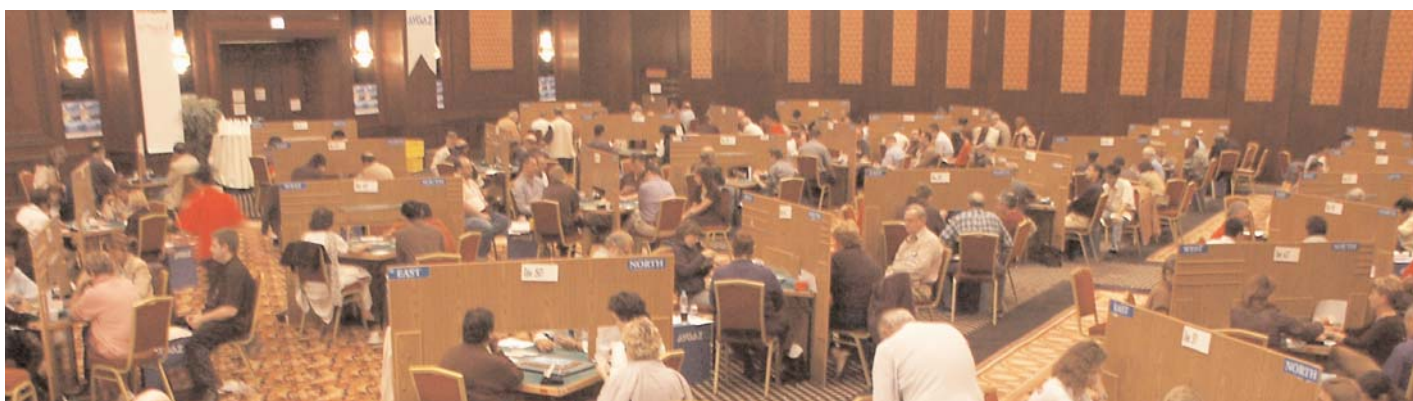


Grinding It Out



Anyone who doubts that bridge qualifies as a sport should consider what it takes to win a championship such as the World Bridge Olympiad. Just getting through the round-robin phase – now in full swing – is an endurance contest by itself.

Competitors in the Open series – divided into four groups – are in the midst of playing 17 20-board matches with very little room for error. In each group of 18, only the top four teams will get through to the knockout phase, and players must deal with an ever-changing array of bidding systems played by their opponents.

The women will see even more, playing 21 rounds in their two groups, with the top eight from each group advancing to the quarterfinal, knockout stage of the event.

In the Senior Bowl, there are 29 12-board matches, but there is no advancement after the round-robin is completed – the team at the top when round-robin play is completed will be the gold medal winners.

So far, most of the favored teams are performing as expected, and in the Open series, the team from the host country have acquitted themselves well in two vugraph sessions and are within shouting distance of a qualifying spot.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

WOMEN	ROUND 7	10:00
	CHINA v AUSTRIA (GROUP A)	
OPEN	ROUND 8	14:00
	SWEDEN v BRAZIL (GROUP D)	
OPEN	ROUND 9	17:30
	ITALY v NETHERLANDS (GROUP A)	

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OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 ITALY	119	1 CHINA	127	1 ENGLAND	138	1 FRANCE	114
2 NEW ZEALAND	112	2 GERMANY	122	2 POLAND	115	2 BRAZIL	113
3 GEORGIA	108	3 INDIA	114	3 EGYPT	114	3 SWEDEN	110
RUSSIA	108	4 U.S.A.	109	4 HUNGARY	111	4 INDONESIA	106
5 NETHERLANDS	105	5 ESTONIA	107	5 DENMARK	110	5 JAPAN	103
6 ARGENTINA	102	6 LEBANON	103	6 FINLAND	108	6 GREECE	101
7 CHINESE TAIPEI	99	7 TURKEY	96	7 IRELAND	103	7 SPAIN	100
8 SCOTLAND	98	8 BULGARIA	93	ROMANIA	103	8 SOUTH AFRICA	96
9 ICELAND	97	9 AUSTRALIA	92	9 ISRAEL	102	9 PAKISTAN	95
LATVIA	97	10 MARTINIQUE	84	10 MALAYSIA	92	PORTUGAL	95
11 HONG KONG	90	NORWAY	84	11 AUSTRIA	77	11 LITHUANIA	88
12 BELGIUM	86	SWITZERLAND	84	MEXICO	77	WALES	88
13 MOROCCO	78	13 CROATIA	77	13 CYPRUS	70	13 BOSNIA/HZVNA	74
14 CANADA	74	14 LUXEMBOURG	73	14 SAN MARINO	66	14 JORDAN	71
15 GUADELOUPE	69	15 CHILE	70	15 PHILIPPINES	59	15 BOTSWANA	66
16 SERBIA/MNGRO	65	16 SINGAPORE	63	16 VENEZUELA	56	16 CZECH REP.	64
17 BANGLADESH	50	17 KENYA	54	17 REUNION	52	17 BERMUDA	56
18 MAURITIUS	49	18 TUNISIA	52	18 FR POLYNESIA	44	COSTA RICA	56

WOMEN'S SERIES RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B	
1 CHINA	129	1 CROATIA	130
2 FRANCE	120	2 POLAND	123
3 AUSTRIA	117	3 JAPAN	120
4 SWEDEN	115	4 GERMANY	117
5 BRAZIL	109	5 NETHERLANDS	115
FINLAND	109	6 GREECE	109
7 RUSSIA	107	7 U.S.A.	107
8 EGYPT	96	8 ENGLAND	98
9 BULGARIA	93	9 ISRAEL	97
10 CANADA	92	10 ARGENTINA	96
TURKEY	92	11 NEW ZEALAND	90
12 SWITZERLAND	91	12 VENEZUELA	88
13 AUSTRALIA	88	13 INDONESIA	74
14 ITALY	85	NORWAY	74
15 INDIA	82	SOUTH AFRICA	74
16 HUNGARY	75	16 DENMARK	70
17 SCOTLAND	73	17 MOROCCO	69
18 SPAIN	71	REUNION	69
19 PAKISTAN	65	19 IRELAND	66
20 MEXICO	61	20 WALES	59
21 JORDAN	46	21 KOREA	45
22 KENYA	41		

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1 NETHERLANDS	157
U.S.A.	157
3 ISRAEL	153
4 POLAND	146
5 SWEDEN	144.5
6 DENMARK	144
7 TURKEY	141
8 AUSTRIA	139.5
9 JAPAN	136
10 ENGLAND	133.5
11 CHINESE TAIPEI	133
12 CHINA	130
13 FRANCE	129
14 AUSTRALIA	120
PAKISTAN	120
16 GERMANY	119
17 PORTUGAL	117
WALES	117
19 SCOTLAND	116
20 ITALY	115.5
21 SPAIN	110
22 BELGIUM	105
23 NEW ZEALAND	103.5
24 SWITZERLAND	100
25 GUADELOUPE	96
26 CANADA	94
27 IRELAND	90
28 VENEZUELA	61.5
29 COSTA RICA	43

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs		
1	Chinese Taipei	Argentina	60	31	21	9
2	Canada	Bangladesh	39	47	14	16
3	Serbia & Montenegro	Belgium	34	27	16	14
4	Scotland	Georgia	53	9	24	6
5	Russia	Guadeloupe	40	34	16	14
6	New Zealand	Hong Kong	60	17	24	6
7	Netherlands	Iceland	43	30	18	12
8	Morocco	Italy	31	74	6	24
9	Mauritius	Latvia	6	65	4	25

GROUP C

Match		IMPs		VPs		
19	Cyprus	Austria	25	33	14	16
20	Israel	San Marino	53	19	22	8
21	Ireland	Denmark	25	46	11	19
22	Hungary	Egypt	39	43	14	16
23	French Polynesia	England	39	70	9	21
24	Venezuela	Finland	40	52	13	17
25	Romania	Malaysia	57	33	20	10
26	Reunion	Mexico	39	89	5	25
27	Poland	Philippines	54	3	25	5

GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs		
1	Scotland	Argentina	30	83	5	25
2	Russia	Bangladesh	66	8	25	4
3	New Zealand	Belgium	73	29	24	6
4	Netherlands	Canada	33	7	20	10
5	Morocco	Chinese Taipei	26	66	7	23
6	Mauritius	Georgia	39	44	13	16
7	Latvia	Guadeloupe	71	47	20	10
8	Italy	Hong Kong	42	37	16	14
9	Serbia & Mont.	Iceland	19	92	1	25

GROUP C

Match		IMPs		VPs		
19	England	Austria	55	46	17	13
20	Egypt	San Marino	95	42	25	5
21	Venezuela	Denmark	14	78	3	25
22	Romania	Finland	61	56	16	14
23	Reunion	French Polynesia	61	45	18	12
24	Poland	Hungary	47	63	12	18
25	Philippines	Ireland	11	64	5	25
26	Mexico	Israel	18	56	7	23
27	Malaysia	Cyprus	93	18	25	1

GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs		
1	Guadeloupe	Argentina	24	82	4	25
2	Georgia	Bangladesh	75	26	25	5
3	Chinese Taipei	Belgium	15	86	2	25
4	Serbia & Mont.	Canada	60	55	16	14
5	Scotland	Hong Kong	39	62	10	20
6	Russia	Iceland	32	67	8	22
7	New Zealand	Italy	45	64	11	19
8	Netherlands	Latvia	86	22	25	3
9	Morocco	Mauritius	55	2	25	5

GROUP C

Match		IMPs		VPs		
19	Austria	Finland	14	65	5	25
20	San Marino	England	7	64	4	25
21	Denmark	Egypt	28	74	6	24
22	French Polynesia	Romania	15	88	1	25
23	Hungary	Reunion	82	24	25	4
24	Ireland	Poland	27	45	11	19
25	Israel	Philippines	73	71	15	15
26	Cyprus	Mexico	37	76	7	23
27	Malaysia	Venezuela	33	16	19	11

GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs		
10	Australia	Tunisia	47	74	9	21
11	Bulgaria	Switzerland	39	42	14	16
12	Chile	Singapore	41	68	9	21
13	China	Norway	45	35	17	13
14	Croatia	Martinique	56	63	14	16
15	Estonia	Luxembourg	68	44	20	10
16	Germany	Lebanon	44	49	14	16
17	India	Kenya	60	50	17	13
18	Turkey	USA	32	9	20	10

GROUP D

Match		IMPs		VPs		
28	South Africa	Bermuda	99	55	24	6
29	Portugal	Bosnia	80	67	18	12
30	Pakistan	Botswana	71	40	21	9
31	Lithuania	Brazil	30	42	13	17
32	Japan	Costa Rica	95	17	25	1
33	Indonesia	Jordan	64	39	20	10
34	Greece	Czech Republic	60	35	20	10
35	Wales	France	50	47	16	14
36	Sweden	Spain	45	52	14	16

GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs		
10	Turkey	Australia	35	14	19	11
11	Tunisia	Bulgaria	18	106	0	25
12	Switzerland	Chile	41	35	16	14
13	Singapore	China	41	94	5	25
14	Norway	Croatia	79	44	22	8
15	Martinique	Estonia	25	49	10	20
16	Luxembourg	Germany	35	71	8	22
17	Lebanon	India	35	65	9	21
18	USA	Kenya	51	22	21	9

GROUP D

Match		IMPs		VPs		
28	Bermuda	Indonesia	34	68	8	22
29	Bosnia	Greece	65	49	18	12
30	Botswana	France	11	88	1	25
31	Brazil	Czech Republic	86	17	24	2
32	Costa Rica	Jordan	5	74	2	25
33	Japan	Sweden	31	28	16	14
34	Lithuania	Spain	41	52	13	17
35	Pakistan	South Africa	23	43	11	19
36	Portugal	Wales	79	45	22	8

GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs		
10	Australia	Martinique	45	60	12	18
11	Bulgaria	Luxembourg	26	35	13	17
12	Chile	Lebanon	40	56	12	18
13	China	Kenya	81	33	25	5
14	Croatia	India	22	58	8	22
15	Estonia	Germany	27	64	7	23
16	Norway	Turkey	26	29	14	16
17	Singapore	Tunisia	53	49	16	14
18	Switzerland	USA	25	32	14	16

GROUP D

Match		IMPs		VPs		
28	Bermuda	Portugal	8	65	4	25
29	Bosnia	Pakistan	38	42	14	16
30	Botswana	Lithuania	36	51	12	18
31	Brazil	Japan	39	64	10	20
32	Costa Rica	Indonesia	29	50	11	19
33	Jordan	Greece	33	37	14	16
34	Czech Republic	France	25	43	11	19
35	South Africa	Sweden	56	23	22	8
36	Spain	Wales	30	34	14	16

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 4

GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia Italy	37 32	16 14
41	Austria India	56 50	16 14
42	Brazil Hungary	40 36	16 14
43	Bulgaria France	22 67	5 25
44	Canada Finland	57 32	21 9
45	China Egypt	47 20	21 9
46	Jordan Turkey	10 59	4 25
47	Mexico Switzerland	57 40	19 11
48	Pakistan Sweden	13 33	10 20
49	Russia Spain	49 38	17 13
50	Scotland Kenya	63 53	17 13

GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Reunion Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina Morocco	66 18	25 4
52	Croatia Korea	61 14	25 4
53	Denmark Japan	14 40	9 21
54	England Israel	19 39	10 20
55	Germany Ireland	55 29	21 9
56	Greece Indonesia	39 42	14 16
57	Netherlands Wales	35 49	12 18
58	New Zealand Venezuela	46 32	18 12
59	Norway USA	23 59	7 23
60	Poland South Africa	45 13	23 7

ROUND 5

GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
41	Bulgaria Austria	48 43	16 14
42	Kenya Brazil	2 121	0 25
43	Turkey China	44 25	19 11
44	Switzerland Egypt	20 57	6 24
45	Sweden Finland	28 42	12 18
46	Spain France	30 45	12 18
47	Scotland Hungary	46 47	15 15
48	Russia India	26 21	16 14
49	Pakistan Italy	47 30	19 11
50	Mexico Jordan	33 37	14 16

GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Denmark Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Germany Argentina	51 14	24 6
52	England Croatia	23 33	13 17
53	Wales Greece	24 64	6 24
54	Venezuela Indonesia	45 15	22 8
55	USA Ireland	55 13	25 5
56	South Africa Israel	16 67	4 25
57	Reunion Japan	2 62	2 25
58	Poland Korea	85 26	25 2
59	Norway Morocco	32 24	17 13
60	New Zealand Netherlands	15 51	7 23

ROUND 6

GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia Russia	17 49	7 23
41	Austria Pakistan	76 45	22 8
42	Brazil Mexico	56 26	22 8
43	Bulgaria Jordan	74 18	25 3
44	Canada Italy	14 32	11 19
45	China India	62 29	23 7
46	Egypt Hungary	33 0	23 7
47	Finland France	25 31	14 16
48	Scotland Turkey	30 32	15 15
49	Spain Switzerland	22 31	13 17
50	Sweden Kenya	79 23	25 3

GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	USA Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina Poland	39 35	16 14
52	Croatia Norway	49 9	24 6
53	Denmark New Zealand	35 44	13 17
54	England Netherlands	21 38	11 19
55	Germany Morocco	32 38	14 16
56	Greece Korea	51 2	25 4
57	Indonesia Japan	16 49	7 23
58	Ireland Israel	16 49	7 23
59	Reunion Wales	43 35	17 13
60	South Africa Venezuela	38 18	20 10

Notice to Transnational Mixed Teams

There is now limited space for any new teams to enter the Transnational Mixed Teams, and entries that have not been registered in advance will be taken on a strictly first come – first served basis. Teams wishing to register should come to the WBF Office as soon as possible, at the times listed below.

Pre-registered teams **MUST** come as soon as possible to the WBF Office during the opening hours listed below to confirm their entry and pay any outstanding entry fee

The office will be open for Transnational entries and for pre-registered teams to confirm their entries between:

10.00 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 17.00 hours

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 5

Match	IMPs	VPs
60 Canada	Bye	0 0 18 0
61 Costa Rica	Australia	15 48 6 24
62 Germany	Portugal	18 13 16 14
63 Austria	England	13 14 14,5 14,5
64 Switzerland	Japan	27 10 20 10
65 Chinese Taipei	Israel	19 26 13 17
66 Venezuela	China	1 58 1 25
67 Denmark	Scotland	18 14 16 14
68 Belgium	Italy	13 46 6 24
69 Poland	Pakistan	16 25 13 17
70 Ireland	Turkey	21 31 12 18
71 Guadeloupe	Sweden	5 45 5 25
72 New Zealand	USA	27 20 17 13
73 France	Spain	39 8 23 7
74 Netherlands	Wales	38 32 16 14

ROUND 6

Match	IMPs	VPs
60 Japan	Bye	0 0 18 0
61 Portugal	France	16 14 16 14
62 Spain	Denmark	15 44 7 23
63 Costa Rica	Austria	2 32 7 23
64 China	Italy	46 23 21 9
65 Ireland	Chinese Taipei	21 25 14 16
66 Australia	England	31 19 18 12
67 Scotland	Poland	0 22 9 21
68 Wales	Guadeloupe	9 25 11 19
69 Pakistan	USA	17 35 10 20
70 Turkey	Israel	12 30 10 20
71 Canada	Netherlands	12 47 6 23
72 Switzerland	Germany	9 21 12 18
73 Sweden	New Zealand	24 29 13,5 15,5
74 Venezuela	Belgium	6 21 11 19

ROUND 7

Match	IMPs	VPs
60 Netherlands	Bye	0 0 18 0
61 USA	Guadeloupe	43 10 24 6
62 Israel	Ireland	39 1 25 5
63 Italy	Venezuela	38 17 20,5 8,5
64 Australia	Portugal	11 35 9 21
65 Poland	Belgium	29 9 20 10
66 France	Austria	24 36 12 18
67 Germany	Japan	14 17 14 16
68 Turkey	Spain	49 3 25 3
69 England	Costa Rica	58 11 25 3
70 New Zealand	Pakistan	19 25 14 16
71 Wales	Sweden	27 32 14 16
72 Denmark	Chinese Taipei	34 10 21 9
73 China	Scotland	23 28 14 16
74 Canada	Switzerland	7 41 6 24

ROUND 8

Match	IMPs	VPs
60 Switzerland	Bye	0 0 18 0
61 Belgium	China	26 36 12 18
62 Sweden	USA	10 42 7 23
63 Spain	Ireland	30 9 21 9
64 Guadeloupe	New Zealand	23 19 16 14
65 Italy	Poland	20 39 10 20
66 Chinese Taipei	Turkey	19 23 14 16
67 Netherlands	Germany	52 4 25 3
68 Scotland	Venezuela	35 14 21 9
69 Israel	Denmark	44 34 18 12
70 Austria	Australia	25 32 13 17
71 England	France	25 39 11 19
72 Japan	Canada	26 16 18 12
73 Portugal	Costa Rica	29 24 16 14
74 Pakistan	Wales	27 39 12 18

Playing times

Open and Women's:

Round 7	10.00
Round 8	14.00
Round 9	17.30

Seniors:

Round 9	10:45
Round 10	13.30
Round 11	15.45
Round 12	18.00

Playing rooms

Open Teams: Ballroom, Lobby 2

Women's Teams:

Group B Open & Closed Rooms	Ballroom, Lobby 2
Group A Open Room	Ballroom, Lobby 2
Group A Closed Room	Safir Room, Lobby 1

Senior Teams: Lobby 3.

World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price £22-00. You can order a copy in advance during the championships at the special reduced price of US\$30-00 or 25 Euros, inclusive of surface mail, by going to the Press Room and filling in one of the forms available there and handing it, along with your preferred currency, to Jan Swann, who is in charge of the Press Room.

As always, the chief analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. The book will consist of 336 large pages, and will feature every deal of the finals and semi-finals of both Open and Women's events, plus extensive coverage of the earlier stages, and also the Senior, University and Transnational events. There will be a full listing of all the teams taking part, a full results service, and many photographs.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 7

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Argentina	Mauritius	10 Switzerland	Australia	19 Ireland	Austria	28 Bermuda	Brazil
2 Bangladesh	Latvia	11 Singapore	Bulgaria	20 Hungary	San Marino	29 Bosnia	Botswana
3 Belgium	Italy	12 Norway	Chile	21 Fr Polynesia	Denmark	30 Costa Rica	Sweden
4 Canada	Iceland	13 Martinique	China	22 Finland	Egypt	31 Jordan	Spain
5 Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	14 Luxembourg	Croatia	23 Venezuela	England	32 Czech Rep.	South Africa
6 Georgia	Guadeloupe	15 Lebanon	Estonia	24 Romania	Israel	33 France	Portugal
7 Morocco	Scotland	16 Kenya	Germany	25 Reunion	Cyprus	34 Greece	Pakistan
8 Netherlands	Russia	17 USA	India	26 Poland	Malaysia	35 Indonesia	Lithuania
9 New Zealand	Serbia & M'gro	18 Turkey	Tunisia	27 Philippines	Mexico	36 Japan	Wales

ROUND 8

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Iceland	Argentina	10 Australia	Estonia	19 Poland	Austria	28 Botswana	Bermuda
2 Hong Kong	Bangladesh	11 Bulgaria	Croatia	20 Philippines	San Marino	29 Wales	Bosnia
3 Guadeloupe	Belgium	12 Chile	China	21 Mexico	Denmark	30 Sweden	Brazil
4 Georgia	Canada	13 Germany	Turkey	22 Malaysia	Egypt	31 Spain	Costa Rica
5 Serbia & M'gro	Chinese Taipei	14 India	Tunisia	23 Cyprus	England	32 South Africa	Jordan
6 Scotland	Italy	15 Kenya	Switzerland	24 Israel	Finland	33 Portugal	Czech Rep.
7 Russia	Latvia	16 Lebanon	Singapore	25 Ireland	Fr Polynesia	34 Pakistan	France
8 New Zealand	Mauritius	17 Luxembourg	Norway	26 Venezuela	Hungary	35 Lithuania	Greece
9 Netherlands	Morocco	18 Martinique	USA	27 Romania	Reunion	36 Japan	Indonesia

ROUND 9

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Argentina	Georgia	10 Australia	China	19 Austria	Israel	28 Bermuda	Spain
2 Bangladesh	Chinese Taipei	11 Bulgaria	Chile	20 San Marino	Ireland	29 Bosnia	South Africa
3 Belgium	Canada	12 Croatia	Turkey	21 Denmark	Hungary	30 Botswana	Portugal
4 Guadeloupe	Scotland	13 Estonia	Tunisia	22 Egypt	Fr Polynesia	31 Brazil	Pakistan
5 Hong Kong	Russia	14 Germany	Switzerland	23 England	Finland	32 Costa Rica	Lithuania
6 Iceland	New Zealand	15 India	Singapore	24 Cyprus	Romania	33 Jordan	Japan
7 Italy	Netherlands	16 Kenya	Norway	25 Malaysia	Reunion	34 Czech Rep.	Indonesia
8 Latvia	Morocco	17 Lebanon	Martinique	26 Mexico	Poland	35 France	Greece
9 Mauritius	Serbia & M'gr	18 Luxembourg	USA	27 Philippines	Venezuela	36 Sweden	Wales

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 9		ROUND 10		ROUND 11		ROUND 12	
61 New Zealand	England	61 Pakistan	France	Bye	Scotland	61 Poland	Chinese Taipei
62 Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	62 Austria	Usa	61 Canada	Belgium	62 Canada	Usa
63 Germany	Belgium	63 Portugal	New Zealand	62 Netherlands	Israel	63 Pakistan	Wales
64 Ireland	Poland	64 Chinese Taipei	Switzerland	63 Denmark	Poland	64 Venezuela	Italy
65 Usa	Portugal	65 Venezuela	Denmark	64 Germany	Italy	65 Ireland	Israel
66 Wales	Austria	Belgium	Bye	65 New Zealand	Austria	66 Costa Rica	England
Bye	Italy	66 Guadeloupe	Costa Rica	66 Japan	Chinese Taipei	67 Portugal	Netherlands
67 Venezuela	Turkey	67 Israel	Japan	67 Costa Rica	Pakistan	68 China	Turkey
68 Denmark	China	68 Spain	Netherlands	68 Wales	Portugal	69 Germany	Spain
69 Switzerland	Israel	69 Scotland	Germany	69 Switzerland	Spain	70 Guadeloupe	New Zealand
70 Costa Rica	Sweden	70 Italy	Canada	70 Turkey	China	71 Austria	Scotland
71 Japan	Spain	71 China	Ireland	71 Australia	Guadeloupe	72 Austria	Denmark
72 Canada	Scotland	72 Sweden	Australia	72 Usa	England	73 France	Japan
73 Australia	Pakistan	73 Poland	Turkey	73 France	Sweden	74 Australia	Switzerland
74 France	Guadeloupe	74 England	Wales	74 Ireland	Venezuela	74 Belgium	Sweden

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 7

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Egypt	Australia	51 Indonesia	Argentina
41 China	Austria	52 Greece	Croatia
42 Canada	Brazil	53 Germany	Denmark
43 Kenya	Bulgaria	Bye	England
44 Turkey	Finland	54 Wales	Ireland
45 Switzerland	France	55 Venezuela	Israel
46 Sweden	Hungary	56 USA	Japan
47 Spain	India	57 South Africa	Korea
48 Scotland	Italy	58 Reunion	Morocco
49 Russia	Jordan	59 Poland	Netherlands
50 Pakistan	Mexico	60 Norway	New Zealand

ROUND 8

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Australia	Finland	51 Argentina	Ireland
41 Austria	Egypt	52 Croatia	Indonesia
42 Brazil	China	53 Denmark	Greece
43 Bulgaria	Canada	54 England	Germany
44 France	Turkey	55 Israel	Wales
45 Hungary	Switzerland	56 Japan	Venezuela
46 India	Sweden	57 Korea	USA
47 Italy	Spain	58 Morocco	South Africa
48 Jordan	Scotland	59 Netherlands	Reunion
49 Mexico	Russia	60 New Zealand	Poland
50 Pakistan	Kenya		Bye

ROUND 9

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Jordan	Australia	51 Netherlands	Argentina
41 Italy	Austria	52 Morocco	Croatia
42 India	Brazil	53 Korea	Denmark
43 Hungary	Bulgaria	54 Japan	England
44 France	Canada	55 Israel	Germany
45 Finland	China	56 Ireland	Greece
46 Kenya	Egypt	Bye	Indonesia
47 Turkey	Mexico	57 Wales	New Zealand
48 Switzerland	Pakistan	58 Venezuela	Norway
49 Sweden	Russia	59 USA	Poland
50 Spain	Scotland	60 South Africa	Reunion

Mobile phones

No one is allowed to have a mobile phone in the playing rooms. The line up desk is accepting phones of those who brought them to the playing area. The best solution, of course, is not to carry a mobile phone.

— Ton Kooijman

Judgement Rulings

Grattan Endicott
Appeals Committee Coordinator

This Olympiad has attracted a remarkable number of entries, including quite a number of players who have not played previously in a WBF Tournament. In fairness to them it is surely right to draw their attention to the careful way in which the directors' judgemental rulings are made.

Following best practice a director does not give such a ruling instantaneously; he collects the facts and discusses them with other directors. But it goes far beyond this. The WBF Code of Practice requires him to consult a number of quality players on the bridge judgements that have to be made and he is careful to do this in a way that allows them to give their opinions unbiased by extraneous information. This is not all. Having gathered the opinions of players he takes this feedback to his colleagues, one of whom will be the chief tournament director or a very experienced director the CTD has nominated to act for him.

Players new to all this will understand that when the table director returns to them and gives them a ruling involving bridge judgement, the ruling he gives them has been the subject of three stages of consultation and is a fully considered decision. If taken to appeal it is no sur-

prise that at the start of the hearing the Appeals Committee will believe the ruling to be well justified. Only if the evidence they hear convinces the committee that after the process described above the directors have still got it wrong, will the committee make any change in the director's adjudication. We will be extremely surprised if that happens often, for which reason we do urge captains to think very carefully before they enter an appeal.

The regulations empower the chief director to authorize the award of a weighted score where in the director's opinion this achieves a better equity in the adjustment.

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SISKOM

Rhapsody on a Theme of Duboin

One of several short tunes that are based on the same simple tune, but are different from it and from the others.

By Mark Horton

You will readily recall this deal from Round 2, which has already appeared in the Bulletin.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

If the defenders fail to switch to clubs in time East/West will make Four Spades, but the interesting question is how should declarer play if North starts with the queen of hearts and then plays a second heart?

After ruffing and playing a spade you see North discard so it is clear to take the ace. On the actual layout the club honours are split, so there is no problem, but suppose the full deal looks like this:

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

Now the winning line, after the ace of spades, is to ruff a third heart, cash the top diamonds and, with the red suits out of the way, play a club to the ten. North can win, but must now play into your tenace or give a ruff and discard.

That line was adopted by at least one Open series player, in the , who came to tell me over breakfast.

However, that is not the end of the story, for if you go back to the original deal, you will see that if declarer

adopts this line he can be thwarted by an alert South, who can go up with the queen of clubs, thereby ensuring that he sets up a potential ruff to defeat the contract.

So, as you might have expected, the original Italian version was superior to the variation!

Brazilian Swing

As reported by Barry Rigal, the two Brazilian pairs combined nicely to pick up 5 IMPs on this deal from their Round 2 match with France in the Open series.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Villas Boas	Multon	Chagas	Quantin
—	INT	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Villas Boas led his singleton club to the ace and Gabriel Chagas found a smart play. He knew that declarer had five spades, one of the top heart honours and the club king, therefore Villas Boas had the king of diamonds. In that case there was no hurry to give him his club ruff. Chagas therefore continued with a diamond to the king and ace.

Quantin did his best by leading the ace then queen of spades, but Chagas gave his partner the club ruff and now repeated diamond leads led to two down for -100.

Diego Brenner also played 2♠ as South on a club lead. Here, East won and switched to his heart to the ace. A heart ruff was followed by a club ruff but now, after another heart ruff, the third round of clubs achieved nothing as declarer could ruff high and play a trump to the ace, dropping the king. Brenner next drew the last trump with the queen, ruffed out the queen of clubs and crossed to the ♦A to cash a club for a diamond pitch; +110 and 5 IMPs to Brazil.

Had East switched to a diamond instead of playing the third club, that would have knocked out the ♦A. Declarer could have dropped the ♠K next but would no longer have had the communications to both establish and cash the clubs, so would have been one down.

Appeal No. 1

(released)

Brazil v. South Africa

Appeals Committee:

R. Wolff (Chair), G. Endicott, J-P. Meyer,
J. Polisner, N. Rand.

Open Teams Round I

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 7 4 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ 10 7 4 3 ♣ 10 9</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ A Q 9 6 2 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ K Q 3</p>	<p>♠ K 9 6 ♥ 8 4 ♦ J 9 8 5 2 ♣ J 7 2</p>
<p>West <i>Sapire</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass All pass</p>	<p>North <i>Chagas</i> INT 3♥ 4♦ 4NT 5NT 6NT</p>	<p>East <i>Eber</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Villas-Boas</i> 2♣ 4♣ 4♠ 5♦ 6♦ 7♥</p>

Comments:

No Trump 15-17
3♥ = max, five hearts
4♣, 4♦, 4♠ = cues
4NT = RKC
5♦ = 1 or 4 from 5.
5NT = N>E = King enquiry
S>W = inviting to 7.
6♦ = N>E = an additional King
S>W = extra value in diamonds
6NT = N>E = Grand slam try, choose best contract.
S>W = not alerted.

Contract:

7♥ played by North

Result: NS + 2210

The Facts: at the end of the auction West called the Director to reserve his rights in respect of the slow return of the tray after the 6NT bid.

The Director was asked for a ruling by West a little later in the round. By this time the Director found it difficult to resolve the disagreement between the sides as to the length of the delay in returning the tray, varying between 20 or 30 seconds and a full minute. He determined that there had been a delay that was potentially significant. Having consulted with other directors and with players he ruled that the result would stand.

Consultation: four strong players were consulted and all elected to bid 7♥. Three of them observed that whilst 6NT was not to be passed 6♠ was a clearer bid.

The Committee:

To the committee E-W argued that since 6♠ was the available Grand slam try 6NT was presumably to be passed. Mr. Chagas confessed to a fear that his partner might be confused by 6♠ but could not be confused over 6NT. South agreed that the delay in returning the tray was some thirty seconds at least. On arrival of the tray South had immediately taken his bidding card from the box, placing it after a short delay. To the Director it had been indicated that the delay was largely due to the time taken in answering East's question(s), although there was some dispute in front of the committee as to whether the question was asked before or after the tray was returned. It was agreed that the return of the tray after the 5NT bid was also slow, but no question had been raised about this.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

The committee judged that there were many indications in the bidding that hearts was the agreed suit, that 5NT claimed possession of all the aces between the two hands, 6♦ was not a sign off, and ergo there was every reason to consider that 6NT was a Grand Slam try. The auction was always headed for 7♥ and Pass was not a logical alternative for South.

Deposit: Returned. This was not without discussion. Amongst the members of the committee there was enough opinion that the appeal had occurred because of differences internationally of bridge culture and practice to justify return of the deposit.

Lineups

Lineups must be made within 15 minutes after the end of a round. This also applies to the final match of the day, meaning that the lineups for the first match of the next day must be made the previous evening.

—Ton Kooijman

SENIORS

England v Austria

ROUND 5

England and Austria both had solid if unspectacular first days in the Senior Teams and were a little above average as they sat down for the morning match on day two.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 8 7 6 5 ♥ 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ A J 10 7 2</p>	<table border="1" 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		<p>♠ 3 ♥ A Q J 9 6 2 ♦ 9 7 3 ♣ K 9 5</p>	<p>♠ A J 2 ♥ K 10 3 ♦ K Q J 10 6 2 ♣ 3</p>
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Collings	Baratta	Jones	Unger
All Pass		2♦	3♦

West	North	East	South
Obermair	Stanley	Eichholzer	Rue
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
All Pass			3NT

Both East players opened with a top-weight multi and both Souths overcalled 3♦. As North, Baratta made a normal pass while Stanley made a very aggressive move, getting his side to the no trump game when Rue clearly read the bid as stopper-showing rather than a long suit.

Hubert Obermair led a low club against 3NT and Derek Rue played low from the dummy, Jorg Eichholzer winning the nine. Eichholzer switched to the queen of hearts and Rue won the king then cashed four rounds of spades before playing a diamond. That was that as Obermair had an obvious club entry to his partner's hand; down four for -400.

John Collings led his heart against 3♦ and David Jones won the ace then returned the queen to the king and ruff. Now Collings erred when he switched to ace then jack of clubs. Gavriel Unger could ruff and play on diamonds and now the spade switch came too late; +110 and 11 IMPs to Austria.

Of course, the ♥Q should be suit preference for spades and a spade switch after ruffing the heart sets up the ruff for when West takes the ♦A.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 8 ♥ K Q 8 6 3 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 10 6</p>	<table border="1" 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		<p>♠ K J 10 6 5 4 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ J 10 4 ♦ K 8 7 5 ♣ K J 9 8 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Collings	Baratta	Jones	Unger
3NT	3♠	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Obermair	Stanley	Eichholzer	Rue
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
2NT	2♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Every eye sees its own beauty, I suppose, but for me that North hand is a down-the-middle 3♠ opening rather than the multi preferred at one table. Not that the choice of opening bid affected the final contract in the slightest.

Both Norths led the queen of diamonds. Collings ducked, won the continuation of the ♦J in hand and played on hearts. Unger won immediately to switch to the nine of spades for queen and king and back came the ♠J. Collings won and cashed the hearts but that squeezed dummy down to a doubleton club. When he now played a club, hoping to establish a ninth trick, Unger had the queen, ace and a small club for down two; -100.



Herbert Obermair, Austria

Obermair won the first diamond and played on hearts. When Rue took the ♠A and switched to a spade, declarer rose with the ace and could no longer take more than the seven already established winners; also two down for -100 and a push board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Collings	Baratta	Jones	Unger
1NT	2♣	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	Dble	2♠
		3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Obermair	Stanley	Eichholzer	Rue
		Pass	2♦
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Two rather different auctions to the same final contract. Rue opened a multi and Obermair overcalled 2NT, raised to game by Eichholzer. Keith Stanley led ace then queen of hearts to the king. Obermair led a club and Stanley grabbed his ace and cashed out the hearts for down three; -300.

Unger did not open the South hand so Collings got to open a strong no trump and Franz Baratta overcalled 2♣, any one-suiter. After Jones had doubled to show clubs,



Derek Rue, England

Unger showed his spades and Collings showed his maximum by rebidding 2NT, raised to game. Baratta led the ♥Q to declarer's king and Collings cashed out, taking the spade finesse along the way, before playing a club up with no hope at all in his heart. Sure enough, Baratta had the rest, but cashing out meant only one down for =100 so England picked up 5 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Collings	Baratta	Jones	Unger
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Obermair	Stanley	Eichholzer	Rue
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

The Austrians started with a strong club and a four-control showing response. From there the auction was natural and they stopped in 3NT. The club situation might have been a concern to declarer but not on the actual layout. In practice, Jones led the jack of spades and Baratta won the ace. He played a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to the eight and queen. Collings switched to a club but declarer had eleven tricks now for +660. The English pair explored slam possibilities before subsiding in the diamond game. Eichholzer led a club to the nine, king and ace and Stanley played three rounds of hearts to pitch his club loser then took a spade finesse. That lost and back came a spade for the jack and ace. Stanley played ♦K and a second diamond to the ace then a winning heart. That was ruffed but he could over-ruff, ruff a spade and throw the last spade on the last heart; +620 but 1 IMP to Austria.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A J 6 5 2 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ K 10</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>♠ K 9 8 4 3 ♥ 10 9 8 7 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ –</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ K Q J 7 3 ♣ 8 3 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Collings	Baratta	Jones	Unger
1♠	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Obermair	Stanley	Eichholzer	Rue
1♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Baratta started with a take-out double and had no real option but to follow up with 5♣ at his next turn. After a spade lead to the ace and a switch to the king of hearts, Baratta had the tricks but not the communications to get at them. After winning the heart, he could only cash the minor-suit aces then play the ♣Q to the king, but Collings had the heart to cash for down one; -100.

Stanley overcalled 5♣ and that put Eichholzer under pressure such that he was obliged to compete with 5♠. Stanley, who had a far better hand than he might have done, doubled that on then way out, and that was that. He cashed the ace of diamonds, on which Rue dropped the king, then switched to ace and another heart. One diamond went away on the long heart so the contract was just one down; -100 and 5 IMPs to England.

England won a quiet match by 14-13 IMPs, a 14.5-14.5 VP draw, due to a slow play fine.



Keith Stanley, England

Championship Diary

Australia's Elizabeth Havas must have been delighted when she arrived in Istanbul, as she must have spotted that the buses at the airport all display the name HAVAS in large letters.

Remarkably on Friday The Times carried two items that might be of interest to visitors to Istanbul. The first related to the contents of a doner kebab. It should be: 5kg of beef topside, 2kg of lamb leg, 1kg of lamb belly, 750 grams of lamb fat and slices of pepper and tomato. The information was supplied by Recep Özkaya of Istanbul! (Amazingly at the restaurant we found for dinner on Friday night the first thing the waiter told us was 'Doner kebab is off!')

The second was a simple question: Why, in a pack of playing cards, is the King of Hearts the only king not to have a moustache? We'll tell you tomorrow.

On arrival at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport we got into the queue for a Visa, remarking that there were bound to be several people less well informed people in the passport control lines who would inevitably be somewhat annoyed when they discovered their mistake. Having obtained our Visas we joined one of the queues, where we encountered an irate Brian Senior, who had just been pointed in the direction of the Visa section by the passport officer!

Chess & Bridge are regarded as the two supreme Mind Sports. FIDE is currently staging the 36th Chess Olympiad in Calvia, Majorca. 129 teams are competing in the Open series, which is led by Ukraine, while 87 are contesting the Women's championship that is being dominated by China.

If we ever publish a book on bridge Trivia here are a couple of questions that might well get into it: Md. Anisul Haque and Nitya Gopal Saha of Bangladesh are playing in their third consecutive Olympiad. Which pair holds the record for the most consecutive appearances in Olympiads?

Name two people who have attended every Olympiad (the first was in 1960).

In Round 2 of the Open Championship Wales met Jordan. One wag in the office asked if there was an 'i' missing. (In case you don't get it – Jorda(i)n.).

OPEN **Turkey v USA** **ROUND 4**

by Mark Horton

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

Yesterday's opening match on VuGraph matched our hosts with the USA. Although almost half the boards were pushes and few IMPs changed hands there was plenty to savour, as the Turkish players played extremely well.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ J 10 9 2 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ K J 3</p>	<table border="1" 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		<p>♠ Q 7 ♥ Q 8 ♦ A K J 9 3 ♣ A Q 10 9</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 4 3 2 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ 8 6 ♣ 7 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble*	2♠	Dble*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

East/West have more than enough high cards to warrant a game contract, but 3NT was clearly out of the question and game in either minor required a lot of luck in the club suit.

(Four Hearts is very easy to make, but the 4-2 fit – should that be called a 'mini Moyse' (Tacchi suggests a 'Moysette') – is not one that is explored too often!) When South led the seven of clubs declarer was not hard pressed to record twelve tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
	Pass	1♦	3♠
Dble*	All Pass		

South's more buccaneering overcall was harshly dealt with as East was happy to pass his partner's negative double. West led a club and declarer could make no more than his six trump tricks, three down, -500 and a nice 8 IMP start for Turkey.

<p>♠ A K Q 10 6 ♥ A K 9 ♦ 8 7 4 2 ♣ 9</p>	<table border="1" 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		<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ Q 10 8 2 ♦ Q 10 6 5 3 ♣ 6 2</p>	<p>♠ J 9 7 4 ♥ J 7 5 4 ♦ A ♣ A J 10 8</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
1♠	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

3NT promised any 1-4-4-4 shape with a fit for spades. Of course the singleton ace of diamonds was not ideal, for as David Burn pointed out on Bridgebase partner would tend to think that diamond honours were wasted – ♦KQ42 for example. Still, it is hard to find an alternative with the East hand.

Weinstein took quite a long time to bid over Five Hearts, and it occurred to me that perhaps Six Hearts might be the way to investigate for a Grand Slam, although you still can't be certain that you will have 13 tricks even if partner delivers the queen of hearts – for example a trump lead may be awkward – when Bart Bramley, again on Bridgebase, suggested 'maybe 6♥ here?' and that was Weinstein eventually bid. Either we are getting better, or he is getting worse! Of course, he had used a great deal of mental energy, and one can speculate on the cumulative effect of that over a long period of matches. His partner had no magic holding, so they stopped safely in the cold slam, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Two Clubs was game forcing and West did well to go on

when his partner bid Four Spades. When East showed a diamond control West had heard enough and flattened the board.

However, neither team could cope with the next slam opportunity:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 5 2 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ K 4 ♣ 10 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N			W	E				S	♠ 6 4 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q 9 6 3 ♣ K 9 8 6 3	♠ Q 7 3 ♥ A K J 4 2 ♦ A 8 5 2 ♣ 2
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	♠ J 10 8 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ A Q J 7											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Is this the type of deal that gives Two over One a bad reputation? When East revealed the double fit should West bid Four Diamonds, or would that suggest more than he actually held? Should East have made one more try?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

An even shorter auction and the same unsatisfactory conclusion. Was the West hand, with fair heart support and decent controls really a minimum?



Roy Welland, USA

Perhaps both pairs should study the auction produced by Canada's Linda Lee & Katie Thorpe in their match against Finland:

West	North	East	South
	Lee		Thorpe
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
3♥*	Pass	1♠	2♣
	4♣	All Pass	

The American pair play transfer responses, hence West's bid. He led the ten of spades – perhaps a count style card would be better – and East won and fatally tried to cash a second spade. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the king, a club to the ace and the queen of hearts. In due course his losing diamond went away on the hearts, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
3♠	Pass	1♠	2♣
	4♣	All Pass	

West led the two of spades, third and fifth, and East won and switched to the four of diamonds. That put the defenders ahead in this particular race, so they scored +50 and Turkey had 5 deserved IMPs to move them ahead 16-0.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 4 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q 10 7 6 ♣ J 7 6 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ 9 6 5 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ 9 5 2</p>	<p>♠ K J ♥ A 9 6 5 4 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 8 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Four Hearts simply needed the trump suit to be kind. Not this time, and declarer was one down, -100

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1♥
Dble	Redbl	3♦	2♥
			All Pass

Two Diamonds was a good raise, and the redouble was possibly suggesting that it might be possible to penalise East/West. South did not have the kind of hand to justify a double, so East was left to play Three Diamonds. South led the king of spades, ducked, and continued with the jack. Declarer won and played a heart to the king and ace. South got out with a diamond and declarer eliminated the hearts while drawing trumps in the hope of some minor miracle, but nothing happened and he was two down, -



Bjorn Fallenius, USA

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That gave the USA 7 IMPs, their biggest swing in the match.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 7 4 3 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ 6 4 ♣ 8 5 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>♠ K 6 ♥ A K J 8 6 3 2 ♦ J 7 ♣ 10 6</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K Q 5 3 ♣ Q J 9 7 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
Pass	2♥*	2NT*	1♠
3♣	4♥	All Pass	Pass

East started with two top diamonds and switched to the queen of clubs. Declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the jack. That lost to the queen, but when the outstanding trumps divided 2-1 he was home, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
Pass	2♣*	2♦	1♠
Pass	Dble*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Two Diamonds is a makeable contract – but with South on lead only for North/South. Having missed an admittedly difficult chance North/South went on to try the nine trick game.

Declarer won the opening lead of the three of diamonds in hand, crossed to the king of clubs and played a heart to the jack. That meant he was one down, -50 and another 10 IMPs for Turkey.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q ♥ K 8 5 3 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ 10 8 7 4 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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>♠ 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ Q J 10 4 ♦ 9 ♣ A Q 5</p>	<p>♠ A 9 2 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ A 10 7 6 ♣ K 9 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Dble	Redbl
Pass	3♠	2♥	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
All Pass		Pass	5♦

Levin did well to come in on the second round and when South bid Three Diamonds it was a while before North bid on, but once he did a game contract was bound to be reached. Declarer won the heart lead and played a diamond to the ace. He drew trumps and cashed the king of spades. When the queen surfaced he took three more rounds of the suit, discarding a heart and then exited with a heart. When East won and tried the five of clubs he put up the king, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	1♠
		All Pass	



Suleyman Kolata, Turkey

Declarer ducked the heart lead, won the next one and played a diamond to the ace. Notice they both took into account a possible ♦J932 with West. Then he ran the diamonds and advanced the jack of spades, putting up dummy's ace to good effect. He claimed ten tricks, +430 and 1IMP.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q 4 3 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 10 9 8 7 3 ♣ Q J 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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>♠ A K 10 8 7 ♥ K J 10 3 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ A 8 7 6 2 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ A 8 7 5</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Atabey	Levin	Kolata
4♦	1♠	Dble	2NT*
All Pass	4♠	5♦	Dble

Only the lead of the ace of hearts will defeat Four Spades, so in that sense East/West did well to sacrifice. North cashed the ace of spades and found the brilliant switch to a diamond, the only genuine way to ensure a two trick defeat.

When South calmly played the six, declarer tried to generate some kind of trump coup ending by ruffing hearts in his hand, but it was not to be and he finished two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Welland	Assael	Fallenius
3♦	1♠	Dble	2♥
All Pass	Pass	Pass	3♠

Three Spades was safe enough. East led the ace of hearts, threatening to hold the contract to nine tricks, but he switched to a diamond and declarer came to ten tricks, +170. That gave Turkey 4 IMPs and an overall win by 33-9 IMPs, 20-10 VP.

Any team that holds its opponents to less than an IMP a board is a force to be reckoned with, the more so when it is the mighty USA. Watch out for Turkey!