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Switzerland - Italy Set the Pace



At or near the top from the start, the Swiss-Italian partnership of Chantal Haemmerli and Alfredo Versace took the lead after the first final session in the Mixed Pairs on Sunday. Their score, including carryover, was an impressive 66.52%.

The event will conclude today with two final sessions.

To earn the title, Haemmerli and Versace will have to overcome challenges from several close contenders, including another pair who have been in the thick of the fight from the start - Danuta Hocheker and Miroslaw Cichocki of Poland. Americans Karen McCallum and Matthew Granovetter were right behind them.

Rosenblum and McConnell Registrations

Teams who have not yet registered or confirmed their registration for the Rosenblum and McConnell teams are requested to do so as soon as possible in order to assist the organisers in planning the exact format and size of sections.

Press Conference

There will be a Press Conference today at 15.00 hours In the Teatro Verdi (on the lower ground floor, near to registration) with José Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation, and Gianarrigo Rona, president of the European Bridge League and to introduce: Antoine Bernheim, Bill Gates and Romain Zaleski.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

MIXED PAIRS

10.30 Final Session 2
Plate Final Session 1
16.00 Final Session 3
Plate Final Session 2















Mixed Pairs

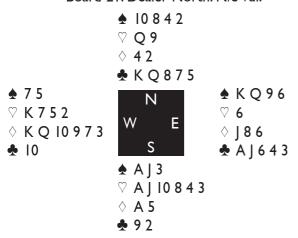
Qualifying Session 2

Secondo Piatto

by Mark Horton

Refreshed by England's victory over Paraguay and a quantity of the local water it was back to business where I found a suitable resting place at the table occupied by the Italian/Swiss combination that had scored heavily in the opening session.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



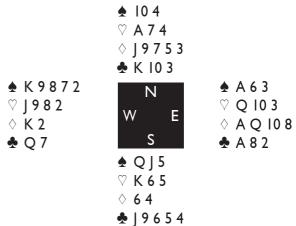
West	North	East	South
Casadei	Versace	Pavan	Haemmerli
	Pass	Pass	10
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♡
Pass	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

South appeared to flirt with a dangerous reopening double before settling for the more obvious action of rebidding her robust suit. When East not unreasonably took the push North/South had the chance to go plus, but North went on to the doomed game. Indeed, on this layout declarer could make no more than eight tricks, -200 - as usual the kiss of death at matchpoints.



Alfredo Versace, Italy

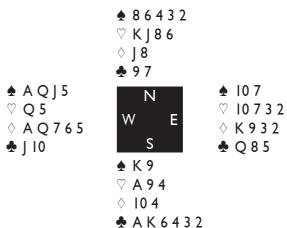
Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul. ♠ 10 4



West	North	East	South
Casadei	Versace	Pavan	Haemmerli
		INT	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NIT	All Page		

East paid a heavy price for failing to bid the obvious Four Spades over 3NT, as with South on lead a club gave declarer no chance and the contract was quickly two down - the boot was on the other foot this time, so the round was just about tied.

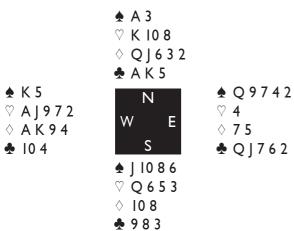
Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bianchini	Versace	Trevisani	Haemmerli
			♣
I♦	I ♠	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The defenders started with two rounds of diamonds and then East switched to the seven of hearts for the queen and king. Declarer tried a spade to the king but West won, cashed the queen and played a diamond. He was in control now and declarer had to settle for seven tricks, -100. Still, with +110 available in diamonds it was a promising result.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



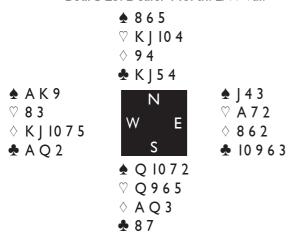
West	North	East	South
Bianchini	Versace	Trevisani	Haemmerli
IΫ́	INT	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Two Diamonds was not exactly the ideal spot on the East/West cards, but South came to the rescue with her remarkable Two Spades. North retreated and was not slow to congratulate his partner on her bravery when the dummy appeared.

East/west started with three rounds of diamonds and declarer won, cashed a diamond and exited with a low spade, East putting up the queen and switching to a heart, which ran to the jack and declarer's king. Back came the ten of hearts ducked and now declarer cashed the last diamond and the ace of spades. East had parted with one club too many, so declarer took the last three tricks in that suit for a majestic +150.

That was a great round, but the next one was not quite so good, with a very poor result being only slightly offset by a reasonable one.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



One Diamond was a typical third in hand gambit, but when North doubled West's overcall South was on the spot. When the hand was over North appeared to think there was a case for bidding Two Hearts, and given South's bidding on the previous board it was clearly a possibility, but eventually South decided to go quietly and hope for the best.

North led the four of hearts and South won with the queen. A club switch now would be effective, but is not that easy to find and South played a second heart ducked again by declarer, who won the next round of the suit, discarding a spade, and played the eight of diamonds. South went in with the ace and switched to a small spade. Declarer could win and give up a diamond, ensuring his contract, +180.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

↓ J 7 2

♡ 10 9 5

◇ J 9 6

♣ A Q 7 6

♠ Q 10

♡ 7 4 3

◇ A 10 8 4

♣ | 8 4 2

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

↓ J 7 2

♡ 10 9 5

◇ J 9 6

♣ 5 4 3

♡ Q J 8 6 2

◇ 7 5 3

♣ 9 3

West	North	East	South
Roche	Versace	Stewart	Haemmerli
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2◊*	Pass	2♠
Pass All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

♠ A K 9 8 6 ♡ A K

♦ K O 2

♣ K 10 5

I don't know if they noticed, but this board was rotated, making North the hand with all the points. The spade position meant declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks, +690.



Chantal Haemmerli, Switzerland

Mixed Pairs

Qualifying Session 3

Down To The Wire

by Brian Senior

After two of the three qualifying sessions of the Mixed Pairs, Bob Hamman and Pamela Granovetter were lying in 156th position, with 182 to qualify, meaning that there was still work to be done.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul. **♠** Q873 ♦ 72 ♣ | 8 4 **★** K 10 9 2 ♠ | 6 ♥ Q7532 ♥ | 9 8 **4** ♦ K 6 3 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ A K 9 2 **3** ♠ A 5 4 ♦ A | 10 9 8 ♣ ○ 10 7 6 5 West North **East** South Zeljko Muller Hamman Granovetter **Pass Pass** 2♦

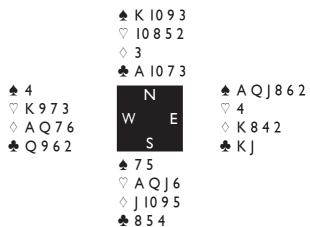
Pamela's weak 2♦ opening shut everyone out and she played there on a heart lead from Croatia's Mario Zeljko. Granovetter took the heart winners, pitching spades from hand, then led a diamond to the jack and king. Zeljko switched to his singleton club now but Renata Muller, who could see that this had to be declarer's long side-suit, judged that it would be better to play a forcing game. She won the king then played a heart, which Granovetter won. She played a low club, which Zeljko ruffed. Declarer was forced with another heart. She ruffed, cashed the ace of trumps and played the ♣Q to the ace. Muller could win and cash the queen of trumps, but then had only spades to play so Granovetter had the last three tricks for +90.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul. ◆ ○ 8 4 ♥ K 9 6 5 3 2 ♦ 1062 **★** K 9 7 6 **♠** A 3 \heartsuit Q ♡ A 10 ♦ A 8 ♦ KQ753 ♣ K 1093 Q76542 ♠ | 10 5 2 ♡ | 874 ♦ 194 ♣ A 8

West	North	East	South
Zeljko	Hamman	Muller	Granovetter
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Six Clubs is a very good contract but Muller opened a 15-17 no trump and was raised to game via Stayman – no doubt a popular auction. A heart lead would have given the defence a chance to defeat the contract, but Granovetter's spades were better than her hearts, and she duly led a spade. Muller won in hand and played the king of clubs to the ace. Granovetter switched to a heart but it was too late; +490.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



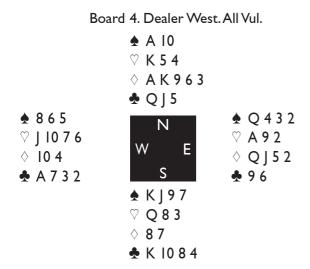
West	North	East	South
B. Pollack	Hamman	R. Pollack	Granovetter
			Pass
Pass	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Hamman led a low club to dummy's jack and Bill Pollack gave it a lot of thought before leading the queen of spades off the table – not that it appears to matter what declarer does. Hamman won the king, cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a heart. Granovetter won the ace and returned the queen to declarer's king. Pollack played the ace of diamonds followed by a diamond to the king, then took the top spades, came back to hand with the $\Diamond Q$ and cashed the $\clubsuit Q$; one down for -100.

The Carry-Over

The winners of the qualification, Hocheker and Cichocki, received a carry-over of 4 percentage points. The sixty-first pair, von Arnim and Del Monte, received a carry-over of 0 percentage points. All pairs in between received a number of points in between (relative to their score in the qualification) and the rest of the field received nothing. These points were added to the percentage they ended up with in the first session of the final, and two more sessions will be added to this.

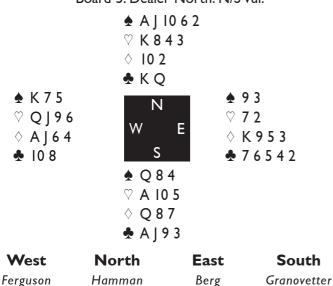
All Pass



West	North	East	South
B. Pollack	Hamman	R. Pollack	Granovetter
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Rosanne Pollack led the five of diamonds to the ten and king and Hamman led the queen of clubs. Bill Pollack won immediately to return his remaining diamond, on which Hamman played the nine in an attempt to make it appear that he was short in the suit. Rosanne won but did not fall for the falsecard - she could see that the three was missing, so declarer could not hold only OAK9. She returned a club, which Hamman won in hand to play a heart to the queen. When that scored he cashed the club winners, pitching a diamond from hand. The fourth club caused Rosanne a problem. Having thrown a spade on the third club, she now bared the ace of hearts and, after a little thought, Hamman played her to have done so, ducking a heart. Hamman won the spade return in hand and cashed his red winners. Rosanne was squeezed again by the $\heartsuit K$, so when Hamman played a spade at trick twelve the queen showed up; ten tricks for +630.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Pass

Pass

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4♠

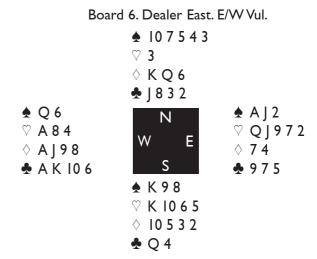
1 \$

2♡

Pass

All Pass

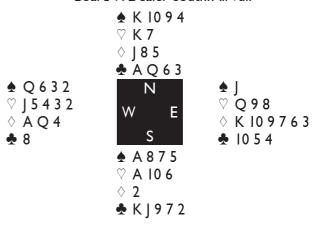
A straightforward auction saw Hamman declare a normal game on the lead of a low diamond to the jack. Bruce Ferguson continued with two more rounds of diamonds, Hamman ruffing the third round. With the favourable positions in the black suits, it is possible to make an overtrick by crossing to the ace of hearts to lead the ΦQ , picking up that suit and later dropping the $\Phi 10$. However, that needs a fair bit, so Hamman instead played the jack of spades to Ferguson's king. He won the spade return in dummy, drew trumps and unblocked the clubs before crossing to the ace of hearts to cash the clubs; ten tricks for +620.



West	North	East	South
Ferguson	Hamman	Berg	Granovetter
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

With a total maximum for his INT opening, Ferguson was willing to break the transfer when holding only three-card support, Hamman led the king of diamonds and the winning play would have been to win and later lead to the $\lozenge 9$, establishing a discard for dummy's third club. However, with chances in the other suits, Ferguson preferred to duck, hoping for a continuation or favourable switch. But Hamman actually switched to a club to the queen and ace. Ferguson ran the queen of spades to the king and won the club return with his king. He crossed to dummy with a spade and led the $\triangledown Q$, ducked, then the $\triangledown J$, covered and won with the ace. Declarer gave up a heart, won the diamond return, and had to concede a club at the end for down one; -100.

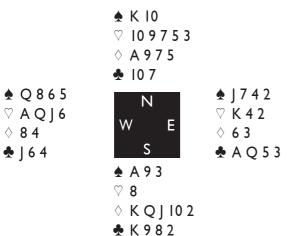
Board 7. Dealer South, All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bertens	Hamman	Van Zwol	Granovetter
			♣
Pass	I♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Having found the spade fit, Hamman suggested 3NT as an alternative game, but Granovetter quickly went back to the spade game because of her diamond shortage. Wietske Van Zwol led the jack of spades. Jack from queen-jack doubleton is an old idea and Hamman chose to play her for having led from the two honours because the auction strongly indicated a trump lead. Accordingly, he won in hand and returned a trump. Ducking to the queen when Van Zwol showed out. Huub Bertens returned a third trump, after which Hamman ruffed a heart in hand, crossed to dummy with a club and drew the last trump, conceding a diamond at the end; +650. Of course, if declarer plays to ruff a diamond in dummy rather than a heart in hand it is possible to make twelve tricks by picking the trumps successfully.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



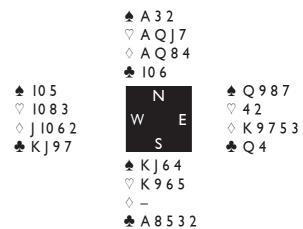
West	North	East	South
Bertens	Hamman	Van Zwol	Granovetter
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	I♡	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	



Bob Hamman, USA

The first competitive auction of the session saw Granovetter declare 3♦, a comfortable spot. She won the spade lead in hand, crossed to the ♠K and led the ten of clubs. When Van Zwol played low, she decided to play for either queen or jack onside so passed it to the jack. Bertens returned a club to the ace and Van Zwol switched to a trump, which was won with the five in dummy – that sort of trick costs a round of drinks in some places. Van Zwol gave up a heart and had ten tricks for +130.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bartley	Hamman	Kuzselka	Granovetter
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♡	Pass	4◊
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

Facing a 15-17 no trump, Granovetter used Stayman and, on finding a heart fit, splintered. Hamman took control, checking on key cards, and the response showed two plus a diamond void. Germany's Beatrix Kuzselka led a trump to the eight and queen and Hamman ruffed a diamond then ducked a club. Gareth Bartlet went in with the king to return a second trump and Hamman went up with the jack as he needed the entry to hand for a second diamond ruff. Ace and another club discovered the bad news in that suit. Hamman ruffed and cashed the ace of trumps, throwing a club from dummy.

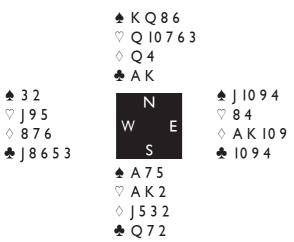
All he had to do now was to cash the ace of diamonds then play ace of spades followed by a spade to the jack because, of course, Kuzselka had been squeezed out of her fourth spade by the last trump. But Hamman had what is known as a Senior moment (I have been having them all my life, of course). He saw that if the ΦQ was onside he didn't need to take the finesse because he could endplay East with it, so went for the extra chance of dropping queen-doubleton offside!? Hamman played a spade to the king, back to the ace and a third round. Kuzselka won and had to lead into the diamond tenace at the end. Hamman claimed twelve tricks and scored it as such, only to be reminded that he had conceded a club trick earlier on in the play.





I hope Bob will forgive me for including this deal, but I promise him that this story will make a lot of readers very happy, as they will be pleased to see that even the very best can fall from grace at times.

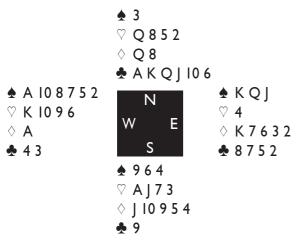
Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bartley	Hamman	Kuzselka	Granovetter
		Pass	I ♦
Pass	I♡	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

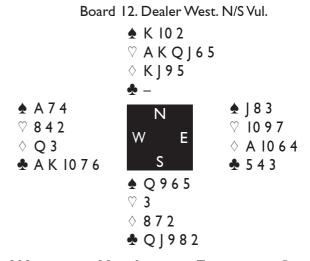
After a club lead, this was a dull deal. Granovetter took the hearts, unblocked the club and played $\bigstar K$, a spade to the ace and cashed the $\bigstar Q$. That squeezed Kuzselka out of a top diamond, but there were no communications by now, of course; eleven tricks for +660. Anyone who found the five-three heart fit would expect to score very poorly, I would think.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Hamman	Feitelson	Granovetter
			Pass
I♠	2♣	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Hamman cashed two clubs then switched to his trump. Jacek Pzsczola won in dummy and led a heart, Granovetter winning her ace and playing a second trump. Pzsczola could win, unblock the diamond and ruff a heart then pitch the other loser on the king of diamonds; +420.



West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Hamman	Feitelson	Granovetter
♣	4♡	All Pass	

Maybe a 4% overcall would not be everyone's choice, as it gives up on possible contracts, including slam, in two other denominations. But matchpoints is not a game for slow descriptive auctions which tip off the defenders about declarer's hand. Candice Feitelson led a club to the queen and king and Hamman ruffed then drew three rounds of trumps, throwing two clubs and a diamond from dummy. He continued with the king of spades then ten of spades, both ducked, and a third spade to the ace.

There was nothing Pzsczola could do. If he had tried the ace of clubs, Hamman would have ruffed and exited with the king of diamonds – he knew the ace was on his left because West had not opened a strong no trump – and would have lost just two diamond tricks. Seeing this, Pzsczola switched to the queen of diamonds, hoping that his partner's holding would be slightly stronger. Hamman covered and Feitelson won the ace and played a club through. Hamman ruffed and led a low diamond towards dummy's eight. Feitelson thought about that but eventually played low. The eight scored and the nine of spades took care of declarer's ♦9; eleven tricks for +650.

Midway through the session, it seemed that Bob and Pamela still had plenty to do to ensure qualification, and it would go down to the wire before they would know if they had done sufficient. They did just enough in the end, qualifying in 161st position, and would hope to do better in the final.



Pamela Granovetter, USA

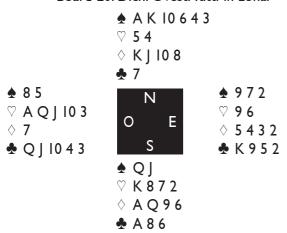
COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

Nella terza sessione delle qualificazioni Irene Baroni (23 anni) ed Enrico Guerra (molti di piu', tra il doppio ed il triplo: e' tutto plissettato!) siedono in N/S al tavolo 10. La coppia gioca il sistema Garozzo modificato, che sarebbe una ripetizione di concetto: il sistema Garozzo, in versione definitiva, non e' mai esistito, non esiste e non esistera' mai. E' il classico sistema eracliteo, in divenire costante. Ma, spesso, non e' il metodo a decidere, e' lo stile.

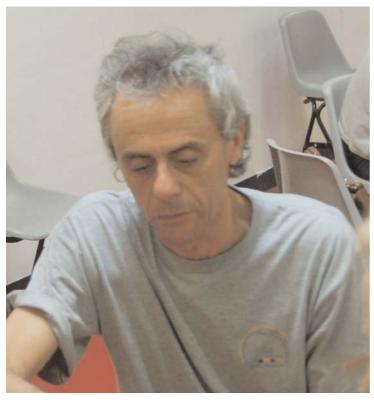
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Diecino

Board 20. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.



(Qui si usa scrivere utilizzando queste carte, senza "traduzione". Sarebbe scortese non uniformarsi. Grande bugia, e' solo un eccesso di pigrizia basato sul *copia* e incolla senza successiva sostituzione...)



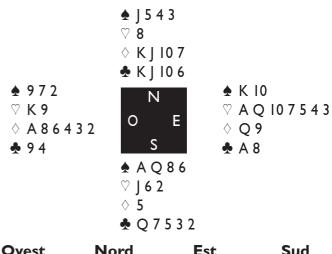
Enrico Guerra, Italy

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Guerra		I. Baroni
10	I♠	Passo	2♡
Contro	3♦	Passo	3SA
Fine			

Che devo dirvi, costretti alle II prese dal fatto che Guerra si e' prepotentemente appropriato del secondo fit della linea, allora tanto vale giocare a senza atout. Si' perche' da Sud si fanno 60. Ci vorrebbe un bel sottocolore anche in questo caso. Shhh! Bisogna dirlo a bassa voce per non scatenare la variante.

Linee di controgioco

Board 23. Dich. Sud. Tutti in zona.



Ovest	Nord	LSt	Juu
	Guerra		I. Baroni
			Passo
Passo	Passo	4 ♡	Fine
No. aueste no	on si fanno, ma	le insidie poss	ono essere di

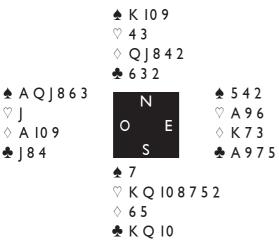
No, queste non si fanno, ma le insidie possono essere dietro l'angolo. La Baroni, in Sud, ha attaccato con il singolo di quadri per la piccola del morto ed il Re di Nord. Ora, per esempio, provate a dare il taglio a Sud e guardate cosa potrebbe succedere. Quadri taglio. Asso di picche? Fine della mano. La fiori andra' sull'Asso di quadri dopo due colpi d'atout. Quattro fatte. Il ritorno fiori al posto, dell'Asso di picche, peggiora le cose. Asso di fiori, cuori per il 9, quadri taglio di onore maggiore, cuori per il morto, fine delle trasmissioni. Un momento. Torniamo indietro. Attacco quadri per il Re e quadri, Dama... scarto! Se Sud rifiuta il taglio il dichiarante va sotto un'altra



volta. L'analista conferma. Non puo' piu' usufruire di scarti a quadri. Che capolavoro! Attacco per il taglio e poi lo rifiuto. Bisogna mantenere il controllo con il Fante lungo in atout. Torniamo al tavolo. Guerra, in presa con il Re di quadri e' tornato cuori, in orbita fino al 9 del morto. Sulla successiva quadri per la Dama, Sud ha tagliato ed e' tornata fiori. 4%-1.

Barrage

Board 25. Dich. Nord. E/O in zona.



Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Guerra		I. Baroni
	Passo	Passo	4♡
Fine			

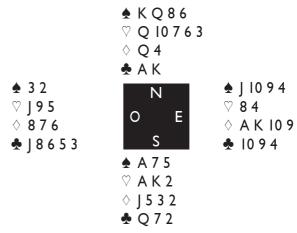
Irene Baroni non va tanto per il sottile e, con il suo sbarramento deciso, pone un problema ad Ovest. Fatto sta che, nella fattispecie, Ovest ha deciso di non entrare. Il 2 down realizzato in difesa non e' decisamente bastato a compensare le 4\(\overline{1}\)che si realizzano in E/O (la quadri sulla quarta fiori).



Irene Baroni, Italy

Altro diecino

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

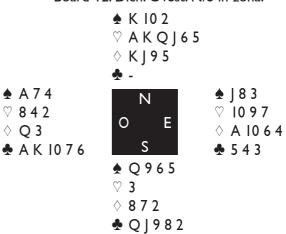


Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
	Guerra		I. Baroni
			I♦
Passo	Ι♡	Passo	ISA
Passo	2♣	Passo	2♦
Passo	2♠	Passo	2SA
Passo	3SA	Fine	

Il 24 di Nord chiede l'appoggio terzo a cuori e 20 vuol dire che questo appoggio c'e'. Il resto e' naturale e, arrivata al momento di decidere, la coppia italiana ha optato un'altra volta per i senza atout ricevendo come premio le stesse prese che avrebbe fatto a cuori. Ovest ha attaccato quadri e la mano e' durata poco. Asso, Re di quadri e quadri. Fante di quadri, Asso e Re di fiori, Asso e Re di cuori, alt.

Un finale

Board 12. Dich. Ovest. N/S in zona.



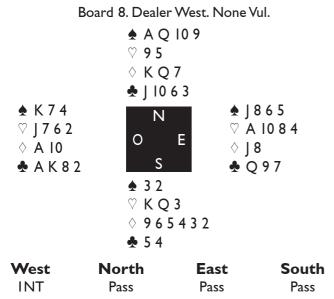
Succedono cose strane. Ma partiamo dall'inizio. Guerra contra l'apertura di l di Ovest e, dopo il passo di Est, trasmette il carrello dall'altra parte e comincia a sudare: "E se trasforma il contro ad l ? No, non puo' essere. Se poi ha carte per trasformare vuol dire che e' il nostro contratto". La Baroni dice l e la licita prosegue con alti e bassi fino a 4♥. Est attacca fiori, per l'8 del morto, il 10 di Ovest ed il taglio. Tre giri d'atout, Re di picche (in presa), 10 di picche (in presa) e Fante di quadri (Asso. Perche'?). Fiori (Fante, Asso, taglio), Re di quadri e picche per l'Asso. Re di fiori (in presa), 10 prese (scusate il bisticcio...).

Not at Full Strength

Jeff Meckstroth, defending Mixed Pairs champion, was back for another shot at the title, this time with a new partner – Janice Seamon-Molson.

Seamon-Molson was suffering from a mysterious illness and was not at her best, but even a subpar Seamon-Molson is a formidable opponent. Despite her malady, she and Meckstroth lay in 10th place after two qualifying rounds (the sad postscript to this article is that they did not make the final).

They cooperated well on this deal to rake in most of the matchpoints.



Meckstroth, North, led the $\clubsuit 3$, and declarer overtook with the 8. He played a low heart from hand to the 8 and Seamon-Molson's queen. She returned a low diamond to the 10 and queen, and Meckstroth fired back the $\lozenge K$, unblocking the suit. Now declarer could have cashed out for one down, but he tried a low heart to the 10. Seamon-Molson won the $\heartsuit K$ and began rattling off her diamond winners. The dispirited declarer discarded one spade from hand and two from dummy

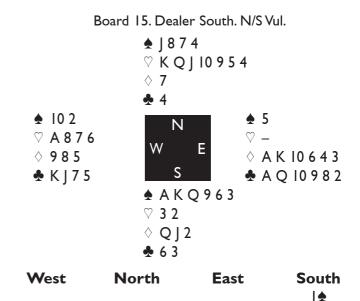


leff Meckstroth, USA

(Meckstroth tossed all his clubs), so when Seamon-Molson pushed a spade through, Meckstroth's hand was good. Declarer, who started with six tricks after the opening lead, ended up with two – minus 250.

This deal didn't work out as well.

Pass



5♣ 5♥ 6♣ Dbl
All Pass

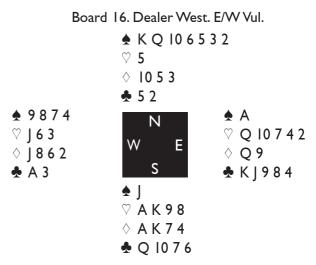
The contract will go down on a spade lead, but Meckstroth led the ♦7, which resulted in minus 1090. The opponents gave

2♡

the good result back on the next board, however.

2NT

Pass



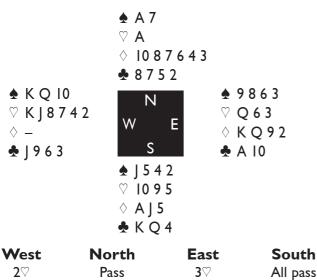
Meckstroth opened the North hand 3♠ and was raised to game by Seamon-Molson. A low heart was led by East. Meckstroth won the ♡A, shook a losing club on the ♡K and played the ♠J to East's bare ace. The ♣9 went to the 10 and ace, and Meckstroth ruffed the club return. Now he played more spades, and East could pitch one heart and two clubs, but on the fourth round of spades, she erred by discarding another heart, allowing Meckstroth to enter dummy with a diamond and ruff the ♡9 good. Plus 450 was worth a lot of matchpoints.

Session 2

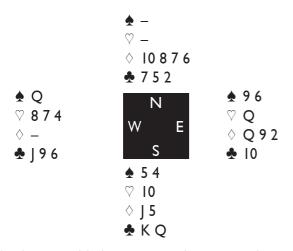
Mixed Pairs Qualifying

by Barry Rigal

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.



Some boards are remarkable for reasons other than the pure bridge technical points; the following deal would probably only appeal to devotees of Snap or Cheat (card games where you try to match the preceding play). Here I played 3° after North had taken an age to pass out the final contract. Rather surprisingly he led the ace and another spade (making me think he wanted a ruff, of course. I covered the second spade with the eight, took the jack with the king, and led the $^{\circ}$ J. North took his ace and shifted to the $^{\bullet}$ 8; I went up with the ace, led the $^{\diamond}$ K, covered and ruffed, and took the $^{\circ}$ K to find the surprising news in that suit. In this ending:

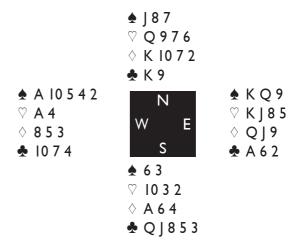


At this point I led a trump to the queen, advanced the $\Diamond Q$, discarding the ΦQ , then the ΦQ discarding the ΦQ , and the ΦQ



discarding the \$6. Ten tricks, and even if this was only for an average, it was still one of the more aesthetically pleasing deals of my life.

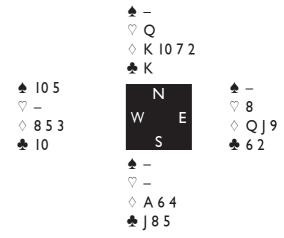
Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South	
	Pass	INT	Pass	
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass	
2NT	Pass	4♠	All pass	

What is the correct line of play in 4♠ on the lead of the ♣Q? To come to ten tricks it would appear you need to take five spades, three hearts, a diamond and a club.

At one table, at least, declarer took the A, drew trumps, and took three heart tricks via the finesse. This was the ending:



Declarer ruffed a heart to dummy and led a diamond off the board. The defence cannot prevail by rising with the $\Diamond K$ and playing the $\maltese K$, since he has no further club left to play. But if the clubs had been 4-3, the forcing defence would have prevailed

A better sequence of plays would be to win the club lead, draw two rounds of trump, and cash three hearts via the finesse. When that all stands up, draw the last trump, and now you have complete control to lead diamonds twice towards the queen-jack without running the risk of being forced.

MIXED PAIRS QUALIFYING

Final Standings (After 3rd Session)

Rank		3rd	Total	75 77	Marilina VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI	53.84 54.46
1 2	Danuta HOCHEKER - Miroslaw CICHOCKI Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE		62.74 61.69	76 77	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN M. Cristina MOTTA - Ezio TRAGHIN	51.07 54.44 50.33 54.42
3	Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD		60.49		Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN	58.65 54.36
4	Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS		60.27		Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV	56.23 54.35
5	Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER		60.15	80	Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA	52.50 54.28
6	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL		60.12	81	Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF	62.70 54.27
7 8	Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND		59.94 59.90	82 83	Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	49.75 54.20 52.16 54.16
9	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS		59.79	84	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	50.10 54.14
10	Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSA	62.87	59.25	85	Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL	56.75 54.08
II	Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON		59.20	86	Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI	54.15 54.04
	Wang WEN FEI - Dai Jian MING		59.05		Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI Debora CAMBAGNANO, Giampagla FRANCO	52.97 54.04
13 14	Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI		58.83 58.75	88 89	Debora CAMPAGNANO - Giampaolo FRANCO Pia ANDERSSON - Arne LARSSON	43.39 54.03 45.54 54.02
15	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL		58.64	90		58.38 53.97
16	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK		58.46	91	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	53.48 53.86
17	Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN		58.30	92	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	48.95 53.81
	Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS		58.24 58.22	93 94	Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND	61.31 53.78 59.50 53.74
	Beth PALMER - Steve ROBINSON		58.11	95	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	56.48 53.73
	Curtis CHEEK - Lynn DEAS		57.78	96	Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT	49.97 53.73
22	Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA		57.73	97	Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI	53.80 53.72
23	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV		57.62 F7.F9	98	Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO	51.09 53.72
	Nevena SENIOR - Geoffrey WOLFARTH Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN		57.58 57.48		Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI	64.90 53.72 53.05 53.72
	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN		57.38		Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS	51.28 53.71
27	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV	53.73	57.21	102	Rosalien BARENDRÉGT - Vincent KROES	51.86 53.61
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210	Dianne BALCOMBE - Keith BALCOMBE	50.94	50.93	293	Sanja ZAGAJSEK - Branko REFI		49.00
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215	Zeynep ALP - Okay GUR	42.64	50.87	298	Marita MAI - Énrico LONGINOTTI	50.90	48.89
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220	Tobi SOKOLOW - Mark FELDMAN	48.09	50.76	303	Tina TESSARO - Allan COKIN ´		48.80
221	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	51.91	50.76	304	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE		48.80
222	Virginia GIZA - Stephen GOLDSTEIN	50.05	50.68	305	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN		48.79
223	Kitty MUNSON COOPER - Paul BETHE	49.47	50.64	306	Mary Ann BERG - Bruce FERGUSON		48.78
224	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	57.03	50.62	307	Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE		48.76
225	Malgorzata SCHROEDER - Michael SCHROEDER	46.37	50.54	308	Martine ROSSARD - Philippe TOFFIER		48.70
226	Beatrix KUZSELKA - Gareth BARTLEY	41.61	50.39	309	Tullia SAMPAOLESI - Marco BERNATI		48.69
227	Maria Tereza PALAZZOLO - Hector CAMBEROS	47.93	50.39	310	Judith SHULMAN - Joel DATLOFF		48.69
228	Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY	54.08	50.38	311	Barbara KASLE - Haig TCHAMITCH		48.69
229	Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO	52.91	50.34	312	Claudia BURATTI - Marino GELLETTI		48.63
230	Maria Tereza PALAZZOLO - Hector CAMBEROS Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO Arijana DUIC-PETRIC - Zvonko PETROVIC	51.03	50.34	313	Claudia BURATTI - Marino GELLETTI Elisabeth NAQI - Michael GUNTHER Zvia FAUR - Eliahu FAUR		48.62
231	Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO Arijana DUIC-PETRIC - Zvonko PETROVIC Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS Ruth STOBER - Ion GRI IF	54.35	50.31	314	Zvia FAUR - Eliahu FAUR		48.57
232	Ruth STOBER - Joe GRUE		50.30	315	Maria PANADERO - Joao PASSARINHO		48.49
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316	Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON	58 15	48.48	399	Helena SVEDLUND - Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON	50.46	45.65
	Laura TIDONE - Domenico CHIARO		48.45		Vigdis THOREN - Erik RYNNING		45.62
	Madeleine SWANSTROM - Tommy GULLBERG		48.42		Giorgia BOTTA - Corrado GAIA		45.57
	Barbara DESSI - Riccardo GIORDANO		48.36		Marina CALZONI - Giorgio STUPPIONI		45.56
	Fay KIRK - Clive KAYE		48.30	403	Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU		45.49
	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA		48.29		Nur CINAR - Niso ESKINAZ		45.33
	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL		48.29		Lea HESS - Philippe MARILL		45.32
	Loukia TRIANTAFYLLI - Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS		48.28		Laurence BERTRAND-RISPAL - Daniel THOUROUDE		45.30
	Valerie HARGREAVES - Mike HARGREAVES		48.28		Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM		45.21
	Silvia URBANI - Luca DARBI		48.23		Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH		45.17
	Marisa TAGLIAVIA - Miguel FENTE		48.22	409	Mari RETEK - George RETEK		45.02
	Shirley JABON - Richard GROSS		48.17		Grasia YALMAN - Dundar CIFTCIOGLU		44.90
	Anna BARABINO - Giorgio RIVARA		48.14		Livia ORRU' - Stefano MATTANA		44.89
	Andrea MULIAR - Martin SCHIFKO	45.81			Vita WINESTOCK - Derek MALTZ		44.80
	Netsy SAYER - Zahary ZAHARIEV		48.13		Marilyn NATHAN - Arthur MALINOWSKI		44.69
331	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL		48.06		Costanza FORNI - Roberto POLLEDRO		44.63
	Irmeli SALONEN - Marc VERDURMEN		48.00		Bruna BERTACCINI - Ruggero BONVICINI		44.62
	Rossella TANTINI - Gianluigi FERLIN		47.97		Grete SKAFTE - Bob PRICKAERTZ		44.58
	Tonia Di LORENZO - Giuseppe BUFFARDO		47.97		Isabel Del Rey CRIADO - Jacky FERNANDES		44.52
	Sandy DAVIES - Tom GISBORNE		47.96		Pauline MAGUIRE - Gay KEAVENEY		44.52
	Zdena ZOUCHOVA - Zbynek LAVER		47.94		Francesca DE LUCCHI - Giancarlo MARINI		44.45
	Despina KANELLOPOULOU - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS		47.89		Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT		44.34
	Nurit GRAIZER - Shimshon HORVITZ		47.89		Zoraida DIEBOLD - Lutz DOHNERT		44.26
	Edna PRISCO - Massimo MORITSCH		47.86	422	Bettina KALKERUP - Seymon DEUTSCH		44.19
	Alessandra CORVINO - Francesco BERNARDI		47.84		Cinzia AGRILLO - Diego CARDENAS		44.18
	Anne-Marie COLOMBARO - Jean-Yves DANIC		47.81		Francesca GRAGNANI - Marcello PETROZZIELLO		44.15
	Roz WOLFARTH - Valentin Dgiassim AL-SHATI		47.73		Beryl CAMPBELL - Allan GORDON		44.15
	Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO		47.67		Dolores GIULIANI - Piero MORI		44.13
	Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY		47.64		Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER		44.03
	Raffael GREPPI - Gabriele PELIZZARI		47.63		Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON		44.03
	Pavla SVOBODOVA - Petr VRKOC		47.57		Ellie FITZGERALD - James FITZGERALD		43.97
	Milka IVANCIC - Zoran BOHACEK		47.56		Gila EMODI - Doron YADLIN		43.92
	Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI		47.50		Marie Louize DAS - Pierre d' OVIDIO		43.92
	Donatella GIGLIOTTI - Ezio FORNACIARI		47.49		Maria Rosaria PIERRO - Ivan TREVISIOL		43.70
	Jane DAWSON - Bobby RICHMAN		47.46		Francesca CARNICELLI - Carlo MANTEGAZZA		43.70
	Fulvia GHIA - Franco DURANTE		47.44		Vera SCHULZOVA - Zdenek LASTOVICKA		43.68
	Francoise GUENOUN - Raphael GUENOUN		47.41		Miny TANANBAUM - Teddy CHIMION		43.47
	Angiolisa FRATI - Franco BARONI		47.39		Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST		43.44
	Emanuela CALANDRA - Guido FERRARO		47.38		Renate HANSEN - Heinrich BERGER		43.44
	Alessandra URBANI - Rocco LATORRE		47.33		Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX		43.42
	Perla SLIMAK - Paolo PASQUINI		47.31		Marie-Francoise GERMAIN - William AUDIBERT		43.41
	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Tadashi IMAKURA		47.30		Francoise MONDOR - Fred MONDOR		43.40
	Beatrice DELLE COSTE - Pierfrancesco PAROLARO		47.27		Iman CHAMAA - Krzysztof MARTENS		43.03
	Nina ANIDJAR - Diego BRENNER		47.24		Aliye UGUR - Sermed BASARAN		42.95
	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN		47.24		Usha KOTHARI - Sunil MACHHAR		42.94
	Monica MAINOLDI - Camillo GADDI		47.20		Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES		42.81
	Maryse LEENHARDT - François LEENHARDT		47.19		Graziella GARDIN - Giancarlo BERNASCONI		42.75
	Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE		47.18		Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING		42.73
	Anna KRAUSOVA - Milos BAHNIK		47.16		Caren GRENZ - Kai ROHLK		42.70
2/5	A L CDANADED C N. L . CCLULLIADT		47.16	448	Florence DELEFI IF - Michel DELEFI IF		42.60
366	Angela GRAMBERG - Norbert SCHILHARI Benedicte CRONIER - Moza PANAHPOUR Ellen KLOSSON - Peter BOYD Daniela ATTOLICO - Giuseppe REALINI Vanessa TORIELLI - Simon FELLUS Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet SHENKIN Janet CAHM - Maurice CAHM Jva MATIIFVIC - Jurica CARIC		47.12	449	Florence DELEFLIE - Michel DELEFLIE Janice RANDLES - Terry RANDLES		42.59
367	Fllen KLOSSON - Peter BOYD		47.11	450	Hilary HALL - Walter HALL		42.58
368	Daniela ATTOLICO - Giuseppe RFALINI		47.02	451	Fulvia GATTESCHI - Giuseppe BAU		42.56
369	Vanessa TORIFILL - Simon FFLLUS		46.99	452	Suchithra VAZIRANI - Shashikant SHAH BAHRAT		42.34
370	Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet SHENKIN		46.99		Laura MELCHIORRI - Massimiliano MOSCONI		42.26
371	lanet CAHM - Maurice CAHM		46.97		Iman Assassa - Michael FERNOLEND		42.19
372	Iva MATIJEVIC - Jurica CARIC	46.71		455	Reverly PERRY - Kent MIGNOCCHI	4148	42.16
373	Adele GOOMAN - Christian ZACH		46.92	456	Aida de Vries SALDZIEVA - Gerben DIRKSEN Pernilla ANDREASSON - Kjell HOLMGREN Miranda PAVAN - Loris CASADEI Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	37.20	42.16
374	Carole COVENEY - Michel COVENEY		46.91	457	Pernilla ANDREASSON - Kiell HOLMGREN	42.46	41.83
	Barbara NIST - Steve SIDELL		46.85	458	Miranda PAVAN - Loris CASADEI	37.37	41.70
	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA		46.78	459	Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA	46.93	41.63
	Stacy JACOBS - Steve GARNER		46.75	460	Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	35.72	41.63
	Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY		46.70	461	lamie STEEN - Mac STEEN	44.24	41.41
379	Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS		46.68	462	Jamie STEEN - Mac STEEN Alida MANZANO - Andrea FRANCESCONI Susan INGHAM - Terry BROWN	36.39	41.26
380	Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS Carole KLEIN - Michael SCHLEIFER	46.14	46.68	463	Susan INGHAM - Terry BROWN	37.35	41.15
381	Carole KLEIN - Michael ŠCHLEIFER Donna COMPTON - Chris COMPTON Paola MONTELLA - Mario AGRILLO Else Van EIJNDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA Lucy PHELAN - John PHELAN	43.47	46.66	464	Fiammetta BONNANO - PETTO FORCISI	38.69	41.10
382	Paola MONTELLA - Mario AGRILLO	48.50	46.64	465	Rosanna GENTILE - Ennio RIZZO	30.12	41.07
383	Else Van EIINDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA	46.87	46.64	466	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	36.46	40.78
384	Lucy PHELAN - John PHELAN	40.23	46.56	467	Rosa Yb LUI - Robert Sb LUI	32.56	40.59
385	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	58.16			Catherine BEARPARK - Steve BEARPARK Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN		40.47
386	Ester BECCUTI - Antonio MORTAROTTI	41.45	46.55	469			40.44
387	Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG	41.65	46.47	470	Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI		40.34
388	Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH	42.86	46.47	471	Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI Jeanne BURNS - Wilson MCLEOD		40.29
389	Catherine RITTER - Sartai HANS	39.67	46.35	472	Elda BUSI - Sergio RICCI		40.09
390	Mari-France RENOUX - Dominique PII ON	52.02	46.14	473	Alessandra MORI - Giancarlo MANINATO	40 58	39.98
391	Barb CLINTON - Vince ODDY	53 49	46.10	474	Aneta IARMOCIK - Michal SZFLAGOWSKI	3611	39.47
392	Linda MALONEY - Piotr KLIMOWIC7	48 18	46.09	475	Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI	50.08	38.26
393	Enma CASTRO DE LOMELI - Frankie FRONTI JRA	52 38	46.08	476	Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNU II I O	40.41	38.26
394	lo MORSE - George TORNAY	47.40	46.02	477	Aneta JARMOCIK - Michal SZELAGOWSKI Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNULLO Gloria SILBERSTEIN - Giulio BOVE	39.67	38.22
395	Lillián MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI Ester BECCUTI - Antonio MORTAROTTI Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH Catherine RITTER - Sartaj HANS Mari-France RENOUX - Dominique PILON Barb CLINTON - Vince ODDY Linda MALONEY - Piotr KLIMOWICZ Enma CASTRO DE LOMELI - Frankie FRONTURA JO MORSE - George TORNAY Maria Grazia BETTINI - Eduardo ROSEN	35 27	45.93	478	Shirley BATEMAN - Bill BATEMAN	34 93	37.44
396	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Eduardo ROSEN Carla PORTANTI - Mauro SCANCARELLO Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI	55.50	45.93	4/9	Shirley BATEMAN - Bill BATEMAN Sondra GIANINO - Giovanni ARCIFA		36.72
397	Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI		45.71	480	Delia COSTA - Iuan Iose LAGOMARSINO		35.63
398	Brid KEMPLE - Terry WALSH		45.66	481	Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE		34.60
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MIXED PAIRS

Final Results (After 1st Session)

Rank	c Names	c.o.	lst	75	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ	-	51.62
- 1	Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE	3.45	66.52	76	Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI		51.48
2	Danuta HOCHEKER - Miroslaw CICHOCKI		63.79		Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	0.44	51.47
3	Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER		63.38		Carla SOLDATI - Fabrizio SOLDATI Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSA Zuhal AK - Melih OZDIL Migray ZUR, CAMPANII E - Michael BAREI	0.11	51.41
4			62.74		Iana POKOPNIA Zdonak IANSA	2 10	51.31
_	Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN			90	Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSA Zuhal AK - Melih OZDIL Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR	2.10	
5	Daniele ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN		62.49	80	Zunai AK - Mein OZDIL	-	51.30
6	Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMIAS		62.32	81	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL	1.86	51.27
7	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Michael YUEN		62.02	82	Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO	-	51.21
8	Kerri SANBORN - Larry N. COHEN	-	61.52	83	Marion MICHIELSEN - Jan JANSMA	-	51.05
9	Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN	1.26	61.42	84	Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR	-	50.91
10	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	1.77	61.20	85	Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON	0.58	50.79
İĬ	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Marc JACOBUS		61.05	86	Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS	-	50.77
	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV		60.30	97	Joanna STANISRY Low STANISRY	_	50.55
				07	Jodina STANSDT - Lew STANSDT	-	
	Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL		59.69	88	Judy VVOLFF - BODDY VVOLFF	-	
	Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI		59.52	89	Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS	0.64	50.52
15	Nicola SMITH - John ARMSTRONG	-	58.81	90	Manuela GEMIGNANI - Leonardo CIMA Gunn HEI NESS - Tor HEI NESS	-	50.37
16	Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN	0.23	58.62	91	Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS	-	50.3 I
17	Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT	-	58.57	92	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	-	50.25
	Wang WEN FEI - Dai Jian MING	2.08	57.72	93	Nancy PASSELL - Mike PASSELL	_	50.18
	Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA	1.39		94	Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN		50.11
20	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN		57.64	95	Linda LEWIS - Arnold FISHER	1.12	
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	Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN		57.62	70	Thalia KOREN - Gadi LEBOVITS Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE Marta JANECZEK - Andrzei RI JNIKOWSKI		49.95
22	Renee MANCUSO - Grant BAZE	-	57.51	9/	Moyna MACKENZIE - Greer MACKENZIE		49.87
23	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI	-	57.46	98	Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI		49.85
24	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA Reverly I FVY - Alvin I FVY	-	57.43	99	Hedwig Van GLABBEEK - Willem Jan MAAS	-	49.62
25	Beverly LEVY - Alvin LEVY	-	57.35	100	Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI	-	49.55
26	Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI	1.92	57.28	101	Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN	_	49.51
	Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS	1.65	57 23	102	Sally STDI II Aubroy STDI II	0.36	49.40
28		271	57.10	103	Sandra KULOVIC-PROBST - Alexander HYDES Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE Jenny RYMAN - Gavin WOLPERT Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	-	49.29
	Laurence PACO Emple MULTON	2./ 1	57.10	103	Nadina MOCONC-I NOBST - Alexander TTT DES	-	
29	Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON	2.10	36.70	104	Nadine VVOOD - Faul DEFORTE	-	49.24
30	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	2.52	56.42	105	Jenny RYMAN - Gavin VVOLPERI		49.10
31	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED	-	56.40	106	Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO	1.66	
32	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	-	56.36	107	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	-	49.05
33	Daniela von ARNIM - Ishmael DELMONTE	-	56.26	108	Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST	-	48.95
34	Maria LEBEDEVA - Igor KHAZANOV	1.33	56.02	109	Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	_	48.89
35		0.26			Katia PIGNATTI - Alessandro PUGLIA Mariorie MICHEI IN - Nels FRICKSON	0.46	48.89
	Marianne HOMME - Egil HOMME		55.81	111	Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON	0.10	48.83
				111	Marjorie Michiella - Neis Erickson	-	.0.00
37	Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE		55.78	112	Katherine vvei-Seinder - David Berkovvii Z	-	48.65
38	Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI	-	55.73	113	Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM	-	48.54
39	,	-	55.61	114	Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA	-	48.47
40	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV	1.12		115	Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER	0.39	48.46
41	Nikica SVER - Pavo MARINKOVIC	0.60	55.53	116	Katherine WEI-SENDER - David BERKOWITZ Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA Valerie BLOOM - Neville EBER Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANIN	-	48.30
42	Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCHE	1.03	55.47	117	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL	2.64	47.92
43	Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE	_	54.89	118	Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN	_	47.86
44	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ		54.81	119	Catherine D' OVIDIO - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	_	47.81
45			54.80		Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO		47.80
			54.74				47.72
46	Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN				Gianna RICCIARELLI - Marco RICCIARELLI		
47	Peggy SUTHERLIN - John SUTHERLIN		54.68	122	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFINSEN		47.63
	Tracy CAPAL - Ian PANTO		54.59		Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI	0.39	
49	Valerie WESTHEIMER - Bjorn FALLENIUS		54.57		Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY		47.41
50	Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI	-	54.03	125	Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI		47.29
51	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	2.46	53.92	126	Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR	-	47.24
52	Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI	-	53.88	127	Nevena STOIMIROV - Ivan STOIMIROV	-	47.18
53	Kathy FALLENIUS - Peter FREDIN	_	53.71	128	Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG - Lars GOLDBERG		47.17
54	Lynn DEAS - Curtis CHEEK		53.65		Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND	-	46.83
55			53.55		Isabelle LE PROVOST - Jean-Baptiste FANTUN	_	46.77
56	Maria Teresa LAVAZZA - Giorgio DUBOIN		53.54		Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	_	46.76
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57	Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG		53.44		Trine BINDERKRANTZ - Morten Lund MADSEN	-	46.76
58	Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH		53.33		Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE	-	46.61
59	Lisa BERKOWITZ - Steve WEINSTEIN	-	53.10	134	Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER	-	46.58
60	Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM	-	53.03	135	Wil BUKET - Carel BERENDREGT	0.34	46.57
61	Anja ALBERTI - Nikolas BAUSBACK	_	52.90	136	Floriana MARZI - Riccardo VITALE	-	46.53
62	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN	1.21	52.90		Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS	_	46.48
63	Marilina VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI		52.73		Jamilla SPANGENBERG - Dennis KRUIS	_	46.34
64	Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI	_	52.73		Sun MING - Fu ZHONG		46.28
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65	Elisabeth CHAZEL - Jean Pierre DESMOULINS	-	52.64		Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA	-	46.12
66	Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ		52.50	141		-	46.01
67	Gail Moss GREENBERG - Jeff HAND	-	52.39	142	Barbara CESARI - Francesco NATALE	-	45.95
68	Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Tadashi TERAMOTO	-	52.11	143	Debbie ROSENBERG - Bruce ROGOFF	0.59	45.88
69		-	52.01	144	Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD	-	45.76
70	Ahu ZOBU - Victor AŘONÓV		51.99		Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	_	45.65
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Groundhog Day

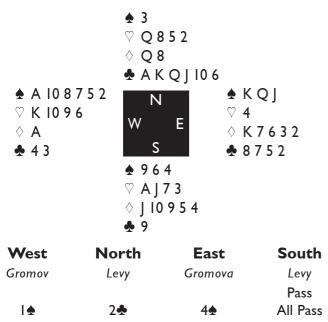
by Mark Horton

Bridge can often be linked to the movies and during the final qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs I could not help but recall a romantic comedy from the mid nineties.

How would you feel if today was the same as yesterday, and tomorrow would always be the same as today? In *Groundhog Day*, this nightmare becomes a reality for weatherman Phil Conners (Bill Murray). Phil, his producer Rita and their cameraman have travelled to report on the annual weather prediction by a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil in the town of Punxsutawney. Once the festivities are over, skeptical Phil Conners discovers that a freak snowstorm has prevented their return home to Pittsburgh. He returns to Punxsutawney and the next day, begins living Groundhog Day over, and over, and over...

I started my day at the table occupied by Al Levy (the man behind the World Bridge Computer Championship) and his wife, Beverly.

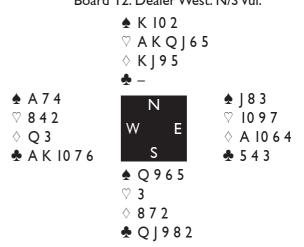
Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



North led the king of clubs, and followed it with the ace of South discarding the seven of hearts. Declarer ruffed the next club, unblocked the ace of diamonds and exited with a heart. North won that and tried a fourth club, but declarer could

ruff and then ruff a heart which felled South's ace (a second heart had been discarded on a club) + 420.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Gromov	Levy	Gromova	Levy
♣*	Dble	♦*	Pass
Ι♡	Dble	INT	2♠
All Pass			

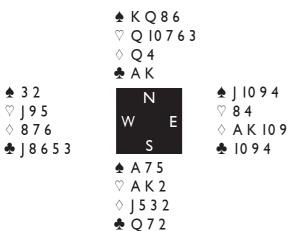
With 240 tables in play it would be interesting to see how many players preferred double to a simple overcall of One Heart.

Here West's rebid, in theory showing his better major after East's response (0-7, not four clubs) gave North a chance to double for penalties and had South passed he would certainly have doubled for a third time. When South introduced the spade suit North considered raising, but realising South was unlikely to have a five-card suit he settled for a part score.

West led the king of clubs and declarer ruffed in dummy and played four rounds of hearts, discarding all her diamonds. West ruffed with the four of spades and played ace of spades and a spade. Declarer won in dummy and played a heart. East ruffed with the jack of spades and that was overuffed by declarer who exited with the queen of clubs. West won and tried the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. That left declarer with the last two tricks, for +140.

Time to move on, and I spotted a table where one of the players was a World Champion. They were still playing the last board of the previous round:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Davis	Duic-Petric	Davies
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West led the three of spades and their was nothing to the play, declarer giving up two tricks at the end, +450.

I think this deal illustates very clearly several important elements of matchpoints. On a spade lead, declarer should win in dummy, cross to a top heart, unblock the clubs, cross to the remaining top heart and discard a diamond on the queen of clubs. Now you cash the remaining trump winners. Every once in a while there will be a position such as the one that existed here and you will make twelve tricks.

An atypical omission for the double Venice Cup winner.

With East on lead the defenders simply needed to cash their diamond winners to get a 72% score. How difficult is that? At Al Levy's table he had dropped the queen of diamonds at trick

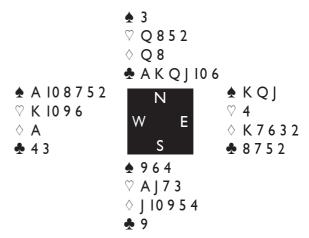


Alain Levy, France

one and when East switched he could execute the spade diamond squeeze for 12 tricks. If you give count then its important for West with \$8764 to play the seven, not the six at trick one.

I remained in my chair for the next two boards – but only then realised that I had already seen them before – and what is more I had another pair of Levy's at the table, doubling the count of World Champions on view.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



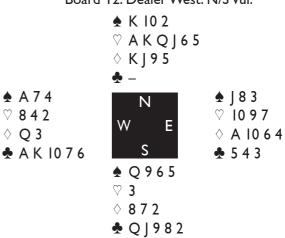
West	North	East	South
Levy	Davis	Levy	Davies
			Pass
I ♠	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♡	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

As before the defence started with three top clubs, declarer ruffing, South discarding two diamonds. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and played the ten of hearts. South won and tried a diamond, declarer pitching a heart and winning with dummy's king. The jack of spades was cashed and when everyone followed the simple line would have been to ruff a diamond high and draw trumps, the losing hearts going on the established diamonds.

Declarer preferred to ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond with the ten of spades and ruff a heart. Now he could play a diamond and catch South's remaining trumps.

Is it possible that North might have been 2-3-2-6 with the nine of spades – in which case this line of play would not have been a success?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

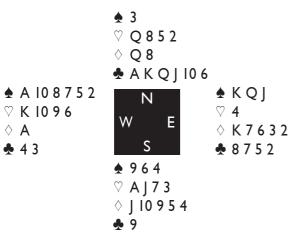


West	North	East	South
Levy	Davis	Levy	Davies
♣	Dble	Pass	I♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Declarer covered the club lead with the jack and ruffed West's king (the ace might be an effective false card here). He drew trumps in three rounds (discarding a club and a diamond) and passed the ten of spades. That was followed by the king of spades and a third spade putting West on play. He tried the queen of diamonds covered by the king and ace. Declarer ruffed the club return and played a low diamond. When East played low declarer could win with dummy's eight and discard a diamond loser on the thirteenth spade, +650 and a massive 93%.

Okay, time to take in one more pair and I took my seat just in time to follow the first deal of the round. Perhaps by now you can work out which board was on the table?

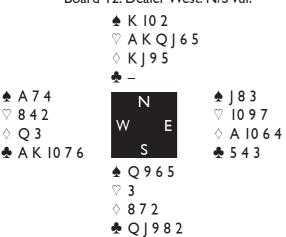
Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Wolfarth	Martel	Senior	Martel
			Pass
I♠	2♣	3♣*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North cashed two top clubs and switched to a trump. Declarer won and played dummy's heart. South took the ace and played a second trump, but declarer could ruff one heart and discard the other on the king of diamonds.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Wolfarth	Martel	Senior	Martel
♣	Dble	Pass	I♠
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

East found the only lead that might hold declarer to nine tricks when she led a heart.

Declarer drew trumps and played on spades, the king, followed by the two. Not easy for East to play the jack on this trick! West had to duck the spade nine and declarer played a diamond. When West produced the queen declarer could claim ten tricks, +170 and an average.

I'm cannot be certain that divine intervention was involved in these coincidences but I can tell you that all six pairs I watched play boards II & I2 made it to the final.

Staff Dining

All the staff members wearing yellow and blue framed badges can eat at the self-service restaurant inside the Fiera for 8 Euro. The menu consists of a main course with a side dish (i.e. roast beef and vegetables) and a drink or a first course (i.e. pasta), a dessert and a drink.





The 8th World Bridge Championships welcomed these distinguished participants in the Mixed Pairs - top, Enma Castro-Ruz from Cuba, Fidel Castro's sister, and Romain Zaleski of France, president of Carlo Tassara, one of that nation's most important financial institutions.

Matchpoint Odyssey

by Brent Manley

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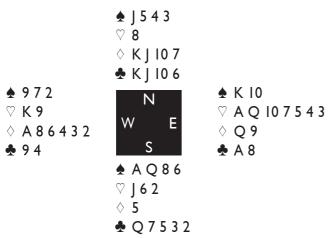
All Pass

Anyone who plays regularly in pairs knows that the game can torture you at times, and when you get on a roll the wrong way, it can be tough to recover.

The third qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs played by German star Sabine Auken and American George Jacobs featured a variety of hills and valleys.

The first board was a high point, featuring a deal that has received a lot of press in today's edition of the Daily Bulletin.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	♣	Ι♡	I♠
Pass	Pass	2♡	3♣
3♡	3♠	4♡	All Pass

South led her singleton \lozenge 5, and Auken studied the dummy for a long time before calling for a low card. North won the \lozenge K and also huddled for a bit. You can see that a spade return would have defeated the contract — declarer must lose two spades, a diamond and a club (or a ruff of the \lozenge A). North erred, however, in returning a diamond for his partner to ruff, and now South had to cash the \clubsuit A to prevent an overtrick (she did not do that). A club return went to the king and ace, and Auken played a heart to dummy's 9, followed by a diamond ruff high. Another heart to dummy's king pulled the outstanding trumps, and Auken was able to discard three black cards for plus 650 and nearly 100% of the matchpoints.

It is noteworthy that South could still have defeated the contract by declining to ruff the diamond return (declarer cannot pull trumps ending in dummy to play the $\Diamond A$ without getting it ruffed), but that is a play few players would make without benefit of a peek at the entire deal.



That fine board (97%) was followed by a series of less-thanstellar results, although they weren't as bad as they seemed. This deal, from round two, was typical:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul. **♠** A O ♥ Q95 ♦ 8632 ♣ A J 5 3 **★** K 10 9 5 ♠ | 8 6 3 2 ♡ A | 10 ♡ 74 ♦ 1074 ♦ Q | 9 1092 🙅 K 8 6 **♦** 74 ♥ K8632 ♦ A K 5 \Lambda Q74 West North East South **Pass** 2♡

2NT

Auken, not impressed with her spades, tried to generate tricks in another suit, starting with the $\lozenge Q$. Declarer won the ace in dummy and played a heart to the 10 and queen. Another heart went to Jacobs' jack, and he played the $\clubsuit 10$. Declarer inserted the queen then knocked out the $\heartsuit A$. The contract was still doomed had Jacobs played another spade, but he returned a diamond instead. Now declarer was home with nine tricks, losing only two hearts, a diamond and a club. It wasn't a disaster, but an opportunity lost.

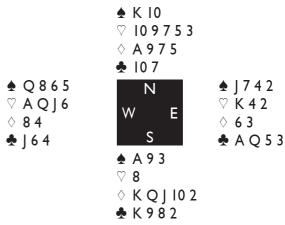
Pass

3NT

It was on the next round that Auken and Jacobs formed the impression that any chance of matchpoints had deserted them. First, they overbid to a hopeless 50 contract (38%), then Jacobs got off to an unfortunate lead against 3NT, surrendering an overtrick that resulted in a 28% score.

After taking average on the first board of the next set, Auken and Jacobs fared very poorly on the second deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	♣	I ♦
2♦	3♦	All Pass	

The contract was played by Debbie Rosenberg, and she took full advantage of Jacobs' failure to find the most effective lead. The contract cannot be defeated, of course, but all players lust after – and try to prevent – overtricks. Had Jacobs found the trump lead, the contract could have been held to 10 tricks. On the club opening lead, Auken won the ace and switched to a trump, but Rosenberg had the timing she needed. She won the \lozenge K in hand and exited with the \lozenge 8 (Jacobs' $2\lozenge$ showed 4-4 in the majors). Jacobs won the \lozenge J and continued with a trump, but Rosenberg won in dummy with the 9, ruffed a heart, cashed the \clubsuit K and ruffed a club, then noted a heart. A third heart ruff set up the 10 in dummy and Rosenberg could claim plus 150 and 74% of the matchpoints.

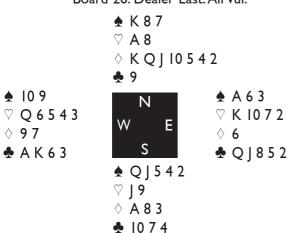
At that point, Jacobs and Auken were shaking their heads and were seriously concerned about qualifying for the Mixed Pairs final. It didn't help matters when Jacobs went minus 800 on the next round (2%).

More bad news was waiting at the next table, where a 3NT contract was played from the wrong side, resulting in only one overtrick for East-West instead of two had the contract played from the other side, and Jacobs-Auken could not stop an opponent from plus 170 after Jacobs opened INT (28%).

Things began looking up on the next round, however, as Auken managed plus 200 in a spade partial on poor defense (77%), while simply taking the two tricks to which they were entitled on the next board was good for 68%.

This deal produced a nervous moment, but Auken and Jacobs had the tools to come out on top.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
I 🛇	2◊	4 ♦	DЫ
4♡	5♦	All Pass	

Auken led the \heartsuit 7 (third and fifth best), to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer played two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and played a spade to the 10 and king, ducked by

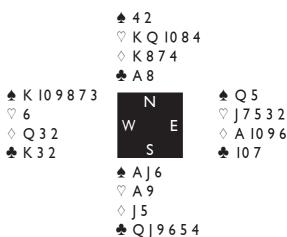
Auken. She ducked again when declarer continued with a second spade. After winning the third spade (Jacobs had played a low heart), Auken carefully exited with the \$2. This was indicative of an odd-numbered holding, and given the number of cards declarer was already known to have, Auken's club suit could not be three cards. Jacobs therefore did not try to cash another club, but played a heart for the setting trick and 68% of the matchpoints.

They bid a slam on the next deal for 81%, received another good result when an opponent declaring 44 did not try very hard for overtricks (and indeed achieved none), followed by this deal:

On the final two rounds, the luck that had been so bad for Auken and Jacobs turned to gold. On the next-to-last round, an opponent underplayed 44 (taking 11 tricks where 12 were relatively easy) then put his partner in 6NT off a cashing ace-king (and it didn't matter that the suit wasn't led on the go).

The next-to-last board was a nightmare for declarer but good news for Auken and Jacobs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Ι♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◊	Pass	2♠
DЫ	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Jacobs started with the ♠10 to the queen and ace. Declarer thought about ducking, but it wouldn't have helped. A club to the ace was followed by a club to the queen, ducked by Jacobs. When declarer continued with a third club, Jacobs won the king as Auken signalled vigorously with the ♦10. Jacobs put the ♦2 on the table, and declarer desperately went up with the king. It was grim from there as East-West first cashed five spades then three more diamonds. Declarer took trick 13 with her singleton ♥A, which captured dummy's singleton king. Plus 500 was worth 93% for Auken and Jacobs, no longer convinced that the god of the cards was out to get them.

















