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# THE EUROPEAN FACTOR



Although the USA Open team scored the most victory points in the first three qualifying rounds on Saturday, Europe dominated the standings early. Out of nine brackets in the Open, Women's and Senior qualifying series, European teams held the top spot in six of them.

In the Open, USA led with 71 of a possible 75 VPs. The leaders of the other three groups were Norway, Denmark and Hungary. In Group C, the top four teams after three rounds are from Europe.

In the Women's, Poland, Spain and Germany led the three groups. Japan and Canada were ahead in the two Senior brackets.

The Americans, captained by Nick Nickell, started their day with a 51-21 rout of Jordan, then defeated the Philippines 58-21 and Botswana 75-24.

Norway dispatched a tough team from Egypt 48-28 and followed with easy wins over Bermuda and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Germany had the top score of 64 VPs in the Women's series, followed by Spain and Poland.

In the Seniors, Canada led with 67 VPs. Japan finished the first day of play with 65. Qualifying play will continue through Friday. Knockout play begins on Saturday.

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## OPEN TEAMS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM



## ROUND 4

## GROUP A

1	Albania	Italy
2	Trinidad	Ireland
3	Canada	China Macau
4	Denmark	Slovakia
5	Japan	Brazil
6	Pakistan	Estonia
7	France	Kenya
8	Bye	South Africa
9	Finland	Romania

## GROUP B

1	Argentina	China Hong Kong
2	Portugal	Israel
3	India	Korea
4	Latvia	Russia
5	Netherlands	Scotland
6	Sweden	Austria
7	San Marino	Hungary
8	French Polynesia	China
9	Mexico	Jamaica

## GROUP C

1	Morocco	Belgium
2	New Zealand	Spain
3	Bangladesh	Ukraine
4	Iceland	Egypt
5	Chile	Guadeloupe
6	Singapore	Norway
7	Bosnia	Georgia
8	Bermuda	Poland
9	Bulgaria	Chinese Taipei

## GROUP D

1	Belarus	Germany
2	Venezuela	Serbia
3	Switzerland	Australia
4	Indonesia	Philippines
5	Reunion	Lebanon
6	England	Thailand
7	Turkey	USA
8	Botswana	Jordan
9	Greece	Lithuania

## ROUND 5

## GROUP A

1	Slovakia	Bye
2	South Africa	France
3	Kenya	Pakistan
4	Estonia	Japan
5	Italy	Denmark
6	Romania	Canada
7	China Macau	Trinidad
8	Ireland	Albania
9	Brazil	Finland

## GROUP B

1	Russia	French Polynesia
2	China	San Marino
3	Hungary	Sweden
4	Austria	Netherlands
5	China Hong Kong	Latvia
6	Jamaica	India
7	Korea	Portugal
8	Israel	Argentina
9	Scotland	Mexico

## GROUP C

1	Egypt	Bermuda
2	Poland	Bosnia
3	Georgia	Singapore
4	Norway	Chile
5	Belgium	Iceland
6	Chinese Taipei	Bangladesh
7	Ukraine	New Zealand
8	Spain	Morocco
9	Guadeloupe	Bulgaria

## GROUP D

1	Philippines	Botswana
2	Jordan	Turkey
3	USA	England
4	Thailand	Reunion
5	Germany	Indonesia
6	Lithuania	Switzerland
7	Australia	Venezuela
8	Serbia	Belarus
9	Lebanon	Greece

## ROUND 6

## GROUP A

1	Italy	Ireland
2	Albania	China Macau
3	Trinidad	Romania
4	Canada	Brazil
5	Finland	Estonia
6	Denmark	Bye
7	Pakistan	South Africa
8	France	Slovakia
9	Japan	Kenya

## GROUP B

1	China Hong Kong	Israel
2	Argentina	Korea
3	Portugal	Jamaica
4	India	Scotland
5	Mexico	Austria
6	Latvia	French Polynesia
7	Sweden	China
8	San Marino	Russia
9	Netherlands	Hungary

## GROUP C

1	Belgium	Spain
2	Morocco	Ukraine
3	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei
4	Bangladesh	Guadeloupe
5	Bulgaria	Norway
6	Iceland	Bermuda
7	Singapore	Poland
8	Bosnia	Egypt
9	Chile	Georgia

## GROUP D

1	Germany	Serbia
2	Belarus	Australia
3	Venezuela	Lithuania
4	Switzerland	Lebanon
5	Greece	Thailand
6	Indonesia	Botswana
7	England	Jordan
8	Turkey	Philippines
9	Reunion	USA

## Championship Diary

Your badge is an essential piece of equipment here in Beijing. Staff badges carry the letter D. We were wondering what this stood for – then the light dawned – Drone.

Searching for a precise definition unearthed the following alternatives:

*The male of a bee that has no sting and gathers no honey;*

*One that lives on the labours of others;*

*An unmanned aircraft or ship guided by remote control.*

We leave you to decide which is the most appropriate!

Sabine Auken was an early visitor to the Bulletin office (alas we had no coffee) – she was seeking directions to East Beichen Road. 'I wouldn't start from here' was our suggestion.

We are delighted to pass on belated congratulations to Ger-

many's Bernhard Sträter (playing for the Senior team) from his wife Margit. Friday's opening ceremony coincided with his 60th birthday!

Another, slightly younger, birthday boy is England's David Gold, well behind Bernhard on 30!

The gourmets and gourmands in Beijing will already have discovered that the buffet in the Intercontinental Hotel is both excellent and generous in the extreme.

On the second day of his stay, it would both be impolite and imprudent to identify the team official who was asked to order a la carte rather than from the buffet as the restaurant had lost their profit margin for the day because of him on the previous night.

Take it from me, Harvey Fox, our IT Manager, is an absolute genius!

## WOMEN TEAMS



# TODAY'S PROGRAM



### ROUND 4

#### GROUP E

1 Poland	USA
2 Palestine	Brazil
3 Italy	Lithuania
4 Portugal	Belarus
5 Japan	Reunion
6 Thailand	Egypt
7 England	China Hong Kong
8 Guadeloupe	Trinidad
9 India	Norway

#### GROUP F

1 Finland	Canada
2 France	Russia
3 Denmark	Jordan
4 Scotland	Argentina
5 Australia	Indonesia
6 Serbia	Estonia
7 Philippines	Venezuela
8 Kenya	Spain
9 China	Bermuda

#### GROUP G

1 Netherlands	Korea
2 Barbados	Greece
3 Ireland	Chinese Taipei
4 Mexico	New Zealand
5 Pakistan	Jamaica
6 Turkey	Morocco
7 Latvia	Singapore
8 South Africa	Sweden
9 Hungary	Germany

### ROUND 5

#### GROUP E

1 Belarus	Guadeloupe
2 Trinidad	England
3 China Hong Kong	Thailand
4 Egypt	Japan
5 USA	Portugal
6 Norway	Italy
7 Lithuania	Palestine
8 Brazil	Poland
9 Reunion	India

#### GROUP F

1 Argentina	Kenya
2 Spain	Philippines
3 Venezuela	Serbia
4 Estonia	Australia
5 Canada	Scotland
6 Bermuda	Denmark
7 Jordan	France
8 Russia	Finland
9 Indonesia	China

#### GROUP G

1 New Zealand	South Africa
2 Sweden	Latvia
3 Singapore	Turkey
4 Morocco	Pakistan
5 Korea	Mexico
6 Germany	Ireland
7 Chinese Taipei	Barbados
8 Greece	Netherlands
9 Jamaica	Hungary

### ROUND 6

#### GROUP E

1 USA	Brazil
2 Poland	Lithuania
3 Palestine	Norway
4 Italy	Reunion
5 India	Egypt
6 Portugal	Guadeloupe
7 Thailand	Trinidad
8 England	Belarus
9 Japan	China Hong Kong

#### GROUP F

1 Canada	Russia
2 Finland	Jordan
3 France	Bermuda
4 Denmark	Indonesia
5 China	Estonia
6 Scotland	Kenya
7 Serbia	Spain
8 Philippines	Argentina
9 Australia	Venezuela

#### GROUP G

1 Korea	Greece
2 Netherlands	Chinese Taipei
3 Barbados	Germany
4 Ireland	Jamaica
5 Hungary	Morocco
6 Mexico	South Africa
7 Turkey	Sweden
8 Latvia	New Zealand
9 Pakistan	Singapore

## NOTICE

Since many people have experienced great difficulty in telling their taxi drivers how to take them to the Beichen Intercontinental Hotel, we hope that this notice will help the drivers get their directions sorted out.

Please send me to the Beichen Intercontinental Hotel.

请带我去北辰洲际酒店（北辰西路，原主新闻中心，MPC）

# SENIOR TEAMS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND 4

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Estonia	Brazil	1 Guadeloupe	Germany
2 Denmark	Japan	2 China	Indonesia
3 South Africa	Sweden	3 Poland	Italy
4 New Zealand	Hungary	4 Egypt	Canada
5 China Hong Kong	USA	5 Reunion	Thailand
6 England	Chinese Taipei	6 Australia	Belgium
7 France	Kenya	7 Ireland	Finland
8 Pakistan	Wales	8 India	Netherlands

### ROUND 5

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Hungary	France	1 Canada	Ireland
2 Kenya	England	2 Finland	Australia
3 Chinese Taipei	China Hong Kong	3 Belgium	Reunion
4 USA	Pakistan	4 Thailand	India
5 Brazil	New Zealand	5 Germany	Egypt
6 Sweden	Denmark	6 Italy	China
7 Japan	Estonia	7 Indonesia	Guadeloupe
8 Wales	South Africa	8 Netherlands	Poland

### ROUND 6

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Brazil	Japan	1 Germany	Indonesia
2 Estonia	Sweden	2 Guadeloupe	Italy
3 Denmark	Wales	3 China	Netherlands
4 South Africa	USA	4 Poland	Thailand
5 Pakistan	Chinese Taipei	5 India	Belgium
6 New Zealand	France	6 Egypt	Ireland
7 England	Hungary	7 Australia	Canada
8 China Hong Kong	Kenya	8 Reunion	Finland

## WBF Laws Drafting Subcommittee



Please note that a meeting of the subcommittee is summoned for 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8th. (in the WBF meeting room).

## A second hearing

Phillip Alder reported this deal from the Individual with the comment that if he had heard correctly, Geir Helgemo had reached 5♣ here after a 3♠ opening bid. In fact he nearly heard it right but not quite...

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromoller</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Branco</i>	<i>Gromov</i>
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

There was a point of interest in the auction: what should South's double of 4♠ mean? Cards, take-out, or penalty? And given that this was an unfamiliar partnership, what would be the significance or otherwise of the tray taking 30 seconds to come through with South's double and West's pass on it?

You could argue that unless there was a clear meaning to the double, a slow double does not demonstrably point in any direction. And since no TD was called, the point was moot.

Now let's look at West's position when the spade ace is led. How should he signal –and again to simplify matters, let us assume that if West discourages spades, East will shift to a diamond, the 'obvious shift'. If West wants a heart switch he will have to drop an unusual card and hope partner works it out.

So what should West do? A low card would get a diamond shift, the ♠Q would deny the king, the ♠J might get a heart shift...but what does the ♠K say? Does it suggest six spades to the ♠KQ (with or without the ♦K?) or could it be played from seven? And does it deny a diamond honour? So many questions, so few answers, although with six spades to the ♠K and no ♦K maybe West should just encourage without playing an honour.

At the table West dropped the ♠K. Now should East have over-ruled his partner and played a diamond anyway, knowing that there was time to revert to spades if the diamond shift brought no rewards? maybe so; but obviously if West had a 6-3-3-1 pattern then dummy's spade would vanish on the hearts. At the table East played a second spade and the contract made.

The diamond loser would have gone too.

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Romania	France	35 - 24 17 - 13
2	Italy	Finland	64 - 16 25 - 4
3	China Macau	Pakistan	39 - 41 15 - 15
4	Estonia	Slovakia	44 - 15 22 - 8
5	Kenya	South Africa	8 - 57 4 - 25
6	Trinidad & Tobago	Denmark	19 - 42 10 - 20
7	Ireland	Japan	38 - 37 15 - 15
8	Albania	Canada	18 - 69 4 - 25
9	Brazil	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	New Zealand	Iceland	29 - 25 16 - 14
2	Norway	Egypt	48 - 28 20 - 10
3	Guadeloupe	Bermuda	34 - 21 18 - 12
4	Chinese Taipei	Bosnia & Herzegovina	41 - 44 14 - 16
5	Ukraine	Singapore	34 - 17 19 - 11
6	Spain	Chile	38 - 17 20 - 10
7	Belgium	Bulgaria	12 - 50 6 - 24
8	Morocco	Bangladesh	12 - 75 2 - 25
9	Georgia	Poland	14 - 68 3 - 25

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BYE	Estonia	0 - 0 0 - 18
2	France	Brazil	7 - 22 12 - 18
3	Pakistan	Romania	31 - 36 14 - 16
4	Slovakia	Kenya	34 - 28 16 - 14
5	Finland	Ireland	14 - 34 10 - 20
6	Japan	China Macau	24 - 15 17 - 13
7	Trinidad & Tobago	Albania	91 - 19 25 - 0
8	Denmark	South Africa	45 - 12 23 - 7
9	Canada	Italy	25 - 22 16 - 14

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	New Zealand	Morocco	65 - 7 25 - 3
2	Iceland	Poland	26 - 36 13 - 17
3	Bulgaria	Spain	30 - 31 15 - 15
4	Chile	Ukraine	38 - 37 15 - 15
5	Singapore	Chinese Taipei	23 - 42 11 - 19
6	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Guadeloupe	30 - 24 16 - 14
7	Bermuda	Norway	11 - 65 3 - 25
8	Egypt	Georgia	29 - 56 9 - 21
9	Bangladesh	Belgium	50 - 17 23 - 7

GROUP A			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	South Africa	Slovakia	53 - 31 20 - 10
2	Kenya	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0
3	Albania	Denmark	15 - 75 2 - 25
4	Brazil	Pakistan	41 - 43 15 - 15
5	Romania	Japan	25 - 17 17 - 13
6	China Macau	Finland	31 - 36 14 - 16
7	Ireland	Canada	30 - 53 10 - 20
8	Italy	Trinidad & Tobago	38 - 18 20 - 10
9	Estonia	France	43 - 28 18 - 12

GROUP C			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Poland	Egypt	41 - 37 16 - 14
2	Georgia	Bermuda	58 - 13 25 - 5
3	Morocco	Iceland	11 - 32 10 - 20
4	Guadeloupe	Singapore	20 - 30 13 - 17
5	Chinese Taipei	Chile	25 - 44 11 - 19
6	Ukraine	Bulgaria	30 - 46 11 - 19
7	Spain	Bangladesh	53 - 19 23 - 7
8	Belgium	New Zealand	52 - 51 15 - 15
9	Norway	Bosnia & Herzegovina	77 - 6 25 - 1

## ROUND 1

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Portugal	Latvia	58 - 39 19 - 11
2	Austria	Russia	33 - 15 19 - 11
3	Scotland	French Polynesia	58 - 39 19 - 11
4	Jamaica	San Marino	29 - 52 10 - 20
5	Korea	Sweden	23 - 57 7 - 23
6	Israel	Netherlands	61 - 17 25 - 5
7	China Hong Kong	Mexico	39 - 25 18 - 12
8	Argentina	India	36 - 29 16 - 14
9	Hungary	China	57 - 26 22 - 8

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Venezuela	Indonesia	16 - 57 6 - 24
2	Thailand	Philippines	52 - 17 23 - 7
3	Lebanon	Botswana	38 - 6 23 - 7
4	Lithuania	Turkey	17 - 64 4 - 25
5	Australia	England	4 - 66 2 - 25
6	Serbia	Reunion	69 - 26 25 - 5
7	Germany	Greece	44 - 26 19 - 11
8	Belarus	Switzerland	19 - 22 14 - 16
9	USA	Jordan	51 - 21 22 - 8

## ROUND 2

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Portugal	Argentina	22 - 18 16 - 14
2	Latvia	China	18 - 46 8 - 22
3	Mexico	Israel	0 - 70 1 - 25
4	Netherlands	Korea	85 - 9 25 - 0
5	Sweden	Jamaica	44 - 18 21 - 9
6	San Marino	Scotland	32 - 14 19 - 11
7	French Polynesia	Austria	36 - 51 12 - 18
8	Russia	Hungary	29 - 28 15 - 15
9	India	China Hong Kong	42 - 17 21 - 9

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Venezuela	Belarus	1 - 54 3 - 25
2	Indonesia	Jordan	44 - 36 17 - 13
3	Greece	Serbia	30 - 14 19 - 11
4	Reunion	Australia	56 - 16 24 - 6
5	England	Lithuania	45 - 27 19 - 11
6	Turkey	Lebanon	29 - 6 20 - 10
7	Botswana	Thailand	46 - 31 18 - 12
8	Philippines	USA	21 - 58 6 - 24
9	Switzerland	Germany	33 - 51 11 - 19

## ROUND 3

GROUP B			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	China	Russia	24 - 26 15 - 15
2	Hungary	French Polynesia	75 - 18 25 - 3
3	Argentina	Latvia	36 - 33 16 - 14
4	Scotland	Sweden	45 - 28 19 - 11
5	Jamaica	Netherlands	12 - 91 0 - 25
6	Korea	Mexico	23 - 37 12 - 18
7	Israel	India	34 - 54 10 - 20
8	China Hong Kong	Portugal	39 - 69 8 - 22
9	Austria	San Marino	39 - 31 17 - 13

GROUP D			
Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Jordan	Philippines	39 - 44 14 - 16
2	USA	Botswana	75 - 24 25 - 4
3	Belarus	Indonesia	40 - 25 18 - 12
4	Lebanon	England	43 - 35 17 - 13
5	Lithuania	Reunion	20 - 92 0 - 25
6	Australia	Greece	46 - 26 20 - 10
7	Serbia	Switzerland	47 - 47 15 - 15
8	Germany	Venezuela	98 - 0 25 - 0
9	Thailand	Turkey	51 - 55 14 - 16

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**

**GROUP E**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Palestine Portugal	19 - 49	8 - 22
2	Egypt Belarus	32 - 31	15 - 15
3	Reunion Guadeloupe	47 - 4	25 - 5
4	Norway England	9 - 32	10 - 20
5	Lithuania Thailand	33 - 15	19 - 11
6	Brazil Japan	58 - 10	25 - 4
7	USA India	51 - 29	20 - 10
8	Poland Italy	20 - 10	17 - 13
9	China Hong Kong Trinidad & Tobago	31 - 13	19 - 11

**GROUP F**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	France Scotland	51 - 46	16 - 14
2	Estonia Argentina	39 - 49	13 - 17
3	Indonesia Kenya	80 - 14	25 - 1
4	Bermuda Philippines	19 - 84	1 - 25
5	Jordan Serbia	62 - 18	25 - 5
6	Russia Australia	51 - 23	22 - 8
7	Canada China	12 - 46	7 - 23
8	Finland Denmark	30 - 13	19 - 11
9	Venezuela Spain	16 - 22	14 - 16

**GROUP G**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Barbados Mexico	14 - 55	6 - 24
2	Morocco New Zealand	28 - 14	18 - 12
3	Jamaica South Africa	14 - 51	6 - 24
4	Germany Latvia	60 - 20	24 - 6
5	Chinese Taipei Turkey	47 - 5	25 - 5
6	Greece Pakistan	45 - 28	19 - 11
7	Korea Hungary	1 - 60	2 - 25
8	Netherlands Ireland	49 - 25	21 - 9
9	Singapore Sweden	40 - 21	19 - 11

**GROUP E**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Palestine Poland	29 - 56	9 - 21
2	Portugal Trinidad & Tobago	30 - 30	15 - 15
3	India Brazil	45 - 32	18 - 12
4	Japan Lithuania	59 - 22	24 - 6
5	Thailand Norway	22 - 36	12 - 18
6	England Reunion	75 - 13	25 - 2
7	Guadeloupe Egypt	68 - 35	23 - 7
8	Belarus China Hong Kong	60 - 27	23 - 7
9	Italy USA	22 - 9	18 - 12

**GROUP F**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	France Finland	28 - 24	16 - 14
2	Scotland Spain	8 - 39	8 - 22
3	China Russia	14 - 46	7 - 23
4	Australia Jordan	43 - 10	23 - 7
5	Serbia Bermuda	50 - 9	24 - 6
6	Philippines Indonesia	52 - 41	17 - 13
7	Kenya Estonia	21 - 66	5 - 25
8	Argentina Venezuela	18 - 27	13 - 17
9	Denmark Canada	18 - 29	13 - 17

**GROUP G**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Barbados Netherlands	20 - 59	6 - 24
2	Mexico Sweden	15 - 60	5 - 25
3	Hungary Greece	42 - 37	16 - 14
4	Pakistan Chinese Taipei	22 - 56	7 - 23
5	Turkey Germany	26 - 46	10 - 20
6	Latvia Jamaica	69 - 24	25 - 5
7	South Africa Morocco	26 - 27	15 - 15
8	New Zealand Singapore	13 - 32	11 - 19
9	Ireland Korea	39 - 63	9 - 21

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**

**GROUP K**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Denmark New Zealand	48 - 16	23 - 7
2	USA Hungary	39 - 14	21 - 9
3	Wales France	33 - 62	8 - 22
4	Sweden England	17 - 57	6 - 24
5	Japan China Hong Kong	21 - 8	18 - 12
6	Brazil Pakistan	37 - 26	17 - 13
7	Estonia South Africa	8 - 46	6 - 24
8	Chinese Taipei Kenya	42 - 19	20 - 10



**GROUP L**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	China Egypt	46 - 33	18 - 12
2	Thailand Canada	22 - 64	5 - 25
3	Netherlands Ireland	20 - 40	10 - 20
4	Italy Australia	6 - 53	4 - 25
5	Indonesia Reunion	79 - 10	25 - 1
6	Germany India	55 - 10	25 - 5
7	Guadeloupe Poland	22 - 53	8 - 22
8	Belgium Finland	0 - 0	15 - 15

**GROUP K**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Denmark Estonia	34 - 39	14 - 16
2	New Zealand Kenya	35 - 57	10 - 20
3	Pakistan Japan	7 - 57	4 - 25
4	China Hong Kong Sweden	45 - 37	17 - 13
5	England Wales	29 - 17	18 - 12
6	France USA	1 - 41	6 - 24
7	Hungary Chinese Taipei	27 - 37	13 - 17
8	South Africa Brazil	56 - 13	25 - 5



**GROUP L**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	China Guadeloupe	16 - 58	5 - 25
2	Egypt Finland	48 - 21	21 - 9
3	India Indonesia	5 - 37	7 - 23
4	Reunion Italy	50 - 31	19 - 11
5	Australia Netherlands	26 - 16	17 - 13
6	Ireland Thailand	43 - 46	14 - 16
7	Canada Belgium	54 - 6	25 - 4
8	Poland Germany	24 - 37	12 - 18

ROUND 1

ROUND 2

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**

**GROUP E**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Trinidad & Tobago Belarus	43 - 31	18 - 12
2	China Hong Kong Guadeloupe	46 - 20	21 - 9
3	Poland Portugal	60 - 25	23 - 7
4	Reunion Thailand	23 - 21	15 - 15
5	Norway Japan	41 - 21	20 - 10
6	Lithuania India	56 - 45	17 - 13
7	Brazil Italy	38 - 42	14 - 16
8	USA Palestine	49 - 44	16 - 14
9	Egypt England	53 - 30	20 - 10

**GROUP F**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Spain Argentina	50 - 17	23 - 7
2	Venezuela Kenya	48 - 36	18 - 12
3	Finland Scotland	54 - 56	15 - 15
4	Indonesia Serbia	41 - 31	17 - 13
5	Bermuda Australia	29 - 40	13 - 17
6	Jordan China	19 - 40	10 - 20
7	Russia Denmark	34 - 34	15 - 15
8	Canada France	27 - 37	13 - 17
9	Estonia Philippines	23 - 35	12 - 18

**GROUP G**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Sweden New Zealand	73 - 13	25 - 2
2	Singapore South Africa	46 - 38	17 - 13
3	Netherlands Mexico	27 - 16	17 - 13
4	Jamaica Turkey	35 - 62	9 - 21
5	Germany Pakistan	49 - 29	20 - 10
6	Chinese Taipei Hungary	38 - 54	11 - 19
7	Greece Ireland	66 - 16	25 - 4
8	Korea Barbados	43 - 30	18 - 12
9	Morocco Latvia	51 - 44	16 - 14

**SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**

**GROUP K**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Kenya Hungary	40 - 63	10 - 20
2	Chinese Taipei France	36 - 26	17 - 13
3	Estonia New Zealand	25 - 38	12 - 18
4	Wales China Hong Kong	38 - 26	18 - 12
5	Sweden Pakistan	43 - 42	15 - 15
6	Japan South Africa	58 - 27	22 - 8
7	Brazil Denmark	51 - 37	18 - 12
8	USA England	45 - 31	18 - 12



ROUND 3

**GROUP L**

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Finland Canada	39 - 47	13 - 17
2	Belgium Ireland	47 - 42	16 - 14
3	Guadeloupe Egypt	24 - 45	10 - 20
4	Netherlands Reunion	66 - 16	25 - 4
5	Italy India	22 - 32	13 - 17
6	Indonesia Poland	18 - 81	2 - 25
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**ROUND 1 - 11.00**

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New Zealand - Spain (O)	BBO
Argentina - China Hong Kong (O)	BBO
Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei (O)	BBO
Sweden - Austria (O)	OurGames
Serbia - Estonia (W)	OurGames

**ROUND 2 - 14.20**

Germany - Indonesia (O)	VG
South Africa - France (O)	BBO
Italy - Denmark (O)	BBO
Austria - Netherlands (O)	BBO
China - San Marino (O)	OurGames
Indonesia - China (W)	OurGames

**ROUND 3 - 17.10**

Sweden - China (O)	VG
Italy - Ireland (O)	BBO
New Zealand - France (S)	BBO
Canada - Russia (W)	BBO
India - Scotland (O)	OurGames
Australia - Venezuela (W)	OurGames

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## OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 3 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Denmark	68	1 Hungary	62	1 Norway	70	1 USA	71
2 Canada	61	2 Israel	60	2 Poland	58	2 Germany	63
3 Italy	59	3 Portugal	57	Spain	58	3 Turkey	61
4 Estonia	58	4 Sweden	55	Bulgaria	58	4 Belarus	57
5 South Africa	52	Netherlands	55	5 New Zealand	56	England	57
6 Brazil	51	India	55	6 Bangladesh	55	6 Reunion	54
7 Romania	50	7 Austria	54	7 Georgia	49	7 Indonesia	53
8 Ireland	45	8 San Marino	52	8 Iceland	47	8 Serbia	51
Japan	45	9 Scotland	49	9 Guadeloupe	45	9 Lebanon	50
Trinidad & Tobago	45	10 Argentina	46	Ukraine	45	10 Thailand	48
11 Pakistan	44	11 China	45	11 Chinese Taipei	44	11 Switzerland	42
12 China Macau	42	12 Russia	41	Chile	44	12 Greece	40
13 France	37	13 China Hong Kong	35	13 Singapore	39	13 Jordan	35
14 Kenya	36	14 Latvia	33	14 Egypt	33	14 Botswana	30
15 Slovakia	34	15 Mexico	31	Bosnia & Herzegovina	33	15 Philippines	29
16 Finland	30	16 French Polynesia	26	16 Belgium	28	16 Australia	28
17 Albania	6	17 Jamaica	19	17 Bermuda	20	17 Lithuania	15
		Korea	19	18 Morocco	15	18 Venezuela	9

## WOMEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 3 ROUNDS

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 Poland	57	1 Spain	61	1 Germany	64
2 England	55	2 Russia	60	2 Netherlands	62
3 Brazil	51	Philippines	60	3 Sweden	61
4 Belarus	50	4 Indonesia	55	4 Hungary	60
5 Norway	48	5 Estonia	50	5 Chinese Taipei	59
USA	48	China	50	6 Greece	58
7 China Hong Kong	47	7 Venezuela	49	7 Singapore	55
Italy	47	France	49	8 South Africa	52
9 Trinidad and Tobago	44	9 Finland	48	9 Morocco	49
Portugal	44	Australia	48	10 Latvia	45
11 Reunion	42	11 Jordan	42	11 Mexico	42
Lithuania	42	Serbia	42	12 Korea	41
Egypt	42	13 Denmark	39	13 Turkey	36
14 India	41	14 Canada	37	14 Pakistan	28
15 Thailand	38	Argentina	37	15 New Zealand	25
Japan	38	Scotland	37	16 Barbados	24
17 Guadeloupe	37	17 Bermuda	20	17 Ireland	22
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## SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 3 ROUNDS

GROUP K				GROUP L			
1 Japan	65	China Hong Kong	41	1 Canada	67	9 Guadeloupe	43
2 USA	63	10 Kenya	40	2 Australia	63	10 China	41
3 South Africa	57	Brazil	40	3 Poland	59	11 Finland	37
4 Chinese Taipei	54	12 Wales	38	4 Germany	55	12 Belgium	35
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# It can only get better from here

by Phillip Alder

As you will have gathered if you read yesterday's article about the first session of the men's individual, there was some poor play witnessed. But that article did not give the worst. So that we can be confident in the knowledge that it can only get better, here are the two strangest deals that I saw. And I will mercifully leave the protagonists unnamed.

First, though, here is a defensive problem.

Board 17. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	INT	2♣
2♥	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Your partner leads the spade king. What are your thoughts? Now to the horror movie.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
♠ 10 8 5 2	♠ 7 6 3	♠ 9	♠ 9
♥ K 8	♥ 10 9 6 3 2	♥ A J	♥ A J
♦ A K J 2	♦ 9 6	♦ Q 10 7 5 4 3	♦ Q 10 7 5 4 3
♣ A 6 5	♣ 4 3 2	♣ Q J 9 7	♣ Q J 9 7
INT	2♣	3♦	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	3♥

Two Clubs showed the majors. After that, neither East nor West seemed worried about 3NT doubled.

You would assume that North cashed his five spade tricks for down one. But no. After three rounds of them, he shifted to a low heart! West, the declarer, ran his eight red-suit winners, bringing everyone down to two cards. North tried to recover by blanking his club king, but West dropped it to get home with an irrelevant overtrick. Minus 950 was, of course, a zero for North-South; plus 200 would have been worth 15.

The points went back on the very next board when East and West bid with too much imagination.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



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

West	North	East	South
INT	2♥	3♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

This ungainly contract went down only three tricks, but that was still a top for North-South.

It had been just another average round, 16 points to each side!

Finally, back to the defensive problem given earlier. I have rotated the hands to make South the declarer.

Board 17. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	INT	2♣
2♥	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	5♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass		

About the only cautious action during this auction was North's pass over One Spade. When West raised to Four Hearts, North gave him a quick glance, trying to decide what was going on. Everyone was bidding aggressively and he had 13 high-card points. Eventually North bid Five Clubs, which East doubled. West led the spade king. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for the singleton heart. To defeat the contract, East had to win with his ace and give his partner a diamond ruff. But when East played low, it was all over. West won and shifted to a trump, but declarer drew two rounds and established dummy's diamonds. Plus 550 was worth 15 matchpoints; minus 100 would have given East-West 11.

# Open Series Round I - Egypt vs. Norway

by Phillip Alder

Norway, one of the favorites for the title, started its campaign against Egypt. In the Open Room, the teams' leading pairs faced off: Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness from Norway took on Walid El Ahmady and Tarek Sadek.

Before reading the report, try these problems.

On the first board Walid picked up

1.

♠	10 5 4
♥	Q
♦	10 9 8 4 3
♣	K Q 9 5

West	North	East	South
INT	3♥	Pass	?

Three Hearts is natural and game-invitational. Would you accept and bid Four Hearts?

2.

♠	7 5 4 2
♥	K 9 7
♦	9 8 3
♣	Q 9 7

What would you lead after INT-3NT-Pass?

3.

♠	10 8 6 5 2
♥	Q
♦	10 6 4
♣	8 7 5 4

The auction starts like this:

West	North	East	South
INT	Dble <sup>(a)</sup>	2♦ <sup>(b)</sup>	?

(a) Penalty

(b) Five-plus hearts

What would you do, if anything?



Tor Helness, Norway

4.

♠	J 6
♥	K 3
♦	K J 7 6 2
♣	Q 6 3 2

With both sides vulnerable, this is the auction:

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♦
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦ <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>(b)</sup>	All Pass

(a) Artificial, at least game-invitational values

(b) Maximum, usually only two spades

What would you lead?

5.

♠	A 9
♥	K 10 9 8 7
♦	7
♣	K Q 10 9 5

With only your side vulnerable, partner opens One Heart and the next player makes a takeout double. What would you do?

6.

♠	J 10 4 3 2
♥	J 4
♦	Q 8 4 2
♣	J 6

At favorable vulnerability, the auction starts (1♥)-Dbl.- (2NT) to you, 2NT showing four-plus hearts and at least game-invitational values. What would you do?

On the first quiz hand, clearly Three Hearts showed a prime hand in the Egyptian methods because Walid raised to Four Hearts. It turned out badly, the contract going down two. But if Tarek had had one diamond and two clubs, instead of the other way round, Four Hearts would have made.

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West vul.

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

West <i>Walid</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Tarek</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
2♠	3♥	All Pass	1♥

♠ 7 5 4 2  
♥ K 9 7  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ Q 9 7

Two Spades promised a strong hand and gave Helness an awkward problem. He took the middle road, raising to three hearts. This was passed out.

Walid led the spade ace: five, six, three. The Egyptians use upside-down count and attitude signals, so West knew his partner started with a singleton or doubleton. One might have expected him to cash the spade king or shift to his singleton. Either would have worked well, but he chose to play his partner for the club ace and switched to the club king, trying to freeze out the dummy.

It did not work well. Declarer ruffed in the dummy, drew three rounds of trumps and played on diamonds. Since East was out of spades, the contract made with an overtrick, South losing only one spade, one heart and one diamond.

The Egyptians misjudged the next deal too.

After INT-3NT-Pass, many would lead the spade five, but Helgemo found the best start: the heart seven.

Tarek could have made his contract if playing with glass cards, but he went a normal down one.

Three boards later, Helgemo was clutching:

♠ 10 8 6 5 2  
♥ Q  
♦ 10 6 4  
♣ 8 7 5 4

The auction started like this:

West <i>Walid</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Tarek</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
INT	Dble <sup>(a)</sup>	2♦ <sup>(b)</sup>	?

- (a) Penalty
- (b) Hearts

Most players would pass without thinking. Helgemo isn't most players. He bid Two Spades. Right again! Partner raised to Four Spades with:

♠ K Q 4 3  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ A K 9  
♣ A J 9

The contract could not be defeated.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both vul.

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

West <i>Walid</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Tarek</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
INT	3♦	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Three Diamonds showed at least four spades and game-invitational values with a singleton or void diamonds. East presumably intended his double to show excellent diamonds. But West, not anticipating the danger, did not bid Four Diamonds. And when he passed, East doubled Four Spades.

West led the diamond king and shifted to a club. Helgemo took the trick, played the heart queen to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart in his hand, played a spade to dummy's jack, ruffed another heart, trumped a diamond in the dummy, ruffed a heart with his spade king, took another trump finesse and claimed an overtrick for plus 990.

On the next deal, Helgemo held:



Waleed El Ahmady, Egypt

Next came the board for the fourth quiz question.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

♠ A 10 3 ♥ J 10 9 5 4 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 10 9	<table style="margin: auto; border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ Q 4 ♥ Q 8 7 6 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ K J 7 5	♠ J 6 ♥ K 3 ♦ K J 7 6 2 ♣ Q 6 3 2
N						
W     E						
S						

West <i>Walid</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Tarek</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♦ <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>(b)</sup>	All Pass

- (a) Artificial, at least game-invitational values
- (b) Maximum, usually only two spades

Yes, it is surprising West did not retreat to Four Spades, which might have made - especially since Helgemo was on lead against three notrump, and he did it again, with no noticeable hesitation finding the killing heart-king start.

Declarer won perforce with dummy's ace and called for the spade nine.

Now Helness went into the office. Was declarer trying to sneak his ninth trick with hearts wide open?

Eventually Helness played his spade ace and returned a



Tarek Sadek, Egypt

low heart. Declarer put in his eight and took the rest of the tricks for plus 690.

If Helness had played his low spade, the contract would have stood no chance.

On Board 11 the Norwegians bid Five Diamonds, which was on a finesse through the opening bidder, but it lost: down one.

Tarek underbid on board 15 and was unlucky when partner had the perfect hand, so a nonvulnerable game was missed.

The match ended with a deal that serious partnerships should discuss.

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West vul.

♠ Q 5 ♥ A Q 6 3 2 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ A 7 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ K 8 7 6 ♥ 5 ♦ A K J 10 9 ♣ 8 4 3	♠ A 9 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 10 9 5
N						
W     E						
S						

West <i>Walid</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Tarek</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
1♥	Dble	2NT	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Tarek might have used Blackwood on the first round, but settled for an artificial raise. Then Helgemo found a great auction-jamming advance when he bid Four Spades. But Tarek made a Five-Club slam-try. Understandably, despite his useful club ace, Walid signed off in Five Hearts. (If Five Diamonds had been last train, not a control-bid, that would have been a reasonable choice.) But when North bid Five Spades, why didn't Tarek pass to make one last try? Assuming Five Hearts denied the diamond ace, West would bid the slam only when it was right, with the heart ace and club ace.

Note that with hearts 2-1, both of West's queens are unneeded for slam.

Five Spades doubled went down only three tricks, minus 500, which was less than the value of a vulnerable game.

### Conditions of Contest – amendment

The Rules & Regulations Committee has agreed that in Condition of Contest no. 17 the first sentence shall be amended by the insertion after 'with the captain of the team' of '(or in his absence with the players present)'

**OPEN TEAMS R1**

**AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND**

**The Mysterious Art of Bidding**

by Mark Horton

A sporting encounter between England and Australia is to be savoured at any sport, not least when they meet across the green baize. Both teams include some excellent card players, but in this match it was mainly a question of doing the right thing in the bidding – and England generally proved to be much better in that department.

On the opening deal the players in the East seat, Sandqvist for England and Mullamphy for Australia picked up:  
 ♠K87 ♥AJ109854 ♦A5 ♣6.

With North due to open the bidding the BBO commentators forecast an overcall of 4♥. Those red meat eaters were quickly disavowed, as Sandqvist bid 1♥ over North's 15+ 1♣ and Mullamphy contented himself with 2♥ over a natural 1♠. Guess what? 2♥ was the limit.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 7 ♥ Q 8 7 3 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ 10 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ J ♦ K 10 3 ♣ A Q J 9 8
N		E						
W		S						
	♠ A 6 3 ♥ K 10 9 2 ♦ A Q 8 4 2 ♣ 2							

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Gill</i>
3♣	All Pass	2♣	Dble

Two Clubs promised 11-16 and promised six clubs unless opener, as here, held a four card major. West's raise was enough to deter North.

South led the ten of hearts and North won and switched to the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. South cashed the queen of diamonds and gave his partner a ruff to ensure one down, +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
1♦	1♥	1♣	Dble
All Pass		1♠	2♥

East led the three of diamonds so declarer won in hand, repeated the diamond finesse and disposed of a spade on the ace of diamonds. He then played a club to East's nine, won the spade return with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades and discarded a spade on a diamond as West ruffed. Declarer claimed ten tricks, +170 and 3 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q 9 5 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ K Q 8 ♣ J 9 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ — ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ A J 10 9 7 4 ♣ K Q 10
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W		S						
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Gill</i>
Pass	1♥*	2♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble*	Pass
5♦	All Pass		



Artur Malinowski, England



Spades – what S J Simon might have called a ‘master bid’.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
INT	Dble	2♦*	Pass
2♥	2NT	All Pass	

If South had elected (assuming he was able to do so) to bid Three Hearts as a transfer North would surely have jumped to the spade game.

North ducked a couple of hearts then knocked out the ace of spades, quickly recording ten tricks, +180 and a rare IMP for Australia.

Round about this point one of the less well-informed BBO commentators asked if other sports were included. A colleague was quick to type in yes – followed by “Drafts”!

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



♠ J 6
♥ K 3
♦ K J 7 6 2
♣ Q 6 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Gill</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Four Spades is the normal contract, and in order to make it declarer will usually have to take a very good view in the club suit. However, when North elected to lead the ten of clubs declarer’s problems were immediately solved. Putting up the jack, he took South’s queen with the ace and simply played on trumps, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
		1♣	1♦
1♥*	Dble	INT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

spades, but when East insisted on notrumps South led the king of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the queen, South unblocking the jack. North won the next spade with the ten and switched to a diamond. South took East’s queen with the king and went back to hearts. Declarer won and played a club to the ace and a club, accidentally ducking North’s nine. That left North on play to cash a lot of winners, down four, -400 giving England a whopping 16 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



♠ 9 5
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 10 7 5 3
♣ 8 7 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Gill</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		



David Gold, England

I am pretty sure that One Heart showed at least five

One Club was Polish, but after the negative response it was a little surprising that West went in search of a slam. Five Spades would have been interesting on a heart lead but North led the ten of clubs and declarer could win and, as would any student of the Rabbi, simply lay down the ace of spades. +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

On the ten of hearts lead declarer won, cashed the ace of spades, but lost an IMP.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Gill</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

It was no crime to stop in Three Hearts, but on the lead of the jack of spades declarer was in clover. That had sorted out one suit and when he subsequently picked up the trumps he had ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥*	Dble	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♠ 4 hearts, 7-10

The same lead of the jack of spades led to the same story, declarer recording +420 for 6 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Gill</i>
			1♦
1♠	2♥	4♣*	4♠*
Pass	5♣	5♠	6♣
Dble	All Pass		

Not for the first time in the match the Australian's version of Moscito appeared to bite back. Perhaps its best to draw a veil over the auction – it cost 1400 points.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klinger</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mullamphy</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

One Spade denied a major or the values for game. Declarer scrambled eight tricks – and gained 16 IMPs.

England won 66-4 – and for the moment at least Australia's hopes had turned to ashes.

## Appeals Committee



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Please note:

Sunday October 5th - 9.30 a.m.

Appeal: France v Scotland - see notice boards