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Power Rosenblum and McConnell Get Underway

On the day when the two major team championships started the top performance came in the Power Rosenblum where the French team led by Frank Multon scored three maximums to be the only team in either contest with a 100% record.

It will come as no surprise that the next best record in the Power Rosenblum belongs to Italy's team Lavazza, who have scored 71VP.

In the McConnell, where only two matches have been completed the English squad headed by Dhondy dropped only two points in going to the top of their group.

You can say who is best

The Daily Bulletin staff are doing a short survey to get the opinion of the players at the World Championships as to who they believe to be the best men and women players. Look for the surveys around the hotel and take a couple of minutes to give your opinion. The survey is anonymous, so you can vote for yourself. You return your surveys to the Daily Bulletin office and see the results of your votes next week.

ROSENBLUM AND MC CONNELL

IMPORTANT

The starting time for the first match today in both events has been changed to 10.15.

160 teams participate in the Rosenblum. They play, each three days, 60 boards in 16 groups of 10 teams to qualify 64 teams for the K.O. phase, starting on Friday.

In the McConnell 36 teams play in 4 groups of 9 during 4 days to qualify 16 teams for the K.O. phase, starting on Saturday. They shall play 60 boards the first two days and 48 the last two days.



WBF CONGRESS MEETING

Wednesday, 21st August 2002



The WBF Congress meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st August 2002 in the Saint François salon on the ground floor of the Hotel Fairmont Queen Elizabeth.

Delegates are cordially invited to join President José Damiani for a light breakfast at 9.00 a.m. prior to the start of the meeting at 9.30 a.m.

All NBOs represented here in Montreal are urged to send a delegate to this meeting - players, directors or other federation members can be delegates for their NBO if no official delegate is able to be present.

POWER ROSENBLUM CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 3 rounds)

GROUP A			
1	Pollack	USA	59.00
2	Burgay	POL	59.00
3	Lambardi	ARG	57.00
4	Noble	AUS	57.00
5	Delmouly	FRA	48.00
6	Byrne	ENG	47.00
7	Pagani	ITA	41.00
8	Lipkin	USA	33.00
9	Lahaie	CAN	24.00
10	Heron	CAN	24.00

GROUP B			
1	Multon	FRA	75.00
2	Woolsey	USA	56.00
3	Mathieu	GUA	54.00
4	Engel	BEL	53.00
5	Prokhorov	RUS	46.00
6	Ruia	IND	42.00
7	Goldsmith	USA	39.00
8	Blond	CAN	27.00
9	Spengler	SWI	27.00
10	Paulsson	CAN	24.00

GROUP C			
1	Lavazza	ITA	71.00
2	O'Rourke	USA	65.00
3	Muller	NED	58.00
4	Roche	CAN	53.00
5	Petersson	SWE	47.00
6	Colchamiro	USA	41.00
7	Carrera	COL	34.00
8	Dhondy	ENG	31.00
9	Societe Gener.	FRA	21.00
10	Lazer	AUS	19.00

GROUP D			
1	Blumenthal	FRA	65.00
2	Gromov	RUS	57.00
3	Schwartz	USA	54.00
4	El Fassi	MOR	50.00
5	Courtney	ENG	49.00
6	Fraser	CAN	45.00
7	Kujirai	CAN	40.00
8	Lungu	ROM	35.00
9	Prabhu	USA	35.00
10	Bernazzani	VEN	13.00

GROUP E			
1	Munawar	INA	63.00
2	Hardeman	BEL	52.00
3	Taciuc	ROM	51.00
4	Panahpour	ENG	50.00
5	Cornell	NZL	50.00
6	Rubin	USA	43.00
7	Dechelette	FRA	42.00
8	Chagnon	CAN	38.00
9	Cadi Tazi	MOR	37.00
10	Lachance	CAN	19.00

GROUP F			
1	Chemla	FRA	67.00
2	Kirubakara	IND	57.00
3	Naftali	ISR	55.00
4	Bandler	USA	49.00
5	Stakgold	USA	46.00
6	Freed	USA	41.00
7	Hobeika	FRA	39.00
8	Germon	MAR	35.00
9	Wells	CAN	31.00
10	Boyer	REU	29.00

GROUP G			
1	Miyakuni	JPN	63.00
2	Forrester	ENG	62.00
3	Zimmermann	FRA	58.00
4	Dalal	IND	57.00
5	Retek	CAN	46.00
6	Kutner	SWI	38.00
7	Ganzer	USA	36.00
8	Pagé	CAN	32.00
9	Pasquini	VEN	30.00
10	Samy	FRA	21.00

GROUP H			
1	Deutsch	USA	63.00
2	Monachan	ENG	57.00
3	Dupuis	FRA	56.00
4	van Prooijen	NED	56.00
5	Bouveresse	GUA	55.00
6	Castong	CAN	39.00
7	Mondon	REU	37.00
8	Moazzemhuss	BAN	33.00
9	Chartrand	CAN	23.00
10	Thibault	CAN	19.00

GROUP I			
1	Rohowsky	GER	66.00
2	Chagas	BRA	60.00
3	Molson	USA	56.00
4	Teramoto	JPN	56.00
5	Bompis	FRA	49.00
6	Wooldridge	USA	46.00
7	Nader	BRA	46.00
8	Toczko	CAN	25.00
9	Attunity	ISR	23.00
10	Hema Deora	IND	8.00

GROUP J			
1	Maas	NED	71.00
2	Allana	PAK	55.00
3	Meltzer	USA	55.00
4	Kaufmann	ENG	54.00
5	Aagaard	DEN	51.00
6	Cope	ZAF	50.00
7	Summers	CAN	30.00
8	Fradette	CAN	29.00
9	Roussel	FRA	28.00
10	Lewaciak	POL	16.00

GROUP K			
1	Welland	USA	58.00
2	Bizon	POL	57.50
3	Li	CHN	57.00
4	Abram	NED	54.00
5	Friedman	CAN	53.00
6	Voltaire	FRA	47.25
7	Poddar	IND	45.00
8	Dohnert	VEN	22.00
9	Hicks	CAN	20.25
10	Peel	USA	20.00

GROUP L			
1	Cayne	USA	63.00
2	Zorlu	TUR	61.00
3	Silver	CAN	56.00
4	Hackett	ENG	50.00
5	Rigal	USA	47.00
6	Willis	CAN	47.00
7	Shugart	USA	42.00
8	Rao	IND	33.00
9	Hammeed	BHR	27.00
10	Ren	CHN	21.00

GROUP M			
1	Morath	SWE	64.00
2	Jacobs	USA	61.00
3	Angelini	ITA	57.00
4	Barrett	USA	56.00
5	Fergani	CAN	47.00
6	Castellani	ITA	45.00
7	Grue	USA	44.00
8	Louchart	FRA	36.00
9	Yeung	HKG	25.00
10	Green	CAN	12.00

GROUP N			
1	Kowalski	POL	67.00
2	Smith	USA	63.00
3	El Ahmady	EGY	55.00
4	Johnson	USA	54.75
5	Wenning	GER	49.00
6	Yamada	JPN	48.00
7	Marcinski	CAN	36.00
8	Carruthers	CAN	32.25
9	DeLestre	FRA	22.00
10	Castanho	BRA	11.00

GROUP O			
1	Lindqvist	SWE	63.00
2	Del Monte	AUS	62.00
3	Cassar	FRA	53.00
4	Higashiguchi	JPN	53.00
5	Tudor	USA	51.00
6	Morse	USA	50.00
7	Nunn	CAN	38.00
8	Birman	ISR	32.00
9	Dalvi	IND	26.00
10	Diamond	USA	13.00

GROUP P			
1	Nickell	USA	66.00
2	Herbst	ISR	61.50
3	Czerniewski	ENG	55.00
4	Zen Wei Pen	HKG	55.00
5	Attanasio	ITA	53.00
6	Cuenca	FRA	42.50
7	Gartaganis	CAN	40.00
8	Fave	FRA	30.00
9	Lula	TRA	25.00
10	Fong	SNG	17.00

McCONNELL CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 2 rounds)

GROUP Q			
1	Baker	USA	44.00
2	Wei-Sender	USA	42.00
3	Bessis	FRA	39.00
4	Sutherlin	USA	39.00
5	Zhang	CHN	36.00
6	Faivre	FRA	21.00
7	Ichihashi	JPN	19.00
8	Grenside	AUS	17.00
9	Lacroix	CAN	15.00

GROUP R			
1	Dhondy	ENG	48.00
2	Vriend	NED	40.00
3	Mancuso	USA	36.00
4	Nishida	JPN	34.00
5	Klar	USA	31.00
6	Lewis	USA	26.00
7	Compton	USA	26.00
8	Kerlero	FRA	25.00
9	Klein	REU	7.00

GROUP S			
1	Terraneo	AUT	43.00
2	Pigeaud	FRA	40.00
3	Letizia	USA	36.00
4	Arrigoni	ITA	36.00
5	Sanborn	USA	35.00
6	Adachi	CAN	25.00
7	Daryanani	VEN	24.00
8	Naito	JPN	19.00
9	Clifford	USA	17.00

GROUP T			
1	Radin	USA	43.00
2	Gordon	CAN	41.00
3	Tornay	USA	41.00
4	Auken	GER	38.50
5	Casen	USA	35.00
6	Curetti	FRA	24.00
7	Clement	FRA	21.50
8	Taktak	MOR	19.00
9	Nakakawaji	JPN	7.00

GIVE UP TO WIN

PO Sundelin

Joanna Stansby executed what may prove the best played hand of this tournament. Here's her story:

Mixed 2nd qualifying session
Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lew</i>		<i>Joanna</i>	
		1♦	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble			

The defence started with two rounds of hearts. "I ruffed" says Joanna. "I could count eight tricks in trumps and the minors, so I needed to get a couple of ruffs in dummy and/or a squeeze. West must have had some reason for his double, and since it wasn't aces it had to be foul breaks. I couldn't afford having my diamond ace ruffed so I just exited with a small diamond. East triumphantly continued the suit but I let her hold the trick, and then there was nothing they could do. I actually needed only one ruff since there was an automatic double squeeze where no one could hold clubs, so even if they return a trump after the first diamond I still make." 590 was worth 399 matchpoints out of 414.

It seems that a club return at trick 4 and 6 may make life more difficult for declarer as it breaks up the squeeze. "Not at all", says Joanna. "West's best defence is to throw clubs on the diamonds, which will produce the following ending:"

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

"I will now ruff a club high, and play a small diamond. West must ruff or else I take the rest on crossruffs. But I overruff, draw the trumps ending in dummy to enjoy the established club as my tenth trick."

World Wide Coverage

Monday's Bill Gates Press Conference attracted the attention of the World's media, giving Bridge tremendous exposure. Before our reporter had run out of money he had purchased copies of Le Devoir, The Ottawa Sun, The Globe & Mail, La Presse, le Journal au Montreal, National Post and Ottawa Citizen, all of which carried detailed reports. It was almost impossible to turn on the radio or television without immediately hearing or seeing long extracts. Under the headline Bill Gates v The Computer, CBS ran a leading article on www.cbsnews.com So too did the leading Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf at: www.krant.telegraaf.nl We suspect by the time you read this the story will have gone all around the world.

In the Lead

Entering the second final session of the Mixed Pairs, Americans Becky Rogers and Jeff Meckstroth held a slim lead over Judi Radin and Zia Mahmood, also playing under the stars and stripes.

While both pairs avoided collapse, neither had the kind of monster set they would have liked to set them apart from their competitors. Both pairs were, however, still in contention with a session to play.

Rogers and Meckstroth started well against JoAnna and Lew Stansby, bidding a slam that, had the defense gotten off to the best opening lead, would have required some card reading by Meckstroth.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Becky Rogers

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth		Rogers	
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Described as a completely random game try.

Lew Stansby led a passive trump, and Meckstroth was claiming shortly after drawing trumps and losing the diamond finesse. Even a spade lead would have not defeated the contract so long as Meckstroth took the right view in clubs.

That was a good board, but the next one was not.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth		Rogers	
		Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Rogers meant her double to show one minor or both majors, but they had not discussed what they were doing over a weak INT, which the Stansbys employ. Meckstroth, with a pretty good hand, was happy to sit for the double.

The opening lead of the ♦7 went to the 4, 5 and 9, and JoAnna played a club to dummy's 10. Rogers won the queen and returned a diamond. Meckstroth ducked, won the club continuation and cashed his diamonds upon getting in with the ♣A. Declarer had her seven tricks, however, and a fine score of plus 180.

Not long after that, a light opener by Rogers landed her in a game with no legitimate play.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth		Rogers	
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥	All Pass

⁽¹⁾Splinter

The East-West hands were ill fitting, but Rogers made the most of a bad situation. South led the ♦J, won in hand. Rogers played the ♣J to South's ace and won the diamond continuation in dummy. She took the right view in trumps, running the 8, but there was just too much work to do. As badly as the cards lay, Rogers did well to hold the contract to down one. In fact, when the board was scored she had tied a player who was one level lower in hearts. On the next round, Meckstroth played skillfully to get the maximum number of tricks for his side in a notrump game.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth		Rogers	
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a low heart to the 5, queen and 6. The heart return went to the jack, king and ace, and Meckstroth continued with the top spades from his hand, followed by the ♦9 to dummy's queen. When he cashed the ♠K and got the bad news in that suit (North discarding the ♥4), Meckstroth continued with the ♣Q to the king and ace. He cashed the ♦K, noting the fall of the jack, then followed with the ♣J and ♥10. Meckstroth had all the information he needed (North was 2-3 in the majors, increasing the odds that he was 4-4 in the minors; with a five-card minor, North might have led the suit). Meckstroth played a diamond to dummy's 8, conceding his spade loser at the end for an excellent plus 660.

Board 21 was significant for the top two pairs at the end of the second final session: Babette Hugon-Jean-Jacques Palau of France (No. 1) and Rogers-Meckstroth.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

For Palau, West, this deal was the first he and Hugon played. He landed in 4♠ doubled, presumably after a club preempt by North. The ♣K went to the ace, and Palau ruffed a club, following with the top two diamonds from hand and a diamond ruff. On the third round of clubs from dummy, if South discards her ♦Q, West must go down. She would be sure of three trump tricks and a heart.

South was reluctant, however, to establish the diamond in declarer's hand by pitching the queen, so she let go a heart. Palau then ruffed his last diamond in dummy, ruffed a club to hand and exited with his singleton heart. Declarer won and played another heart. Palau ruffed with his ♠8 (his ninth trick) and, holding the ♠K J 9, could get out of his hand with any spade, confident that South was going to have to give him trick No. 10 forthwith. That was plus 590 and a great start to the day.

Meckstroth and Rogers played the deal against Sabine and Jens Auken, and Meckstroth also profited from a slip by a defender.

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth		Rogers	
	3♣	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North started with the ♣K, taken by Meckstroth with the ace. He played a spade to his 9 and exited with the ♥8 to South's 10. She cashed the ♠A to remove dummy's last trump and was still on the way to down one when she played the ♥A. Meckstroth ruffed, cashed the ♠K and put South in with the ♠Q.

Sabine Auken had to play up to dummy, but she could still have

defeated the contract with a low heart return. Meckstroth could have discarded one losing diamond on the ♥K, but he would still have a diamond trick to lose. South, apparently hoping partner had a diamond honor, exited in that suit, allowing Meckstroth to run it to dummy's jack. The other diamond loser went on the ♥K and he, too, had plus 590.

Another aggressive bid by Rogers worked out badly for her side as she landed in another no-play game. This time, however, she didn't get out for down one.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 9 6 ♥ Q 8 6 4 ♦ 7 ♣ A K Q 5	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ A K J 5 ♦ K 10 9 8 4 ♣ 10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 5 ♥ 10 9 7 3 ♦ A J 5 ♣ J 9 6 3
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West	North	East	South
Meckstroth		Rogers	
1♣	Dble	1♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The contract can always be defeated two tricks if South starts with her singleton trump, but she started with a low spade. Rogers could have managed down one: ♠A, spade ruff, club to dummy, spade ruff, then play on clubs or hearts. North makes four trump tricks but that's all. Rogers didn't enter the Mixed Pairs to settle for down one, and North didn't have to be so well-heeled in hearts, in which case she might have made her contract.

Accordingly, she won the spade lead in dummy, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond, played a club to her hand and ruffed her last diamond. She then played a low heart away from the now-doubleton ♥Q. North won the jack, cashed the top two trumps and punched Rogers' last trump with a diamond. He was able to ruff the second round of clubs and cash a diamond winner for plus 200.

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Tigress Bridge

Zia and Judi Radin were lying fourth going into the last session of the Mixed Pairs final and still very much in contention for the title. Canada's Rhoda Habert and Joey Silver were not in contention, but they dealt a serious blow to their opponents' chances on this deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ Q J 9 7 4 ♦ J 2 ♣ A 8 3 2	♠ J 9 6 5 3 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ J 6 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 7 4 ♥ A 6 5 3 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ Q 10 5
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West	North	East	South
Silver	Zia	Habert	Radin
INT	Pass	Pass	Dble
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Joey opened an off-centre weak no trump and when that came around to Judi Radin she doubled for penalty. Joey decided to run from the double and bid his long suit, which saw Judi double again. Zia was happy to bid his long spade suit and to compete in the suit when Rhoda went 3♥. Now the tigress pounced with a sharp double. She led a trump and Zia went up with the ace and returned the ♠Q to Joey's king. He switched to the queen of hearts to Rhoda's ace. Now, what is the winning defence at this point?

With the ♥K established for a discard and, eventually, the diamonds to produce all the side-tricks declarer needs, it is necessary to get two defensive club tricks before declarer can get to dummy.

Rhoda switched to the queen of clubs to the king and ace and Joey returned a club. Zia had to run that to the ten and Rhoda cashed the ace of diamonds for down one and the magic +200 on a partscore deal. Note that a low club switch would not have been good enough. Declarer plays low from dummy and the best West can do is to put in the eight - winning leaves a quick entry to dummy for the king of hearts - but now the club suit is frozen and the defence has no answer.

The FORCE

by Wolf Stahl

The FORCE was with me on the last round of the Mixed Pairs Final. People were handing me impossible contracts any way I needed them.

For example, on Board 5 I got an unfavorable lead against my 3NT contract which, if continued, would cut me off from my hand and virtually required me to solve ♠95 on table with ♠A107643 in my hand for only 1 loser! So I played the nine from the table, hoping for the male player on my left to cover and bring about an honour-crash. He didn't and the female on my right won the trick with the king. She continued the attack on my communications, leaving me in an awkward spot. For all I knew the spades could be 4-1 with the male now still having QJ8, giving me three spade losers. He would be playing the jack when I led the five from dummy. As an alternative I tried a little ploy, playing the ♥J from hand, having J7 opposite AK982 in dummy. The lady player didn't cover having Q1053...Bravo!

So without much confidence I reverted to my original "plan", if you can call it that. I took the ♥A and led the ♠5 from dummy. Sure enough, West played the jack and I had to take the ace. But East contributed the queen from KQ doubleton originally!! I claimed for 12 tricks and 178 out of 180 MPs.

The full deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

♠ A J
♥ K Q J 9
♦ K J 9
♣ A 9 5 3

I opened 1♥, showing four-plus hearts. The lady on my left jumped to 3♣ - weak - and the bidding came round to me again. I bid 3NT and after the ♣Q-lead dummy appeared with:

♠ 6 4 3
♥ A 5
♦ 10 8 7 5 4 2
♣ J 4

After East contributed the ♣8 I had to take the ace for fear of a spade switch. Now what? The obvious way is to play the ♦K hoping to pin the singleton queen on the left. If that didn't work I

would be two or three down. I checked the bidding and the number of points we had and saw that for once we were in a normal contract. So I had to go down less than the other declarers. I thought playing the diamonds to be two-two with the ace aside would be the better chance. So I led the ♥J registering the signals. They seemed to be consistent with the pre-emptress to have a doubleton in that suit, giving her a 3-2-2-6-shape, if West didn't have a singleton diamond. I played the second heart round and now led the ♦7 (!) from dummy. My intention was to get West thinking in case he held AQ6 or AQ3 in that suit. He would have to believe that I was using my only entry to dummy to finesse twice against his queen. In that case he had to take the ace immediately. After much thought he played the ace, I unblocked the jack and now East played her singleton queen!! Amazed at my fortune I claimed for 11 tricks and 150 MPs.

The full deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A J ♥ K Q J 9 ♦ K J 9 ♣ A 9 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 8 ♥ 8 7 3 2 ♦ Q ♣ K Q 10 7 6 2	♠ K Q 9 7 5 2 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ 8
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Waking up at night I realized what West had been thinking. With his holding of ♦A63 he was seeing all the small cards of that suit, so there was no real bridge-reason for the ♦7 from dummy. He had also registered the even count of his partner in hearts, thus attributing me with six of that suit. Together with two side aces and my alleged singleton ♦K I would have nine tricks.

I'm still trying to work out why West played the jack on Board 5, however. I got a little clue in that he blamed his partner for the catastrophe, saying she should have played the queen from KQ...

Probably much of the FORCE in bridge, as in life, is to gratefully and gracefully accept the chances LADY LUCK is offering. And I suppose it is within the nature of man to blame especially the female partner in the Mixed when the FORCE isn't with him. I know I did so notably in the first round of the final. Sorry, Ingrid J.

SENIOR TEAMS

Any Senior Players looking to make up a team for the Seniors Teams, please contact Nissan Rand, Room 1276 in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

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Plate Transnational Mixed Pairs

The pairs who were unlucky enough not to qualify for the final are playing a different set of boards, and while the main interest naturally centers on the race for the World title there have been several interesting deals.

A more than decent grand slam was defeated by bad breaks - or was it?

Dealer East. Love All

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

Alan & Dorothy Truscott were one of the pairs who bid to 7♠ - well done indeed, but when West led a heart declarer naturally won and cashed the ace of spades intending to ruff two hearts in the dummy.

Another declarer, missing that line, cashed the king of spades at trick two. When the bad break came to light a diamond to the ace was followed by a diamond ruff, a spade to the ten and the queen of diamonds. East's king was a happy sight, but West's queen of spades appeared on the same trick and the contract was down. If declarer takes the ruffing finesse at trick four and then relies on the club finesse the grand slam will be home - but we doubt anyone would play that way?

Dealer East. E/W Vul

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

This deal contained an instructive defensive point, missed by almost the entire field.

A fairly common auction went like this:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East leads a spade and West is in with the ace. Is it really so difficult to play the king of clubs? Or a spade? Or the ace of diamonds? Those West's who played a trump were soon conceding -620.

This deal was a similar story, where the vast majority let a game through:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

The 8th Red Sea Bridge Festival



The 8th Red Sea Bridge Festival will be held at the Royal Beach International Conference Centre, Eilat, Israel, from November 10th to 17th 2002.

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West **North** **East** **South**
 Dble All Pass 4♠

West can get away with leading a top heart followed by a trump, but for my money the trump lead stands out a mile.

We'll finish with an amusing story that featured a special piece of play by declarer:

*Dealer*North. *E/W* Vul.

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

West **North** **East** **South**
Marcoux *Marcoux*
 Pass Pass! I♦!!
 Dble 3♦ Dble Pass
 4♠ All Pass

North naturally started with three top diamonds, South discarding a club, and West was forced to ruff. Declarer, Canada's Bernard Marcoux, a former Bols winner, knew that South had psyched, and he carefully cashed three clubs and three hearts, ending in dummy before playing the last heart. South, with nothing but trumps was forced to ruff, so declarer scored the ten of spades, ruffed a club with the queen of spades and took the last two tricks with the top spades for a rather good score.

Schedule of Events

Subject to Confirmation

(Today)

McConnell Cup

Round 3b, 10.15-11.15
 Round 4, 12.50-14.20, 14.30-16.00
 Round 5, 16.50-18.20, 18.30-20.00

Power Rosenblum Cup

Round 4, 10.15-11.15, 11.25-12.40
 Round 5, 14.00-15.15, 15.25-16.40
 Round 6, 17.20-18.35, 18.40-20.00

(Tommorrow)

McConnell Cup

Round 6, 10.00-11.30, 11.40-13.10
 Round 7, 14.30-16.00, 16.10-17.40

Power Rosenblum Cup

Round 7, 10.00-11.15, 11.25-12.40
 Round 8, 14.00-15.15, 15.25-16.40
 Round 9, 17.20-18.35, 18.40-20.00

SCHEDULE OF CAN-AM 2002

Wednesday August 21

09.00	Bracketed Morning KO#2	3rd Session
	Bracketed Morning KO#3	1st Session
	Morning Contin. Pairs#1	5th Session
13.00	Bracketed KO#2	3rd Session
	Stratiflighted Pairs	1st Session
	Ladies Swiss	1st Session
	Open Swiss	1st Session
	Continuous Pairs#2	5th Session
19.30	Bracketed KO#2	4th Session
	Stratiflighted Pairs	2nd Session
	Ladies Swiss	2nd Session
	Open Swiss	2nd Session
	Continuous Pairs#2	6th Session
	Horizontal Swiss	1st Session



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BG smothers BG

by Brian Glubok

When Brian Glubok faced Bill Gates in the first session of the Mixed Pairs qualifying, I fully expected something mystical to happen. After all, Bill and I share more than our initials. Both of us have played with Fred Gitelman, both were educated in Massachusetts in the Seventies (I studied at Amherst while Bill was launching Microsoft at Harvard) and we both have an entrepreneurial streak (I have a paper route in lower Manhattan while Bill is founder-chairman of the world's largest corporation).

On the first deal of our set, Bill made all 13 tricks in a vulnerable heart slam. This slightly spectacular result was surpassed on the second deal, where Gates declared 2♥.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10 9 4 ♥ A J 7 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ J 9 2	♠ 7 3 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A Q 10 3 2 ♣ Q 10 8 5	♠ A K ♥ K 9 3 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ A 7 6 4 3	♠ Q 8 6 5 2 ♥ 10 8 6 5 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ K
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West	North	East	South
Gates		Osberg	
Pass	2♥	INT	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
		All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Majors.

My partner, Jane Thompson of Canada, led her top two spades. She then cashed the ♣A and shifted to a diamond. Gates won and played diamond winners and the ♣Q, discarding two spades from dummy. Along the way, he ruffed a club in dummy, leading to this five-card ending:

♠ J ♥ A J 7 ♦ - ♣ J	♠ - ♥ Q 4 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 10	♠ - ♥ K 9 ♦ - ♣ 7 6 3	♠ Q ♥ 10 8 6 5 ♦ - ♣ -
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Gates ruffed the ♣10 in dummy, both opponents following. He then led a trump from the South hand. I rose with the ace and played a spade for Jane to ruff, which she did, with the ♥K. This was the two-card ending.

♠ - ♥ J 7 ♦ - ♣ -	♠ - ♥ Q ♦ 10 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ - ♦ - ♣ 7 6	♠ - ♥ 10 8 ♦ - ♣ -
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Jane had to return a club and I was skewered in the extremely rare ending known as a smother play. Suddenly, my "certain" trump trick evaporated.

All in all, it was indeed a mystical round: a vulnerable slam occurs on perhaps one in a hundred deals - rare but not unheard of. The position that occurred in the second deal, by contrast, is so rare that bridge player might play an entire lifetime without seeing it. A smother play, it is fair to say, is as rare as a Seattle street without a Starbucks.



Bill Gates

The winning edge

It's usually good strategy to be aggressive at matchpoints. A better strategy is to combine aggression with skill at card play. The ultimate, of course, is to be aggressive, skillful andlucky.

Becky Rogers and Jeff Meckstroth, winners of the Mixed Pairs, didn't have much to work with in the second final session, in which they scored only about 54% to lie second, nearly two percentage points out of first.

The Americans - Rogers lives in Las Vegas, Meckstroth in Tampa FL - mounted a charge in the third final session, scoring just a whisker less than 70% to overtake France's Babette Hugon and Jean Jacques Palau, who earned the silver medal, just ahead of Sabine and Jens Auken, who also had a huge game in the third final session.

On this deal, Rogers showed the skillful part of the winning formula against one of the best mixed pairs from the U.S., Lisa and David Berkowitz.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Jeff Meckstroth

West	North	East	South
David	Meckstroth	Lisa	Rogers
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT

David Berkowitz led the ♥J, ducked all around. He continued with the ♥10, on which Lisa discarded the encouraging ♣7. Rogers won the ♥A and played the ♠Q, ducked by David. He also ducked when Rogers played the ♠K. She then played a heart from hand, taken by David with the king, followed by a low club to Lisa's ace. Lisa returned the ♦J, which went around to dummy's ace. Rogers followed with the ♠J to David's ace, and he got out of his hand with a heart to dummy's queen. This was the position as Rogers cashed the ♠10:

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

Rogers pitched her low diamond and David threw his low club. Rogers, reading the layout accurately, played a club to the king, dropping David's queen for eight tricks. Note that if Berkowitz had stiffed his ♦K instead of the ♣Q, Rogers could have played a diamond, forcing David to lead from his ♣Q at the end for the same result. Plus 120 was worth 155 out of 180 matchpoints.

The following deal illustrates how close to the edge one must stroll to come home with loads of matchpoints.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

What a start

The first set of the Power Rosenblum and everyone is looking for a good start. This was the first significant swing deal of the match between England's KAUFMANN and GRAVESEN of Denmark.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kaufmann		Rosen	
	4♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

I never actually saw this auction before. The Danish North opened with a natural 4♣ pre-empt and his partner raised to game. Peter Kaufmann made an aggressive take-out double but, from his point of view, this was unlikely to come to too much harm as he held decent defence with two aces and his partner would only bid at this level if he had plenty of distribution and thought he could make something. What business has the pre-

emptor got in redoubling? After all, at this vulnerability the 5♣ raise could have been made on ♣Kxxx and out. Well, the redouble caught the English pair well and truly as South had just what was needed to make eleven tricks for a very nice +800.

At the other table Dick Shek opened a Precision 2♣ as North and he and Gus Calderwood chalked up +460 in 3NT, only to lose 8 IMPs.

Kaufmann and Rosen got their revenge a few boards later when they bid smoothly to a grand slam on this next deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kaufmann		Rosen	
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	7♥	All Pass

One NO Trump was 15-17 and 2♣ Stayman. When Neil Rosen found a heart fit he splintered and the 4♣ cuebid was just what he wanted to hear, filling in his side suit as it did. He used RKCB and, on discovering three key cards, bid the grand. There were no problems in the play so that was +2210.

In the other room the Danes had a mix-up and stopped in 6♣+1 for 13 IMPs to KAUFMANN, who led by 36 IMPs at the half-way stage of the match.



Birds of a Feather

When Argentina's Pablo Lambardi arrived in Montreal he did not have a partner for the Mixed Pairs Championship. Luckily, he managed to get fixed up shortly before the start of play with Padma Daryanani, representing Venezuela, but the first session was played with very little system and even with Pablo being unsure of his partner's name. However, at dinner that evening they got talking and Pablo kept being struck by how many experiences they seemed to have in common, things that had happened to both of them at different times in their lives. He asked, 'Excuse me, but do you happen to have a birthday in the last few days in November? The reply was, 'Yes, the 25th'.

They do say that Birds of a Feather Flock Together, but it is quite a coincidence to meet a strange partner from another country like this and find that you have the same birthday, as November 25th is also when Pablo was born.

Statistical Curiosity Department

When was the last time that a pair racked up 70% in a session of the final of a World Championship event? Jeff Meckstroth and Becky Rogers did not manage this feat - they fell short by 0.37 MPs by my reckoning, notching up an incredible 69.99%. Is that a record or do you know of anyone who has beaten it? **Barry Rigal**



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Hoping for the worst

By Gary Mugford, Brampton ON

It's not often that declarer hopes for a 5-0 trump break, but it happened Monday night in the Can-Am Stratified Open Pairs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q J ♥ 10 8 7 6 4 ♦ A Q 5 4 ♣ J 9</p>	<p>♠ A 9 6 3 2 ♥ K J 5 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 6 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> </div> <p>♠ 8 ♥ A Q 9 3 2 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ A K 8 7</p>	<p>♠ K 10 7 5 4 ♥ – ♦ K 3 2 ♣ Q 10 5 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
Dble	All Pass	2♠	3♥

I stretched the law of total tricks by competing to 3♥ after my partner, Danny Loannidis, also of Brampton, had made a three-card raise of my opener. East's 2♠ bid prompted West to end the auction with a double.

Fearing that East had 5-1-5-2 shape, I nevertheless hoped hearts were 5-0. I won the opening spade lead in dummy and cashed two high clubs, playing a third round. West discarded a spade as dummy ruffed low. A spade was ruffed with the ♥Q and the fourth club was ruffed.

I then cashed the ♥K, which confirmed the "bad" trump split. I got off dummy with a diamond, waiting for West to have to ruff in and play into my heart tenace. Making 3♥ doubled was a near top.

Duck and Sluff

Current World Seniors Teams champion, Gene Freed brought us this hand from the Can-Am Regional.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 4 ♥ 7 ♦ K 9 6 5 3 ♣ Q J 7 6</p>	<p>♠ J 7 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ Q J 8 4 ♣ K 9 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> </div> <p>♠ K 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ 10 3</p>	<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ Q J 9 6 3 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 8 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Dble 3NT	Erickson Pass INT All Pass	1♥ 2♥	Freed 1♠ 2♠

Nels Erickson led the jack of spades, which was allowed to hold the trick. He continued with a second spade to the ten and queen and declarer played the queen of clubs. When that held the trick declarer switched his attention to diamonds, playing three rounds. North returned a low club to the ten and jack and now declarer led a heart to the queen and Freed ducked! A second heart was played to North's ten and Erickson led the ♣9 to dummy's ace. On this trick Freed pitched the ace of hearts! Down to nothing but hearts, dummy had to play a heart and Erickson won the king and cashed the ♣K and ♦Q for two down and an excellent score for North/South. It isn't often that you get the opportunity to duck an ace only to discard it two tricks later.

IL ÉTAIT UNE FOIS À CINCINNATI

par Julie Fajgelzon

L'année passée, Jean Castonguay a eu la bonne fortune de kibbitzer Zia à Cincinnati. Il a aussi eu la chance d'appliquer une leçon apprise aux genoux du grand maître à une main qu'il a jouée dans le Knock-Out samedi soir.

Je vais d'abord vous donner les enchères et je vais vous demander: 'qu'attaquez-vous avec la main suivante.

Vous êtes Ouest:

♠ V 7 4 3
♥ DV 9 4
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5

Les enchères (Vous et votre partenaire passez):

S	N
1♠	ISA (impératif)
3♦	5♦
5♥	6♦

Alors, quelle est votre entame? L'as de trèfle? Pas de chance!. Zia, ou plutôt, en ce cas, son disciple, vous a eu. Voici la main de Jean Castonguay (Sud)

♠ A R D 9 8 6
♥ 5 3
♦ A R 10 9 7
♣ –

Jean savait qu'il voulait jouer 6 carreaux et qu'il voulait à tout prix éviter l'entame à coeur. Il a donc montré un contrôle à coeur. Qui peut blâmer le pauvre adversaire qui s'est fait prendre dans le piège?

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	A	B	C	
2.43	1			William Blake, Lake Charles LA; John Potter, Panama City FL 56.00
2.12	2	1		Clarke Hopkins - Paul Cherry, Toronto ON 54.00
1.59	3	2		Preston Carlisle, Ogdensburg NY; Marke Antonsen, Mapleridge BC 52.00
1.23	3			Carol Netchvolodoff, Washington DC; Linda Logan, Thornhill ON 51.50
1.68	1			Charles Primeau, Montreal PQ; David Dow, Kingston ON 49.50

DIMANCHE PM - SUNDAY AFT PAIRS

64 Pairs

	A	B	C	
6.37	1			Alain Brisebois, Montreal PQ; Isabelle Brisebois, Ottawa ON 146.50
4.78	2			Celia Anshell - Chana Schechter, Cote Saint-Luc 140.50
3.58	3			Lily - Maud, Egypt 134.50
5.16	4	1		Clarke Hopkins - Paul Cherry, Toronto ON 132.00
3.08	3	1		Alain Schad - Michel Picard, Montreal PQ 126.50

DIMANCHE SOIR - SUNDAY EVE PAIRS

60 Pairs

	A	B	C	
6.07	1	1		Ginette Berube, Rosemere PQ; Benoit Hetu, Repentigny PQ 206.50
4.55	2	2	1	R Goldenfield-M Brunner, Montreal PQ 201.00
3.41	3			Werner Hausmann - Helen Hausmann, Englewood NJ 194.00

CONTINUOUS PAIRS I - OVERALL

287 Players

10.05	1/2	Helen Hausmann, Englewood NJ	128.22%
10.05	1/2	Werner Hausmann, Englewood NJ	128.22%
8.23	3/4	Normand Rheault, Trois-Rivieres PQ	125.80%
8.23	3/4	Antoine Georges, N Berges NJ	125.80%

DIMANCHE PM - SUNDAY AFT PAIRS

64 Pairs

	A	B	C	
6.37	1			Alain Brisebois, Montreal PQ; Isabelle Brisebois, Ottawa ON 146.50
5.16	4	1		Clarke Hopkins - Paul Cherry, Toronto ON 132.00
3.08	3	1		Alain Schad - Michel Picard, Montreal PQ 126.50

SUNDAY FLIGHT "A" SWISS

15 Teams

16.10	1	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Bert Eccles, Montreal PQ; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; John Duquette, Oshawa ON 121.00
12.08	2	Philip Gordon, Las Vegas NV; Kevin Bathurst,

		Thousand Oaks CA; Ian Boyd, Calgary AB; Daniel Doston, Dartmouth NS; Steven Lariviere, Toronto ON; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON 97.00
9.06	3	Henri Barki, Westmount PQ; Hayk Bosnakyan, Montreal PQ; Sarko Kassabian, Dol-des-Ormea PQ; Roger Dunn, Brossard PQ; Jean Castonguay, Lery PQ 95.00
6.79	4	Yucheng Ding, Chaoyang, Beijing CP; Zijian Shao, Shanghai CP; Xiaodong Qiao, Calgary AB; Mark Han, San Francisco CA; Zhiqiang Ren, Beijing CP; Yongling Dong, CP 93.00

SUNDAY B/C SWISS

21 Teams

	A	
8.79	1	George Malone, Beaconsfield PQ; Clara Desjardins, St Lazare PQ; Edward Long, Pierrefonds PQ; Robert Barsalou, L'Ile-Bizard PQ 116.00
6.59	2	Jules La Sante, Drummondville PQ; Normand Beland, St Niciphore PQ; Cecile Rodier, St-Thomas-Aqu PQ; Jacques Follis, Montreal PQ 105.00
4.94	3	Monroe Miller, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Christian Houle, Saint-Laurent PQ; Ansar Burney, Lasalle PQ; Shahid Burney,

CONT.PRS I OF 5 SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH

	A	B	C	
	1			William Blake, Lake Charles LA; John Potter, Panama City FL 56.00
		1		Carol Netchvolodoff, Sanfacon, Charl. PQ Logan, Thornhill ON 51.50

EAST-WEST

	1	1		Clarke Hopkins - Paul Cherry, Toronto 54.00
		1		Serge Gregoire - Helene Washington DC; Linda 48.00

DIMANCHE PM - SUNDAY AFT ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH

	A	B	C	
	1			Celia Anshell - Chana Schechter, Cote Saint-Luc PQ 140.50
	2	1		Clarke Hopkins - Paul Cherry, Toronto 132.00
	3	2	1	Dan Chocron, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Steve Messier, Montreal PQ 125.00

EAST-WEST

	1	1	1	Jocelyne Parent, Saint-Hippolyte PQ; Isabelle Charest, 124.50
	2	2	2	Yves Gervais - Suzanne Leveille, Montreal PQ 118.50
	3	3		Sheldon Zimmerman - Brandon Zimmerman, Cote

NORTH-SOUTH

	A	B	C	
	1			Helene Beaulieu - Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke PQ 131.50
	2	1		Ginette Berube, Rosemere PQ; Benoit etu, Repentigny PQ 123.00

3	2	Manzoor Ahmad, Montreal PQ; Gillian Cook, Oceanside CA	117.50		
	I	Lauraine Benoit, Mont-Royal PQ; Liliane Drapeau, Outremont PQ	111.50		
EAST-WEST					
	I	Denis Lesage, Longueuil PQ; Yvonne Shamash, Mount Royal PQ	124.00		
2	I	Sarah Plain, Dayton OH; Janet Garthe, Suttons Bay MI	123.00		
3	2	Carol Thompson - Peter Ineson, Halifax NS	122.50		
	I	Maurice Gagne, Laval PQ; Renee Sussmann, Switzerland	110.50		
NORTH-SOUTH					
	A	B	C		
	I			Lily - Maud, Egypt	134.50
2	I	I		Alain Schad - Michel Picard, Montreal	126.50
3	2			T. Seng Tjoa, Pomona NY; Riva Kaplan, Montreal PQ	125.00
4/5	3/4			Winnie Nickerson, Halifax NS; Alverna Simpson, Fredericton NB	107.50
EAST-WEST					
	I			Alain Brisebois, Montreal PQ; Isabelle Brisebois, Ottawa	146.50
2	I			Courtney Nelson, Wells VT; Sandra Hammer, Dedham MA	
4	3	I		Donald Laberge - J. P. Dicaire, Chateauguay	117.50
DIMANCHE SOIR - SUN EVE ONLY SESSION					
NORTH-SOUTH					
	A	B	C		
	I	I		Ginette Berube, b Brunner, Montreal PQ	201.00
				Hetu, Repentigny PQ	206.50
2	2	I		Alain Schad - Michel Picard, Montreal	184.50
EAST-WEST					
	I	I	I	R Goldenfield - M Rosemere PQ; Benoit	
NORTH-SOUTH					
	A	B	C		
	I			Linda Saks-Jay Saks, Hausmann, Inglewood	194.00
2	I			Antoine Georges, ; Normand Rheault; Trois-Rivieres PQ	183.00
EAST-WEST					
	I			Werner Hausmann - Helen Cote Saint-Luc PQ	186.00
3	I	I		Murielle Lemieux, ; Rejeanne Lacombe, Montreal PQ	188.00
4	3	I		Serge Gregoire - Helene Sanfacon, Charlesbourg PQ	187.50

It is better to Travel Hopefully than to Arrive.

(Old Russian Proverb)

Due to technical reasons beyond our control we could not publish any news or results from the Can-Am Regional yesterday. Please accept our apologies. You will now find news and results every day - at least we hope so.

Daily Bulletin Staff

The Kournikova of Bridge



In the world of tennis one player consistently hits the headlines despite her relative lack of success. So why not in Bridge? If such a player were to exist this is how she might be interviewed.

Q. I don't know anything about Bridge but my Editor told me to interview you because you are good looking... er so what are you doing afterwards?

A. Playing Bridge

Q. Really? Isn't that a game for weirdos?

A. My mother taught me how to play when I was ten and I soon improved and I am now the best looking and sexiest player in the world if you only count world grandmas-

ters. There's a player in Bulgaria who's prettier than me but she plays like the dog's dinner.

Q. You are very pretty and yet Bridge is usually only played by women of a certain age. Did you ever consider trying your hand at something else like being a quiz show bimbo?

A. I always wanted to be a go-go dancer but it's a very difficult field to break into.

Q. Genius is a word used with only the slightest justification so I'll ask you as a very attractive genius do you see a time when a woman might challenge the top men players of the game?

A. You mean someone like Sabine Auken?

Q. Who?

A. She's the top rated woman. She often plays against the best men players and wins.

Q. No, I mean a good-looking woman player. What's this Auken chick like? A cutie? When I was researching this interview I spoke with the leader of the WCB - World Cribbage Association - and he told me he had heard there were plans to change the image of bridge by making all the competitions much shorter. For example all the team championships will be one board knock out matches and be completed in one day instead of two weeks. That's sure to attract a lot of media attention and make the game more popular and unless a sport is constantly in the public eye and earning big bucks for all the major players and investors, then frankly it's utterly worthless.

A. Sorry, what was the question?

Q. Would you like to go out for dinner?