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Zia-Weinstein Lead Cavendish Pairs

Coming into the home stretch Zia Mahmood and Steve Weinstein, with a score of 2701, hold a nervous 177-IMP lead over yesterday's leaders Bob Hamman and Nick Nickell, who stand at 2524 IMPs. In third place are Fred Gitelman and Brad Moss with 2304 IMPs. While in previous years Zia and Stevie would now be enjoying the green fruits of their twoday labors, this year's changed format extends the event to a fifth session. Those atop the standings at the end of today's final session will be the winners of the 1998 Cavendish Invitational Pairs. The complete standings after four sessions can be found on page 2.



Left: Steve Weinstein's partner Right: Zia Mahmood's partner

Miller-Jabon Win WBP Pairs

Billy Miller and Joseph Jabon were victors yesterday in the three-session WBP Pairs. They scored an impressive 545 IMPs. In second place were Nell Cahn and Petra Hamman with a score of 476 IMPs. Third were Lea DuPont and Benito Garozzo with 433 IMPs, while fourth were Douglas Doub and Marty Fleisher with 293 IMPs. Other section-place money winners were Nell Cahn-Petra Hamman and Robert Morris-Michael Whitman. Our congratulations to all of the contestants.



Billy Miller, left, and Joe Jabon

Alert!: Early Starting Time Today

Starting time for today's final session of the Cavendish Pairs will be 12:15 pm . . . you too, Zia!

Food and Awards: Y'all Come

Everyone is invited to the Cocktal party and Award Ceremony immediately following today's final session of the Cavendish Pairs. The location will be announced during the bridge session. Come enjoy the food and celebrate the bridge achievements with us.

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Rank	Pair	IMPs	Rank	Pair	IMPs
1	Mahmood-S. Weinstein	2701.00	29	Johnson-Meckstroth	-157.23
2	Hamman-Nickell	2524.42	30	Graves-Mittelman	-168.42
3	Gitelman-B. Moss	2304.77	31	Greco-Hampson	-187.42
4	Garner-H. Weinstein	2118.77	32	Blanchard-Krekorian	-230.77
5	Chemla-Mari	1756.58	33	Glubok-Hallberg	-260.58
6	Pietri-DiMaio	1674.77	34	Lair-Schwartz	-404.58
7	Bates-Robison	1586.42	35	De Boer-Muller	-408.23
8	Boyd-Robinson	1520.77	36	Baze-Wold	-482.58
9	Berkowitz-L. Cohen	1326.23	37	Seamon-Tudor	-501.77
10	Chu-Gawrys	1210.58	38	Deutsch-Wolff	-514.88
11	Sontag-Weichsel	1104.77	39	Fallenius-M. Moss	-590.42
12	Kasle-Steiner	1001.58	40	Mahaffey-Soloway	-620.58
13	Ekeblad-Sutherlin	1000.23	41	Feldman-Polowan	-622.42
14	Bramley-Lazard	857.58	42	DeFalco-Burgay	-795.00
15	Martel-Rodwell	658.58	43	Silverstone-Waterlow	-805.58
16	Reisig-Schenkin	548.58	44	B. Cohen-Smith	-903.42
17	Wigoder-Wright	514.42	45	Robson-Shugart	-935.77
18	Compton-Onstott	508.42	46	Beatty-Wildavsky	-1119.58
19	Abecassis-Quantin	452.42	47	Casen-Pollack	-1234.42
20	Albert-Jacobus	411.42	48	Marston-Richman	-1264.42
21	Goren-Helgemo	345.23	49	Lungu-Sawin	-1349.58
22	Elinescu-Lev	296.23	50	Jacobs-Katz	-1457.42
23	Freed-Passell	256.23	51	Schulle-Sosler	-1663.58
24	Kaminski-Rosenbloom	179.58	52	Lilie-Zolotow	-1689.77
25	Van Cleeff-Jansma	67.58	53	Silverman-Woolsey	-1768.58
26	Letizia-Stewart	-11.23	54	Levin-Levitina	-1861.42
27	Courtney-Gill	-63.58	55	Chambers-Wei-Sender	-2249.58
28	Camberos-Lambardi	-86.23	56	Binsky-Clerkin	-2610.12

Cavendish Pairs: Standings After Four Sessions

Saturday Section Places: Money, Money, Money Third Session 1st: Silverstone-Waterlow; 2nd: Deutsch-Wolff; 3rd: Beatty-Wildavsky Fourth Session 1st: Pietri-DiMaio; 2nd: Chemla-Mari; 3rd: Hamman-S. Weinstein; 4th: Garner-H. Weinstein

Kudos and Thanks

The Bulletin editors and organizers of the Microsoft Internet Gaming Zone Cavendish Invitational Teams and Pairs wish to express their gratitude to those individuals who made this year's tournament not only a great success, but something really special. Their efforts went beyond the call of duty. Thanks for a super job.



- Lynn (and Bob) Blanchard, Bill Rosenbaum and Patty Magnus worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the day-to-day operations of the tournament run smoothly and efficiently.
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- Jesus Arias and Shira Jacobson did a wonderful job providing Vugraph results from the playing areas, typing up copy for the Daily Bulletins, and performing many other essential functions to make our job manageable.
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And love ♡ and kisses ﷺ to all of our moms on Mothers' day — We love you!

Computer "Poltergeist" Affair Solved

The Las Vegas Sheriff's Department, in a cooperative effort with X-File investigators, have concluded a massive investigation of the incident reported here yesterday in which it was suspected that a roving band of Nevadan Computer poltergeists entered and possessed the PC that was being used to produce the Daily Bulletins. An extensive search of national databases and hundreds of man hours of local police work culminated in an anonymous tip that those responsible were not poltergeists at all, but rather aliens disguised as poltergeists. Additional leads from local sources resulted in two of the members of the alien force being tracked down and cornered in a local casino, where they were caught infiltrating electronic equipment and absorbing quantitative data which, it has



been learned, is essential to their survival. A police photographer provided us with the picture (shown above) of the two aliens just moments before their capture by members of the investigatory force. As a result of the recent developments the suspected Dutch-based influence in the original affair has been ruled out.

Nobody listens to Zia

Charles Wigoder, keen to learn from "the master," asked Zia for a tip to improve his bidding. Zia's recommendations? If they overcall at the three-level over your notrump, use takeout doubles rather than play for penalties. Naturally in the seond round, along came this exhibit.

Bd: 4 Dlr: West Vul: Both	KJ9 KQJ1085 	
	K853	
876		AQ104
A9		76432
Q1074		KJ93
AQ106		
	532	
	A8652 J9742	

Lionel opened 1NT and the hapless North overcalled 3 . Did this mean a penalty of 800 went begging? Of course not! As the title suggests, nobody takes Zia's advice on anything, and Wigoder had ignored the well-intentioned sugestions, and thus could collect his rightful penalty.

Mind you at another table North overcalled 4 over a 1 opening bid. No one plays penalty doubles over that and 4 drifted quietly four down. It was not easy to stop in a making contract here. For instance, at another table North overcalled 1NT with 2 to show hearts. His partner judged to pass and that was another route to plus 400 for **Waterlow-Silverstone**.

One Zia Story Begets Another, Begets Another

After reading the story about Zia's sleeping through game time in yesterday's Bulletin Scotland's Sam Leckie came up to me to relate the following Zia story. This time, it's Zia who has the last laugh.

As I watched Zia-Weinstein forge into the lead after the first session with some magical play it occurred to me how Zia's card play and my life style complimented each other. Take this hand:

Bd: 1 Dlr: North Vul: None	n K	3743	
106			KJ2
Q53 KQJ96	52		742 10
5			AKJ1064
	-	9743	
	Α.	J86	
	Q	732	
West	North Weinste	East	South Zia
	Pass	1	2ia 1
Dbl	2 (1)	3	3
All Pass	onodo r		
(1) Good	spade ra	aise	

West led his singleton club and after taking two club tricks East switched to his singleton diamond, which Zia ruffed. He then led the Q, West ruffing with the 10 and dummy overruffing. The A was played and East threw a club, Zia a heart. Zia led a low spade from dummy and finessed the eight when East followed low, then ruffed a club with dummy's last trump. He later picked up the Q and claimed ten tricks. The play took about 30 seconds.

Compare this to the occasion when Zia was introduced to a priest, thusly: "This is Zia Mahmood. All he does is play bridge, golf and pursue beautiful women."

The priest shook his head sadly and asked him, "That's your whole life?"

"It's even worse than that," replied Zia. "I love every moment of it!"

That conversation took less than 30 seconds.

Meet Mister Grosvenor!

Geir Helgemo demonstrated the mechanics of the Grosvenor Coup to his Dutch opponents, **Wubbo de Boer** and **Baute Muller**. (For those who don't know, the Grosvenor Coup is a play, usually made by a defender, in which declarer is unnecessarily given the chance to gain one or more tricks, or sometimes even to make his contract, when there is a perfectly safe alternate play available to the defender, but where declarer can never work out that it is right to make the winning play. Thus, declarer ends up "kicking himself" for not taking advantage of the opportunity presented to him even though no rational player would ever make it.)

Bd: 4 Dlr: West Vul: Both	Q1097 J2 K94 K1097	
J643	AK2	85
AKQ95	104	8763
J	Q10852	A763
A83	Q62	J54

The Normal contract is 3, but Wubbo played in game, on the lead of the 10 to the K and a diamond shift. Wubbo took this and ruffed a diamond, then gave up a second spade. **Barry Goren** won the A and played a trump. Wubbo ruffed a spade, drew trumps, ruffed a spade and ruffed a diamond. This was the ending:

Vul: Both		
	K1097	
Q		
		7 J54
A82		J54
	Q Q63	

Wubbo now led a low club from hand, playing Helgemo to have king-queen fourth, when he would be legitimately endplayed. Helgemo took his K and returned the 7! Naturally De Boer went in with the J and went one down.

Welcome to the Grosvenor Hotel, Wubbo!

Odds and Ends From Day One

Yesterday I discussed the play on Board 12 in Session 1. Unfortunately, the play I discussed happened on Board 11 — not 12. I repeat the story here, this time with the proper hand.

Bd: 11 Dlr: South Vul: None J974 Q943 AKJ2 8	A53 9643 KQJ754 Q86 A10875 85 632	K102 KJ62 Q107 A109	
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The field generally played 4 here, but N/S could not find a way to double. The contract goes at least two down on normal defense, and no doubt most pairs felt it to be a missed opportunity. However at one table N/S caught their opponents — remarkably it was North who wielded the axe!

Andy Robson opened the North hand 3 in third seat when **Wildavsky** passed in second chair. Of course West reopened with a takeout double, allowing East to jump to 4 , but Robson doubled in the passout seat, and **Rita Shugart** was delighted to defend.

Declarer **Steve Beatty** at least had the advantage of knowing the full story. He won the club lead and led the J from hand. When it held the trick, he played a diamond to dummy and ran the J to Shugart's queen. Rita played

A and another heart, won in dummy. Now came a second spade. Robson took his ace to play a third spade. Declarer won the king, ruffed a club, and played the spade to pitch his last club. But Shugart could ruff and lead a club and still had a trump trick left for plus 300.

Still in Session 1, the traveler was littered with accidents in both directions on Board 4,

although 1 down one by West was the normal enough result.

Bd: 4 Dlr: West Vul: Both	AKQ54 A6 Q92 AQ5	
J10982 K873 AK53 	7 QJ1042	63 95 J1087 KJ1082
	64 97643	

On this hand silence was truly golden. The best N/S results come from where East dredged up a rather misguided 1NT response, and now E/W proceeded haltingly to 2 . **Brian Glubok** as North did not know if a double would have been penalty, so he passed it out. In fact, on a diamond lead declarer can always scramble six tricks, but Glubok-**Hallberg** collected plus 400.

By contrast, at a couple of tables North doubled 1 intending to rebid no-trumps. Where **Wright** and **Wigoder** were E/W they doubled 3NT, as did **Zia** playing with **Steve Weinstein**. Both Easts were truly overjoyed to hear South run to 4. They managed to double without blowing the roof off; Wright collected 800, Zia 500.

Bd: 12 Dlr: West Vul: N/S	AK1086 K105 Q8642	
9 J762 K973 KQ96	 QJ54 A984 AJ A103	732 Q3 105 J87542

Board 12 was a free example of toil and sweat producing very little result. When Zia opened 1 Steve Weinstein bid 3 as a game-forcing raise. Bob Blanchard doubled for the lead, 3 from from Krekorian. Steve Weinstein Zia. 7 produced a forcing pass and Zia eventually doubled rather than try 7 . The defense was perfect: a club lead and Krekorian was in dummy and had to try and set up a heart trick. He led a heart to the gueen and ace, and Weinstein played ace and a second trump. Now Krekorian won this in hand and ducked a heart. The ruff now sets up the hearts, but Zia had the answer. Two top spades forced dummy to ruff, declarer ruffed the hearts good, but when he led a diamond up Weinstein took the ace and cashed his spade winner for down 6, and plus 1400.

Since the normal result on the board was plus 1430 to N/S, this figured to pick up an IMP from the field, but naturally the odd pair tried the grand slam or got an inadequate penalty, so Zia finished picking up a handful of IMPs.

Bd: 18 Dlr: East Vul: N/S AK107	Q85 KQ86 AQ95 108	J64
94		J1073
J64		1083
AQ65		743
	932	
	A52	
	K72	
	KJ92	

I thought **Geoff Hampson** made a nice play to disguise his intentions on this deal. Having opened 1 with the South cards he was driven to 3NT after **Moss** had overcalled 1 with the West cards. **Greco** made a negative double, Hampson rebid 1NT and Greco raised him to game. Naturally Moss did not lead the suit he had bid. On the 9 lead Hampson took the king and played the 8 to the king and ace, and now Moss did not see the danger of the club suit. When he pressed with hearts declarer could win the Q, give up a club trick and claim nine tricks when he could eventually set up the Q.

Session 2

Bd: 4 Dlr: West Vul: Both	J98 75 AK1084 AK9	
A6542		Q107
9863		AQJ4
		Q973
J742		53
	K3	
	K102	
	J652	
	Q1086	

The field reached 3NT from the North seat, setting East an awkward lead problem. Two of the declarers who were lucky enough to receive a low diamond lead were **Van Cleeff** and **Mari**. Both saw West pitch a low heart and they won the trick cheaply.

Van Cleeff went for the presure line: he played four rounds of diamonds at once on which West (understandably) threw three hearts and a spade. When East shifted to the Q Van Cleeff covered, ran his minor-suit winners and threw West in with the fourth club to lead spades to dummy.

Mari played a low diamond at trick two. When East won the Q and shifted to hearts, Mari took the K and simply led a club to the nine and had nine winners.

Vul: N/S J76 AKQJ84 J10 A8763 Q4 KJ853 AQ10984 53 952 6 9542 A962 K2 1073
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Is that North hand a balanced 15-17? Most Norths who opened 1NT finished up in 3 after East had shown the majors. Paradoxically, after a 1 opening bid East bid 2 , West tried 2 , North rebid 3 , and South tried 3NT.

Clearly this can be beaten on a prosaic diamond lead, but West thought he knew enough about the hand to lead the J, and now the fall of the 10 gets you eight rather fortunate tricks.

Where **Robison** was declarer he did not even need that. On the J lead to the queen and ace and a diamond shift to the queen, West tried the Q. Robison ducked and could then set up a diamond for his ninth trick in comfort.

Chris Compton went one step better. He also reached 3NT on the same auction as described above and **Wayne Chu** doubled. On the lead of the J to the queen and ace **Gawrys** returned a diamond, and Chu ducked. This is the right play on opening lead, but here declarer had ten top tricks now (two spades, one heart, six clubs and one diamond) for plus 950.

Bd: 22 Dlr: East Vul: E/W A4 Q532	92 1094 J87 KQ862	KQ653 A76
A2		Q1094
A10754		3
	J1087	
	KJ8	
	K653 J9	

The last board of the session saw **Lionel Wright** and **Charles Wigoder** defend 3NT by **Jan Jansma** as West. Wigoder did well to lead a club into declarer's known suit. Wright won the

J and played back the 9 covered all around as dummy threw a heart. Wigoder now did excellently to play a spade. Jansma won in hand and, with very awkward entries, led a diamond to the ten. Back came the J, and Jansma ducked in this position (see top of next column):

 Q532 A A75	 1094 J8 K86 108 KJ8 653	KQ5 A7 Q104
	653 	

Wright shifted unerringly to the K, destroying the entries. Declarer has the rest in top tricks, but no way to negotiate to take them.

What Are These Two Women Smiling About?



Petra Hamman, left, and Nell Cahn

Maybe they're smiling because they just finished runners up in the WBP Pairs. Or maybe Petra's smiling because she's one up on hubby Bob at least for the moment. A prize to anyone who can tell us the real reason why Nell is smiling.

Huh? Oh, Nell says a prize to any **man** who knows why she's smiling, but a pat on the back and a "Jolly good show" for any woman.

Cavendish Pairs: Day Two

Bd: 5 Dlr: North Vul: N/S	A9753 AKQJ73 76	
KQ8 KQ7 109862		1064 AJ109 5
93	J2 865432 4 AK102	QJ854

Session 3

Rita Shugart made an excellent decision to reevaluate her hand on this deal, I thought. She and **Andy Robson** bid: 1 -1 ; 1 -2 ; 2 -3 ; 4 -P. Rita's 3 bid was based on confidence that her partner was very likely to have a heart void. In that case the AK would be pulling their full weight, and game would be unlikely to be worse than a trump split, even on a heart lead. (As the cards lie a heart led beats the hand if East does not ruff in when declarer sets up the diamonds.) **Abecassis** and **Quantin** were unlucky; they played 3NT without any opposition bidding — going down when diamonds did not split.

Bd: 13 Dlr: North Vul: Both	86 A105 AJ9742 A5	
Q5 Q62 Q10653		A9732 K9874
Q42	KJ104 J3 K8 KJ973	1086

The room played 3NT have — generally from the

North seat. (Sometime after a 15 - 17 notrump from North!) And in general East did get to show both majors.

Where **Abecassis**, North, played **Hamman** and **Nickell** the opening lead was a heart to the queen, and declarer won to play on diamonds. The good news / bad news allowed him to score three tricks in the suit, but no more, as he had no fast entries to dummy. He played a spade to the ten, but the defense won and cleared hearts for one down.

By contrast Steve Weinstein (and **Geir Helgemo** at his table) reached 3NT on the lead of the 9, ducked around to the ten (correct if the lead was from A987x). After three rounds of diamonds, both declarers led a spade to the king and the J around to the queen. They ducked a heart, won the next, and could now make 3NT in a choice of ways. Helgemo played A and a club to the jack. This lost to the queen, but West had to concede two diamond tricks in the ending. Weinstein cashed the A and exited with a low diamond, endplaying West for ten tricks.

But that was not the best score for N/S. **Robsen** opened the North hand 1NT, and when he showed long diamonds **Rita** raised him to 5, doubled by **Gaylor Kasle**. **George Steiner**, who had shown both majors, found the unfortunate lead of the A, then shifted to a club. Robsen put in the nine to force the queen. Robsen won his A, played a spade to the king, and played the J pitching a heart, as did Kasle. Now another spade ruffed in hand and a club to dummy saw this ending:

	 10 AJ974 		
Q10653 4		Irrelevant	
	J		
	K8		
	J97		
	791		

The J was played to pitch the last heart. Then the 8 was run, a club was ruffed in hand, and a diamond led to dummy to produce the trump coup for plus 950.

Bd: 15 Dlr: South Vul: N/S AKQ106	98 942 QJ4 KQ982	2
KQ108		AJ7
86		AK109752
54		103
	J7543	
	653	
	3 AJ76	

Which is the best game on the E/W cards? I believe 4 is clearly best (you can ruff a spade and draw trumps for ten easy tricks). Gitelman and Moss reached 4 after 1 -2; 2 -3; 3 -4.5 is poor. If the defense can work out to cash their clubs declarer will surely go down.

How good is 4 ? If the defense leads two rounds of clubs, what should they do next? If they play a red suit declarer can finesse trumps to hold his spade losers to one. **Fallenius** did shift to his singleton diamond at trick three. Declerer played trumps from the top. One down.

If the defense play a third club declarer can succeed if he reads the position, pitching a diamond from hand and ruffing in dummy. They cash three top spades to find the bad news. Now take three rounds of hearts to reach this ending:

	 QJ4 Q	
106		
8		
8		AK109
	J7	
	3	
	J	

West leads out the AK, and East does best to discard, but decalrer is in dummy for the trump coup.

Session 4

Most of the boards turned out to be undramatic. In fact, a series of partscore hands produced the most technical interest.

Bd: 10 Dlr: East Vul: Both	AJ63 542 74 Q953	
Q10954 7 A AJ10762		72 AK108 J98653 K
	K8 QJ963 KQ102 84	

Nick Nickell did very well as West to stop in 3 when Hamman opened the disgusting East hand. {South overcalled 1 and North doubled 2 to show values, which slowed E/W down.)

On the heart lead Nickell played a spade at trick two. South hopped up with the king and played a trump. Nickell could now win the K and cross to the A to play A and J and had

control to bring 3 home.

Note that South has a defense; unlikely as it may seem he can beat 3 by returning a spade at trick three. North wins the J and leads a low spade to promote the 9.

Round 7 featured a back-to-back pair of challenging spade contracts. On Board 13 (see hand diagram in next column) **Bates** opened 1 , **Howard Weinstein** bid 2 (I prefer this to a double) and **Robison** raised to 2H. When this came back to Weinstein he doubled, and **Garner** bid 2 , then 3 after Bates' 3 .

The defense led clubs and got an overruff, but it was with their trump trick, so nine tricks were easy. The defense can challenge declarer by leading two rounds of hearts at once. Declarer cannot draw trumps or arrange to ruff his third heart, but he can survive by playing a low club from dummy at trick three. Best defense is to shift to a diamond now. Declarer wins in dummy and plays second club. West takes this and plays a second diamond. Declarer wins in dummy and plays the K to pitch his third heart and finally has trump control for plus 140.

Bd: 13 Dlr: North Vul: Both	K10742 642 J63 J3	
J5	A63	Q98
853	J	AKQ1097
874	AKQ105	92
AQ1072	K854	96

Board 14 saw Weinstein as South declare 3 after Bates as East had shown club values and diamond support for Robison's weak 2 bid.

Bd: 14 DIr: East Vul: None 932 A85 KQ942 95	K105 KQJ2 73 A874 AJ86 109 A108 J632	Q74 7643 J65 KQ10
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Robison led a club, ducked to the queen, and a diamond to the queen then produced a second club back. Weinstein won and played a heart to the ten, which held the trick. A second heart went to Robison's ace. He played a second diamond and Weinstein won, ruffed a diamond in dummy, and cashed the good hearts to jettison his clubs. Robison ruffed for the defense's fourth trick, but in the ending dummy was down to K10 and two losing clubs with declarer having AJ86 left. Robison exited with a diamond and Weinstein ruffed in hand, led a spade to the king, ran the 10, and drew the last trump at trick thirteen with the A!