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# Some Unusual Suspects



Time out for bridge: WBF President José Damiani, top right, plays in the Senior Teams on Friday with Jean-Paul Meyer. Their opponents are Americans Don Stack, left, and Tom Kniest.

The Bridge+ team from France would not have been fancied by the bookies going into their match with the star-studded George Jacobs team on Friday in the Rosenblum Knockout, but it is the Frenchmen playing on today while the bigger names are on the sidelines.

The six-man team – Eduoard Beauvillain, Yves Jeanneteau, Jeremie Tignel, Jean-Gilles Herve, Bogdan Marina and Gilles Queran – grabbed a narrow lead in the third set of the match and held on for the win in a tight fourth quarter, winning 122-113.

Also on the sidelines today are the Angelini team, anchored by four members of the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions from Italy. Their loss to the Americans led by Richard Schwartz was not as surprising as the final margin – 124-94, aided by a 61-14 third quarter posted by the Schwartz team.

The Rosenblum continues today with the round of 32. The McConnell Knockout, after a day off on Friday, resumes today with the round of 16.

### TODAY'S PROGRAMME

	Rosenblum Cup (Round of 32)	
	McConnell Cup (Round of 16)	
0.30	Boards 1-14 (Session 1)	

**10.30** Boards 1-14 (Session 1) **13.45** Boards 15-28 (Session 2)

**16.05** Boards 29-42 (Session 3)

**18.25** Boards 43-56 (Session 4)

#### **Senior Teams**

**10.30** Session 5

**12.15** Session 6

**15.00** Session 7

**16.45** Session 8

### Open and Women's Pairs

10.30 Session I

**15.30** Session 2



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### **ROSENBLUM CUP**

**Knockout Phase of 64** 

			Boards I-14	Boards 15-28	Boards 29-42	Boards 43-56	Total
	Nickell	Texans	9 - 43	42 - 12	52 - 8	12 - 25	115 - 88
2	Angelini	Schwartz	21 - 33	33 - 8	14 - 61	24 - 22	92 - 124
	Lavazza	Pont	31 - 18	40 - 8	49 - 26	0 - 0	120 - 52
4	Jacobs	Bridge+	36 - 29	29 - 31	23 - 32	25 - 30	113 - 122
5	Welland R	Strul	28 - 30	32 - 11	46 -12.5	26 - 38	132 -91.5
6	China SMEG	Teltscher	43 - 17	40 - 6	23 - 45	20 - 39	126 - 107
7	Chagas	11 diamonds	36 - 18	33 - 28	56 - 40	48 - 24	173 - 110
	Meltzer	Altshuler-Shaha	48 - 3	27 - 12	28 - 27	35 - 22	138 - 64
9	Ekeblad	Borevkovic	42 - 15	27 - 37	56 - 31	36 - 19	161 - 102
10	Henner	Bareket	19 - 36	33 - 16	37 - 24	41 - 24	130 - 100
П	Milner	Tananbaum	33 - 33	29 - 11	31 - 37	35 - 34	128 - 115
12	Zimmerman	Morath	23 - 21	3 - 23	23 - 16	10 - 21	59 - 81
13	Gillis	Gordon	42 - 7	31 - 31	26 - 54	23 - 31	122 - 123
14	Lynch	Agressor	18 - 14	41 - 17	57 - 21	27 - 5	143 - 57
15	Orange	Соре	21 - 18	35 - 16	31 - 41	41 - 2	128 - 77
16	Russia	Robinson	24 - 29	46 - 20	21 - 18	69 - 16	160 - 83
17	Bessis	Gartaganis	22 - 33	39 - 33	16 - 37	23 - 15	100 - 118
18	Mullamphy	Mahaffey	24 - 36	19 - 43	35 - 14	9 - 10	87 - 103
19	Yadlin	Allana	32 - 6	350.5	19 - 56	16 - 17	102 -78.5
20	Soulet	de Botton	54 - 18	25 - 20	55 - 26	4 - 52	138 - 116
21	Allfrey	Szilagy	29 - I	22 - 22	19 - 38	30 - 9	100 - 70
22	Chang	Berg	12 - 37	46 - 18	31 - 45	38 - 35	127 - 135
23	Tornay	Villa Fabbriche	17 - 41	11 - 19	15 - 34	38 - 7	81 - 101
24	Gwinner	Nadar	9 - 20	19 - 24	12 - 51	32 - 17	72 - 112
25	Cornell	Izisel	24 - 36	4 - 18	25 - 41	14 - 32	67 - 127
26	Iceland	Vasilev	42 - 13	29 - 25	66 - 11	50 - 11	187 - 60
27	Akgul	Clair	6 - 34	23 - 16	39 - 35	20 - 31	88 - 116
28	Herbst	Canada	37 - 15	44 - 13	42 - 48	18 - 18	141 - 94
29	Assemi	Belgium I	23 - 14	22 - 35	25 - 38	10 - 59	80 - 146
30	Hecht-Johansen	Grenthe	26 - 30	61 - 9	26 - 22	12 - 61	125 - 122
31	Team	Popova	27 - 47	45 - 32	49 - 25	18 - 16	139 - 120
32	Jokisch	Romania	46 - 12	21 - 30	23 - 56	15 - 35	105 - 133

# Play Bridge Certification in your Country?

Play Bridge International Certification is a computer system in Bridge which will be developed all over the world in the next years, through certified Test Centres. Mr Gilles Cohen, President of Play Bridge, presented this system on June 15th in auditorium Salieri.

Gilles Cohen is looking for National representatives in many countries. The project needs:

- The support of National Federations
- A team of teachers for adapting the questions to the local Bridge system
- An organisation to choose the Test Centres and to commercialise the tests (it could be the Federation).

If you are interested in this project, please send a email to Gilles Cohen: gc@poleditions.com

# Revised Brackets for the McConnell Cup Round of 16

33	Baker	Katt-Bridge
34	Netherlands	Venezuela
35	China Global Times	Gruppo Midi
36	Narasimhan	Bessis
37	Westheimer	Levy
38	Poland	Sver
39	Radin	Steiner
40	McGowan	DanGer

# Take home a souvenir of the World Bridge Championships in Verona

WBF bar-coded cards are for sale at the Hospitality Desk. The cost is I Euro per pack, and they are sold in sets of 10 packs.

### **SENIOR TEAMS**

### After 4 Rounds

### **SWISS PLATE**

### After 6 Rounds

Т	Netherlands I	83
	Markowicz	83
3	Jean-Marsha	77
4	Finkel	76
5	Szenberg	74
	Holt	74
7	Indonesia	72
'	Sorvoll	72
9	Piganeau	69
10		67
	Bigat	67
12	•	66
	Wadia	66
14	Fornaciari	65
	KRUGER	65
16	Wolff	64
	Mefo	64
	Schneider	64
19	Hadi	63
20	Humburg	62
21	Kaminsky	60
22	Pelletier	58
	Harper	58
	Marino	58
25	Naniwada	56
	Praha	56
27		55
	Belgium	55
	Short	55
	Poland	55
31	Savelli	53
32		52
33	ı	50
	Serf	50
35	Gramounes	48
	Sisselaar	48
l	Rainieri	48
38		47
39		43
1	Dix	40
41		32
42	Seppanen	30

1	T.C.Parioli - Angelini Junior	119.0	35	Dhampur Sugar Mills	90.0
2	Van Eijck	116.0	36	Sakura Krakow	88.8
3	Rogoff	114.0	37	Colchamiro	88.0
4	Kirilenko	112.0		Colectivo 06	88.0
5	Mossop	111.0		Fioretti	88.0
6	Blumenthal	109.0		Freed	88.0
7	Auken	108.0		Passarinho	88.0
	Bel2	108.0	42	Kendrick	87.0
9	Ruia	107.0		Penfold	87.0
10	Chateau Rossenovo	106.0	44	Noble	86.0
П	Simson	104.0		Jung	86.0
	Morimura	104.0		Anderson	86.0
13	Onstein	103.0	47	Mayantz	85.0
14	Arcelor Stainless india	102.0	48	Philippines	84.0
15	Hackett	101.0	49	Deora	83.0
16	Datloff	98.0		Gmur	83.0
	Alizee	98.0		Kathie	83.0
	Van Helsing	98.0	52	Sundelin	82.0
	Gosney	98.0		Rayner	82.0
	Otvosi	98.0	54	Ingham	81.0
16	Weinstock	98.0	55	Makiko	80.0
22	Aubonnet	97.0		Hamaoui	80.0
23	Adad	96.0	57	Poddar	77.0
	Smilgajs	96.0	58	Indonesia	76.0
	Allix	96.0	59	Bartley	75.0
	Hargreaves	96.0	60	Venit	73.5
27	Spector	95.0	61	Read	72.0
	Quinn	95.0		Abate	72.0
29	Lol	93.5	63	San Marino Ladies	70.0
30	O'Briain	93.0	64	Sarten	67.0
	Tolani Shipping Team	93.0	65	Goodman	64.0
32	Piekarek	91.0		Mori	64.0
	COOK & Buddys	91.0	67	Triantafyllis	63.0
	Gardiner	91.0	68	Philogene	43.0

### World Championship Book 2006

The official book of these championships in Verona will be available before the end of the year at a price of US\$34. However, for those present in Verona, the book can be pre-ordered at the very special reduced price of US\$25 or 20 Euros, including surface mail to anywhere in the world (Airmail is extra).

To order and pay for your copy, please see Jan Swaan in the Press Room – go through the door marked Staff and Guests only, one floor down from the main playing area, and the Press Room is through the Bulletin Room. Please, when you fill in the form, write your name and address very clearly in capital letters, as every year I have to guess at several addresses.

The book will be 336 large pages, its usual size, and will include a full results listing and many photographs. There will be coverage of every championship, with the principal analysts being Eric Kokish and Brian Senior. Barry Rigal is taking a year off, but there will be one or two special guest contributors to look forward to.

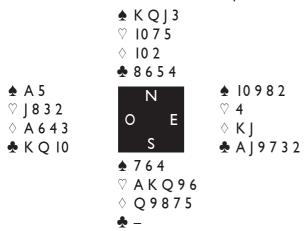
### **COSE DI CASA NOSTRA**

Nel settimo match di qualificazione la squadra Lavazza (Bocchi/Duboin in sala aperta, M. D'Avossa/S.Di Bello in chiusa e Ferraro/Madala in panchina) ha incontrato Colchamiro, una buona formazione targata Stati Uniti. In aperta, contro i nostri nazionali, si sono schierati la campionessa mondiale Kitty Munson - Cooper e suo figlio Paul Bethe. Dall'altra parte, opposti ai ragazzi, si sono seduti i coniugi Colchamiro.

Il risultato finale ha visto prevalere Lavazza per 17 a 13.

#### 9 prese



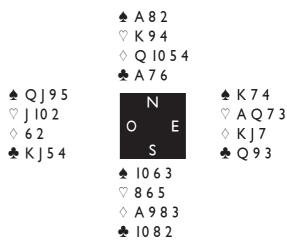


Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Munson-Cooper	Bocchi	Bethe	Duboin
I ♦	Passo	I♠	2♡
Passo	Passo	2SA	Passo
3♣	3♡	Fine	

La coppia americana, che in zona gioca il ISA 14/17, ha un trattamento variabile per posizione di chiamata e situazione di vulnerabilita' che ha comportato l'apertura di 10. Questo inizio ha condizionato il successivo sviluppo. Ovest ha anticipato il nobile e, sull'intervento a cuori di Sud, Kitty Munson -Cooper, passando, ha negato la terza di picche. Con questo approccio lento, la mano si andava lentamente ridimensionando. Il 2 SA di risveglio di Est, impossibilitato a dichiarare le fiori in quanto avrebbe mostrato lunghezze invertite, ha creato un problema d'interpretazione ad Ovest, indecisa tra naturale e minori nella spiegazione fornita a Duboin. Alla fine ha cerchiato la seconda ipotesi e ha detto 3♣, ma sulla competizione di Bocchi nessuno ha avuto voglia di combattere. Tagliato l'attacco fiori, (e' uno dei due attacchi che batte il contratto; l'altro e' Asso di picche), Duboin ha anticipato quadri, ma si e' scontrato con la continua prosecuzione nel colore iniziale finendo in una sorta di fuorigioco che, comunque, ha comportato 8 prese in verticale. E allora, dove sono le 9 prese del titolo? In orizzontale, evidentemente, a disposizione di D'Avossa/Di Bello che, in chiusa, hanno chiamato e realizzato 3SA con qualche giro licitativo in meno. Se poi si volesse aumentare il numero di levee, anche se non se ne vede la ragione avendo a disposizione la manche corta, si puo' anche dichiarare il contratto di 5♣, totalizzandone 11.

### Troppo presto

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

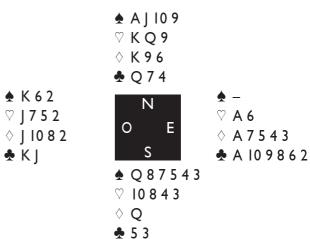


Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Munson-Cooper	Bocchi	Bethe	Duboin
		ISA	Passo
2♣	Passo	2♡	Passo
2♠	Fine		

Ecco l'apertura di ISA 14/17, in zona. L'escursione tra minimo e massimo e' forte, la forchetta ampia. Munson - Cooper ha interrogato, Bethe ha mostrato le cuori non negando le picche ed Ovest, con il 2♠ ha blandamente invitato senza forzare, come da spiegazione. Est, con il minimo, non ha ritenuto di proseguire. Bocchi ha attaccato quadri, per il Fante, l'Asso e il ritorno nel colore. Re di quadri e picche. Asso di picche e quadri, su cui Ovest ha scartato una fiori. Atout. La difesa ha realizzato I quadri, I picche e 2 fiori. I40. Nell'altra sala, i guerriglieri del Senza hanno chiamato al volo anche questo 3SA, in zona, realizzando 9 prese. Per il principio che non e' detto che le manche che si possono battere vengono regolarmente battute...

#### Rischio

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



Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Munson-Cooper	Bocchi	Bethe	Duboin
Passo	ISA	3♣	Passo
3♦	Passo	Passo	3♠
Passo	Passo	4♣	Passo
<b>4</b> ♦	Fine		

Sull'apertura di ISA forte di Nord, il 3 di Est mostra i minori. Tutto sembrava spegnersi senza spargimento di sangue, quando Sud ha deciso di competere. In fin dei conti c'e' una sesta di picche in una 6/4 e in piu' gli avversari non sembrano intenzionati male. Rischio. Est ha allungato le fiori ed Ovest ha pensato molto prima di limitarsi e riportare semplicemente a quadri. A licita finita il sospiro di sollievo verticale, pur non sentendosi, si e' intuito.





### **Rulings and Appeals**

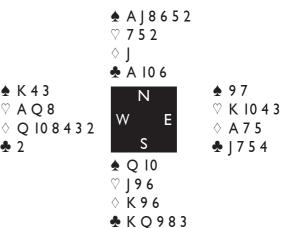
The WBF Code of Practice applies in all events at these championships. The attention of players is drawn particularly to the fact that the appeals committee bases the hearing of each appeal on the expectation that the ruling of the director is free of significant error and appropriate to the facts. An appeals committee will change the ruling made by the director only if wholly convinced by the appellant that such is not the case. For this reason, players who are inclined to appeal a ruling are asked to bear these considerations in mind:

- **I.** The chief tournament director is at the top of his profession and the team of directors he has assembled include a number of senior directors with exceptional experience of world championships.
- **2.** If any question arises as to the application of the law to the facts of a case, there is consultation among these directors.
- **3.** In reaching decisions that involve bridge judgment, the directors consult a number of expert players for their opinions. Consequently, only the strongest arguments will overturn rulings that are never made on impulse or without proper consultation.

### Well Read

By Barry Rigal

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



On this deal from the third final session of the Mixed Pairs, Larry Cohen reported a nice piece of card reading by his opponent, Rosalien Barendregt.

She opened the South hand INT and ended in 4♠ after partner employed a Texas transfer.

Cohen led his singleton club, read by declarer, who won the opening lead in hand to advance the  $\Phi$ Q. Cohen covered, and after Barendregt won the  $\Phi$ A she paused to consider her situation. Assuming West had started with only one club, if declarer returned to hand with the  $\Phi$ 10, she would have no way to return to dummy to pull the last trump. She therefore took her best shot – that the  $\Phi$ 9 was now singleton in either hand. Her analysis was rewarded with a 96% score for Plus 450 when the  $\Phi$ 1 dropped East's 9 and the  $\Phi$ 8 picked up the last trump.

Incidentally, consider 3♠ from the North seat, the normal contract after South passes, or opens a mini no trump or nebulous club, and West overcalls in diamonds. On the lead of the ◇A, West should drop the ◇Q, letting East shift to a low heart, promising an honour. Now West must win the ace, queen, and play a third heart. Can East now work out to lead the 13th heart, letting West pitch his club? Whichever hand declarer ruffs in, he can no longer pick up the trumps! (Thanks to Mike Passell for pointing out this variation.)

### CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS

The IBPA Annual General Meeting will be on MONDAY 19th June at 9-15 am in the room next to the Press Room.



### Round II

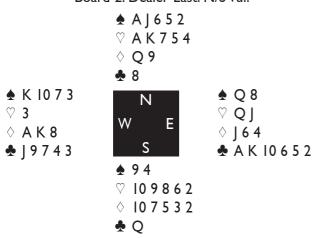
### Rosenblum Cup

### The Last Round-Up

by Brian Senior

Going into the last round of the Rosenblum qualifying stage, it appeared that LAVAZZA was coasting through in the top spot in their group. In the final round they met the French team, SOULET, who were also looking to be likely qualifiers but needed to avoid a serious beating in this match. The French team need not have worried as they dominated the match almost from start to finish.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



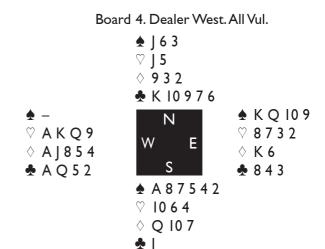
West	North	East	South
Duboin	Eisenberg	Bocchi	Allouche
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	3♡	Pass	4♡
Dble	All Pass		

Giorgio Duboin enquired over Norberto Bocchi's weak no trump opening then showed his four-card spade suit. When Eric Eisenberg now overcalled 2%, it was natural for Daniele Allouche to raise to game, and all that Duboin could do was to double – the club suit, which offers East/West a making game, was never mentioned. Four Hearts had four losers for down one; –200.



Agustin Madala, Argentina

Unfortunately, we do not have the auction from the other tables, but Patrick Sussel's I $\clubsuit$  opening helped his side to reach 5 $\clubsuit$  and Agustin Madala/Guido Ferraro went on to 5 $\heartsuit$ , doubled for -500 and 7 IMPs to SOULET.

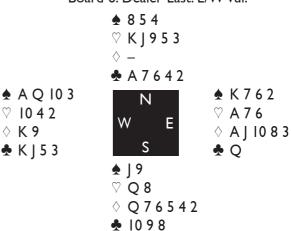


West	North	East	South
Soulet	Madala	Sussel	Ferraro
1♦	Pass	ΙØ	I♠
3♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Philippe Soulet loved his hand when Sussel responded  $I^{\heartsuit}$  and Ferraro overcalled in his void. He splintered then confirmed the void and made one more try in the face of Sussel's discouraging 3NT call, showing wasted spade values. It doesn't take much from East to make slam good, but Soulet made a disciplined pass when Sussel signed off in  $4^{\heartsuit}$ . He was right in theory as slam is sub-par, but wrong in practice as the favourable lie allowed Sussel to make all thirteen tricks after Ferraro's low spade lead.

In the other room, Bocchi/Duboin had a deep and meaningful auction to 4♠ on the East/West cards. Duboin thought he had agreed hearts when he cuebid 4♠, Bocchi obviously thought otherwise. The contract was one down for −100 and 13 IMPs to SOULET.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

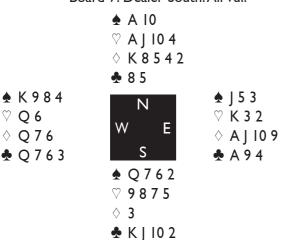


West	North	East	South
Soulet	Madala	Sussel	Ferraro
		1♦	Pass
I♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Seeking a diamond ruff, Madala led a low club against 4♠, but it was not to be. Dummy's bare queen won the first trick and Soulet was n complete control. He could take the ruffing finesses in both minors and came to twelve tricks for +680.

In the other room Bocchi/Duboin bid aggressively to 6♠, which would have some chances on another day, particularly on a non-heart lead. But today was not another day. With the contract played by East, Eisenberg doubled for a diamond lead, took his ruff and cashed the ace of clubs; down one for −200 and 13 IMPs to SOULET, who were building up a handy lead in the match. It could have been more, of course, had Eisenberg switched to a heart rather than cash the ace of clubs, but he could not know that this would be safe.

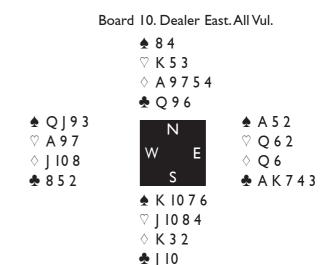
Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Duboin	Eisenberg	Bocchi	Allouche
Soulet	Madala	Sussel	Ferraro
			Pass
Pass	[♦	Pass	I♡
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

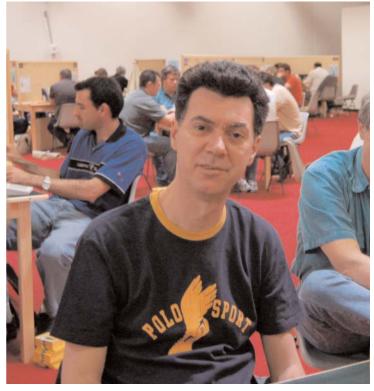
Duboin led a low club and Bocchi won the ace and switched to a low heart for the queen and ace. Allouche crossed to the king of clubs to lead a diamond to the king. Bocchi won the ace and played two more rounds of trumps, Duboin pitching a spade. Allouche continued with ace of spades then the ten, covered by the jack, queen and king. Duboin played the  $\Diamond Q$ , on which declarer threw a spade, followed by another diamond, ruffed. Allouche ruffed out the queen of clubs but had no way back to the established winner so that was her last trick; down two for -200.

Against Ferraro, Soulet also led a club to the ace but Sussel returned the suit. Ferraro won the king and led a diamond to the king and ace. Sussel returned a diamond, ruffed, and Ferraro continued with the -10, covered and ruffed, then a second diamond ruff. He threw the ten of spades on the -10, ruffed, and a diamond was ruffed and over-ruffed. There was just the  $\heartsuit K$  to lose from here; +110 and 7 IMPs to LAVAZZA. A nice trump switch from Bocchi at the first table.



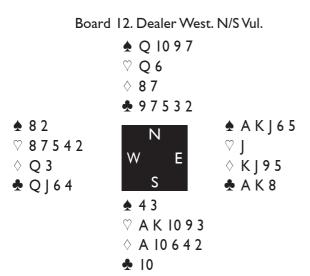
West	North	East	South
Duboin	Eisenberg	Bocchi	Allouche
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2◊	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Soulet	Madala	Sussel	Ferraro
		INT	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Soulet raised to 2NT and Sussel passed, receiving a heart lead from Ferraro. He ran the jack to Madala's king and won the heart return in hand to lead a low spade to the queen, then ducked a club. Ferraro cleared the hearts and Sussel played a club to the ace then the  $\lozenge$ 6 to the jack and ace. He won the spade return with the ace and cashed the clubs; eight tricks for +120.



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Duboin also invited, but via 2♣, and Bocchi accepted the invitation. Allouche too led the jack of hearts, ducked to the king. Back came a heart and Bocchi won in dummy to pass the queen of spades. Allouche allowed that to hold so Bocchi switched his attention to clubs, ducking to Allouche's ten. She cleared the hearts and declarer cashed the clubs, throwing spades from dummy, then led a diamond. Madala won and led a spade through so Bocchi won and conceded the last two tricks to South's pair of kings; down one for −100 and 6 IMPs to SOULET.



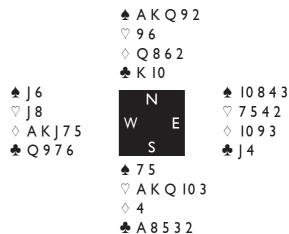
West Duboin Pass	North Eisenberg Pass	<b>East</b> Bocchi	South Allouche 2°
Pass 2♠ 3♠	Pass Pass All Pass	Dble 3≎	Pass Pass
West Soulet Pass Pass 4♣	North Madala Pass 3♡ All Pass	East Sussel I♣ Dble	South Ferraro 3♣(i) Pass

### (i) Red suits

Bocchi liked his hand, understandably enough, and bid 30 as a game try when Duboin admitted to some spade support, but Duboin was not interested. Allouche led the top hearts so Bocchi ruffed and played a diamond to the queen then back to the king and ace. Bocchi ruffed the heart return, cashed the top spades, then cashed four rounds of clubs and played a heart to make his  $\Phi$ J en passant for ten tricks; +170.

Ferraro showed the two-suiter and Sussel doubled the 3<sup>▽</sup> preference for take-out. Soulet bid 4♣ and played there. Madala led a diamond and Ferraro played ace and another to Soulet's queen. Soulet played a club to the ace, cashed the ♣A, then played the ♣K. He conceded a heart to Ferraro, who gave Madala a diamond ruff. Madala played a heart, ruffed in dummy, and Soulet threw another heart on the king of diamonds as Madala ruffed; down one for −50 and 6 IMPs to LAVAZZA.





West	North	East	South
Duboin	Eisenberg	Bocchi	Allouche
	I ♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Soulet	Madala	Sussel	Ferraro
	I♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The French auction looks normal to me and it ended in a good, if not quite secure, spot. As the cards lay, it was secure, of course, and Eisenberg made nine tricks for +600. The opening lead was the ten of diamonds to the king and Duboin switched to a club, which Eisenberg won with the king to pass the nine of hearts, ensuring a fourth trick in that suit and nine in all, as Duboin now cashed the  $\Diamond A$ .

Madala/Ferraro are not a regular partnership and it showed as they reached a hopeless slam and lost two trump tricks plus the ace of diamonds for down two; –200 and 13 IMPs to SOULET.

SOULET came out on top by 57-18 IMPs, converting to a 25-5 VP win. That was just enough to take them to the top of the standings, beating out POPOVA on a split tie, with LAVAZZA I VP behind in third place. That didn't affect LAVAZZA, who had a protected seeding, but improved the situation for the other two teams, at least in theory.

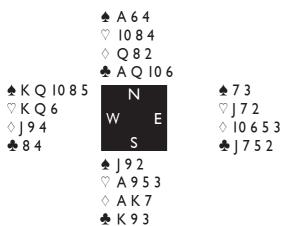


### The Director Came Over with the Scores

by Matthew Granovetter

Our quaint hotel in Verona is located nicely a few blocks walk from the convention site. The hotel is doing well, since all three American pairs that won medals in the Mixed Pairs are here. Tuesday night we went to a local sandwich bar with Lew and Joanna Stansby and they told us some cute stories. Here's one of them (hands rotated).

Board 2. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Lew		JoAnna	
	♣	Pass	3♠
Dble All Pass	Rdbl	Pass	3NT

Opening lead: 4Q.

This board was the last board of the Mixed Pairs for them. At this point, the top three pairs, the Stansbys, the Levins, and McCallum and I, were within a percentage point of each other, but we were all playing different boards at different tables. At this table North/South were a Polish pair, and the 3♠ response to I♠ was a transfer to 3NT! Lew doubled for the spade lead, but North redoubled and now South became declarer!

That was bad news for Lew, but what could he do about it? If he had not doubled, his wife would have led a diamond.



JoAnna Stansby, USA

(Chip Martel suggested later that next time they play against this system, they use pass of 3♠ to ask for a spade lead and double to say don't lead a spade!)

Lew led the extstyle Q and switched to the extstyle K, which held. Next he tried the extstyle Q. Declarer won and drove out the jack. JoAnna returned a spade now through the jack. Declarer had nine tricks, but could score 10 if he guessed to finesse East for the extstyle J. Declarer cashed the 13th heart, two diamonds, ending in dummy, and then the extstyle A.

Then he called for the \$10, East playing low.

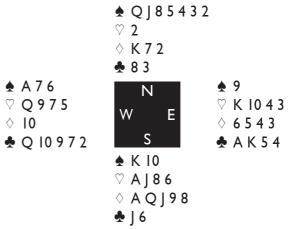
At this point, the director came over and gave everyone their score sheets through round 12. Lew saw he was in third place. But he was more concerned with South. "What if South was in a high position and now decided he needed a top score, and floated the ten of clubs?!" said Lew. Luckily for Lew and JoAnna, declarer rose with the AK and took only nine tricks, so the Stansbys held on to third place and a bronze medal.

### Alarms and Discussions (revisited)

By Barry Rigal

Anything you can do, I can do better, said Bobby Levin.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Pass	I♠	Dble	I♦ INT(i)
2 <b>♠</b> (ii)	2♠	3♡	3♠ິ
4♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

(i) 15-17

(ii) Good raise to 2♥

When we saw the board reported before, 4 went down after a top club lead from East following West's Q as an alarm-clock. Levin as East worked out on lead that partner's double was probably based on a ruff, so he led a low diamond to trick one! Steve Weinstein took the A at trick two and led a club to the K for a diamond ruff, and a club to the A for a second ruff; +300 on a deal where it would not have been so hard to let through game.

### No Day Off

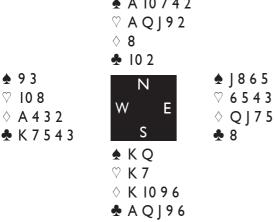
by Brent Manley

While the McConnell competitors were sleeping in and shopping on their day off, the round of 64 got underway in the Rosenblum. The first set of the Welland/Strul match was a tight affair, thanks in large measure to the I3-IMP swing gained by Strul on the second board of the set.

Aubry Strul and Bob Jones, North/South, had a reasonable auction to a reasonable spot.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 7 4 2



West	North	East	South
	Strul		Jones
		Pass	♣
Pass	I♠	Pass	2◊
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Strul, having described his hand, gave up when Jones showed no interest in either of his majors. Roy Welland, West, led the \$\pm\$9 and Jones quickly wrapped up Plus 630.

At the other table, Lew Stansby and Chip Martel got much higher.



Björn Fallenius, Sweden

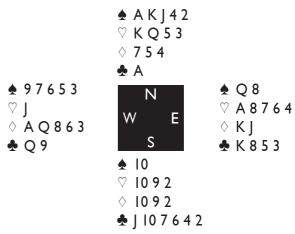
West	North	East	South
	Martel		Stansby
		Pass	♣
Pass	I♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡(i)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

(i) At least 5-5 in the majors

East started with the  $\lozenge Q$ , so even if the club finesse had been working, the bad spade break would have doomed the slam. At it was, neither key suit cooperated and Martel finished at two down.

Welland got 5 IMPs back on the next deal on vastly different auctions.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Welland		Fallenius	Pass
Pass	IÀ	All Pass	rass

Welland, in the passout seat after Strul's third-seat opener, didn't have to think long about his action holding five cards in the suit.

Bjorn Fallenius started with a low club to the 2, 9 and ace. Strul played a low spade from hand at trick two, taken by Fallenius with the queen for another club play. Strul ruffed and cashed his spades — that was five tricks, declarer's limit. That was Plus 100 for the Welland team.

The auction was a lot different at the other table, where Stansby was South and Apolinary Kowalski and Piotr Tuszynski were East/West.

West	North	East	South
	Martel		Stansby
			3♣
Pass	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	DЫ	3NT	Pass
Pass	DЫ	Pass	Pass
4◊	All Pass		

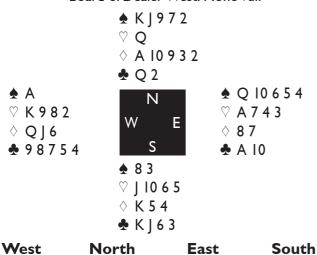
After the trump lead by Martel, Kowalski (West) had to build spade tricks on power, but his spots were good enough

Welland

Dble

to do that. Unfortunately for him, the defenders could not be denied four tricks for one down.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Welland's aggressive take-out double worked like a charm when Jones and Strul sold out to  $2^{\circ}$ . With length in trumps, Jones didn't want to try for ruffs, so instead of starting with his partner's first suit, Jones led a low diamond. Fallenius put up the queen, and Strul won the  ${}^{\diamond}A$  to switch to his singleton heart. Fallenius won in hand and played another diamond. Jones won the king and exited with a low trump – it would not have helped for him to play one of his heart honors. Fallenius won the  ${}^{\diamond}B$  in dummy, cashed the  ${}^{\diamond}A$ , played a club to the ace in his hand, ruffed a spade and cashed the  ${}^{\diamond}Q$ , pitching his losing club and crossruffing for nine tricks and Plus 140.

2♦

**Fallenius** 

**Pass** 

2♡

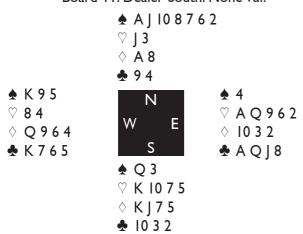
INT

All Pass

At the other table, the heart contract was one level higher and declarer had no chance on the lead of the ♠8. That was one down and 5 IMPs to Welland.

Strul helped his side to a 9-IMP gain on this deal.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



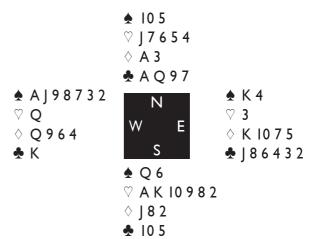
At the other table, Strul's teammates played in 3NT, down a trick after Martel started with the  $\triangle$ A. At his table, Strul took the bull by the horns after two passes.

West	<b>North</b> Strul	East	South Jones Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Fallenius started with the  $\lozenge 10$ . Strul won the king in dummy and played the  $\bigstar Q$ , which held. Another spade to the jack, followed by the ace, and trumps were in. As the cards lay, declarer could not misguess in hearts, so Strul duly recorded Plus 420 and a useful gain.

Welland trailed 30-14 with two boards to go. They got a big chunk of it back on the next-to-last deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Martel		Stansby
	Pass	Pass	2♡
2♠	4♡	All Pass	

With the club finesse working, Stansby had no difficulty at all in arriving at tricks, losing only spades and a diamond – Plus 620.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Welland	Strul	Fallenius	Jones
	I♡	Pass	4♡
4♠	All Pass		

The late Edgar Kaplan used to say he tried to avoid leaping to 4% because it often served as a transfer to  $4\spadesuit$  – by the opponents. It worked that way on this deal as Welland bid what was in front his face after the preemptive barrage by lones.

Strul led a low heart to the king, and Jones shifted to the \$\\ \blacktriangle 10\$: king, ace, 2. Strul got out with a low spade to the queen and ace. Welland played another spade to dummy's king and ruffed a club, then played two more rounds of spades, but the opponents discarded only unhelpful hearts. The key was how to play diamonds. Welland knew where the \$\lambda\$A was, but what about the jack?

If Jones'  $\clubsuit10$  was doubleton, the North could be counted for only two diamonds, and it wouldn't matter where the jack was. It appeared, however, that South had the  $\heartsuit A$  K, leaving North with a pretty thin vulnerable opener, even with the  $\lozenge J$ . After some thought, Welland played a low diamond from hand to dummy's 10 – one down.

It was still an II-IMP gain because of the action at the other table, but it could have been double game swing and a profit of 16 IMPs.

The set ended 30-28 in favor of Strul.

### Round of 64

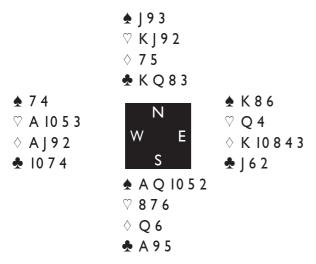
### Rosenblum Cup

### **Angelini v Schwartz**

by Mark Horton

In the round of 64 the first session of the Rosenblum was a match of two halves. (Don't you just love those sporting cliches?)

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Fantoni	Schwartz	Nunes
	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			



Alfredo Versace, Italy

West led the three of hearts and declarer put in the jack, losing to East's queen.

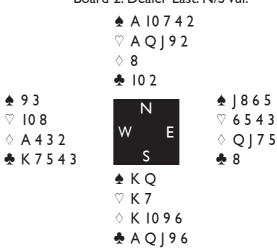
Back came the four of diamonds and the defenders cashed their red suit winners for one down: +50.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	El Ahmadi	Lauria	Sadek
	Pass	Pass	I♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West led a spade and declarer was not hard pressed to take ten tricks, simply drawing trumps, testing clubs and playing a heart; +170 and 6 IMPs to Schwartz.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Fantoni	Schwartz	Nunes
		Pass	♣*
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Three Hearts showed 5-5 in the majors and was game forcing.

Declarer won the diamond lead, unblocked the spades and took all his top tricks, +630.

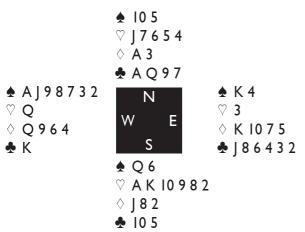
#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	El Ahmadi	Lauria	Sadek
		Pass	♣
Pass	♠	Pass	2◊
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2NT
Pass	6♡	Pass	6♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Would you gentle readers have jumped to Six Hearts? No, I thought not. On a good day, this would no doubt have rolled home, but this day had only just started.

West led the nine of spades and declarer unblocked that suit and then cashed his major suit winners. With spades not breaking he needed club tricks and he club tricks and when the club finesse lost his by now blank king of diamonds fell under West's ace – four down; –400 and 14 IMPs to Angelini.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Fantoni	Schwartz	Nunes
	Pass	Pass	2♡*
2♠	3♠	Dble	<b>4</b> ♡
4♠	All Pass		

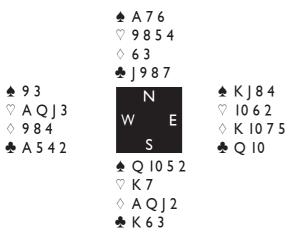
North led a heart and South won with the king and switched to the queen of spades. Declarer won in dummy, played another four rounds of trumps and then a diamond to the king. That was +620.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	El Ahmadi	Lauria	Sadek
	I♡	Pass	2NT
3♠	All Pass		

It's not often the Italians stop out of any game that has a chance. That was 10 IMPs to Schwartz, giving them the lead by 6 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Fantoni	Schwartz	Nunes
		Pass	♣
10	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	2♠
All Pass			

West led a spade and East won with the king and switched to a heart. When declarer put up the king the defenders won, cashed a heart and played a third round on which declarer discarded a club. He finished two down for -100.

#### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Versace	El Ahmadi	Lauria	Sadek
		Pass	INT

All Pass

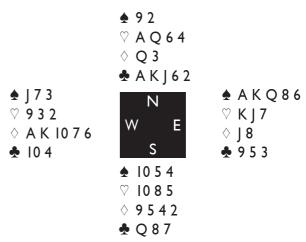
West led the four of clubs and declarer took East's ten with the king and returned the suit. When East switched to the king of spades rather than a low heart declarer ducked.

Now a heart switch was essential, but East played a diamond. Declarer finessed and played a club. West won and played a spade and declarer won in hand with the ten, crossed to the ace of spades, cashed a club and took a diamond finesse; +120.

The session ended as it had started, with a 6 IMP swing to Schwartz, ahead by 12 IMPs.

Like the preceding quarter the second one contained few swings, but most of them went to the trailing team.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Lauria	El Ahmadi	Versace
Pass	♣	I♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass

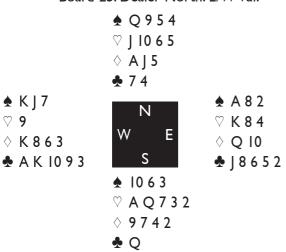
Would East/west have been better placed if West had bid Three Diamonds directly over his partner's redouble? (As an aside should East bid Two Spades if North opens a strong notrump?) The favourable location of the heart honours led to an easy ten tricks; +170.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Schwartz	Fantoni	Willenken
Pass	♣	I♠	Pass
2♦	Dble	Redble	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

You would not expect the Italians to miss this one and so it proved – ten tricks and 10 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



#### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Lauria	El Ahmadi	Versace
	Pass	Pass	IΫ
Dble	3◊*	3NT	All Pass



Tarek Sadek, Egypt

South led the two of hearts and declarer won, cashed his clubs and the spade ace and took the spade finesse for his contract – two down; -200.

Knowing of a singleton heart – at most – opposite, perhaps East should have considered an alternative to 3NT?

The problem with playing at the highest level nowadays is that the toughest opponents never seem to give you a moment to yourselves. A contested auction always poses more problems – and its hard work getting them all right.

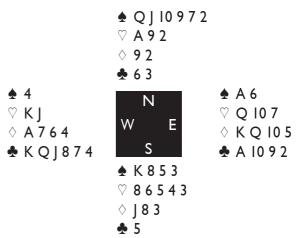
### **Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Schwartz	Fantoni	Willenken
	Pass	Pass	2♡
Dble	4♡	Dble	All Pass

West led his trump and declarer put up the jack from dummy and drew trumps. There was nothing to the play, declarer recording eight tricks for -300. A good result for the Butler – but a loss of 11 IMPs.

The Italian's closed the session with another swing earned entirely in the bidding:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



### **Open Room**

West	North	East	South	
Sadek	Lauria	El Ahmadi	Versace	
♣	I♠	2♠*	2NT*	
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It's always annoying to miss a making slam, even more so when the tricks are 'on top'. Where did things go wrong? Well, the strength of East's hand is obviously a factor, but for my money West can hardly be badly placed if he simply rebids Three Clubs or possibly Three Diamonds.

### **Closed Room**

West	West North		South	
Nunes	Schwartz	Fantoni	Willenken	
♣	2♠	$Dble^*$	4♠	
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass	
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass	

An easy 10 IMPs for Angelini, ahead now by 13 IMPs.

## **SENIOR**

### **TEAM ROSTERS**

Team Name	Countries	Ist Name	2nd Name	3rd Name	4th Name	5th Name	6th Name
Bateman	RSA	Kennelly N	Bateman B	Bateman S	Kennelly M	Kennelly N	
Belgium	BEL	Hendrickx	Bodson M	Busquin P	De Mesmaecker L	,	
Bigat	SUI-TUR	Yalman A	Bigat H	Bankoglu E	Tolun R	Yalman A	
Canada	CAN	Schleifer M	Clark P	Klein C	Lesage R	Schleifer M	
Dalla Casapiccola	ITA-SMR	Vanini L	Casapiccola A	Maci G	Mismetti C	Salvi M	Vanini L
Dix	MLT-CAN-WAL	Tedd M	Dix M	Lui R	Lui R	Parnis-England M	Jourdain P
Finkel	USA	Sutherlin	Finkel L	Kasle G	Mohan J	Sutherlin J	,
Fornaciari	ITA	Ricciarelli M	Fornaciari E	Baroni F	Farina P	Franco A	Mariani C
Gordon	SCO-ISR-ENG-USA		Gordon I	Rand N	Panto I	labbour Z	Eisenstein G
Gramounes	REU	Melin G	Blanc R	Galoup C	Guirado	Mechy J	Mejean J
Hadi	PAK-ENG	Shoaib K	Hadi K	Ahmed	Ataullah M	Cohen H	Ispahani S
Harper	ENG	Priday V	Harper R	Hoffman M	Priday T	Priday V	ispaniani s
Holt	USA-PAN	Greenberg G	Holt D	Kniest T	Schulte E	Stack D	Hand J
Humburg	GER	Wladow E	Humburg H	Kratz U	Marsal R	Mattsson G	Strater B
Indonesia	INA	Sawiruddin M	Aguw M	Budirahardja A	Lasut H	Mandey S	Manoppo E
Jackson	IRL	Mackenzie G	Jackson D	Barry P	Campbell H	Mackenzie G	Tianoppo L
Jean-Marsha	USA-SWE	Fisher A	Sternberg	Cokin A	Chambers N	Schermer	Sundelin P
Kaminsky	ISR	Sheinman R	Kaminski A	Levit Y	Schwartz A	Sheinman R	
KRUGER	RSA-USA	Tornay C	Gilmour K	Ichilcik L	Kruger H	Tornay C	
Marino	ITA	Melli A	Marino L	Battistone G	Bertolucci E	Bettinetti G	Jelmoni G
Markowicz	USA-POL-ISR	Zeligman S	Markowicz V	Melman V	Zaremba	Klukowski J	Jezioro A
Mefo	TUR	Tokcan M	Ekinci O	Falay F	Korkut E	Tokcan M	,
Naniwada	IPN	Yamada A	Naniwada M	Naniwada M	Nakatani T	Nakatani T	Ohno K
Netherlands I	NED	Trouwborst J	Boegem W	Doremans N	Janssens O	Klaver N	Ramer R
Netherlands 2	NED	Vrieze K	Brouwer K	Peppel H	Verhees Sr L	Vrieze K	
Pelletier	GLP-MTQ	Picard P	Pelletier	Cassin	Delcourt A	Joatton P	Mondor F
Piganeau	FRA	Ру J	Piganeau P	Dechelette N	Lasserre G	Leenhardt F	Pacault H
Poland	POL	Strykier K	Aleksandrzak A	Lasocki K	Russyan	Zdzienicki A	Stobiecki W
Praha	CZE	Textor M	Hebak P	Jansa Z	Krizek F	Nosek J	Pokorna J
Rainieri	ITA	Parrella G	Rainieri F	Baroncelli M	Dato P	Mascarucci R	Parrella G
Romanin	ITA-USA	Cedolin F	Romanin G	Dupont L	Falco D	Garozzo B	Balbi G
Romik	ISR-FRA	Meyer J	Romik P	Damiani	Faigenbaum A	Ginzburg R	Meyer J
Savelli	ITA	Vivaldi A	Savelli L	Lo Cascio C	Dato M	Gigli G	Latessa A
Schneider	GER	Uhlmann H	Schneider W	Koch R	Schinze J	Uhlmann H	
Seppanen	FIN	Rimon R	Seppanen J	Honkavuori R	Lehtinen H	Rimon R	
Serf	FRA-MON	Varennes M	Serf M	Avon D	Beineix J	Fouassier J	Kitabgi A
Short	SCO	Matheson	Short B	Bennett R	Liggat D	Matheson	0
Sisselaar	ARU-NED-BEL	Woensel Van H	Sisselaar P	Bak C	Eijck I	Kamerbeek G	Woensel Van H
Sorvoll	NOR	Trollvik	Sorvoll	Bakke T	Bolviken E	Trollvik J	
Szenberg	POL	Kaczanowski T	Szenberg S	Milaszewski M	Antas K	Kaczanowski T	
Wadia	IND	Pursurampuria B	•	Kalianiwala A	Mango J	Pursurampuria B	
Wolff	USA	Vernay C	Wolff B	Morse D	Schaffer B	Vernay C	
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