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CRUNCH TIME IN ISTANBUL

It's time to forget the should-haves and could-haves and go for the IMPs, especially in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad. With only two matches left in the qualifying round-robin, all eyes will be on the top four spots in the four groups that will make up the round of 16, starting on Saturday.

Competitors in the Women's series will have one more day to find out who will be going head to head in the race for the gold medal.

In the International Senior Cup, the Netherlands the USA are running neck and neck for first place, which will be awarded when the 29th match of the round-robin is completed on Sunday.

WBF Congress meeting

The WBF Congress meeting will be held on Saturday in the Vugraph Auditorium at the Grand Cevahir Hotel at 10:00 a.m. All countries represented in Istanbul are urged to send a delegate to this meeting.

Delegates can pre-register their names, if they have not already done so, with Carol in the WBF Secretariat office on level L2. Exceptionally, there will be no Vugraph presentation on Saturday morning.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 16 Lebanon v Turkey (GROUP B)	10:00
OPEN	ROUND 17 Indonesia v Brazil (GROUP D)	14:00
WOMEN Tł	ROUND 18 ne Netherlands v USA (GROUP B)	17:30



Flags will be flying today – Republic Day in Turkey.

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OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS

	GROUP A	
T	ITALY	289
2	ARGENTINA	277
3	NETHERLANDS	273
4	RUSSIA	271
5	ICELAND	268
6	LATVIA	237
7	SCOTLAND	236
8	NEW ZEALAND	231
9	BELGIUM	225
10	HONG KONG	224
П	GEORGIA	222
12	CANADA	214
13	SERBIA/MNGRO	201.5
14	CHINESE TAIPEI	200.5
15	MOROCCO	177
16	GUADELOUPE	168
17	BANGLADESH	160
18	MAURITIUS	132

	GROUP B	
T	CHINA	300
2	TURKEY	272
	U.S.A.	272
4	LEBANON	265
5	GERMANY	259
	NORWAY	259
7	INDIA	249
8	AUSTRALIA	241
	BULGARIA	241
10	CROATIA	219
	ESTONIA	219
12	LUXEMBOURG	192
	SWITZERLAND	192
14	MARTINIQUE	186
15	TUNISIA	177
16	CHILE	167
17	SINGAPORE	150
18	KENYA	135

GROUP C			GROUP D	
I ENGLAND	314	T	FRANCE	277
2 HUNGARY	296	•	JAPAN	269
3 IRELAND	285		BRAZIL	267
4 POLAND	280	4	SWEDEN	259
5 EGYPT	271	5	PAKISTAN	257
6 DENMARK	260	6	SPAIN	253
7 ISRAEL	253	7	INDONESIA	252
8 ROMANIA	240	8	SOUTH AFRICA	246
9 SAN MARINO	232	9	GREECE	231
10 AUSTRIA	230	10	WALES	219
FINLAND	230		LITHUANIA	214
12 MALAYSIA	205		PORTUGAL	214
13 PHILIPPINES	164	13	BOSNIA/HZVNA	198
14 MEXICO	153	14	JORDAN	187
15 FR POLYNESIA	144	15	BOTSWANA	182
16 VENEZUELA	142	16	CZECH REP.	178
17 CYPRUS	135	17	BERMUDA	175
18 REUNION	131	18	COSTA RICA	127

WOMEN'S SERIES **RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS**

	GROUP A				GROUP B
	CHINA	293		I	NETHERLANDS
2	FRANCE	285		2	CROATIA
3	RUSSIA	271		3	GERMANY
4	AUSTRIA	263		4	U.S.A.
5	CANADA	246		5	ENGLAND
6	INDIA	245		6	NEW ZEALAND
7	ITALY	242		7	POLAND
	SWEDEN	242		8	ISRAEL
9	FINLAND	241		9	GREECE
10	SCOTLAND	239	1	10	DENMARK
	TURKEY	229	- i	11	NORWAY
12	BULGARIA	227	- i	12	JAPAN
13	AUSTRALIA	226	- i	3	SOUTH AFRICA
15	SWITZERLAND	226	- i	14	INDONESIA
15	EGYPT	215	-i	15	VENEZUELA
16 17	HUNGARY	214	-i	16	ARGENTINA
17	BRAZIL	212	÷,	17	IRELAND
		211	÷	18	MOROCCO
19 20	SPAIN MEXICO	203 44	÷	19	WALES
20	IORDAN	144	÷	20	KOREA
21	KENYA	95	- 2	20	REUNION
77	NEINIA	75		21	REUNION

SENIOR SERIES RANKING **AFTER 20 ROUNDS**

	NETHERLANDS	395
2	U.S.A.	383
3	GERMANY	347
4	ISRAEL	339
5	TURKEY	338
6	DENMARK	337
	FRANCE	337
	JAPAN	337
9	CHINA	333
10	POLAND	329
	PAKISTAN	328
12	SWEDEN	325.5
13	AUSTRIA	315.5
14	ENGLAND	312.5
15	CHINESE TAIPEI	310
16	WALES	302
17	NEW ZEALAND	301.5
18	CANADA	299
	PORTUGAL	299
20	scotland	298
21	ITALY	291.5
22	SWITZERLAND	274
23	BELGIUM	270
24	AUSTRALIA	265
25	SPAIN	249
26	IRELAND	225
27	GUADELOUPE	218
28	VENEZUELA	198.5
29	COSTA RICA	91

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

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	GROUP A								GROUP B				
Match I Morocco 2 Mauritius 3 Latvia 4 Italy 5 Iceland 6 Hong Kong 7 Serbia & Montenegr 8 Scotland 9 Russia	Netherlands New Zealand	IM 34 33 76 24 25 74 61 40 74	Ps 72 51 27 10 16 12 29 33 25	7 11 25 18 17 25 22 16 25	Ps 23 19 5 12 13 3 8 14 5	OUND 13	 12 13 14 15 16 17	Match Germany Estonia Croatia USA Turkey Tunisia Switzerland Singapore Norway	Australia Bulgaria Chile China India Kenya Lebanon Luxembourg Martinique	20 22 71 23 62 97 13 27 37	MPs 8 76 41 46 39 16 60 75 45	4 2 21 10 2 20 1 25 6 2 5 2	3 9 20 10 24 25 16
-	GROUP C					N			GROUP D				
Match 19 Austria 20 San Marino 21 England 22 Finland 23 French Polynesia 24 Hungary 25 Ireland 26 Israel 27 Cyprus	Egypt Denmark Romania Reunion Poland Philippines Mexico Malaysia Venezuela	IM 32 48 60 52 40 77 85 71 18	Ps 27 28 26 25 49 18 17 23 36	6 9 22 21 3 25 25 25 1	Ps 4 1 8 9 7 4 2 5 9	R	28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	Match Bermuda Bosnia Botswana Czech Republic France Greece Indonesia Japan Lithuania	Jordan Costa Rica Brazil Sweden Spain South Africa Portugal Pakistan Wales	11 21 51 31 27 36 51 48 40 56	MPs 24 24 52 39 29 59 6 25 63	21 11 1 13 1 16 1 14 1 24 18 1	6 9 7 4 6 2
	GROUP A								GROUP B				
Match1Argentina2Bangladesh3Chinese Taipei4Georgia5Guadeloupe6Hong Kong7Iceland8Italy9Latvia	Canada Belgium Scotland Russia New Zealand Netherlands Morocco Mauritius Serbia & Montenegro	35 8 30 39 53 38 67 56 28	Ps 26 61 41 77 19 60 15 52 70	17 5 13 7 22 10 25 16 6	Ps 13 25 17 23 8 20 5 14 24	ND 14	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Match Australia Chile China Croatia Estonia Germany India Kenya Lebanon	Bulgaria Turkey Tunisia Switzerland Singapore Norway Martinique Luxembourg USA	38 60 62 50 27 32 26 46 40	MPs 42 31 23 22 23 52 19 37 22	2 23 2 6 1 6 7	6 9 7 9 4 9 4 3
	GROUP C					NN			GROUP D				
Match19Austria20San Marino21Denmark22Egypt23Ireland24Israel25Cyprus26Malaysia27Mexico	Hungary French Polynesia Finland England Romania Reunion Poland Philippines Venezuela	IM 7 86 50 37 32 44 1 20 14	Ps 47 33 23 39 45 44 60 59 79	V 7 25 21 15 12 15 4 7 3	Ps 23 5 9 15 18 15 25 23 25	RO		Match Bermuda Bosnia Botswana Brazil Costa Rica Jordan Pakistan Portugal South Africa	Lithuania Japan Indonesia Greece France Czech Republic Sweden Spain Wales	10 25 57 42 12 38 47 44 55	MPs 78 49 23 25 75 36 8 40 32	10 2 22 19 1 3 2 15 1 23 16 1	25 20 8 11 25 15 7 14
	GROUP A								GROUP B				
Match		IM	Ps	V	Ps			Match			MPs	VPs	
 Argentina Bangladesh Belgium Canada Chinese Taipei Latvia Mauritius Morocco Netherlands 	Italy Iceland Hong Kong Guadeloupe Georgia Scotland Russia New Zealand Serbia & Montenegro	56 28 32 81 22 31 18 50 48	42 66 20 34 47 63 95 71 33	18 7 17 24 10 8 1 11 18	12 23 13 6 20 22 25 19 12	4D 15	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Norway Martinique Luxembourg Lebanon Kenya India USA Turkey Tunisia	Australia Bulgaria Chile China Croatia Estonia Germany Singapore Switzerland	42 32 69 20 27 35 36 59 25	36 37 22 54 89 32 48 39 50	16 1 14 1 24 2 3 2 16 1 13 1 19 1	4 6 22 25 4 7
	GROUP C					OUND			GROUP D				
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WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 13

GROUP A							
	Match	M	1Ps	VPs			
40	Turkey	Australia	42	43	15	15	
41	Switzerland	Austria	36	21	18	12	
42	Sweden	Brazil	53	27	21	9	
43	Spain	Bulgaria	33	29	16	14	
44	Scotland	Canada	22	18	16	14	
45	Russia	China	40	12	22	8	
46	Pakistan	Egypt	45	48	14	16	
47	Mexico	Finland	30	31	15	15	
48	lordan	France	9	44	7	23	
49	İtaly	Hungary	18	30	12	18	
50	Kenya	India	1	55	3	25	

		GROUP	В			
	Match		M	IPs	V	Ps
50	Korea	Bye	0	0	18	0
51	Wales	Árgentina	9	64	3	25
52	Venezuela	Croatia	7	34	9	21
53	USA	Denmark	34	25	17	13
54	South Africa	England	8	16	13	17
55	Reunion	Germany	14	71	3	25
56	Poland	Greece	11	13	15	15
57	Norway	Indonesia	18	27	13	17
58	New Zealand	Ireland	61	6	25	3
59	Netherlands	Israel	48	5	25	5
60	Morocco	Japan	53	46	16	14

	GROUP A					
	Match	IM	IP s	VPs		
40 Australia	Bulgaria	19	23	14	16	
41 Austria	Brazil	53	16	24	6	
42 Canada	Turkey	10	36	9	21	
43 China	Switzerland	41	15	21	9	
44 Egypt	Sweden	9	42	7	23	
45 Finland	Spain	45	13	23	7	
46 France	Scotland	18	18	15	15	
47 Hungary	Russia	7	41	7	23	
48 India '	Pakistan	39	26	18	12	
49 Italy	Mexico	44	17	21	9	
50 Jordan	Kenya	45	36	17	13	

ROUND 14								
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20								

GROUP B

Bye

New Zealand

Netherlands

Morocco

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ladan

Israel

Ireland

Wales

USA

Venezuela

Match

50 South Africa

51 Argentina

52 Croatia

54 England

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55 Germany

Greece

Indonesia

Norway 59 Poland

60 Reunion

53 Denmark

IMPs

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ROUND 15

	GROUP A				
	Match	IN	1Ps	V	Ps
40 Australia	Mexico	61	36	21	9
41 Austria	Jordan	42	34	17	13
42 Brazil	Italy	21	40	11	19
43 Bulgaria	Indía	16	26	13	17
44 Canada	Hungary	22	38	11	19
45 China	France	34	25	17	13
46 Egypt	Finland	44	43	15	15
47 Pakistan	Turkey	3	40	6	24
48 Russia	Switzerland	27	19	17	13
49 Scotland	Sweden	47	18	22	8
50 Spain	Kenya	67	17	25	4

Changes in starting times

The program for the Seniors on Saturday and Sunday has been changed as follows:

On Saturday there will be three matches with starting times of 13.30, 15.45 and 18.00.

On Sunday there will be two matches with starting times of 10.45 and 13.30.

After these two matches, the Seniors' meeting will start at 15.15.

For the Women's series, the starting time for the final three rounds on Saturday have been changed to 11.00, 14.00 and 17.00.

Check your scores, please!

All team captains please are asked to be sure that they check the scores with their opponents and hand in their FULLY COMPLETED results sheets to the Results Desk as soon as possible after the end of play.

The Results Desk is situated outside the Main Ball Room in Lobby 2, opposite the main (marble) staircase.

Captains failing to hand in their results delay the publication of results and cause inconvenience to the organisers and to other teams waiting to see the results.

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 17

	Match	M	IPs	V	Ps	
60	Venezuela	Вуе	0	0	18	0
61	Japan	Guadeloupe	30	33	14	16
62	İsrael	USA	24	53	7	23
63	Spain	Wales	32	38	14	16
64	Switzerland	Pakistan	15	17	14	16
65	Turkey	Australia	52	0	25	2
66	China	Canada	31	7	21	9
67	Poland	Germany	41	44	14	16
68	Italy	England [']	31	39	13	17
69	Chinese Taipei	New Zealand	39	20	20	10
70	Belgium	Austria	29	46	10	20
71	France	Denmark	8	20	12	18
72	Scotland	Portugal	18	41	9	21
73	Costa Rica	Ireland	14	41	8	22
74	Netherlands	Sweden	32	12	20	10

	ROUND 19						
	Match		١M	1Ps	V	Ps	
60	Denmark	Bye	0	0	18	0	
61	Germany	Turkey	35	23	18	12	
62	Venezuela	Japan	8	55	3	25	
63	Sweden	Portugal	26	20	16	14	
64	Israel	Belgium	22	24	14	16	
65	Pakistan	Austria	30	39	13	17	
66	Costa Rica	New Zealand	5	63	1	25	
67	England	Guadeloupe	44	30	19		
68	Poland	Switzerland	29	10	20	10	
69	France	Wales	35	12	21	9	
70	Italy	Spain	19	37	10	20	
71	Canada	Ireland	45	33	18	12	
72	Chinese Taipei	Scotland	24	10	19		
73	Australia	USA	26	38	12	18	
74	China	Netherlands	17	8	17	13	

Pla	aying times
Open and Wom	ien's:
Round	10.00
Round	14.00
Round	17.30
Seniors:	
Round	10:45
Round	13:30
Round	15:45
Round	18:00

No Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in ANY lobby area other than the area near the hotel's main reception desk. Smoking is also prohibited in any areas of the Congress Centre, including the Press and Bulletin rooms, the WBF Main Office, the Scoring and Results Room and the VuGraph Auditorium.

Violations of this policy will subject you to a fine of 2VPs. Continued violations will result in the player being prohibited from playing and the team not being admitted to the playing area.

ROUND 18

	Match		M	1Ps	V	Ps
60	Turkey	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Denmark	Ćanada	19	21	14	16
62	England	Pakistan	2	38	6	24
63	Spain	Belgium	9	33	9	21
64	Netherlands	Venezuela	31	15	19	11
65	Guadeloupe	Portugal	15	14	15	15
66	Ireland	Germany	7	46	5	25
67	Scotland	Israel	12	19	13	17
68	Austria	Sweden	27	4	21	9
69	Wales	Australia	16	27	12	18
70	USA	Costa Rica	63	0	25	0
71	Switzerland	China	16	28	12	18
72	Chinese Taipei	Italy	26	30	14	16
73	lapan	Poland	4	42	5	25
74	New Zealand	France	15	29	11	19

ROUND 20

	Match		M	1Ps	V	Ps
60	Ireland	Вуе	0	0	18	0
61	USA	France	12	8	16	14
62	Japan	China	18	27	13	17
63	Belgium	Chinese Taipei	20	47	8	22
64	Spain	Scotland	23	43	10	20
65	Turkey	Canada	14	28	11	19
66	Germany	Denmark	50	14	24	6
67	Netherlands	Poland	46	7	25	5 9
68	New Zealand	Australia	35	12	21	9
69	Austria	Guadeloupe	4	41	5	25
70	Switzerland	Venezuela	26	13	19	11
71	Wales	Costa Rica	55	24	23	7
72	Portugal	Pakistan	30	28	16	14
73	Sweden	England	24	9	19	11
74	Israel	Italy	19	15	16	14

World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price \pounds 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 16										
	GROU	ΡΑ		GRO	UP B		GRO	UP C		GRO	UP D
I	Morocco	Argentina	10	Germany	Australia	19	Austria	Egypt	28	Bermuda	Jordan
2	Mauritius	Bangladesh	11	Estonia	Bulgaria	20	San Marino	Denmark	29	Bosnia	Costa Rica
3	Latvia	Belgium	12	Croatia	Chile	21	England	Romania	30	Botswana	Brazil
4	Italy	Canada	13	USA	China	22	Finland	Reunion	31	Czech Rep.	Sweden
5	Iceland	Chinese Taipei	14	Turkey	India	23	Fr Polynesia	Poland	32	France	Spain
	Hong Kong	Georgia	15	Tunisia	Kenya	24	Hungary	Philippines	33	Greece	South Africa
7	Serbia & M'gro	Guadeloupe	16	Switzerland	Lebanon	25	Ireland	Mexico	34	Indonesia	Portugal
8	Scotland	Netherlands	17	Singapore	Luxembourg	26	Israel	Malaysia	35	Japan	Pakistan
9	Russia	New Zealand	18	Norway	Martinique	27	Cyprus	Venezuela	36	Lithuania	Wales

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

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 16

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

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

ROUND 17

GROUP

GROUP

	ROUND 18							
	GROU	ΡΑ		GROU	JP B			
40	Australia	Mexico	51	Argentina	New Zealand			
41	Austria	Jordan		Croatia	Netherlands			
42	Brazil	Italy	53	Denmark	Morocco			
43	Bulgaria	India	54	England	Korea			
44	Canada	Hungary	55	Germany	Japan			
45	China	France	56	Greece	Israel			
46	Egypt	Finland	57	Indonesia	Ireland			
47	Pakistan	Turkey	58	Norway	Wales			
48	Russia	Switzerland	59	Poland	Venezuela			
49	Scotland	Sweden	60	Reunion	USA			
50	Spain	Kenya		South Africa	Вуе			



Istanbul, Turkey

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 17

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

ROUND 18

61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74	Denmark England Spain Netherlands Guadeloupe Ireland Scotland Austria Wales USA Switzerland Chinese Taipei Japan New Zealand Bye	Canada Pakistan Belgium Venezuela Portugal Germany Israel Sweden Australia Costa Rica China Italy Poland France Turkey
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From The World **Puzzle Federation**

The World Puzzle Federation (WPF) has been organizing the World Puzzle Championships (WPC) annually since 1992. Each country is represented by a team of four individuals regardless of sex. There is both team and individual competition in the championships. The puzzles are culture and language-neutral, ranging from logical, analytical to mechanical and perceptional.

On behalf of the WPF, the Turkish National Puzzling Team wants to reach out to puzzle enthusiasts, of which they believe the bridge Olympiad family contains many. It is the WPF's goal to increase participation and gain new members from all over the world. For this purpose, they will provide a welcome leaflet prepared by the WPF in addition to some sample puzzles from previous championships, which the participants of the Bridge Olympiad will find on the hospitality desk until the end of the Olympiad.



ROUND 19

ROUND 20

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



Today is Republic Day – a national holiday – in Turkey, so expect some traffic congestion on account of parades.

Most restaurants will remain open, but some shops will be closed at least part of the day.

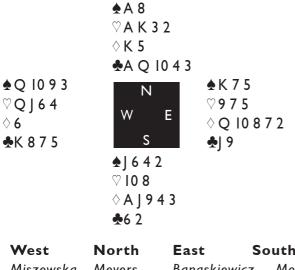
Republic Day celebrates the founding of the Turkish republic in 1923.

WOMEN

USA v Poland

ROUND 9

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



vv est	North	East	30	Juch
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiew	icz	Montin
Pass	♣	Pass		1
Pass	2 ♡	Pass	2N	IT
Pass	3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	5	outh
west	North	East	30	buth
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sa	rniak
Pass	♣	Pass	🔶	2
Pass	2♡	Pass	2N	IT
Pass	3♢	Pass	3N	IT
All Pass				

Two similar auctions saw the respective Souths declare 3NT with all of West's suits having been bid by her opponents. Ewa Miszewska chose the best lead of the \bigstar 3, which ran to the king and back came a second spade to dummy's ace. Randi Montin played a diamond to her ace then a club to the ten and jack. Back came a diamond to dummy's king and, with no entry to hand, Montin was



Ewa Miszewska, Poland

obliged to play ace and another club to West's eight. She eventually established the long club but that gave only seven tricks for down two; -200.

Tobi Sokolow preferred the lead of a low heart and, when running that to the ten proved to be successful, Anna Sarniak was much better placed. She too finessed the ♣10 and back came a heart. She won in dummy and played ace and another club and back came a third heart. Sarniak won, gave up a club and, after Sokolow had cashed the heart winner, back came a diamond. Sarniak rose with the king, cashed the long club and took the diamond finesse for her ninth trick; +600 and 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠76 ♡92 ◇AQ63 ♣98654	 ▲ Q 10 ♡ 10 6 4 ◊ J 10 2 ◆ 10 7 ● 10 7 ○ K ∞ K 8 ◊ K 8 5 ◆ A K 0 	4 3 E	2 5 4 2 J 7 5
West	North Meyers	East	South Montin
— All Pass	—	—	INT
West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
 Pass	 Pass	 Dble	INT All Pass

Janice Seamon-Molson ventured a double of INT where Ewa Banaskiewicz did not have that systemic option.

Against Montin, Miszewska led a club to the ten, jack and king. Montin passed the $\bigstar 9$ to the king and Banaskiewicz switched to a low heart, run to dummy's ten. The $\Diamond J$ was run to the queen and back came a club. Montin won and played a diamond to the ten then a diamond to the king and ace. Miszewska plugged away with another club and Montin won, cashed the established diamond, and conceded the rest for down one; -100.

Sokolow also led a club, the nine, which lost to the queen. Sarniak led the $\bigstar 9$ to Molson's king and she switched to a low heart to declarer's king. The $\bigstar 8$ was ducked and now Sarniak cashed the top clubs before ex-

iting with the \bigstar and hoping that someone would have to give her a diamond trick. It was not to be. Molson won the \bigstar A, cashed the hearts and played a diamond through and that was down two for -500 and 9 IMPs to USA.

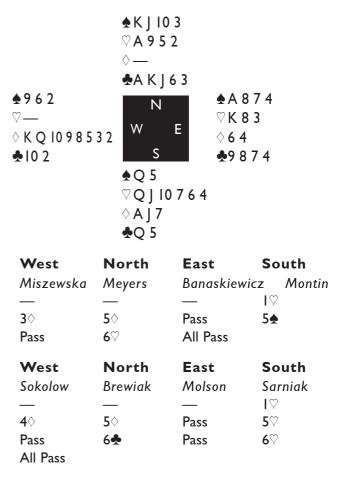
Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

▲8 ♡K 109874 ◇J 103 &J96		≜7 ♡AQ ◇K85 ♣KQ	5 4
West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewic	z Montin
_		2♡	3♠
4 ♡	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♡	5♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
_	♠	Dble	2NT
3♡	4♠	All Pass	
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Banaskiewicz's 2^{\heartsuit} overcall put a lot more momentum into the auction than did Molson's take-out double. Despite the big heart fit, Sokolow was only prepared to go as far as 3^{\heartsuit} at this vulnerability when facing what might have been only a three- or four-card heart suit, so Grazyna Brewiak was allowed to play 4. Brewiak ruffed the heart lead, cashed the 4 ruffed a heart and played ace and another club. Molson won the 4, cashed the 4K, and had to give the eleventh trick with her next lead; +450.

Facing an overcall, Miszewska was happy to compete first to 4° then to 5° over 4^{\bullet} . Now Jill Meyers, who had big spades and relatively little defence, misjudged the hand by going on to 5^{\bullet} , where she was doubled. She too ruffed the heart lead and cashed a top spade but now she saw a different possibility for success. She played a low diamond now and Banaskiewicz hopped up with the king and played ${}^{\bullet}Q$ to dummy's ace. Meyers ruffed the heart then cashed two diamond winners before exiting with a club, hoping that the trick would be won by a hand that had begun life with a doubleton honour. Not this time, as the defence took club tricks for down one; -100 and 11 IMPs to Poland.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

There would have been two disappointed North/South pairs when it came to score up this deal with their teammates. Sokolow made the normal 4 \Diamond pre-emptive overcall and Brewuiak cuebid 5 \Diamond then went on to slam over Sarniak's sign-off, making a grand slam try along the way. Perhaps, if North's bidding is to be trusted, there is a case for a spade lead now, who knows? Sokolow led a diamond and Sarniak could win, lead the queen of hearts to the ace and play four rounds of clubs to discard the spade loser; +980.

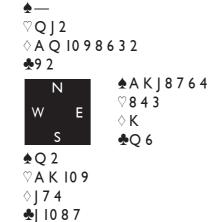


Janice Seamon-Molson, USA

Miszewska underpre-empted with $3\diamond$ and that left room for Meyers to wheel out Exclusion Key Card. Alas, the 1430 response meant that the Americans were too high, at least in theory. Surely, after the use of EXCB, West should choose a black-suit lead? No, Miszewska led a diamond and the same line of play produced the same twelve tricks and 'just another dull flat board' at +980.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

4	10	9	5	3	
\heartsuit	76	5 5)		
\diamond	5				
•	A	K	5 -	4	3



West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewic	z Montin
_	3NT	4♠	5♣
Dble	5 ◇	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
_	4 ◇	4♠	All Pass

Meyers/Montin use a 3NT opening to show a four-level pre-empt in an unspecified minor and that North hand seems to fit the bill nicely. When Banaskiewicz overcalled $4\clubsuit$, Montin bid $5\clubsuit$, pass or correct, and Miszewska first doubled then went on to $5\clubsuit$ over Meyers' conversion to $5\diamondsuit$. Three rounds of hearts followed by the ace of dia-



Tobi Sokolow, USA

monds meant a quick two down for -200.

Brewiak opened with a natural $4\diamond$ pre-empt and Sarniak allowed Molson to play $4\clubsuit$. Again, three rounds of hearts followed by the top diamond meant down one; -100 but 3 IMPs to USA.

Notice that if declarer is going to drop the $\Diamond K$, it takes three rounds of clubs to defeat 5 \Diamond . Maybe that is easy if West is on lead, but certainly not if 5 \Diamond is played by North.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

9 8 5 3 J A J 7 6 8 7 6	 ▲ Q ♡ 10 8 5 ◇ K 9 8 ▲ A J 10 4 W S ▲ K 6 ♡ A Q 7 4 ◇ 5 2 ▲ K Q 9 	▲ A 10 ♡K 9 € ◇ Q 10 ♣5	5
West Miszewska	North Meyers	East Banaskiewic	South
		Pass	10
Pass	INT	Pass	2♡
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
		Pass	$ \heartsuit$
Pass All Pass	2NT	Pass	4 ♡

Sokolow led a spade to the ace and Molson switched to her singleton club. Sarniak suspected that, with the A already seen to be in the East hand, the A would be on-



Grazyna Brewiak, Poland

side more often than not. In that case a club ruff was the big danger and she therefore played ace and another heart. Alas, Molson won, put her partner in with the diamond, and duly received her club ruff for down one; -50.

Miszewska led a club and now declarer could not be sure who had the shortage in the suit. Also, she did not know about the A and so had less reason to feel good about the diamond position. While the play of ace and another heart is still tempting, it appears to be less attractive than at the other table. Nonetheless, Montin put in dummy's J, led a low heart off the dummy then, after a few moments pause, went up with the ace and followed the same line a sat the other table. That was a chance missed for USA; down one for -50 and a flat board.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

 ▲ 10 9 4 2 ♡ 9 8 4 ◇ J 7 5 3 ▲ A 9 	 ▲ 8 ♡ A 5 2 ◇ A Q 6 ◆ K J 7 5 W S ▲ A K J 5 ♡ Q 10 7 ◊ 10 9 4 ♣ Q 2 	4 € Q 7 ♡ K J 6 ◊ K 8 € 10 8	
West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewio	z Montin
— Pass	 2 *	— Pass	
Pass	2 ≩ 3◊	Pass	3NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4NT
All Pass		1 400	
West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
			♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡
Pass All Pass	3 ◊	Pass	3NT

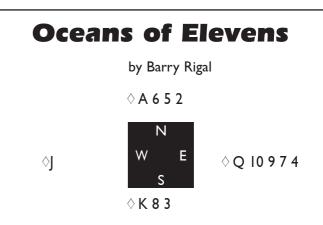
I am sure that Sarniak's $2\heartsuit$ rebid was systemic facing the $2\clubsuit$, two-over-one response. Certainly, the Poles had no trouble in stopping at a safe level. Sokolow led the ten of spades to the queen and ace and Sarniak played the $\clubsuit Q$. Sokolow took her ace and switched to a low diamond, which was run to the eight (an interesting play from Molson) and nine. Sarniak cashed a top spade, throwing a diamond from dummy, then took the 'marked' diamond finesse, losing to the king. Back came a spade to her jack and she played three rounds of clubs, establishing the fifth card in that suit while losing a club and a spade; nine tricks for +600.

I am less sure if Montin's 2^{\heartsuit} rebid was systemic, though my main evidence to the contrary is the fact that Meyers went on over 3NT, which she might not have done had

tin bid a firm 4NT and there matters rested. Here the lead was the \$9 to declarer's jack. Montin led the $\Diamond 10$ now and Miszewska broke a basic rule of defensive signalling when she followed with the seven, a card she could not afford. Banaskiewicz won the $\Diamond K$ and returned a spade to declarer's ace. Montin played the queen of clubs and Miszewska won the ace and returned a club, keeping declarer out of her hand. Montin won the club and cashed the other club winner, cashed the $\Diamond A$, then exited with a club, establishing the fifth card in the process. The play of cashing the $\Diamond A$ had removed East's safe exit in that suit, but all she needed to do now was to exit with a spade and declarer would be a trick short. But Banaskiewicz erred badly by switching to a heart and there was no losing option for declarer who suddenly had a second heart trick, an entry to the spade winner, and ten tricks in all; +630 and 1 IMP to USA instead of 12 the other way.

she been aware of her partner's handtype. Anyway, Mon-

Poland won the match by 36-20 IMPs, 10.25-18.25 VPs, after a slow play penalty. Both teams were still looking good for the knockout stages.



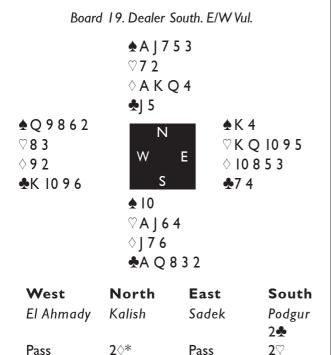
This was the diamond suit on Board 11 of Round 11. Notice the bare $\Diamond J$ (also an '11' if your mind works that way!)

Contrast the diamond suit on Board 3, also of Round II – this time in the Seniors, who are playing nominally different, boards:



Pharaonic Magic

When Egypt met Israel in Round 10 of the Open series the men from Cairo were in tremendous form, as witness this deal.

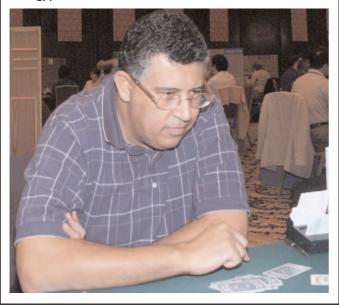


Expecting the jack of hearts to be in the dummy, Tarek Sadek found the brilliant opening lead of the nine of hearts. Naturally declarer played low, as West signalled encouragement with the three. The ten of hearts came next, and when declarer again played low East was able to continue with the king of hearts, ensuring that the defenders would come to five tricks.

3NT

All Pass

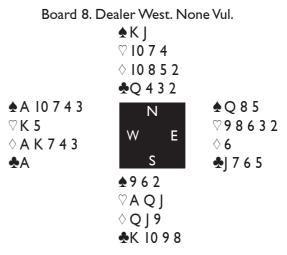
That was just one of the boards that contributed to Egypt's 94-13 IMP win.



The Positional Factor

By Maureen Dennison

This deal from round 9 of the Women's series in the Olympiad looks relatively innocuous, but looks can be deceiving.



At most tables, East/West played 4[±] making, though a fair sprinkling played in 2[±] making four. Jill Casey, Welsh Camrose player, played in 1[±].

What's remarkable about that, of course, is that Jill was sitting North!

West opened a strong club, and Jill's 1 showed two suits of the same rank. East's pass indicated fewer than 5 points. After South passed, West decided she had nowhere to go and she, too, passed. The contract drifted four off for minus 200.

Jill's teammates, by the way, were up to bidding the spade game, so the team earned a 6-IMP swing.

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

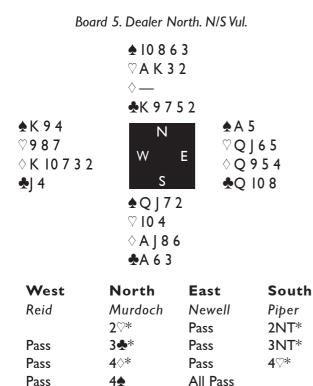
Captains' meeting

There will be a meeting for the captains of all qualifying teams in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad today at 17.15 in the WBF meeting room on the Lobby 2 level.

Pass

Theory & Practice

Scotland's Douglas Piper reported this devilish defensive play by New Zealand's Martin Reid and Peter Newell from their Round 11 match:



In theory Four Spades cannot be defeated, but the difference between theory and practice can be considerable.

West led the jack of clubs and when declarer played low from dummy East played the queen in perfect tempo. Declarer won and played the queen of spades, which lost to East's ace. Back came a trump and East won with the king and played the four of clubs.

That gave declarer a decision, and when he finessed, East won and gave his partner a ruff to defeat the 'undefeatable' game.

(The same combination of plays was also made by Serbia & Montenegro's Vladimir Kal

The Bravest Player?

Wied Polle, playing captain of the Netherlands team in the International Senior Cup, believes he knows who is the bravest player at the Istanbul tournament.

He offers as evidence this deal from round 13 (opponents not to be named). Polle's teammates were Onno Janssens and Willem Boegem.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.					
▲ A J 3 ♡ Q 10 7 6 ◇ A K 10 2 ♣K 5	 ▲ K 7 6 ♡ A K J ◇ — ▲ A J 8 0 W S ▲ Q 10 ♡ 9 8 4 ◊ 3 ▲ Q 9 7 	5 6 3 E			
West	North	East	South		
	Janssens		Boegem		
	🐣	3♢	Pass		
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♣		
4NT	5 🙅	5NT	Pass		
Pass	Dble	All Pass			

To Polle, East's 5NT bid qualifies him as the bravest player in Istanbul. That's debatable, of course, considering that East did not actually have to play the contract.

Another way to look at it is that West probably qualifies for the most patient partner in the tournament.



OPEN

England v Hungary

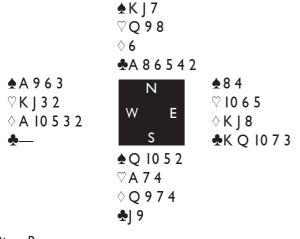
ROUND

England's Hungarian Rhapsody

by Mark Horton

Round 12 saw England, the runaway leaders of Group C, face Hungary, one of the teams fighting for a qualifying spot. It proved to be a match of few swings and both teams missed chances. However, England generally had the better of things and added another good win to their collection.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
	🐣	Pass	
Dble	INT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2 📤	Dble	All Pass

The Hackett twins aggressive bidding style makes them difficult opponents, but on this occasion they ran into trouble once Justin decided to make a second bid over West's double.



Gabor Macskásy, Hungary

East led the five of hearts and West won with the king and returned the two, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer played a spade to the king and a low club. East went in with the queen and played a spade, West winning and giving his partner a ruff. There were still two trumps and a diamond to come so the contract was two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
	♣	Pass	♠
Dble	Rdble*	2 🐣	Pass
2♢	All Pass		

Despite the 4-1 trump break Two Diamonds was a comfortable spot, and when North led the ace of clubs it simplified matters for declarer who soon emerged with eight tricks, +90, but 5 IMPs to Hungary.

Boo	ard 3. Dealer S	outh. E/W Vul.	
 ▲ 6 4 ♡ 10 6 2 ◇ A K J 8 4 2 ▲ J 3 ▲ A 7 3 2 ♡ K 8 ◇ Q 3 ▲ A Q 5 4 2 ▲ K Q J 10 9 5 ♡ 9 ◇ 10 7 6 5 			
	♣10 6		
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason 3 ≜
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

South's atypical gung ho preempt meant West would be taking a risk to bid 3NT with only two tricks (nevertheless one that many would take) and when he passed North raised the ante. The commentators felt East had to bid Five Hearts and had he done so West would almost certainly have gone on to the lay down slam. It took a while for the tray to come back and for a brief moment a director was at the table. He might have been needed again if East had bid over West's double, but as it was North/South were going to post an excellent result.

West led the two of spades and declarer won with jack and played back the queen. West took the ace (it would

probably be better to duck in order to see a couple of discards from partner) as East discarded the seven of clubs (high discouraging/odd/suit preference according to the convention card). West switched to the two of clubs (3rd & 5th) and East took the king and returned the nine – he might have cashed the ace of hearts first – West winning with the queen. Now West was faced with a nasty guess as to the whereabouts of two cards, the ace of hearts and the eight of clubs. When he tried to cash the ace of clubs declarer was home, a remarkable +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
			2♠
2NT	Pass	3◇*	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 ♡	All Pass		

The weak two gave East/West plenty of room to investigate but they could not discover the perfect fit that existed.With decent controls West might have gone on with Four Spades, or East might have made at least one more move. How pleasant to discover that +680 was worth 15 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

 ♦ 9 6 5 ♡ 10 8 3 2 ◊ 5 4 2 ♣Q 8 2 	 ★ K Q 10 7 2 ♡ 7 6 ◊ 8 7 6 3 ★ K 10 N W E S ▲ A J 4 3 ♡ K 5 4 △ K 0 	≜ 8 ♡ A Q J 9 ◊ A J 10 9 ♣ A 7 5 4
	◊K Q	
	📥 J 9 6 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
		♣*	Pass
◊*	I.♠	Dble	INT*
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After the strong club opening North/South did well to bid the spade game that cannot be defeated. East led his spade and declarer won in dummy and played the king of diamonds. East won and returned the nine of diamonds to dummy's queen. When a club to the ten forced East's ace declarer was in control. East cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the queen. Declarer took dummy's king, crossed to the king of clubs, played two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and advanced the nine of clubs, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
		$ \diamond$	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Declarer made the same ten tricks, but that represented a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

West	North	East	South
Open Room			
	♣10		
	◇K97	53	
	♡ A K 5	42	
	≜ 98		
♣A 3	S	* (Q 9 8 7 4 2
♦ A J 2	W	F	06
∇Q9876	N	\heartsuit	
≜ A J 5	&KJ6		7432
	♦ Q 8 4		
	♡J I0		
	≜ K Q ∣	06	
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West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
			\square
INT	Dble	2 📥	2 ◇
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♢
All Pass			

In order to defeat Three Diamonds, West must lead a heart, the point being that declarer has no convenient way to hand to play a trump towards dummy. His actual choice of ace and another diamond saw declarer win in hand and play a third trump to dummy's queen. At this point declar-



Justin Hackett, England

er must play a low club from dummy, not easy to see, but instead he ran the ten of hearts to West's queen. West played back a heart and declarer won with dummy's jack and played a club. Now East must go in with the queen and play a spade. As long as West ducks, wins the next spade and cashes the ace of clubs, declarer must lose a heart at the end for one down. East should perhaps have found this play, as with the ace of clubs South would undoubtedly have raised 2NT to game. As it was, declarer was home when the ten of clubs forced the ace, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
			$\square \heartsuit$
INT	Dble	3秦	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4 \diamond
All Pass			

3NT would certainly have failed, but when South ran West decided to rest his case. West led the ace of clubs, followed by the ace of spades and a heart. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a club and played a diamond. West went in with the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. The play record stops at this point, but the contract was two down, so we can infer that when East played a club declarer did not ruff it high. -100 and 5 IMPs to England.

Round about here Canada's Joey Silver, who had briefly joined the audience in the VuGraph theatre, took his leave. As he departed he called out, 'I've never seen so many sleepy people in my life – wake up everybody, this is really interesting.'

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	▲ 632 ♡109 ◊752 ♣ 98762	
≜ K J 9 8 ♡ A J 8 6 2 ◊ 9 ♣ K J 5	N W E S	 ▲ A 7 5 4 ♡ 7 5 4 ◇ K Q 10 4 3 ▲ 3
-	♠Q 10 ♡KQ3 ◇AJ86 ♣AQ104	
o. D		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
2◇*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer won the opening lead of the king of hearts, North dropping the ten, drew trumps when the suit behaved and played a diamond to the king and ace. He won the diamond return with the ten and played the seven of hearts, eventually putting up dummy's jack. +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
2♡	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Four Clubs was a ghastly contract, but luckily for North/South no one could double. East led the king of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played the ace of clubs followed by the queen. West won, drew another round of trumps and played a spade to East's ace. When East cashed the queen of diamonds declarer claimed for three down, -300, but a gain of 3 IMPs.



▲ A Q 8 6 ♡ K Q 6 ◊ J 9 8 ♣Q 6 4	W/ E	≜J7 ♡J98543 ◇AKI063 ♣—
Open Room		

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
		Pass	Pass
INT	3 🙅	3♡	All Pass

Obviously you want to be in game, but clearly West did not think he had an automatic raise to Four Hearts. Declarer made eleven tricks, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
		Pass	Pass
♠	2♣	2♡	Pass
Pass	3 🙅	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	4 ♡	All Pass

The English pair made no mistake, +450 and 6 IMPs that helped England to a 52-19 IMP win that translated into 22-8 VP.

Championship Diary

Birthday presents are always welcome, but Hans-Olof Hallen was pleasantly surprised yesterday morning to discover he had been promoted to membership of the WBF Laws Commission – for WBF read Swedish. We might also mention that he was present as a player at the first Olympiad, as was South Africa's Petra Mansell.

Talking of Olympiad records, we now know that Eric Murray & Sami Kehela played together for Canada between 1960 & 1980, a total of six consecutive appearances. Nicola Smith, of Great Britain and England has played in the last eight Olympiads, but with several partners. It would have been nine, as she won the trials in 1972, but it is rumoured the selectors thought the team so weak they decided not to send one.

Just in case you missed it at least two teams have collected a maximum 75 VP in a single day, the English open team, and the Canadian women. As far as we know, no team has ever collected three zeros in a day.

Time for a bit of Baseball, which has been at the top of our sporting interest since the Championships started.

In 1918 the Boston Red Sox won their 5th World Series, the most by any club at that time. One of the stars of the Boston championship franchise was a young pitcher by the name of George Herman Ruth, aka The Babe or The Bambino.

In 1920, however, Red Sox owner Harry Frazee needed money to finance his girlfriend's play, so he sold Babe Ruth's contract to Colonel Jacob Ruppert's New York Yankees for \$100,000 (plus a loan collateralized by Fenway Park).

Since then, the Yankees, who had never won a World Championship before acquiring Ruth, have gone on to win 26, and are arguably one of the greatest success stories in the history of sport.

Meanwhile, the Boston Red Sox have appeared in only four World Series since 1918, losing each one in game seven. Many consider Boston's performance after the departure of Babe Ruth to be attributable to "The Curse of the Bambino."

So, you will understand why our Chief Editor was in high spirits yesterday, as the Red Sox, who he has supported for forty years, won their first World series for 86 years. Brent is lucky, as a whole generation of Red Sox supporters lived and died without seeing their team collect the pennant. That curse having been broken, perhaps next year it will be the turn of the Chicago Cubs, who, thanks to the 'Curse of the Goat' have not won since 1908 (and have not even made the final since 1945 when the curse was made.)

Ray Lee of Master Point Press fame poses the question: 'Is the number of all possible legal auctions odd or even?'

While Brian Senior is indisposed our coverage of the Seniors will of necessity be reduced. Meanwhile the remaining (surviving) Editors are working out how to divide his salary.

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Two Roman Diamonds

by Chris Dixon

"We play Multi", announced England senior John Collings firmly to his partner David Jones.

"If we must", sighed David.

"Weak 2 in a major or a Roman two diamond type", said John

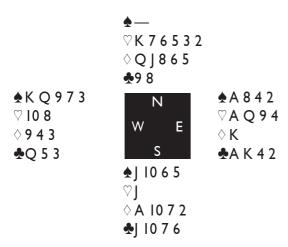
"What on earth is Roman 2D?" asked David, too young to remember this convention.

"17 plus with 4-4-4-1 any singleton", replied John

John went through the responses but David knew that the chances of one occurring in the 200 or so deals that they would be required to play were slim. So his eyes glazed over as John droned on about trump asking bids, control showing relays and cue bids of queens and jacks. But David had not counted on the fiendish cunning of the hand dealing program for the Seniors Cup which produced no fewer than 5 examples in the first half of the event.

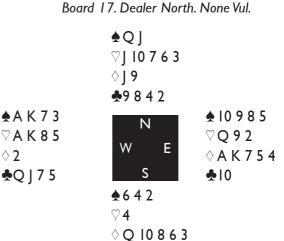
Here was the first case:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



David (East) opened $2\diamond$ and over the $2\heartsuit$ relay response rebid $3\clubsuit$ to show the singleton diamond. John bid $3\diamond$ and waved the Alert card. His screenside opponent (can't remember his name - grey hair, glasses, slightly overweight and hard of hearing - you must know who I mean) scribbled a question mark on the pad and John wrote down "7ABW-2. In response to a polite enquiry for further information, John raised his eyes to heaven and explained; "Seven Ace Blackwood minus two" as if this was the most normal method ever encountered. Anyway, David bid 3NT (4 of 7 Aces) and John reluctantly signed off in $4\clubsuit$ knowing two keycards to be missing. Eleven tricks made despite the 4-0 trump break and the 6-1 heart break.

In round 12 came this hand:

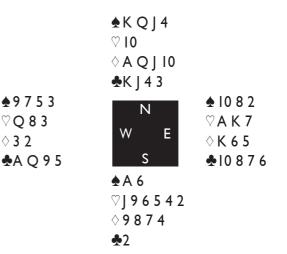


This time it was John to open but you know the system now. The bidding was identical to that in the last example. No problems in the play -10 tricks and 11 IMPs.

♣A K 6 3

A couple of matches later another one comes along (like London buses, these Roman $2\Diamond$ hands – you wait for ages then three come along all at once).

Board	22.	Dealer	East.	E/W	Vul.
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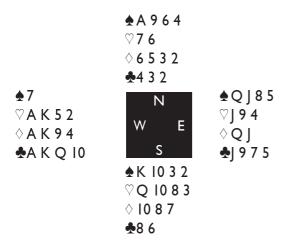


John Collings, England

 $2\diamond$ from David (North) and this time a $3\diamond$ rebid showing a singleton heart. Not quite good enough for 7ABW, John raised invitationally to $4\diamond$ which David passed then raked in 10 tricks and 5 IMPs.

There were a couple more, but England's captain had made the mistake of sitting John and David out for those matches – or sitting them in the wrong room. Have a look at this monster from round 9:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



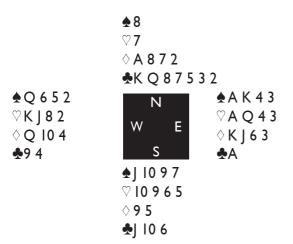
Now who has a system which can cope with this one?

"We have", crows John. "I open $2\diamond$ and rebid $3\heartsuit$ showing the singleton spade. Partner bids 3NT and I bid $4\heartsuit$ showing 1-4-4-4 and 23 points in the 4 card suits – any good?".

"Pretty good, John", I admitted.

Finally, in round 14.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



"How do you bid this one, John", I asked.

"Easy", says John. "Rebid 2NT to show the singleton club and partner bids $3\clubsuit$ which is the ubiquitous 7 Ace Blackwood." (John didn't actually use the word ubiquitous, but it is a nice word). "Response of 3NT shows 5 Aces and Kings and partner now can bid 6% carefully selecting the suit in which he holds the Jack - no problem".

"Spades are 4-1, John", I said

"No problem, I said", repeated John.

"Trumps 4-1 also, John", I pointed out.

"No problem, I said", repeated John.

"Diamonds are 4-2", said I.

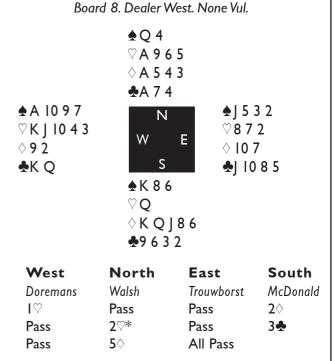
"They'll probably misdefend", said John.

And, you know, he might even be right"

Poisoned Kiss

by Dan Catone - Romania

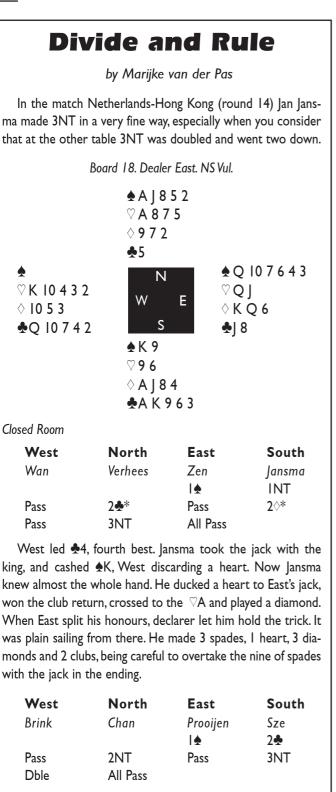
Australia's Barbara McDonald produced great technique on this deal from the match against Romania in Round 13 of the Seniors.



West decided to lead the jack of hearts.

Apparently declarer has three losers, but Barbara played low from dummy and the jack received the poisoned kiss of the queen of hearts. Now declarer drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy, cashed the ace of hearts to pitch a club, played a spade to the queen and a spade. West could win and play a heart, but declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade and played the ace of clubs and a club to force West to concede a ruff and discard.

Bravo, Barbara!



East led the $\Diamond K$ and when it held switched to the \clubsuit J. Declarer took the ace, crossed to the $\heartsuit A$ and played a diamond to the eight. West won and played $\clubsuit Q$. After taking the trick with the king declarer played a heart and West ducked, allowing East to win. East continued with the $\Diamond Q$. Declarer won, cashed a diamond, the $\bigstar K$ and then let $\bigstar 9$ run. East however ducked the trick and declarer had to give West the rest: two down +500 and 15 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Strange that neither West led a heart which would have defeated the contract in simple fashion. Editor.



Istanbul, Turkey