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NOT SO SWEET 16



WBF President José Damiani at the 50th anniversary dinner.

All teams in the round of 16 started the day with dreams of making it to the championship round in their respective competitions – Open, Women’s and Seniors. First things first, of course, and it is not wise to look ahead.

For several teams, including some favored squads, championship hopes were dashed on the opening day of knockout play. In the Open, the veteran USA team was knocked out by Poland 127-100 while Israel, leading qualifier from Group B, was routed by Romania, qualifiers by virtue of a tiebreaker with France. Perhaps buoyed by that turn of events, Romania prevailed over Israel 170-102.

In the Women’s, the victory by China over Poland was not as surprising as the final score – 176-40. Most of the favored teams in the Seniors made it through to the quarterfinal round, which begins today.

Quarterfinalists will play three sets today and another three on Monday.



Today’s Schedule

- 11.00 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Q-Final, 1st Session
- 14.20 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Q-Final, 2nd Session
- 17.10 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 3rd Session
- 20.00 Transnational Mixed Teams, Swiss Match 1
- 22.00 Transnational Mixed Teams, Swiss Match 2



OPEN TEAMS RESULTS - ROUND OF 16

Match		1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	4th Session	Total
1 Italy	India	37 - 21	40 - 12	34 - 12	24 - 24	135 - 69
2 Poland	USA	27 - 25	45 - 30	37 - 17	18 - 28	127 - 100
3 Brazil	China	26 - 40	1 - 67	59 - 14	39 - 13	125 - 134
4 Norway	Turkey	26 - 15	36 - 40	49 - 18	34 - 11	145 - 84
5 Israel	Romania	21 - 12	33 - 61	12 - 51	36 - 46	102 - 170
6 England	Bulgaria	34 - 15	30 - 41	66 - 24	13 - 18	143 - 98
7 Netherlands	Estonia	36 - 14	32 - 40	29 - 17	2 - 18	99 - 89
8 Germany	Belgium	20 - 42	61 - 28	79 - 0	50 - 19	210 - 89

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS - ROUND OF 16

Match		1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	4th Session	Total
1 Germany	Brazil	21 - 12	76 - 3	17 - 17	44 - 0	158 - 32
2 Poland	China	11 - 28	5 - 72	20 - 58	4 - 18	40 - 176
3 USA	Spain	30 - 7	44 - 16	38 - 36	49 - 14	161 - 73
4 Netherlands	Denmark	24 - 43	15 - 18	24 - 20	23 - 17	86 - 98
5 England	Singapore	45 - 27	67 - 51	32 - 34	31 - 10	175 - 122
6 France	Sweden	70 - 15	1 - 55	45 - 12	6 - 24	122 - 106
7 Finland	Turkey	21 - 16	34 - 27	40 - 69	31 - 32	126 - 144
8 Russia	Italy	40 - 9	41 - 36	32 - 21	5 - 31	118 - 97

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS - ROUND OF 16

Match		1st Session	2nd Session	3rd Session	4th Session	Total
1 USA	Belgium	32 - 0	57 - 26	23 - 34	27 - 22	139 - 82
2 Canada	Hungary	41 - 9	18 - 37	13 - 45	25 - 59	97 - 150
3 Australia	Pakistan	48 - 8	34 - 36	30 - 22	25 - 54	137 - 120
4 France	Egypt	32 - 39	17 - 53	41 - 25	45 - 19	135 - 136
5 Indonesia	China Hong Kong	30 - 3	63 - 36	51 - 19		144 - 58
6 Chinese Taipei	Netherlands	23 - 52	6 - 61	21 - 26		50 - 139
7 Japan	Germany	34 - 20	44 - 47	39 - 28	35 - 34	152 - 129
8 Poland	England	19 - 14	22 - 21	7 - 30	9 - 42	57 - 107

OPEN TEAMS ROUND OF 8

1 Italy	Poland
2 China	Norway
3 Romania	England
4 Netherlands	Germany

IBPA Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held today 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.

WOMEN TEAMS ROUND OF 8

1 Germany	China
2 USA	Denmark
3 England	France
4 Turkey	Russia

SENIOR TEAMS ROUND OF 8

1 USA	Hungary
2 Australia	Egypt
3 Indonesia	Netherlands
4 Japan	England

WOMEN TEAMS R15

China v Denmark


Tough at the Top

by Mark Horton

Denmark recognized the People's Republic of China on January 9, 1950, and the two countries established diplomatic relations on May 11, 1950. Denmark was the second Western country after Sweden to establish diplomatic ties with China.

Both teams faced a potentially difficult final day with matches against other contenders, but China enjoyed a healthy lead at the top of the table.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Ege</i>	<i>Gu</i>
			Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ 18-19NT or 22-23 or 26-27 or strong ♥.
- 2♦ Relay or 5+ ♥.
- 2♥ Relay.
- 2♠ Relay.
- 2NT 18-19.
- 3♦ Transfer.

The Danish auction started well, but it's not clear what was going on after that, as the spade fit was not located. North led the three of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top hearts, claiming when the suit divided, +1430.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Farholt</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Rahelt</i>
			Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	7♠	All Pass

It's clear that Three Clubs agreed spades and was followed by a couple of cue bids then some key card asks that confirmed West had the missing aces, the queen of spades and the king of clubs.

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played three rounds of hearts, claiming +2210 (the grand slam was missed at many tables) and deservedly gave China 13 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Ege</i>	<i>Gu</i>
	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

2♣= Majors

I guess East wanted to bid around two and a half hearts, but with only a non vulnerable game at stake she settled for a mildly conservative Two Hearts.

South led the queen of hearts and declarer won and cashed dummy's top spades. When the queen appeared she ruffed a spade high and drew trumps, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Farholt</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Rahelt</i>
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I don't believe for a moment that was the auction, but the BBO operator must have missed a bid or two along the way – maybe North opened INT and West showed the majors and East jumped to Three Hearts raised to game.

Whatever, the contract could not be defeated, although South did well to lead a diamond, which might have been enough on another day. +420 gave China 6 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 8 6 ♥ Q 5 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ 10 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A 10 7 4 2 ♣ K 7 6 5	♠ 7 4 3 ♥ K ♦ K Q J 9 5 3 ♣ J 9 3
N	E						
W	S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Ege</i>	<i>Gu</i>
1♥	1♠	Dble*	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

North cashed the ace of spades, South playing the three, and switched to her singleton diamond. Declarer put up dummy's ace and went after the trump suit. North held up the queen to see some discards from South – they were the nine and five of diamonds – and North decided to underlead in spades, giving declarer an eleventh trick, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Farholt</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Rahelt</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥
3♥	3♠	All Pass	



Ming Sun, China

East's silence allowed North/South to steal the pot. East led her heart and West won and cashed the ace of clubs. The defenders continued with two more rounds of clubs and then played a diamond to the ace and a diamond, West ruffing in front of declarer with the jack. That ensured two down, +100, but Denmark picked up 8 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J 7 ♥ A 10 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ 10 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A K 2 ♥ 9 ♦ K 7 6 4 ♣ Q 9 7 5 3	♠ Q 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ Q 10 9 5 ♣ A J
N	E						
W	S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Ege</i>	<i>Gu</i>
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Declarer won the spade lead with dummy's ace and played a club to the jack, South winning with the king and playing another spade. Declarer won in hand, unblocked the ace of clubs and played a diamond to the king. When that held she cashed her clubs, discarding a spade, a heart and a diamond. North won the heart exit and played the jack of diamonds, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Farholt</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Rahelt</i>
		INT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

If I read the convention card correctly, Three Hearts promised a 4-1-4-4 distribution.

South led the four of hearts and North won and slightly woodenly decided to return a heart – a club is better as the cards lie.

Declarer won, discarding a diamond, and crossed to the ace of spades to play a club to the jack – the natural, but fatal line. South won and had to come to a trump and the ace of diamonds for one down, +50 and 10 IMPs.

In a low scoring match China just had the better of things, winning 29-24 IMPs, 16-14 VP. That kept Denmark in touch with a qualification spot.

OPEN TEAMS R13 Brazil v Denmark

by Phillip Alder

Before the start of this round, Denmark was third in Group A, 13 victory points ahead of fifth. Brazil was doing worse than expected, down in eighth, 12 victory points behind fourth, the last qualifying spot. This would be a good moment for Brazil to have an emphatic victory.

I went into the Open Room, where Miguel Villas-Boas and the mercurial Gabriel Chagas were taking on Morten Bilde and Jorgen Hansen. One advantage of watching Chagas is that play proceeds at a respectable pace. We were through the 16 boards in 90 minutes.

At the other table, Marcelo Branco and Diego Brenner faced Michael Askgaard and Gregers Bjarnarson.


First, think about a bidding problem. With only your side vulnerable, you hold:

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

It goes two passes to you. What would you do?

The match started quietly, with one overtrick IMP to Brazil. Then came the first big swing:

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

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

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Chagas</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Villas-Boas</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
West <i>Branco</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Brenner</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
Pass	1♣ ^(a)	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	INT ^(b)
All Pass			3NT


- (a) 15-plus balanced or any 16-plus
- (b) (8)9-13 balanced

In the Open Room, Bilde led the spade seven, which ran to declarer's queen. Chagas led the heart king from his hand. West took his ace and returned a spade, declarer ducking this round and taking the next, East deceptively leading the jack, not the king.

Now South had to take a heart finesse, running the ten. But trying to keep East off the lead, Chagas fatally played a heart to his queen and another heart. West won with his jack and, suitably deceived, shifted to a low club. It did not matter, though, because declarer had only eight tricks: two spades, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs. East had to get in with his diamond king to cash the spade king for down one.

At the other table, a spade lead would have been fatal, but West understandably selected the heart six. Bjarnarson rose with dummy's king, played a diamond to his queen, and ducked a diamond to East's eight.

A heart to West's ace and a heart to dummy's queen was followed by the diamond ace (no luck) and a diamond, putting East on lead, West having discarded two clubs and South having pitched his last heart. That left this position:

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

East's best play now was a spade, then, after declarer wins with dummy's queen and plays another spade, putting in the jack or king. Perhaps South would have read East for only three spades and tried another endplay. However, holding the king-jack, looking at the queen in the dummy and knowing declarer had the ace, did not make that look too clever. But when East returned a club, declarer took West's queen with dummy's ace, played a club to his jack and cashed the club king, West discarding the spade two.

Having lost three tricks already, South had to assume East held the spade king. Declarer led a low spade, putting in dummy's nine when West played low. East took the jack and returned the seven, but declarer played low from his hand to make his contract. Plus 50 and plus 400 gave Denmark 10 IMPs.

If you look at the deal using Deep Finesse, it will tell you that North can win nine tricks in notrump, but South can be held to eight. Here, though, North took eight and South nine. Humans will be humans.

Momentarily back to the initial bidding problem. If you open one diamond, lefty overcalls one heart, partner makes

a negative double to show four spades, and righty cue-bids two diamonds to indicate a game-invitational hand with heart support. What would you do now?

Board 4 was flat, unlike...

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ A 10 8 5 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K J 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A K 10 2 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ 10 8 7	♠ Q J ♥ K J 6 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ Q 9 6 4
N							
W							
E							
S							

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Chagas</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Villas-Boas</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2♦	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		
West <i>Branco</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Brenner</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I was sitting behind Hanson. When South bid two spades, I thought it would be a good idea to rebid three clubs in case the opposition went to four spades. But he jumped to four hearts and Chagas passed. Ah, I thought, no problem. Wrong! It went back to Villas-Boas, who surprised everyone by now bidding four spades. How could he bid only two spades, then, vulnerable against not, bid four spades? It seemed IMPOSSIBLE -- until we saw his hand a moment later.

Against four spades doubled, West began with three rounds of clubs. Declarer ruffed and played a spade to dummy's ace, East dropping the queen. Thinking that West had started with three spades and therefore short diamonds, South now played a diamond to his jack. When that held, declarer played a spade to dummy's ten. It lost to East's jack, but Villas-Boas claimed his contract.

If Villas-Boas had jumped straight to four spades over two diamonds, surely West would have bid five hearts and the big score would have been lost.

In the Closed Room, Bjarnarson opened three diamonds, as I suspect would many modern players. But when it went three hearts - pass - four hearts, he did not have the courage to bid four spades.

North cashed his two top spades, then, thinking his partner had seven diamonds for his unfavorable-vulnerability pre-empt, and never guessing he could also have five spades, played a third spade. Branco ruffed in the dummy and discarded his diamond loser. And guessing what had happened, declarer played a low heart from the dummy, immediately claiming 11 tricks when South discarded. Plus

790 and plus 450 gave Brazil 15 IMPs.

This board also had its weird side.

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West vul.

♠ A 6 5 ♥ 8 7 6 4 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ 10 7 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K 9 3 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ Q 9 6 5 2	♠ Q J 10 7 2 ♥ K Q J 10 2 ♦ K ♣ J 8
N							
W							
E							
S							

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Chagas</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Villas-Boas</i>
	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
West <i>Branco</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Brenner</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
		1♠	2♦
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

The bidding in the Closed Room was surprising. Once East heard of a spade fit, it looks strange not to have bid again. And one would have expected South to have made some sort of game-try, once his partner showed club length with, presumably, some diamond fit.

West led a trump against three diamonds, East winning with his king and shifting to the heart king. Declarer took his 11 tricks: one heart, five diamonds and five clubs.

When Chagas tried for game in notrump because of his diamond fit, East was happy to go quietly. Then he made the dirty-trick lead of the heart king.

Declarer took the second heart in the dummy and ran the diamond queen, so went down two.



Marcelo Branco, Brazil

There is something unsporting about bidding one suit and defeating the opponents' contract in a suit you did not mention. Plus 150 and plus 100 gave Denmark 6 IMPs.

The next sizable swing was an echo of Board 5 and that last deal.

Board 19. Dealer East. Both vul.

♠ K 8 4 ♥ A 9 5 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 7 6 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 9 7 3 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A K 10 7 6 5 4 ♣ —
♠ A J 6 5 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ K J 2	♠ Q ♥ K J 8 7 2 ♦ Q ♣ A Q 10 9 8 3	

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Chagas</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Villas-Boas</i>
		1♦	2♣
3NT	All Pass		
West <i>Branco</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Brenner</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
		3♦	3♥
3NT	4♥	4♠	5♣
Dble	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Bilde thought for ages over three notrump, as who would not? Eventually he passed. If East had passed quickly, Villas-Boas might have been there with four hearts. But now he decided to remain silent.

North led a club, South smoothly winning with his ace and shifting to the heart jack. Five heart tricks later, that was down two with both five diamonds and five spades no sweat. Once again three notrump had been defeated with a suit the opposition did not have the courtesy to mention in the auction.

In the other room, Brenner maintained the table style by pre-empting three diamonds. After that, an exciting auction ended in five hearts doubled, losing one spade, one diamond and two clubs.

Plus 200 and plus 500 gave Brazil 12 IMPs and the lead by 31-18.

With only the opponents vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ —
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ K Q 5 4 3

The auction starts like this:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
?			

What would you do?

This was a good deal for the Bilde-Hansen methods, which I noticed Duboin and Sementa are also using. Bilde's two-heart rebid showed a limited opening bid, because with a good hand and both majors he would have rebid two clubs. Now Hansen had no inclination to bid again.

The defense was accurate, holding declarer to eight tricks.

In the other room, Branco raised to three hearts, and Brenner went on to four. The defense was less than perfect, but it still took four tricks for down one.

Plus 110 and plus 50 gave Denmark 4 IMPs.

This was the only other exciting deal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

♠ 10 8 6 ♥ J 8 4 2 ♦ Q 8 7 4 2 ♣ 7	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 9 5 4 2 ♥ K 10 ♦ — ♣ Q 6 5 4 3 2
♠ A K J 3 ♥ A Q 9 6 3 ♦ A 9 6 3 ♣ —	♠ 7 ♥ 7 5 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ A K J 10 9 8	

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Chagas</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Villas-Boas</i>
		1♥	2♣
2♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass
West <i>Branco</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Brenner</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
		1♥	2♣
3♥	5♣	6♥	7♣
Dble	All Pass		

In the Open Room, the Danes use Acoll, so one heart promised only four. This dissuaded West from jumping to three hearts. And East, despite his club void, went for the plus score.

West led the heart two. East took two tricks in the suit and declarer conceded a spade for down one.

Brenner, after hearing that his partner had four-card heart support, leapt to six hearts, which would have been one too high. But Bjarnarson wasn't going to risk that at IMP scoring, sacrificing in seven clubs.

West led a heart, so the contract went down three.

Minus 100 and plus 500 gave Brazil 9 IMPs.

The final margin was 43-23 to Brazil, or 20-10 in victory points. However, neither team changed places in the table, Denmark remaining third, but now only 9 victory points ahead of fifth, and Brazilian staying eighth, but only 5 victory points behind fourth.

The Right Strong Jump Shift

by Phillip Alder

This was the first deal in the Round of 16 matches on Saturday:

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ Q 6 5 ♥ A K Q 9 2 ♦ K 9 8 2 ♣ 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 4 3 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ Q J 4 ♣ K 7 5 4 3	♠ 9 8 ♥ J 6 ♦ 10 7 5 3 ♣ A Q 10 8 6
♠ A K J 10 7 2 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ J 9			

You can see that six of either major is laydown. But you would want to be in six spades because that makes even when East has jack-fourth of hearts.

This deal was played at 48 tables. Only 16 got to slam. This was one auction, by a Danish women's pair:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Binderkrantz</i>		<i>Bekkouche</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The Americans in the open event took longer to stop in game:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Freeman</i>		<i>Nickell</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Nick Nickell probably wanted to bid four diamonds over three spades, but that would have sounded like primary diamond support.

Chagas and Villas-Boas from Brazil dabbled, but did not get beyond game.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Chagas</i>		<i>Villas-Boas</i>
	1♥	Pass	1NT ^(a)
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(a) At least five spades.

Helgemo tried a diversion:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Helness</i>		<i>Helgemo</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

One Turkish open pair was using relay, but still did not get there.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Bedir</i>		<i>Goksu</i>
	1♥ ^(a)	Pass	2♣ ^(b)
Pass	2♦ ^(c)	Pass	2♥ ^(b)
Pass	3♦ ^(d)	Pass	4♦ ^(e)
Pass	4♥ ^(f)	Pass	4♠ ^(g)
All Pass			

- (a) 11-15 points.
- (b) Relay.
- (c) Any 5-3-3-2 or four-plus diamonds.
- (d) 3=5=4=1.
- (e) End signal.
- (f) Forced.
- (g) Here's where we play, partner.

But some did get there.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Shi</i>		<i>Zhuang</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			



Today's Coverage

ROUND of 8 - 11.00

China - Norway (O)	VG
Poland - Italy (O)	BBO2
Germany - Netherlands (O)	BBO3
Indonesia - Netherlands (S)	BBO4
Germany - China (W)	OurGames1
England - Romania (O)	OurGames2

ROUND of 8 - 14.20

Poland - Italy (O)	VG
Germany - Netherlands (O)	BBO2
England - France (W)	BBO3
Germany - China (W)	BBO4
China - Norway (O)	OurGames1
Denmark - USA (W)	OurGames2

Round of 8 - 3rd Session to be decided

When North didn't bid four hearts, I thought the auction would end – wrong again! That was an 11-IMP start for China.

West	North <i>Martens</i>	East	South <i>Jassem</i>
	1♥ ^(a)	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

(a) Limited to 15 high-card points

That gave Poland 11 IMPs.

Here are the other successful pairs. First, the women's event: Liu-Wang from China (six spades for 11 IMPs); de Hérédia-Lévy from France (six hearts for 11 IMPs); Backstrom-Tuomi from Finland and Erdogan-Erbiz from Turkey (six spades for 11 IMPs). In the open series: Lauria-Versace from Italy (six spades for 11 IMPs); Coldealonita from Romania (six hearts for 11 IMPs); Sandqvist-Malinowski from England and Karakolev-Danailov from Bulgaria (six spades for a flat board); Wijs-Muller from the Netherlands (six spades for 11 IMPs); Dehaye-Engel from Belgium (six spades for 10 IMPs). And in the seniors: Lev-Eisenberg from the United States (six spades for 11 IMPs); Lavings-Krochmalik from Australia (six spades for 11 IMPs); Janssens-Boegem from the Netherlands (six spades for 10 IMPs).

But now we get to the auction that really caught my eye.

Some 50 years ago, Albert Morehead, the original bridge correspondent for The New York Times, wrote a book called *Morehead on Bidding*. It is still one of the best bridge books ever and does not get the credit it deserves. It was updated 17 years ago by the previous NYT columnist and the present one, and retitled *On Bidding*. It was easy to update because it was so good. And the chapter on strong jump shifts was left almost untouched.

Morehead argued that a SJS should show game-going values (with either an excellent one-suiter, or a two-suiter: your suit and partner's) and let the opener judge how well the hands fit.

This style is perfect for this deal:

West	North <i>Arnolds</i>	East	South <i>Vriend</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT ^(a)	Pass	5♦ ^(b)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- (a) Roman Key Card Blackwood in spades.
 (b) Three key cards.

Easy, peasy – and 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Women's Bridge Activity

by Anna Maria Torlontano

The first Women's Bridge Festival, organised by BBO and the WBF Women's Committee, was a great success with 67 countries participating. BBO proposed a continuation of the event, with online tournaments for women players on a regular basis, giving them experience, an opportunity to train with their partner, and to make new friends in other parts of the world!

The programme is simple:

- Online Tournaments will be organised every Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 5th November. There will be four tournaments each day, two individual and two pairs.
- There will be an overall classification combining the individual and pairs results at the end of each month. Awards of BBO dollars to be spent exclusively on other BBO Tournaments will be given to the top 10 players in the overall classification each month.
- In addition, the winning player will be offered the opportunity of playing a tournament online with a world champion: Sabine Auken, Fulvio Fantoni, or a world champion from the USA will take it in turn to play with the winners. We thank them very much for agreeing to participate in this event.

In addition, we are working with BBO to create a Women's Online Bridge Club, where we hope to be able to keep players informed about events organised for women players, where players can "meet" to exchange ideas, discuss hands and maybe – we hope – follow some lessons from a Champion. This is still in the planning stage and we are working hard on it.

The 2nd WBF/BBO Women's Online Bridge Festival will be organised in April next year, and we are hoping to organise another Women's Bridge Jamboree in Europe (maybe in Nice or Sorrento) next September.

We were very proud when the President, Jose Damiani, spoke about Internet development in the EBL General Assembly and said: "... this is the case also for the women, thanks to the initiative taken by Anna Maria Torlontano and the Women's Committee, who I thank and compliment on their first success and for the developments they are suggesting."

All the information about any of these events will be found on our own special website:

www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org

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.

A Word from the Experts...

by Marc Smith

The Thai team spent almost the entire two-hour dinner discussing one deal Monday evening, and even then never really reached any definitive conclusion. So, I thought I'd ask a few experts for their opinion to see if there really was a 'right' or 'wrong.' This was the bidding problem that occurred at the table...

E/W Game. Dealer South. IMPs

♠ A J 10 7
♥ A 8 7 4
♦ K 6
♣ A J 3

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	2♥*	1♥
?			5♣

East's 2♥ is a transfer to spades. What action do you think West should take now?

There are three realistic choices – bid (5♥ or 5♠), double and pass.

Of those polled, none chose to bid as their first choice. "How can I commit to an 11-trick contract when all partner has shown is a preference for playing two spades rather than INT?" asked David Bird. Others expressed similar sentiments with respect to making a positive bid.

The primary issue mentioned by most of those I asked was whether a pass should be forcing. After all, many expert partnerships play that a pass is forcing after an auction such as (3♦)-Dble-(5♦) when we are vulnerable against not. Is this not, I wonder, an analogous situation – we are at 'red,' one of us has shown a good hand, and the opponents are bidding at the five level.

"If we had a specific agreement that pass was forcing, then it's clearly the best option," commented Brian Senior, "but we surely don't have such an agreement, so I would double."

David Bird and Philip Alder made similar comments, both saying that it would be nice if pass was forcing, but that they didn't think it was, or should be.

Lew and JoAnna Stansby were agreed that pass was not forcing, but opted for different choices anyway. Lew chose to double, but JoAnna said that she would risk a pass as she did not want to discourage partner from bidding on in spades. "He has heard me bid INT, after all, so he is quite likely to double anyway if he doesn't want to bid on."

This is a valid point – If partner is completely broke and we defend undoubled for +50 or +100 when we cannot even make game, is that such a disaster? The possible investment of a small number of IMPs for say, +100 rather than +300, seems worthwhile when the upside of not discouraging partner from bidding on may be enormous.

South African star Tim Cope felt that pass was certainly forcing, and considered that the clear action here. Indeed, Tim commented that he would prefer to commit to the five level (marginally preferring 5♥ to 5♠ to make it clear we were very suitable for slam) if doubling to tell partner we wanted to defend was the only alternative.

I am in the same camp as Tim. Our honor structure is so offensively oriented – i.e., aces in the opponent's suits rather than a purely defensive holding such as K-J-10-x – that I really dislike double.

However, the vote amongst those I polled was 4-3 in favor of doubling, with the other three choosing to pass. I suppose this means that, on his actual hand, partner is supposed to ignore your expressed wish to defend and bid on anyway. He held...

♠ K Q x x x x
♥ x
♦ A Q x x x
♣ x

As you can see, a grand slam in spades is cold. At the table, North bid 5♥ over the double of 5♣, West doubled again and East sat for it, which was only 1100 with teammates conceding 2210 at the other table.

Having said that, whether we are ever going to be able to bid the grand slam with any confidence after this start to the auction is another matter. South has chosen an opportune moment to warp his hand with a 1♥ opening bid on

♠ — ♥ Q J x x x ♦ x ♣ K Q 10 x x x x

Ultimately, what you would do in this situation is something for regular partnerships to discuss. Although this particular auction created an exceedingly rare situation, most top partnerships do have general principles that they apply in unusual circumstances. Would you have coped better than our pair did? If so, would you have done so by luck or judgment?

World Transnational Mixed Teams

The WBF Office will be open between 10.00 and 12.30 and 13.30 – 18.00 today for payments for the Transnational Teams. Please note that even if your team is entitled to free entry you MUST come to the WBF office to collect a receipt.

Each team will need a signed receipt in order to participate in the event, and must take it to the playing area with them on Sunday evening or they will not be permitted to play.

When It Was Meant To Be

by Phillip Alder

It is the general consensus that the winner of a big event needs to have played well and to have had some luck.

Catharina Midskog from Sweden was another example of this basic rule of thumb for success in winning the Women's World Individual Masters.

For example, with only the opponents vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ 9
♥ A J 8 6 5
♦ A 4 2
♣ A K Q J

Partner opens two spades, weak. After a pass on your right, what would you do?

With only your side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 9
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ A K 6 4 3

The bidding proceeds like this:

West	North	East	South
			INT
Pass	2♦ ^(a)	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Transfer.

What would you lead?

While you think about those, here is an interesting partscore battle from the first session of the event, rotated to make South declarer.



Catharina Midskog, Sweden

Board 9. Dealer South. East-West vul.

♠ J 8 5 ♥ K 8 6 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ A K 9 6	<table style="width: 100%; height: 60px; border: 2px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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 6 4 3 ♥ A Q 9 4 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ Q 5	♠ K 10 9 2 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ J 7 2
N						
W E						
S						
♠ A 7 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A J 9 5 3 ♣ 10 8 4 3						

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♦	All Pass	2♦

Declarer has only four immediate losers (one spade, one diamond and two clubs), but she does not have nine tricks.

West decided to lead a spade: queen, king, ace. Midskog played a low club, West going in with her king, cashing the spade jack, and playing another spade, ruffed by South. West took the next club and made the strange shift to the heart king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the heart queen. At this point, if South had played a diamond to her nine, she would have had matters under control. But Midskog ruffed a heart in her hand and ruffed a club in the dummy, bringing down the jack and giving this position with declarer needing three tricks:

♠ — ♥ 8 ♦ K 6 ♣ 9	<table style="width: 100%; height: 60px; border: 2px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	♠ 6 ♥ 9 ♦ 8 7 ♣ —	♠ 10 ♥ — ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ —
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W E						
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♠ — ♥ — ♦ A J 9 ♣ 10						

Now came the heart nine from the dummy. What should East have done?

If East discards her spade, declarer throws her club and plays a diamond to her nine.

If East ruffs low, declarer overruffs and cashes the diamond ace. Then, if West keeps her king, she is thrown in with that card to lead a club back to declarer's ten. And if West unblocks the diamond king, declarer ruffs her club

with dummy's diamond eight.

If East ruffs with the ten, South overruffs and cashes the diamond ace for the same situation as just described.

Now we have the answer: East must ruff with the diamond queen.

What happened at the table? East ruffed with the diamond ten, declarer overruffed, cashed the diamond ace, and put West in with a diamond. The last trick was won by South's club ten.

Plus 110 was worth 10 matchpoints out of 10.

Now back to the initial problems. This was the full deal in the bidding problem from the final session:

Board 18. Dealer East. North-South vul.

♠ 9 ♥ A J 8 6 5 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ A K Q J	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 10 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ J 6 ♣ 8 5 3	♠ 8 6 ♥ K 9 7 4 2 ♦ Q 10 9 3 ♣ 10 4 ♠ A Q J 7 ♥ 10 ♦ K 8 7 5 ♣ 9 7 6 2
N						
W E						
S						

Midskog passed over her partner's two-spade opening. Correct! The defense was imperfect and plus 110 was worth 8 out of 10 matchpoints, the same as minus 50 would have been.

The defensive problem arose in the first session, which is interesting only because it was in a pairs event, where overtricks can count for so much. This was the layout:

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

♠ Q 9 ♥ 6 3 ♦ Q 10 8 7 ♣ A K 6 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ J 7 5	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ A 10 9 8 4 ♦ K 3 ♣ Q 10 9 ♠ A K J ♥ K Q 7 5 ♦ A 9 5 4 ♣ 8 2
N						
W E						
S						

At four of the six tables, West led the club ace. Now it was easy for South to establish dummy's club queen for 11 tricks: two spades, five hearts, two diamonds, one club and a spade ruff in the South hand.

At the fifth table, North was the declarer. East led the club five and again North's queen set up as a trick.

Midskog did not like to lead the club ace with the big balanced hand on her right. She chose a trump. Declarer won

with her king and played a club, West playing low smoothly and South naturally calling for dummy's nine. East, Yu Zhang, won with her jack and shifted to a low spade, not a revealing eight. Declarer won with her ace, drew the missing trumps, played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the last in the dummy, and gave up a club, West winning with the king and leading the ace, which South ruffed to give this position:

♠ Q ♥ — ♦ Q ♣ 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ 10 4 ♥ A 10 ♦ — ♣ — ♠ 8 7 6 2 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ — ♠ K J ♥ 7 ♦ 9 ♣ —	♠ 10 4 ♥ A 10 ♦ — ♣ —
N						
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S						

Declarer played a trump to dummy and tried the spade finesse, but it lost.

Minus 420 gave East-West all 10 matchpoints.

Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

Trump Tragedy

Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A K Q 7 6 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ 5 3 2 ♥ A K 8 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A K Q 6	♠ 5 3 2 ♥ A K 8 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A K Q 6
N						
W E						
S						
West	North	East	South			
Pass	4NT	4♦	4♥			
Pass	6♥	Pass	5♠			
		All pass				

West leads the two of diamonds, which you ruff. All seems easy until East discards a diamond on the ace of trumps. Assuming that East has only seven diamonds, how do you propose to make twelve tricks?

Solution on page 16.

OPEN TEAMS ROUND OF 16 - 1ST

USA v Poland

Top Draw

by Mark Horton

The draw brought together two of the world's top bridge playing countries, and allowed the BBO audience to continue the ongoing debate as to who are currently the best pair in the world. Whoever you think that may be there is little doubt that Meckwell consistently draw the biggest crowds – not least because of their exceptional derring-do in the bidding.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North <i>Martens</i>	East <i>Rodwell</i>	South <i>Jassem</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The Polish pair had an excellent auction to the top spot. They key was North's decision to bid Four Clubs – surely right with such prime cards. When West led the nine of spades declarer was soon claiming +1010.

Closed Room

West <i>Gierulski</i>	North <i>Freeman</i>	East <i>Skrzypczak</i>	South <i>Nickell</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The fourth suit auction did not prove to be as effective as the natural one at the other table. The lead was the same, so declarer was +510, but that cost 11 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North <i>Martens</i>	East <i>Rodwell</i>	South <i>Jassem</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

South led the three of diamonds (low from a doubleton) and declarer won in dummy and set about the trump suit. He had to lose three trump tricks and the ace of spades, but that was all, +140.



Krzysztof Martens, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♦	1♠
4♥	All Pass		Pass

Four Hearts was far too high. South led a spade and North took the ace and continued the suit, forcing declarer to ruff. A diamond to the jack was followed by a heart to South's jack. Declarer could have escaped for one down by continuing to play on trumps, but he abandoned the suit and played diamonds. South ruffed the third round with the ace of hearts and forced declarer with a third spade to ensure two down, -200 and 8 IMPs to the USA.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
Pass	INT	Dble	All Pass

When East doubled INT North/South had nowhere to go. East cashed the ace of spades and switched to a club. That ran to dummy's ten and declarer played three rounds of diamonds, East discarding a club as West won with the jack. West switched to the three of hearts and East won with the queen. He played back the four of hearts and if West had ducked this trick then the contract would have been three down. Obviously uncertain of the exact position West took the ace of hearts, cashed the queen of diamonds and played a spade, leading to two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

The 4-3 fit proved to be a comfortable spot. Declarer won the spade lead with the ace and played a diamond to the queen and ace. When North played a second spade declarer ran it to his ten and exited with a diamond. He won

the club return with dummy's ace, cashed the king of spades discarding a club and played on cross ruff lines, emerging with nine tricks, +140 but losing 4 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
1♦*	1♥	2♦*	2♥
3♦	3♥	5♦	All Pass

Two Diamonds promised 9+ points and was forcing for one round. When West, who might have had as little as a singleton honour, showed some diamond support East made the obvious advance to game.

North cashed the ace of hearts, getting the ten from South, and switched to the two of spades to ensure a one trick set, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
Pass	1♥	3♦	3♥
4♣	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Four Clubs surely implied diamond support, so East's decision to double looks questionable.

East led a hopeful club, but declarer took West's queen with the ace and claimed ten tricks, +790 and 12 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Jassem</i>
	Pass	INT	All Pass

INT was 14-16.

Declarer won the ten of hearts lead with dummy's queen, knocked out the ace of diamonds and cashed out for ten tricks and +180.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♥
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the five of hearts and declarer, who could not afford to have South win and switch to spades, made the excellent play of going up with the ace and playing on diamonds. South won the second round and played back the ten of hearts, but when the queen won declarer claimed +630 and 10 IMPs.

Poland won the first set 27-25 – and it was already clear that the match was likely to go right down to the wire.

Championship Diary

We have an update from the last Diary – Australia also has a team in every bridge event in the World Mind Sports Games, as do Canada. Any others?

At least once in every Championship our resident racing correspondent delivers what he assures us is a solid gold tip, on which we must put our entire per diem. This time it was for horse number 5 in the fifth race.

It finished fifth.

You may have noticed that the world's stock markets are in turmoil, as are the economies of many countries. One of the worst affected is Iceland. Still, people have retained their sense of humour, as was demonstrated by a CNN newsreader yesterday, who (doubtless reading from a subtly altered cue-card) announced that 90% of Iceland was uninhibited.

Making my way back to the Bulletin office I met an old friend, Carlos Luis, who is representing Portugal in the Open Series. After exchanging the usual pleasantries he remarked, 'You must know half the people in the world – and the other half all know you.'

Happy Birthday, WBF!



Xiang Huaicheng, president of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association

Everyone likes a birthday party, and the World Bridge Federation is no exception judging by the celebration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday.

With many friends – including WBF President Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patiño – on hand, WBF President Jose Damiani toasted the 50-year history of the WBF and its role in the 1st World Mind Sports Games. Damiani is also president of the International Mind Sports Association.

The President expressed much pleasure in noting that 110 teams of young players showed up for competition in three different groups. "They represent the future of our wonderful game," he said.

Xiang Huaicheng, president of the Chinese Contract

Bridge Association, praised the WBF for helping bridge gain in popularity in China. Noting that China has hosted two world championships in a row, including last year in Shanghai, Xiang said WBF support has been very important for the development of bridge in his country.

Xiang presented a porcelain vase to Damiani on the occasion of the WBF's 50th anniversary. "It represents good luck and a good future," Xiang said.

Just before the ceremony ended, John Wignall, executive vice president of the WBF, took the podium to thank Damiani for his many contributions to bridge as chief executive. "In the words of the song," said Wignall, "Nobody does it better."



The head table at the 50th anniversary dinner, including President Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patiño (seated, center).

SOLUTION

You will need take the first ten tricks and reduce your trump length sufficiently that you can lead a club from hand in this ending:

♠ —	♠ 7	♠ —
♥ QJ9	♥ 107	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ KQ
♣ —	♣ —	♣ J

♠ —	♠ —	♠ —
♥ K8	♥ K8	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ 6	♣ 6	♣ —

If West ruffs with his low trump then the ten of trumps will be your eleventh trick and the king of trumps your twelfth, West does no better if he ruffs high for then you will discard a spade from dummy and take the last two tricks with the split ♥K-10 tenace.

The only way to reach this ending is if West began with either 3-4-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 distribution. In the former case, this will be typical of the type of deal required:

♠ J108	♠ AKQ76	♠ 94
♥ QJ96	♥ 1075	♥ —
♦ 862	♦ A53	♦ KQJ10974
♣ 842	♣ 53	♣ J1097

♠ 532	♠ 532	♠ —
♥ AK8432	♥ AK8432	♥ AKJ9
♦ —	♦ —	♦ KQ853
♣ AKQ6	♣ AKQ6	♣ 10765

After the ace of trumps reveals the bad news, you should cash the ace and king of spades. When spades prove to be 3-2, ruff a diamond then cross back to dummy with a spade and ruff the ace of diamonds. Then after cashing the ♣A-K-Q, you will have achieved the above ending and so make twelve tricks.

In the latter case, after cashing the ♠A-K, the full deal you need will be similar to:

♠ AKQ76	♠ 94	♠ —
♥ 1075	♥ —	♥ —
♦ A53	♦ KQJ10974	♦ KQJ10974
♣ 53	♣ —	♣ J10972

♠ 532	♠ 532	♠ —
♥ AK8432	♥ AK8432	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ AKQ6	♣ AKQ6	♣ —

This time you will discard a club on the ace of diamonds and then ruff a diamond. After a spade to the queen, you will ruff a spade to reach the wished for ending.

MANY A SLIP...

Phillip Alder reported this deal as perhaps a missed opportunity for N/S in the match between Denmark and Italy, since they had elected not to defend 1♠ doubled. Phillip correctly commented that this might be set 800. Yes and no...we all know that defence is the hardest part of the game, and when on Yugraph the contract of 1♠ was reached, it became an example of 'Be careful what you ask for or you might get it!'

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

♠ J108	♠ AKQ76	♠ 94
♥ QJ96	♥ 1075	♥ —
♦ 862	♦ A53	♦ KQJ10974
♣ 842	♣ 53	♣ J1097

♠ 532	♠ 532	♠ —
♥ AK8432	♥ AK8432	♥ AKJ9
♦ —	♦ —	♦ KQ853
♣ AKQ6	♣ AKQ6	♣ 10765

West	North	East	South
Dbl.	Redbl	Pass	1♦
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

South correctly led a top heart, received a discouraging ♥8 and made the serious error of cashing the ♥K; this removed his entry for the diamonds. After a club shift to the king and a low trump return from North, trying to prevent heart ruffs in East declarer led a low club from the board. North hopped up with the ace and made the fatal error of returning a low trump not the king or jack. Declarer won this on the board, ruffed a heart, cashed the diamond ace and club queen and had two trumps via the endplay to collect four trumps in dummy and one trick in each side-suit. Contract made!

Since in the other room N/S had carefully 'saved' in 3♠ down one this was a gain for E/W in this room of 2 IMPs.

WBF Systems Committee

There will be a meeting of the WBF Systems Committee in the WBF Meeting Room at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Intra-What?

by David Stern



One of the delights of VuGraph commenting is spotting a beautiful hand and watching it unfold before your eyes. Equally, reaching the critical point and watching declarer fail is so frustrating.

Such a hand arose in round 16 of the Open Championships during the match between Germany and England. While both of these teams proved easy qualifiers the difference between finishing 2nd and meeting

Bulgaria or Belgium versus finishing third and facing Norway or Poland is certainly something worth fighting for every IMP over.

Let me digress for a moment. Some years ago, world champion bridge player Gabriel Chagas of Brazil wrote the following Bols Bridge Tip – “I Love Finesses”:

When you have to develop a shaky suit, consider whether you can prepare for an intra-finesse by ducking with an 8 or a 9 on the first round.

The finesse is commonly regarded as one of the humbler forms of play, but it sometimes requires quite a lot of imagination. This is especially true of the intra-finesse – a play of which I am very fond. Here is his example:

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                Q 8 5 3
      J 7                K 10 4
                A 9 6 2
    
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The bidding has given you quite a good idea of the layout of this suit. To hold yourself to one loser, you play low towards the dummy and finesse the 8! East will make the 10, but later you will enter the North hand and lead the queen, pinning West's jack. Well, this is an intra-finesse.

So back to our featured hand. I spotted the problem relatively quickly and was mildly confident that Gold for England would find this play. However, he had less information than the declarer in the closed room.

Both declarers reached the critical point relatively quickly:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♠ A 10
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ 5 4 2
♣ K 7 5

      N
    W   E
      S

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

      ♠ Q 9 8 4 3
      ♥ K 10 6
      ♦ A 9 6
      ♣ 9 8
    
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West	North	East	South
Townsend	Piekarek	Gold	Smirnov
1♦	3♦	1♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass	4♣	4♦

I was a little surprised that South elected to pass the opening bid as 1♠ would have been my choice – something that may have cost 16 IMPs, as you will see later.

West	North	East	South
Kirmse	Sandqvist	Gromoeller	Malinowski
Dble	2♦	1♣	1♠
3♦	4♦	3♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass	5♣	5♦

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      ♠ —
      ♥ J 4
      ♦ K J 10
      ♣ —

      ♠ —
      ♥ A 9 8 5 3
      ♦ —
      ♣ —

      N
    W   E
      S

      ♠ —
      ♥ Q 7 2
      ♦ —
      ♣ Q J

      ♠ 9 8
      ♥ K 10 6
      ♦ —
      ♣ —
    
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Gold played a low heart from hand and thought for a long time, indicating that he clearly understood his options for the intra-finesse, and then played the queen leading to one down and a 16-IMP loss.

North-South deserve some credit here for displaying just enough high-card points to confuse declarer. I suspect however, that had South overcalled 1♠, declarer would certainly have taken the intra-finesse and succeed in his slam.

In the closed room, Gromoeller showed why Germany topped Open Group D. He inserted the ♥7 followed by playing the ♥Q after regaining the lead.

So, is there a lesson here? Perhaps. If you want to improve your game, revisit the Bols Bridge Tips of the early 1980s and 1990s.

OPEN TEAMS FINAL BUTLER

1	Antonio SEMENTA	1,38	94	Anders MORATH - Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON	0,21
2	Giorgio DUBOIN	1,27	95	Tony HACHEM	0,21
3	Richard FREEMAN - Nick NICKELL	1,26	96	Bachar ABOU CHANAB	0,20
4	Krzysztof MARTENS - Krzysztof JASSEM	1,19	97	Chih-Tsung CHEN	0,18
5	Ilan HERBST - Ophir HERBST	1,10	98	Ugis JANSONS	0,17
6	Geir HELGEMO - Tor HELNESS	1,05	99	Cheuk-Hin LEUNG - Chi-Cheung NG	0,17
7	Terje AA - Jorgen MOLBERG	1,04	100	Peter GILL - Bobby RICHMAN	0,16
8	Andreas KIRMSE - Michael GROMOELLER	1,01	101	Jouri KHIOUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEV	0,16
9	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	0,96	102	Julio Alberto ALFONSIN	0,15
10	Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK - Boguslaw GIERULSKI	0,93	103	Tom JACOB - Malcolm MAYER	0,15
11	Berry WESTRA - Vincent RAMONDT	0,93	104	Marco SASSELLI	0,15
12	Alexander SMIRNOV - Josef PIEKAREK	0,92	105	Lauri NABER - Leo LUKS	0,15
13	Alfredo VERSACE	0,88	106	Christian TERRANEO - Arno LINDERMANN	0,15
14	David GOLD - Tom TOWNSEND	0,87	107	Nicklas SANDQVIST - Artur MALINOWSKI	0,14
15	Claudio NUNES - Fulvio FANTONI	0,84	108	Giorgi ABZIANIDZE - Revaz BERIASHVILI	0,14
16	Michael ELINESCU - Entsch Wladow	0,83	109	Diego BRENNER	0,14
17	Eldad GINOSSAR - Ron PACHTMAN	0,83	110	Fiorenzo FIORINI - Giancarlo BRIOLINI	0,13
18	Suleyman KOLATA - Ismail KANDEMIR	0,82	111	John CARROLL - Tommy GARVEY	0,12
19	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	0,79	112	Franky Steven KARWUR - Santje PANELEWEN	0,11
20	Eric RODWELL - Jeff MECKSTROTH	0,74	113	Moazzem HOSSAIN	0,11
21	Ton BAKKEREN - Huub BERTENS	0,72	114	Ivars RUBENIS	0,10
22	Lorenzo LAURIA	0,71	115	Zoran KOLDZIC - Dejan JOVANOVIC	0,10
23	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	0,68	116	Ding-Ming YEN	0,09
24	Bauke MULLER - Simon de WIJS	0,68	117	Jean-Dominique SARROLA - Dominique GERIN	0,08
25	Martin REID - Peter NEWELL	0,68	118	Filaretos KAMINARIS - Kostas BOZEMPERGK	0,05
26	Hakan GOKSU - Eymen BEDIR	0,67	119	Faruk MASIC - Milovan MILOVIC	0,04
27	Lixin YANG - Jianming DAI	0,67	120	Rex JAMES	0,04
28	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT	0,67	121	Maxim ZHMAK - Andrei SHUDNEV	0,04
29	Gyorgy SZALAY - Laszlo HARGANZOZO	0,64	122	Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE - Philippe MATHIEU	0,04
30	Danail DANAILOV - Georgi KARAKOLEV	0,64	123	Stephen BLACKSTOCK - Stephen HENRY	0,02
31	Sunit CHOKSHI	0,62	124	Mireille FAYAD	0,02
32	Roumen TRENDAFILOV - Kalin KARAIVANOV	0,62	125	Sverrir ARMANNSSON - Adalsteinn JORGENSEN	0,02
33	Hugh McGANN - Tom HANLON	0,60	126	Kamel FERGANI - Nicolas L'ECUYER	0,01
34	Sven SESTER - Vassili LEVENKO	0,59	127	Antonio Victoria LOPES - Vitor DIEGUES	0,00
35	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER	0,59	128	Wojtek OLANSKI	0,00
36	Victor ARONOV - Julian STEFANOV	0,58	129	Federico GODED	0,00
37	Jean-Christophe QUANTIN - Marc BOMPIS	0,58	130	Georgi UCHAVA - Rati BURDIASHVILI	-0,01
38	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Julius Anthonius GEORGE	0,56	131	Trevor JONES	-0,02
39	Zvi ENGEL - Bernard DEHAYE	0,55	132	Oleg GRADOVSKY - Mikhail VOLFSOON	-0,03
40	Andrej SOTNIKOU - Henadz MEDUSHEUSKI	0,55	133	Adel EL KORDY - Ayman AZZAM	-0,04
41	Subhash GUPTA	0,52	134	Glen HOLMAN - Tim COPE	-0,04
42	K Raman VENKATARAMAN	0,52	135	Yuliy CHUMACK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	-0,04
43	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	0,50	136	Vytautas VAINIKONIS	-0,04
44	Andreas BABSCH	0,48	137	Sven PRIDE - Alan DOUGLAS	-0,05
45	Kridsadayut PLENGSAP - Terasak JITNGAMKUSOL	0,48	138	Ian THOMSON - Richard J BRIGHTLING	-0,05
46	Carlos LUIS - Nuno PAZ	0,48	139	Gabriel HARFOUCHE	-0,06
47	Mikko TOIVONEN - Vesa LESKELA	0,47	140	Elena ALFEJEVA - Maris MATISONS	-0,06
48	Alexander DUBININ - Andrei GROMOV	0,46	141	Michael O'BRIAIN - Pdraigh O'BRIAIN	-0,07
49	Glenn GROETHIEM - Ulf TUNDAL	0,45	142	Mohammed SALAHUDDIN	-0,08
50	Johan UPMARK - Per-Ola CULLIN	0,44	143	Zia Hyder NAQI - Nauman BUTT	-0,08
51	Andres K NAP	0,42	144	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN	-0,08
52	Marian HENC - Karol LOHAY	0,42	145	Patnarin KITCHAKARN - Pornthep LEELASA-NGUAN	-0,09
53	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	0,42	146	Romulo VIROLA	-0,09
54	Marius IONITA - Ionut COLDEA	0,42	147	Daniele ZACCARIA - Massimo SOROLDONI	-0,09
55	Jemmy BOJOH - Leslie GONTHA	0,41	148	Gang CHUA - Hua POON	-0,09
56	Wolfgang BIEDER	0,41	149	Carmen TUASON	-0,09
57	Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	0,40	150	Levent OZGUL - Enver KOKSOY	-0,10
58	Marius BRICIU - Ovidiu GHIGHECI	0,40	151	Thierry COOREMAN - Philippe COENRAETS	-0,10
59	Pierre CHIDIAC	0,39	152	Siarhei RAMANOVICH - Vadim BASALYGA	-0,11
60	Jahangir AHMED - Ahsan QURESHI	0,37	153	Mike ASH - Elizabeth McGOWAN	-0,11
61	Marcelo BRANCO	0,37	154	Hong Mou CHEONG	-0,12
62	Daniel GULYAS - Balazs SZEGEDI	0,37	155	Juei-Yu SHIH	-0,12
63	Mats AXDORPH - Johnny OSTBERG	0,37	156	Chris BOSENBERG - Neville EBER	-0,13
64	Hidenori NARITA - Yoichi ITO	0,36	157	Gustavo Jorge ALUJAS	-0,16
65	Pramoul ANG-KAEW - Kirawat LIMSINSOPON	0,35	158	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	-0,16
66	Marc-Andre FOURCAUDOT - Vincent DEMUY	0,35	159	Bob HAMMAN - Chris COMPTON	-0,16
67	Alon AMSEL - Tom CORNELIS	0,35	160	Jan FUCIK	-0,17
68	Tiit LAANEMAE - Maksim KARPOV	0,34	161	Michel EIDI	-0,19
69	Rajesh DALAL	0,34	162	Vincent LEI	-0,19
70	Serge de MULLER	0,33	163	Aigars GERMANIS	-0,20
71	Luis LANTARON	0,33	164	Geza BOROS - Vladimir MUNKA	-0,21
72	Charles GARNIER - Luc SOUDAN	0,32	165	Drazen MARTINOVIC - Igor NOVOSSEL	-0,21
73	Zejun ZHUANG - Haojun SHI	0,32	166	David MOSSOP - Gojko ZIVKOVIC	-0,22
74	Waleed El AHMADI - Tarek SADEK	0,31	167	Eiji OHTAKA - Hiroyuki NODA	-0,23
75	Aris SAPOUNAKIS - Loukas ZOTOS	0,30	168	Antonio Pedro do ROSARIO	-0,24
76	Gregers BJARNARSON - Michael ASKGAARD	0,30	169	Gui Ping PENG - Yeuk Chow TSANG	-0,25
77	Marwan GHANEM - Sireen BARAKAT	0,30	170	Philippe SIMON	-0,27
78	Gabriel CHAGAS	0,30	171	Erikas VAINIKONIS	-0,28
79	Carlos PELLEGRINI	0,29	172	Jose Carlos HENRIQUES - Joao SA	-0,28
80	Arturo WASIK	0,28	173	Patrice TOULET	-0,29
81	Slawek ZAWISLAK - Boguslaw PAZUR	0,28	174	Alvydas SAULIS	-0,30
82	Tien-Hsun LIU	0,27	175	Nuha HATTAR-GHANEM - Ghassan GHANEM	-0,31
83	Leonid PODGUR - Avi KALISH	0,27	176	Chun Tat NG	-0,31
84	Bjorn EYSTEINSSON - Jon BALDURSSON	0,27	177	Krishnan RAJENDRA	-0,31
85	Oleksandr NEMTSEV - Gennadiy RYBNIKOV	0,25	178	Andris SMILGAJS	-0,32
86	Peter TRENKA - Peter BARCZY	0,25	179	Prafula SHAH - Ashwin SHAH	-0,32
87	Shukmeyer BORIS - Petro KARLIKOV	0,25	180	Roy BENNETT - David LIGGAT	-0,34
88	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Manolis PROTONOTARIOS	0,24	181	Jules LEOUTHAM - Alain COTTI	-0,35
89	Faycal HAMDAN	0,23	182	Sandra TOULET - Philippe GROSSET	-0,37
90	Gonzalo GODED MERINO	0,23	183	Rahim YASSER - Farrukh LIAQAT	-0,37
91	Fernando Alfredo LEMA	0,23	184	Wai-Lap CHIU - Chung-Man LEUNG	-0,39
92	Mauricio FIGUEIREDO	0,23	185	Gunther PURKARTHOFER	-0,41
93	Juhani LEIKOLA - Kauko KOISTINEN	0,22	186	Yasushi KOBAYASHI - Masaru YOSHIDA	-0,41

187	Ron KLINGER - Matthew MULLAMPHY	-0,41	219	Charly Didier Jean Jacques MAZET - Christian BLAIS	-0,77
188	Gian Mario GENEROSI - Ferrante PECCI	-0,41	220	Kyeom Soon LEE	-0,79
189	Artan XHORI	-0,42	221	Guy CAMBOURNAC - Chantal CAMBOURNAC	-0,83
190	Paolo PASQUINI - Perla SULTAN	-0,42	222	Jean-Pierre BRISON	-0,83
191	U Peng LAI	-0,44	223	Jung Bae JANG	-0,84
192	Diniar MINWALLA - Mushir AHMAD	-0,45	224	Derrick HENG - Dennis KOW	-0,88
193	Kalamazad MOHAMMED - Shamshad MOHAMED	-0,45	225	Rasim HAMZARAI	-0,89
194	Samir DOLAREVIC - Ranko TICA	-0,45	226	Mohamed HISCHMAT - Tarek NADIM	-0,90
195	Khondoker Mobinul ISLAM	-0,47	227	Zoraida DIEBOLD - Eduardo ROSEN	-0,97
196	Akm Rafiqul Hossain SIDDIQUE	-0,47	228	Ma. Guadalupe CESPEDES - Gonzalo HERRERA	-0,99
197	Enrico PAGANI - Dora MONTELONGO	-0,48	229	Angeles QUIJESON	-0,99
198	Sveinn Runar EIRIKSSON - Hrrannar ERLINGSSON	-0,49	230	Alejandro SANCHEZ - Beatriz MARANGUNIC	-1,08
199	Mohan SEEPERSAD - Bobby PERSAD	-0,50	231	Alvin FITZPATRICK - Joseph HOWARD	-1,10
200	Marko PERISIC - Nebojsa TODOROVIC	-0,51	232	Chen YEH	-1,12
201	Martin ANASTACIO	-0,53	233	Didier MEDAN	-1,12
202	Ceferino CARREON	-0,56	234	Said Mohamed BERRADA - Khalil BENSOUDA	-1,15
203	Hsi Chen HU	-0,56	235	Nurdin AJANIA - K.V. BHATT	-1,15
204	Calvin WONG - Hubert WHITE	-0,58	236	Arunas JANKAUSKAS - Gediminas POSKA	-1,15
205	Pik Kin LAU - Alan Shun Sum SZE	-0,58	237	Joseph Michael DIBBS - Karl LEE	-1,16
206	Vicente REYES	-0,61	238	Craig Cook HUTTON - Rachael Louise GOSLING	-1,19
207	Gerardo Enrique ZUMEL	-0,61	239	Pavel MOKRAN - Eva SUCHA	-1,20
208	Yves MONDON	-0,62	240	Vittorio GOLFARELLI DELLA MASSA - Enzo MONTANELLI	-1,24
209	Didier DROUET	-0,62	241	George DANIEL - Modisaotsile DIKGANG	-1,30
210	Qazi Habibul HUQ	-0,63	242	Pedro Paulo ASSUMPCAO	-1,33
211	Abdeltif BELKOUCH - Mohammed Saad BERNAT	-0,65	243	Kamal K SHAH - Rakesh SHARMA	-1,41
212	Stephan MAGNUSSON	-0,66	244	Neong Wook SEO	-1,42
213	Jung Jin CHOI	-0,66	245	Kostandin KAPO	-1,43
214	John MATHESON - Iain SIME	-0,67	246	Vjolca XHULI	-1,43
215	Olivier La SPADA	-0,68	247	Bok Hee LEE	-1,44
216	Tony J. SAUNDERS - John BURVILLE	-0,72	248	Armand XHULI	-1,60
217	Amiran KASRADZE - Gocha GOSHADZE	-0,73	249	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	-1,88
218	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Dominique PILON	-0,76	250	Gezim SHEQI	-2,24

WOMEN TEAMS FINAL BUTLER

1	Sabine AUKEN - Daniela von ARNIM	1,67	61	Miriam ROSENBERG	0,21
2	Nicola SMITH - Sally BROCK	1,53	62	Kathrine BERTHEAU-STENSRUD - Catarina MIDSKOG	0,21
3	Judi RADIN - Sylvia MOSS	1,31	63	Aaida ABU JABER	0,20
4	Nevena SENIOR-DELEVA - Heather DHONDY	1,22	64	Radmila DAVIDOVIC - Tamara NIKOLIC	0,18
5	Barbara HACKETT (STAWOWY) - Annaig JACQUEMARD	1,12	65	Jacqueline THOMPSON	0,18
6	Filiz Uygan ERDOGAN - Hatice OZGUR	1,09	66	Leda PAIN - Sylvia Figuei DE MELLO	0,18
7	Jet PASMAN - Anneke SIMONS	1,04	67	Maria GRONKVIST - Catharina FORSBERG	0,17
8	Yi Qian LIU - Wenfei WANG	0,94	68	Lily KHALIL	0,16
9	Victoria GROMOVA - Tatiana PONOMAREVA	0,93	69	Hor Yung Charmian KOO - Yi Pearl Pui CHAN	0,16
10	Narguis HUSEINALY	0,92	70	Samira TEBER - Rokia HAMAMSI	0,14
11	Bep VRIEND - Carla ARNOLDS	0,91	71	Paula LIMA - Ana TADEU	0,14
12	Tobi SOKOLOV - Janice SEAMON-MOLSON	0,90	72	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Malgorzata PASTERNAK	0,12
13	Ming SUN - Hongli WANG	0,88	73	Jill KULCHYCKY - Helen CARROLL	0,10
14	Regine WANHOI	0,88	74	Danielle MICHAUX	0,06
15	Lusje Olha BOJOH - Julita Grace TUEJE	0,83	75	Tone-Torkelsen SVENDSEN - Tonje BROGELAND-AASAND	0,06
16	Cecilia RIMSTEDT - Pia ANDERSSON	0,81	76	Saliva AYAD	0,05
17	Padma DARYANANI - Morella PACHECO	0,78	77	Maud KHOURY	0,05
18	Hulda AHONEN - Pia NURMI	0,74	78	Carol RICHARDSON - Eileen HORSMAN	0,05
19	Maria Marit RAHELT - Stense FARHOLT	0,74	79	Edite KLIDZEJA - Majja ROMANOVSKA	0,04
20	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Ingrid GROMANN	0,72	80	Khadija MARRAKCHI	0,03
21	Elisabeth HUGON - Sophie DAUVERGNE	0,70	81	Pamela NISBET - Karen CUMPTONE	0,03
22	Maria Eugenia HERNANDEZ - Maria PANADERO	0,69	82	Dilek YAVAS - Mine BABAC	0,02
23	Sheila ADAMSON - Anne MARTIN	0,67	83	Nadia BEKKOUICHE - Trine BINDERKRANTZ	0,02
24	Kismet FUNG - Susan CULHAM	0,66	84	Fatiha BENCHEMSI	0,02
25	Alexandra NIKITINA - Elena KHONICHEVA	0,66	85	Adriana YANEZ	0,02
26	Rosemarie A. UNSON	0,65	86	Ibolya NYARADI - Gabriella NYARADI	0,01
27	Sue BACKSTROM - Raija KOISTINEN-TUOMI	0,65	87	Judy OSIE - Peta BANDUCCI	0,01
28	Tina EGE - Bjorg HOUMOLLER	0,61	88	Nessrine HAMDY - Sophie SARWAT	0,00
29	Blandine De HEREDIA - Anne-Frederique LEVY	0,58	89	Elaouad WADIA	0,00
30	Kyoko SHIMAMURA	0,55	90	Myung Kee PARK - Lynryung HWANG	-0,01
31	Y De Morant Claudia POMARES - Vanessa TORIELLI	0,54	91	Florence DELEFLIE	-0,02
32	Gemma TAN	0,50	92	Akiko YANAGISAWA - Megumi TAKASAKI	-0,04
33	Orsolya HEGEDUS - Agnes ZALAI	0,47	93	Georgia MITSU - Polina VELAITOU	-0,04
34	Mizuko TAN	0,47	94	Marisa TAGLIAVIA - Maro DEVLETIAN	-0,04
35	Agota MANDELLOT - Heloisa NOGUEIRA	0,46	95	Gianna ARRIGONI - Gabriella OLIVIERI	-0,05
36	Grazyna BREWIAK - Anna SARNIAK	0,46	96	Angeliki POLITOU - Anastasia KOTRONAROU	-0,06
37	Carmen CAFRANGA-MARTORELL - Ana FRANCES DE VELASCO	0,46	97	Faith MAYER	-0,06
38	Gabriella MANARA - Caterina FERLAZZO	0,45	98	Abeda ALI	-0,07
39	Anne ROSEN - Catherine DRAPER	0,45	99	Consuelo VELHAGEN	-0,07
40	Setiatin AFRANI - X HAYATI	0,45	100	Maida GRANT - Sheila McDONALD	-0,07
41	Kazuko BANNO	0,43	101	Gail GRELL - Pamela MAPP	-0,08
42	Pascale THUILLEZ - Dominique JEANIN-NALTET	0,42	102	Ho-Yee SO - Lo-Mei CHANG	-0,08
43	Marianne HARDING - Ann Karin FUGLESTAD	0,42	103	Regine WANHOI	-0,10
44	Therese TULLY - Sue LUSK	0,40	104	Sherien RYAN	-0,10
45	Veronica GUY - Sam PUNCH	0,37	105	Ling-Li WU	-0,11
46	Choon Cheng SEET - Yiu Lin CHAN	0,37	106	Shui-Yi YANG	-0,12
47	Ze Ying LAM - Yoke Lan TAN	0,37	107	Kristine BREVIK - Solvi REMEN	-0,14
48	Jenny WILKINSON - Shirley NEWTON	0,35	108	Joan KENNY - Eimear JOYCE	-0,14
49	Carol VAN RENSBURG - Nicola PHILLIPS	0,34	109	Christine BOOTH - Mary-Ellen NEWTON	-0,14
50	Marina AMARAL - Giaca PONCIANI	0,32	110	Olga BYTSKEVICH - Victoria VOLINA	-0,15
51	Ewa KATER - Ewa KOZYRA	0,29	111	Jane CHOO - Greta CHAI	-0,15
52	Patricia CUMMINS	0,29	112	Subadra RAO	-0,15
53	Olga VOROBAYCHIKOVA - Svetlana CHUBAROVA	0,29	113	Ivy SMITH - Elisabeth RABICEW	-0,15
54	Claudia TINAJERO	0,28	114	Lakshmi CHARI	-0,15
55	Mildred BREED - Marinesa LETIZIA	0,28	115	Rubina AGHA	-0,17
56	Hana KREIDIEH	0,25	116	Katalin MEZEI - Szilvia CSIPKA	-0,18
57	Gu LING - Zhang YALAN	0,23	117	Satyavathi VASANTH	-0,20
58	Hiroko ONISHI	0,23	118	Anke WIJMA - Claudia van der SALM	-0,21
59	Elena SHOKHAN - Svetlana BODRENKOVA	0,22	119	Sniedze TALLAT-KELPSA - Ona CESHUNAITE	-0,22
60	Alexandra ROSADO - Isabel FERREIRA	0,22	120	Ines PIIBELEHT - Maarja ORAS	-0,22

121	Narguis HUSSEINALI	-0,22	158	Chuanpit DHAMASIRI - Supang MEKCHARAS	-0,54
122	Diana SMART - Felicity BEALE	-0,23	159	Zahia JUDEH	-0,55
123	Maha HAMADEH	-0,23	160	Gertrude BARKER - Jane SMITH	-0,56
124	Helen SNASHALL - Sally MURRAY-WHITE	-0,24	161	Silvia BOLDT - Maria Isabel BERNASCONI	-0,56
125	Pilar LEON - Marta ALMIRALL	-0,25	162	Najam ABID - Neelofer ASLAM	-0,58
126	Victoria EGAN	-0,26	163	Fera DAMAYANTI - Liem RIANANTINI	-0,59
127	Nele PETRYLIENE - Lina VRUBLIAUSKIENE	-0,26	164	Brigitte SIMONNET - Solange BRINGOLD	-0,60
128	Huda AL SAKET	-0,27	165	Dinaz DUBASH	-0,63
129	Nancy LIRA	-0,28	166	Roglyn HINDS	-0,67
130	Mais AL BITAR	-0,30	167	Noura KANNAN	-0,68
131	Kyunghae SUNG - Sooja KWON	-0,31	168	U. KANOKWATANAWAN - Pavinee SITTHICHAROENSAWAT	-0,70
132	Christiane THIRION	-0,31	169	Hyun IM - Sung Ae YANG	-0,74
133	Margarita ROSENBERG	-0,31	170	Natalija VEKSA - Liga BRIKMANE	-0,77
134	Pat HOWARD - Denise JOSA	-0,31	171	Kavita AHUJA	-0,78
135	Eleni TSIRIKOU - Sophie LAMBRINO	-0,32	172	Ana ROTH - Delia COSTA	-0,83
136	Chantal BISTOQUET	-0,34	173	Samia SHATILA	-0,86
137	Jeannie FITZGERALD - Ena CLEARY	-0,35	174	Carol COORE	-0,86
138	Janis BETINIS - Ildze STRAUME	-0,35	175	Gordana DIMITRIJEVIC - Sanja LAZIC	-0,88
139	Jennifer Ann GAUTSCHI - Peta Lynn BALDERSON	-0,36	176	Amina KANJI	-0,88
140	Belis ATALAY - Irem OZBAY	-0,37	177	Felicity MOORE	-0,89
141	Lisa DE MELLAC - Deborah FLETCHER	-0,39	178	Marguerite HOMSY	-0,90
142	Ana Maria De ALONSO	-0,40	179	Zaha MANGO	-0,93
143	Chin-Hsien SUNG	-0,40	180	Tassamon DARDARANANDA - Pimpraphai BISALPUTRA	-0,97
144	Jane LIIVAK - Triinu VIILUP	-0,42	181	Eha KORK - Liidia HEINLO	-1,00
145	Zeenat AZWER	-0,42	182	Carmencita CUUNJIENG	-1,06
146	Aleksandra DJORDJEVIC - Ana Zorana BRAJOVIC	-0,43	183	Margaret WAY - Jean JOHNSON	-1,11
147	Monica Angeleri DE BALDASSARRE	-0,44	184	Jenna GIBBONS - Christine GIBBONS	-1,15
148	Martine LACROIX - Pascale GAUDREAULT	-0,45	185	Azza QASHOU	-1,15
149	Bimal SICKA - Hema DEORA	-0,46	186	Zanieh JOUDEH	-1,19
150	May Abu GHARBIEH	-0,47	187	Jacqueline LAFON - Simone ROUVRAIS	-1,21
151	Anabella OLIVEIRA - Teresa KAY	-0,48	188	Marlene FULLFORD - Valerie May MARSHALL	-1,22
152	Nan COLLINS	-0,48	189	Elizabeth WILLIAMS	-1,25
153	Malak AL GHUSSAIN - Noura KANAAN	-0,48	190	Vimla VIRJEE - Shashi Dev Vrat RAMRAKHA	-1,25
154	Larisa KUZNETSOVA - Zoya BELIANKINA	-0,49	191	Hala ZABANEH	-1,27
155	Zaneta PISARSKIENE - Jurgita ROTOMSKIENE	-0,52	192	Sheena RAYNER - Magda ASHAK FARAG	-1,35
156	Jeanine MOERS	-0,53	193	Cynthia WHITE	-1,36
157	Jany GRENIÉ	-0,53	194	Manjula PATEL - Farida NANJI	-2,56

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1	Eddy M F MANOPPO - Henky LASUT	1,37	56	Bambang HARTONO - Munawar SAWIRUDDIN	-0,08
2	Ed ZALUSKI - Douglas FRASER	1,14	57	York LIAO	-0,09
3	Russ EKEBLAD - Matt GRANOVETTER	1,09	58	Major Surendra Kumar HOODA - Ashok VAIDYA	-0,13
4	Jacek ROMANSKI - Apolinary KOWALSKI	0,82	59	Parvez MIRZA	-0,16
5	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	0,79	60	Reiner MARSAL - Dirk SCHROEDER	-0,17
6	Sam LEV - Bill EISENBERG	0,78	61	Pedro MANDELOT - Sergio PEIXOTO	-0,17
7	Terry BROWN - Avi KANETKAR	0,76	62	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG	-0,19
8	Peter CZERNIEWSKI - Ross HARPER	0,69	63	Pinit TANSAKUL	-0,19
9	Giovanni MACI - Enrico LONGINOTTI	0,67	64	Amilcar MAGALHAES	-0,21
10	David LILLEY - Zoltan NAGY	0,65	65	Valerie BLOOM - Maureen HOLROYD	-0,23
11	Ramamurthy SRIDHARAN - Vinay Mohan LAL	0,62	66	Alan SCREEN	-0,23
12	Reese MILNER - Grant BAZE	0,58	67	Roger ANDERSSON - Jan-Olov ANDERSSON	-0,25
13	Paul LAVINGS - Robert KROCHMALIK	0,56	68	Steen MOLLER - Peter LUND	-0,28
14	Stefan KOWALCZYK - Jan SUCHARKIEWICZ	0,56	69	Mingming WANG	-0,28
15	Amr El ASKALANI - Marwan KHEDR	0,50	70	Massod MAZHAR	-0,29
16	Shikang LIU	0,50	71	James MURRAY - James JESSEP	-0,29
17	Edward LIN	0,48	72	Peeter LOND - Guido KOBOLT	-0,29
18	David PRICE - Colin SIMPSON	0,48	73	Rex ANDERSON - Pat McDEVITT	-0,30
19	Masayuki INO - Hiroya ABE	0,48	74	Seppo NIEMI - Markku KANERVA	-0,30
20	Ching-Yu CHANG	0,47	75	Tariq Rashid KHAN	-0,31
21	Mihaly KOVACS	0,44	76	Nikola BURATOVICH - Tribhovandas NARAN	-0,31
22	Guy LASSERRE - Serge ROUQUILLAUD	0,42	77	Mohamed SHAKER - Mohamed Yehia KHALIL	-0,31
23	Herbert KLUMPP - Karl-Heinz KAISER	0,40	78	Diana HARRIS	-0,32
24	Robyn FREEMAN-GREENE - Tony LENART	0,39	79	Johannes HULGAARD - Lida HULGAARD	-0,33
25	Moise PEREZ - Gaston MEJANE	0,38	80	Bjorn WENNEBERG - Gunnar ANDERSSON	-0,34
26	Hassan JAWAD	0,38	81	Kaj SUNDSTEN - Olli MANNI	-0,36
27	Wael WATTAR - Mohsen Mohamed KAMEL	0,37	82	Saonan KAM - Weili GU	-0,37
28	Yoshiyuki NAKAMURA - Makoto HIRATA	0,36	83	John BOWMAN - Bill BOWMAN	-0,38
29	Serge-Claude BERGHEIMER - Simon MAGNIS	0,35	84	Antoine DELCOURT - Pierre PICARD	-0,46
30	Ferdinand Robert WALUYAN - Denny SACUL	0,33	85	Philippe GILLIOCOQ - Philippe BONNET	-0,53
31	Miklos DUMBOVICH	0,30	86	Franco CAVIEZEL	-0,53
32	Chi-Cheung TSAI	0,30	87	Mario LUCCHESI	-0,55
33	Stephen BROWN - Jurek CZYZOWICZ	0,28	88	Jean-Claude PELLETIER - Jacqueline CASSIN	-0,55
34	Shien-Chu LIN	0,27	89	Gustavo DE MELLO	-0,55
35	Onno JANSSENS - Willem BOEGEM	0,26	90	Franco CEDOLIN	-0,59
36	Robert C LIU	0,25	91	Gianni BALBI	-0,60
37	Rashidul GHAZI	0,24	92	Andre DORSEUIL - Claude WANQUET	-0,60
38	Joao Carlos MULLER	0,22	93	Michael GIBSON - Janet WOODFIELD	-0,61
39	Vincent Hoi Yuen LI - Ashley LUNG	0,21	94	Wing Kong WONG	-0,61
40	Michael BERNSTEIN - Paul REYNOLDS	0,21	95	Yiu CHAN	-0,61
41	Akhtar ZAIDI	0,18	96	Paul GAGNE	-0,65
42	Alain KAPLAN - Faramarz BIGDELI	0,17	97	Phornchai VORASAYAN	-0,66
43	David JOHNSON - Jacques STAS	0,17	98	Ashok Kumar GOEL - Kamal MUKHERJEE	-0,68
44	Jaap TROUWBORST - Nico DOREMANS	0,12	99	Hp MODI - Chunilal Devshi SHAH	-0,69
45	Peter MAGYAR - Geza SZAPPANOS	0,12	100	Mary MOORE - Diana JONES	-0,70
46	Pat BARRY - David A JACKSON	0,07	101	Gaby MELIN - Jean-Marcel MEJEAN	-0,71
47	Gloria MENG	0,04	102	Supote YAISAWANG	-0,73
48	Leif TRAPP - Olle AXNE	0,03	103	Liam SHERIDAN	-0,73
49	Erwin OTVOSI	0,02	104	Tananchai TEKABUTR	-0,81
50	Christopher DIXON - Victor SILVERSTONE	0,01	105	Robert BLANC - Genevieve VIGNA	-0,82
51	Daniel CHANG	0,01	106	R CHANDRA - S CHANDRA	-0,83
52	Jaen LINNAMAGI - Jaak SIMM	0,01	107	Mauri SIRKIA - Kalervo ARO	-1,05
53	Roman KIERZNOWSKI - Ireneusz KOWALCZYK	0,00	108	Manthanee YAISAWANG	-1,16
54	Flemming DAHL - Georg NORRIS	-0,05	109	Chamngong WATHANAVAHA	-1,49
55	Ulrich KRATZ - Bernhard STRATER	-0,08	110	Muhammed SAFIRUDDIN - Bharat BHARDWAJ	-2,10