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A HARD DAY'S FIGHT



WBF President José Damiani, standing, officiates at the WBF Meeting of Congress, his last as president. Damiani retires from the presidency at the end of this championship

While the women in the McConnell enjoyed their day off, 64 teams in the Rosenblum were hard at work, battling to get to the next round in the open championship.

The favored teams were in good form, most of them winning with ease to advance to the round of 32 today.

The McConnell begins play today in the round of 16.

In the Rand Cup Senior Teams, the Indonesia squad, Gabriel UI, was in the lead after five rounds of Swiss teams on Friday. Five more rounds will be played today to qualify teams for the quarterfinal round starting Sunday.



Important Notice

The Rosenblum round of 32 and the McConnell round of 16 will be played in the Convention Center, Room 103.

OurGame and BBO matches, however, will be played in the Marriott on the fourth floor.

BBO matches – Zimmermann/Camberos, Allfrey/Nickell and Cayne/Team Pharma.

OurGame match – China Ladies/Sombra.

Important Notices

Change in Conditions of Contest



The following change has been made to the supplementary Conditions of Contest in reference to items 14.2 and 15.2.

1. In the first segment, the lower-numbered team will sit N/S in the Open Room and E/W in the Closed

Room. The teams will remain in those positions throughout the match.

2. The lower-numbered team has the seating rights in the 2nd and 4th segments from the round of 64 up to and including the round of 16.

Systems Information

The regulations permit the use of the Multi 2 Diamond convention. This shows a weak two in either major. It may have additional meanings all of which must be strong and players are permitted to bring their written defences to the table

Players must ensure that both members of the partnership have a fully completed convention card detailing all their agreements. This must be the WBF Card; blank WBF Cards can be obtained from hospitality or alternatively the completed WBF Generali card may be used, and modified by the partnership as necessary.

Players are reminded that Brown Sticker Conventions and Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) are not permitted at any time in any Championship events.

Screen Regulations

Copies of the latest Screen regulations are available from hospitality, so please familiarise yourself with them

Rulings and Appeals

All players and captains are reminded that the tournament directors consult among themselves and solicit the opinions of expert players before giving a judgemental ruling. For this reason, the Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Code of Practice, presumes initially that the director's ruling is correct. The ruling will be overturned only if the evidence presented is strong enough to persuade the committee to the contrary. Copies of the Code of Practice may be obtained from the Hospitality Desk.

Alerts

The WBF Alerting Policy applies. No announcements are made. Copies of the Policy are available from Hospitality.

Boards

When the Boards come to the table DO NOT deal them. They are pre-dealt boards.

Restrictions:

No smoking is permitted in any part of the building

No mobile phones / electronic equipment may be taken into the playing area including the designated rest-rooms

Any player or team official bringing such an item into these areas will result in his team being fined 2 VP (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match), or in the case of pairs events, will result in his partnership being fined 25% of the match points available on a board during the session. The penalty is mandatory. Constant violation of this regulation will result in the player being prohibited from playing and in the team official not being admitted into the playing area.

The Chief Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Hospitality may consent to keep these devices during play, but it must be clearly understood that no responsibility can be taken for any loss or damage.

No alcohol is permitted in the playing area

Dress Code

Players are reminded that the WBF is recognised by the IOC as a sports federation and are asked to respect this by dressing appropriately.

Systems Committee meeting

The committee will meet at 9.30 am on Saturday 9th October in the Appeals room - room 303 on the 3rd floor.

Junior Teams Opening

Welcome to the Junior Teams in the Ortiz-Patino Cup and Damiani Trophy and Rona Cup. The opening celebration will be held on Saturday, 8th October at 7 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Ballroom. Come and meet your friends and have a bite to eat.

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Rand Cup for Senior Teams

The qualification consists of a Swiss Teams consisting of 10 rounds of 10 boards, 5 rounds on Friday 8th and 5 rounds on Saturday 9th. The first match will be at 10.30 and the detailed schedule will be in Friday's bulletin.

The qualification will be followed by a knockout stage, with the Quarter and Semi Final on Sunday 10th October, each of 24 boards. The Final and play-off will be played on Monday 11th over 3 rounds of 16 boards each. The non-qualified teams will have the opportunity to play free of charge in the Seniors Plate, the format of which will be decided when final numbers are known.

Registration for the Open and Women's Pairs

All players not yet registered for the Open and Women's Pairs are requested to do so as soon as possible.

This also applies to players qualifying for the knockout stages of the teams and wishing to drop into the pairs.

NOTE that failure to register in advance will forfeit the right of players qualifying for the knockout stages to drop into the pairs.

You are reminded that players from the Rosenblum may only drop into the Open Pairs and players from the McConnell may only drop into the Women's Pairs.

OurGame Broadcasts

There will be one OurGame match per round. You can connect at <http://worldbridge.ourgame.com>

Calling All Journalists



José Damiani is to host a Press Conference (addressed by Colonel Gregory H. Johnson, bridge playing Astronaut) followed by the Annual General Meeting of the IBPA on Monday 11th October starting at 08:30 in the Liberty C (2nd floor DeLuxe Tower Marriott Hotel). Light refreshments will be available from 08:00.

The Annual Awards will be presented at 09:00 on Tuesday 12th October at the same venue.

Playing Cards



Decks of playing cards from WBF Championships are available from the Jannersten Stand on the 4th floor. New deck 1US\$ per deck.

Used deck 0.70 US\$ per deck.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

Rosenblum Cup
 Round of 32 sessions at
10.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30

McConnell Cup
 Round of 16 sessions at
10.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30

Rand Cup Senior Teams
 Round Robin begins at **10.30**

GENERALI Open & Women's Pairs
 Sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

(Tomorrow)

Rosenblum Cup
 Round of 16 sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

McConnell Cup
 Quarter Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Rand Cup Senior Teams
 Quarter Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
 Round Robin Sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30



ROSENBLUM CUP**Round of 64 (results subject to confirmation)**

| Tbl | | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Total |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Zimmermann | 24 | 39 | 40 | 23 | 126 |
| | Gwadteam | 6 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 38 |
| 2 | Italian Stallions | 20 | 30 | 15 | 30 | 95 |
| | Camberos | 41 | 35 | 33 | 18 | 127 |
| 3 | O'Rourke | 38 | 16 | 53 | 41 | 148 |
| | Rumelhart | 13 | 33 | 2 | 18 | 66 |
| 4 | Chateau Rossenovo | 49 | 38 | 10 | 15 | 112 |
| | Meltzer | 18 | 28 | 39 | 61 | 146 |
| 5 | Berg | 18 | 46 | 7 | 39 | 110 |
| | Schwartz | 12 | 37 | 16 | 17 | 82 |
| 6 | Consus Red Poland | 53 | 17 | 11 | 28 | 109 |
| | Bilal | 19 | 40 | 16 | 32 | 107 |
| 7 | British Lions | 57 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 83 |
| | Green Machine | 36 | 32 | 20 | 40 | 128 |
| 8 | Carmichael | 10 | 34 | 19 | 23 | 86 |
| | Strul | 33 | 19 | 31 | 28 | 111 |
| 9 | Mahaffey | 0 | 14 | 42 | 44 | 100 |
| | Rossard | 30 | 22 | 23 | 22 | 97 |
| 10 | China Open | 38 | 22 | 15 | 27 | 102 |
| | Gordon | 17 | 29 | 27 | 3 | 76 |
| 11 | Deutsch | 29 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 78 |
| | Vito | 40 | 38 | 13 | 36 | 127 |
| 12 | Dhampur Sugar Mills | 14 | 26 | 11 | 33 | 84 |
| | Josef and cards | 12 | 12 | 50 | 18 | 92 |
| 13 | Diamond | 20 | 30 | 25 | 30 | 105 |
| | JapCan | 19 | 7 | 1 | 21 | 48 |
| 14 | Klinger | 41 | 43 | 10 | 66 | 160 |
| | Auken | 25 | 29 | 22 | 17 | 93 |
| 15 | Coldea | 69 | 51 | 27 | 37 | 184 |
| | Moss | 4 | 58 | 19 | 27 | 108 |
| 16 | Bramley | 28 | 11 | 29 | 11 | 79 |
| | Lavazza | 24 | 30 | 19 | 61 | 134 |
| 17 | Cayne | 55 | 28 | 35 | 36 | 154 |
| | Belgium Cooreman | 2 | 31 | 22 | 19 | 74 |
| 18 | Team Pharmaservice | 38 | 18 | 23 | 36 | 115 |
| | Hampton | 5 | 32 | 30 | 18 | 85 |
| 19 | Rosen | 39 | 27 | 26 | 21 | 113 |
| | Apteker | 9 | 59 | 31 | 58 | 157 |
| 20 | Begijnt JE | 14 | 13 | 7 | 35 | 69 |
| | Wolfson | 30 | 17 | 39 | 26 | 112 |
| 21 | Pinot Noir | 24 | 21 | 22 | 28 | 95 |
| | Alizee | 18 | 20 | 40 | 38 | 116 |
| 22 | Kamras | 13 | 22 | 11 | 4 | 50 |
| | Zaleski | 39 | 42 | 45 | 30 | 156 |
| 23 | Budimex Poland | 15 | 22 | 29 | 8 | 74 |
| | Koneru | 37 | 15 | 3 | 28 | 83 |
| 24 | De Botton | 20 | 37 | 16 | 5 | 78 |
| | Fleisher | 21 | 55 | 29 | 60 | 165 |
| 25 | Parimatch | 32 | 28 | 12 | 30 | 102 |
| | Dipak Poddar | 12 | 36 | 21 | 25 | 94 |
| 26 | Hengyuanxian Heji | 5 | 29 | 26 | 12 | 72 |
| | Robinson | 10 | 31 | 14 | 42 | 97 |
| 27 | Rayner | 22 | 41 | 12 | 52 | 127 |
| | Beijing Trinergy | 17 | 21 | 37 | 31 | 106 |
| 28 | Canada | 21 | 23 | 40 | 25 | 109 |
| | Fredin | 24 | 36 | 20 | 56 | 136 |
| 29 | Zambonini | 14 | 29 | 26 | 28 | 97 |
| | Martens | 6 | 62 | 33 | 32 | 133 |
| 30 | Zen | 15 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 49 |
| | Beijing Shouchuang | 26 | 57 | 40 | 25 | 148 |
| 31 | Nadar | 33 | 16 | 9 | 18 | 76 |
| | Allfrey | 26 | 60 | 32 | 46 | 164 |
| 32 | Hughes | 18 | 34 | 1 | 13 | 66 |
| | Nickell | 44 | 46 | 56 | 62 | 208 |

SWISS TEAMS PLATE

Final Standings *(subject to confirmation)*

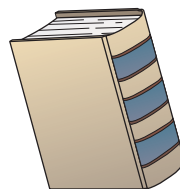
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| 1 Villa Fabbriche | 116 | 12 Impaired | 101 | Feldman | 92 | Juan Valdez | 82 |
| 2 China Nangang Power | 112 | 13 Onix | 99 | Fenerbahce USA | 92 | 35 Todd | 81 |
| Texan Aces | 112 | Strasser | 99 | Japan Youth | 92 | 36 Mercosul | 80 |
| 4 Oz Juniors | 110 | 15 Payen | 98 | 26 All Bulgarian Stars | 91 | 37 Granovetter | 78 |
| 5 Consus White Poland | 109 | Priebe | 98 | 27 Cortex | 90 | Singapore | 78 |
| Italia Mista | 109 | 17 Derrico | 97 | 28 Krizel | 88 | 39 Chevalier | 72 |
| 7 Izmir | 106 | Fox | 97 | 29 Yu Tong | 87 | 40 Four and a half men | 71 |
| 8 Siwik BT | 105 | 19 Pauncz | 95 | 30 Michelin | 86 | 41 Orr | 67 |
| www.funbridge.com | 105 | 20 Bennett | 93 | 31 San3PDX | 85 | 42 Angus | 63 |
| 10 French Juniors | 104 | 21 Agsar | 92 | 32 Harris | 83 | 43 Lipson | 49 |
| 11 Mixed Junior | 103 | Borisov | 92 | 33 Canada Women | 82 | | |

RAND CUP SENIOR TEAMS

Standings after 5 sessions *(subject to confirmation)*

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|------------------------|----|
| 1 Gabriel UI | 101 | Tornay | 75 |
| 2 Kaminski | 93 | 19 Mango Mishra | 74 |
| Tulin | 93 | 20 Bermuda | 73 |
| 4 Japan Yamada | 90 | Schaffer | 73 |
| Lavazza | 90 | 22 CanMasterPointPress | 72 |
| 6 Cohen | 88 | Sternberg | 72 |
| 7 DeMartino | 84 | 24 Reunion Island | 71 |
| Team Markowicz | 84 | 25 PRI Investments | 70 |
| 9 Capital gang | 82 | 26 Brasil | 65 |
| Dreds | 82 | Wood | 65 |
| 11 McGowan | 80 | 28 Dovell | 64 |
| 12 Simpson | 78 | 29 Shane | 63 |
| True Blue | 78 | 30 Wolff | 62 |
| 14 Carolyn Lynch | 77 | 31 Egypt | 60 |
| Hackett | 77 | 32 Jones | 56 |
| 16 Kostal | 75 | 33 Humphreys | 53 |
| Raiola | 75 | 34 Cassini | 28 |

World Championship Book Philadelphia 2010



The official book of these championships in Philadelphia will be available in March 2011, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage (\$35 from some suppliers). Advance orders can be made through Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the third floor at the discounted price of US\$30, with free postage and packing.

The principal writers will again be Brian Senior, John Carruthers, Barry Rigal and Geo Tislevoll. There will also be guest contributors including Donna Compton on the Mixed (likely with substantial input from Fulvio Fantoni).

There will be a full listing of all participants in world championship events, a full results service and many photographs. Coverage will include every deal from the final and semi-finals of the Rosenblum plus the pick of the action from the earlier stages and the other championship events.

Round 8

Rosenblum Cup

British Bulldogs

by Mark Horton

British bulldogs is a tag-based game, played mainly in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and other Commonwealth countries by children at school. The game is also known to have been played, often on asphalt recess yards, by schoolchildren in Rhode Island in the 1960s, under the name "Cock-a-Rooster."

The play area is usually a large hall or area of a playing field, though there is neither any definition of the size of the pitch nor the number of players as long as there is enough space for the players to manoeuvre and enough players to have fun.

Most commonly one or two players – though this number may be higher in large spaces – are selected to play the parts of the "bulldogs" (for whom the game is named). The bulldogs stand in the middle of the play area. All remaining players stand at one end of the area (home). The aim of the game is to run from one end of the field of play to the other, without being caught by the bulldogs. When a player is caught, they become a bulldog themselves. The winner is the last player or players 'free'.

In the penultimate round of the qualifying contest two of the leading teams in Group N faced off. Both were well placed to qualify and have a shot at being the last team standing.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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| ♥ A 10 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ Q J 8 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |



Open Room

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Berkowitz | Senior | Sontag | Kendrick |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |

East led the nine of clubs and declarer won in hand and played a heart to the ace and the ten of hearts. When the queen surfaced he claimed, +490.

A late emergency meant this article had to be used in today's bulletin, and there was no opportunity to discover the auction or how the play went at the other table. North was in 4♥ and went one down. It's easy enough to see how you can lose four tricks – get the trumps wrong and a diamond ruff will scupper you. A fast start for Allfrey, who scored 11 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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| | | S | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ J 10 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ A 7 6 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ 9 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Open Room

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Berkowitz | Senior | Sontag | Kendrick |
| INT* | 2♥* | 1♥ | Pass |
| 4♣ | 4♠ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 5♣ | 5♠ |
| All Pass | | 6♣ | Dble |

With a known double fit it was obvious for South to push on to 5♠. The vulnerability persuaded East to take the phantom. North cashed the king of spades and

switched to a diamond. South took the ace and in due course declarer had to lose a heart for -300.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Robson</i> | <i>Paulissen</i> | <i>Allfrey</i> | <i>Jansma</i> |
| 2♣ | 2♥* | 1♥ | Pass |
| 5♣ | 5♦ | 3♣ | 4♠ |
| 6♣ | All Pass | Pass | Pass |

The phantom made another appearance, but this time there was no double so Allfrey tacked on another 5 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Berkowitz</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Sontag</i> | <i>Kendrick</i> |
| 1♠ | 3♥ | 4♣ | 1♥ |
| 4♥ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| | | | All Pass |



Alexander Allfrey, England

North led the three of diamonds and declarer took South's king with the ace, played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. At this point the play record ceases with the comment 10 tricks claimed. Not quite. Declarer continued his cross ruff and then played the king of clubs and a club. South ruffed and was down to ♠AQ9 ♦10. All he had to do was exit with the ten of diamonds. North would win and play a card and South puts in the nine to endplay declarer. It's a classic combination you frequently see as declarer in a hand involving an elimination, but clearly harder to see as a defender.

Interestingly once North has led a diamond declarer can always get home if at some point he leads the jack of diamonds, forcing North to cover. Then he will have to cash just one club before exiting with his last diamond. South will be down to ♠AQ92 and have to allow declarer to score the two tricks needed for game.

If North leads a club at trick one? (there are two chances of that happening, slim and none) the timing is wrong and declarer should go down.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Robson</i> | <i>Paulissen</i> | <i>Allfrey</i> | <i>Jansma</i> |
| 1♠ | 3♦ | Dble | 1♦ |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | Pass |

Here North led the queen of diamonds. Declarer ducked (the line outlined above would work as South would now be sure to win the diamond exit) and ruffed the diamond continuation and tried the ten of spades. South took the ace and exited with the king of diamonds.

IBPA dinner

The International Bridge Press Association dinner is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. at Maggiano's, opposite the Marriott's main entrance on Filbert Street.

A multi-course dinner will feature Farfalle Aglio with herb chicken, spinach and asparagus; veal and mushroom ravioli al forno; salmon with herbs, and beef cannelloni.

The price with non-alcoholic drinks is \$50, tax and service included; with an unlimited amount of wine, the price is \$78.50.

Registration is in the Press Room.

He had to score two trump tricks for +100 and 12 IMPs for Meltzer.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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| ♠ 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ J 5 ♦ A J 9 ♣ 10 7 5 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 9 4 3 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ A Q 6 4 3 2 | ♠ A Q J 7 3 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ – ♠ K 9 6 ♥ Q 10 7 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ K J 9 8 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Berkowitz</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Sontag</i> | <i>Kendrick</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | 3♥ | 4♠ |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

East led the ace of clubs and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the king. West took the ace, and played the nine of diamonds. When that held he switched to a trump. Declarer could win and ruff a diamond, but the 5-0 trump split meant he had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Robson</i> | <i>Paulissen</i> | <i>Allfrey</i> | <i>Jansma</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ | Dble |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | 4♣ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

South led the nine of spades and declarer ruffed and played a heart. South went in with the queen and played the six of spades. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of clubs and played another heart to the jack and ace. When North played the seven of spades declarer decided to discard a diamond – and that cost a trick. South won and switched to the king of diamonds. Declarer won with dummy’s ace, crossed to the queen of diamonds, cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart. He was sure to score one more trump trick, but that was still -300 and 9 IMPs to Meltzer, now ahead by 2 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Berkowitz</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Sontag</i> | <i>Kendrick</i> |
| 1♥ | 4♠ | Pass | 1♣ |
| Dble | All Pass | Pass | Pass |

I find East decision to stand the double of 4♠ surprising – don’t you? When East led a diamond declarer had two overtricks without having to break sweat, +1190.



Alan Sontag, USA

Closed Room

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| West <i>Robson</i> | North <i>Paulissen</i> | East <i>Allfrey</i> | South <i>Jansma</i> |
| 1♥ | 4♠ | Pass | 1♣ |
| Pass | 5♣* | Pass | 4NT* |
| All Pass | | Pass | 5♠ |

East led the jack of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the top spades, ruffed a heart and drew the last trump. You can make twelve tricks if you read the ending, but declarer simply claimed eleven – and lost 11 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| West <i>Berkowitz</i> | North <i>Senior</i> | East <i>Sontag</i> | South <i>Kendrick</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| Dble | INT | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | All Pass | | |

South's frivolous opening bid put his side in jeopardy, but when East removed the double of INT not only did North/South escape they also saw their opponents rest in a modest part score. Declarer took ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| West <i>Robson</i> | North <i>Paulissen</i> | East <i>Allfrey</i> | South <i>Jansma</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 2♣* | Pass | 2♦* | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣* | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

Declarer won the spade lead in dummy and ran the jack of diamonds, quickly claiming nine tricks, +600. He must have been surprised to find that was worth 10 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| West <i>Berkowitz</i> | North <i>Senior</i> | East <i>Sontag</i> | South <i>Kendrick</i> |
| | | 1♦* | Pass |
| INT | Pass | Pass | 2♦ |
| Dble | Pass | 2♠ | All Pass |

1♦ Precision

When East/West died, South gave them a second chance. West knew what to do with that, but East had a different view. He collected nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| West <i>Robson</i> | North <i>Paulissen</i> | East <i>Allfrey</i> | South <i>Jansma</i> |
| | | 1♣ | 1♦ |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

South won the opening lead with the king of diamonds and switched to the king of hearts. That speeded up the play and declarer soon had ten tricks, +430 and 7 IMPs.

Allfrey won 48-23, 21-9 VP. That not only ensured their qualification it gave them an excellent chance of winning the group.

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Round 7

Rosenblum Cup

Slugfest

by Phillip Alder

The two teams at the top of Group C faced each other in the first match on Thursday: Cayne (Seamon, Balicki, Zmudzinski, Lauria and Versace) against Auken (Sveindal, Shenkin, Van Cleeff).

The first deal featured nice declarer-play at both tables.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|------------|
| Auken | Balicki | Sveindal | Zmudzinski |
| 1♠ | Pass | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| 4♠ | 2♥ | 2♠ | Pass |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| Versace | Van Cleeff | Lauria | Shenkin |
| Dble (1) | Pass | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| Dble | 2♥ | Pass | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| | Pass | Pass | Pass |

(1) Four-plus spades

Against 4♠, Cezary Balicki led the ♦Q. Adam Zmudzinski overtook with his king and returned the ♦4 when declarer ducked. Jens Auken won with his ace and cashed his three heart tricks to shake his diamond loser. After a spade to the jack held, West continued with a low spade to the nine and queen. South returned a heart.

We can see that declarer can ruff in his hand, play a club to the queen and cruise home. But Auken spotted a line that would work even if South had the ♣K. Declarer discarded a club from his hand and ruffed in the dummy.

Then he cashed the ♣A and continued with dummy's ♦9. If South ruffed, declarer would overruff, draw the last trump and claim. If South discarded, declarer would ruff low and exit with his last club. South's trumps would be caught in a coup.

Lorenzo Lauria was in 3NT. Barnet Shenkin led a heart. Declarer won with his queen and played a spade to dummy's jack. When that held, East unblocked the ♥K and led a spade to his nine. South took his queen and shifted to the ♦K. Declarer ducked this trick, took the next with the ♦A, played a club to his queen, and cashed the ♥A to reach this position:

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------|---------|--|
| | ♠ - | | |
| | ♥ - | | |
| | ♦ J 10 | | |
| | ♣ K 9 5 | | |
| ♠ A 10 7 | N W E S | ♠ 4 | |
| ♥ - | | ♥ - | |
| ♦ 8 | | ♦ 9 | |
| ♣ 10 | | ♣ A 7 4 | |
| | ♠ K 8 | | |
| | ♥ J 10 | | |
| | ♦ | | |
| | ♣ J | | |

Three rounds of spades squeezed North in the minors. Minus 420 and plus 460 gave Cayne 1 IMP on the board. More points changed hands on the second deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|------------|
| Auken | Balicki | Sveindal | Zmudzinski |
| | | 1♦ | INT (1) |
| 3♦ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

(1) A four-card major and five-plus clubs

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| Versace | Van Cleeff | Lauria | Shenkin |
| | | 1♦ | Dble |
| 3♣ (2) | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

(2) Fit-showing jump

Zmudzinski made a strange-looking Raptor overcall instead of a takeout double. Perhaps if his partner made a pass-or-correct bid in a major he was going to show the other major. (Opening 2♦, promising a weak two in either major, when 5-5 in the majors is an interesting gambit.)

Sveindal's 3♦ played fine. He won the first trick with dummy's ♣A and ran the ♠J. South took the trick and shifted to hearts, so declarer lost one spade, one heart and one diamond.

Van Cleeff's 4♠ contract had no chance against the actual distribution. East led the ♦10. Declarer ruffed in the

dummy and drove out the ♣A. West shifted to a heart, ducked to East's king. East led another diamond, declarer discarding a club from the dummy. West took his ace and returned a diamond, North winning with his king and playing a spade to dummy's king.

If declarer had cashed his heart tricks and ruffed his last diamond in the dummy, he would have escaped for down three, but he played a club to his ten. East ruffed and cashed the ♠Q, ♠A and ♦Q for down four.

Minus 130 and plus 400 gave Cayne 7 IMPs.

After a flat partscore came:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------|
| | | ♠ A 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♥ A 8 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♦ K 8 6 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♣ K J 8 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ K 9 5 | | <table border="1"> <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 | | ♠ J 7 6 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ 9 6 | | ♥ 10 4 3 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ A J | | ♦ Q 10 4 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ A 10 9 5 4 3 | | ♣ 7 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♠ Q 10 4 3 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♥ K Q J 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♦ 9 7 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♣ Q | | | | | | | | | | |

At both tables, West opened 1♣, North overcalled INT, South showed game values with five spades and four hearts, and North signed off in 3NT. The two Easts led the ♦2, West winning with his ace and returning the ♦J to declarer's king.

Balicki made short work of the play by cashing his ♠A and playing a spade to dummy's ten. West won with his king and cashed the ♣A, after which Balicki had the rest.

Van Cleeff decided to play on clubs. At trick three, he led a heart to dummy's king, then called for the ♣Q, which West ducked. There was still time for spades, but declarer cashed dummy's ♥Q, played a heart to his ace (West threw a spade), and continued with the ♣K. West won with his ace and returned the ♣10. North won with his jack and exited with the ♠8.

The good news for declarer was that West, after running his clubs, was endplayed to lead away from his ♠K. The bad news was that North had lost five tricks: one diamond and four clubs.

Plus 630 and plus 100 gave Cayne a further 12 IMPs and a 20-0 lead.

Another 5 IMPs went the same way on Board 5 when Lauria played in INT more successfully than Sveindal.



Barnet J Shenkin, USA

Third in hand, vulnerable against not, would you open 1♥ with

♠ Q 6 ♥ Q J 8 6 2 ♦ K J 9 4 ♣ J 6?

Auken did and ended in 3♦ down two, minus 200. Versace did not and let his opponents play in 2♠ plus one. But that was 2 IMPs to Cayne.

Auken finally got on the board with an overtrick IMP. Van Cleeff led a club against 6♥, cashing his partner's ace. Zmudzinski led a diamond, then was squeezed in the black suits for the overtrick. Next:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|------------|
| Auken | Balicki | Sveindal | Zmudzinski |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|----------|
| Versace | Van Cleeff | Lauria | Shenkin |
| 2♥ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♦ (1) | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

(1) Two of the top three heart honors

It is usually right to play in hearts in this situation because even if you get opener's suit established, in notrump you might never see his hand again. Here, though, West not only had the ♠Q as an entry, he also had the invaluable ♣ 10-9. Sveindal won the first trick with his ♦Q and played on clubs to take nine tricks.

Versace's 4♥ contract looked all right too, but Van Cleeff found the great lead of the ♣2. Understandably, declarer played low from the dummy, so Shenkin won with his queen and returned his second club. North took his ace and led a third round, South uppercutting declarer with the ♥8. West overruffed with his ♥J, cashed the ♠Q, played a spade to dummy's ace, and tried a finesse of his

♥Q. However, North won with the king and led another club, South uppercutting for the second time with the ♥9. After West overruffed with the ♥A, he had ♥ 7-4-3 left under North's ♥ 10-5.

That was down two and 11 IMPs to Auken. They traded 1-IMP swings, then:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|--------------------|
| Auken | Balicki | Sveindal | Zmudzinski |
| Pass | Pass | 4♠ | 2♥ (1) All Pass |

(1) At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|----------------|
| Versace | Van Cleeff | Lauria | Shenkin |
| Pass | 3♥ | Dble | 2♥ (1) Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 6♠ | All Pass |

(1) Five hearts and four-plus in either minor

On a non-diamond lead, this is a decent 6♠ contract ... but not today. Both declarers lost one diamond and two clubs, giving Auken another 11 IMPs and cutting the deficit to 4.

With only your side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ K 10 7 5 ♥ K 9 6 3 ♦ K J ♣ 6 4 2

The auction starts:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| Dble | Redbl | Pass | Pass |
| 1♥ | ? | | |

What would you do? If you end up on lead against 1♥ doubled or undoubled, what would you lead?

At the other table, Auken opened the 11-count West hand, after which South ended in a cold 2♦. A slight mis-defense let through an overtrick. In the given auction, I think Van Cleeff should have doubled to show four hearts. If partner is very short in the suit, he can run. But here partner would have been delighted to pass. Then the textbook trump lead would have resulted in down two.

When Van Cleeff passed, Shenkin balanced with INT, making with an overtrick for a flat board. But Auken could have gained 5.

In third position, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 10 5 ♥ A 10 9 5 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ 10 4.

You open INT, 15-17, partner transfers into spades, then rebids 2NT inviting game. What would you do: pass, 3♠, 3NT or 4♠?

You have only 15 high-card points, but you have ace, ace, ace-king and a doubleton, and you are vulnerable. It looks clear to me to bid 4♠. Shenkin agreed and made his contract easily enough. Zmudzinski signed off in 3♠. He took only nine tricks when he eschewed the winning spade finesse. So Auken gained 10 IMPs to take the lead. (Yes, 3NT had nine tricks: five spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club, partner's ace. But that would have been an exceedingly poor choice of contract in my opinion.)

The excitement continued:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| ♠ K 9 8 ♥ K J 4 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ K 9 7 4 | ♠ Q 7 5 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ K 9 8 7 5 ♣ 10 8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A J 6 4 ♥ A 10 9 6 5 3 ♦ J 10 ♣ 3 | ♠ 10 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ A Q J 6 5 2 |
|--|--|---|

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|----------|------------|
| Auken | Balicki | Sveindal | Zmudzinski |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 2♠ (1) | Pass |
| 2NT (2) | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

- (1) Clubs
- (2) I like clubs

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| Versace | Van Cleeff | Lauria | Shenkin |
| | | Pass | 2♦ (1) |
| 2NT | 3♥ (2) | 3NT | 4♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

- (1) Weak two in either major
- (2) Pass-or-correct

Shenkin judged well to bid 4♥. Lauria led his trump, and Van Cleeff lost one trick in each suit for down one.

Zmudzinski could not open with a weak two-bid, so the Danes had an uncontested auction.

Against 3NT, North led a diamond, which ran to declarer's queen. West, who now had eight top tricks, took two rounds of clubs, then played a heart to his jack. Unlucky – North won with the queen and persevered with the ♦K, ducked, and another diamond.

Now declarer had to assume South had both major-suit aces. West ran the clubs to give this position:

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| ♠ K 9 ♥ K 4 ♦ – ♣ – | ♠ Q 5 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 ♣ – <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A J ♥ A 6 ♦ – ♣ – | ♠ 10 3 2 ♥ – ♦ – ♣ 6 |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|

When declarer led dummy's last club, he waited for South to commit himself. In fact Zmudzinski threw the ♠J, so Auken pitched his ♠9. South took the next trick with the ♠A and cashed the ♥A, but declarer took his ninth trick at the end.

Minus 50 and plus 400 gave Auken 8 IMPs.

On Board 15 Cayne gained 2 IMPs when Lauria won 11 tricks in 4♥ and Auken nine in 3NT.

And on the final deal both Norths played in a no-trump partscore. Van Cleeff won nine tricks while Balicki took only eight, giving one more point to Auken.

So the final score was 43-30 in favor of Auken, or 18-12 in victory points.

Round 8

Rosenblum Cup

No Letup

by Brent Manley

After six matches in the Rosenblum round robin, the Nick Nickell team was comfortably in qualifying position for the knockout phase, but with seeding position at stake, nothing was taken for granted.

Their opponents in round eight were team Zen, from Hong Kong.

Zen started with a 7-IMP gain on board 2 when Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood played in 3♠, two down for minus 200, and Nick Nickell and Ralph Katz were minus 100 in 5♦.

More IMPs went to Zen on the next deal when Zia ended up in the “wrong” minor at the game level.

To Bob Hamman, the bidding sounded as though Zia might be at least 6-5 in diamonds and clubs, so he preferred the first suit, making him declarer.

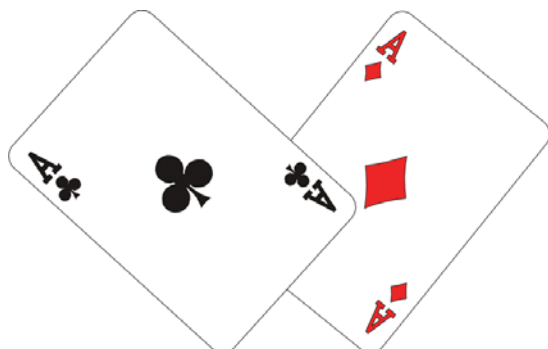
A spade went to dummy’s ace, and Hamman cashed the top clubs and played a third round from dummy. Edmund Tse ruffed in with the ♦J and switched to a heart. From there, Hamman did well to finish one down.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



| West | North | East | South |
|------|--------|----------|-------|
| Tse | Hamman | Huang | Zia |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 5♦ | All Pass | 5♣ |



| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Nickell | Yeung | Katz | Chiu |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Nick Nickell started with the ♣Q, but there was no way to prevent Karic Chiu from taking 11 tricks. He won the lead in hand, cashed the ♠A and the top two diamonds. The 3-3 split allowed declarer to ruff the suit good while getting to dummy to cash the ♠K for a heart pitch. He lost two trump tricks but that was all. Plus 150 was a 5-IMP gain but it could have been double that had Peter Yeung and Chiu bid the club game.

Nickell evened the match on the following board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|--------|----------|-------|
| Tse | Hamman | Huang | Zia |
| 1♣ | INT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Patrick Huang started with the ♣7. Edmund Tse won the ♣A and made the curious return of the ♣5. Hamman may have looked at that card askance, but he played the 8, which held the trick. He played a heart to the king and called for a low diamond: jack, king, 2. A second diamond went to the 10 and ace, and a heart return was won by the ace. The ♦8 from North established a second trick in that suit, and Hamman finished with 10 tricks for plus 630.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| Nickell | Yeung | Katz | Chiu |
| 1♣ | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Ralph Katz also led the ♣7, but when Nickell won the ace he returned the ♣10. Peter Yeung, North, won the king and played the ♠8 from hand, passing it to Nickell's 9 when Katz played low. The ♦A and followed by the ♦J, ducked by declarer but overtaken by Katz with the queen to play a low heart. Declarer won in dummy, played a spade to his ace and soon was recording minus 100 for a 12-IMP loss. The match was even.

A slam swing put Zen back in front.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|-------|-------|
| Tse | Hamman | Huang | Zia |
| 1NT | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 6NT | All Pass | | |

Hamman started with the ♠10, and before he played to trick one Tse had a chance to make all the tricks by

squeezing South in the black suits, but he rode it to his ace and had to settle for 12 tricks and plus 1440.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|------|-------|
| Nickell | Yeung | Katz | Chiu |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4NT | All Pass | | |

2♦ Fourth suit forcing to game

Had Katz known about his partner's ♥K, he no doubt would have accepted the slam invitation. As it was, plus 690 cost the team 13 IMPs.

Nickell got some of it back two boards later.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|--------|-------|-------|
| Tse | Hamman | Huang | Zia |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | Pass |

Hamman's preemptive opening blew the opponents out of the water. Hamman had nine easy tricks for plus 110.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|------|----------|
| Nickell | Yeung | Katz | Chiu |
| 1♥ | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| 2♥ | 2♣ | 2♦ | Dble |
| | 3♣ | 3♥ | All Pass |

Yeung led his singleton diamond, but all it did was help Nickell to set up three tricks in the suit – check the pitiful spots South has to go with his two diamond honors. Nickell easily wrapped up nine tricks for a 7-IMP gain.

Nickell was trailing 32-19 when this deal came along.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| Tse | Hamman | Huang | Zia |
| | | 3♣ | 3♥ |
| 3NT | 4♥ | Pass | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Zia started with the ♠A, switching to the ♦J at trick two. The ♦Q lost to the king, and the ace took the 10 on the return. Two rounds of clubs, ending in the East hand, were followed by the ♥7. Zia went up with the ace and played a heart to the king, allowing Huang to discard his losing diamond, but he still had to lose a spade trick for minus 300.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|------|----------|
| Nickell | Yeung | Katz | Chiu |
| | | Pass | 2♥ |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Yeung led a low heart to his partner's ace, winning the heart return with the queen and Nickell played the jack. A low heart cleared the suit, and had Nickell could have held the loss to minus 50, but after cashing his club winners he took a diamond finesse, losing to Yeung's king. South took the rest with the ♠A and good hearts for minus 100. Still, it was a 5-IMP gain for Nickell, now trailing 32-24.

They won the close match on the last board of the set.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| Tse | Hamman | Huang | Zia |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Huang started with the ♠5, taken by Hamman in dummy with the ace. He continued with the ♦10 to Huang's ace. Huang switched to a low club, which went to Hamman's queen. After a low diamond to dummy's jack and Tse's king, Hamman ducked the club continuation to Huang's king. A third round of clubs cleared the suit, and Hamman continued with the ♠Q and a spade to the 10. He cashed the ace and played a diamond to his queen, dropping Huang's 9, and had his game: four spades, two diamonds, two clubs and the ♥A.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Nickell | Yeung | Katz | Chiu |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Katz started with the ♠7, a bit tougher to read than the ♠5. Yeung won the ♠K at trick one and played the ♦J to Katz's ace. Katz continued with the ♠5 to the 2, 9 and queen. Declarer played a low diamond to the 10 and Nickell's king, and Nickell switched to the ♣8, ducked to Katz's king. The club return was taken by declarer with the queen. Declarer cashed his diamonds and played a low spade from hand, going up with the ace. When Nickell showed out, Yeung had to concede one down. The 10-IMP gain gave the Nickell team a 34-32 victory on their way to qualifying as the second seed in the knockout phase, which started Friday.

Deception Pays a Dividend

by Mark Horton

Marco Ter Laare dropped by the office to report a couple of deals from Round 5 of the Rosenblum. Both contain interesting points:

At the other table East/West saved in 6♣, which cost 500 when the defenders took all their tricks.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Aksuyek | | Ter Laare | |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ | 2♠ |
| 3♣ | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| 5♣ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

West started with a disciplined pass and must have been surprised to see his partner introduce the club suit on the next round. Rather than jump directly to 5♣ he decided to play a waiting game. That paid off in the sense that 5♠ would be a favourite to make.

South led the nine of diamonds and declarer put up dummy's ace and dropped the queen from his hand. He drew a round of trumps with the queen and then played the four of diamonds. North could see that playing an honour would expose him to a ruffing finesse if South had led from a doubleton, so he played low and declarer scored a useful trick with the seven of diamonds. That meant he finished only one down, -100.



Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Aksuyek | | Ter Laare | |
| 1♥ | 1NT | 1♣ | Pass |
| Pass | 2NT | 2♥ | Dble* |
| All Pass | | 3♥ | Dble |

East stuck his neck out by taking a third bid with the generally unproductive 4441 shape and South was more than happy to double.

With his side known to hold the balance of power North decided to start with two rounds of hearts. That is usually a sound strategy, but here leading a spade (the suit that South had inferentially shown by his first double) would see South win and then a club switch should lead to an easy two down, South scoring two ruffs.

Declarer unblocked the ten of hearts under the jack and won in hand with the king.

He played the ten of clubs, covered by the jack and queen and exited with a spade. South went in with the queen and seeing no danger played a third heart. Declarer won in hand, ran the seven of clubs and then ran the nine of spades to South's ace. He had lost three tricks and had to concede a diamond, but he had the rest for +530.

South missed a simple defence after winning with the queen of spades. Simply cash the ace of spades then play the two of diamonds. North will win and should not be hard pressed to lead a club for South to ruff.

Two Phillies in a Row

by Herman De Wael

Earlier this year, at the European Championships in Ostend, I wrote about a board in which all four suits were divided 7-6 between the opponents (Bulletin 6). I tried to find a name for such a board, but it took me until now to find a suitable one. In honour of the Philadelphia 76-ers, let's call such a hand a Philly.

During the first round of the qualification of the Rosenblum, two Phillies appeared on consecutive boards:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Zvi Engel, Belgium

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| Hwang | Dehaye | He | Engel |
| 1♥ | Dbl | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| | | All Pass | |

The Belgian system meant South had to open 1♦, and when North doubled for take-out, Zvi Engel tried to play in one seven-card fit, then found himself in another one. One down.

Board 7 was passed out, so the next one was a Philly again:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|------|-------|
| Hwang | Dehaye | He | Engel |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♠ | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

With neither of the seven-carders breaking, Bernard tried for the hearts 4-3 (West having thrown one), and had to concede down one once again.

(Our finessing friend makes 6NT in a canter, strip squeezing East and throwing him in with a spade to lead away from the ♣J942. And for those of you interested in double-dummy problems, consider why 6NT by South can be defeated).



PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY KO, BKT#1

| | | | |
|----------|-----|--|--|
| 9 Tables | | | |
| 34.30 | 1 | Reese Milner, Los Angeles CA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Per Olof Sundelin, Stockholm Sweden | |
| 24.01 | 2 | Stan Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; John Schermer, Seattle WA; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY | |
| 13.72 | 3/4 | Barbara Holmes - Joseph Seigel, Thornhill ON; Michael Kenny - Julie Berdock, Richmond Hill ON | |
| 13.72 | 3/4 | James La Force, Altamonte Sprgs FL; Julie Zhu - Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL; Estelle Margolin, Rego Park NY | |

WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY KO, BKT#2

| | | | |
|----------|-----|--|--|
| 9 Tables | | | |
| 15.94 | 1 | Jane Havighurst, Allentown PA; John Schwartz, Macungie PA; Walter Bell, Orefield PA; David Kresge, Spinnerstown PA | |
| 11.16 | 2 | Alfred Tuckman - Joel Levy, Monroe Township NJ; Kathy Hunter, New Vernon NJ; Sarah Saltus, Chester NJ | |
| 6.38 | 3/4 | Bonnie Wilke, Aspen CO; Lotta Brafman, Chevy Chase MD; Robert Todd - Theresa Andino, Tallahassee FL; Meg Myers, Portland OR | |
| 6.3 | 3/4 | James Green, Harrisburg PA; Owen Comer, Southampton PA; Shirish Saraiya, Parsippany NJ; May Lipscomb, Verona NJ | |

WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY KO, BKT#3

| | | | |
|----------|---|--|--|
| 9 Tables | | | |
| 10.87 | 1 | Patricia Bassman, Maple Glen PA; Jeffrey Sprowles - Fern Herman, Langhorne PA; Dudley Hendricks, Doylestown PA; Harry Spaeth, Jr, Philadelphia PA | |
| 7.61 | 2 | Alexander Frey - Helen Frey, Oceanside CA; Lorraine Vigneux, Toronto ON; Janet Rice, Cleveland OH | |

WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY KO, BKT#4

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|----------|-----|---|--|
| 9 Tables | | | |
| 9.84 | 1 | Thomas Hughes - Joan Hughes, Rockland DE; Lydia Boyer - Sandy Anzilotti, Wilmington DE | |
| 6.89 | 2 | Ella Mecray, Bryn Mawr PA; Diane Davis, Penn Valley PA; Ursula Schaufler, Blue Bell PA; Pamela Wilford, Wynnewood PA | |
| 3.94 | 3/4 | Janice Levy - Leah Weisberg - Judith Schuldenfrei - Emily Galin, New York NY | |
| 3.94 | 3/4 | Kathleen Bear - Joan Lehrfeld, Wilmington DE; Joan Flanagan, Hockessin DE; Mary Lou Farnum, Hockessin DE | |

THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS

36.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables

| | | | |
|-------|----|---|--------|
| 16.80 | 1 | Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Daniel Boye, Farmington NY | 60.88% |
| 12.60 | 2 | Liz McGowan - David Liggat, Edinburgh | 60.87% |
| 9.45 | 3 | Sarah Wiener, Fort Lee NJ; Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH | 60.46% |
| 7.09 | 4 | Fred Hamilton, Las Vegas NV; James Marsh Sternberg, Palm Bch Grdns FL | 60.13% |
| 5.60 | 5 | Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw 0 Poland; Janusz Lysko, Crum Lynne PA | 59.71% |
| 4.80 | 6 | Marc Rabinowitz, Sunny Isles Bch FL; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA | 59.15% |
| 4.20 | 7 | Rajeev Gupta, San Mateo CA; Vandana Vidwans, Burlingame CA | 59.03% |
| 3.73 | 8 | Darrell Keel - Steve Bruno, Peoria AZ | 57.93% |
| 3.51 | 9 | Makoto Hirata, Tokyo 166 Japan; Tadashi Yoshida, Tokyo 168-0073 Japan | 57.75% |
| 3.05 | 10 | Joseph Machotka, Chicago IL; Nese Mercan, | 57.69% |
| 2.80 | 11 | Vera Petty - Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda | 56.91% |
| 9.45 | 1 | Bruce Greenspan, Danvers MA; Judy Cardin, Chesterfield MO | 56.46% |
| 7.09 | 2 | Edwin Kane, West Chester PA; Leonard Rosenbaum, Wilmington DE | 56.39% |
| 5.32 | 3 | Michael Grenis, Vestal NY; Mark Podgursky, Deposit NY | 54.96% |
| 3.99 | 4 | Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL; Leila DeNotaristefani, Mendham NJ | 54.17% |
| 6.18 | 5 | Miles Ettman, West Windsor NJ; Sidney Friedenber, Princeton Jct NJ | 53.78% |
| 2.70 | 6 | Alvaro Ronderos, Plymouth Mtng PA; Bruce Schwaidelson, Doylestown PA | 52.32% |
| 2.36 | 7 | Edward Coughlin III, Berwyn PA; Robert Grinwis, Downingtown PA | 51.51% |
| 4.64 | 2 | Janis Kritzer, Newtown PA; Bill Rumpa, Yardley PA | 51.30% |
| 3.48 | 3 | Andrew Krasuski, Southington CT; Janusz Jablonski, Hartford CT | 50.97% |
| 2.61 | 4 | Shellie Klein - Rhoda Schaffer, Philadelphia PA | 50.03% |
| 2.06 | 5 | Ginger Gomprecht, Baltimore MD; Jane Grad-Antupit, South Orange NJ | 49.69% |
| 2.22 | 6 | Satish Parikh, Franklin Park NJ; Linda Gregory, Hillsborough NJ | 49.07% |

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Surname _____ First Name _____

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19.00 : Welcome Dinner

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15.00 -18.00 : TWBF Pairs (1st Session)
18.00 -19.00 : Informal dinner
19.30 -22.30 : TWBF Pairs (2nd Session)

Day 3: Mon. Jan 24

09.00 -14.00 : Visit Royal Palace, Temple of Emerald Buddha, lunch
15.00 -18.00 : TWBF Pairs (3rd Session)
18.00 -19.00 : Informal dinner
19.30 -22.30 : Oriental Princess Social Pairs (open to all gender)

Day 4: Tues. Jan 25

08.00 -18.00 : Suphan Buri Province, Sea Food Lunch, Buffalo Farm (ride buffalos, see how they work and learn how to plant rice etc.)
18.30 -22.30 : Dinner and Show at Siam Niramit

Day 5: Wed. Jan 26

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14.00 -17.00 : Individual Tournament
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