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# NOWIT'S ONE ON ONE



Gold medallists in the Masters Individual: Catharina Midskog and Tor Helness.

The short matches are over. Now it's lose and go home – or into the Transnational Mixed Teams. The round of 16 will be completed today.

There was little drama in the final stages of the round robin qualifying, although France had reason to regret going for 800 on the final board of the final match against China Macau. France still won, but the 5-IMP loss on the last board dropped them into tie with Romania, and the French lost out on the tie-breaker.

Leading the qualifiers in the Open series were Italy, Israel, Norway and Germany. In the Women's, Germany stubbed their toes, losing a close match to Sweden, but then they blitzed their next two opponents to finish with 372 VPs (87%). The other group leaders were Finland and England.

USA and Indonesia led the Seniors qualifiers.



# Today's Schedule

10.00 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 1st Session

13.00 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 2nd Session

15.30 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 3rd Session

18.00 Open - Women - Senior Teams, Round of 16, 4th Session













# **OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**

**ROUND 15** 

**ROUND 16** 

**ROUND 17** 

		GROUP A		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Finland Japan Pakistan France BYE Estonia South Africa Kenya Slovakia	Canada Trinidad & Tobago Albania Italy Ireland Denmark Romania Brazil China Macau	22 - 13 71 - 21 69 - 19 27 - 9 0 - 0 31 - 24 19 - 45 9 - 53 9 - 45	17 - 13 25 - 4 25 - 4 19 - 11 0 - 18 16 - 14 9 - 21 5 - 25 7 - 23
		GROUP C		

		GROUP C		
1 2 3	Mato Bulgaria Chile Singapore		IMP's 76 - 23 7 - 60 31 - 30	VP's 25 - 3 3 - 25 15 - 15
5 6	Singapore Bosnia & Herzegovina Bermuda Norway	Belgium Spain Iceland	8 - 52 4 - 57 63 - 13	5 - 25 3 - 25 25 - 4
7 8 9	Poland Georgia Egypt	Chinese Taipei Guadeloupe Ukraine	65 - 6 40 - 15 23 - 26	25 - 2 21 - 9 14 - 16

	GROUP A		
Mato	ch	IMP's	VP's
I Estonia 2 Brazil 3 Romania 4 China Macau 5 Ireland 6 Italy 7 Denmark 8 Trinidad & Tobago 9 Albania	Kenya South Africa Slovakia BYE France Pakistan Canada Finland Japan	52 - 21 72 - 28 47 - 51 0 - 0 34 - 9 25 - 19 15 - 35 16 - 35 6 - 78	22 - 8 25 - 5 14 - 16 18 - 0 21 - 9 16 - 14 10 - 20 11 - 19 0 - 25

		GROUP C		
	Ma	tch	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Norway Guadeloupe Chinese Taipei Ukraine Spain Belgium Iceland New Zealand Morocco	Georgia Poland Egypt Bermuda Bosnia & Herzegovina Singapore Bangladesh Bulgaria Chile	69 - 23 26 - 53 19 - 38 63 - 30 40 - 64 23 - 9 75 - 48 4 - 46 53 - 35	25 - 5 9 - 21 11 - 19 23 - 7 9 - 21 18 - 12 21 - 9 5 - 25 19 - 11

		GROOF A		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Canada Finland Japan Pakistan France BYE Slovakia Kenya South Africa	Trinidad & Tobago Albania Italy Ireland China Macau Romania Brazil Denmark Estonia	14 - 47 110- 1 21 - 43 33 - 25 40 - 29 0 - 0 25 - 39 16 - 39 23 - 27	7 - 23 25 - 0 10 - 20 17 - 13 17 - 13 0 - 18 12 - 18 10 - 20 14 - 16

		GROUP C		
	Matcl	h	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Bangladesh Bulgaria Chile Singapore Bosnia & Herzegovina Bermuda Egypt Georgia Poland	New Zealand Morocco Belgium Spain Ukraine Chinese Taipei Guadeloupe Iceland Norway	42 - 27	- 16 - 12 - 24 - 10 - 20 - 21 - 15 - 20 - 20

		GROUP B		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Mat Mexico Netherlands Sweden San Marino French Polynesia Austria China		IMP's 8 - 61 79 - 11 57 - 19 28 - 50 22 - 52 60 - 26 28 - 16	VP's 3 - 25 25 - 1 24 - 6 10 - 20 8 - 22 23 - 7 18 - 12
8 9	Hungary Russia	Scotland Korea	61 - 19 58 - 43	25 - 5 18 - 12

		GROUP D		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
- 1	Greece	Switzerland	36 - 10	21 - 9
2	Reunion	Venezuela	33 - 14	19 - 11
3	England	Belarus	50 - 15	23 - 7
4	Turkey	Germany	40 - 30	17 - 13
5	Botswana	Serbia ´	36 - 26	17 - 13
6	Thailand	Indonesia	38 - 19	19 - 11
7	lordan	Lithuania	34 - 36	15 - 15
8	USA	Lebanon	50 - 13	24 - 6
9	Philippines	Australia	27 - 27	15 - 15

		GROUP B		
	Mate	ch	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Austria Scotland Jamaica Korea Israel China Hong Kong Latvia Portugal Argentina	Hungary China Russia French Polynesia San Marino Sweden India Mexico Netherlands	17 - 5 45 - 39 32 - 12 34 - 55 29 - 15 4 - 74 45 - 52 51 - 22 2 - 22	18 - 12 16 - 14 20 - 10 10 - 20 18 - 12 1 - 25 14 - 16 22 - 8 10 - 20

		GROUP D		
		Match	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Thailand Lebanon Lithuania Australia Serbia Germany Indonesia Venezuela Belarus	USA Jordan Philippines Botswana Turkey England Switzerland Greece Reunion	67 - 14 17 - 46 45 - 3 81 - 23 44 - 53 52 - 30 15 - 30 38 - 41 44 - 10	25 - 3 8 - 22 25 - 5 25 - 3 13 - 17 20 - 10 12 - 18 14 - 16 23 - 7

		GROUP B		
	Mat	ch	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	India Mexico Netherlands Sweden San Marino French Polynesia Russia Hungary China	Portugal Argentina China Hong Kong Israel Korea Jamaica Scotland Latvia Austria	63 - 14 28 - 71 38 - 18 29 - 15 46 - 19 38 - 37 71 - 19 36 - 41 59 - 14	25 - 4 5 - 25 20 - 10 18 - 12 21 - 9 15 - 15 25 - 4 14 - 16 25 - 5

M . 1	IMP's	\/D'-
Match		VP's
I Switzerland Venezuela 2 Greece Belarus 3 Reunion Germany 4 England Serbia 5 Turkey Australia 6 Botswana Lithuania 7 Philippines Lebanon 8 USA Indonesia 9 Jordan Thailand	36 - 23 35 - 58 22 - 51 52 - 17 18 - 9 10 - 62 7 - 60 39 - 13 19 - 28	18 - 12 10 - 20 8 - 22 23 - 7 17 - 13 4 - 25 3 - 25 21 - 9 13 - 17

# **WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**

#### **GROUP E - ROUND 15** IMP's VP's Match 21 - 55 50 - 13 India Italy Palestine 7 - 23 Japan Thailand 24 - 6 13 - 17 19 - 11 **Poland** 38 - 47 USA 56 - 37 England Guadeloupe 5 - 53 Brazil 4 - 25 36 - 46 13 - 38 17 - 40 13 - 17 Portugal Trinidad and Tobago Norway 9 - 21 10 - 20 China Hong Kong Reunion Belarus Lithuania 13 - 2712 - 18

#### **GROUP F - ROUND 15** IMP's Match VP's 29 - 24 China Denmark 16 - 14 7 - 23 12 - 18 23 - 7 2 Australia France 15 - 48 24 - 38 37 - 3 21 - 86 14 - 47 3 Serbia Finland Philippines Canada 1 - 25 7 - 23 23 - 7 5 6 7 Kenya Russia Estónia Scotland 51 - 15 Spain Bermuda 89 8 - 22 9 - 21 Venezuela Indonesia 20 - 50 23 - 48 Argentina Jordan

GROUP G - ROUND 15			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
I Hungary 2 Pakistan 3 Turkey 4 Latvia 5 South Afric 6 Morocco 7 Sweden 8 Singapore 9 New Zeala	Mexico Germany	38 - 11 40 - 8 13 - 42 36 - 17 41 - 26 18 - 24 22 - 18 58 - 21 48 - 27	21 - 9 23 - 7 8 - 22 19 - 11 18 - 12 14 - 16 16 - 14 24 - 6 20 - 10

GROUP E - ROUND 16					
		Match	IMP's	VP's	
1 2	Egypt Reunion	China Hong Kong Trinidad and Tobago	28 - 50 55 - 38	10 - 20 19 - 11	
3 4	Norway Lithuania	Belarus Guadeloupe	50 - 25 20 - 30	21 - 9 13 - 17	
5	Brazil USA	England Thailand	37 - 40 61 - 18	14 - 16 25 - 5	
8	Portugal Palestine	Italy India	40 - 34 34 - 46		
9	Poland	Japan	27 - 17	17 - 13	

GROUP F - ROUND 16				
1 2 3 4 5 6	Estonia Indonesia Bermuda Jordan Russia Canada	Match Venezuela Spain Argentina Kenya Philippines Serbia	IMP's 15 - 76 50 - 32 22 - 52 58 - 4 62 - 37 34 - 23	VP's 2 - 25 19 - 11 8 - 22 25 - 3 21 - 9 17 - 13
8	Scotland France	Denmark China	27 - 52 51 - 45	9 - 21 16 - 14
9	Finland	Australia	71 - 23	25 - 4

GROUP G - ROUND 16				
	Ma	atch	IMP's	VP's
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Morocco Jamaica Germany Chinese Taipei Greece Korea Mexico Barbados Netherlands	Singapore Sweden New Zealand South Africa Latvia Turkey Ireland Hungary Pakistan	42 - 24 18 - 88 64 - 6 38 - 29 42 - 28 16 - 44 39 - 54 63 - 27 43 - 14	19 - 11 1 - 25 25 - 3 17 - 13 18 - 12 8 - 22 12 - 18 23 - 7 22 - 8

# **SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**

GROUP K - ROUND 14				
	M	latch	IMP's	VP's
1	USA	Chinese Taipei	35 - 20	18 - 12
2	Wales	Kenya .	48 - 28	20 - 10
3	Sweden	Hungary	25 - 51	9 - 21
4	Japan	France	12 - 27	12 - 18
5	Brazil	England	44 - 29	18 - 12
6	New Zealand	South Africa	52 - 14	24 - 6
7	Denmark	Pakistan	32 - 32	15 - 15
8	Estonia	China Hong Kong	40 - 48	13 - 17



GROUP L - ROUND 14				
		Match	IMP's	VP's
ı	Thailand	Belgium	0 - 74	0 - 25
2	Netherlands	Finland	59 - I	25 - 3
3	Italy	Canada	22 - 56	7 - 23
4	Indonesia	Ireland	16 - 33	11 - 19
5	Germany	Australia	26 - 37	13 - 17
6	Egypt	Poland	25 - 29	14 - 16
7	China	India	37 - 32	16 - 14
8	Guadeloupe	Reunion	44 - 32	18 - 12

GROUP K - ROUND 15				
	M	atch	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 8	Estonia	South Africa	8 - 46	6 - 24
	Chinese Taipei	Kenya	42 - 19	20 - 10



	GROUP L - ROUND 15			
		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 - I
6	Germany	India	55 - 10	25 - 5
7	Guadeloupe	Poland	22 - 53	8 - 22
8	Belgium	Finland	64 - 31	23 - 7

### WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

### **GROUP E - ROUND 17**

	Mato	IMP's	VP's	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Italy India Japan Thailand England Guadeloupe Belarus China Hong Kong Trinidad & Tobago	Palestine Poland USA Brazil Lithuania Norway Reunion Portugal Egypt	21 - 41 26 - 40 18 - 40 11 - 45 71 - 27 39 - 33 30 - 30 6 - 46	10 - 20 12 - 18 10 - 20 7 - 23 25 - 5 16 - 14 15 - 15 6 - 24 24 - 6
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### **GROUP F - ROUND 17**

	Match		VP's
I Denmark China Australia Serbia Philippines Kenya Argentina Venezuela Spain	France	35 - 29	16 - 14
	Finland	25 - 65	6 - 24
	Canada	42 - 27	18 - 12
	Russia	10 - 51	6 - 24
	Jordan	42 - 28	18 - 12
	Bermuda	27 - 29	15 - 15
	Indonesia	24 - 46	10 - 20
	Scotland	39 - 42	14 - 16
	Estonia	27 - 20	16 - 14

#### **GROUP G - ROUND 17**

	ı	IMP's	VP's	
4 5	Ireland Hungary Pakistan Turkey Latvia South Africa New Zealand Singapore Sweden	Barbados Netherlands Korea Greece Chinese Taipei Germany Jamaica Mexico Morocco	34 - 26 22 - 56 10 - 22 50 - 18 47 - 33 13 - 40 52 - 29 68 - 5 45 - 25	17 - 13 7 - 23 12 - 18 23 - 7 18 - 12 9 - 21 20 - 10 25 - 2 20 - 10

### **IBPA** Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on SUNDAY 12th October at 10 a.m. Please note this is different to the announcement in the Bulletin. It will be held in the WBF Meeting room.

### Wrong declarer

The account of the play of 44 on page 19 of Daily Bulletin No. 6 incorrectly identified the declarer. It was Jahangir Ahmed of Pakistan.

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

# **OPEN TEAMS**

#### **ROUND OF 16**

Ι	Italy	India
2	Poland	USA
3	Brazil	China
4	Norway	Turkey
5	Israel	Romania
6	England	Bulgaria
7	Netherlands	Estonia
8	Germany	Belgium

# **WOMEN TEAMS**

### **ROUND OF 16**

Т	Germany	Brazil
2	Poland	China
3	USA	Spain
4	Netherlands	Denmark
5	England	Singapore
6	France	Sweden
7	Finland	Turkey
8	Russia	Italy

# **SENIOR TEAMS**

### **ROUND OF 16**

Τ	USA	Belgium
2	Canada	Hungary
3	Australia	Pakistan
4	France	Egypt
5	Indonesia	China Hong Kong
6	Chinese Taipei	Netherlands
7	Japan	Germany
8	Poland	England '

## World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Players are asked to come to the WBF Secretariat's office (4th floor CNCC) to pay the entry fees for the Transnational Mixed Teams and collect their receipt. This is necessary for ALL teams, even those who play free of charge, as the receipt will be required in order for the team to play.

The office will be open for payments from 13.00 – 17.00 on Saturday 11th and 10.00 – 12.30 and 13.30 – 17.00 on Sunday 12th October.

Payments must be made in cash (US \$ or Euro) or using travellers cheques. Credit cards cannot be accepted, nor can RMB.

The entry fee for the WTMTC is \$1,500 / $\in$ 1,100 (for a team of four, five or six players).

Players eliminated from the Open, Women's or Senior Teams may form new Mixed teams and will receive free entry provided no players who have not participated in these events are added.

In the event that a team is made up from players who have not participated in the three main events, with players from these events added to the team, the charges will be as follows:

- A team with four new players and one or two eliminated players: \$1,500/€1,100
- A team with three new players and up to three eliminated players: \$1,200/€900
- A team with two new players and up to four eliminated players:  $\$800/\mbox{600}$
- A team with one new player and up to five eliminated players: \$400/€300

The NPC will, for the purpose of calculating the entry fee, be deemed to be an "eliminated player" if he or she wishes to participate in the WTMTC, but no other team official (e.g., the coach) shall be eligible for free entry to the event.

# **OPEN SERIES FINAL RANKING**

	GROUP A				
I	Italy	337.00			
2	Brazil	304.00			
3	Estonia	302.00			
4	Romania	286.50			
5	France	286.49			
6	Denmark	286.00			
7	Finland	284.50			
8	Ireland	283.00			
9	Canada	281.50			
10	South Africa	260.50			
П	Pakistan	245.00			
12	Japan	242.00			
13	China Macau	232.50			
14	Slovakia	211.00			
15	Trinidad & Tobago	182.00			
16	Kenya	160.00			
17	Albania	117.50			

	GROUP B			
Ι	Israel	343.00		
2	Netherlands	329.00		
3	China	314.00		
4	India	313.00		
5	Hungary	307.00		
6	Sweden	293.00		
7	Austria	275.00		
8	Russia	271.00		
9	Argentina	266.00		
10	Portugal	259.50		
Ш	Latvia	251.00		
12	San Marino	238.00		
13	China Hong Kong	228.00		
14	Scotland	204.00		
15	Jamaica	179.00		
16	French Polynesia	174.50		
17	Mexico	151.00		
18	Korea	128.00		

	GROUP C				
I	Norway	346.50			
2	<b>Poland</b>	331.50			
3	Bulgaria	316.00			
4	Belgium	293.00			
5	Spain	282.00			
6	New Zealand	280.50			
7	Ukraine	276.25			
8	Guadeloupe	267.00			
9	Iceland	245.50			
10	Egypt	245.00			
П	Chinese Taipei	244.00			
12	Bosnia & Herzegovina	a 230.50			
13	Georgia	226.00			
14	Bangladesh	222.00			
15	Singapore	191.50			
16	Bermuda	180.50			
17	Chile	180.00			
18	Morocco	159.75			

GROUP D			
I Geri	many	353.00	
2 Engl	and	324.00	
3 USA	<b>\</b>	323.00	
4 Turk	rey	318.00	
5 Indo	nesia	290.00	
6 Thail	and	281.00	
7 Gree	ece	272.00	
8 Belar	us	258.00	
9 Jorda	ın	256.00	
10 Leba	non	253.00	
II Aust	ralia	246.50	
12 Switz	erland	233.00	
13 Serbi	ia	231.00	
14 Lithu	ania	206.00	
15 Philip	pines	195.00	
16 Reun	ion	189.00	
17 Bots	wana	157.50	
18 Vene	zuela	140.10	

# WOMEN SERIES FINAL RANKING

GROUP E			
I England	356.00		
2 USA	337.00		
3 Poland	295.00		
4 Italy	292.50		
5 Brazil	291.50		
6 Japan	289.00		
7 Norway	274.00		
8 China Hong Kong	253.00		
9 Portugal	251.00		
10 Belarus	242.75		
II India	226.00		
12 Egypt	225.00		
13 Trinidad & Tobago	223.00		
14 Lithuania	215.00		
15 Reunion	212.50		
16 Palestine	192.00		
17 Guadeloupe	191.00		
18 Thailand	170.00		

GROUP F		
I Finland	328.00	
2 Russia	318.00	
3 France	313.00	
4 China	304.50	
5 Denmark	303.00	
6 Spain	297.00	
7 Scotland	289.00	
8 Indonesia	280.50	
9 Venezuela	275.00	
10 Canada	263.00	
11 Philippines	261.00	
12 Australia	255.00	
13 Jordan	201.00	
14 Estonia	198.00	
15 Serbia	197.00	
16 Argentina	191.00	
17 Bermuda	137.00	
18 Kenya	85.50	

	GROUP G			
I	Germany	372.00		
2	Netherlands	331.00		
3	Sweden	294.00		
4	Turkey	288.00		
5	Singapore	276.00		
6	Morocco	264.00		
7	Hungary	263.50		
8	South Africa	261.00		
9	Chinese Taipei	248.00		
10	Mexico	244.00		
П	New Zealand	238.00		
12	Ireland	234.00		
13	Barbados	228.00		
	Greece	228.00		
15	Latvia	214.00		
16	Korea	209.00		
17	Pakistan	206.00		
18	Jamaica	125.50		

# SENIOR SERIES FINAL RANKING

GROUP K				
I USA 306.0	<b>0</b> 9 South Africa	208.00		
2 Japan 280.0	0 10 Estonia	206.00		
3 France 258.0	0 II Sweden	205.00		
4 Chinese Taipei 255.5	0 12 New Zealand	204.00		
5 Hungary 247.0	0 13 Brazil	201.00		
6 England 246.0	0 I4 Denmark	199.50		
7 Pakistan 238.5	0 15 Wales	170.50		
8 China Hong Kong 212.0	<b>0</b> 16 Kenya	124.00		

GROUP L				
I	Indonesia	291.00	9 China	217.00
2	Australia	289.00	10 India	215.00
3	Poland	271.50	II Italy	210.00
4	Canada	262.50	12 Ireĺand	208.50
5	Egypt	245.00	13 Guadeloupe	177.00
6	Netherlands	238.00	14 Finland .	164.50
7	Germany	225.00	15 Reunion	151.50
8	<b>B</b> elgium	224.75	16 Thailand	146.00

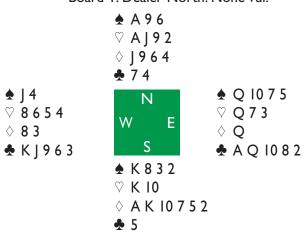
### **OPEN TEAMS R13**

### **USA** v Australia

Heading into the 13th round of the Open series, USA were in fine shape lying second in Group D. Their opponents, Australia, were in 11th place and in need of a win to start moving up toward a qualifying spot (one of the top four).

The Aussies started well.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Gill	Rodwell	Richman	Meckstroth	
	Pass	♡*	2◊	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

Bobby Richman, whose opening bid of  $I^{\circ}$  showed a spade suit, led from his longer, better suit against Eric Rodwell's 3NT and it was quickly over as the defenders took five club tricks for plus 50.

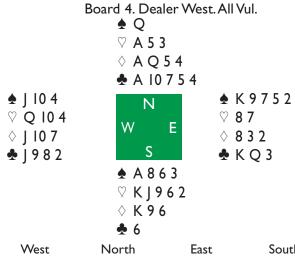


Jeff Meckstroth, USA

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Klinger	Compton	Mullamphy
	Pass	♣	I♦
2◊	3♣	Dble	3♠
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	5◊
All Pass			

Ron Klinger and Matthew Mullamphy knew from the bidding that notrump was not their spot, so they bid game in diamonds instead. Declarer lost a club and a spade for plus 400 and 10 IMPs to Australia.

The Australians increased their margin to 23 IMPs on board 4.



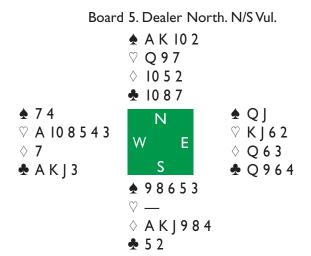
West	North	East	South	
Gill	Rodwell	Richman	Meckstroth	
Pass	♣	INT	2♡	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♡	All Pass		

It's not clear what Richman's INT showed (commentators indicated it showed a spade suit). Thanks to the friendly lie of the diamond suit, Meckstroth had no trouble taking 12 tricks for plus 680.

West	North	East	South	
Hamman	Klinger	Compton	Mullamphy	
Pass	♣	Pass	I♦	_
Pass	I 🛇	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡	
Pass	6♡	All Pass		

Mullamphy's I♦ response apparently showed hearts, and his 4♣ was splinter. Chris Compton started with a trump to the 9 10 and ace. Klinger played the ♣A, ruffed a club, played a diamond to his ace, then followed with the ♠Q to the king and ace and ruffed a spade. He ruffed a club and ruffed another spade, then played a diamond to dummy's king, cashed the ♥K and played a diamond to the queen. When diamonds proved to be 3-3, he could discard dummy's losing spade and claim for the loss of a trump trick. Plus 1430 was good for 13 IMPs to Australia.

On the next board, a wild one, USA gained 2 IMPs, but they could have lost 11.



West	North	East	South	
Gill	Rodwell	Richman	Meckstroth	
	Pass	INT	2◊*	
4♡	4♠	5♡	5♠	
Dble	All Pass			

Meckstroth's 2♦ showed diamonds and a major, so Rodwell was happy to throw in a vulnerable 4♠ after the weak INT and the blast into 4♥ by Gill. Richman started with a club, and Gill cashed two tricks in that suit before continuing with his singleton diamond. He had to hope his partner had the ♠A so he could get a ruff. Rodwell won in dummy and played his two high spades, claiming when the queen and jack fell. Plus 850 to USA.

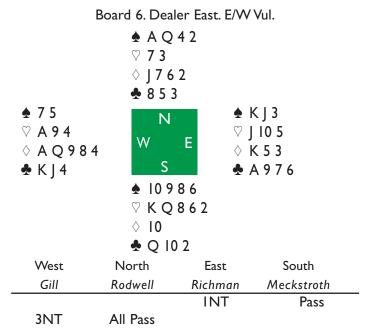
West	North	East	South
Hamman	Klinger	Compton	Mullamphy
	Pass	Pass	I♦
IŸ	I♠	3♦	3♠
4♣	Pass	4♡	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



Ron Klinger, Australia

Compton started with the ♡K, apparently trying for a look at dummy on the go. Klinger ruffed in dummy and played the top two spades from hand. Had he taken the diamond finesse, he would have been plus 1390 (4♠ doubled with three overtricks). Instead, he played the top two diamonds and a third round. The defenders did not neglect the club suit from that point, but two more tricks were the limit. Plus 790 and a 2-IMP loss.

Australia picked up a gift of 13 IMPs on the next deal when Hamman and Compton went way overboard on board 6.



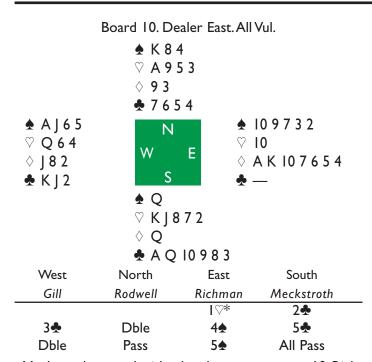
Meckstroth led the  $\heartsuit$ 6, ducked to declarer's 10. Four rounds of diamonds followed. Rodwell played his other heart, clearing the suit, but there were still 10 tricks for Richman. Plus 430.

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Klinger	Compton	Mullamphy
		♣	ΙŸ
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4◊	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
6◊	All Pass		

The cards held by Hamman and Compton did not justify such an exuberant auction, and the final contract would have been very poor even if the trumps had not split 4-1. As it was, minus 200 was the final result, good for 13 IMPs to Australia.

USA struck back for 3 IMPs when both tables reached a no-play 3NT. Meckstroth took his eight top tricks, but Mullamphy tried for the make and went two down for minus 200.

Board 10 produced 13 IMPs for USA – but it could have been the other way round.



Meckstroth started with a low heart: queen, ace, 10. Richman ruffed the heart continuation and played a low spade from hand. The appearance of Meckstroth's queen was a welcome sight, and Richman was soon claiming plus 650.

There were fireworks at the other table.

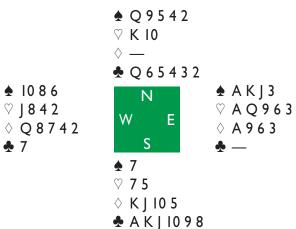
West	North	East	South	
Hamman	Klinger	Compton	Mullamphy	
		4♦	4♡	
5◊	5♡	6◊	Dble	
All Pass				

Mullamphy's 5% was ticketed for two down even if he played hearts double dummy for no losers — and the Australians could have gained 13 IMPs on any lead but a club. Unfortunately for Australia, Mullamphy started the defense against 6% doubled with the  $\clubsuit A$ , and it was a 13-IMP loss. Compton ruffed, cashed the % A, felling the queen, entered dummy with the % J and pitched his losing heart on the  $\clubsuit K$ . The friendly lie of the spade suit meant he had only one loser. At minus I 540, it was an expensive opening lead.

That made the score 36-18 Australia.

The Aussies were leading by 21 when the teams picked up their cards for board 14.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

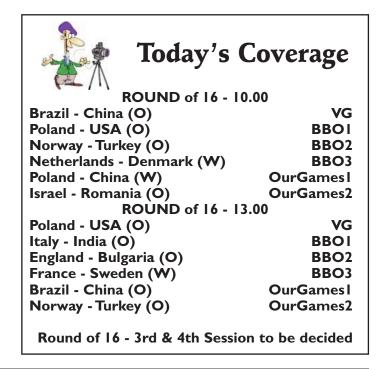


West	North	East	South	
Gill	Rodwell	Richman	Meckstroth	
		♣*	2♣	
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass	

As you can see, it takes a heart lead to defeat 5 played by South (the contract cannot be defeated if played by North). Gill had to guess what to lead, however, because his partner's opening bid said nothing about clubs. Gill selected a trump for his opening lead, however, and Meckstroth took full advantage. He won in hand and played a spade to dummy's 9 and East's jack. A spade came back, ruffed by Meckstroth, who then proceeded to crossruff diamonds and spades, pitching a heart from hand on dummy's fifth spade. That was plus 550 to USA.

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Klinger	Compton	Mullamphy
		ΙŸ	2♣
2♡	5♣	5◊	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♡	All Pass

Mullamphy led his singleton spade, taken by Compton with the jack after he played low from dummy and Klinger also played low. With no fast entry to dummy, Compton had no choice but to play the  $\heartsuit A$  and another heart. In with the  $\heartsuit K$ , Klinger exited with a low club, ruffed by Compton, who cashed the  $\triangle A$  to confirm the count in that suit. Aided by the double of 50, Compton played a low diamond from hand. Mullamphy played low, and Compton considered his play from dummy for a time before finally inserting the 8. Note that it would not have helped for Mullamphy to have risen with the  $\Diamond K$ . He would then have been forced to concede a ruff-sluff or play away from his two diamond honors, eliminating further losers in the suit. Plus 450, combined with the plus 550 at the other table, gave the Americans a 14-IMP swing. The final score was 39-32 for Australia.



# **WOMEN TEAMS R14**

## **England v Poland**

# "For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been." John Greenleaf Whittier

by Mark Horton

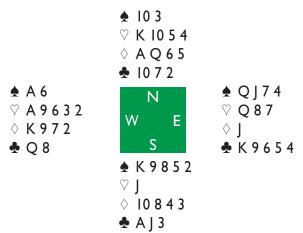
3♦

The first records of British-Polish contacts are from the I I th century (for example, the Polish cavalry invaded England with Canute, King of Denmark!). Thereafter, relations between the two countries were mainly friendly rather than close; neither mattered that much to the other. However, for much of this period Poland was a larger and more powerful player on the European stage than England.

Nevertheless, history is full of "might have beens", for example the possible marriage between Mary Tudor, daughter of English King Henry VIII, and Polish King Zygmunt August. Zygmunt may or may not have had a lucky escape!

The match between England, runaway leaders of Group E, and fourth-placed Poland featured some difficult deals. There was some excellent bridge, combined with a number of missed opportunities.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



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$\sim$		1100	

West	North	East	South	
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak	
		Pass	Pass	
ΙŸ	Pass	2♡	All Pass	

Facing a third in hand five-card major opening, East was happy to content herself with a raise to the two level.

North led the seven of clubs and South took the ace and switched to the five of spades. That ran to dummy's queen and the jack of diamonds was taken by North's queen. Declarer won the spade switch with the ace, cashed the queen of clubs, ruffed a diamond and cashed the king of clubs, pitching a diamond. There were several ways to make the contract now – indeed, if declarer decides to ruff a spade with the six of hearts an overtrick will be made. In practice declarer ruffed a spade with the two of hearts, so she made eight tricks, +110.

#### Closed Room West North Fast South Harasimowicz **Pasternak** Rosen Draper **Pass Pass** $I \heartsuit$ **2♣**\* **Pass Pass** 2◊\* **Pass** 2♡ **Pass**

**Pass** 

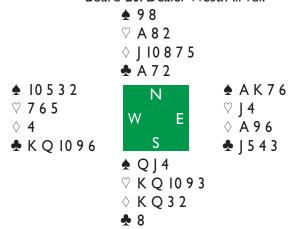
East used Drury to discover that West had a normal opening. Why West made another move is hard to say.

3♡

All Pass

North led the ten of spades and when dummy's queen held the trick declarer ran the jack of diamonds to North's queen. A spade came back to the ace and declarer ruffed a diamond. A club to the queen allowed declarer to ruff another diamond and she then ruffed a spade with the two of hearts. North overruffed, and at this point a club should lead to two down. However, not unreasonably North played the king of hearts to pin dummy's queen. That meant declarer could escape for one down, -50 - 4 IMPs to England.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak
Pass	Pass	♣*	IŸ
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2◊*
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
All Pass			

West could not support clubs, as the opening bid might have been based on a singleton.

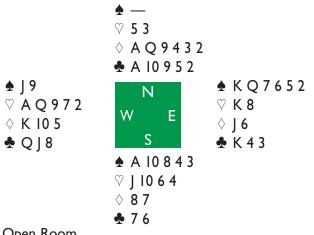
West led her diamond and East won and returned the nine of diamonds. West ruffed and played a spade. East won with the king and played another diamond, West ruffing and playing another spade. That textbook defence left declarer down before she had started, -100.

Closed Roo	om			
West	North	East	South	
Pasternak	Draper	Harasimowicz	Rosen	
Pass	Pass	♣*	IΫ	
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦	
Pass	4♡	All Pass		

When West led the king of clubs declarer could win, draw trumps and knock out the ace of diamonds for +620 and 12 IMPs.

Do you think the auction suggests that North had a diamond fit, making the singleton lead more attractive?

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Open Room	
West	Nor
Brock	Brew
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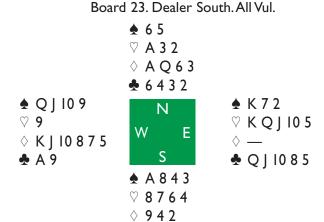
West	North	East	South
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak
	I♦	I♠	Pass
2♡	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♡	All Pass

2NT promised 5/5 in the minors, or 6 plus diamonds.

East's raise to Three Hearts was in line with the aggressive approach of the partnership, but it was simply too high. Declarer did well to emerge with eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room West North East South Draper **Pasternak** Harasimowicz Rosen  $| \Diamond |$ Pass 3◊\* 2♡ 3♣ Pass 3NT Pass 4♡ Dble Pass **Pass** Dble 4 All Pass

I suspect that facing a partner who had bid all on her own to the three level South, with both majors under control, would have doubled 3NT, but as it was she was able to double Four Hearts, and then the retreat to Four Spades. Declarer did not make the best of the play, and finished three down, -500 giving England 10 IMPs.



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West	North	East	South	
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak	
			Pass	
1♦	Pass	Ι♡	Pass	
l 🏚	Pass	2♣*	Pass	
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South led the three of spades and declarer won with dummy's nine and played the nine of hearts, overtaking with the ten. She continued with hearts, discarding diamonds and North won the third round and played a spade, ducked to dummy's ten. South won the next spade and exited with a spade. There was no real chance for declarer now, and she had to go one down, -100.

Of course, with all four hands on view you can see that if declarer wins the first trick in hand with the king of spades and advances the queen of clubs the contract will eventually roll home thanks to the equally favourable diamond position.

Discussing this deal over dinner, we eventually concluded that declarer probably has to hope for this type of situation to exist, but we had unlimited time to think about it, whereas declarer has only a few minutes.

#### Closed Room

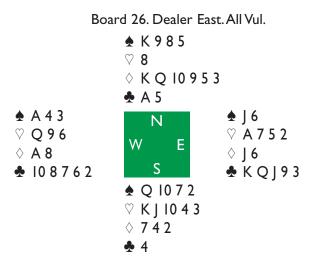
West	North	East	South	
Pasternak	Draper	Harasimowicz	Rosen	
			Pass	
I ♦	Pass	I 🛇	Pass	
I ♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	
3◊	Pass	3♡	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

## Collecting the airport taxes

The WBF treasurer will collect the taxes for the account of Air China each day from Wednesday, October 8th till Sunday, October 12th from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the WBF office (secretariat) on the 4th floor of the CNCC building. Note: this applies only to free Air China tickets.

Each president of national organisations or his representative is requested to come and pay for all his members. This is of course mandatory to ensure that there are no problems for the players on their return journey.

This time West was the declarer, and North led the six of spades. Declarer won in hand with the ten and played the king of diamonds. North took the ace and played another spade. When South elected to take dummy's seven with the ace the hand was essentially over. South's club switch was taken by the nine and declarer played the jack of diamonds, discarding dummy's king of spades. North won and played a club and declarer took the king with the ace, cashed two spades and played a heart. One way or another she had to come to nine tricks, +600 and 12 welcome IMPs for Poland.



Open Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak	
		♣*	Pass	
INT	2♦	Pass	Pass	

You will recall that One Club could be based on a singleton, but as the auction developed West inferred that was

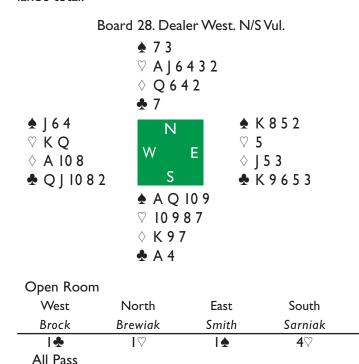


Malgorzata Pasternak, Poland

not the case and the sound club contract was duly reached. There was nothing to the play, +110.

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
Pasternak	Draper	Harasimowicz	Rosen	
		2♣	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

Facing a 10-14 Two Club opener West took an optimistic shot at game, but North led the king of diamonds and the contract was swiftly two down, -200 adding 7 IMPs to England's total.

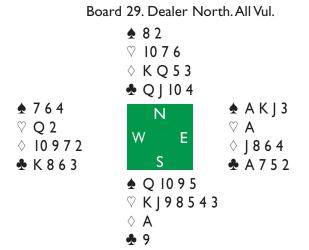


East led the five of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played two rounds of hearts. West won and played a second club, ruffed by declarer, who now made the strange play of a spade to the nine. West won with the jack, and returned a spade and with East withholding the king declarer had to lose two diamond tricks and was one down. -100.

With careful play declarer can make eleven tricks, but a simple line for ten is to ruff a club at trick two, and then play two rounds of trumps.

Closed Roon	n			
West	North	East	South	
Pasternak	Draper	Harasimowicz	Rosen	
♣	Pass	I♠	Pass	
INT	All Pass			

When North declined to overcall E/W stole the pot. INT was rapidly put to the sword by a heart lead, finishing two down, -200. That gave 5 IMPs to England – a big opportunity missed by Poland.



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak
	Pass	INT	2◊*
Pass	2♡	Dble	All Pass

In this position INT was 15-17 and might include a singleton, but preferring that to opening one of a minor is obviously a matter of style.

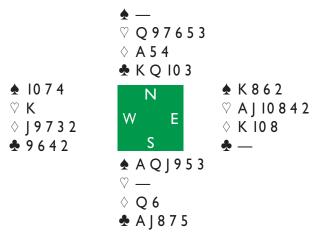
There was obviously a misunderstanding about the meaning of East's double, and when West passed East naturally assume her partner had some trumps. She started by cashing the king of spades and the ace of hearts, so declarer made an overtrick, +870.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Pasternak	Draper	Harasimowicz	Rosen	
	Pass	I♦	ΙŸ	
Pass	2♡	$Dble^*$	4♡	
All Pass				

Four Hearts is simply too high – and the way the play went the defenders missed a chance to promote West's queen of hearts, but it made no difference, +100 gave Poland 14 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Open Roon	า			
West	North	East	South	
Brock	Brewiak	Smith	Sarniak	
Pass	IŸ	Pass	I♠	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2◊*	
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠	
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣	
Pass	4♡	Pass	5♣	
All Pass				

North/South reached a sound spot. East led the eight of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's queen and set about the spades, cashing the ace and then running the queen. It did not matter what East did — she elected to duck — declarer was bound to make an overtrick, +420.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Pasternak	Draper	Harasimowicz	Rosen	
Pass	ΙŸ	Pass	l <b>♠</b>	
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣	
Pass	<b>4</b> $\diamond$ *	Pass	4♡*	
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣	
All Pass				

The stakes were much higher this time. At double dummy a low heart should defeat Six Clubs, but East, not unreasonably, led the eight of spades. Declarer took the free finesse, pitching a diamond – and that was already fatal. (Declarer has to discard a heart, then ruff a spade and play a diamond to secure a second trick in the suit and an entry to dummy. She can ruff another spade in due course, setting up the suit and then draw trumps, reaching dummy by ruffing a heart, or more spectacularly the ace of diamonds.)

She cashed the ace of spades for another diamond pitch, ruffed a spade, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a heart. West overruffed and returned a trump, so that was two down, -200, I I IMPs to Poland.

Of course, one can forgive declarer, it was the last board and after trick one the contract looks cold – but that is the time to be especially careful.

England had demonstrated why they were on top of the group, but Poland had salvaged something at the end and kept their hopes alive.

The final score was England 51 Poland 40, which translated to 17-13 VP.

### WBF CARDS etc.

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### **Butler scores**

Round-by-round Butler details from the round robin can be found on www.swangames.com/magic/magic. They will be published in the Daily Bulletin later in the tournament.

### The World Individual Masters

by Phillip Alder

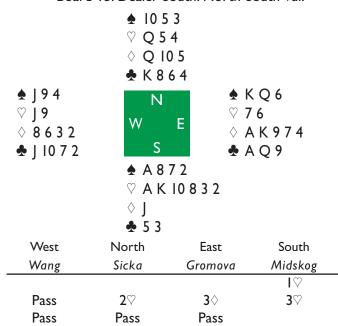
The individuals were divided into two three-session events. The 24 women played 23 three-board rounds, and the 36 men played 35 two-board rounds, using different deals.

The women's event was won by Catharina Midskog from Sweden, who beat Anne-Frédérique Lévy from France by 2.6 matchpoints. Third was Ru Yan from China.

The rumor went around that Lévy could have won on the last board. She and her partner, Tatiana Ponomareva from Russia, were momentarily in three notrump. Their opponents, Gabriella Olivieri from Italy and Wenfei Wang from China, sacrificed in four spades. Judging correctly that the penalty would be insufficient, they went on to five diamonds, which made. However, if they had bid four notrump, they would have made that, and plus 430 is better than plus 400. But it would have gained Lévy only one matchpoint and cost Midskog nothing, so it would not have changed the result.

Midskog scored nine out of ten matchpoints on this board from the final session.

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South vul.



Victoria Gromova from Russia should have doubled two hearts, not overcalled three diamonds. Her hand is easily strong enough, and three diamonds permits no flexibility. If West has a few values with, especially, a five-card spade suit, the higher-scoring strain will be found after a double, but not after three diamonds.

South thought about doubling, an amorphous game-try in hearts, but decided against it. (Not that Bimal Sicka from India would have accepted with her hand.)

A club lead would have been fatal, but Wenfei Wang understandably opened with a diamond. East won the first trick and, after seeing declarer's diamond jack, shifted to

the spade king, ducked by declarer. Now came the spade queen. South ducked this too, wishing to keep West off lead and avoid a club switch.

Declarer took the third spade, cashed her heart ace, and led the heart eight to dummy's queen. Now came the diamond ten, covered by the ace and ruffed high by declarer. A low heart to dummy's five allowed South to pitch a club on the diamond queen.

In this way, Midskog lost only two spades, one diamond and one club.

Three hearts was the contract at five of the six tables. The odd-women-out tried an imaginative three spades by East, going down only two after soft defense.

Three hearts went down one three times, each time after the spade-jack lead, and made twice, once after a low-spade lead and once, as we just saw, after a diamond lead. So, plus 140 was worth 9 matchpoints out of 10. Levy was one of the declarers who went down and received only 2 matchpoints.

The open event was won by Tor Helness from Norway. He took the lead about two-thirds of the way through the second session and never lost it. He finished 38 matchpoints, or just over two boards, ahead of fellow Norwegian Geir Helgemo. Third was Andrei Gromov from Russia, another board behind.

Helness was most proud of this board from the third session. First, decide what you would have done.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.



West	North	East	South
Wang	Pellegrini	Liaqat	Helness
		Pass	INT <sup>(a)</sup>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3◊	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	6◊	All Pass	

(a) 15-17 points

Helness upgraded his hand because of the excellent intermediates. Carlos Pellegrini from Argentina used Stayman, then bid a natural and game-forcing three diamonds. When South continued with three spades, denying values in hearts, the North hand became more powerful. Pellegrini started a control-bidding (cue-bidding) sequence, then used Roman Key Card Blackwood. He signed off in six diamonds when he found that the diamond ace or king was missing. (South had shown the spade ace in the auction.)

West, Qiao Jing Wang, led the spade four. How would you plan the play?

While you think about that, here is a bidding problem. With neither side vulnerable, you pick up in fourth position:

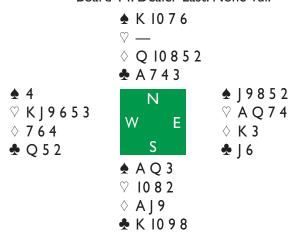
The bidding starts like this:

West North East South 
$$2 - 3 + 4 - 3 = 3$$

What would you do?

Now back to the declarer-play problem. This was the full deal:

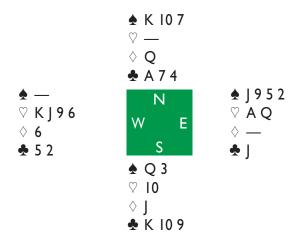
Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.



Helness was confident that the opening lead was a singleton. But by looking at the dummy and taking his high cards into account, declarer could see a possible late spade loser, a possible diamond loser and a probable club loser. He decided to embark on a dummy reversal.

He won the first trick with his spade ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy, and led a diamond to his nine. When that held, South ruffed a heart with dummy's diamond ten and played a club to his eight, losing his club trick without letting East get on lead.

West returned a trump to the king and ace, giving this position:



Declarer ruffed his last heart in the dummy, played a club to his king, drew West's last trump, discarding a spade from the dummy, and claimed plus 920.

This expert display of declarer-play was worth 15 match-points out of 16.

Now back to the bidding problem.

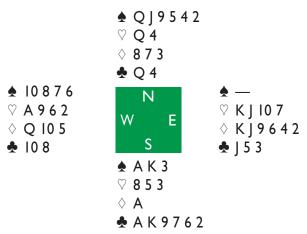


This was another example of Helgemo's imaginative approach to the game. Many players would be thinking Law of Total Tricks, and although partner is presumably void in spades, if he has six diamonds, we are getting to the five-level with only nine trumps. But of course that does not allow for the fact that on this deal, we are not sure who has what. And probably Helgemo noticed that Zhong Fu bid four spades with almost no pause for thought.

Anyway, Helgemo bid five diamonds pretty quickly. It went pass - pass - five spades. What would you do now?

Helgemo thought for a while, then passed. The tray returned with two more passes. This was the full deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

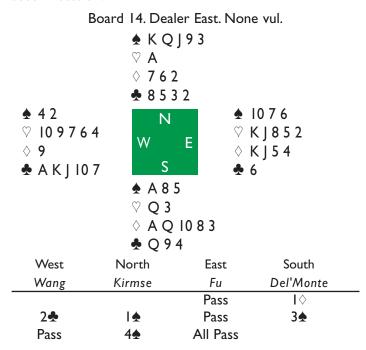


The destiny of the matchpoints rested on the opening

lead. Thomas Bessis from France led a diamond, after which declarer Helness took all 13 tricks without difficulty.

Plus 510 gave North-South 11 matchpoints. But if East had found a heart lead, plus 450 would have been worth only 2. That made an 18-matchpoint swing between Helgemo and Helness.

The swing was even greater on this deal, also from the second session.



Maybe Wang should have overcalled two notrump to show his heart-club two-suiter. His selection of two clubs backfired when he and his partner, Zhong Fu, who was lying third at the time, did not find their big heart fit. Note that five hearts doubled is down only two, a cheap save against game.

Andreas Kirmse from Germany almost passed out three spades. His club holding looked dangerous, and partner could have jumped to four spades with some extras. But eventually he raised to game.

East led his club, West taking three tricks in the suit, East discarding the heart eight followed by the heart five. Now West shifted to a heart.

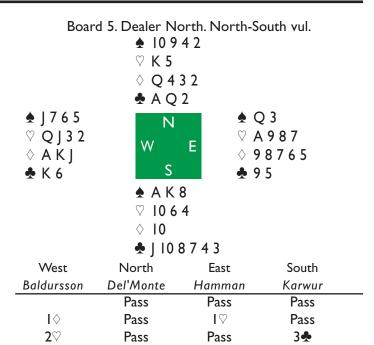
Declarer won with his ace, ruffed his last club in the dummy, East throwing his heart jack, and drew trumps., West pitching his last club. After some thought, North led another spade, East and South throwing diamonds and West the heart ten. It was decision time.

East had not opened two hearts, so presumably had only five. If so, West started with 2=5=1=5 distribution. What was his singleton?

After a lot more thought, Kirmse played a diamond to dummy's queen, which would have been right if West had the singleton jack, but was wrong if West had any of the three low singletons -- and was wrong here.

Down one gave North-South a zero. Plus 420 would have been worth 11. That made a 22-matchpoint swing for Ishy Del'Monte from Australia, and would have put him 7 matchpoints ahead of Fu, instead of 15 behind.

Finally, an unusual deal in that Bob Hamman was misled by the defenders.



At six of the nine tables, West opened and closed the auction with one notrump, going down two after a spade lead. Jon Baldursson from Iceland downgraded his hand and opened one diamond. Karwur did well to balance with three clubs, a contract that would have made. And Hamman, visualizing a double fit, pushed on to three of a red suit.

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**Pass** 

**Pass** 

**Pass** 

**Pass** 

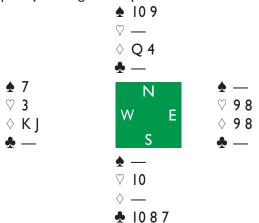
**Pass** 

Pass

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South led the spade ace against three hearts, then shifted to the club jack. North took two tricks in that suit before playing back a spade. South led another club, giving a ruff-and-discard. Declarer ruffed in the dummy and ran the heart queen, Del'Monte playing low smoothly.

Now East made a normal misguess, continuing with the heart jack, covered by the king and ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's ace and discarded a diamond on the spade jack to give this position:



Hamman, thinking North had left one spade, the heart ten and queen-doubleton of diamonds, ruffed a spade in his hand. Now South did well, smoothly discarding a club.

Sticking to his plan, East exited with his last heart, but - quelle domage - South claimed the rest of the tricks for down three.

That gave North-South all 16 matchpoints. If Hamman had got out for down one, he and his partner would have received 14 matchpoints.

# WBF President Jose Damiani's 50th anniversary dinner speech



Dear Friends

I hope that tonight I can find the right words to express my personal pleasure and gratitude to all our Chinese guests who honour us with their presence here tonight. I am very proud that these important officials have found time in their busy schedule to accept this invitation and warmly welcome them. I thank you all for joining us and trust that you will enjoy this auspicious occasion.

Tonight we are celebrating together the 50th anniversary of the World Bridge Federation, and what better place for this very special occasion than the World Bridge Games included here in Beijing as part of the 1st World Mind Sport Games.

You may have seen on the screen the slideshow displaying some of the pictures and history of the WBF, and thanks to the generosity of our President Emeritus, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, we will soon be giving you a book detailing the history of the WBF — we had hoped to have it tonight, but we will deliver it personally as soon as possible.

It is thanks to the cooperation between the Chinese authorities, the Organising Committee and our federations that we have achieved a new record here, especially with the presence of 110 Youth Teams, who represent the future of our wonderful sport of bridge. We have representatives from 95 of the 130 WBF Member countries — indeed quite an accomplishment.

But tonight we should not only look back over the past exciting and glorious 50 years, but also forward, to the challenges that the future will bring. We must meet this with enthusiasm, energy and dynamism.

Bridge has made enormous progress over the past 50 years, with perhaps the greatest advances being in the realm of the technology used. We have embraced these developments, turning them to our advantage, especially in the areas of Internet and communication. We are ready to move forward, utilising existing technology and also developing our own methods as, for example, with our own idea that I brought to the table, to substitute Bridge Mates with electronic or camera readers. Such a development will bring bridge even closer to the other mind sports within IMSA, where they use electronic boards to record and log every move individually and automatically so that they can immediately be broadcast across the world.

And as I speak of IMSA, I would also like to thank my friends and colleagues from the association who have joined us here tonight, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary alongside the first edition of what we hope will become an officially recognised Olympic event, just as we are currently under the patronage of GAISF.

The opening ceremony impressed so many people, and we all hope that everything will continue smoothly through to the end and the closing ceremony, but we already know that the "winning team" are Beijing and the Chinese organisers – I am sure all participants here will remember that they were present for a truly memorable event and will look forward to returning to China in the future.

This is an occasion when I also like to thank all the people who work with us, many of them volunteers. Without your help, we could not move forward, and I for one believe that bridge owes you much gratitude. Thank you indeed, all of you.

Before finishing, I would like to offer my best wishes to our partners here, the Chinese Contract Bridge Association and to IMSA – the International Mind Sports Association. Long may our future be together.

Finally, dear friends and honoured guests, I wish the World Bridge Federation "Happy Birthday" – I do not suppose I will be around to celebrate the I00th Anniversary, but I hope that whoever leads the organisation then will remember us, and remember that we worked today for the future of bridge tomorrow.

# WORLD INDIVIDUAL MASTERS - Final

### MEN

Rank	Name	Country	<b>Percentage</b>
	HELNESS Tor	NOR <sup>*</sup>	58.66
2	HELGEMO Geir	NOR	55.27
3	GROMOV Andrey	RUS	53.75
4	GOWER Craig	RSA	53.04
5	BALDURSSON Jon	ISL	52.95
2 3 4 5 6 7	JASSEM Krzysztof	POL	52.32
7	WANG Qiao Jing	CHN	52.23
8	BRANCO Marcelo	BRA	51.96
	KIRMSE Andreas	GER	51.96
	DELMONTE Ishmael	AUS	51.96
- 11	LI Jie	CHN	51.79
l iż	KARWUR Franky Steven	INA	51.52
13	SUN Shaolin	CHN	51.43
14	GUPTA Subhash	IND	50.45
l	ZHAO Jie	CHN	50.45
	MARTENS Krzysztof	POL	50.45
17	HAMMAN Bob	USA	50.36
i8	HANLON Tom	IRL	50.18
19	LASUT Henky	INA	50.09
20	DUBININ Alexander	RUS	49.64
$\frac{1}{2i}$	COPE Tim	RSA	49.29
22	GROMOELLER Michael	GER	49.20
	FAIGENBAUM Albert	FRA	49.20
	ZALESKI Romain	FRA	49.20
25	FU Zhong	CHN	48.57
26	BESSIS Thomas	FRA	48.21
	CHAGAS Gabriel	BRA	48.21
28	LEBEL Michel	FRA	48.13
29	PELLEGRINI Carlos	ARG	47.86
30	FREEMAN Richard (Dick)	USA	47.77
31	XIN Li	CHN	47.68
32	LIAQAT Farrukh	PAK	47.41
33	ZHÙANG Zejun	CHN	46.25
34	MOUIEL Herve	FRA	45.45
35	KEAVENEY Gay	IRL	43.75
36	HUANG Patrick K. H.	TPE	43.39

### WOMEN

Rank	Name	Country	Percentage
I	MIDSKOG Catarina	SWE	57.51
2	LEVY Anne-Frederique	FRA	57.13
2 3	YAN Ru	CHN	55.10
4	WANG Wenfei	CHN	53.45
5	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ITA	51.62
	McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz	) SCO	51.62
7	PENFOLD Sandra	ENG	51.57
	WANG Hongli	CHN	51.57
9	SHIMAMURĂ Kyoko	JPN	50.70
10	AZWER Zeenat	PΑΚ	50.61
- 11	SUN Ming	CHN	50.55
12	HARASIMOWICZ Ewa	POL	50.43
13	HARDING Marianne	NOR	50.12
14	ARRIGONI Gianna	ITA	49.74
	GROMOVA Victoria	RUS	49.74
16	LIU Yi Qian	CHN	49.59
17	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS	49.10
18	SICKA Bimal	IND	46.81
19	BOURKE Margaret	AUS	46.55
20	ZHANG Yu	CHN	46.12
21	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	NOR	46.09
22	KHALIL Lily	EGY	45.77
23	PACHECO Morella	VEN	45.51
24	MESTRES Montserrat	ESP	43.59