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TEAMS GOING FOR THE KNOCKOUT

England leads a strong European contingent into the round of 16 in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad, averaging nearly 21 Victory Points per match in 17 round-robin matches (352 total)

Exactly half the field in the first knockout phase are European teams.

There would have been more Europeans except that Poland was overtaken on the last round by Egypt, 81-2 victors over Cyprus. Egypt finished I VP ahead of Poland for the final qualifying spot in Group C.

Other group leaders were the Netherlands, who narrowly edged the holders (Italy) in Group A; China, with the second-best score in the round-robin at 338, and France, well clear of second in their group.

As the knockout phase of the Open gets underway, the round-robins continue in the Women's series and the International Senior Cup. The women's round-robin concludes today. The top eight teams from each of the two groups will start knockout play on Sunday.

The Seniors will complete their event on Sunday when their round-robin concludes. The top three teams in the Seniors will earn gold, silver and bronze medals.



Time change

Turkey returns to standard time tomorrow, so before you go to bed, turn your watches and clocks back one hour – e.g. from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN

Italy v USA TO BE DECIDED

14:00 17:00

England, the top-scoring team from the round-robin.

WBF Congress meeting



The WBF Congress meeting will be held on today 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. A cocktail will follow for all participants

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.

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I NETHERLANDS	318	I CHINA	338
2 ITALY	317	2 GERMANY	309
3 RUSSIA	316	3 TURKEY	306
4 ICELAND	312	4 U.S.A.	304
5 ARGENTINA	308	5 NORWAY	294
6 LATVIA	271	6 LEBANON	288
7 HONG KONG	264	7 AUSTRALIA	280
8 NEW ZEALAND	259	8 BULGARIA	277
9 SCOTLAND	254	9 INDIA	268
10 GEORGIA	248	10 CROATIA	25 I
I I BELGIUM	244	I I ESTONIA	238
12 CANADA	234	12 SWITZERLAND	227
13 CHINESE TAIPEI	226.5	13 MARTINIQUE	216
serbia/mngro	226.5	14 LUXEMBOURG	212
15 GUADELOUPE	211	15 TUNISIA	206
16 MOROCCO	198	16 CHILE	183
17 BANGLADESH	180	17 SINGAPORE	170
18 MAURITIUS	152	18 KENYA	158

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	GROUP C		GROUP D	
338	I ENGLAND	352	I FRANCE	322
309	2 IRELAND	332	2 JAPAN	305
306	3 HUNGARY	326	3 PAKISTAN	295
304	4 EGYPT	321	4 SWEDEN	294
294	5 POLAND	320	5 SPAIN	291
288	6 DENMARK	310	6 BRAZIL	288
280	7 ISRAEL	286	7 INDONESIA	286
277	8 AUSTRIA	280	8 GREECE	273
268	9 SAN MARINO	266	9 SOUTH AFRICA	260
251	10 ROMANIA	264	10 LITHUANIA	248
238	I I FINLAND	260	I I WALES	243
227	12 MALAYSIA	221	12 PORTUGAL	234
216	13 VENEZUELA	173	13 BOSNIA/HZVNA	222
212	14 PHILIPPINES	170	14 CZECH REP.	219
206	15 MEXICO	161	15 JORDAN	216
183	16 FR POLYNESIA	158	16 BOTSWANA	201
170	17 REUNION	145	17 BERMUDA	198
158	18 CYPRUS	142	18 COSTA RICA	147

WOMEN'S SERIES **RANKING AFTER 18 ROUNDS**

	GROUP A			GROUP B	
	CHINA	347	I	NETHERLANDS	342
2	AUSTRIA	327	2	U.S.A.	329.3
3	FRANCE	326	3	CROATIA	323
4	RUSSIA	324	4	GERMANY	312
5	ITALY	299	5	ENGLAND	309
6	FINLAND	293	6	POLAND	304.3
7	SWEDEN	289	7	NEW ZEALAND	301
8	scotland	282	8	SOUTH AFRICA	286
9	TURKEY	281	9	JAPAN	279
10	INDIA	279	10	ISRAEL	276
	AUSTRALIA	275	П	DENMARK	275
12	CANADA	273		GREECE	275
13	SWITZERLAND	272	13	INDONESIA	270
14	BRAZIL	266	15	NORWAY	270
15	PAKISTAN	265	15	VENEZUELA	266
16	EGYPT	263	15	ARGENTINA	258
17	BULGARIA	262			
	HUNGARY	262	17	IRELAND	237
19	SPAIN	245	18	WALES	204
20	MEXICO	187	19	MOROCCO	193
21	JORDAN	143	20	REUNION	179
22	KENYA	7	21	KOREA	170

SENIOR SERIES RANKING **AFTER 24 ROUNDS**

	NETHERLANDS	453
2	U.S.A.	452
3	FRANCE	417
4	GERMANY	411
5	ISRAEL	410
6	DENMARK	404
7	CHINA	398
8	PAKISTAN	397
9	JAPAN	393
	POLAND	393
	TURKEY	393
12	ENGLAND	383.5
13	SWEDEN	376.5
14	CANADA	375
15	AUSTRIA	372.5
16	ITALY	370.5
17	SCOTLAND	368
18	CHINESE TAIPEI	366
19	WALES	365
20	PORTUGAL	356
21	NEW ZEALAND	330.5
22	BELGIUM	324
23	SWITZERLAND	323
24	SPAIN	320
25	AUSTRALIA	312
26	IRELAND	277
27	GUADELOUPE	256
28	VENEZUELA	248.5
29	COSTA RICA	135

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

Match	GROUP A	IMPs	VPs				ROUP B	IMP	\/D-
MatchIArgentina2Bangladesh3Belgium4Canada5Iceland6Italy7Latvia8Mauritius9Morocco	Hong Kong Guadeloupe Georgia Chinese Taipei Scotland Russia New Zealand Netherlands Serbia & Montenegro	14 36 20 39 38 95 38 50 71 8 41 74 58 21 51 76	VPs 10 20 11 19 4 25 13 17 25 3 8 22 23 7 10 20 15 15	ID 16	 10 Kenya 11 India 12 German 13 Estonia 14 USA 15 Turkey 16 Tunisia 17 Switzer! 18 Singapor 	China Croat Lebar Luxer and Marti	ria ia ion nbourg nique	43 5 39 2	9 4 25 0 11 19 7 25 0 2 13 17 2 19 11 7 25 3 3 20 10 3 11 19
	GROUP C			OUND		G	ROUP D		
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October after play playing area. Also ii	nvited to an open Con finishes (about 15.15) nvited are federation p	at Lobby 3 (presidents, V	(F2) in the		11:00	OPEN Round of 16	WOMEN Round 19		ENIORS
utive members and Agenda	I NBO seniors officers	5.			13:30	Boards 1-16		R	ound 25
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6. AOB	g ceremony for the S	eniors will t	be held at		17:00	Round of 16 Boards 33-48	Round 2		

18:00

..... Round 27

The prize giving ceremony for the Seniors will be held at 18.00 on Sunday, place to be announced.

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WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 16

		GROUP	Α			
	Match	M	1Ps	VPs		
40	Brazil	Australia	13	22	13	17
41	Kenya	Austria	18	71	3	25
42	Turkey	Bulgaria	48	41	16	14
43	Switzerland	Canada	53	14	24	6
44	Sweden	China	19	36	11	19
45	Spain	Egypt	25	27	15	15
46	Scotland	Finland	20	40	10	20
47	Russia	France	35	24	17	13
48	Pakistan	Hungary	25	36	13	17
49	Mexico	India	42	31	17	13
50	ordan	Italy	15	51	7	23

	GROUP B					
	Match		M	IPs	V	Ps
50	Croatia	Bye	0	0	18	0
51	Denmark	Árgentina	35	27	17	13
52	Wales	England	25	41	11	19
53	Venezuela	Germany	35	29	16	14
54	USA	Greece	55	3	25	4
55	South Africa	Indonesia	39	26	18	12
56	Reunion	Ireland	24	57	7	23
57	Poland	Israel	12	34	10	20
58	Norway	Japan	13	43	8	22
59	New Zealand	Korea	42	18	21	9
60	Netherlands	Morocco	40	15	21	9

		GROUP A				
	Match			1Ps	V	Ps
40 Au	stralia	China	35	35	15	15
41 Au	stria	Canada	37	21	19	
42 Bra	zil	Bulgaria	39	26	18	12
43 Egy	/pt	Turkey	20	26	14	16
44 Fin	land	Switzerland	67	31	23	7
45 Fra	nce	Sweden	37	22	18	12
46 Hu	ngary	Spain	44	30	18	12
47 Ind	ia ,	Scotland	35	53	11	19
48 Ital	у	Russia	57	40	19	11
	, dan	Pakistan	2	72	I	25
50 Me	xico	Kenya	18	35	11	19

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GROUP B

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Ireland

Indonesia

Venezuela

Reunion

South Africa

Greece

Wales

USA

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ROUND 18

50 Poland

51 Argentina

53 Denmark

Korea

60 Norway

Germany

Morocco

59 New Zealand

Netherlands

52 Croatia

54 England

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	GROUP A				
M	1Ps	V	Ps		
40 Australia	Hungary	33	24	17	13
41 Austria	France	28	7	20	10
42 Brazil	Finland	49	24	21	9
43 Bulgaria	Egypt	17	42	9	21
44 Canada	China	7	29	10	20
45 India	Turkey	45	68	10	20
46 Italy	Switzerland	17	17	15	15
47 Jordan	Sweden	8	49	6	24
48 Mexico	Spain	35	33	15	15
49 Pakistan	Scotland	58	51	16	14
50 Russia	Kenya	92	I	25	0

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' Congress meeting will start at 15.15 in Loby 3 (F2).

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 21

	Match		١M	1Ps	V	Ps
60	France	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Venezuela	Áustria	14	17	14	16
62	Belgium	Wales	17	54	5	25
63	Australia	Germany	33	24	17	13
64	Portugal	Poland '	23	16	17	13
65	Canada	Costa Rica	30	20	18	12
66	Ireland	apan	14	43	7	23
67	Pakistan	Chinese Taipei	46	8	25	5
68	China	England	19	26	13	17
69	Scotland	UŠĂ	19	24	14	16
70	Spain	Sweden	26	7	20	10
71	Turkey	Netherlands	28	33	14	16
72	Guadeloupe	Israel	12	37	8	22
73	ltaly	New Zealand	60	24	24	6
74	Denmark	Switzerland	50	26	21	9

ROUND 23						
	Match		IN	1Ps	V	Ps
60	Costa Rica	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	28	24	16	14
62	Germany	France	16	44	8	22
63	Sweden	Israel	25	37	12	18
64	Scotland	Wales	59	12	25	3
65	Venezuela	Portugal	26	17	17	13
66	Ireland	Switzerland	23	26	14	16
67	Turkey	Japan	7	20	11	19
68	Australia	Canada	18	54	6	24
69	Belgium	New Zealand	48	12	24	6
70	Netherlands	Denmark	32	47	11	19
71	Poland	England	31	31	15	15
72	Spain	Pakistan	38	41	14	16
73	Italy	USA	35	5	23	7
74	Austria	China	22	37		19

Seniors R	ound Robin 16 so	ores -	cor	rect	ed
Ma	atch	M	IPs	۷	Ps
60 China	Bye	0	0	18	0
61 Canada	Bye Poland	39	21	20	10
62 Pakistan	Netherlands	21	30	13	17
63 Guadeloupe	Switzerland	21	44	9	21
64 Sweden	Japan	1	39	5	25
65 New Zealand	l Spain	37	23	19	
66 Wales	Israel	21	34	11	19
67 Ireland	France	15	15	15	15
68 USA	Chinese Taipei	22	5	20	10
69 Australia	Denmark	27	19	17	13
70 Germany	Venezuela	62	32	23	7
71 England	Scotland	20	9	18	12
72 Portugal	Belgium	20	15	16	14
73 Austria	Italy	44	21	21	9
74 Costa Rica	Tuŕkey	2	94	0	25

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 22

	Match		M	1Ps	V	Ps
60	Australia	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Switzerland	Túrkey	27	32	14	16
62	Ireland	Nethérlands	24	21	16	14
63	USA	Belgium	55	33	21	9
64	Costa Rica	Germany	0	70	0	25
65	Pakistan	lsrael	13	34	9	21
66	England	Venezuela	19	25	14	16
67	Poland	Austria	35	18	20	10
68	New Zealand	Scotland	4	50	3	25
69	Chinese Taipei	Sweden	31	23	17	13
70	Portugal	China	23	29	14	16
71	Canada	France	15	19	14	16
72	Wales	Italy	47	19	22	8
73	Japan	Denmark	17	21	14	16
74	Guadeloupe	Spain	1	57	1	25

ROUND 24

	Match		IN	1Ps	V	Ps
60	Chinese Taipei	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Guadeloupe	Ireland	27	27	15	15
62	New Zealand	Poland	11	16	14	16
63	China	Wales	20	11	17	13
64	Portugal	Netherlands	22	29	13	17
65	USA	Venezuela	47	0	25	3
66	Belgium	Costa Rica	37	32	16	14
67	Sweden	Turkey	22	19	16	14
68	Australia	Italy	11	45	6	24
69	Germany	Spain	17	7	18	12
70	Austria	Świtzerland	29	11	20	10
71	France	Scotland	40	4	24	6
72	England	Japan	71	0	25	0
73	Israel	Canada	1	18	10	20
74	Denmark	Pakistan	14	29		19

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.

PROGRAM

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WOMEN'S TEAMS

ROUND 19

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

ROUND 20

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

ROUND 21

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

Top Priority - Most Urgent

On Thursday evening someone inadvertently took the wrong Championship bag from the table on the podium in the Open Room.

It is clearly marked Antonio on the outside.

It contains some important papers, so please everyone check your bag and return it as quickly as possible to Antonio Riccardi or any member of staff.

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ROUND 25 Chinese Taipei Germany Denmark Guadeloupe 63 Canada Spain

China 64 Usa 65 Switzerland England Ireland Sweden 66 67 Italy Costa Rica Pakistan 68 Turkey 69 Scotland Australia Israel Bye Venezuela New Zealand Wales Poland 72 Netherlands Austria France 73 Belgium 74 Japan Portugal

ROUND 26

Italy	France
Canada	Chinese Taipei
Pakistan	Ireland
Spain	Bye
New Zealand	Ćhina
Australia	Belgium
Turkey	Guadeloupe
Wales	Venezuela
Portugal	Switzerland
England	Netherlands
Costa Rica	Scotland
Sweden	Denmark
Poland	Usa
Austria	Japan
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ROUND 27

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	Poland	Costa Rica
65	Israel	Austria
66	Chinese Taipei	Portugal
67	Usa	Ireland
	Pakistan	Germany
69	Turkey	Wales
70	France	China
71	Venezuela	Australia
72	Denmark	New Zealand
	Bye	Guadeloupe
73	Śweden	Canada
74	Spain	England

WBF Laws Committee

A meeting will be held on Sunday. 31st October at 14.15 in the WBF meeting room.

OPEN FINAL 16

Netherlands v Germany Ireland v Sweden France v Hungary Turkey v Russia China v Iceland Japan v Egypt England v Pakistan Italy v USA

Playii	ng to Rule
Ł	y Mark Horton
Rule Number I'Declarer is always right.'	★ K 4
Rule Number 2 'If declarer is wrong, see rule number	r I.' ♡A Q 7 2
Dealer West. E/W Vul.	◇ A 8 4 3 ♣A Q 6
≜ K 4	▲ 10 8 5 ▲ J 9 7 3
♡ A Q 7 2	♡KII03 ♡986
A 8 4 3	♦ 5 2 W E ♦ K 10 9 7
♣ A Q 6	♣8752 S ♣K
▲ A Q 6 2 ♡ 5 4 ◊ Q 6 ♣J 10 9 4 3	 ▲ A Q 6 2 ♡ 5 4 ◇ Q 6 ♣J 10 9 4 3
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WestNorthEastSouthPassI 🍕*PassI 🄄PassINTPass3NTAll Pass

Against your normal 3NT contract, East produces the annoying lead of the jack of diamonds. Over to you.

Obviously it is possible that East has led from KJ10xx and in that case putting up the queen will simply leave you looking for overtricks. However if West has the king of diamonds it must be right to play low and win the trick with the ace. Then you simply play the ace of clubs followed by the queen. That will work in almost every scenario except the one where the lead is from KJ10xx.

Do you agree?

If not, you are flying in the face of some formidable judges (superstars from Germany & France).

Well, I can tell you that unfortunately while you may have chosen the right line – see rule number I – unfortunately East has led from $\langle K J | 097$.

However, when I show you the full deal you will see that even so rule number 2 still applies!

Women's Captains' Meeting

There will be a meeting for the captains of all qualifying teams in the Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad at 9:45 in the meeting room on the Lobby 2 level.

Transnational Teams

All pre-registered teams MUST confirm their registrations and pay their entry fees by Sunday at 12.00 noon in order to guarantee their place in the World Transnational Teams Championship. Teams coming later than this to confirm and pay may find their entry can no longer be accepted. WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION WOMEN'S COMMITTEE A meeting of the **WBF Women's Committee** was held on Thursday 28 October 2004 to discuss the future of Women's bridge in the world. The members of the Committee, and representatives of Women's bridge in their zone attended the meeting and presented a full report on the situation of Women's bridge in the various countries. We could see that good progress was made in this sector since the last meeting in Monte Carlo. We offer particular congratulations to Zone 6 -China and Zone 4 - Asia and Middle East for their activity! Anna Maria Torlontano

never be a problem as once again the old 'cover an hon-

our with an honour' rule would apply! Indeed, if declarer

follows that up with a club to the ace all thirteen tricks

will be safely gathered in via the squeeze on East.

WBF Women's Committee Chairman

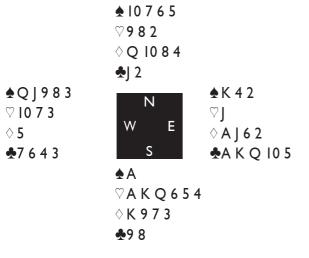
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OPEN

USA v Norway

Entering their match with USA in round 11 of the Open series, Norway was in need of a strong showing as time was running out for the team to get to the top four in their group. The Norwegians were up to the task, taking a 51-29 win from the Americans. The first significant swing of the match went to Norway after five relatively quiet deals.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Saelensmin	deZia	Brogeland
		۱ 🛧	\Box
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
♠	20	Dble	3♢
3♠	4 ♡	All Pass	

Michael Rosenberg led his singleton diamond, and the defenders quickly took the first five tricks: $\Diamond A$, diamond ruff, club to the 10, diamond ruff, club to the queen, diamond ruff.That was plus 100, but not nearly good enough.



Michael Rosenberg, USA

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West Furunes	North Welland	East Helness	South Fallenius I♡
I ≜ Pass	2♡ 3♡	Dble Dble	1 ↓ 3 ◇ 4 ♡
4♠	All Pass		

Jon-Egil Furunes was aggressive in bidding with the West hand the first time, and the more he heard of the auction the better he liked his hand, so he bid the cold vulnerable game, taking 11 tricks for plus 650 and 11 IMPs to Norway.

USA got 11 IMPs back two deals laters.

▲ A 5 3 ♡ K J 10 5 2 ◇ A J 9 4 2 ★—	 ▲ K Q J ♡ 8 6 4 ◊ 5 ♣ Q 3 2 № S ♠ 7 2 ♡ A Q 9 ◊ 10 7 6 ♣ A J 9 6 	● 9 6 ♡ 7 ◇ K C ● K I	
West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Saelensmin	deZia	Brogeland
I♡	2♠	Dble	Pass
4 \diamond	Pass	5◇	All Pass

Erik Saelensminde started with the $\bigstar K$, ducked by Rosenberg. North had a chance to scuttle the contract



Jon-Egil Furunes, Norway

with a switch to a trump or a low club, but he naturally continued with a spade to declarer's ace. Rosenberg then ruffed a spade high in dummy and played a heart from dummy. Boye Brogeland rose with the $\heartsuit A$ and exited with a trump. Rosenberg correctly inserted the \Diamond **9** from hand, cashed the $\heartsuit K$, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and returned to hand with a club ruff to cash his two good diamonds and \heartsuit]. for plus 400. It didn't go that well at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Furunes	Welland	Helness	Fallenius
$ \heartsuit$	3♠	Dble	Pass
4 ◇	Pass	5 ◇	All Pass

Roy Welland also started with the \bigstar K. On the bidding, Furunes did not seriously consider ducking, so he won the ace and returned a spade at trick two. Welland won and switched accurately to a low club (a heart would have been effective also). Furunes ruffed the club, ruffed a spade high and played a heart from dummy as Rosenberg had, but the club ruff earlier had destroyed his timing. When Bjorn Fallenius rose with the $\heartsuit A$ and returned a diamond, Furunes could win in hand, but he needed to ruff two hearts and a spade in dummy, and in the only way to get back to his hand enough times was to ruff clubs.When diamonds proved to be 3-1, the contract was doomed and Furunes ended up minus 50.

Norway broke back on top on the following board when USA went minus at both tables.

Board 10. Dealer East, All Vul.

	▲ A 8 ♡ A J 8 ◇ K 10 ♣A		
≜ K 9	N		2 J 5 3 2
♡954		_ \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	2 10
◊ A 9 3	W	E &_	_
♣] 8 7 5 3	S	♣K	Q 10 9 6 2
_,	♦ 10 7		•
	♡K 6 3		
		_	
	√Qj/ ♣4	т	
	24		
West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Saelensmir	ndeZia	Brogeland
		♣	Pass

Rosenberg's 24 was described as a mixed raise of clubs, and when Saelendsminde doubled for takeout, Zia applied preemptive pressure. Against 54 doubled, Brogeland did well not to lead his diamond sequence, giving Zia a chance to discard a losing heart. Brogeland started in-

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All Pass

Pass

 \diamond

Dble

Dble

2♠

Pass

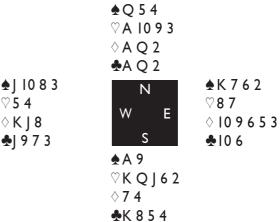
stead with a low spade, and the defenders quickly had four tricks for plus 500.

West	North	East	South
Furunes	Welland	Helness	Fallenius
		Pass	Pass
Pass	$ \diamond$	2 🙅	Dble
3♣	4 ♡	4♠	5 ◇
All Pass			

Had Welland been able to see all the cards, he could have made the diamond game, but he eventually took a losing heart finesse for minus 100 and 12 IMPs to Norway.

USA was up by I IMP when Norway surged into the lead for good with a 17-IMP swing.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S	Vul.
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In the open room, Salensminde and Brogeland bid to 6° with the North/South cards and duly scored up plus 1430 when the diamond finesse proved successful.

At the other table, Welland and Fallenius found their way to 6NT, which can be made as the cards lie. Unfortunately for USA, it is a complex deal and Welland failed to take 12 tricks after East started with the \Diamond 10.

The \$9 in dummy plays a key role, as you will see. On the lead of the \Diamond 10, declarer can win the queen and run five rounds of hearts. West can never release a club. nor can he come down to a singleton spade, so after the run of the hearts, this is the end position:

	≜ Q 5	
	∨— ◇ A 2 ♣A Q 2	
J 10 — K J 9 7 3	N W E S ▲ A 9 ♡	全 Κ 7 ♡ ◇ 10 9 6 4 10 6
	♣ K 8 5 4	

Declarer now runs three rounds of clubs, forcing East to release a diamond, then cashes the $\Diamond A$ and exits with a diamond, leaving East on lead in a two-card ending to lead away from the $\bigstar K$. That put Norway in the lead for good.

The final swing occurred on board 16 when a Multi $2\Diamond$ blew Zia and Rosenberg out of the water in the bidding, resulting in 11 more IMPs to the Norwegians.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	▲ Q 10 9 8 ♡ K 7 3 2 ◊ K 10 ♣ 8 3	2
≜ KJ7 ♡9 ◊Q98743 ♣ QJ6	N W E S ♠6543 ♡QJI06 ◊J2 ♣K54	 ▲ A ♡ A 8 5 4 ◇ A 6 5 ▲ A 10 9 7 2
West	North E	ast South

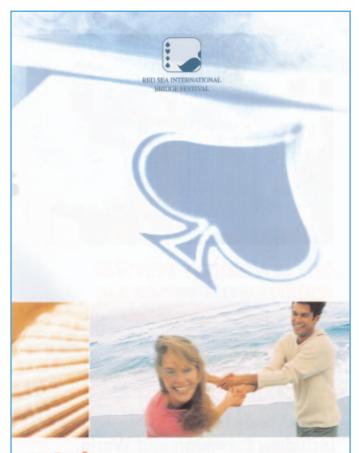
West	North	East	South
Furunes	Welland	Helness	Fallenius
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
$ \diamond $	Pass	$ \heartsuit$	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This contract was not challenging after the lead of the $\clubsuit 10$. Furunes went after diamonds right away, and when the suit proved to lie favourably and North did not find the heart switch when in with the $\Diamond K$, declarer finished with 11 tricks for plus 660.

The Norwegians made life difficult for Zia and Rosenberg at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	SaelensmindeZia		Brogeland
Pass	2 ◇	Dble	3♡
Dble	All Pass		

Brogeland knew his side had a great fit in one of the majors, so he left little room for his opponents to find the right spot. Zia's pass of his partner's responsive double did not work out very well as there were only five tricks for the defense for plus 100, an 11-IMP loss.



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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

SRO

Istanbul, Turkey

Championship Diary

David Burn replies to the question we posed yesterday: It is (relatively) easy to see that the total number of bridge auctions is equal to:

((4 * 2235)-1) / 3 and, since the numerator and denominator of this expression are both odd numbers, that the total number of auctions is odd. (Correct, although we confess we used logic to work it out rather than applied maths.)

The number of possible bridge auctions (which of course we calculated by hand) is: 128, 745, 650, 347, 030, 683, 120, 231, 926, 111, 609, 371, 363, 122, 697, 557.

Jean Paul Meyer always interviews some of the players just before the start of the VuGraph match. That has produced some interesting comments: When he asked Bobby Levin which shares to buy the answer was 'The one's I sell!'

Jason Hackett suggested his brother would be well advised to earn his living watching football rather than playing bridge!

Zia advised against a Turkish massage as the masseurs are men!

You will recall the eternal bridge match. We understand the VuGraph commentator will be Barry Rigal.

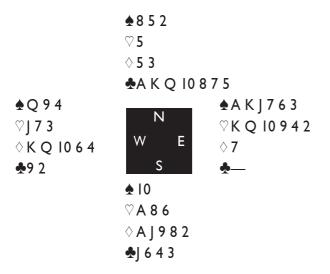
Despite his continuing incapacity Brian Senior bravely returned to his post long enough to cover one of yesterdays matches. Watch out tomorrow for his thrilling blow by blow report on Croatia v Bye.

Save Those Trumps

Waste not want not is a familiar maxim, and perhaps that sentiment was on North's mind as he participated – in a manner of speaking – in the play of board 12 from the round of 19 in the International Senior Cup. As reported by Canada's Jonathan Robinson, North's stingy approach to his trumps proved quite costly to the Irish team.

The Canadian East-West were Fred Hoffer and Don Piafsky. Their opponents shall remain nameless for reasons that should be all too obvious.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



This was the auction in one room.

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 🛧	Dble	5 🛧
Pass	Pass	5♡	All Pass

This contract made on the nose for plus 450.

West	North	East	South
Piafsky		Hoffer	
Pass	3NT	4♠	5 🙅
5♠	Pass	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

South started with the \heartsuit A, and he switched to a club at trick two. Declarer ruffed and played a trump. When he played a second trump, both opponents showed out. A third trump was cashed and again both opponents discarded.

Now declarer played a low diamond, South taking the ace, and claimed down one.

Robinson reports that at that moment, North spoke up to say that he had a heart ruff coming. Indeed, South then gave his partner a heart ruff.

Until North spoke up, Hoffer had apparently not noticed that although he had played trumps three times, the opponents had followed only once each.

A tournament director was summoned and ruled that the established revoke and subsequent trick taken with a card that should have been played on the revoke trick would cost the offending side two tricks. That meant that the doubled slam had been made for plus 1210 to Canada, leaving North to reflect that perhaps silence is golden after all.

Don't Bid This Hand with Me

by Entrée ce Seer

This proves to be the full layout:

Having been persuaded against my principles and better judgement that it is time for me to compete in a Senior event I make the long trip to Istanbul. The early rounds do little to dispel my misgivings and as we approach the half way mark my team is languishing in the middle of the field.

When we face the host nation on VuGraph the early boards pass without incident, although I cannot forbear to comment that in my day it was de rigueur to appear in a black tie.

With neither side vulnerable I pick up a modest hand as East:

🛧 5 ♡ Q 10 8 7 6 🛇 K Q 6 🛧 10 5 3 2

After South passes, my partner, one of those players who despite their advancing years seem to collect an enormous number of master points opens $I \clubsuit$. North overcalls $I \clubsuit$ and I have my first decision. A negative double is a possibility, but with fair support for clubs I prefer a natural bid of 2%, as there should be time to support the clubs later.

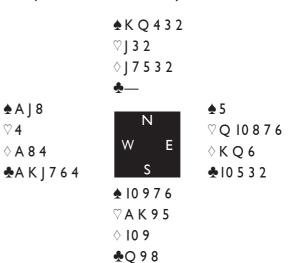
South raises to 2⁴ and partner jumps to 3NT. North and I have nothing to add, but the situation changes when South doubles. After two passes I have to consider my options. Doubtless partner's jump to game is in part based on a decent club suit, but it is equally clear that South will have the hearts over me. If partner's spade stop is modest, perhaps AKxx then a heart lead may be catastrophic as South will win and push a spade through.

If my analysis is correct it must be right to remove the double. Rightly or wrongly I bid $4\clubsuit$.

That ends the bidding, the full auction having been:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
♣		2♡	2♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass

North leads the king of spades and partner wins with the ace, ruffs a spade, plays a club to the king, North discarding a spade, ruffs another spade and claims twelve tricks.



Having examined my conscience in the matter I cannot see what more I could have done. Partner is still examining his.



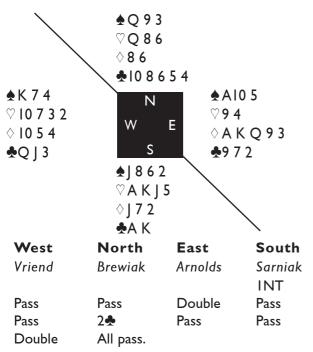
Appeal No. 3

The Netherlands v. Poland

Appeals Committee: R. Wolff (Chair), E.d'Orsi, G. Endicott, J. Gerard, J-P Meyer.

Women's teams, round 7.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Comments:

INT = 15-17

Double described in this position: E>N 11+ any distribution W>S: penalty.

Contract: 2 doubled.

Result: Six tricks, NS - 300

The Facts: the director was summoned at the end of the play and informed that before they had commenced to play the match North had asked about doubles of INT and was told that they were for penalties. The convention card says no more than this. North believed that since there were only 19 HCP outstanding, East having II+, West's double must have been based on a club suit. If she had been told that East thought it was for penalties East may need fewer points. Had she played for clubs 3-3 she could have made the contract. In the play the \clubsuit J had appeared at trick 5 and it could be a card seeking to persuade her to clear trumps, which she had not done.

The Director: was of the opinion that declarer had been given all the information she was entitled to.

Ruling: table score stands. Relevant Laws: 75.

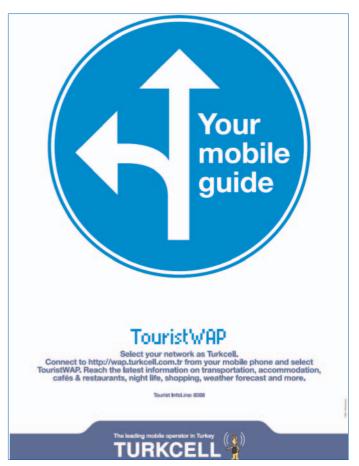
North/South appealed.

Present: all four players and the Polish captain.

The Players: East had told North that the double of $2\clubsuit$ was 'take out'. The Polish captain observed that it was this that led declarer to fear a 4-2 break.

The Committee: in the evidence there was discussion of the nature of doubles of INT in the pass-out seat. This double had not been alerted and the explanation that it was for penalties had been conveyed in rather different terms by East and West, but not in the committee's view so as to affect the matter significantly. As for the double of $2\clubsuit$, this might have been better expressed as 'values' but the fact was that the two sides were simply playing bridge and judging their actions accordingly. Following the penalty double of INT all further actions are dependent upon it. In the opinion of the committee there was not the slightest reason, at this level of play, to appeal the ruling. The committee was disappointed to have been called to such a case and urges strongly upon captains the need to have substantial reasons to come to appeal; in this case it might be thought that the appellant was more disappointed with the result of her own judgement in the play than with the information given her by opponents.

The Committee's decision: director's ruling stands. Deposit: withheld by the committee.



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ROUND

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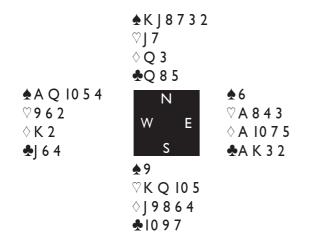
England v Germany

by Tony Gordon

These were two of the fancied teams in group B, but neither of them could be completely happy with their performances so far as they occupied ninth and fifth places, respectively, going into this match. However, England would be a lot happier after this encounter as an emphatic win reversed their positions.

After partscore swings to each team in the first four boards, the next board produced something more substantial:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.





Daniela von Arnim, Germany

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Michelle Brunner was happy to pass her partner's takeout double of Pony Nehmert's weak 2Φ opening and Rhona Goldenfield began with three rounds of clubs. That was one saving grace for declarer, but she was still facing an unappetising task. She exited with the $\Diamond Q$ and the defence took their two top diamonds and the $\heartsuit A$ and then Goldenfield continued with the I3th club which Nehmert ruffed in hand. She crossed to dummy with a heart to lead the $\Phi 9$ and when Brunner covered with the ten she won with the jack. The $\Phi 8$ lost to the ten and Brunner's $\Phi 4$ exit let her win the last two tricks with the $\Phi 5$ over declarer's $\Phi K3$, so Nehmert was three down for +800 to England.

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
	2♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the other room Daniela von Arnim opted for 3NT instead of passing and Nicola Smith led a spade round to declarer's ten. After a club to the ace and a club back to the jack and queen, Smith switched to the \heartsuit J. Von Arnim ducked this and the heart continuation but won the third round and played the \clubsuit K. When the suit broke 3-3 she cashed the thirteenth club and her two top diamonds and then threw Smith in with a spade. That gave her nine tricks and +400, but it was still a loss of 9 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠K ♡QJI086 ◇Q87532 ♣A	 ▲ A J 10 4 ♡ 5 3 ◇ A J 10 ▲ 10 9 2 N W E S ▲ Q 9 7 6 ♡ 9 7 2 ◊ K ▲ K J 8 	▲8 ♡AK4 ◇964 ♣Q70	-
West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield Pass	Reim 2 ♠

Pass

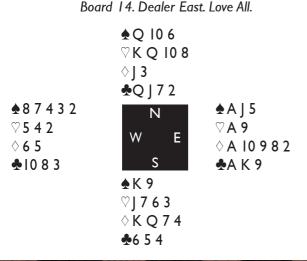
4♠

All Pass

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
		Pass	2♠
3♡	4♠	5♡	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

At both tables West led from her heart sequence and East overtook and cashed a second heart before switching to a club which declarer correctly ducked, so the club ruff went begging. That only cost the second undertrick against 5^{\pm} , but cost the contract against 4^{\pm} , so Germany's more aggressive approach earned 11 IMPs. That gain put Germany ahead, but they missed a good slam on board 7 to trail 27-16 at the halfway point.

Germany pulled back 8 IMPs on board 10 when England played in the wrong partscore, but thereafter it was all one-way traffic in the opposite direction.





Pony Nehmert, Germany

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
		2NT	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Andrea Reim led the $\Diamond K$ against Goldenfield's $3 \bigstar$ and when this held the trick she continued with a second round to the jack and ace. Now declarer ducked a spade, won the heart continuation and cashed the $\bigstar A$. She could now take a ruffing finesse against Reim's $\Diamond Q$ and although Nehmert could overruff dummy and cash a heart, dummy's third club went away on the good $\Diamond 9$ and Goldenfield had nine tricks for +140 to England.

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
		♣	Pass
$ \diamond$	Pass	\square	Pass
♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2 ◇	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the German strong club auction, I^{\heartsuit} was either natural or a strong balanced hand, I^{\bigstar} denied 5-7 HCP with a 5- card suit and 2^{\Diamond} was the route to show a weak hand with spades. As a result Germany were able to stop a level lower but with the contract played from the other side of the table. Smith's $\heartsuit K$ lead was ducked by declarer, so she switched to a low club taken by the ace. When Sabine Auken continued with the $\Diamond 10$ Heather Dhondy rose with the king and played a second club to the jack and king and declarer cashed the red aces and played a third diamond. To get home she had to discard dummy's remaining club, but she ruffed with the seven and Smith



Heather Dhondy, England

overruffed with the ten and cashed her club winner. Now the thirteenth club ensured the defence came to two more trump tricks whatever declarer did, so Auken was one down for -50 and 5 IMPs to England.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.				
 ▲ A 10 8 ♡ K 8 ◇ Q 8 7 6 3 2 ▲ A 7 	 ▲ Q J 9 3 ♡ 10 6 4 ◇ J 10 ▲ Q 5 4 3 № B S ▲ 7 6 5 ♡ Q 5 3 ◇ A 9 5 ♣ K 9 6 2 	♣ K 4 2 ♡ A J 9 ◊ K 4 ♣J 10 8	72	
West von Arnim	North Smith	East Auken	South Dhondy	
I	Pass Pass All Pass	I♡ 2NT	Pass Pass Pass	

At this table, where von Arnim's 2[®] rebid showed a non-minimum with at least six diamonds, Germany reached game from the less desirable side and Dhondy's club lead through dummy's doubleton ace quickly established three club tricks for the defence. After winning the A on the second round declarer played a diamond to the king and ace and Dhondy cashed her two club winners before exiting with the \diamond 5. Auken, who had discarded two diamonds from dummy and a spade from hand on the clubs, now needed five heart tricks to bring home her contract, so she won the \diamond Q, cashed the \heartsuit K and then finessed the \heartsuit J, but Dhondy won and cashed the \diamond 9 for two down and +100 to England.

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
			Pass
INT	Pass	2 ◇	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The English sequence had the double benefit of hiding the long diamond suit and playing the hand from the more desirable side, but the fate of the contract still hung in the balance after Nehmert led the riangle Q. Brunner won in hand with the aca and played a diamond towards dummy on which Nehmert followed with the ten. Declarer can succeed by ducking this, but that would have been an inspired view, and she covered with the king. Reim won her ace and needed to find a club switch to defeat the contract, but she played back a spade and declarer could now clear diamonds and get home with four diamond tricks, two spades, two hearts and a club for +400 and 11 IMPs to England.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.				
≜]7 ♡Q ◇KQ]764:	 ♠ 9 6 5 ♡ K 10 2 ◊ 10 9 8 ♣ J 10 5 2 N W F 	A 10 ♡943 ◇A5		
♣Q 7 3	S	♣ K 6 4	1	
	≜ K Q 4			
	♡AJ87 ^2	65		
	☆ 2 ♣A 9 8			
West	North	East	South	
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim	
$ \diamond$	Pass	♠	2♡	
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass	

Brunner was allowed to play peacefully in $3\diamond$ and she made the obvious nine tricks for +110 to England.

All Pass

3♢

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
$ \diamond$	Pass	l ♠	2♡
3♢	3♡	Dble	4 ♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

There was unsurprisingly more action at the other table where Smith's competitive raise in hearts encouraged Dhondy to go on to game and Auken expressed her opinion in the usual manner. Despite the $\heartsuit Q$ falling and the $\bigstar A$ being onside, dummy had insufficient entries for declarer to lead towards her hand the necessary number of times in the black suits and a red suit lead would have resulted in one down, but von Arnim began with the $\bigstar J$ and declarer duly emerged with ten tricks for +590 and 12 IMPs to England.

England won by 61-25 IMPs, 23-7 VPs, to move up to seventh while Germany dropped to ninth.



OPEN

USA V CHINA

ROUND 13

Losing streak

The USA team in the Open series entered play in round 13 in first place by a slim margin over China, their opponents in that round. When the 20 boards had been played, China had regained first place with an impressive victory over the Americans, who went on to lose the next two matches as well.

China wasted little time jumping out in front, although the swing was one play away from going the other way

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♦O 5 3 ♡K O 4 2 ♦7 ♣K Q 10 6 4 ▲ 107 **▲**A | 9 6 2 N ♡ | 107 VA95 W Ε ◊ K Q 5 2 0 | 9 8 3 S **♣**8732 ♣5 **♦**K 8 4 **863** ♦ A 10 6 4 ♣A | 9 West North East South Sun l evin Xin Weinstein Pass 2 🌩 Pass 2NT 30 Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

Shaolin Sun started with the \heartsuit J to the king and ace, and the defenders had their first chance to scuttle the contract with a switch to diamonds, but Xin Li continued with the \heartsuit 9. The was ducked, giving Xin another chance, but he persisted in hearts and Steve Weinstein was soon claiming his contract.

The auction took a much difference turn at the other table, where Roy Welland and Bjorn Fallenius opposed Haojun Shi and Zejun Zhuang.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Shi	Fallenius	Zhuang
			\diamond
Pass	\square	♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	20
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

Fallenius took a long time after his partner's double to decide on his opening lead. Had he chosen dummy's first

bid suit, the outcome would have been much different, but he finally chose a low spade. Shi won the riangle Q in hand, entered dummy with a club and played a heart to the king. This was the last chance for Fallenius to find the killing diamond switch, but he didn't know about the five-card club suit in the North hand, so he ducked the heart. That was enough for Shi, who led a spade from hand, claiming his contract after Fallenius went in with the riangle A. Shi took five clubs, two spades, a heart and a diamond for plus 550.

China earned a larger swing on the next board when Welland and Fallenius bid to a very optimistic $6 \pm$ that failed while their Chinese counterparts stopped in a sensible game.

The following deal turned out to be a push, but it could have been a swing for USA had only one card been different.

Bo	ard 9. Dealei	r North. E/W Vu	ıl.
 ◆7 ♡A 10 9 6 3 ◊ 9 7 5 4 ◆K Q 5 	 ▲ J 8 5 ♡ Q 4 2 ◇ K Q ◆ 9 7 6 № S ▲ A 10 ♡ K J 8 ◇ A 6 ▲ A J 8 	4 3 E ☆K C ♡ 7 ◇ J IO ♣10 2 5	2 9 6 4 3 9 8 3 2
West	North	East	South
Welland	Shi Pass	Fallenius 2◊	Zhuang Dble
2♠	All Pass		

With spades splitting 3-3, Fallenius was able to land the part score for plus 110, which looked like a potential pickup considering how many high-card points North/South were looking at.

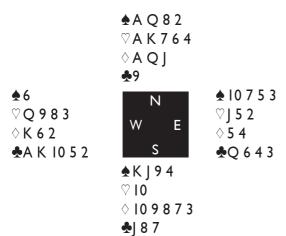
Unfortunately, the duplication in diamonds was a liability for the contract chosen by Levin and Weinstein.

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
	Pass	2 ◇	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Sun started with his singleton spade to the queen and ace. Weinstein won and played a heart from hand to dummy's queen. Now came a low club to the 10, jack and queen. It was not difficult for Sun to find the killing diamond switch. Had either the North or South hand contained one extra diamond, the combined AKQ in the suit would have been good for more than two tricks. As it was, the diamond switch was sufficient to kill the contract and USA had to settle for a push instead of an 11-IMP gain.

More IMPs were in store for China on another deal which could have been a swing for USA on the following deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



In the closed room, Shi and Zhuang settled into a comfortable 4^{\pm} , just making for plus 420. Weinstein and Levin were more ambitious.

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
			Pass
♣	Dble	Pass	♠
Pass	4秦	Pass	4 ♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 🙅
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West can always defeat the contract by leading a club honor and continuing the suit – the 4-1 trump split dooms the slam. It is equally effective to lead a high club and continue with a diamond, taking a vital late entry out of dummy.



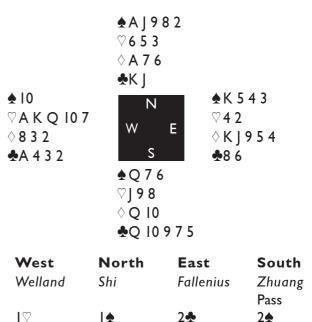
Shaolin Sun, China

Sun, however, started with his low trump, giving Weinstein a chance. He won the $\bigstar 9$ in hand and could have succeeded on this line of play: heart to ace, heart ruff, diamond to jack, heart ruff, $\bigstar K$, diamond to queen, pull trumps and claim, losing only the low club.

Weinstein, however, won the $\bigstar 9$ in hand and took a diamond finesse at trick two. Now it was impossible to ruff the hearts good and get back to dummy to cash them after pulling trumps. Weinstein played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart, then played to dummy's $\diamond Q$. The $\diamond A$ was ruffed and a club returned – one down and 10 IMPs to China, now leading 35-4.

Board 15 was especially painful for the Americans.

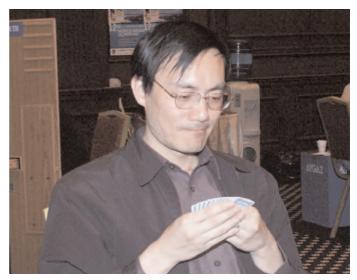
Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Fallenius's first bid showed a diamond suit, and he sensibly passed when Welland accepted the transfer. After the

All Pass

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Haojum Chi, China

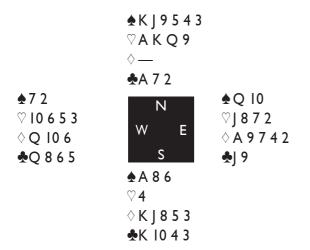
lead of the \clubsuit K, Welland lost two diamonds, a club and a spade for plus 110. The auction was not as good in the open room, but the result was tough for the Americans to take.

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
			Pass
$ \heartsuit$	♠	Dble	2♠
3 📥	Pass	3◇	Pass
5 \diamondsuit	All Pass		

There is no legitimate play for this silly contract, but unfortunately for USA Weinstein chose the $\Diamond 10$ for his opening lead. Levin ducked this to the jack. Declarer entered dummy with a heart and played a second diamond. Not unreasonably, Levin played the $\Diamond A$, and he could only grimace when Weinstein's queen appeared. From there, declarer lost only the $\bigstar A$, scoring plus 400 for another 7 IMPs to China.

The final score would have been much worse if not for the next-to-last deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.





Bjorn Fallenius, USA

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
			$ \diamond$
Pass	♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Levin made several tries to elicit a cuebid from Weinstein, simply leaping to slam when Weinstein refused all invitations. Xin started with the \heartsuit 7 and Sun inexplicably played low, allowing Levin to win the \heartsuit 9 in hand. He played a low trump from hand, and when the 10 popped up he simply played a second spade to the king, claiming 13 tricks when the queen fell. Even if West had held three spades to the queen, Levin's contract was secure since he could play hearts, discarding clubs, and engineer a club ruff in dummy.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Shi	Fallenius	Zhuang
			$ \diamond$
Pass	♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	5 ◇	Pass	5♠
Pass	6 🙅	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Shi's 5 \diamond was Exclusion Key Card Blackwood, and 6 \clubsuit was a grand slam try, accepted by Zhuang.

Fallenius led the \heartsuit 8, and Welland correctly played the 10. Now Shi had two ruffs to take in dummy, but he was due to succeed because of the 4-4 heart split and the favourable lie of the trumps.

Declarer won the \heartsuit A, then played a club to the king and another to the ace. Two high hearts from hand were good for two club pitches from dummy, and when North played his third club, East ruffed in with the 10. Declarer overruffed with the ace, playing a spade from dummy to the 9 and queen. One down was a 14-IMP gain for USA but the result was a 46-23 defeat.



Bobby Levin, USA

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