U.S. wins Women's Olympiad; France lead Indonesia by 56

Women's Olympiad

The United States came from behind with a torrid third set to defeat China, 268-198, and win the World Women's Olympiad Teams. On the victorious team were Gail Greenberg, Jill Blanchard, Irina Levitina, Shawn Quinn, Lynn Deas and Juanita Chambers. Their captain was Eddie Wold, and Bob Morris was their coach.

They defeated a powerful Chinese team that had obliterated Canada in one of the semifinals. Playing for China were Gu Ling, Zhang Ya Lan, Sun Ming, Wang Hong Li, Wang Wen Fei and Zhang Yu, with Zhang Wei Li as non-playing captain.

Both teams were brought to the front of the vugraph auditorium and were introduced to the spectators. WBF President José Damiani personally congratulated all members of both teams.

This was a special victory for the Americans in many ways. First and foremost, the team dedicated their triumph to the late Lila Perlstein, the woman who put the team together and played on it until death claimed her earlier this year.

"She was a beautiful woman, a very special lady," said Gail. She played hard with us while she fought her illness, but she wasn't able to live long enough to share this victory with us."

Gail had a second major reason for her special joy. "I've won world championships before, but they all dim to nothingness compared to this where I won with my daughter, Jill, my adorable little baby. She came to Valkenburg to root me on, but I never thought then that we'd be playing on a championship team together. And she was our superstar here. What a thrilling experience — mother, woman, bridge player."

Jill was equally excited about winning a world championship with her mother. "This was special because I was playing on the same team with my mother. And I also had the support of my children, Shane, 9, and Justin, 8. They called regularly to find out how their mother was doing."

Gail and Jill did not play as a partnership during the Championship, but they played quite often together during the Team Trials they won to earn the Olympiad berth. They were playing five-handed at the time because of the death of Lila. Lynn was not on the team at the time – she was added to fill out the team after the Trials.

Jill felt greater excitement when she won the first

McConnell Cup Women's Teams in the Albuquerque World Championships two years ago. "It was a closer match – and here in Rhodes I had to sit out the last session. But the thrill of winning with my mother was one of the greatest feelings I have ever had."

Juanita pointed out that this victory constituted a three-peat. "We've won every knockout match we've played together as a team. It started at the Summer Championship in New Orleans last year when we won the Women's Knockout. Then we won the International Team Trials, and now the Olympiad."

Juanita thinks her team can beat any team in the world. "I think the world of this team. The only way we can lose is by beating ourselves.

A strange coincidence: the team they beat in the New Orleans event also was China, and four of those players competed for China here. And back in September at the Marlboro China Cup in Beijing, Juanita and Lynn won the Cup by defeating – you guessed it – the Chinese women in the final. They needed a 23-7 victory to take first place, and they won by exactly that score.

All the Americans had high praise for the Chinese. "Those Chinese ladies play bridge the way I think the game should be played," said Lynn. They're so sociable and ladylike. And they can play bridge! Real good bridge! You wait and see – they're going to be champions one of these days."

Lynn has a bunch of dogs – listen to their names! Wish Trick, Finessa, Snapdragon, Partscore, Trump It and Imp. Even the dogs are in the bridge business in that household.

Lynn thinks the presence of her sister Page did a lot to boost her morale. Gail feels the same way about the support she received from her husband, Jack.

Irina and Shawn were winning their first world championship. Well, that's not quite true – Irina was a champion in chess – this is her first world BRIDGE championship.

Irina had high praise for her teammates. For Irina it was "one my dreams. I guess it's every bridge player's dream, but I'm one of the lucky ones." Irina and Jill play a simple Standard American system. "It's the best system – it's easy to play and you don't have misunderstandings."

Shawn considered the victory awesome. This was her first appearance in a world championship, "and here

I'm going home with a gold medal. It's hard to believe." Wold found the event much more difficult than he expected. "There's a lot involved," he said. It's important to keep your team's spirits up and their confidence high. It's crucial to have the right players in there at the right time. When a pair is hot, you've got to keep them playing. I kept Jill and Irina in there a lot because they were playing so well."

The winners are in for a special treat today. Court Larson, a world-class hair stylist, is going to give each player a special hair styling. They all want to look their best for the Victory Gala.

Gail has been a member of all three victorious American teams in Women's Olympiads – 1980, 1984 and now 1996. She also won the Venice Cup in 1976 and 1978.

Lynn won three consecutive Venice Cups – in 1987, 1989 and 1991. This was her first Olympiad title.

Juanita was on the victorious Venice Cup team in 1987 and she won the World Mixed Pairs in 1990.

Jill's previous world triumph was in the McConnell Cup in 1994.

Open Olympiad

Indonesia faces an uphill battle today during the final 32 boards of their 128-board match against France in the Open Olympiad final. Indonesia had a couple of good sets yesterday, but France still has a substantial lead of 56 IMPs, 239-183.

Playing for France are Alain Levy, Christian Mari, Herve Mouiel, Frank Multon, Henri Szwarc and Marc Bompis, with Jean-Louis Stoppa as non-playing captain and Pierre Schemeil as adviser.

The Indonesia team is made up of Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Franky Karwur, Giovanni Watulingas and Sance Panelewen.

Mixed Teams

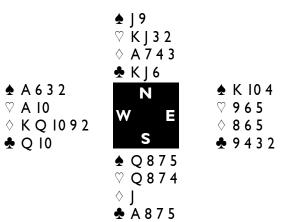
The teams captained by Heather Dhondy of Great Britain and Mark Feldman of the United States won the semifinals of the World Mixed Teams. Dhondy's team defeated a French team captained by Mrs. E. Faivre of France, 77-48. Feldman topped the team captained by Mrs. C. Nahmens of France, 52-46. The two session final of this event will be played today between Dhondy and Feldman.

Final Score

OPEN							
Country	Ist Sess.	2nd Sess.	3rd Sess.	4th Sess.	5th Sess.	6th Sess.	Total
FRANCE	59	37	26	5 I	22	44	239
INDONESIA	10	35	43	24	30	41	183
			LA	DIES			
Country	Ist Sess.	2nd Sess.	3rd Sess.	4th Sess.	5th Sess.	6th Sess.	Total
CHINA	56	35	22	9	16	60	198
UNITED STA	TES20	51	88	55	18	36	268

Mixed Teams Action

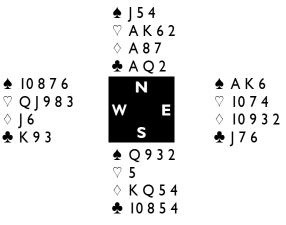
Board 21. North/South Game. Dealer North.



West	North	East	South
Getindag	O.Kolata	Getindag	S. Kolata
	I ♦	Pass	ΙÖ
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

Small cards can be important. South led the \lozenge J, covered by the queen and won with the ace. After ruffing a diamond, South underled his \clubsuit A. Declarer called for the queen, and North took the king to lead another diamond, ruffed. Next came a heart, and declarer put up the ace in dummy. Declarer still had to lose two more tricks, a heart and a club, so he wound up two down.

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.



West	North	East	South
Getindag	O.Kolata	Getindag	S.Kolata
Pass	♣	Pass	I♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led a diamond, taken with the king, and declarer took a club finesse. When this worked, declarer cashed the ♣A and led a third club, pleased to find the 3-3 division. West led the ♥Q, ducked by North. North won the next heart and played a small spade. That gave declarer a ninth trick because East held both spade honors.

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A black leather jacket. The owner is offering a reward for the finder. If you find it, please turn it in at the Reception Desk of the Rodos Palace or return it to Doris Fischer of Austria.

Victory Gala tickets available

There are still some Victory Gala invitations available. If you are interested you can purchase them at the Recorder's Desk for 10,000 drachmas.

Remember, the Gala is going to take place in the Jupiter Room tonight.

Mixed Semifinals

Name	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
HEATHER	21	56	77
FAIVRE	10	38	48
FELDMAN	8	44	52
NAHMENS	22	24	46

Forbo-Krommenie Teams Tournament

The fifth edition of the FORBO-KROMME-NIE International Teams Tournament, nowadays considered to be one of the strongest teams tournaments in the world, will be held Feb. 21-23, 1997, at Scheveningen, the Netherlands. The venue will be the beautiful Steigenberger Kurhaus Hotel.

At the same time the second FORBO-KROMMENIE Nations Cup will take place. This four-country event will have among its participants the Bermuda Bowl holders from the United States (Bob Hamman-Bobby Wolff and Nick Nickell-Richard Freeman), European champion Italy, the Netherlands and the winner of the Open Teams Olympiad here.

For further information please contact either Jan van Cleeff or Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room here.

Please check your bag!

Juanita Chambers of the United States team has lost her tournmanent bag, and it contains two very important items - Juanita's passport and a bottle of prescription pills. Please check your bag to make sure you have the right one. The passport is in the zip pocket and the pills are in the main section of the bag.

Message from Mexico

The members of the Mexican Open Team wish to thank and express their appreciation to Laboratorios Columbia and its president, Mr. Manuel Martinez Dominguez, for their sponsorship of the team for this Olympiad.

Thank you from China

The members of the Chinese teams and the China Bridge Association wish to thank the Hellenic Bridge Federation, the World Bridge Federation and especially WBF President José Damiani for all they have done for us during these World Championships. We also wish to congratulate the two organizations plus Mr.Daminai and HBF President Evangelos Nartis on the wonderful success this tournament has been. More countries than ever before participated, a healthy sign for bridge around the world.

The Chinese delegation.



José Damiani's press conference

Many subjects were covered during yesterday's press conference. WBF President **José Damiani** offered frank and complete responses on the various issues brought by members of the International Bridge Press Association.

Olympic status

The support from Eric Hodler, vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, was even greater than Damiani had expected. The statement that bridge doesn't have to worry about the hearing next June at the end of our proba-

tionary period was especially good news.

Damiani also recalled Hodler's statement concerning health and sports. Hodler said, "Intellectual games like bridge and chess are good for the health of the brain. They are ways to keep our brains alive. I look forward to the day when the Olympics will have three kinds of sports – physical, technical and intellectual."

Damiani also reminded the journalists that Hodler had stated that there easily could be a spot for sports like bridge and chess at the Winter Olympics.

Junior bridge

Damiani reiterated that the WBF will give help to any country that wants or needs help with its Junior program. "Each country has to take care of its own Junior program," he said, "but the WBF is ready and willing to help."

He pointed out that the best way to make sure such a program works is to teach the teachers. He also strongly believes that nations should be convinced that bridge belongs in the school program. This has been done in some areas, and "students often get to be better students because of the training they get from bridge. Usually the pupils are very enthusiastic about the game when they are exposed to bridge."

Hellenic Bridge Federation President, **Evangelos Nartis**, observed that bridge is a way of teaching youngsters to think and develop skills. "It's important for governments to put resources into the training of youth," he said.

Marlboro China Cup

Questions came up concerning the Marlboro China Cup competition in Beijing in September. Damiani carefully cleared up several misunderstandings concerning this event.

The World Bridge Federation did NOT sponsor a team in this tournament. Since there were already teams from China, Europe and the ACBL, China wanted a fourth team, and it was suggested that this be a World Gold Star team. Apparently this was misunderstood by the Chinese organizers, and the team was billed as the World Bridge Federation team. It was not a WBF team, and the WBF did not sponsor the team.

Damiani said that he did help the Chinese organize this event, but as an individual who knows something about organizing, not as president of the WBF. "I suggested that they give cash prizes all the way to fourth place so that all the teams would have some help with their airfare," Damiani said.

"This was not a world event. It wasn't even a zonal event. It was an event organized and run by the China Bridge Association. We would like to see more events of this kind, but it will be necessary to find a general sponsor. Also, special Conditions of Contest would have to be drawn up."

Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup

The Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup competitions will be expanded to 18 teams next year in Tunis. Europe will get a fifth team, and the remaining allotment will be as follows: North America, three; South America, two; Middle East, Asia and Africa, two plus the host nation Tunisia; Central America-Caribbean, one; Far East, two, and South Pacific, two.

Mixed Teams

Damiani expressed minor disappointment at the number of teams -86 – that entered the World Championship Mixed Teams. Nevertheless, he considers that the event is successful and has added much to the Olympiad tournament.

In answer to a questioner who suggested that perhaps the event should not be considered a world championship, Damiani was emphatic. "It is an open event. Outstanding players from all over the world are eligible to play in it, and many very strong players came to Rhodes just to compete in the Mixed Teams. It's true that the semifinalists in the Olympiad cannot play in the Mixed, but that in no way detracts from the world championship status of the event.

"The Mixed Teams will continue to be part of the Olympiad, and it will continue to be a full-fledged world championship."

The changing climate of world bridge

"Thirty-six teams from Europe attended this Olympiad, a very fine turnout. But there have been two firsts that show how the bridge world is changing. In the Women's Teams, we have a Zone 6 team playing against Zone 2 – that's a first. And in the Open Teams we have a Zone 6 team battling it out against a Zone 1 team – also a first. Bridge is very much alive in Zone 6, and it is growing both in quantity and in quality."

World Simultaneous Pairs

Alcatel seemed to be a wonderful link between bridge and the telecommunications industry, Damiani pointed out. However, things did not work out as Alcatel hoped in some countries, and they have withdrawn their sponsorship. Damiani promised that very active efforts are being made to find another sponsor.

"But we will have a World Simultaneous Pairs in 1997," Damiani affirmed.

Possible different formats are being studied. For instance, a reference score may be set up and pairs will IMP their score against the reference score.

Growth of Zone 4

The interest in bridge in the area covered by Zone 4 – from India to South Africa – has grown to such a great extent that three sub-zones have been set up – Central Asia, the Middle East plus North Africa and the rest of Africa. Sub-zonal championships are being planned, and "It is possible that Zone 4 will get three seats at

Not even with a world champion

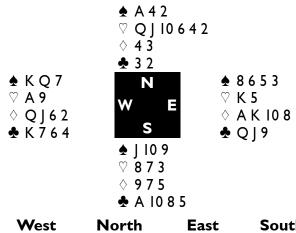
By Herman De Wael (also known as A. Nonymous)

After Friday's first match in the Mixed Teams, we were only 2 Victory Points behind the drop-out team, so things were looking rosy. However, we now needed to bribe the TD to let us keep Table 40, as more and more teams tried, by unfair means, to move us up to the Athena Room.

After two more losses, however, we were back where we belonged, the Kafsika Room – and we needed only 12 more VPs to catch the second drop-out team

When Pony Nehmert of Germany heard of our disastrous performance in the Mixed (she was not playing because of a severe cold), she offered to play with me if we managed to get two wins under our belt. She must have really meant it because even though we hadn't scored that second victory, she repeated her offer – she was willing to play the last match even though we still had won only one match. That match featured Beate, sister to Jeannine Jeunen. But not even a world champion could rescue us now. The biggest swing in our favor came after this bidding mistake.

Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.



West
AthanassiosNorth
ErtanEast
BeateNelten
Pass2♣
3♦Pass
All Pass2NT
Pass

Thinking we were on our way to slam, I bid what I thought was a forcing 3. It wasn't, but as the cards lie, this is the optimum contract. It was another 14-16 loss, our 14th defeat – but it lifted us up to 84th place in the 86-team field. By the way, when Pony first suggested the idea, we discussed the legality of the idea. My partner, Jeannine Jeunen, three times a member of the Belgian Women's team and mother to two other Belgian national team players, did not mind stepping down, but we feared the opponents might object. "I will simply introduce myself as Mrs. Jeunen," Pony suggested. "That won't work," replied Jeannine. "Everybody knows me."

E-mail was free

Many details about bridge on the Internet appeared in yesterday's Daily News. However, participants in this Olympiad appreciated the fact that there was a continuous Internet connection available to everybody from any of the twenty-plus computers used in the various departments of these Championships.

For the first time ever, E-mail was available to everybody interested. Many journalists and others actually opened E-mail accounts during the Olympiad.

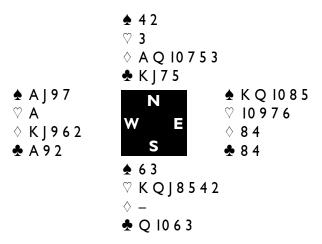
What is even nicer is the fact that all this service was free, thanks to the generosity and cooperation of the World Bridge Federation, the Hellenic Bridge Federation and the Rodos Palace Hotel.

China v USA

Women's Final - Set Three

The Chinese women led by 20 IMPs overnight, but USA started to make serious inroads into that lead right from the start of set three.

Board 33. Love All. Dealer North.

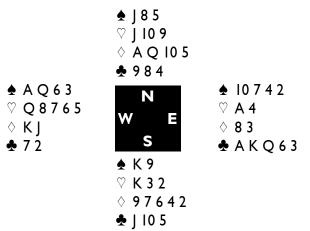


Irina Levitina and Zhang Yalan both opened the North hand with $I\lozenge$ and both Sun Ming and Juanita Chambers overcalled $I \clubsuit$. Jillian Blanchard and Gu Ling both jumped to $4\heartsuit$ and both Wang Hong Li and Lyn Deas bid $4\clubsuit$. In one room, Levitina passed that and Blanchard doubled, while in the other Zhang doubled with the North hand.

Blanchard found the good lead of a low trump and Sun won in hand and led $\lozenge 8$. Blanchard ruffed, protecting her partner's diamond holding, then switched to a club and when Levitina gained the lead she played a second trump, leaving declarer a trick short; -100.

Gu led the \heartsuit K and Chambers led dummy's \diamondsuit J at trick two. Zhang won the queen and led a trump, won in dummy and a low diamond led. Zhang went in with the ten and played a second trump but the \diamondsuit K 9 were worth a trick via the ruffing finesse and that was a rather important trick for Chambers – the tenth one! That was +590 and 12 IMPs to USA.

Board 34. North/South Game. Dealer East.





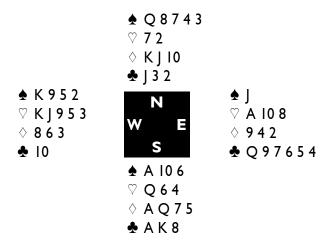
Sun Ming, China

China bounced right back on the next board. Sun opened a natural 2♣ as dealer and bid 2♠ over the 2♦ enquiry response. Wang jumped to 4♠ and Blanchard can hardly be blamed for making an attacking heart lead, given that the black suits are looking pretty good for declarer. But the heart lead was fatal to the defense as Sun put up the queen. Levitina did not cash her ♦A when in with the ♠J so Sun made twelve tricks; +480

Chambers opened $I \clubsuit$ and rebid $I \spadesuit$ over the $I \heartsuit$ response. Deas raised to game but this time diamonds was the unbid suit and it was natural for Gu to lead one.

There was no way to avoid losing a heart and a spade also so that was one down and 11 IMPs to China.

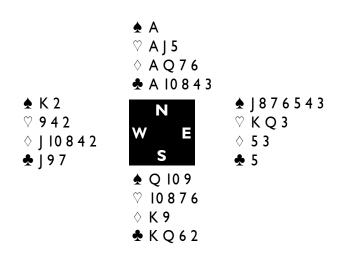
Board 36. Game All. Dealer West.



Both Norths played $4\clubsuit$ after East/West had bid and supported hearts. Chambers led the \heartsuit A then the ten against Zhang. Deas overtook with the jack and led \heartsuit K, ruffed. Zhang played a spade to the ace and followed with the \clubsuit 10, ducked. Now the defense was in control and Zhang had to fail; -100.

In the other room, the lead was a club. Levitina rose with the ace and played ace then ♠10, ducked. Wang took the third spade but the defense failed to find the club ruff so Levitina got home; +620 and 12 IMPs to USA.

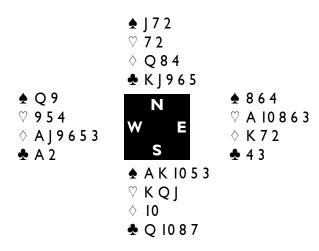
Board 37. North/South Game. Dealer North.



Zhang opened a strong club and Chambers preempted with 3\(\Delta\). Gu bid 3NT and that ended the auction. There was no problem in the play, the lead of the \(\Delta\)K presenting Gu with her eleventh trick; +660.

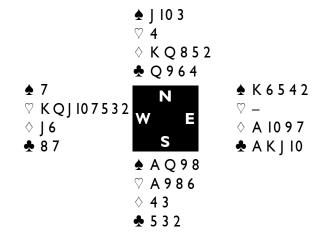
Levitina also opened 1 but for her it was natural or prepared in the context of a natural, five card major, system. Sun only overcalled 2 and Blanchard doubled. Wang raised to 3 but Levitina cuebid 4 and Blanchard liked her club fit enough to jump to 6. A spade was led and Levitina was able to later ruff out the king for a heart pitch; +1370 and 12 IMPs to USA, who had moved into the lead.

Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.



Both Souths played 4♠, Gu after a free auction, Blanchard after a 2♦ overcall from West. Gu received a heart lead to the ace and a second heart. She cashed the ♠A, ruffed the third heart with the ♠J and finessed the ♠10;-50. Blanchard got the ♦A followed by the jack, and she played spades from the top; +420 and 10 IMPs to USA.

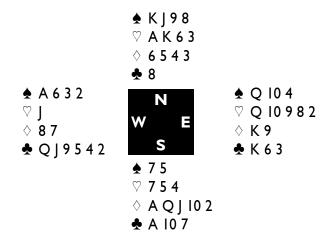
Board 40. Love All. Dealer West.



Both Wests opened 4% and bought the contract. Against Deas, the lead was $\clubsuit J$, which held. The $\lozenge K$ switch was won by the ace and Deas ruffed a spade to hand and led a high trump. Gu won and played a diamond to the queen and Zhang switched back to spades. Deas could ruff, draw trumps and claim; +420.

Levitina led $\Diamond K$ in the other room and Wang won and returned a diamond to the jack and queen. Levitina switched to \P now. Wang ruffed the second round and led a high heart and back came a third spade. She ruffed high and had to lose a second trump trick for one down; –50 and 10 IMPs to USA, who were on a real roll. USA picked up 5 and 6 IMPS respectively on the next two boards then at last China hit back.

Board 43. Love All. Dealer South.



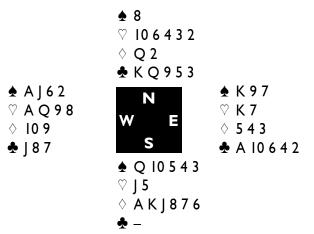
Both Souths opened $1 \lozenge$ and the two Norths each bid $1 \heartsuit$. Blanchard raised to $2 \heartsuit$ and Levitina raised herself to game. The savage trump split meant that $4 \heartsuit$ had no chance. Levitina was two down for -100.

Gu, whose $1 \diamondsuit$ opening could have been short, preferred to rebid $2 \diamondsuit$. Now Zhang explored more slowly, of course, bidding $2 \spadesuit$ then, when Gu showed her club

stopper by bidding 2NT, she bid $3\lozenge$. Gu finally admitted to some heart support, jumping to $4\heartsuit$, but Zhang knew that diamonds had to be better and converted to $5\diamondsuit$, ending the auction. The $\clubsuit Q$ was led to the ace and Zhang immediately got the spades wrong, playing low to the jack and queen. Chambers switched to a trump and Zhang finessed then led a low spade. Deas put her to the guess, ducking smoothly, but Zhang played the king and just gave up a heart after drawing trumps; +400 and 11 IMPs to China, who needed them.

But the Chinese revival was extremely short-lived.

Board 44. North/South Game. Dealer West.



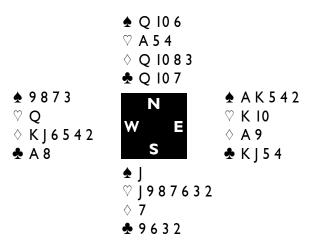
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Zhang	Chambers	Gu
♣	Pass	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♠
Dble	3NT	Dble	All Pass

The auction in the Closed Room had been short and dull, a weak no trump from West and, after two passes, a natural $2\Diamond$ overcall from Blanchard. She made nine tricks; +110.

In the Open Room, Deas/Chambers bid and raised clubs and Gu overcalled 2♦. Chambers competed with 3♣ and Gu bid her spades. Deas gave 3♠ a sharp double and Chambers equally promptly doubled Zhang's 'rescue' to 3NT. Chambers led the ♠7 against 3NT doubled and Zhang played low. Deas won the jack and switched to a club to the king and ace and Chambers played ♠9 to the queen and ace. The defense cashed ♥K, ♠K, and two more hearts; three down, –800 and 14 IMPs to USA.

Board 48. East/West Game. Dealer West.



Both Easts played 6Φ , which is down on a heart lead, but both Souths led their diamond singleton. The declarers won the $\Diamond A$, cashed two top spades and played ΦA then finessed ΦJ . Now they could pitch the ∇Q on the ΦK and were cold by crossruffing the red suits. But Chambers took her eye off the ball and, after playing a diamond to the king and ruffing a diamond, ruffed her last club. Zhang overruffed and now a low heart would have left Chambers needing a winning guess to bring home her slam. But Zhang played the $\Diamond Q$, a no-hope play, and Chambers was not put to the test. Sun made the slam in the other room so there was no swing, but China had missed an opportunity to salvage something from a disastrous set.

USA outscored China by 88-22 IMPs on the set and had turned a 20 IMP deficit into a 46 IMP lead at the half.

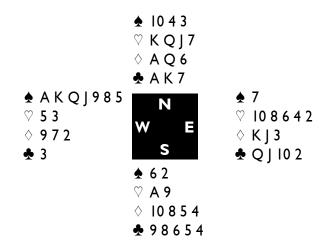
China v USA

Women's Final – Set Four

After the huge turn around in the previous set, it was important for China to knuckle down and play some good tough bridge at the start of the second half.

Another set like that last one and they would be dead and buried. But it started just like the morning set, with a big gain for USA.

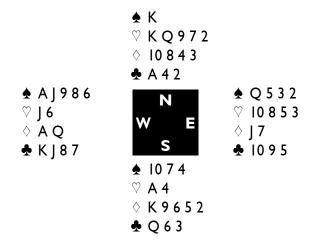
Board 49. Love All. Dealer North.



Juanita Chambers opened I♣ and Shawn Quinn made a pre-emptive raise to 3♣. Wang Wen Fei overcalled 3♠ and that ended the auction, Chambers showing suitable respect for the pre-emptive nature of Quinn's raise. The favorable diamond position allowed Wang to make exactly; +140.

Unfortunately for China, there was more action in the other room. Zhang Yalan opened a strong club, Gu Ling bid a I♦ negative and Lyn Deas overcalled 3♠. Zhang doubled for takeout, a little pushy I would have thought with such an unattractive pattern, and Gu responded 4♣. Zhang bid 4♥ then 5♦ over Gu's 5♠ rebid. Gu bid a sixth club and the rather strange auction was brought to a close by a double from Gail Greenberg. After two top spades, Deas switched to a diamond. Gu rose with the ace and cashed two top clubs then played on hearts. She was four down; −800 and I2 IMPs to USA.

Board 51. East/West Game. Dealer South.

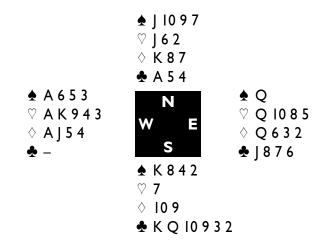


After a pass by South, West's choice of opening bid made a big difference to the final outcome. Deas opened $l \triangleq$ and Zhang overcalled $2 \heartsuit$. Greenberg passed and Gu made an unassuming cuebid. Zhang bid $3 \triangleq$, which looks very aggressive to me, and Gu signed-off in $3 \heartsuit$. Repeated spade leads did this contract no favors and Zhang was three down; -150.

In the other room, Wang had a strong club opening so Chambers could overcall at the one level. That gave Quinn room to bid 20 and Chambers could compete with 30 over Wang's 24 and then with 40 over Zhang Yu's 34. After a spade lead and continuation, Quinn was able to establish hearts for club discards. The defense could not attack the club position because East could never gain the lead. 40 just made for +130 and 7 IMPs to USA.

Board 54. East/West Game. Dealer East.

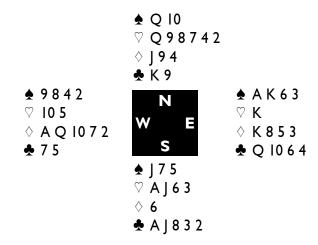
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Here it was the turn of the Chinese East/West pair to have another of their strong club auctions disrupted. Wang opened I♣ in third seat and Chambers passed. Zhang Yu responded I♦ and Quinn jumped to 3♣.Wang doubled, Chambers raised to 4♣ and Zhang Yu doubled that, ending the auction. Hearts were never mentioned. In 4♣ doubled, repeated heart leads shortened declarer so that she could not enjoy both spade tricks and a diamond. Quinn was two down for −300.

In the other room, Deas could open 1° and the immediate raise to 2° guaranteed that 4° would always be reached. North/South did not save over that and Deas made an overtrick; +650 and 8 IMPs to USA.

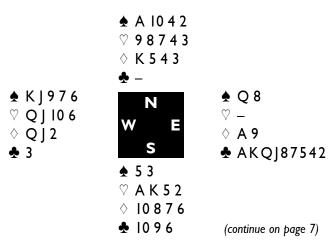
Board 55. Game All. Dealer South.



Both tables began $I - Pass - I \circ$. Zhang Yu overcalled I - Pass - I

At the other table, Greenberg preferred to double 1° . Gu raised to 2° and Deas bid 3° . Zhang Yalan raised only to 3° and Greenberg bid 4° . Now Deas decided that if she had to play at the four level she might as well try for something worthwhile and bid 4^{\bullet} . Nobody really had a double of 4^{\bullet} . Zhang/Gu found the best defense, however. Zhang led king and another club and overruffed the third club. A heart to the ace and a fourth club allowed a second overruff and there was still the $^{\bullet}$ J to come. But that was only -300 so USA picked up 8 more IMPs.

Board 57. East/West Game. Dealer North.

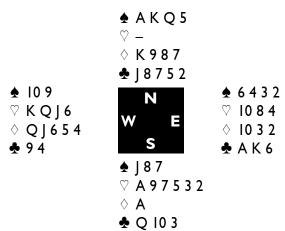


France v Indonesia

Open Final – Boards 49-64

France led Indonesia, 122-88, after 48 boards. The session was dull at first, but it livened up tremendously from Board 53 on.

Board 53. North/South Game. Dealer North.



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North	East	South
Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
♣	Pass	Ι♡
I♠	Pass	2♦
2NT	Pass	3♡
3NT	All Pass	
	Mouiel I♣ I♠ 2NT	Mouiel Lasut I♣ Pass I♠ Pass 2NT Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Sacul	Multon	Karwur
	I ♦	Pass	I♡
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠

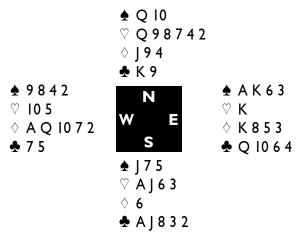
As you can see, neither contract is a favorite to make. The spade game actually did go down – two tricks as a matter of fact. There was just too much work to

The chances of making 3NT increased tremendously when East led the ♣A. He switched to a diamond, but it was too late. Herve Mouiel attacked clubs, setting up two tricks in the suit to go with four spades, a heart and two diamonds. That was 13 IMPs to France.



Frank Multon, France

Board 55. Game All. Dealer South.



West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
			Pass
Pass	Pass	[♦	Dble
Pass	4♡	Dble	All Pass

Manoppo had good support for diamonds, but he passed over I odubled and then again when Henky Lasut doubled 4♥. 4♠ looks like a good save, but E/W never bid spades. This was a 5-IMP gain for France because both declarers had no trouble taking I0 tricks with hearts as trumps.

Board 56. Love All. Dealer West.

	♠ Q 10 6 3 ♡ J 10 5 ◇ A 6 5 4 ♣ 10 9	
♠ J987 ♡ K97 ◇ J732 ♣ Q6	N W E S ◆ A K 4 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K Q 8 ◆ K 7 4 2	♣ 5♡ A Q 6 3 2♦ 10 9♣ A J 8 5 3

In the Closed Room Karwur bought the hand for 3\,\u00e1, and he had no trouble pulling in nine tricks for plus 140. But things went differently in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Moueil	Lasut	Levy
Pass	Pass	I♡	Dble
2♡	2♠	3♡	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

It's a bit difficult to understand Mouiel's raise to the spade game. The auction was competitive — in no way does it appear that Alan Levy was making a try for game when he bid 34.

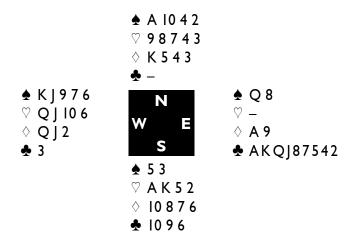
The play was interesting. The opening lead of the $\lozenge 10$ went to the king, and declarer pulled two rounds of trumps. When he discovered he was facing a 4-1 break, he switched to hearts, the ten losing to East's queen. West won the heart continuation and returned a third heart — a trump at this point would have been better. Declarer ruffed the $\heartsuit A$, cashed the $\diamondsuit Q$ and led $\lozenge 8$ to the jack and ace.

When Mouiel now led a club, the French fans in the vugraph crowd thought maybe Mouiel was going to make his doubled contract because Lasut rose with the ace. But it wasn't long before their hopes were dashed. Lasut returned a club to dummy's king, and declarer was able to pull Manoppo's trumps. Declarer and Manoppo each had a diamond left — Manoppo had tenaciously held onto the seven, and that took the setting trick — declarer's spot was the six! 6 IMPs to Indonesia.



Christian Mari, France

Board 57. East/West Game. Dealer North.



Both Easts had no problem getting to 64 with their solid nine-card suit. The play in the Closed Room was unrecorded, but there was lots of action in the Open Room.

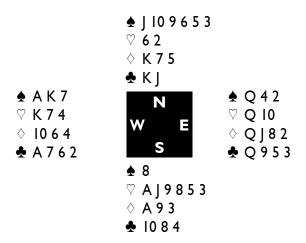
Declarer ruffed the opening $\heartsuit A$ lead and ran seven clubs. Both North and South did a lot of thinking as they made discard after discard, wondering when the club barrage would ever end.

Finally Lasut led his ΦQ and overtook with the king. Mouiel took with the ace and returned the $\lozenge 5$ – he had discarded down to the king doubleton of diamonds and a couple of spades.

Lasut, who had been making his opponents think a lot during the play of the clubs, now was faced with a crucial decision — should he go up with the ace and hope the spades would fall? Or should he play low and hope Mouiel was leading from the king?

After several minutes he pulled a card from his hand and placed it on the table – it was the \lozenge 9! He had made his contract for a push!

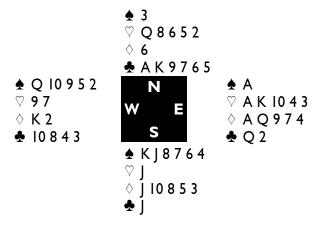
Board 59. Love All. Dealer South.



West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
			2♡
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This was a hopeless contract — when he saw dummy Manoppo wished that he had passed $3\clubsuit$. The opening lead was a heart, and declarer had no chance whatsoever. Manoppo won the $\heartsuit K$ on the third trick and resignedly led a diamond. Levy won and cashed out his hearts, then led a club. Declarer went down four, 6 IMPs to France, because Denny Sacul, North, was beaten one trick in $3\heartsuit$ at the other table.

Board 60. North/South Game. Dealer West.



Both East/Wests were sure they had picked up a few IMPs on this deal – but it was a push at plus 800. Here's how the auctions went:

Open Room

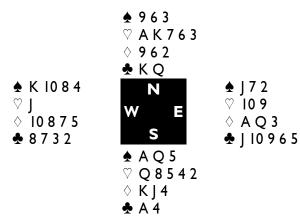
West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
Pass	Pass	♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Sacul	Multon	Karwur
Pass	Pass	I♡	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	3♦
Dble	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Neither contract had even a remote chance. In fact Mouiel had to play well to hold the set to 800 in the Open Room.

Board 62. Love All. Dealer East.

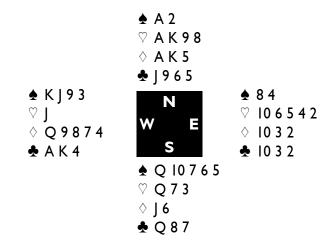


This looked like a routine board in the Open Room -4% making four. But the Indonesians got too enthusiastic and wound up in a bad slam.

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Sakul	Multon	Karwur
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♡	Dble	All Pass

After doubling, Frank Multon led the $\Diamond A$, and later Henri Szwarc won the $\maltese K$ when declarer took the finesse. That was another 11 IMPs to France.

Board 63. North/South Game. Dealer South.



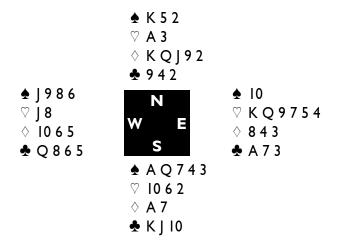
France struck again on this board, arriving in 3NT. The vugraph commentators thought declarer had bitten off more than he could chew, but it didn't work out that way.

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
			Pass
I ♦	Dble	I♡	I♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Since the Indonesians were playing a Forcing Club system in which the opening diamond is amorphous, Lasut decided not to lead a diamond, the lead that probably would have broken the contract. Instead he led a heart, which turned the tempo over to the French. Mouiel immediately went after the clubs, and when Manoppo won the king, he was stuck for a lead – anything he tried would give away at least a trick. He finally tried a diamond, but this ran to the jack. Declarer went wrong in the club suit, finessing the nine when Manoppo played low. Lasut shifted to a spade that Mouiel won. He then led the $\heartsuit 9$ and let it ride. When it lived he had nine tricks.

Indonesia tried 4\(\Delta\) in the Closed Room, and clearly this had no chance the way the cards were distributed. In fact 4\(\Delta\) went down two; I3 IMPs to France.

Board 64. East/West Game. Dealer West.



Indonesia got some of this back on the last hand of the set. Both Souths got to $4\frac{1}{2}$, but the French forced declarer to make a guess in the Open Room – and he guessed wrong.

Manoppo led the \heartsuit J, and Lasut overtook to fire back a club. Levy put in the jack, so the defense took two clubs, a heart and of course a trump for down one. The opening lead at the other table also was the \heartsuit J, and declarer rose with the ace.

He cashed three rounds of trumps, then began to run the diamonds. West was able to ruff the fourth round, but by that time Karwur had disposed of two clubs and was able to claim his contract for a 10-IMP gain.

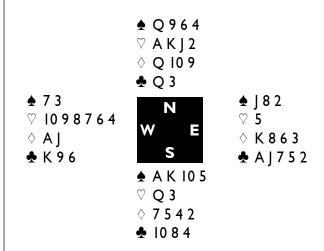
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Both East/West pairs overcame the defensive bidding barrage to reach $6\clubsuit$, though the Americans needed pushing there. Zhang Yu opened a strong club and it went $1\heartsuit - 1\spadesuit - 4\heartsuit$. She made a forcing pass then pulled Wang's double to $6\clubsuit$ to invite Wang to bid on if she felt like it. She didn't. of course.

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Greenberg opened I \clubsuit natural and bid 5 \clubsuit over the same auction at her next turn. Deas passed that out but Zhang Yalan bid 5 \heartsuit and now Greenberg bid 6 \spadesuit . Both declarers ruffed the opening heart lead, drew trumps and forced an entry to dummy in spades to take the diamond finesse; +1370, no swing.

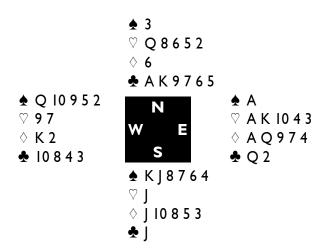
Board 58. Game All. Dealer East.



Both North/Souths began: Pass $-1 \diamondsuit -1 - 2 \clubsuit$. That was enough for Quinn and she made ten tricks on a heart lead; +170.

Gu went on with $3\Diamond$ over $2\spadesuit$. Zhang bid $3\heartsuit$ over that and then raised Gu's $3\spadesuit$ to game. A low club lead allowed the defense to take two clubs then switch to three rounds of diamonds; two down for -200 and another 9 IMPs to USA.

Board 60. North/South Game. Dealer West.



The only significant Chinese gain of another miserable set. Greenberg opened I^{\heartsuit} and Gu made a weak jump overcall of $2 \clubsuit$. Deas passed that round to Greenberg then passed the reopening double. Zhang stood for that and Gu scrambled six tricks; –500.

Zhang Yu opened a strong club and Quinn also bid 2♠. This time, when 2♠ doubled reached North, Chambers, she decided to try to improve things – but only succeeded in digging herself into a deeper hole. Chambers bid 3♣ and Wang doubled that after two passes. Now it was Quinn's turn to try a rescue with 3♦. When that was doubled and Chambers had to give preference back to 3♠, everyone at the table knew that the wriggling had been a bad idea. Quinn also made six tricks but here that meant –800 and 7 IMPs to China.

But it didn't get any better for China from here on in. Their North/South pair went off in two slams in the last three boards, one poor the other no play. One of those was flat because the American declarer went down in game!

The set score was 55-9 to USA and they led by a seemingly uncatchable 92 IMPs with only 32 boards to go and all the momentum their way.

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4 Mrs FAIVRE	FRA	260
5 Mrs MIDSKOG	NOR	257
6 KAPLAN	USA/FRA	256
7 GILBOA 8 ROSENKRANZ	ISR MEX	255 255
9 Mrs RAUSCHEID	GER	254
10 GROMOV	RUS	254
II KULMALA I2 Mrs AUKEN	FIN GER/POL	253 252
13 CERVI	ITA	248
14 Mrs ZOBU	TUR	248
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2 Keaveney	Timlin	61.20 %
3 Bausback	Alberti	60.75 %
4 Priday	Priday	59.92 %
5 Acar	Can	59.91 %
6 Nakamurr	Koshi	58.85 %
7 Economou	Daimonakou	58.19 %
8 Capayannides	Capayannides	58.07 %

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SATURDAY 2/11 11.00 OPEN PAIRS

IMPORTANT NOTICE LAST SESSION

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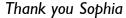
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