - 37	13 - 17
6	Egypt Poland	25 - 29	14 - 16
7	China India	37 - 32	16 - 14
8	Guadeloupe Reunion	44 - 32	18 - 12

GROUP K - ROUND 15

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Denmark New Zealand	48 - 16	23 - 7
2	USA Hungary	39 - 14	21 - 9
3	Wales France	33 - 62	8 - 22
4	Sweden England	17 - 57	6 - 24
5	Japan China Hong Kong	21 - 8	18 - 12
6	Brazil Pakistan	37 - 26	17 - 13
7	Estonia South Africa	8 - 46	6 - 24
8	Chinese Taipei Kenya	42 - 19	20 - 10



GROUP L - ROUND 15

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	China Egypt	46 - 33	18 - 12
2	Thailand Canada	22 - 64	5 - 25
3	Netherlands Ireland	20 - 40	10 - 20
4	Italy Australia	6 - 53	4 - 25
5	Indonesia Reunion	79 - 10	25 - 1
6	Germany India	55 - 10	25 - 5
7	Guadeloupe Poland	22 - 53	8 - 22
8	Belgium Finland	64 - 31	23 - 7

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E - ROUND 17

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Italy Palestine	21 - 41	10 - 20
2	India Poland	26 - 40	12 - 18
3	Japan USA	18 - 40	10 - 20
4	Thailand Brazil	11 - 45	7 - 23
5	England Lithuania	71 - 27	25 - 5
6	Guadeloupe Norway	39 - 33	16 - 14
7	Belarus Reunion	30 - 30	15 - 15
8	China Hong Kong Portugal	6 - 46	6 - 24
9	Trinidad & Tobago Egypt	61 - 21	24 - 6

GROUP F - ROUND 17

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Denmark France	35 - 29	16 - 14
2	China Finland	25 - 65	6 - 24
3	Australia Canada	42 - 27	18 - 12
4	Serbia Russia	10 - 51	6 - 24
5	Philippines Jordan	42 - 28	18 - 12
6	Kenya Bermuda	27 - 29	15 - 15
7	Argentina Indonesia	24 - 46	10 - 20
8	Venezuela Scotland	39 - 42	14 - 16
9	Spain Estonia	27 - 20	16 - 14

GROUP G - ROUND 17

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Ireland Barbados	34 - 26	17 - 13
2	Hungary Netherlands	22 - 56	7 - 23
3	Pakistan Korea	10 - 22	12 - 18
4	Turkey Greece	50 - 18	23 - 7
5	Latvia Chinese Taipei	47 - 33	18 - 12
6	South Africa Germany	13 - 40	9 - 21
7	New Zealand Jamaica	52 - 29	20 - 10
8	Singapore Mexico	68 - 5	25 - 2
9	Sweden Morocco	45 - 25	20 - 10

IBPA Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on SUNDAY 12th October at 10 a.m. Please note this is different to the announcement in the Bulletin. It will be held in the WBF Meeting room.

Wrong declarer

The account of the play of 4♠ on page 19 of Daily Bulletin No. 6 incorrectly identified the declarer. It was Jahangir Ahmed of Pakistan.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

OPEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 16

1	Italy	India
2	Poland	USA
3	Brazil	China
4	Norway	Turkey
5	Israel	Romania
6	England	Bulgaria
7	Netherlands	Estonia
8	Germany	Belgium

WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 16

1	Germany	Brazil
2	Poland	China
3	USA	Spain
4	Netherlands	Denmark
5	England	Singapore
6	France	Sweden
7	Finland	Turkey
8	Russia	Italy

SENIOR TEAMS

ROUND OF 16

1	USA	Belgium
2	Canada	Hungary
3	Australia	Pakistan
4	France	Egypt
5	Indonesia	China Hong Kong
6	Chinese Taipei	Netherlands
7	Japan	Germany
8	Poland	England

World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Players are asked to come to the WBF Secretariat's office (4th floor CNCC) to pay the entry fees for the Transnational Mixed Teams and collect their receipt. This is necessary for ALL teams, even those who play free of charge, as the receipt will be required in order for the team to play.

The office will be open for payments from 13.00 – 17.00 on Saturday 11th and 10.00 – 12.30 and 13.30 – 17.00 on Sunday 12th October.

Payments must be made in cash (US \$ or Euro) or using travellers cheques. Credit cards cannot be accepted, nor can RMB.

The entry fee for the WTMTTC is \$1,500 /€1,100 (for a team of four, five or six players).

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Mixed teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.

In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows:

- A team with four new players and one or two eliminated players: \$1,500/€1,100
- A team with three new players and up to three eliminated players: \$1,200/€900
- A team with two new players and up to four eliminated players: \$800/€600
- A team with one new player and up to five eliminated players: \$400/€300

The NPC will, for the purpose of calculating the entry fee, be deemed to be an "eliminated player" if he or she wishes to participate in the WTMTTC, but no other team official (e.g., the coach) shall be eligible for free entry to the event.

OPEN SERIES FINAL RANKING

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Italy	337.00	1 Israel	343.00	1 Norway	346.50	1 Germany	353.00
2 Brazil	304.00	2 Netherlands	329.00	2 Poland	331.50	2 England	324.00
3 Estonia	302.00	3 China	314.00	3 Bulgaria	316.00	3 USA	323.00
4 Romania	286.50	4 India	313.00	4 Belgium	293.00	4 Turkey	318.00
5 France	286.49	5 Hungary	307.00	5 Spain	282.00	5 Indonesia	290.00
6 Denmark	286.00	6 Sweden	293.00	6 New Zealand	280.50	6 Thailand	281.00
7 Finland	284.50	7 Austria	275.00	7 Ukraine	276.25	7 Greece	272.00
8 Ireland	283.00	8 Russia	271.00	8 Guadeloupe	267.00	8 Belarus	258.00
9 Canada	281.50	9 Argentina	266.00	9 Iceland	245.50	9 Jordan	256.00
10 South Africa	260.50	10 Portugal	259.50	10 Egypt	245.00	10 Lebanon	253.00
11 Pakistan	245.00	11 Latvia	251.00	11 Chinese Taipei	244.00	11 Australia	246.50
12 Japan	242.00	12 San Marino	238.00	12 Bosnia & Herzegovina	230.50	12 Switzerland	233.00
13 China Macau	232.50	13 China Hong Kong	228.00	13 Georgia	226.00	13 Serbia	231.00
14 Slovakia	211.00	14 Scotland	204.00	14 Bangladesh	222.00	14 Lithuania	206.00
15 Trinidad & Tobago	182.00	15 Jamaica	179.00	15 Singapore	191.50	15 Philippines	195.00
16 Kenya	160.00	16 French Polynesia	174.50	16 Bermuda	180.50	16 Reunion	189.00
17 Albania	117.50	17 Mexico	151.00	17 Chile	180.00	17 Botswana	157.50
		18 Korea	128.00	18 Morocco	159.75	18 Venezuela	140.10

WOMEN SERIES FINAL RANKING

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 England	356.00	1 Finland	328.00	1 Germany	372.00
2 USA	337.00	2 Russia	318.00	2 Netherlands	331.00
3 Poland	295.00	3 France	313.00	3 Sweden	294.00
4 Italy	292.50	4 China	304.50	4 Turkey	288.00
5 Brazil	291.50	5 Denmark	303.00	5 Singapore	276.00
6 Japan	289.00	6 Spain	297.00	6 Morocco	264.00
7 Norway	274.00	7 Scotland	289.00	7 Hungary	263.50
8 China Hong Kong	253.00	8 Indonesia	280.50	8 South Africa	261.00
9 Portugal	251.00	9 Venezuela	275.00	9 Chinese Taipei	248.00
10 Belarus	242.75	10 Canada	263.00	10 Mexico	244.00
11 India	226.00	11 Philippines	261.00	11 New Zealand	238.00
12 Egypt	225.00	12 Australia	255.00	12 Ireland	234.00
13 Trinidad & Tobago	223.00	13 Jordan	201.00	13 Barbados	228.00
14 Lithuania	215.00	14 Estonia	198.00	Greece	228.00
15 Reunion	212.50	15 Serbia	197.00	15 Latvia	214.00
16 Palestine	192.00	16 Argentina	191.00	16 Korea	209.00
17 Guadeloupe	191.00	17 Bermuda	137.00	17 Pakistan	206.00
18 Thailand	170.00	18 Kenya	85.50	18 Jamaica	125.50

SENIOR SERIES FINAL RANKING

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 USA	306.00	1 Indonesia	291.00
2 Japan	280.00	2 Australia	289.00
3 France	258.00	3 Poland	271.50
4 Chinese Taipei	255.50	4 Canada	262.50
5 Hungary	247.00	5 Egypt	245.00
6 England	246.00	6 Netherlands	238.00
7 Pakistan	238.50	7 Germany	225.00
8 China Hong Kong	212.00	8 Belgium	224.75
9 South Africa	208.00	9 China	217.00
10 Estonia	206.00	10 India	215.00
11 Sweden	205.00	11 Italy	210.00
12 New Zealand	204.00	12 Ireland	208.50
13 Brazil	201.00	13 Guadeloupe	177.00
14 Denmark	199.50	14 Finland	164.50
15 Wales	170.50	15 Reunion	151.50
16 Kenya	124.00	16 Thailand	146.00

OPEN TEAMS R13

USA v Australia

Heading into the 13th round of the Open series, USA were in fine shape lying second in Group D. Their opponents, Australia, were in 11th place and in need of a win to start moving up toward a qualifying spot (one of the top four).

The Aussies started well.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

West	North	East	South
<i>Gill</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥*	2♦
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

Bobby Richman, whose opening bid of 1♥ showed a spade suit, led from his longer, better suit against Eric Rodwell's 3NT and it was quickly over as the defenders took five club tricks for plus 50.



Jeff Meckstroth, USA

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♦	3♣	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Ron Klinger and Matthew Mullamphy knew from the bidding that notrump was not their spot, so they bid game in diamonds instead. Declarer lost a club and a spade for plus 400 and 10 IMPs to Australia.

The Australians increased their margin to 23 IMPs on board 4.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

West	North	East	South
<i>Gill</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♣	INT	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

It's not clear what Richman's INT showed (commentators indicated it showed a spade suit). Thanks to the friendly lie of the diamond suit, Meckstroth had no trouble taking 12 tricks for plus 680.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Mullamphy's 1♦ response apparently showed hearts, and his 4♣ was splinter. Chris Compton started with a trump to the 9 10 and ace. Klinger played the ♣A, ruffed a club, played a diamond to his ace, then followed with the ♠Q to the king and ace and ruffed a spade. He ruffed a club and ruffed another spade, then played a diamond to dummy's king, cashed the ♥K and played a diamond to the queen. When diamonds proved to be 3-3, he could discard dummy's losing spade and claim for the loss of a trump trick. Plus 1430 was good for 13 IMPs to Australia.

On the next board, a wild one, USA gained 2 IMPs, but they could have lost 11.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ A 10 8 5 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K J 3	<table style="border: 2px solid green; 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	♠ Q J ♥ K J 6 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ Q 9 6 4	♠ 9 8 6 5 3 ♥ — ♦ A K J 9 8 4 ♣ 5 2
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Gill</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	Pass	INT	2♦*
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Meckstroth's 2♦ showed diamonds and a major, so Rodwell was happy to throw in a vulnerable 4♠ after the weak INT and the blast into 4♥ by Gill. Richman started with a club, and Gill cashed two tricks in that suit before continuing with his singleton diamond. He had to hope his partner had the ♠A so he could get a ruff. Rodwell won in dummy and played his two high spades, claiming when the queen and jack fell. Plus 850 to USA.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	3♦	3♠
4♣	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



Ron Klinger, Australia

Compton started with the ♥K, apparently trying for a look at dummy on the go. Klinger ruffed in dummy and played the top two spades from hand. Had he taken the diamond finesse, he would have been plus 1390 (4♠ doubled with three overtricks). Instead, he played the top two diamonds and a third round. The defenders did not neglect the club suit from that point, but two more tricks were the limit. Plus 790 and a 2-IMP loss.

Australia picked up a gift of 13 IMPs on the next deal when Hamman and Compton went way overboard on board 6.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Gill</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
		INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Meckstroth led the ♥6, ducked to declarer's 10. Four rounds of diamonds followed. Rodwell played his other heart, clearing the suit, but there were still 10 tricks for Richman. Plus 430.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>
		1♣	1♥
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The cards held by Hamman and Compton did not justify such an exuberant auction, and the final contract would have been very poor even if the trumps had not split 4-1. As it was, minus 200 was the final result, good for 13 IMPs to Australia.

USA struck back for 3 IMPs when both tables reached a no-play 3NT. Meckstroth took his eight top tricks, but Mullamphy tried for the make and went two down for minus 200.

Board 10 produced 13 IMPs for USA – but it could have been the other way round.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Gill</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Richman</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		1♥*	2♣
3♣	Dble	4♠	5♣
Dble	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Meckstroth started with a low heart: queen, ace, 10. Richman ruffed the heart continuation and played a low spade from hand. The appearance of Meckstroth's queen was a welcome sight, and Richman was soon claiming plus 650.

There were fireworks at the other table.

West <i>Hamman</i>	North <i>Klinger</i>	East <i>Compton</i>	South <i>Mullamphy</i>
		4♦	4♥
5♦	5♥	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

Mullamphy's 5♥ was ticketed for two down even if he played hearts double dummy for no losers – and the Australians could have gained 13 IMPs on any lead but a club. Unfortunately for Australia, Mullamphy started the defense against 6♦ doubled with the ♣A, and it was a 13-IMP loss. Compton ruffed, cashed the ♦A, felling the queen, entered dummy with the ♦J and pitched his losing heart on the ♣K. The friendly lie of the spade suit meant he had only one loser. At minus 1540, it was an expensive opening lead.

That made the score 36-18 Australia.

The Aussies were leading by 21 when the teams picked up their cards for board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ Q 9 5 4 2										
	♥ K 10										
	♦ —										
	♣ Q 6 5 4 3 2										
♠ 10 8 6	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 80px; height: 80px;"> <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 J 3
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♣ 7	♣ —										
	♠ 7										
	♥ 7 5										
	♦ K J 10 5										
	♣ A K J 10 9 8										

West <i>Gill</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Richman</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	5♣	1♣*	2♣
		Dble	All Pass

As you can see, it takes a heart lead to defeat 5♣ played by South (the contract cannot be defeated if played by North). Gill had to guess what to lead, however, because his partner's opening bid said nothing about clubs. Gill selected a trump for his opening lead, however, and Meckstroth took full advantage. He won in hand and played a spade to dummy's 9 and East's jack. A spade came back, ruffed by Meckstroth, who then proceeded to crossruff diamonds and spades, pitching a heart from hand on dummy's fifth spade. That was plus 550 to USA.

West <i>Hamman</i>	North <i>Klinger</i>	East <i>Compton</i>	South <i>Mullamphy</i>
2♥	5♣	1♥	2♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dble
		5♥	All Pass

Mullamphy led his singleton spade, taken by Compton with the jack after he played low from dummy and Klinger also played low. With no fast entry to dummy, Compton had no choice but to play the ♥A and another heart. In with the ♥K, Klinger exited with a low club, ruffed by Compton, who cashed the ♠A to confirm the count in that suit. Aided by the double of 5♦, Compton played a low diamond from hand. Mullamphy played low, and Compton considered his play from dummy for a time before finally inserting the 8. Note that it would not have helped for Mullamphy to have risen with the ♦K. He would then have been forced to concede a ruff-sluff or play away from his two diamond honors, eliminating further losers in the suit.

Plus 450, combined with the plus 550 at the other table, gave the Americans a 14-IMP swing. The final score was 39-32 for Australia.



Today's Coverage

ROUND of 16 - 10.00

Brazil - China (O)	VG
Poland - USA (O)	BBO1
Norway - Turkey (O)	BBO2
Netherlands - Denmark (W)	BBO3
Poland - China (W)	OurGames1
Israel - Romania (O)	OurGames2

ROUND of 16 - 13.00

Poland - USA (O)	VG
Italy - India (O)	BBO1
England - Bulgaria (O)	BBO2
France - Sweden (W)	BBO3
Brazil - China (O)	OurGames1
Norway - Turkey (O)	OurGames2

Round of 16 - 3rd & 4th Session to be decided

WOMEN TEAMS R14

England v Poland

“For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been.” John Greenleaf Whittier

by Mark Horton

The first records of British-Polish contacts are from the 11th century (for example, the Polish cavalry invaded England with Canute, King of Denmark!). Thereafter, relations between the two countries were mainly friendly rather than close; neither mattered that much to the other. However, for much of this period Poland was a larger and more powerful player on the European stage than England.

Nevertheless, history is full of "might have beens", for example the possible marriage between Mary Tudor, daughter of English King Henry VIII, and Polish King Zygmunt August. Zygmunt may or may not have had a lucky escape!

The match between England, runaway leaders of Group E, and fourth-placed Poland featured some difficult deals. There was some excellent bridge, combined with a number of missed opportunities.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
		2♥	All Pass

Facing a third in hand five-card major opening, East was happy to content herself with a raise to the two level.

North led the seven of clubs and South took the ace and switched to the five of spades. That ran to dummy's queen and the jack of diamonds was taken by North's queen. Declarer won the spade switch with the ace, cashed the queen of clubs, ruffed a diamond and cashed the king of clubs, pitching a diamond. There were several ways to make the contract now – indeed, if declarer decides to ruff a spade with the six of hearts an overtrick will be made. In practice declarer ruffed a spade with the two of hearts, so she made eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

East used Drury to discover that West had a normal opening. Why West made another move is hard to say.

North led the ten of spades and when dummy's queen held the trick declarer ran the jack of diamonds to North's queen. A spade came back to the ace and declarer ruffed a diamond. A club to the queen allowed declarer to ruff another diamond and she then ruffed a spade with the two of hearts. North overruffed, and at this point a club should lead to two down. However, not unreasonably North played the king of hearts to pin dummy's queen. That meant declarer could escape for one down, -50 – 4 IMPs to England.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West could not support clubs, as the opening bid might have been based on a singleton.

West led her diamond and East won and returned the nine of diamonds. West ruffed and played a spade. East won with the king and played another diamond, West ruffing and playing another spade. That textbook defence left declarer down before she had started, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When West led the king of clubs declarer could win, draw trumps and knock out the ace of diamonds for +620 and 12 IMPs.

Do you think the auction suggests that North had a diamond fit, making the singleton lead more attractive?

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♥	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

2NT promised 5/5 in the minors, or 6 plus diamonds.

East's raise to Three Hearts was in line with the aggressive approach of the partnership, but it was simply too high. Declarer did well to emerge with eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♦*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

I suspect that facing a partner who had bid all on her own to the three level South, with both majors under control, would have doubled 3NT, but as it was she was able to double Four Hearts, and then the retreat to Four Spades. Declarer did not make the best of the play, and finished three down, -500 giving England 10 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the three of spades and declarer won with dummy's nine and played the nine of hearts, overtaking with the ten. She continued with hearts, discarding diamonds and North won the third round and played a spade, ducked to dummy's ten. South won the next spade and exited with a spade. There was no real chance for declarer now, and she had to go one down, -100.

Of course, with all four hands on view you can see that if declarer wins the first trick in hand with the king of spades and advances the queen of clubs the contract will eventually roll home thanks to the equally favourable diamond position.

Discussing this deal over dinner, we eventually concluded that declarer probably has to hope for this type of situation to exist, but we had unlimited time to think about it, whereas declarer has only a few minutes.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Collecting the airport taxes

The WBF treasurer will collect the taxes for the account of Air China each day from Wednesday, October 8th till Sunday, October 12th from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the WBF office (secretariat) on the 4th floor of the CNCC building. Note: this applies only to free Air China tickets.

Each president of national organisations or his representative is requested to come and pay for all his members. This is of course mandatory to ensure that there are no problems for the players on their return journey.

This time West was the declarer, and North led the six of spades. Declarer won in hand with the ten and played the king of diamonds. North took the ace and played another spade. When South elected to take dummy's seven with the ace the hand was essentially over. South's club switch was taken by the nine and declarer played the jack of diamonds, discarding dummy's king of spades. North won and played a club and declarer took the king with the ace, cashed two spades and played a heart. One way or another she had to come to nine tricks, +600 and 12 welcome IMPs for Poland.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1NT	2♦	1♣*	Pass
3♣	All Pass	Pass	Pass

You will recall that One Club could be based on a singleton, but as the auction developed West inferred that was



Malgorzata Pasternak, Poland

not the case and the sound club contract was duly reached. There was nothing to the play, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
3NT	All Pass	2♣	Pass

Facing a 10-14 Two Club opener West took an optimistic shot at game, but North led the king of diamonds and the contract was swiftly two down, -200 adding 7 IMPs to England's total.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♣	1♥	1♠	4♥
All Pass			

East led the five of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played two rounds of hearts. West won and played a second club, ruffed by declarer, who now made the strange play of a spade to the nine. West won with the jack, and returned a spade and with East withholding the king declarer had to lose two diamond tricks and was one down, -100.

With careful play declarer can make eleven tricks, but a simple line for ten is to ruff a club at trick two, and then play two rounds of trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

When North declined to overcall E/W stole the pot. 1NT was rapidly put to the sword by a heart lead, finishing two down, -200. That gave 5 IMPs to England – a big opportunity missed by Poland.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 10 9 7 2 ♣ K 8 6 3	♠ 8 2 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ K Q 5 3 ♣ Q J 10 4 <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 10 9 5 ♥ K J 9 8 5 4 3 ♦ A ♣ 9	♠ A K J 3 ♥ A ♦ J 8 6 4 ♣ A 7 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Dble	All Pass

In this position INT was 15-17 and might include a singleton, but preferring that to opening one of a minor is obviously a matter of style.

There was obviously a misunderstanding about the meaning of East's double, and when West passed East naturally assume her partner had some trumps. She started by cashing the king of spades and the ace of hearts, so declarer made an overtrick, +870.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
All Pass	2♥	Dble*	4♥

Four Hearts is simply too high – and the way the play went the defenders missed a chance to promote West's queen of hearts, but it made no difference, +100 gave Poland 14 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 7 4 ♥ K ♦ J 9 7 3 2 ♣ 9 6 4 2	♠ — ♥ Q 9 7 6 5 3 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ K Q 10 3 <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A Q J 9 5 3 ♥ — ♦ Q 6 ♣ A J 8 7 5	♠ K 8 6 2 ♥ A J 10 8 4 2 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ —
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

North/South reached a sound spot. East led the eight of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's queen and set about the spades, cashing the ace and then running the queen. It did not matter what East did – she elected to duck – declarer was bound to make an overtrick, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The stakes were much higher this time. At double dummy a low heart should defeat Six Clubs, but East, not unreasonably, led the eight of spades. Declarer took the free finesse, pitching a diamond – and that was already fatal. (Declarer has to discard a heart, then ruff a spade and play a diamond to secure a second trick in the suit and an entry to dummy. She can ruff another spade in due course, setting up the suit and then draw trumps, reaching dummy by ruffing a heart, or more spectacularly the ace of diamonds.)

She cashed the ace of spades for another diamond pitch, ruffed a spade, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart. West overruffed and returned a trump, so that was two down, -200, 11 IMPs to Poland.

Of course, one can forgive declarer; it was the last board and after trick one the contract looks cold – but that is the time to be especially careful.

England had demonstrated why they were on top of the group, but Poland had salvaged something at the end and kept their hopes alive.

The final score was England 51 Poland 40, which translated to 17-13 VP.

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Butler scores

Round-by-round Butler details from the round robin can be found on www.swangames.com/magic/magic. They will be published in the Daily Bulletin later in the tournament.

The World Individual Masters

by Phillip Alder


The individuals were divided into two three-session events. The 24 women played 23 three-board rounds, and the 36 men played 35 two-board rounds, using different deals.

The women's event was won by Catharina Midskog from Sweden, who beat Anne-Frédérique Lévy from France by 2.6 matchpoints. Third was Ru Yan from China.

The rumor went around that Lévy could have won on the last board. She and her partner, Tatiana Ponomareva from Russia, were momentarily in three notrump. Their opponents, Gabriella Olivieri from Italy and Wenfei Wang from China, sacrificed in four spades. Judging correctly that the penalty would be insufficient, they went on to five diamonds, which made. However, if they had bid four notrump, they would have made that, and plus 430 is better than plus 400. But it would have gained Lévy only one matchpoint and cost Midskog nothing, so it would not have changed the result.

Midskog scored nine out of ten matchpoints on this board from the final session.

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South vul.

♠ J 9 4 ♥ J 9 ♦ 8 6 3 2 ♣ J 10 7 2		♠ K Q 6 ♥ 7 6 ♦ A K 9 7 4 ♣ A Q 9	♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ A K 10 8 3 2 ♦ J ♣ 5 3
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West	North	East	South
Wang	Sicka	Gromova	Midskog
Pass	2♥	3♦	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♥

Victoria Gromova from Russia should have doubled two hearts, not overcalled three diamonds. Her hand is easily strong enough, and three diamonds permits no flexibility. If West has a few values with, especially, a five-card spade suit, the higher-scoring strain will be found after a double, but not after three diamonds.

South thought about doubling, an amorphous game-try in hearts, but decided against it. (Not that Bimal Sicka from India would have accepted with her hand.)

A club lead would have been fatal, but Wenfei Wang understandably opened with a diamond. East won the first trick and, after seeing declarer's diamond jack, shifted to

the spade king, ducked by declarer. Now came the spade queen. South ducked this too, wishing to keep West off lead and avoid a club switch.

Declarer took the third spade, cashed her heart ace, and led the heart eight to dummy's queen. Now came the diamond ten, covered by the ace and ruffed high by declarer. A low heart to dummy's five allowed South to pitch a club on the diamond queen.

In this way, Midskog lost only two spades, one diamond and one club.

Three hearts was the contract at five of the six tables. The odd-women-out tried an imaginative three spades by East, going down only two after soft defense.

Three hearts went down one three times, each time after the spade-jack lead, and made twice, once after a low-spade lead and once, as we just saw, after a diamond lead. So, plus 140 was worth 9 matchpoints out of 10. Levy was one of the declarers who went down and received only 2 matchpoints.

The open event was won by Tor Helness from Norway. He took the lead about two-thirds of the way through the second session and never lost it. He finished 38 matchpoints, or just over two boards, ahead of fellow Norwegian Geir Helgemo. Third was Andrei Gromov from Russia, another board behind.

Helness was most proud of this board from the third session. First, decide what you would have done.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

♠ K 10 7 6 ♥ — ♦ Q 10 8 5 2 ♣ A 7 4 3		♠ A Q 3 ♥ 10 8 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ K 10 9 8
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West	North	East	South
Wang	Pellegrini	Liaqat	Helness
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT ^(a)
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♥

(a) 15-17 points

Helness upgraded his hand because of the excellent intermediates. Carlos Pellegrini from Argentina used Stayman, then bid a natural and game-forcing three diamonds. When South continued with three spades, denying values in hearts, the North hand became more powerful. Pellegrini started a control-bidding (cue-bidding) sequence, then used Roman Key Card Blackwood. He signed off in six diamonds when he found that the diamond ace or king was missing. (South had shown the spade ace in the auction.)

West, Qiao Jing Wang, led the spade four. How would you plan the play?

While you think about that, here is a bidding problem. With neither side vulnerable, you pick up in fourth position:

♠ 10 8 7 6
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 10 8

The bidding starts like this:

West	North	East	South
	2♠	3♦	4♠
?			

What would you do?

Now back to the declarer-play problem. This was the full deal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

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

Helness was confident that the opening lead was a singleton. But by looking at the dummy and taking his high cards into account, declarer could see a possible late spade loser, a possible diamond loser and a probable club loser. He decided to embark on a dummy reversal.

He won the first trick with his spade ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy, and led a diamond to his nine. When that held, South ruffed a heart with dummy's diamond ten and played a club to his eight, losing his club trick without letting East get on lead.

West returned a trump to the king and ace, giving this position:

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

Declarer ruffed his last heart in the dummy, played a club to his king, drew West's last trump, discarding a spade from the dummy, and claimed plus 920.

This expert display of declarer-play was worth 15 match-points out of 16.

Now back to the bidding problem.

		♠ 10 8 7 6		
		♥ A 9 6 2		
		♦ Q 10 5		
		♣ 10 8		
West	North	East	South	
Helgemo	Helness	Bessis	Fu	
	2♠	3♦	4♠	
				?

This was another example of Helgemo's imaginative approach to the game. Many players would be thinking Law of Total Tricks, and although partner is presumably void in spades, if he has six diamonds, we are getting to the five-level with only nine trumps. But of course that does not allow for the fact that on this deal, we are not sure who has what. And probably Helgemo noticed that Zhong Fu bid four spades with almost no pause for thought.

Anyway, Helgemo bid five diamonds pretty quickly. It went pass - pass - five spades. What would you do now?

Helgemo thought for a while, then passed. The tray returned with two more passes. This was the full deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

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


The destiny of the matchpoints rested on the opening

lead. Thomas Bessis from France led a diamond, after which declarer Helness took all 13 tricks without difficulty.

Plus 510 gave North-South 11 matchpoints. But if East had found a heart lead, plus 450 would have been worth only 2. That made an 18-matchpoint swing between Helgemo and Helness.

The swing was even greater on this deal, also from the second session.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

♠ 4 2 ♥ 10 9 7 6 4 ♦ 9 ♣ A K J 10 7		♠ 10 7 6 ♥ K J 8 5 2 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ 6	♠ K Q J 9 3 ♥ A ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ 8 5 3 2
♠ A 8 5 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A Q 10 8 3 ♣ Q 9 4			
West <i>Wang</i>	North <i>Kirmse</i>	East <i>Fu</i>	South <i>Del'Monte</i>
2♣ Pass	1♠ 4♠	Pass Pass All Pass	1♦ 3♠

Maybe Wang should have overcalled two notrump to show his heart-club two-suiter. His selection of two clubs backfired when he and his partner, Zhong Fu, who was lying third at the time, did not find their big heart fit. Note that five hearts doubled is down only two, a cheap save against game.

Andreas Kirmse from Germany almost passed out three spades. His club holding looked dangerous, and partner could have jumped to four spades with some extras. But eventually he raised to game.

East led his club, West taking three tricks in the suit, East discarding the heart eight followed by the heart five. Now West shifted to a heart.

Declarer won with his ace, ruffed his last club in the dummy, East throwing his heart jack, and drew trumps., West pitching his last club. After some thought, North led another spade, East and South throwing diamonds and West the heart ten. It was decision time.


East had not opened two hearts, so presumably had only five. If so, West started with 2=5=1=5 distribution. What was his singleton?

After a lot more thought, Kirmse played a diamond to dummy's queen, which would have been right if West had the singleton jack, but was wrong if West had any of the three low singletons -- and was wrong here.

Down one gave North-South a zero. Plus 420 would have been worth 11. That made a 22-matchpoint swing for Ishy Del'Monte from Australia, and would have put him 7 matchpoints ahead of Fu, instead of 15 behind.

Finally, an unusual deal in that Bob Hamman was misled by the defenders.


Board 5. Dealer North. North-South vul.

♠ J 7 6 5 ♥ Q J 3 2 ♦ A K J ♣ K 6		♠ Q 3 ♥ A 9 8 7 ♦ 9 8 7 6 5 ♣ 9 5	♠ 10 9 4 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ Q 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 2
♠ A K 8 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ 10 ♣ J 10 8 7 4 3			
West <i>Baldursson</i>	North <i>Del'Monte</i>	East <i>Hamman</i>	South <i>Karwur</i>
1♦ 2♥ Pass 3♥	Pass Pass Pass Pass	Pass 1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass	Pass Pass Pass Pass

At six of the nine tables, West opened and closed the auction with one notrump, going down two after a spade lead. Jon Baldursson from Iceland downgraded his hand and opened one diamond. Karwur did well to balance with three clubs, a contract that would have made. And Hamman, visualizing a double fit, pushed on to three of a red suit.

South led the spade ace against three hearts, then shifted to the club jack. North took two tricks in that suit before playing back a spade. South led another club, giving a ruff-and-discard. Declarer ruffed in the dummy and ran the heart queen, Del'Monte playing low smoothly.

Now East made a normal misguess, continuing with the heart jack, covered by the king and ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's ace and discarded a diamond on the spade jack to give this position:

♠ 7 ♥ 3 ♦ K J ♣ —		♠ — ♥ 9 8 ♦ 9 8 ♣ —	♠ 10 9 ♥ — ♦ Q 4 ♣ —
♠ — ♥ 10 ♦ — ♣ 10 8 7			

Hamman, thinking North had left one spade, the heart ten and queen-doubleton of diamonds, ruffed a spade in his hand. Now South did well, smoothly discarding a club.

Sticking to his plan, East exited with his last heart, but - quelle dommage - South claimed the rest of the tricks for down three.

That gave North-South all 16 matchpoints. If Hamman had got out for down one, he and his partner would have received 14 matchpoints.

WBF President Jose Damiani's 50th anniversary dinner speech



Dear Friends

I hope that tonight I can find the right words to express my personal pleasure and gratitude to all our Chinese guests who honour us with their presence here tonight. I am very proud that these important officials have found time in their busy schedule to accept this invitation and warmly welcome them. I thank you all for joining us and trust that you will enjoy this auspicious occasion.

Tonight we are celebrating together the 50th anniversary of the World Bridge Federation, and what better place for this very special occasion than the World Bridge Games included here in Beijing as part of the 1st World Mind Sport Games.

You may have seen on the screen the slideshow displaying some of the pictures and history of the WBF, and thanks to the generosity of our President Emeritus, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, we will soon be giving you a book detailing the history of the WBF – we had hoped to have it tonight, but we will deliver it personally as soon as possible.

It is thanks to the cooperation between the Chinese authorities, the Organising Committee and our federations that we have achieved a new record here, especially with the presence of 110 Youth Teams, who represent the future of our wonderful sport of bridge. We have representatives from 95 of the 130 WBF Member countries – indeed quite an accomplishment.

But tonight we should not only look back over the past exciting and glorious 50 years, but also forward, to the challenges that the future will bring. We must meet this with enthusiasm, energy and dynamism.

Bridge has made enormous progress over the past 50 years, with perhaps the greatest advances being in the realm of the technology used. We have embraced these developments, turning them to our advantage, especially in the areas of Internet and communication. We are ready to move forward, utilising existing technology and also developing our own methods as, for example, with our own idea that I brought to the table, to substitute Bridge Mates with electronic or camera readers. Such a development will bring bridge even closer to the other mind sports within IMSA, where they use electronic boards to record and log every move individually and automatically so that they can immediately be broadcast across the world.

And as I speak of IMSA, I would also like to thank my friends and colleagues from the association who have joined us here tonight, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary alongside the first edition of what we hope will become an officially recognised Olympic event, just as we are currently under the patronage of GAISF.

The opening ceremony impressed so many people, and we all hope that everything will continue smoothly through to the end and the closing ceremony, but we already know that the “winning team” are Beijing and the Chinese organisers – I am sure all participants here will remember that they were present for a truly memorable event and will look forward to returning to China in the future.

This is an occasion when I also like to thank all the people who work with us, many of them volunteers. Without your help, we could not move forward, and I for one believe that bridge owes you much gratitude. Thank you indeed, all of you.

Before finishing, I would like to offer my best wishes to our partners here, the Chinese Contract Bridge Association and to IMSA – the International Mind Sports Association. Long may our future be together.

Finally, dear friends and honoured guests, I wish the World Bridge Federation “Happy Birthday” – I do not suppose I will be around to celebrate the 100th Anniversary, but I hope that whoever leads the organisation then will remember us, and remember that we worked today for the future of bridge tomorrow.

WORLD INDIVIDUAL MASTERS - Final

MEN

Rank	Name	Country	Percentage
1	HELNESS Tor	NOR	58.66
2	HELGEMO Geir	NOR	55.27
3	GROMOV Andrey	RUS	53.75
4	GOWER Craig	RSA	53.04
5	BALDURSSON Jon	ISL	52.95
6	JASSEM Krzysztof	POL	52.32
7	WANG Qiao Jing	CHN	52.23
8	BRANCO Marcelo	BRA	51.96
	KIRMSE Andreas	GER	51.96
	DELMONTE Ishmael	AUS	51.96
11	LI Jie	CHN	51.79
12	KARWUR Franky Steven	INA	51.52
13	SUN Shaolin	CHN	51.43
14	GUPTA Subhash	IND	50.45
	ZHAO Jie	CHN	50.45
	MARTENS Krzysztof	POL	50.45
17	HAMMAN Bob	USA	50.36
18	HANLON Tom	IRL	50.18
19	LASUT Henky	INA	50.09
20	DUBININ Alexander	RUS	49.64
21	COPE Tim	RSA	49.29
22	GROMOELLER Michael	GER	49.20
	FAIGENBAUM Albert	FRA	49.20
	ZALESKI Romain	FRA	49.20
25	FU Zhong	CHN	48.57
26	BESSIS Thomas	FRA	48.21
	CHAGAS Gabriel	BRA	48.21
28	LEBEL Michel	FRA	48.13
29	PELLEGRINI Carlos	ARG	47.86
30	FREEMAN Richard (Dick)	USA	47.77
31	XIN Li	CHN	47.68
32	LIAQAT Farrukh	PAK	47.41
33	ZHUANG Zejun	CHN	46.25
34	MOUIEL Herve	FRA	45.45
35	KEAVENEY Gay	IRL	43.75
36	HUANG Patrick K. H.	TPE	43.39

WOMEN

Rank	Name	Country	Percentage
1	MIDSKOG Catarina	SWE	57.51
2	LEVY Anne-Frederique	FRA	57.13
3	YAN Ru	CHN	55.10
4	WANG Wenfei	CHN	53.45
5	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ITA	51.62
	McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	SCO	51.62
7	PENFOLD Sandra	ENG	51.57
	WANG Hongli	CHN	51.57
9	SHIMAMURÁ Kyoko	JPN	50.70
10	AZWER Zeenat	PAK	50.61
11	SUN Ming	CHN	50.55
12	HARASIMOWICZ Ewa	POL	50.43
13	HARDING Marianne	NOR	50.12
14	ARRIGONI Gianna	ITA	49.74
	GROMOVA Victoria	RUS	49.74
16	LIU Yi Qian	CHN	49.59
17	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS	49.10
18	SICKA Bimal	IND	46.81
19	BOURKE Margaret	AUS	46.55
20	ZHANG Yu	CHN	46.12
21	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	NOR	46.09
22	KHALIL Lily	EGY	45.77
23	PACHECO Morella	VEN	45.51
24	MESTRES Montserrat	ESP	43.59