

Two surprise leaders in Open; Denmark, U.S. top Women's

Open Olympiad

New Zealand and Chinese Taipei are surprise leaders in Groups A and B respectively after eight matches in the Open Olympiad. However, neither is by any means running away from the field.

New Zealand holds a one-point margin over defending champion France. A whole batch of teams are in a virtual tie for third place, approximately half a match in arrears. In the group are Poland, Japan, Indonesia, South Africa and Spain. New Zealand scored victories over South Africa, Bangladesh and Liechtenstein. They also had a bye.

Chinese Taipei's lead is even smaller – only half a point over Italy. Three more surprise teams – Israel, Yugoslavia and Australia are slightly less than half a match behind. Great Britain, Turkey and Iceland also are close. Chinese Taipei won three matches – against Mexico, Estonia and Tunisia – and tied Great Britain.

Women's Olympiad

Sweden's perfect streak ended – after a 24-6 win over China and a blitz against Russia, they were defeated 24-6 by South Africa. That opened the way for Denmark to shoot into the lead, four points ahead of their Nordic rivals. The Danes had solid victories over the Philippines, Indonesia and Monaco. Hungary, Spain and the Netherlands all were about half a match behind.

Defending champion Austria fell on bad times, dropping all the way to sixth place. Meanwhile the United States had a big day to shoot into the lead by 5VP in Group B. Israel, also playing strongly, were in second place, followed by Canada. India and Italy rounded out the top five.

The Americans easily survived their crucial match against France, 24-6. They also vanquished Croatia and Colombia.

General observations

China's powerful Open team suffered a 24-6 upset at the hands of Croatia. And what about that Czech Republic team? After defeating Canada solidly on the opening day, they toppled Denmark, 18-12, yesterday.

In a battle of titans in the Open, Sweden trounced China, 24-6. It was a bad day for China – they were held to a tie by Morocco. Norway, one of the pre-tournament favorites, suffered a 17-13 defeat at the hands of Russia. Indonesia had its problems against Belgium, losing 20-10.

RANKING

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A			B		
1	NEW ZEALAND	168	1	CHINESE TAIPEI	169.5
2	FRANCE	167	2	ITALY	169
3	POLAND	156	3	ISRAEL	158.5
4	JAPAN	156	4	YUGOSLAVIA	158
5	INDONESIA	155.5	5	AUSTRALIA	158
6	SOUTH AFRICA	154	6	GREAT BRITAIN	154
7	SPAIN	154	7	TURKEY	153.5
8	CZECH REPUBLIC	146	8	ICELAND	153
9	BELGIUM	137.5	9	NORWAY	145
10	PAKISTAN	137	10	INDIA	145
11	GERMANY	134	11	RUSSIA	144
12	PHILIPPINES	132	12	MONACO	132
13	CHINA	130	13	USA	131
14	DENMARK	130	14	HUNGARY	128
15	ARGENTINA	126	15	FINLAND	128
16	CROATIA	125	16	PORTUGAL	127
17	LEBANON	124	17	HONG KONG	123
18	MOROCCO	120	18	BRAZIL	122
19	SWEDEN	117.9	19	LATVIA	121
20	AUSTRIA	116	20	EGYPT	117
21	CANADA	115	21	ESTONIA	116.5
22	SINGAPORE	115	22	SWITZERLAND	114
23	LITHUANIA	114	23	NETHERLANDS	113
24	LUXEMBOURG	111	24	VENEZUELA	112
25	BANGLADESH	110	25	GREECE	112
26	IRELAND	109	26	SLOVENIA	105.5
27	ROMANIA	105	27	MAURITIUS	95
28	UKRAINE	103	28	MEXICO	92
29	SAN MARINO	102	29	THAILAND	90.2
30	CHILE	90	30	GUADELOUPE	90
31	COLOMBIA	84	31	FRENCH POLYNES.	75.5
32	MALAYSIA	81	32	CYPRUS	66
33	BERMUDA	60	33	TUNISIA	64.5
34	LIECHTENSTEIN	55	34	BULGARIA	63.5
35	PALESTINE	23	35	JORDAN	61.2
			36	KENYA	51

Results

Round 5			Round 6			Round 7			Round 8		
AUSTRIA	SOUTH AFRICA	13 - 17 34/42	PHILIPPINES	BERMUDA	23 - 7 53/19	CHILE	COLOMBIA	13 - 17 34/45	LEBANON	ROMANIA	13 - 17 25/36
LEBANON	IRELAND	22 - 8 44/16	ROMANIA	SAN MARINO	12 - 18 16/29	SPAIN	MOROCCO	19 - 11 43/24	BERMUDA	DENMARK	7 - 23 11/47
COLOMBIA	LITHUANIA	6 - 24 21/61	BANGLADESH	PALESTINE	23 - 7 70/37	JAPAN	LITHUANIA	15 - 15 24/25	ARGENTINA	PAKISTAN	13 - 17 33/42
MOROCCO	CHINA	15 - 15 36/36	MALAYSIA	LUXEMBOURG	17 - 13 24/14	IRELAND	LIECHTENSTEIN	22 - 8 36/8	BANGLADESH	SOUTH AFRICA	9 - 21 15/40
BELGIUM	INDONESIA	20 - 10 40/17	GERMANY	ARGENTINA	11 - 19 19/35	INDONESIA	UKRAINE	25 - 4 65/15	SAN MARINO	CHINA	6 - 24 27/66
PAKISTAN	JAPAN	10 - 20 30/50	CANADA	BELGIUM	21 - 9 32/8	FRANCE	LEBANON	17 - 13 29/21	CANADA	COLOMBIA	12 - 18 24/37
DENMARK	LIECHTENSTEIN	25 - 1 80/10	SINGAPORE	SWEDEN	24 - 6 50/12	BELGIUM	AUSTRIA	24 - 6 47/8	SWEDEN	BELGIUM	9 - 21 29/55
SWEDEN	UKRAINE	9 - 21 28/53	SINGAPORE	DENMARK	17 - 13 50/41	CHINA	CROATIA	6 - 24 20/60	PALESTINE	INDONESIA	0 - 25 41/01
BERMUDA	FRANCE	0 - 25 10/87	POLAND	PAKISTAN	12 - 18 27/40	SOUTH AFRICA	NEW ZEALAND	13 - 17 21/29	MALAYSIA	IRELAND	2 - 25 8/67
ARGENTINA	CHILE	25 - 3 77/24	CROATIA	SOUTH AFRICA	5 - 25 21/67	PAKISTAN	SINGAPORE	14 - 16 33/39	GERMANY	LITHUANIA	18 - 12 39/25
LUXEMBOURG	CROATIA	19 - 11 42/23	CHILE	CHINA	12 - 18 19/33	DENMARK	CZECH REPUBLIC	12 - 18 24/39	PHILIPPINES	MOROCCO	7 - 24 21/53
NEW ZEALAND	BANGLADESH	25 - 5 48/5	FRANCE	COLOMBIA	25 - 4 54/4	SWEDEN	PHILIPPINES	23 - 7 52/20	CZECH REPUBLIC	AUSTRIA	6 - 24 31/71
POLAND	SAN MARINO	21 - 9 55/29	UKRAINE	LEBANON	8 - 22 17/47	GERMANY	BERMUDA	23 - 7 45/9	SINGAPORE	SPAIN	2 - 25 12/71
SINGAPORE	CANADA	12 - 18 51/64	LIECHTENSTEIN	INDONESIA	4 - 25 25/76	MALAYSIA	ARGENTINA	6 - 24 6/47	POLAND	JAPAN	18 - 12 43/29
CZECH REPUBLIC	ROMANIA	23 - 7 44/11	JAPAN	IRELAND	25 - 4 58/9	PALESTINE	LUXEMBOURG	4 - 25 14/61	NEW ZEALAND	LIECHTENSTEIN	25 - 2 75/12
PALESTINE	PHILIPPINES	3 - 25 31/84	LITHUANIA	SPAIN	15 - 15 28/30	ROMANIA	BANGLADESH	14 - 16 28/32	UKRAINE	CROATIA	14 - 16 28/33
GERMANY	MALAYSIA	25 - 5 62/17	AUSTRIA	MOROCCO	4 - 25 22/73	SAN MARINO	CANADA	6 - 24 0/40	CHILE	FRANCE	6 - 24 13/53
SPAIN	Bye	18	NEW ZEALAND	Bye	18	POLAND	Bye	18	LUXEMBOURG	Bye	18
JORDAN	GREAT BRITAIN	5 - 25 24/67	INDIA	THAILAND	16 - 14 39/36	ISRAEL	ICELAND	18 - 12 32/17	PORTUGAL	FRENCH POLYNES.	19 - 11 58/40
PORTUGAL	HONG KONG	17 - 13 42/33	FRENCH POLYNES.	TURKEY	16 - 14 29/25	YUGOSLAVIA	USA	20 - 10 39/16	THAILAND	AUSTRALIA	6 - 24 22/59
ICELAND	CYPRUS	25 - 5 75/30	ESTONIA	SWITZERLAND	13 - 17 33/41	LATVIA	CYPRUS	18 - 12 48/35	BRAZIL	MONACO	16 - 14 36/31
USA	GUADELOUPE	14 - 16 27/32	NORWAY	RUSSIA	13 - 17 41/49	HONG KONG	MEXICO	21 - 9 47/21	RUSSIA	TUNISIA	25 - 4 64/17
EGYPT	ITALY	13 - 17 26/36	KENYA	BRAZIL	3 - 25 5/58	ITALY	BULGARIA	25 - 4 59/11	ESTONIA	GREAT BRITAIN	17 - 13 40/29
YUGOSLAVIA	TUNISIA	22 - 8 58/27	SLOVENIA	EGYPT	22 - 8 71/42	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	13 - 17 27/38	TURKEY	GUADELOUPE	22 - 8 47/19
MONACO	LATVIA	7 - 23 28/61	HUNGARY	VENEZUELA	22 - 8 46/17	EGYPT	JORDAN	25 - 5 58/14	SLOVENIA	ICELAND	7 - 23 25/60
AUSTRALIA	MEXICO	11 - 19 32/49	MAURITIUS	AUSTRALIA	10 - 20 26/48	GUADELOUPE	GREECE	18 - 12 41/26	VENEZUELA	EGYPT	11 - 19 25/42
VENEZUELA	BULGARIA	22 - 8 57/26	FINLAND	MONACO	13 - 17 22/33	GREAT BRITAIN	CHINESE TAIPEI	15 - 15 33/31	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	8 - 22 13/42
THAILAND	NETHERLANDS	11 - 19 29/46	TUNISIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	4 - 25 17/68	TUNISIA	FINLAND	11 - 19 14/32	NORWAY	HONG KONG	17 - 13 33/24
BRAZIL	ISRAEL	11 - 19 31/49	GREECE	GREAT BRITAIN	6 - 24 10/50	MONACO	MAURITIUS	25 - 1 72/4	KENYA	CYPRUS	12 - 18 24/38
RUSSIA	GREECE	22 - 8 70/41	ISRAEL	GUADELOUPE	17 - 13 20/11	AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY	14 - 16 18/21	INDIA	USA	7 - 23 19/51
CHINESE TAIPEI	ESTONIA	23 - 7 42/8	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	9 - 21 19/43	VENEZUELA	INDIA	14 - 16 28/33	HUNGARY	JORDAN	18 - 12 34/22
FINLAND	TURKEY	7 - 23 24/56	BULGARIA	PORTUGAL	15 - 15 28/26	KENYA	THAILAND	14 - 16 42/45	MAURITIUS	YUGOSLAVIA	14 - 16 34/37
MAURITIUS	SLOVENIA	19 - 11 38/22	MEXICO	ITALY	8 - 22 16/45	NORWAY	BRAZIL	14 - 16 22/28	FINLAND	LATVIA	25 - 5 64/19
HUNGARY	FRENCH POLYNES.	8 - 22 30/60	LATVIA	HONG KONG	7 - 23 10/45	SWITZERLAND	RUSSIA	8 - 22 17/48	CHINESE TAIPEI	MEXICO	24 - 6 46/7
SWITZERLAND	INDIA	8 - 22 34/62	CYPRUS	YUGOSLAVIA	4 - 25 16/65	FRENCH POLYNES.	ESTONIA	9 - 21 25/49	BULGARIA	GREECE	15 - 15 30/29
KENYA	NORWAY	2 - 25 13/77	JORDAN	USA	4 - 25 19/66	TURKEY	SLOVENIA	13 - 17 32/43	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	16 - 14 39/34

Results

Round 3			Round 4			Round 5			LADIES 5			
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PAKISTAN	SPAIN	3 - 25 32/93	SWEDEN	RUSSIA	25 - 0 86/5	DENMARK	PHILIPPINES	25 - 4 71/12	1 DENMARK	109	1 USA	113
HONG KONG	VENEZUELA	6 - 24 24/67	MOROCCO	BRAZIL	10 - 20 37/63	SOUTH AFRICA	SWEDEN	24 - 6 87/44	2 SWEDEN	105	2 ISRAEL	108
CHINA	SWEDEN	6 - 24 33/77	NETHERLANDS	PHILIPPINES	25 - 3 65/2	HUNGARY	VENEZUELA	24 - 6 91/44	3 HUNGARY	93	3 CANADA	102
BRAZIL	HUNGARY	6 - 24 38/84	SAN MARINO	CHINA	9 - 21 20/51	SAN MARINO	GREECE	15 - 15 45/46	4 SPAIN	90	4 INDIA	96
MONACO	GERMANY	7 - 23 25/66	MEXICO	SPAIN	19 - 11 74/57	GREAT BRITAIN	CHINA	9 - 21 21/49	5 NETHERLANDS	90	5 ITALY	94
PHILIPPINES	MOROCCO	5 - 25 24/73	VENEZUELA	SOUTH AFRICA	3 - 25 9/71	BRAZIL	NEW ZEALAND	23 - 7 62/23	6 SOUTH AFRICA	88	6 AUSTRIA	87
INDONESIA	DENMARK	4 - 25 30/85	GERMANY	INDONESIA	17 - 13 52/40	SPAIN	GERMANY	16 - 14 39/33	7 GERMANY	85	7 FRANCE	81
RUSSIA	SAN MARINO	25 - 5 76/25	GREECE	GREAT BRITAIN	18 - 12 50/35	HONG KONG	PAKISTAN	11 - 19 28/46	8 RUSSIA	83	8 POLAND	81
MEXICO	NEW ZEALAND	12 - 18 51/67	DENMARK	MONACO	22 - 8 52/18	INDONESIA	MEXICO	16 - 14 34/26	9 NEW ZEALAND	81	9 FINLAND	77
NETHERLANDS	GREECE	16 - 14 43/36	HUNGARY	HONG KONG	25 - 2 89/22	RUSSIA	MOROCCO	25 - 5 78/30	10 CHINA	80	10 ARGENTINA	74
SOUTH AFRICA	GREAT BRITAIN	14 - 16 52/57	NEW ZEALAND	PAKISTAN	24 - 6 61/18	MONACO	NETHERLANDS	22 - 8 52/18	11 MEXICO	79	11 AUSTRALIA	73
JAPAN	COLOMBIA	25 - 5 85/32	MALAYSIA	INDIA	4 - 25 17/72	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	16 - 14 33/28	12 GREECE	79	12 TURKEY	72
ISRAEL	THAILAND	21 - 9 61/34	AUSTRIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	22 - 8 62/28	CANADA	MALAYSIA	23 - 7 71/30	13 BRAZIL	78	13 BELGIUM	71
ARGENTINA	MALAYSIA	18 - 12 44/31	JORDAN	ARGENTINA	5 - 25 10/61	BELGIUM	THAILAND	14 - 16 55/60	14 SAN MARINO	68	14 JORDAN	68
TURKEY	BELGIUM	17 - 13 60/48	JAMAICA	COLOMBIA	19 - 11 50/31	JORDAN	FINLAND	14 - 16 26/33	15 MOROCCO	67	15 CHINESE TAIPEI	62
FRANCE	USA	6 - 24 27/74	THAILAND	CANADA	9 - 21 19/46	AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	22 - 8 62/26	16 GREAT BRITAIN	65	16 JAPAN	60
CROATIA	POLAND	1 - 25 10/89	USA	CROATIA	19 - 11 62/41	TURKEY	ITALY	8 - 22 27/59	17 MONACO	56	17 JAMAICA	59
INDIA	JORDAN	22 - 8 57/23	FINLAND	AUSTRALIA	15 - 15 31/29	COLOMBIA	USA	0 - 25 21/104	18 INDONESIA	55	18 THAILAND	56
JAMAICA	ITALY	10 - 20 31/55	POLAND	FRANCE	15 - 15 28/30	ISRAEL	JAPAN	25 - 1 97/22	19 PAKISTAN	52	19 CROATIA	53
AUSTRIA	FINLAND	17 - 13 54/42	BELGIUM	ISRAEL	10 - 20 37/59	CROATIA	JAMAICA	18 - 12 65/49	20 VENEZUELA	50	20 COLOMBIA	43
CANADA	AUSTRALIA	17 - 13 53/42	ITALY	JAPAN	21 - 9 55/24	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	25 - 2 95/29	21 PHILIPPINES	41	21 MALAYSIA	37
CHINESE TAIPEI	Bye	18	TURKEY	Bye	18	INDIA	Bye	18	22 HONG KONG	33		

O P E N**Round - 9 11.00**

COLOMBIA	1	SINGAPORE
LIECHTENSTEIN	2	SPAIN
AUSTRIA	3	UKRAINE
MOROCCO	4	FRANCE
LITHUANIA	5	CHILE
CROATIA	6	IRELAND
INDONESIA	7	NEW ZEALAND
POLAND	8	LEBANON
BELGIUM	9	JAPAN
CHINA	10	CZECH REPUBLIC
SOUTH AFRICA	11	PHILIPPINES
PAKISTAN	12	MALAYSIA
DENMARK	13	PALESTINE
ROMANIA	14	SWEDEN
CANADA	15	BERMUDA
ARGENTINA	16	SAN MARINO
LUXEMBOURG	17	BANGLADESH
GERMANY	18	Bye

ICELAND	19	MAURITIUS
MEXICO	20	YUGOSLAVIA
JORDAN	21	BULGARIA
USA	22	NETHERLANDS
CYPRUS	23	ISRAEL
GREECE	24	HONG KONG
ITALY	25	CHINESE TAIPEI
FINLAND	26	PORTUGAL
EGYPT	27	LATVIA
GUADELOUPE	28	HUNGARY
GREAT BRITAIN	29	INDIA
TUNISIA	30	KENYA
MONACO	31	NORWAY
AUSTRALIA	32	SWITZERLAND
FRENCH POLYNES.	33	VENEZUELA
SLOVENIA	34	THAILAND
BRAZIL	35	TURKEY
RUSSIA	36	ESTONIA

Round - 11 17.00

IRELAND	1	PHILIPPINES
ARGENTINA	2	SWEDEN
DENMARK	3	LUXEMBOURG
PAKISTAN	4	BANGLADESH
CANADA	5	SOUTH AFRICA
CHINA	6	ROMANIA
PALESTINE	7	COLOMBIA
LEBANON	8	MALAYSIA
GERMANY	9	INDONESIA
BELGIUM	10	BERMUDA
CZECH REPUBLIC	11	LITHUANIA
SINGAPORE	12	MOROCCO
AUSTRIA	13	POLAND
SPAIN	14	NEW ZEALAND
CROATIA	15	JAPAN
LIECHTENSTEIN	16	CHILE
UKRAINE	17	FRANCE
SAN MARINO	18	Bye

HONG KONG	19	INDIA
BRAZIL	20	VENEZUELA
AUSTRALIA	21	RUSSIA
MONACO	22	ESTONIA
TURKEY	23	TUNISIA
SLOVENIA	24	GREAT BRITAIN
GUADELOUPE	25	FRENCH POLYNES
SWITZERLAND	26	ICELAND
PORTUGAL	27	NORWAY
KENYA	28	ITALY
EGYPT	29	THAILAND
HUNGARY	30	CYPRUS
MAURITIUS	31	USA
JORDAN	32	FINLAND
YUGOSLAVIA	33	CHINESE TAIPEI
GREECE	34	LATVIA
MEXICO	35	ISRAEL
BULGARIA	36	NETHERLANDS

Round - 10 14.00

IRELAND	1	PALESTINE
FRANCE	2	CROATIA
NEW ZEALAND	3	UKRAINE
LIECHTENSTEIN	4	POLAND
JAPAN	5	SINGAPORE
SPAIN	6	CZECH REPUBLIC
PHILIPPINES	7	AUSTRIA
GERMANY	8	MOROCCO
MALAYSIA	9	LITHUANIA
CHILE	10	BELGIUM
INDONESIA	11	ROMANIA
CANADA	12	LEBANON
SAN MARINO	13	COLOMBIA
BANGLADESH	14	CHINA
SOUTH AFRICA	15	LUXEMBOURG
BERMUDA	16	PAKISTAN
SWEDEN	17	DENMARK
ARGENTINA	18	Bye

HONG KONG	19	SWITZERLAND
NETHERLANDS	20	GREECE
CHINESE TAIPEI	21	BULGARIA
MEXICO	22	FINLAND
LATVIA	23	MAURITIUS
YUGOSLAVIA	24	HUNGARY
INDIA	25	JORDAN
KENYA	26	USA
NORWAY	27	CYPRUS
ISRAEL	28	EGYPT
ITALY	29	FRENCH POLYNES.
SLOVENIA	30	PORTUGAL
TURKEY	31	ICELAND
ESTONIA	32	GUADELOUPE
GREAT BRITAIN	33	RUSSIA
TUNISIA	34	BRAZIL
THAILAND	35	MONACO
VENEZUELA	36	AUSTRALIA

Round - 12 21.30

ROMANIA	1	MALAYSIA
GERMANY	2	CANADA
PHILIPPINES	3	SAN MARINO
BANGLADESH	4	CZECH REPUBLIC
LUXEMBOURG	5	SINGAPORE
POLAND	6	ARGENTINA
BERMUDA	7	NEW ZEALAND
CROATIA	8	SWEDEN
CHILE	9	DENMARK
FRANCE	10	PAKISTAN
PALESTINE	11	BELGIUM
SOUTH AFRICA	12	LIECHTENSTEIN
JAPAN	13	CHINA
COLOMBIA	14	SPAIN
LEBANON	15	AUSTRIA
MOROCCO	16	INDONESIA
LITHUANIA	17	IRELAND
UKRAINE	18	Bye

BULGARIA	19	TUNISIA
FRENCH POLYNES.	20	NORWAY
KENYA	21	SLOVENIA
INDIA	22	TURKEY
ESTONIA	23	HUNGARY
RUSSIA	24	MAURITIUS
FINLAND	25	BRAZIL
THAILAND	26	CHINESE TAIPEI
GREECE	27	VENEZUELA
ISRAEL	28	AUSTRALIA
NETHERLANDS	29	MONACO
SWITZERLAND	30	EGYPT
GREAT BRITAIN	31	MEXICO
LATVIA	32	GUADELOUPE
ICELAND	33	YUGOSLAVIA
PORTUGAL	34	JORDAN
USA	35	ITALY
CYPRUS	36	HONG KONG

LADIES**Round - 6 11.30**

SWEDEN	51	MONACO
NEW ZEALAND	52	SAN MARINO
RUSSIA	53	BRAZIL
GREAT BRITAIN	54	HONG KONG
INDONESIA	55	VENEZUELA
CHINA	56	PAKISTAN
PHILIPPINES	57	SPAIN
MOROCCO	58	NETHERLANDS
GERMANY	59	DENMARK
GREECE	60	SOUTH AFRICA
MEXICO	61	HUNGARY

MALAYSIA	62	FRANCE
ITALY	63	JORDAN
INDIA	64	TURKEY
AUSTRALIA	65	ISRAEL
CROATIA	66	THAILAND
ARGENTINA	67	JAPAN
CHINESE TAIPEI	68	COLOMBIA
USA	69	POLAND
FINLAND	70	CANADA
JAMAICA	71	BELGIUM
AUSTRIA	72	Bye

Round - 7 15.30

VENEZUELA	51	PHILIPPINES
MONACO	52	GREAT BRITAIN
GREECE	53	SWEDEN
PAKISTAN	54	MOROCCO
GERMANY	55	BRAZIL
SAN MARINO	56	MEXICO
NETHERLANDS	57	CHINA
SOUTH AFRICA	58	HUNGARY
SPAIN	59	INDONESIA
HONG KONG	60	NEW ZEALAND
DENMARK	61	RUSSIA

THAILAND	62	CHINESE TAIPEI
FRANCE	63	AUSTRALIA
FINLAND	64	MALAYSIA
USA	65	TURKEY
JORDAN	66	JAMAICA
AUSTRIA	67	ARGENTINA
CANADA	68	BELGIUM
COLOMBIA	69	CROATIA
ISRAEL	70	ITALY
POLAND	71	INDIA
JAPAN	72	Bye

Round - 8 20.30

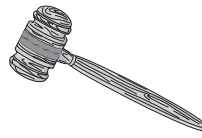
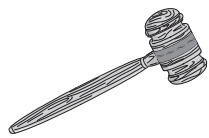
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MEXICO	52	PAKISTAN
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GREAT BRITAIN	56	DENMARK
BRAZIL	57	VENEZUELA
CHINA	58	HUNGARY
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ITALY	62	INDIA
JAMAICA	63	JAPAN
ISRAEL	64	JORDAN
AUSTRIA	65	CANADA
COLOMBIA	66	MALAYSIA
AUSTRALIA	67	POLAND
TURKEY	68	THAILAND
ARGENTINA	69	BELGIUM
CHINESE TAIPEI	70	USA
CROATIA	71	FINLAND
FRANCE	72	Bye

APPEAL

CASE ONE

By Rich Colker



Olympiad Open Teams, Round Three; Argentina versus Croatia

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

⁽¹⁾ After a hesitation

Facts: 6♥ by East made six, plus 1430 for E/W. North called the Director to the table at the end of the play and explained that there had been a break in tempo before East's 4♥ bid. He questioned West's 5♥ bid in light of this. All four players agreed to the break in tempo. E/W were playing a Standard American system. West stated that he intended 5♥ to ask for good trumps and a club control, while East said that 5♥ asked only for good trumps. West said his 1♠ bid was a tactical bid and that 3♥ was game forcing. E/W both agreed that 4♦ was a cuebid, and denied club control. West also stated that he thought 5♥ was a safe bid because it would be impossible to go down at the five-level. The Directors ruled that due to the unauthorized information from East's hesitation, pass by West was a log-

ical alternative to 5♥. The contract was therefore changed to 4♥ by East made six for both pairs, and the score adjusted to plus 680 for E/W.

The Appeal: At the hearing E/W repeated their statements made to the Director at the table. West added that he thought that an immediate raise to 2♥ at his second turn would have been an underbid, while 3♥ would have shown 17+ points. He therefore chose 1♠ as a tactical bid to show where his points were, and intended to follow that up with a jump raise in hearts later to show strong support. When East jumped in hearts West cuebid 4♦ in an effort to "catch up," and then invited with 5♥ which, he thought, was safe since it would require an unlikely East holding to be at risk at the five-level. When asked by the committee what minimum suit quality East needed for his jump to 3♥, E/W stated that ♥KQxxxx would be adequate.

The Committee's Decision: The committee first decided that East's hesitation could have suggested that he held a club control and was interested in bidding on, thereby making West's 5♥ bid more attractive. Further, it was decided that East could easily have held a good hand consistent with E/W's testimony which would have made 5♥ either risky or given it no play (♠ QJx ♥ KQxxxx ♦ KQ ♣ Qx, for example). In addition, West had already indicated his interest in going beyond game with his 4♦ cuebid, and most importantly was under a special ethical obligation to bend over backwards not to take advantage of his partner's hesitation. The contract was therefore changed to 4♥ made six, plus 680 for both pairs, as the Directors originally ruled. Finally, E/W were educated about their ethical responsibilities when there is unauthorized information. While the committee would have retained the E/W deposit had the team been more experienced in international competition, in the present case the deposit was returned in favor of simply educating the E/W pair.

Committee: Richard Colker, chairman; Steen Moeller, Denmark; Ron Andersen, USA; Mazhar Jafri, Pakistan, and Dan Morse, USA.

Good bidding, Bad Luck

By Herman De Wael

You have rescheduled your competition match a week in advance in order to come to Rhodes and you are trailing by 52 IMPs at halftime. On board 17, as South, you pick up ♠10 9 8 6 2 - ♥A K - ♦A Q 8 - ♣K 9 6.

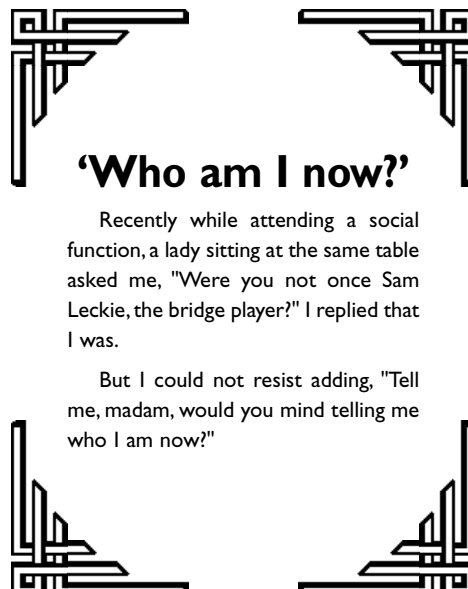
Partner opens 1♠ and you will now no doubt bid out your hand to find out what he has. He shows a diamond singleton, control in clubs, and three out of 5 aces. When you ask for the queen of trumps, you get even better news: he does NOT have it.

Convinced that he must now have one of the other queens, you bid seven.

He holds: ♠A K J 5 4 3 - ♥Q 9 - ♦4 - ♣A 7 5 4.

Another 13 IMPs down the drain...

(by the way, we managed to keep the second half at a 63-63 draw)





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VUGRAPH
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11.00 hrs
Indonesia v New Zealand

14.00 hrs
Sweden v Denmark

17.00 hrs
Yugoslavia v Chinese Taipei

21.30 hrs
Japan v China



All matches in the Open series



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Tommy Sandsmark, President

Great Britain v Germany

Women's Series (Round 2)

By Tony Gordon & Mark Horton

World champions Germany and perennial Olympiad medal winners Great Britain had an early meeting in Group A of the Women's event. Both teams were hoping to improve on their first-round performances and a close match was in prospect.

The match got off to a slow start and after seven boards the score was 1-1. However, Pony Nehmert took a phantom save on board 28 and Great Britain went ahead by 9 IMPs. More was to come on the next board:

Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Smith	Nehmert	Davies
	1♣	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After Nehmert's decision to overcall INT, Andrea Rauscheid transferred to hearts. At this point, Nicola Smith suddenly noticed that her apparent seven-card club suit actually contained two ♣6! The director was called and asked Nicola if she had 13 cards. "Yes indeed," she replied, "but two of them are the same!" This anomaly was soon sorted out and the bidding continued to 4♥. However, this contract had four losers and Nehmert was left regretting that she had not passed 3NT. +100 to Great Britain.

Although Nicola Smith had not needed her extra club, in the Closed Room, Sabine Auken found herself sorely in need of reinforcements in that suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Auken	McGowan	von Arnim
	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Liz McGowan was naturally delighted to pass Heather Dhondy's takeout double of the Precision 2♣ opening, but Daniela von Arnim should probably have taken evasive action: 2♠ seems preferable to a redouble and would probably be a make. As it was, Auken was three down for +800 and 14 IMPs to Great Britain.

Nehmert/Rauscheid quickly bid to 4♠ on the next board, but both Rauscheid and Smith found themselves trying to win trick two with the ♣A! The same director was called and he began with the same question as on the previous board. "I've still got 13 cards," said Nicola, "but now one of them is the same as an opponent's card!" There was no quick solution this time and the board had to be redealt. There was no swing, so Great Britain stayed ahead by 23 IMPs.

By Board 34 the lead was up to 25 IMPs, but thereafter all the swings went Germany's way.

Board 34. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A Q J 9 6 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ J 10</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K 7 5 2 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ 8 6 3 2</p>
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In the Closed Room, the auction began 1♠ - Dbl - 3♣. Auken naturally doubled again as North and von Arnim naturally bid 4♥ and made 10 tricks when clubs behaved kindly. In the Open Room, the auction began 1♠ - Dbl - 2♣. Smith naturally doubled again as North and Davies naturally bid 3♥; however, Smith did not bid on and Germany had recovered 10 IMPs.

Perhaps this hand was preying on Smith's mind because she misjudged the play in 3NT on the next hand whereas a friendlier lead caused Germany no problems in the Closed Room. 10 more IMPs to Germany reduced the gap to 5 IMPs and they took the lead two boards later.

Board 37. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Smith	Nehmert	Davies
	1♥	Pass	3♥
4♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Auken	McGowan	von Arnim
	1♣	1♦	Pass
2♣	2♥	3♣	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Smith found herself with an unsuitable dummy and was soon one down in her 5♥ contract.

In the Closed Room, Auken/von Arnim had no problem making the winning decision over 5♣, but would doubtless have found life more difficult if Dhondy had bid more aggressively on the first round. A spade lead quickly led to two down and 9

IMPs to Germany.

Germany gained a further 3 IMPs on board 38, but then both teams missed a chance for a major swing on the next board.

Board 39. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Smith	Nehmert	Davies
			2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Multi

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Auken	McGowan	von Arnim
			2♥ ⁽¹⁾
2NT	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Weak in spades or hearts and a minor

⁽²⁾ Asking for a 5-card major

If the Wests had bid 4♣ instead of 4♥, the slam might have been reached, but as it was the board was flat and Germany led by 7 IMPs with one board remaining.

One IMP to Germany on the last board gave them victory by 37-29 IMPs, 16-14 VPs, and left both teams still in the middle of the rankings.



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Daniela von Arnim, Germany

Iceland v United States

Open Series (Round 3)

Iceland, Bermuda Bowl winner in 1991, got off to a fast start against the United States, Bermuda Bowl winner last year. The match was on vugraph, and the first board in play was 15.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

<p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ K 8 4 3 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ K 10 8</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ 8 3 ♥ A 10 9 6 2 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ J 7 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Garner	Baldursson	Oest	Thorbjornsson
			2♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

- ⁽¹⁾ Spade-club two-suiter, weak
⁽²⁾ Invitational raise of spades

Iceland was in game even though they were a bit shy of HCP. Garner led a heart to Oest's ace, and the defense quickly cashed a second heart. Garner switched to a diamond, but Thorbjornsson made the right guess – he put in the queen. After considerable thought, he passed the trump jack, losing to the queen. Garner continued with a trump, and declarer drew a third round.

Next came a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff – the suit fell. And when the club finesse also worked, Thorbjornsson had his game. That was worth 11 IMPs because the American declarer was beaten a trick in THREE spades.

Two hands later Iceland added another 11 IMPs by finding the right strain and the right level.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Arnarson	Caravelli	Jonsson	Cohler
	Pass	1♦	2♣
3♣	3♣	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Exactly the right spot. The heart finesse lost, but that was the only trick for the defense after the opening lead of the ♠A. But the picture was alto-

gether different in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
Garner	Baldursson	Oest	Thorbjornsson
	Pass	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Dbl	3♥	Dbl	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Multi

Oest decided to pass with the East hand, so Thorbjornsson was able to open with a Multi. As a result, the Americans never found their diamond fit, and indeed they ended in a shaky contract despite the wealth of high cards. However, Garner managed to maintain control and make his game – but it was still a big loss.

The next six boards were Dullsville, but the match became rejuvenated on Board 8.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Both teams wound up in 3NT. In the Closed Room, the opening lead was a spade, so the American E/W were able to take three spades plus two aces to inflict a one-trick set. But in the Open Room, Baldursson got a heart opening lead. He won the king and immediately led the ♠K. Garner, after some thought, took this and led the ♦A, hoping to get a positive signal from partner to he could lead to the king and get a heart through declarer. But that isn't the way it was – Baldursson quickly wrapped up 10 tricks for a 10-IMP gain.

The Americans got all this and more back on the very next deal.

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Garner	Baldursson	Oest	Thorbjornsson
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The 6♣ response to Blacwood showed a key card and a void. Even the 4-0 trump split wasn't enough to hurt this contract. Oest won the spade opening lead with the ace and cashed the trump king. When North showed out, he led a second trump, but South tried to catch him napping by playing the queen. Oest took his ace and returned to his hand with a spade. He carefully cashed a high club for a diamond pitch before returning to hearts.

Making the slam was worth 13 IMPs because this is how the bidding went at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Arnarson	Caravelli	Jonsson	Cohler
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	All Pass

On the next board, both Wests were doubled when they opened 4♥ in third seat. Iceland gained 5 IMPs by scoring an overtrick when Caravelli underled a spade to try to get a club ruff. And on Board 12 both East/Wests got to a good-looking slam that was beaten two tricks at each table when both spades, the trump suit, and diamonds, the key side suit, each broke 4-1.

The Americans made a good gain on Board 13 when they arrived at an ambitious game and made it.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

In the Closed Room, Cohler preempted 3♣ in third seat, doubled by Arnarson. Jonsson bid 3♠ and played it there, making exactly. This was the bidding in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Garner	Baldursson	Oest	Thorbjornsson
	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Either diamonds or the majors – weak hand

North led a heart, and Garner was in good shape. He won the king with the ace and immediately set up a second heart trick. North won and led a club, but all Garner had to do was set up a spade for his ninth trick and 10 IMPs.

But that wasn't enough – Iceland scored an 18-12 victory.

Italy v Egypt

Open Series (Round 5)

The vugraph match featured Brazil and Israel, while elsewhere the European champions (and many people's favourites for this championship), Italy faced Egypt.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Both pairs in Italy v Egypt bid competently to the slam, making by pitching a club on the ♥K and taking the ruffing finesse against the ♣Q.

Closed Room

West	East
El Masry	El Yasky
1♣	1♠
INT	2♣
3♣	4♦
5♣	6♣
Pass	

Open Room

West	East
Lanzarotti	Buratti
INT	2♥
2♣	3♣
3NT	4♦
4♥	4NT
5♦	6♣
Pass	

El Masry showed 12-14 balanced then a maximum with three spades and happily co-operated when El Yasky cuebid. Lanzarotti showed 13-15 balanced and was not prepared to co-operate immediately over the forcing 3♣ bid but then he too cuebid when Buratti showed a real slam try and Buratti took control.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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

At most tables, West opened 1♣ and North played 3NT. For Egypt, Hassan El Yasky led his own suit, diamonds, and Lorenzo Lauria had no problem in making ten tricks, giving up a heart to create the

extra dummy entry to pick up the spades.

Where East obediently led his club, things were a little more difficult. Ophir Herbst (Israel) led a club against Gabriel Chagas. Chagas ducked but won the second club and played a diamond to the ace then ran the ♥Q. Had West covered, the suit could have been picked up without loss, of course. Now Chagas played the ♠J, which was covered, solving his problems. But even if the spade is not covered, declarer can repeat the finesse and cash the ♦K to squeeze West then endplay him. After the cover, the squeeze and endplay resulted in an over-trick; 11 IMPs to Brazil as Israel scored +120 in the other room.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A 2 ♥ A Q J 7 3 2 ♦ K 7 6 4 ♣ 7</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K 4 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ A J 10 9 8 ♣ 10 6 3</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 3 ♥ - ♦ 3 2 ♣ A K J 9</p> <p>♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 8 6 5 ♦ Q 5 ♣ Q 8 5 4 2</p>
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W E					
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For Italy, Buratti did not open as dealer. Lanzarotti opened 1♥ and El Kordy overcalled 4♣. Buratti doubled to show values and Lanzarotti bid his diamonds. Buratti went back to 5♥ and that made twelve tricks when declarer played the diamonds in the obvious way.

El Yasky did open the East hand, 1♦, and El Masry responded 1♥. Lauria also bid 4♣ and after two passes El Masry tried 5♦. Lauria, with a heart void and an ace, king, doubled that, ending the auction. Had Versace found the inspiration to lead a heart, a club underlead would have given him the entry to give a second ruff for a sweaty one down, but he didn't have long enough hearts to imagine that that was what was needed. He led a spade and a few moments later El Yasky was chalking up two over-tricks and +1150; 10 IMPs to Egypt.

This board produced all sorts of swings around the room, including the most spectacular of the tournament so far in Russia v Greece. The Russians defended 6NT doubled for +1100 in one room and played 6♥ redoubled for +2070 in the other - a small matter of 22 IMPs!

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ Q 8 7 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ A 10 6 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A J 10 ♥ K Q 9 8 7 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ K 6 4 ♥ J 10 6 4 3 ♦ 10 7 4 2 ♣ 5</p> <p>♠ 9 5 ♥ A ♦ K Q 3 ♣ K Q J 9 8 7 4</p>
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Egypt were unlucky to gain only 3 IMPs on this deal when El Kordy- Salib outbid Lauria-Versace.

Versace started with a 2♣ opening showing 11-15 with either six clubs, four clubs and six diamonds, or four clubs and a five card major. Lauria bid a forcing 2♥ and repeated the suit over Versace's 2NT rebid, which presumably showed the long clubs. Now Versace bid an obscure looking 3♣ and Lauria jumped to 4NT then bid 6♥ over the one ace response. The bad trump break left him three down in his bad contract for -150.

In the other room, Salib could open a natural 1♣ and rebid 3♣ over the 1♥ response. When El Kordy bid his diamond fragment now, Salib was convinced that 3NT could not be the right spot so he bid his clubs a third time. El Kordy used RKCB and signed-off in 6♣. This is a good slam as even on a spade lead it needs only reasonable breaks in hearts and clubs. Alas, today was not a day for reasonable breaks; -50.

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

<p>♠ 9 7 6 2 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 10 8 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ Q J 8 ♥ A 9 8 3 ♦ A Q 6 3 ♣ A J</p> <p>♠ K 5 4 ♥ K J 7 6 5 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ A 10 3 ♥ 4 ♦ J 10 9 8 4 ♣ 7 6 5 4</p>
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There were major swings in both our matches on this one. Chagas opened INT as North and played there, or rather misplayed there. He ducked the first two rounds of hearts, when winning and playing on diamonds would have guaranteed at least seven tricks. Then he erred again when Ilan Herbst switched to a top club and he won it. Now the defense could take four club tricks when they got in with the ♦K; one down.

It didn't matter all that much though, because Israel had reached the cold 5♦ at the other table. Arie Perlmutter opened 1♦ and Michael Barel raised to 3♦ over East's 1♥ overcall. West competed with 3♥ and Perlmutter made a try with 4♣. That was enough for Barel to bid the game for 10 IMPs to Israel.

The Egyptians tangled their defense to Lauria's INT in the other match. El Yasky led a heart and Lauria won immediately to play ace and another diamond. El Yasky won the third round and, despite having seen his partner pitch two black twos, cashed a top heart. El Masry unblocked the ten and now El Yasky switched to a club to the queen, ducked. Back came a heart, establishing Lauria's nine, and when the ♠Q got covered a couple of tricks later, that was +150 to Italy.

But that was not nearly enough. In the other room, El Kordy had opened 1♦ and Buratti overcalled 1♥. Samir Salib's big pre-emptive raise to 4♦ caught Lanzarotti who knew he wasn't really worth it but stretched to 4♥. Adel El Kordy lowered the boom on that and when the smoke had cleared that was 800 to Egypt and 12 IMPs.

Despite this reverse, it was Italy who came out winners by 18-12 VPs, thanks to a series of smaller pick-ups.

The Curious Story of 4♥ Bid and Made!

Open Round 4. Latvia v Russia.

Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Khiouppenens	Kolata	Holomeev	Yalman
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
3♠	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Why did North respond 1♥ on jack third then raise himself to game? Who knows, perhaps you should ask him. Anyway, the play is the thing.

The lead was a small diamond to the ace and a second diamond went to the king. The queen of clubs was covered by the king and ace and a small club was returned to the ten. Now the ♣9 was ruffed by East as his partner's jack fell. The spade switch went to the ace but it was too late for the defense. The ace and king of hearts brought forth the queen and a third round to the jack left declarer in hand to enjoy his club winners; ten tricks!

Irish Doubled Game

By Seamus Dowling

Not many declarers made 4♣ on Board 14 of Round 3 in the Open Teams. Tom Hanlon did for Ireland against Indonesia. What's more, it was doubled.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
	McGann		Hanlon
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♣	4♥	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The ♥J opening lead was overtaken by North who switched to the ♣K, ducked. Hanlon won the next club and played a spade to the ace to take a heart ruff. Another spade to hand was followed by a second heart ruff.

The problem now was that he had no way back to hand to draw the last trump. He solved this by cashing one top diamond before exiting with his last club. North was endplayed. Whatever he played Tom could win in hand and make ten tricks.

Hidden American Disaster

By Nissan Rand

Open Round 1.

Board 2. North/South Game. Dealer East.

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

Monday's Daily News reported three hands from the USA v Israel match in the first round of the Open series, but it bypassed this hand as being a wash-out. In fact the board hid an interesting story of an American disaster.

When the scores were compared, both cards showed East/West bidding and making 5♣. However, a dramatic bidding sequence preceded the play in the Open Room.

Ophir Herbst opened the East hand with 2NT, showing a pre-empt in an unspecified minor. Brother, Ilan was certain that the suit must be diamonds in view of his club holding so chose 4NT, explaining to South that it probably (with a question mark) meant RKCB. Ophir, however, explained to North that 4NT requested him to bid his minor.

East bid 5♣ and now West decided to pass, explaining to South that 4NT would actually have been understood by East as asking for the minor. North, who was completely unaware of this series of explanations across the screen, was lured into believing that he had been fooled by his opponents' bidding and took the disastrous step of bidding 5♣, which was doubled by West.

North ruffed the opening club lead and played ♠Q. West won and continued clubs. Poor North had to lose four trump tricks, including a heart ruff, as well as two diamonds, so went down 1100.

At this point, South decided to call the tournament director, claiming that had North known that 4NT may have meant RKCB he would not have bid 5♣.

The T.D. adjusted the score to 5♣, just making, for 400 instead of 1100, and also awarded a procedural penalty of 3 IMPs against the brothers for failing to include the 4NT response to 2NT on their convention card. So the board showed up as no swing.

The Appeals Committee was chaired by Bobby Wolff, with the consent of the Israelis, though it is unusual to have a member of the nationality of one of the teams involved (an objection would have led to a non-American chairman standing in). The Committee ruled unanimously that North received the correct information and that his rights had not been infringed. The score of 1100 was reinstated but the Herbst brothers were penalised 1 VP for not covering this sequence on their card.

So the final result was changed from 18-12 to Israel to 20-9 VPs in their favour.



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Rare Introduction

By Patrick Jourdain (GB)

This year's British team has two new features. The first may be unique to international bridge: the team contains three members of the same family (please tell us if you know of another example). These are world Junior champions, Justin and Jason Hackett, and their father Paul, a silver medalist at the last European Pairs.

The other feature is that the team was selected via Britain's new Premier League where eight of Britain's leading teams play a round-robin of 48-board matches. This has led to a new name to international bridge: Ian Monachan. Monachan was a successful businessman in Glasgow, with a chain of chemist shops. Following his retirement to Guernsey, he has made his hobby, bridge, a fulltime occupation. In the first year of Britain's Premier League Monachan's team was second by a fraction; last year they were clear winners, and selected en bloc for this Olympiad.

After six rounds Monachan and his partner Paul Hackett are one of the few pairs who can claim a 100% record in Victory Points, having played two matches recording 25-3 over Cyprus and 25-5 over Jordan.

Monachan is accompanied by his beautiful wife, Noi, who hails from Thailand. On Sunday, Noi was introduced to the reporter of this article. Not long after, Monachan told her: "Tomorrow I am playing against Jordan." "Why," his wife asked, "are you playing against Mr. Jordan? Is he not British too?"

The major swing of the match came, as for other matches, on Board 10, where Hackett and Monachan recorded a spectacular score for their country with the North-South cards:

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

N	E
W	S

♠ 8 7	♠ 8 7
♥ 9 8 6 5	♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ Q 5	♦ Q 5
♣ Q 8 5 4 2	♣ Q 8 5 4 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Forrester	Ghanem	Robson	Ghanem
		1♦	Pass
2♥	4♣	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dbl	6♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Haddad	Hackett P.	Alalol	Monachan
		Pass	Pass
1♥	4♣	Dble	All Pass

At one table Robson opened the East cards and Britain were soon in slam. 6♦ can be defeated by a heart lead, but North's Lightner double was counteracted by Robson's correction to 6♥.

North led two top clubs. Forrester ruffed, and drew four rounds of trumps, North discarding only spades.

As North was void of hearts, it was possible he held three diamonds, so Forrester crossed to dummy with a spade to make the discovery play of ruffing the third club. North attempted to encourage the idea that his shape was 7-0-3-3 by dropping the ♣J on this round, but Forrester knew this was not consistent with South's signal at trick one.

He read North for four clubs and led to dummy's ♦A. On the way back the queen appeared and there was no further problem: 1430 to Great Britain.

At the other table East did not open, and then ended the auction prematurely with a double of 4♠.

The defense led a heart and persisted with the suit each time they gained the lead in trumps. North, Paul Hackett, therefore had time to ditch a losing diamond on the fifth club. Britain had added a doubled game to the slam they had scored at the other table.

The swing was 19 IMPs to tip the result into the 25-5 margin.

'We bid until we're doubled'

By Sam Leckie

Larry Robbins of the United States Open team had this to say after this deal in their second-round match against Tunisia: "We only stop bidding when we are doubled - except at the one level." This was their sequence on this hand:

None Vul. Dealer North.

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

N	E
W	S

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

West	North	East	South
	Robbins		Goldfein
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♦	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

After winning the heart opening lead, declarer played a club to the ace and shifted to a spade. West played the ace and led a club, ruffed by Robbins. He cashed the ♠K and then ruffed a spade with the 7. Next he ruffed the ♥J and then led another spade which he trumped with the queen - that was 11 tricks. 3NT was allowed to make in the other room, so the gain was only 4 IMPs.

The Bidding Dictionary

By Alan Truscott

This book is different. It really is a dictionary of bridge.

Think of a bidding sequence with up to as many as four bids. What messages have been conveyed? To find out, just check it out. You'll find just about every possible sequence, together with all relevant explanations in this book.

The chapters are arranged to make for easy checking. If you want to find out about a constructive sequence starting with 1♦, it will be in *Chapter 2 - One Diamond Constructive*. If you're not sure how the meanings of bids change after an opening pass, you'll find it in *Chapter 8 - Passed Hand Bidding*.

In the explanations, Truscott assigns a reference number, then shows the bidding sequence followed by expected strength, probable distribution, hand type and note. Not every sequence has a note - only those that require extra explanation.

Here's an example sequence:

1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠

The table shows that the 2♣ bid usually will contain 6-9 HCP and exactly two spades. Probably the 2♣ bidder will have three clubs, but he could have even four. The maximum number of cards in either red suit would be five. Here's what the note says:

The false preference is automatic with 2-3 in opener's suits (though this may be wrong - opener can be 5-5). It is less clear with 2-4, for the partnership is more likely to have eight cards in the minor than spades. Tend to 2♠ with maximum values or at matchpoints. A doubleton honor is helpful. Three-card spade support is possible if very weak.

All explanations are equally thorough.

Another intriguing feature is Truscott's use of asterisks. A triple asterisk indicates something that should be talked over by new partners. Regular partnerships are advised to discuss anything with a double asterisk so as to avoid misunderstandings. If your aim is to win a North American or world championship, then you would be well advised to talk over anything single-asterisked with your partner.

This is a reference book that every serious player should have in his library alongside his *Encyclopedia of Bridge*.

The book sells for 7500 drachmas. Special price for members of the IBPA - 5000 drachmas. To purchase, please contact Alan Truscott in the Press Room on the first floor.



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Kojak

Canada v. Czech Republic

Open Series (Round 3)

There was quite a reaction in the vugraph room when the Czech Republic scored consecutive 1400-point sets against Canada, eventually winning the match, 24-6. Most of the journalists were a bit hesitant to ask the Canadians how this happened... but we didn't have to. Joey Silver, a member of the team that made headlines a year ago by advancing to the final of the Bermuda Bowl, dropped by the Daily News office to bring us up-to-date.

"It actually started the board before," said Joey. "Valecky played a notrump game magnificently and earned his side an 11-IMP gain." This was the hand:

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Kokish led the ♥A and shifted to a diamond to the jack and queen. Declarer cashed the ♣K and crossed to the ♠A, getting the bad news. So he abandoned clubs without cashing the queen – he wasn't sure which red card he would discard. Instead he led the ♦8. Silver followed low smoothly, but Valecky let it ride! When he then knocked out the ♠A he had his nine tricks – two clubs, two hearts, two spades... and THREE diamonds. The same contract was beaten two tricks at the other table.

Canada actually had a chance to gain an IMP on the next board, where Molson and Baran were doubled in 2♦ and were beaten 1400, which translates to 13 IMPs. But the story would have been different if the Canadians had bid the slam. The lead of the ♥K would have unveiled the favorable position of the outstanding trumps. 1430 vs. 1400 would have meant an IMP to Canada.

That was followed by this earthquake on Board 10.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
4♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT
		Dbl	All Pass

The Czech Republic had been allowed to play in 4♥ at the other table, making exactly four. But when Canada opted to act over 4♥ and arrived at 5♦, East knew what to do. The contract was set five tricks. Your reporter has never before heard of consecutive 1400-point sets in a world championship event. That was another 13 IMPs – Canada had lost 37 IMPs on just three deals.

A SWEDISH NOVA

By Daniel Auby, Sweden

The Swedish team has three newcomers this year. Overall there seems to be an unusually high proportion of newcomers on many of the best teams. The usual comment, even from myself, is something like: "They can't be any good this year – look at all the new names!"

When reminded that the players from the other nations probably think the same about the Swedish team, there is a short silence. "...but we are the best in Sweden" someone claimed, and that could well be true. More important, that could not be said of some other countries since they don't select their best team but instead the pairs (or even the team, as if the best team in the country was the same as the country's best team) that does best in some hazardous qualification tournament. This is rather astonishing, using a method of selection that doesn't maximize the chance of getting as good a team as possible, but instead one that insures some rub of the green like "giving all an equal chance".

Why on earth should inferior players have an equal chance? Since we all know that Lady Luck plays a relatively large role in bridge she must be fought, not caressed.

In most Nordic countries the npc, usually an intelligent and knowledgeable person, selects the pairs he believes have the greatest opportunity in the upcoming tournament. Could this be a major reason why the Nordic countries seem to have far larger successes than their membership total should entitle them to?

This year the Norwegian npc picked two pairs and let two other pairs compete in the Nordic Championships. Upon their behaviour there and elsewhere during the past year he made up his mind which pair to choose.

In Denmark the npc also selected two pairs directly and let the other contenders play in the Nordic. But all three of them did so badly that the captain finally selected a fourth pair. That's a novel idea, even for us up in the North – picking a pair that didn't even compete in the "qualification" tournament!

One of the Swedish newcomers is the young star Peter Fredin, playing with Magnus Eriksson. He has a great flair. Though only 26, he is already considered by many to be one of the top two or three Swedish players when it comes to handling the dummy. During his Junior career he won four consecutive Junior national pairs titles.

On this board he had to make sure to get 9 tricks against France. After Henri Szwarz as West opened the bidding with 1♠ and Magnus Eriksson as usual overbid/called with 2♣, Peter rushed into 3NT, his and all great declarers' favourite contract. Szwarz made a surprise heart attack and this is what Peter saw:

<p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ A Q 7 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K 10 5 ♥ K Q 6 2 ♦ K Q 9 3 ♣ K 6</p>
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The heart went to the jack and Peter's king. What would you do? Before you peek I can give you a hint by showing you another "Peter Fredin Special". In the Nordic Championships he had to get four tricks from the combination of AK42 in hand to 10653 in dummy. From the bidding and the fall of the cards, Peter placed the ♣Q and ♣J with his RHO.

Well, if he didn't have the 9 as well, thought Peter, ... he led the ♣10 from dummy intending to let it ride. Unfortunately his RHO covered with the jack and Peter had to contend with three tricks in the suit. Peter was very surprised when it turned out that his teammates showed very little sympathy with this well thought out plan which was wrecked only by the foul distribution of RHO owning QJ bare.

Back to the actual deal. There would be a problem only if the clubs were 4-1. Szwarz probably has the three aces for his opening bid. Are there any extra chances?

How about the diamonds? Why have the gods (since we are in Greece the plural seems appropriate) given you the ♦9? Peter went to dummy with a spade and led the ♦8. Franc Multon produced the 5-spot without a flicker. If the clubs are 4-1 and Swarc has either the ♦10 or jack, there seems to be no chance at all so Peter played the 3 from his hand as an extra chance. The power of the ♦9 became clear as this was the full deal. It is Board 8 from Match 3 in the Open Olympiad.

Board 8. None Vul. Dealer West.

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

Had Szwarz won the diamond with a low honour, Peter would still have had time to play for clubs 3-2 and establish his ninth trick elsewhere.

At the other table the auction was the same, but the Swedish veteran Mats Nilsson led an unimaginative spade which doomed declarer.

On opening day the youngsters defeated Canada (a sweet revenge for last year's defeat in the Bermuda Bowl semifinal in Beijing), France and Morocco, bowing only to mighty Japan!



Photograph courtesy of Kodak's new digital camera.

Magnus Eriksson, Sweden

POLAND TOO HOT FOR GERMANY

By Mark Horton

When Poland and Germany met in Round 4 of the Open Series, Poland were already leading Group A and Germany were coming off a maximum against Palestine.

The Poles were looking to consolidate their position, whilst a good result for Germany would leave them near the top of the table. Poland were soon into their stride.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Schwerdt	Balicki	Kluppp
	2♦	Dble	2♥
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hausler	Martens	Splettstosser	Szymanowski
	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

In the closed room, Krzysztof Martens made life difficult with his preemptive opening. Helmut Hausler might have downgraded his hand because of the points he held in spades, but as soon as he elected to cuebid his side was overboard.

North found the best lead of a low diamond and South's nine forced declarer's ace.

Hausler drew trumps, eliminated spades and played a diamond, but South simply took two tricks in that suit and got off play with the ♣8 for two down and +100.

Declarer possibly drew some comfort from the fact that even 4♥ would fail on a similar defense. In the replay the extra room made available by the

opening bid allowed the Poles to stop at a safe level. When North made the strange opening lead of a club, declarer was in with a chance he was quick to seize. He won the third round of clubs and eliminated the trumps and spades before taking the winning view in the diamond suit. +420 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

The next deal showed how hard the Germans were having to work to stay in the match.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Schwerdt	Balicki	Kluppp
1♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Although the Poles were able to get diamonds into the auction they stopped in 4♥. Declarer made 11 tricks, +650. A potential swing to Germany if they could reach the diamond slam?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hausler	Martens	Splettstosser	Szymanowski
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♣	All Pass

East's clubs were not quite good enough for him to use a 'system' gadget and his negative response gave the Poles a chance to disrupt the auction. Would you like to have been in West's shoes when East bid 5♣?

Hausler bravely passed – at least he would be declarer – and won the opening spade lead with the ace, pitching a heart from dummy. When the bad – trump break came to light he had to negotiate the

diamond suit to land the contract. He must have been pleased when North covered the ♦Q, but it would have been difficult for North to duck looking at dummy. He resisted the temptation to play North for ♦K10 alone and made his contract by finessing against South's 10. Maybe he was surprised to lose only 2 IMPs.

By the time this board settled on the table the Poles were assured of a big win, but the Germans were still picking up what they could.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Schwerdt	Balicki	Kluppp
	2♣	Dbl	Redbl
INT	2♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	All Pass		
Dbl			

The Polish superstars misjudged this one and Schwerdt rapped up nine tricks for +870.

West	North	East	South
Hausler	Martens	Splettstosser	Szymanowski
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North's double promised two suits of the same colour. East established that West was minimum before embarking on a search for a major suit fit. Declarer could not cope with the 5-0 spade break but his team picked up 13 badly needed IMPs.

However, the Poles continued to dominate matters and ran out easy winners, 61-19, 25-5 VP.

World Bridge Federation Congress Meeting

An important meeting of the World Bridge Federation Congress will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 10.00 in the Delphi Auditorium.

Every nation should appoint a delegate to attend. Important matters will be discussed, and WBF President Josè Damiani will report on the activities of the WBF during the past two years.

Cocktails will be served immediately after the meeting of the Congress.

Attention, captains!

We were off to a good start in doing our jobs on Sunday. Please continue to give your attention to TWO vital duties you perform.

1. Turning in an official scorecard to the scoring room immediately after each match.
2. Assuring that your players are seated according to your lineup form.

Kojak

Olympic Bridge Festival

ILANA GANS AND MOTTI GELBARD SHARE THE PRIZES OF FIRST AND SECOND PLACE OF CONTINUOUS PAIRS

VIVI SPANOU AND THANASSIS MATZIARIS WIN THE MORNING SESSION (third of continuous pairs)

In the morning third session of continuous pairs, 36 pairs participated from 21 countries. A Greek pair which has not played in the first two sessions won the third session with the small margin of 0.28% from Ilana Gans and Motti Gelbard who comfortably led the field after three sessions. The leaders both come from Israel (not from Canada as was written by mistake in yesterday's issue).

The first eight pairs are :

1. Spanou V.	(GRE)	Matziaris A.	(GRE)	60.63%
2. Gelbard M.	(ISR)	Gans I.	(ISR)	60.35%
3. Matthys P.	(BEL)	Aksuyek E.	(TUR)	57.61%
4. Dobrovolska G.	(UKR)	Danyliuk T.	(UKR)	56.74%
5. Newell P.	(NZL)	Reid M.	(NZL)	56.67%
6. Madis G.	(EST)	Jakobson L.	(EST)	55.40%
7. Van Dijk J.	(NTH)	Van den Boom J.	(NTH)	55.13%
8. Panagiotidou D.	(GRE)	Constantinidis M.	(GRE)	53.88%

The majority of players played with the same partner so there were a lot of ties after three sessions:

1. Gans I.	(ISR)	60.22%
-. Gelbard M.	(ISR)	60.22%
3. Flat D.	(ISR)	57.99%
-. Dubinski S.	(ISR)	57.99%
5. Jakobson L.	(EST)	57.70%
-. Madis G.	(EST)	57.70%
7. Melander M.	(SWE)	57.68%
-. Berggren M.	(SWE)	57.68%

GANS AND GELBARD TRIUMPH OVER THE AFTERNOON SESSION (fourth of continuous pairs)

In the last session of the continuous pairs event, 36 pairs participated from 20 different countries. Gelbard and Gans from Israel won the session with a big margin over the second pair ensuring first-second place of the event and leaving their compatriots Dubinski and Flat in third-fourth position.

The results of the last session are:

1. Gelbard M.	(ISR)	Gans I.	(ISR)	68.50%
2. Dubinski S.	(ISR)	Flat D.	(ISR)	62.14%
3. Nilsson J.	(SWE)	Jansson P.	(SWE)	61.10%
4. Van Dijk J.	(NTH)	Van den Boom J.	(NTH)	58.96%
5. Melander M.	(SWE)	Berggren M.	(SWE)	57.78%
6. Jarve J.	(EST)	Pedak K.	(EST)	57.68%
7. Padhye A.	(IND)	Misra K.	(IND)	56.32%
8. Daniljouk V.	(UKR)	Sapojnikov A.	(UKR)	56.17%

The Final Standings of the Continuous Pairs event are:

1. Gans I.	(ISR)	62.98%
-. Gelbard M.	(ISR)	62.98%
3. Flat D.	(ISR)	59.38%
-. Dubinski S.	(ISR)	59.38%
5. Melander M.	(SWE)	57.71%
-. Berggren M.	(SWE)	57.71%

Important notice - Change of Program

Because of

- Lack of adequate participation for a teams tournament
- Many players's request

The organizers decided to replace the Danish Teams event with an Open Pairs event of two sessions. So :

Today, 22 October : Open Pairs

11:00 1st session – 18:00 2nd session

Prizes

Final Ranking	1st	\$500
	2nd	\$300
	3rd	\$200
	4th	\$100
	5th	\$100
Ladies Pair	1st	\$100
	Mixed Pair	1st

Register for today's event

How do you play it ?

Board 21. North/South Game. Dealer North

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

The majority of North / South pairs reached six hearts and declarer (North in most cases) had a lot of alternatives. The best lead for the defence is a small diamond which puts declarer under pressure. If he decides to put the Ace, he must use the ruffing finesse in spades in order to discard his diamond loser. This is not the best line because if the ruffing finesse loses, you need then the club finesse and if J of spades is covered you need the trumps to break 2-2 in order to ruff the losing club if the club finesse doesn't work. If he plays small in the first trick West wins with the King and returns the Jack of clubs. In this case declarer confronts the dilemma of taking a simple finesse or going up with the Ace in order to establish a squeeze if either opponent holds both King of spades and Queen of Clubs or the fourth diamond and the Queen of spades. The mathematical probability of each declarer's play would be very interesting. So please contact the hospitality desk of Metropolitan Capsis Hotel in order to publish it.

EXCURSIONS

TUESDAY	CITY TOUR	Departure 09.00
	Price GRD 4.200	Arrival 13.00
WEDNESDAY	SYMI	Departure 08.15
	Price GRD 6.000	Arrival 17.30
THURSDAY	LINDOS F/D	Departure 09.00
	Price GRD 6.400	Arrival 16.30
FRIDAY	ISLAND TOUR	Departure 09.00
	Price GRD 8.800	Arrival 17.30
SATURDAY	LINDOS F/D	Departure 09.00
	Price GRD 6.400	Arrival 16.30

The excursion FILERIMOS-BUTTERFLIES-KAMPOS is included in the ISLAND TOUR.

Please notice that the entrance fees to the archaeological sites are not included in the above prices.

The Hospitality Desk of Rodos Palace and Capsis Metropolitan Hotel is ready to provide you any necessary information about the excursions that we offer.