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# **Favourites Out of Rosenblum!**



The Vugraph

There was no lack of excitement as the knock-out stages of the Power Rosenblum and the McConnell continued yesterday. We are down to the last eight in the former, whilst the Women have reached the semi-final stage. Several matches ebbed and flowed and went right down to the wire. The big shock in the Power Rosenblum was the defeat of the top-seeded NICKELL team to ATTANASIO (ITA). At the same time the Open and Women's Pairs got under way, and the Seniors Teams completed its qualifying stage. The four teams to make the knock-outs includes FREED (USA) several of whom won the Seniors Championship last year in Paris



#### **VuGraph**

Salle François ground floor

10.00 Lavazza - Kowalski

12.30 Burgay - Monachan

15.40 to be decided

18.10 to be decided



### ATTENTION!!!

All events begin at 10.00

### **Open and Womens Pairs**

 $293\ and\ 78\ pairs$  are participating in the Open and Womens events.

We expect about 24 pairs to drop into the semifinal of the Open event.

Having 156 pairs playing in the semifinal this means that around 132 pairs may continue after the qualification. The final will be played with 72 pairs.

We expect about 8 pairs to drop in from the Power Rosenblum. This leaves approximately 64 pairs to qualify from the semifinal.

The semifinal in the Womens pairs will be played with 52 pairs. We expect some 10 pairs to drop in from the McConnell leaving space for about 42 pairs to qualify.

The final will be played with 26 pairs of which 4-6 will enter after having played the final in the McConnell. This means that 20-22 pairs will qualify from the semifinal.

Those pairs qualified by title to the pairs events in the semifinal are kindly requested to inform us about their plans today. Be aware that you should have registered and paid already. Please go to the WBF secretariat in the Matapedia room.

#### W.B.F. LAWS COMMITTEE

The time of the meeting on Tuesday, 27th August 2002, has been changed slightly. Please note that it will now start at 2.30 p.m. in the Appeals Committee room on the third floor.

## **POWER ROSENBLUM CUP**

(Knockout Phase of 16)

ı	Nickell	USA	Attanasio	ITA	59	52	21	62	68	31	41	50	189	195
2	Munawar	INA	Dalal	IND	24	27	56	9	36	37	84	22	200	95
3	Zimmermann	FRA	Monachan	ENG	31	47	17	37	38	48	54	50	140	182
4	Burgay	POL	Rigal	USA	26	9	35	20	38	30	30	32	129	91
5	Meltzer	USA	Fredin	SWE	42	40	35	26	31	34	18	28	126	128
6	Schwartz	USA	Maas	NED	76	П	38	33	50	17	0	0	164	61
7	Kowalski	POL	Olanski	POL	45	17	39	18	19	25	38	42	141	102
8	Lavazza	ITA	Cayne	USA	27	40	36	7	49	14	19	54	131	115

## McCONNELL CUP

(Knockout Phase of 8)

Bessis	FRA	Auken	GER	39	22	16	32	45	16	18	44	118	114
Radin	USA	Baker	USA	46	37	34	37	78	9	66	15	224	98
Sanborn	USA	Arrigoni	ITA	61	13	23	10	6	56	36	14	126	93
Vriend	NED	Dhondy	ENG	36	42	20	37	67	21	38	41	161	141
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#### Power Rosenblum Quarter-Finals

Attanasio	ITA	-	Munawar	INA		
Burgay *	POL	-	Monachan	ENG		
Fredin	SWE	-	Schwartz	USA		
Lavazza	ITA	-	Kowalski	POL		
*Team Playing Brown Sticker Methods						

#### **McConnell Semi-Finals**

Bessis	FRA	-	Radin *	USA		
Vriend	NED	-	Sanborn	USA		
*Team Playing Brown Sticker Methods						

### **Seniors Teams Semi-Finals**

Holt	USA/CAN	-	Schippers	NED
Freed	USA	-	Otvosi	POL

#### **Seniors Teams Semi-Finals - Rosters**

Freed (USA)
Schippers (NED)
Otvosi (POL)
Holt (USA/CAN)
Freed, Erikson, Finkel, Miller, Larsen, Kivel
Ramer, Bomhof, Schippers E., Schippers H.
Otvosi, Lasocki, Borewicz, Klapper, Russyan
Holt (USA/CAN)
Holt, Schulte, Godefrin, Middleman, Baron

## **SENIORS TEAMS**

## Final Standings After 12 Rounds

Т	Schipper	s NLD	216.00	17 Janssens	NLD	176.00
2	Freed	USA	216.00	18 Hertz	USA	175.00
3	Otvosi	POL	212.00	19 Revill	USA/CAN	174.00
4	Holt	USA/CAN	206.00	20 Garber	USA	171.75
5	Marsal	GER	205.00	21 Humburg	g GER	171.00
6	Sternberg	USA	203.75	22 Harper	UK/USA	171.00
7	Wegman	USA	202.75	23 McGowa		164.00
8	Cohen I	JSA/CAN	198.00		TUR/ENG	159.00
9	Robinson	CAN	197.00			
10	Budd	USA	191.00	25 Schaeffer	USA	158.75
ш	Romik	ISR/FRA	189.00	26 Leblanc	CAN	155.00
12	Kniest	USA	187.00	27 Spengler	SWI	153.00
13	Priebe	CAN	186.00	28 Clark	CAN	145.00
14	Markowic	zTRANS	184.00	29 Mortelm	ans BEL	142.00
15	Keidan	USA	178.00	30 Campbel	I USA	134.75
16	Levine	USA	176.75	31 Ajania	KEN/CAN	134.00

## Windshields and bugs

As the Mark Knopfler song says, sometimes you're the wind-shield, sometimes you're the bug. After the second set of the round of 32 in the Power Rosenblum, the Seymon Deutsch squad knows what it feels like to be the bug, going from 3 IMPs down after 14 boards to 70 IMPs down at the halfway point in the match with the Wojtek Olanski team from Poland.

The 67-0 rout was not apparent to those who observed play in the Open Room, as Roger Bates and Jaggy Shivdasani faced Olanski and Wlodek Starkowski in a relatively quite set. Just about nothing went right for Fred Chang and Chris Willenken at the other table, however, as the Poles romped.

Despite the lopsided score, there were a couple of interesting

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	<ul><li>◆ 5</li><li>♡ Q 9 8 7 2</li><li>◇ A J 9 3</li><li>◆ 8 6 3</li></ul>	
<b>♠</b> K Q J 7  ∇ K I 0 5  ♦ Q I 0  ♣ A Q J I 0	N W E S	♠ A 10 9  ♡ A 4 3  ◇ K 7 5 2  ♣ K 5 4
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	♡ ] 6	
	♦ 8 6 4	
	<b>♣</b> 9 7 2	



Wlodek Starkowski

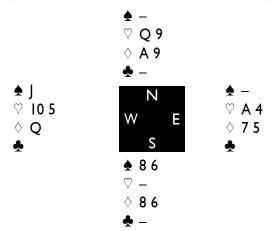
West	North	East	South
Olanski	Bates	Starkowski	Jaggy
			Pass
♣	I 🛇	<b>3</b> ♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) Relay to 3NT.

In the Closed Room, Chang and Willenken landed in 6NT, which Olanski must have been considering in the time it took him to bid 3NT after Starkowski's 3♠ bid.

On the lie of the cards, North must lead a black suit to keep declarer from taking 12 tricks.

Bates started with the  $\heartsuit$ 7, fourth best, which went to the two, jack and king. Next came the  $\diamondsuit$ 10, covered by Bates with the jack. Declarer won the king and ran his spades and clubs. This was the end position as Olanski cashed with four tricks to go:

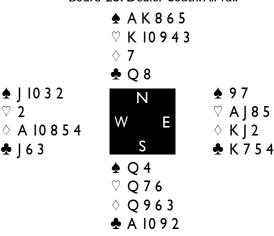


On the play of the  $\P$ , Bates had to discard the  $\lozenge$ 9, and Olanski had only to exit with the  $\lozenge$ Q. Bates won and was forced to lead hearts, giving the last two tricks to declarer.

The details of the play at the other table were not known, but the result was 6NT down one - an 11-IMP gain for the Polish team.

Bates and Jaggy did well to stop in 2♠ on this deal, and Bates played well to emerge with an overtrick, but it was yet another loss.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Olanski	Bates	Starkowski	Jaggy
			Pass
Pass	I♠	Dble	Redbl
2♦	2♡	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Warned by the take-out double, Bates made no move despite the fact that partner showed some life with his redouble. Starkowski started with the  $\clubsuit 9$ , taken by Bates with the queen. He played a low heart to his king and Stakowski's ace, and continued with the  $\lozenge J$ . Bates covered with the queen and ruffed the diamond continuation after West won the ace. He then played the  $\lozenge I 0$ , covered by the jack and queen and ruffed by West. A third round of diamonds was ruffed by Bates, who then cashed his spades, picking up trumps, before playing the  $\lozenge 9$  and a heart to East's eight. With nothing but clubs left, Starkowski had to lead away from the king and Bates was home with nine tricks.

## World Championship Book 2002



The official book of these Championships will be available early next year at a price of \$30. However, if you wish to pre-order and pay for your copy of the book here in Montreal, there is a special price of \$25 or

Can\$40, including surface mail to anywhere in the world.

To place your order please see Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room.

Principle analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal, with other contributions from guest writers, including Mark Horton and Patrick Jourdain. The intention is to cover every board in the final and semi-finals of the Power Rosenblum and the final session of both Open and Women's Pairs events, plus substantial coverage of the earlier stages of these events and all other Championship events. There will be a comprehensive results listing, which will include a full list of all participants in every event, and also a list of all those working at the Championships, plus many photographs.



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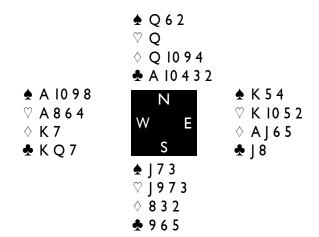


## **A Rare Opportunity**

by Vishy Viswanathan

It is indeed rare for a Director to witness a full hand in play and when it happened it was to witness a fine piece of declarer play in the first qualifying session of the Open Pairs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



The Russian pairing of Alexander and Irina Ladizhenski had the simple auction  $1 - 1 \circ - 2 \circ - 4 \circ$ , where  $1 - 4 \circ - 4$ 

Irina won dummy's jack and played a low heart to her ace, noting the fall of the queen on her left. She cashed the  $\Diamond K$  then played a club to the jack followed by a second club for queen and ace. North continued with another diamond so Irina won the ace and pitched a spade from hand. She continued with the  $\bigstar K$  then a spade to the ace and cashed the  $\bigstar K$ , pitching dummy's last spade. A spade was ruffed low and now declarer had  $\heartsuit 864$  opposite  $\heartsuit K 10$  and  $\diamondsuit 6$ . Playing the  $\diamondsuit 6$  forced South to ruff in with the nine to prevent a cheap ruff in hand, but now South had to lead into dummy's heart tenace at trick twelve to give an overtrick. Well played indeed!

## **Schedule of Events**

Subject to Confirmation

#### McConnell Cup (Queen Eliz.)

Semi-Finals 10.00-12.10, 12.30-14.40

15.40-17.50, 18.10-20.20

#### Power Rosenblum Cup (Queen Eliz.)

Quarter Finals 10.00-12.10, 12.30-14.40

15.40-17.50, 18.10-20.20

#### Senior Teams (Queen Eliz.)

Semi-Finals 10.00-12.10, 12.30-14.40 Final 15.40-17.50, 18.10-20.20

#### **Qualifying Open and Women Pairs**

3rd Session10.004th Session16.00



## A Diamond is Forever

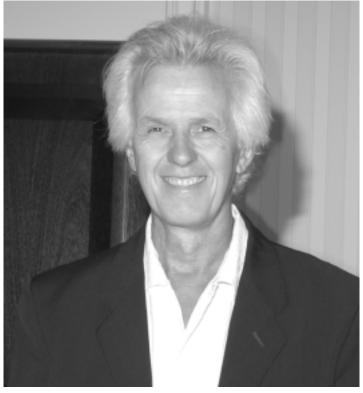
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by Bernard Marcoux, Montréal

I used to be a chess player and I once qualified for the Canadian chess championship by correspondence; I worked my brains out for more than a year, 2 or 3 hours a day, in order to win the qualification; when I finally won, I discovered bridge and I just quit chess, never playing again.

What is the difference between chess and bridge? I don't want to offend chess players and fans, but I would say chess is a children's game, and I don't mean that in a negative way. It is easy to understand: at chess, you play alone, you have one opponent and you see all the pieces all the time. At bridge, you have one partner and two opponents (some would say that makes three opponents, but let's not digress). In the bidding, you see only 13 cards out of 52 and, during the play, you see only 26 cards out of 52. At chess, there are 32 pieces and you see them all the time. At chess, if neither player makes a mistake, the game will end in a draw. If player A makes a mistake and player B sees it, player A will lose. Sometimes, player A doesn't know he made a mistake; he will realise it on the next move, or 5 or 6 moves later. Bobby Fischer, still in his teens, once playing the American champion, started a combination (a series of forced moves including maybe sacrifices of one or even two pieces in order to mate or to gain a decisive advantage) so deep that the commentators in the other room, not understanding the complexity of the combination, explained to the audience that he was losing the game; at the same time, the American champion, suddenly "seeing" what was happening, resigned.

At bridge, sometimes, a defender doesn't make a mistake, but he still loses, when the declarer submits him to a squeeze for example. Other times, the defender makes a mistake, and the de-

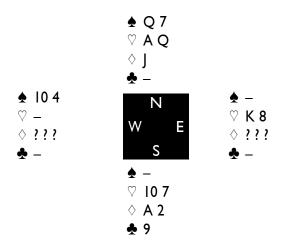


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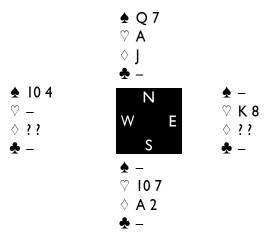
clarer can succeed if he can "see" all the pieces and execute the combination in perfect order.



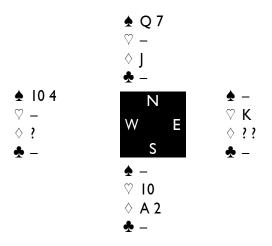
In the first match of the Zonal Teams, opponents were silent and you play 6♣, LHO leading a middle heart. You play low, RHO wins the jack and plays back a club. Oops!! Maybe he should have played back a diamond but you have bid diamonds at some point, and maybe that deterred him from playing that suit. Now if spades break 4-3 you will make 12 tricks, but you have to see deeper into the hand. My friend Jean-François Boucher of Chicoutimi, Québec, played the hand. He made a little mistake in the play; so we examined the hand during supper with our friends Serge Hamelin and Marc-André Fourcaudot and we finally found the solution. You win the club and play three more clubs, LHO pitching a heart on the fourth club. You play a spade to the ace, then the king (on which you pitch a diamond - let's say the three), RHO following with the nine and the jack. You then play a small spade (the mistake is to play a third top spade, effectively squeezing yourself), RHO pitches a heart, and you ruff. Now the position is:



Now you play the nine of clubs. LHO cannot let a spade go, so he pitches a diamond. You pitch the heart queen from dummy, not a spade, in order to keep the pressure on West; RHO has to keep the hearts guarded, so he pitches a diamond also. Now we have reached:



Now a heart to the ace (the real Vienna coup, creating a winner in East's hand and a menace with the  $\heartsuit$ 10 in declarer's hand), and LHO has to keep both spades, so he pitches another diamond. Now we have:



Now you play the spade queen from dummy, RHO has to keep the heart king, so he pitches a diamond; you pitch the now useless heart, LHO (immaterial now) follows. Finally, at trick 12, the Jack of diamonds to the ace collects the queen from East and the king from West, and the 13th trick (your 12th) is the diamond two.

I don't know what name or names we can put on this sequence of plays, successive or double or compound or criss-cross or any other exotic squeeze name, but I do know one thing: to be able to foresee that kind of play while seeing only 26 cards out of 52, and then to be able to conduct it till the end is the most exhilarating experience, and it is the reason why I quit chess for bridge.

To win the 13th trick with the diamond two, with the opponents not able to do anything about it, is why I will play bridge ... forever.

(A nice story, but we would be equally happy to win the last trick with the three of diamonds. Editors.)

### **SYSTEMS DESK**

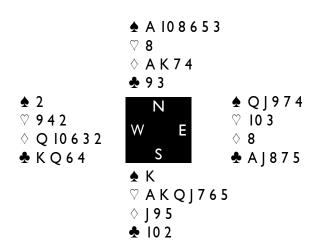
All quarter-finalists in the Power Rosenblum and McConnell are requested to file a copy of their convention cards and, where possible, their systems, with Anna Gudge in the WBF Secretariat on the Conventions Level of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

### Quack, Quack



Knowing when to duck and when to rise with one's high card is often not easy. Heather Dhondy of the English team of that name in the Round of 16 in the McConnell got it just right on this deal from their match against TERRANEO of Austria, the holders of the title from four years ago.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Erhart	Dhondy	Smederevac	Smith
		2♠	4♡
4NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the other room the Austrian N/S pair were allowed to play 4% for a simple +450.There was more action at our table.

Two Spades was weak with spades and a minor and 4NT asked for the minor. Dhondy doubled 4NT and doubled again when 5 came around to her. Nicola Smith cashed two top hearts then switched to a trump. Jovanka Smederevac won in dummy and led the singleton spade. Dhondy found her first smooth duck on this trick and the queen lost to the bare king. Smith returned a second trump and again declarer won in dummy. This time she tried leading a low diamond but, once again, Dhondy followed low. From here there was no way to establish either side-suit and Smederevac made just seven trump tricks; down four for -800 and 8 IMPs to DHONDY. Two ducks - quack, quack.

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## Down to the Wire

By the time you get to the knockout stage of the Power Rosenblum, there are no easy draws. Just ask the competitors in the Johnson-Kowalski match, who entered the fourth quarter of their match only 4 IMPs apart (Johnson leading).

In the open room, Mark Lair/Eddie Wold opposed Apolinary Kowalski/Piotr Tuszynski, while Geoff Hampson/Eric Greco went against Krzysztof Jassem/Piotr Gawrys in the closed room.

The Poles had gained 2 overtrick IMPs when the Americans earned a 12-IMP swing on an opening lead by Tuszynski that worked out very badly.

Dealer West, All Vul

♣ 9654
♥ J8
♦ 862
♣ J985

♠ A83
♥ A K 65
♦ A 5
♣ Q 1074

■ Q J 10
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ K Q J 7

The auction was the same at both tables.

**♣** 63

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hampson	Gawrys	Greco
Lair	Tuszynski	Wold	Kowalski
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Hampson led the  $\clubsuit 6$  and declarer went up with the king and ran the  $\heartsuit 10$ . North won with the jack and played another spade. Declarer ducked, won the next spade and cashed his top hearts. When they failed to deliver he turned to the club suit, but there was no joy there either and the contract was one down, minus 100.

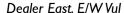
If declarer had elected to try the club suit first he might have found the winning line. South has to discard a diamond on the third round of the suit and at that point it costs nothing for declarer to exit with the ten of clubs. South can discard another diamond on that but if North cashes the 13th spade South will be squeezed in the red suits. If North exits with a diamond West will surely get the ending right, winning with the ace and exiting with a diamond to endplay South.

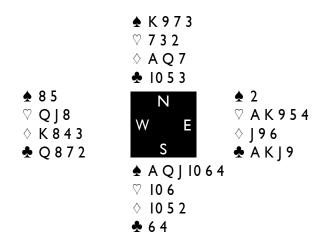
In the Open Room, Tuszynski started the defense with the  $\heartsuit$ J. Lair won the ace and fired back the suit, pleased to see the eight appear from North. Lair now had three heart tricks, three clubs, a diamond and two spades - and a 12-IMP gain.

There would be no more scoring for the Americans, however,

as the Poles blanked them the rest of the way to win the match and move on to the round of 16.

This board cost the Johnson team 5 IMPs.





West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hampson	Gawrys	Greco
		Ι♡	2♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass



Krzysztof Jassem

Once South had made his weak jump overcall North was never going to sell out to 4%, although in practice that contract would probably have failed. There was nothing to the play in  $4\clubsuit$  doubled, declarer losing two hearts, one diamond and two clubs for minus 300.

The auction was different in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
Lair	Tuszynski	Wold	Kowalski
	•	ΙŸ	2♠
3♡	<b>4</b> ♦	4♡	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Lair's decision not to double seems strange. Perhaps he was concerned about the position of his diamond king after North's 40 bid. At any rate, the same tricks were taken on defense but Lair and Wold recorded only plus 100 - a 5-IMP loss.

This deal was also a small swing for Kowalski.

#### Dealer West. None Vul

	<ul><li>♠ A 5</li><li>♡ A K 9</li><li>♦ Q 9 6 2</li><li>♠ A K Q 3</li></ul>	
♠ K Q 8 6  ♡ Q 5 3  ◇ K 8 3  ♣ J 5 4	N W E S ◆ 9742 ♥ 1087 ♦ J54 ◆ 1086	♠ J I0 3  ♡ J 6 4 2  ◇ A I0 7  ♣ 9 7 2



Piotr Tuszynski

West	North	East	South			
Jassem	Hampson	Gawrys	Greco			
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡*			
Pass	2NT	All Pass				

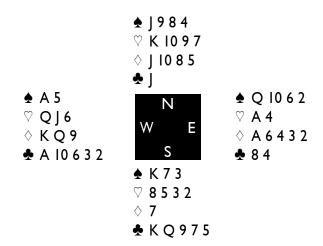
East led the  $\triangle$ J and declarer won and played a diamond to the jack. West won, played back the  $\triangle$ 8 to partner's ten, won the next two spades and played back a diamond for a fast one down and plus 50.

West	North	East	South
Lair	Tuszynski	Wold	Kowalski
Pass	♣*	Pass	◊*
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

North's I was Polish and his 2NT rebid showed 21-22 balanced. Wold led the  $\heartsuit 2$  to the ten, queen and ace. Tuszynski cashed four rounds of clubs, Wold pitching the  $\lozenge 7$ , a discard that was fatal to the defense, on the fourth club, Lair the  $\heartsuit 5$ . Tuszynski then played a diamond to the ten, jack and king and Lair returned a heart. It might seem that a spade is better, but declarer can simply win the ace, drive out the  $\lozenge A$  and get home with eight tricks. As it was, on the heart return, Tuszynski won the ace and played the  $\lozenge Q$ . Wold won and cashed two hearts, but that was it for the defense and Tuszynski had nine tricks for plus 150 and another 5 IMPs.

The next deal sealed the match for the Poles.

#### Dealer North, E/W Vul



West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hampson	Gawrys	Greco
	Pass	Pass	♣*
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the \$4 and declarer played the ten, taking South's king with the ace. He now played four rounds of diamonds and North won and played the \$\. Declarer won with the queen and confident the spades were 4-3, simply cashed the long diamond and played ace and another heart. He took the last two tricks to bring his total to nine for plus 600.

West	North	East	South
Lair	Tuszynski	Wold	Kowalski
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

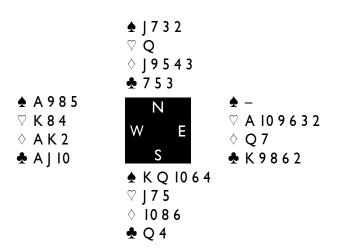
Kowalski's 24 was ostensibly 11-15 with a club suit, six or more or with a four-card major if only five. Lair inquired about 24 and was told what the pair's agreement is, but Lair didn't allow for Kowalski to be opening light in third seat.

Tuszynski led the  $\clubsuit$ J, taken by Lair with the ace. Lair then cashed the  $\lozenge Q$ , then the  $\lozenge K$ , on which Kowalski discarded the  $\image 2$ , then a diamond to the ace, on which Kowalski threw the  $\image 8$ . On the fourth round of diamonds, Kowalski discarded the  $\clubsuit 7$ , Lair a low club. When North exited with the  $\image 7$ , Lair went up with the ace.

He was still in position to make his contract, but on the fifth diamond, he discarded his \$\.2014{5}\$. Lair then played a heart to his queen and Tuszynski's king, winning the heart return in hand. Had he held onto his spade, Lair would then have been able to put Kowalski in with a club to a return of a spade, which he could run up to the queen for his ninth trick. Kowalski won the club and returned a spade to Lair's blank ace, winning the last two tricks with his black kings for down one and a 12-IMP gain.

This deal, near the end, was a push but it was interesting nonetheless.

#### Dealer West. N/S Vul



West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hampson	Gawrys	Greco
♣*	Pass	I	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

South led the  $\Delta K$  and declarer put up dummy's ace and discarded a club from hand. Setting out on a voyage of discovery he ruffed a spade, crossed to dummy with a heart to the king and ruffed another spade. Now he cashed the  $\nabla A$  and when North discarded the contract depended on locating the  $\Delta Q$ . (Our notes say



Geoff Hampson

North's card on the  $\heartsuit A$  was the  $\clubsuit 7$ , but we suspect our fading eyes got that wrong).

Declarer took three rounds of diamonds and ruffed dummy's last spade. He was confident he knew South was 5-3-3-2, so he naturally played a club to the ace and ran the jack. South won and could claim two down.

A perfect example of the operation being a success but the patient dying.

In the Open Room, the auction was protracted and Byzantine.

West	North	East	South
Lair	Tuszynski	Wold	Kowalski
♣	Pass	ΙÖ	I♠
Dble	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6◊	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Lair's double showed three-card heart support, and 5NT asked Wold to pick a slam.

Kowalski led the  $\Delta K$  and Wold played the contract essentially the same as Gawrys did - North discarding a diamond on the  $\nabla A$ . Wold also knew South's pattern, so he finessed through the hand with three clubs, going down two when Kowalski won, picked up the last trump and cashed a spade.

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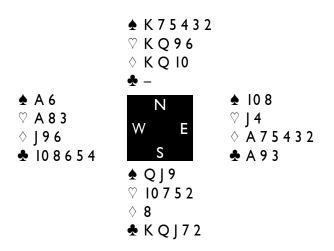
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## Voids for Meckwell

by Martin Kane

The chance of a void in a bridge hand is slightly over 18%. From a late round of the Rosenblum Round Robin, Meckstroth/Rodwell had a sequence of five boards in a row, each with one or more voids. This is almost 5000 to 1 against (more precisely 4772) for the voids, but each hand was also played in a major-suit game. They started well with this one.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Rodwell		Meckstroth
	I♠	2♦	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

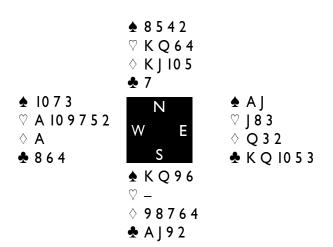
(I) Limit Raise



Eric Rodwell

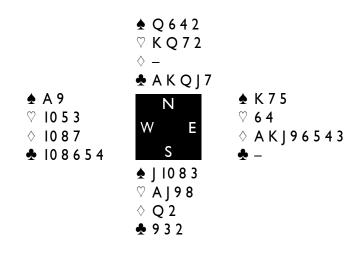
With the  $\heartsuit A$  well placed (although not the  $\heartsuit J$ ) for declarer, only a heart ruff is likely to defeat  $4 \clubsuit$ , even with the promising club suit in dummy being entirely wasted values opposite declarer's void. The actual defense was a spade to the ace and a small heart switch. Rodwell drew the other trumps and had no problems on a diamond return after the leading to the king and ace.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



The play on Board 6 was always going to be more challenging. In 4♠, Rodwell got the lead of the ♠K and won the ace. In with the ace of diamonds (North unblocking), West found a good return of a trump and East played ace and another. There were only ever nine tricks this time, with the defense taking two diamonds and the major suit aces.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

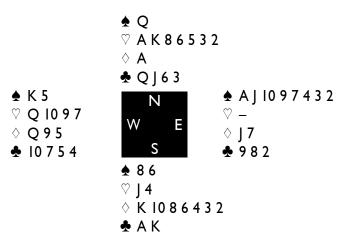


West	North	East	South
	Rodwell		Meckstroth
			Pass
Pass	l ♣	5◊	Dble
Pass	5♡	All Pass	

East then applied the maximum pressure on Board 7, with a leap to  $5 \lozenge$  over the strong club. Double was presumably take-out as Rodwell bid  $5 \heartsuit$  quickly enough. Pass would certainly not have been a good choice, with  $5 \lozenge$  unbeatable. If East happens on a spade lead his side might take the first six tricks with the aid of a few ruffs, but naturally enough he tried the  $\lozenge$ A. North ruffed, overtook the  $\triangledown$ Q and ruffed another diamond, this time high, and played the last trump from his hand. Unfortunately the  $\triangledown$ 10 didn't appear under the jack which would have given him eleven tricks assuming the clubs were worth another five. A nice try but two down.

On Board 8, East held a 4-3-6-0 three-count, another void, but the play lasted only a few seconds and it wasn't relevant to the hand.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Finally, Board 9 was probably the most interesting as, if the defense failed to shine, declarer would have a chance for a spectacular play. This time East only jumped to the three level on his second eight-card suit. West's  $4 \triangleq$  save would probably have gone for 500, but North pressed on to 5 % and the final double seems a little optimistic (trade the %) for any of North's hearts and it's an easy make).

West	North	East	South		
	Rodwell		Meckstroth		
	♣	3♠	Dble		
Pass	4♡	Pass	Pass		
4♠	5♡	Pass	Pass		
Dble	All Pass				

East led the  $\triangle$ A and thought for a while about continuing with a spade, perhaps thinking of forcing declarer. In fact, any switch will succeed in defeating the contract, but a spade continuation allows declarer the extra ruff he needs to bring off a trump coup. Using the two club honours and a club ruff in dummy as entries to ruff diamonds in hand (including one over-ruff), then exiting with a trump to the jack in the three-card ending.

Whether Rodwell would have played for the four-zero trump break we'll never find out, as East played the  $\lozenge J$  for one down.

Board 10 was 4-3-3-3 - how dull.

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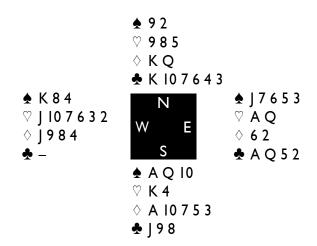
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## A Fredin Bid

by Ralf Bystroem

Peter Fredin, the Swedish star, is famous for his unusual bids. My partner Hans-Olof Hallen found a Fredin bid in the Regional.

#### Dealer West. N/S Vul



East opened One Spade, South passed, West raised to Two Spades and it went Pass - Pass. Now Mr Hallen as South bid 3NT, passed out.

West led the four of spades to the jack and queen. The contract looked promising if the club queen behaved, but on the jack of clubs West discarded a heart. Disaster?!

East let the jack win. Then came king, queen of diamonds, followed by a heart. East won with the ace and returned a spade to the ace and West unblocked the king! West forgot that East could not have the spade ten. The rest was easy. Ace of diamonds and a diamond followed and West had to give Mr Hallen nine tricks.

Thank you Peter Fredin!

#### **SCHEDULE OF CAN-AM 2002** Monday August 26 09.00 Bracketed Morning KO#4 4th Session Bracketed Morning KO#5 2nd Session Morning Contin. Pairs#2 4th Session 13.00 Stratiflighted Senior Pairs 1st Session **Open Swiss** 1st Session Ladies Swiss 1st Session Bracketed KO#4 1st Session Contin. Pairs#2 **Ist Session** 19.30 Stratiflighted Senior Pairs 2nd Session Open Swiss 2nd Session **Ladies Swiss** 2nd Session Bracketed KO#4 2nd Session Contin. Pairs#2 4th Session

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(After 2 Sessions)

			lst	2nd	Total	61	Habert - Wildansky	USA	57 63	50.47	54.05
- 1	Chagas - Brenner	BRA		64.15			Delmouly - Renouard	FRA		53.95	
	El Ahmady - Sadek	EGY	51.65	69.93	60.79		Clement - Bessis	FRA		51.43	
_	Ladizhenski - Ladizhenski	RUS		60.56			Bianchedi - Muzzio	ARG		50.85	
4	Forrester - Robson	ENG	64.71	56.21	60.46	65	Feldman - Osberg	USA	54.84	52.36	53.60
5	Nicolodi - Sbarigia	ITA	69.19	51.32	60.26		Hackett - Waterlow	ENG		53.88	
	Awad - Awad	FRA	62.24	58.22	60.23	67	Ruia - Samant	IND		48.13	
7	Raff - Sunser	USA	59.68	53.44	59.67	68	Naftali - Shinman	ISR	53.12	53.38	53.25
8	Li - Sun	CHI	58.47	59.81	59.14	69	Panina - Rosenblum	RUS	50.49	55.95	53.22
9	Zorlu - Assael	TUR	57.26	60.60	58.93	70	Felton - Weisman	USA	58.01	48.25	53.13
10	Chemla - Cronier	FRA	62.78	54.92	58.85	71	Brenning - Flodqvist	SWE	50.05	56.18	53.11
- 11	Ino - Imakura	JPN	55.18	62.30	58.74	72	Morse - Ross	USA	46.86	59.36	53.11
12	Richman - Prescott	AUS	60.94	56.20	58.57	73	Allegrini - Palau	FRA	52.83	53.31	53.07
13	Multon - Quantin	FRA	60.76	55.95	58.35	74	L'Ecuyer - Fergani	CAN	47.90	57.99	52.95
14	Bussek - Rohowsky	GER		63.95		75	Lo - Schwartz	USA		58.62	
15	Fantoni - Nunes	ITA		55.71		76	Fallenius - Welland	USA		52.69	
16	Morin - Chavannaz	FRA		57.97		77	Smith - Willenken	USA		53.72	
17	Wold - Zeckhauser	USA		56.69		78	Arbour - Oddy	USA		41.89	
18	Thuillez - Sebbane	FRA		55.61			Piganeau - Lalanne	FRA		59.20	
19	Smith - Czerniewski	ENG		58.37			Paulissen - Nab	NED		54.96	
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21	Finberg - Lair	USA		56.22		82	Michlmayr - Schneider	USA		55.49	
22	Stahl - Krishnan	IND		67.25		83	Klimowicz - Fung	CAN		48.33	
23	Hargreaves - Fraser	CAN		59.16		84	Petterson - Palmgren	SWE		53.69	
	Bakkeren - Bertens	NED		57.39		85	Potier - Cuenca	FRA		46.49	
25	Caplan - Caplan	CAN		52.08		86	Hertz - Kaplan	FRA		62.15	
	Veron - Bonnet	GUA		58.24			Demuy - Wolpert	CAN		51.98	
	Herbst - Herbst	ISR		58.79		88	Gitelman - Moss	USA		42.91	
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	Cannell - Carruthers	CAN		59.64			Ladewig - Janicki	CAN		49.79	
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	Ganzer - Stark	USA		64.14		93	Lakatos - Homonnay	HUN		55.88	
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	Bates - Klar	USA		56.06			Grue - Moss	USA		51.18	
	Garozzo - Dupont	ITA		51.13			Villas-Boas - Thoma	BRA		48.69	
	Lara - Capucho	POR		57.66			Teramoto - Morimura	JPN		48.41	
	Marcinski - Carriere	CAN		48.15			Afanasov - Polishchuk	RUS		58.93	
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	Vernay - Schaffer	USA		57.50			Prokopiou - Chatzopoulos	GRE		49.54	
	Abram - Van Cleeff	NED		55.50			Johannesen - Johannesen	USA		47.56	
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167 Lungu - Rotaru	ROM	47.51 50.8		233 Hooda - Virmani	IND	38.77 53.01 45.89
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172 Engel - Pauly	GER	46.29 51.8		238 Rosenkranz - Reygadas	MEX	47.55 43.96 45.76
173 Garnier - Picard	GUA	51.45 46.6		239 Kaniewski - Golebiowski	FRA	48.11 43.34 45.73
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258 Sridharan - Tikare	IND	44.78 44.74	44.76	278 Marcoux - Marcoux	CAN	48.18 37.11 42.64
259 Hishmat - El Desouki	EGY	50.44 39.05	44.74	279 Bonaccorsi - Frazzetto	ITA	48.97 35.83 42.40
260 Merkel - Collins	CAN	43.88 45.16	44.52	280 Sourour - Ohana	MOR	41.41 42.53 41.97
261 Debus - De Mesmaecker	BEL	42.80 46.04	44.42	281 Hammond - Lane	ENG	42.36 41.39 41.88
262 Nader - Sappaio	BRA	48.15 40.46	44.31	282 Tylman - Weisz	CAN	44.39 39.46 41.83
263 Weinstock - Poplilov	ISR	41.32 46.98	44.15	283 Benoit - Giard	FRA	36.49 46.35 41.42
264 Courtney - Wigoder	ENG	46.29 41.97	44.13	284 Ortmann - Ortmann	DEN	42.79 39.17 40.98
265 Konig - Wallis	AUS	51.22 36.96	44.09	285 Schulmann - Gonfreville	FRA	39.47 41.94 40.70
266 Crossley - Passal	USA	45.76 41.20	43.48	286 Pasquini - Ammirata	VEN	38.17 42.81 40.49
267 Ionita - Teodorescu	ROM	45.98 40.89	43.44	287 Cyr - Michaux	CAN	45.24 35.61 40.43
268 Shah - Shah	ENG	44.32 42.35	43.33	288 Hall - Schwartz	USA	35.39 43.19 39.29
269 Bineau - Droulez	FRA	41.28 45.23	43.26	289 Goldenblatt - Habert	CAN	37.58 40.76 39.17
270 Faguet - Delcourt	MAR	37.00 49.44	43.22	290 Viola - Viola	ITA	37.52 40.32 38.92
271 Wickham - Brownstein	USA	36.26 50.18	43.22	291 Candura - Scalabrino	ITA	36.00 40.78 38.39
272 Sumita - Fukuyama	JPN	47.59 38.80	43.20	292 Sutherland - Sutherland	CAN	33.66 43.09 38.37
273 Turk - Cousin	FRA	37.90 48.23	43.06	293 Milton - Youngerman	USA	33.78 42.14 37.96

## **QUALIFYING WOMEN PAIRS**

## (After 2 Sessions)

			lst	2nd	Total	40	Vogel - Greenberg	USA	50 10	50.56	50 33
- 1	Ling - Zhang	CHI					Wang - Sun	CHI		57.28	
	Savolainen - Reisig	FIN		63.30			Kabbaj - Sebti	MOR		52.44	
	Zhang - Wang	CHI	54.05	64.42	59.24		Renoux - Menil	FRA		53.03	
	Wheeler - Gates	USA	54.81	62.24	58.52		Bonaventure - Colin	CAN		48.64	
5	Spiro - Stevenson	USA	64.22	52.25	58.23		Casen - Rodwell	USA		52.52	
6	Gordon - Reus	CAN		45.30			Ohta - Setoguchi	IPN		44.80	
7	Berkowitz - Glasson	USA	54.66	60.92	57.79		Mahfood - Reid	JAM		52.47	
8	Clement - Dumon	FRA		61.52			Faivre - Rossard	FRA		51.47	
9	Brock - James	ENG	53.04	59.44	56.24		Mott - Frazier	AUS		47.84	
10	Weinstein - Bjerkan	USA	54.81	57.38	56.10		Wener - Godel	CAN		44.55	
- 11	Sokolow - Molson	USA	55.62	55.93	55.77		Asakoshi - Kosaka	JPN		50.48	
12	Jeanin-Naltet - Lemaitre	FRA	55.21	56.17	55.69		Lewis - Barrett	USA		46.40	
13	Lalanne - Riberol	FRA	56.78	52.51	54.64		Paulsson - Redrupp	CAN		52.23	
	Amano - Sekizawa	JPN	49.60	59.46	54.53		Berlage-Smith - Kugler	CAN		42.40	
15	Poplilov - Zur-Campanile	ISR	54.20	54.60	54.40		Khouri - Saba	EGY		46.36	
	Spanou - Maglara	GRE	52.99	55.61	54.27		Hamman - Jackson	USA		46.09	
17	Gwozdzinsky - Wexler	USA	57.44	50.75	54.09		Kotronarou - Mitropoulou	GRE		52.44	
18	Morse - Miller	USA	51.82	55.87	53.85		Leenhardt - Pigeaud	FRA		45.06	
19	Naito - Takashi	JPN	59.92	47.69			Ohana - Taktak	MOR		44.40	
20	Eaton - Clinton	CAN	59.21				Rosenberg - Yangz	MEX		49.92	
21	Lesur - De Guillebon	FRA		50.75		61		ENG		39.42	
22	Lourie - Epstein	USA		53.38			Hiramuri - Nakakawaji	JPN		48.05	
	Florin - Parain	FRA		49.88			Gordon - Moss	USA		48.84	
	Birman - Sagiv	ISR		62.98			Savko - Hanlon	USA		50.24	
	Wenning - Heinrichs	GER		43.97			Raimbault - Curetti	FRA		45.30	
	Morcos - Sarwat	EGY		55.31			Bloom - Holroyd	RSA		42.35	
27	,	EGY	59.11				,			37.82	
	Steiner - Letizia	USA		52.42			Cools Lartigue - Fulford Haemmerli - Nikitine	JAM SWI		44.38	
	Nabil - Rafali	MOR		53.28			Stutz - Goldner	SWI		44.80	
	Mancuso - Wittes	USA		48.64			Gave - Peli	FRA		38.10	
31	,	FRA		52.47							
	Wood - Michaels	USA				71	Nishida - Nakao	JPN		40.60	
	Hugon - Varenne	FRA		56.61			Saltsman - Koffler	CAN		44.87	
	Sanders - Fernandez	USA		45.93			Bernazani - Stern	ED A		40.71	
	Jacobus - Hyatt	USA		55.52			Beringer - Delestre	FRA		40.99	
	Moretti - Blouquit	FRA		50.44			Key - Brown	USA		41.64	
37	· ·	CAN		47.83			Patel - Singh	IND		49.90	
	Bryant - Summers	CAN		56.85			McCartney - Lyons	AUS		34.30	
39	Sutherlin - Allison	USA	49.54	51.53	50.54	/8	Grenside - Farr Jones	AUS	40.79	30.31	35.55



## **CAN-AM 2002**



#### **UNE COULEUR SOLIDE?**

Allan Coyne jouait dans le tournoi par paires open samedi après-midi quand il reçut la main suivante:

D	on: O Vul: N-
•	97643
$\Diamond$	AV5
$\Diamond$	A 7 4 3
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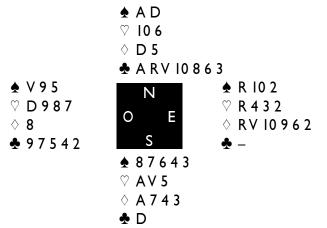
Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
			Coyne
Passe	♣	I ♦	I♠
Passe	3♣	3◊	3SA

Quand son partenaire a étalé le mort suivant :

•	ΑD			
	106			
$\Diamond$	D 5			
•	ARV	108	6	3

Coyne s'est exclamé: " Quelle couleur minable, partenaire. Il te manque le 9. " remarque qui allait avérer prophétique.

Voici toute la donne:



L'entame: 8 de carreau.

Comme vous pouvez le constater Coyne avait, 10 levées : 7 à trèfle, et les 3 as. Cependant il jouait en tournoi par paires, il lui incombait de faire le maximum possible de levées. Il s'est dit que, comme Est avait enchéri deux fois tout seul et n'avait pas fait de barrage tout de suite, il devait avoir quelque chose dans sa main outre ses 6 carreaux au R V 10 9 - peut-être le roi de pique ou le roi et la dame de coeur. En tout cas il assumait que, s'il gardait ses fourchettes intactes, Est aurait des difficultés à défausser sur les trèfles et devrait probablement lui concéder une levée supplémentaire (la dame de pique?) à la fin.

Cela dit, il a joué sa dame de trèfle prise de l'as et a appris la mauvaise nouvelle. Les trèfles étaient 5-0 et il devait donc con-

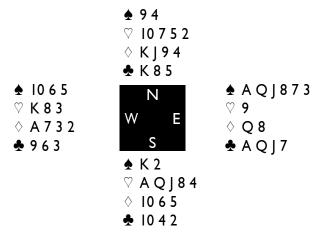
céder un trèfle pour affranchir sa couleur. Désormais il n'avait plus que 9 levées tandis que les autres en feraient au moins 10. Ceci lui vaudrait un zéro sur la feuille ambulante.

Ouest a rejoué un cœur et, après pris de l'as, Coyne a fait l'unique chose qu'il pouvait pour essayer de rattraper le champ : il a essayé l'impasse à pique et a chuté son contrat quand elle a échoué. Voilà une malheureuse issue pour un vrai joueur de tournoi par paires, qui avait dix levées de tête.

### It pays to look ahead

Two former WBF Daily Bulletin editors had one of those rare matchpoint gems in the regional afternoon session. Henry Francis, editor from 1977 to 1998, and his wife Dorthy, his assistant for many years in the Seventies and Eighties, compiled a 77.98% game.

Dorthy saw the problem on this deal and found the answer. It's a fine illustration of how important it is to make a plan before playing the cards.



West	North	East	South
Henry		Dorthy	
Pass	Pass	I♠	2♡
2♠	3♡	4♠	All Pass

South cashed the heart ace on opening lead and continued with the heart queen to dummy's king as Dorthy pitched a diamond. She led the spade ten and carefully followed with the seven, losing to the king. South shifted back to hearts, and Dorthy ruffed with the eight, carefully preserving the three.

Now Dorthy was ready. She cashed the ace of spades, crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and took a successful club finesse. Her early care paid off handsomely here - she was able to get back to dummy by leading the spade three to the six so that she could take a second club finesse. Then when she cashed the club ace, the suit broke, and she took the 13th club for her 11th trick and a tie for top on the hoard

We've heard it said that those who can't play edit daily bulletins. Dorthy's play provides a good retort to such a statement. (Silly us for thinking it was so the rest would have a chance. Editors)

## CAN-AM 2002 RESULTS

		M P	AIRE	S CONTINUES	
72 Pair	-	_	_		
	A	В	С		
6.98	I			Dorthy Francis - Henry Francis,	
				Memphis TN	150.50
5.24	_			Maud -Lily, EY	141.50
5.16	4	ı		Antonio Pasquarella - Aldo	
				Mosca, IT	136.50
3.08	6	ı		Alcide Dupuis, Rosemere PQ; M	arcel
				Brisebois, Laval PQ	120.56
CONTI	NU	OUS	PAIF	RS 3 - OVERALL	
500 Pla	ıyer	S			
12.44	1/2			Dorthy Francis, Memphis TN	147.66%
12.44	1/2			Henry Francis, Memphis TN	147.66%
6.28	3/4			Peter Neufeld, Pierrefonds PQ	128.87%
6.28	3/4			David Marcus, Westmount PQ	128.87%
7.96	5/6			Aldo Mosca,	125.50%
7.96	5/6			Antonio Pasquarella,	125.50%
LES PAI	IDE	- D//	- DAI	IDC	
62 Pair		יום פ	- FAI	V2	
OZ Fair	5	D	С		
11.42		В	C	Maria Dania I Maria I DO	1
11.62		I		Marthe Bouchard, Montreal PQ;	
0.70		_		Bouchard, Sainte-Sophie PQ	383.08
8.72		2		Donna Snyder - Mitchell Snyder,	
2.70				Earlington PA	381.50
3.78			ı	Carol Rothenberg, Rye Brook N	
2.24			_	Cohen, New York NY	326.79
2.84			2	Stanley Pearson, Saint-Laurent Pe	
				Merovitz,	318.50
PRES. C	ON	IT. #	3 - S	AMEDI SOIR	
54 Pair	s				
	Α	В	С		
5.61	I	1	1	Korkut Ergun - Sakir Sarimsakc	i,
				Istanbul TK	183.00
DAIDEC			-, ,-	A DAIDS	
		FLIC	יו דו	A PAIRS	
30 Pair				V D M 100	
19.60	ı			Yves Bonny, Montreal PQ;	200 50
				Jacky Destoc, FR	389.50
14.70	2			Charles Assouline, Montreal PQ	•
				Dray, Saint-Laurent PQ	372.50
11.03	3			Alan Schwartz, Montreal PQ; Par	•
				Markham ON	345.00
8.27	4			Normand Houle, Montreal PQ;	
				Mary Vickers, Apex NC	342.50
6.20	5			Elaine Duff, Willowdale ON; Dar	
				Toronto ON	337.50
4.65	6			Joyce Sillins - Jonathan Greenspa	ın,
				New York NY	336.50

## COMBIEN DE POINTS Y A-T-IL DANS CETTE DONNE???

Cette donne me parvient de Robert Tranquille qui l'a jouée dans le Suisse vendredi soir.

Voici la main de Robert qui était en 4ème position:

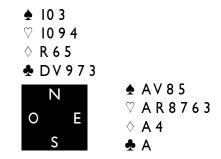
**♠** AV82 ♡ AR7653 ♦ A4 **♣** A

et voici les enchères qu'il a entendues :

Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
			Robert
I♠	Passe	ISA <sup>(1)</sup>	Contre
2♠	3♦	3♠	4♣
4♠	5◊	Passe	6♦
6♠	Contre!	Passe	Passe (???!!!)
Passe			

(I) forcing

Êtes-vous sûr que tout le monde joue avec le même jeu de cartes? Une fois revenu de son choc, Robert s'est appliqué à défendre la main. Son partenaire a entamé le 2 de trèfle(????) que Robert a pris de l'as et voici le mort qu'il a vu:



Maintenant essayons donc, avec Robert, de reconstituer les autres mains!

Combien de piques a le déclarant? Au moins 6. Pourquoi a-t-il parlé trois fois jusqu'au niveau de 6? Il ne peut pas avoir plus de 7 piques puisque le mort en a 2 et Robert en a 4. Il doit avoir quelque chose d'autre d'intéressant dans sa main pour continuer à enchérir. Peut-être a-t-il une main bicolore?

Maintenant regardons l'entame du partenaire de Robert. Il a nommé carreau seul jusqu'au niveau de 5. Il doit en avoir au moins 7 et probablement 8. Malgré le fait que Robert a nommé cœur et lui-même carreau, il a entamé du 2 de trèfle!!! Pourquoi? C'est sans doute un singleton. Mais Robert est également un singleton! Le déclarant en a donc 6 et probablement juste 6 piques, puisque l'entame a été d'un singleton pour une coupe. L'entameur doit donc détenir un pique. Ce qui donne au déclarant une seule carte rouge! Maintenant Robert a défendu comme s'il pouvait voir toutes les mains.

Il a joué l'as de cœur suivi du roi que le déclarant a coupé. Le déclarant a essayé de tirer les atouts et a perdu complètement le contrôle de la main. -1700 en match par quatre!

Croyez-le ou non, le contrat a été identique à l'autre table mais le déclarant a fait un peu plus attention et n'a chuté que de 1100 pour un beau petit gain pour l'équipe de Robert.