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CHINA TAKES McCONNELL CUP



The China Ladies Team celebrate their victory in the McConnell Cup, an impressive win over the veteran Netherlands squad

The China Ladies Team, behind by 8 IMPs at the halfway point in the McConnell final, outscored their Dutch opponents 90-41 in the second half to win the championship 134-93. The winning team is Ling Gu, Yan Lu, Ming Sun, Hongli Wang, Xuefeng Feng and Yanhui Sun, with Chuancheng Ju as npc.

The Phyllis Fireman team won the playoff for the bronze medal, defeating Joyce Hampton 86-51.

There was excitement in one of the Rosenblum semifinal matches as the Nick Nickell team had to fight off a late charge by the Jeff Wolfson squad to survive with a 107-103 win. Wolfson, trailing 107-81 with four boards to play, scored 22 unanswered IMPs on the last three deals but fell just short.

The other match, pitting John Diamond against Pierre Zimmermann, was a rout as Diamond took a big halftime lead and finished with a 147-87 win.

In the Generali Open Pairs, the leaders after three semifinal sessions are Ricco van Prooijen and Louk Verhees. Sylvia Moss and Judi Radin maintained their lead in the Women's Pairs.

After two qualifying sessions of the IMP Pairs, Joao-Paulo Campos and Miguel Villas-Boas were in the lead, and in the Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs, Dan Morse and John Sutherlin were out front.

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Important Notices

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

Saturday October 16th
5 pm
Grand Ballroom – 5th floor Marriott



WORLD EVENT PLAYERS must RSVP by 3 pm on Thursday October 14th at the 5th floor registration area. Please show your badge for entry to the Ceremony

REGIONAL PLAYERS are invited to attend for \$25 cash only. Tickets are available for purchase from 5th floor registration at the Marriott Hotel, starting on Tuesday October 12th.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Morning Match (10.00)

BBO.1-VG: Table 1 Diamond – Nickell (R.Cup)

BBO.2 Table 2 Zimmermann – Wolfson (R.Cup)

Rosenblum prize giving

Prize giving for the Rosenblum Cup will take place today in the Vugraph Theater at the end of play.

Marriott Internet use

Players who wish to use the Internet in their hotel rooms are entitled to a 20% discount off of the hotel's published rate. To get the discount, dial 0 to request that your room be joined to the discount bridge rate and your hotel bill will show the discounted amount even though when you activate it daily (noon to noon) it asks you to sign up at \$12.95 per day.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

Rosenblum Cup

Final sessions at

10.00, 13.00, 16.00, 18.40

Play Off sessions at **10.00, 13.00**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

Round Robin sessions 16,17 at

10.00, 12.00

Quarter Final sessions at **14.30, 17.40**

Damiani Cup

Round Robin sessions 14, 15 at

10.00, 12.00

Quarter Final sessions at **14.30, 17.40**

Rona Cup

Final sessions at **10.00, 13.00, 16.00**

Play Off sessions at **10.00, 13.00**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs

Semi Final sessions 4, 5 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs

Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs

Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

(Tomorrow)

Mixed Swiss Teams

Qualifying sessions begin at **10.30**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup

Semi Final sessions begin at **10.30**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs

Final sessions 1, 2 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs

Final sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs

Final sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

Youth Individual Contest

Sessions begin at **10.30**



WORLD BRIDGE SERIES RESULTS



ROSENBLUM CUP

Semi Finals (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Zimmermann	37	8	22	20	87
	Diamond	40	42	31	34	147
2	Wolfson	42	22	11	28	103
	Nickell	37	27	25	18	107

McCONNELL CUP

Finals (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
33	China Ladies Team	37	7	31	59	134
	Netherlands	23	29	9	32	93

Play Offs (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Total
34	Fireman	36	50	86
	Hampton	40	11	51



Lost... and found

A Nokia cell phone was found in the Vugraph Theater yesterday. If it is yours, you may pick it up in the Daily Bulletin office on the third floor of the Marriott.

Credit Card Notice

No credit cards will be accepted for payment of entries after 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Only cash will be accepted.

No Spades, partner?

In WBF Championship tournaments the law on enquiring about revokes is applied as written. Viz:

1. Declarer may ask a defender who has failed to follow suit whether he/she has a card of the suit led.
2. (a) Dummy may ask declarer (subject to no loss of rights under Law 43B2[b].)
(b) Dummy may not ask a defender.
3. Defenders may ask declarer and (at the risk of creating Unauthorized information) may ask one another.

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS**Semi Final Results after 3 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	62.64	58	Dominique PILON - Lionel SEBBANE	51.77
2	Cezary BALICKI - Jacek PSZCZOLA	62.48	59	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	51.72
3	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	59.41	60	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	51.64
4	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	58.54	61	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	51.63
5	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	57.51	62	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	51.55
6	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	57.24	63	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	51.50
7	Jan JANSMA - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	57.14	64	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	51.37
8	Vladislav Nikolov ISPORSKI - Valentin KOVACHEV	57.12	65	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	51.35
9	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	57.06	66	Louis GLASTHAL - Michael MASSIMILLA	51.35
10	Alexander DUBININ - Andrey GROMOV	56.96	67	Bjorn FALLENIUS - Peter FREDIN	51.30
11	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	56.66	68	Elly SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	51.29
12	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	56.07	69	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	51.24
13	Xu HOU - Miao SHI	56.05	70	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	51.20
14	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppe FAILLA	55.71	71	Tomasz GOTARD - Slawek HENCLIK	51.13
15	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	55.53	72	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Georgi MATUSHKO	51.07
16	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	55.13	73	Franky Steven KARWUR - Widi PANCONO	50.97
17	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER	55.03	74	Neil ROSEN - Martin JONES	50.95
18	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	54.98	75	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	50.88
19	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	54.86	76	Daniel KORBEL - Darren WOLPERT	50.80
20	Jose Roberto BRUM - Roberto De MELLO	54.81	77	Salvador ASSAEL - Ali YALMAN	50.74
21	Yury KHIUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	54.72	78	Ramavatar AGARWAL - Keshav S. SAMANT	50.65
22	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	54.39	79	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	50.63
23	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	54.32	80	Aneurin GRIFFITHS - Bobby RICHMAN	50.60
24	Marius IONITA - Cornel TEODORESCU	54.27	81	Nicholas FITZGIBBON - Adam MESBUR	50.53
25	Piotr GAWRYS - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	54.26	82	Dominique GERIN - Ivan RUE	50.51
26	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	54.24	83	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Desislava B. POPOVA	50.49
27	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	53.98	84	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	50.37
28	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	53.82	85	Rajesh DALAL - Anil PADHYE	50.30
29	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	53.80	86	David LINDOP - Nader HANNA	50.20
30	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	53.67	87	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	50.18
31	Piotr WALCZAK - Jan ZADROGA	53.39	88	Boguslaw PAZUR - Marek WOJCICKI	50.11
32	Dominik FILIPOWICZ - Michal NOWOSADZKI	53.35	89	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	50.09
33	Robert BLANCHARD - Shane BLANCHARD	53.31	90	Mike MCNAMARA - Elliot SHALITA	50.03
34	Rui LI - Jiang TONG	53.20	91	Serge CHEVALIER - Jacques CLOUTIER	49.98
35	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	53.18	92	Alexander ALLEN - Abe PINELES	49.96
36	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	53.11	93	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	49.77
37	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	53.00	94	Shireen MOHANDS - Andy BOWLES	49.65
38	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	52.96	95	Wafik ABDU - Chris LARSEN	49.63
39	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	52.83	96	Allan FALK - Peter FRIEDLAND	49.63
40	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Abdelkamel RERHAYE	52.74	97	Andrew MCINTOSH - Nicklas SANDQVIST	49.62
41	Andrew STARK - Franco BASEGGIO	52.72	98	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	49.48
42	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	52.69	99	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Matt GRANOVETTER	49.39
43	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	52.67	100	Joaquin PACAREU - Benjamin ROBLES	49.28
44	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN	52.53	101	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	49.24
45	Stephen CASTELLINO - Paul CORNELIUS	52.52	102	Iftikhar BAQAI - Mitch DUNITZ	49.24
46	Michal KOPECKY - Josef KURKA	52.36	103	Alain BENOIT - Olivier GIARD	49.18
47	Uttam GUPTA - Nr KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY	52.31	104	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	49.10
48	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	52.27	105	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	49.06
49	William JACOBS - Ben THOMPSON	52.25	106	Jingsheng BIAN - Yong LIAN	49.06
50	Ricardo ANGELERI - Marcelo VILLEGAS	52.16	107	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	49.03
51	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Philippe TOFFIER	52.12	108	Richard SCHWARTZ - Peter WEICHSEL	49.02
52	Meng KANG - Shaolin SUN	52.10	109	Dennis BILDE - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	48.93
53	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	51.84	110	Borislav BORISOV - Yordan GACHEV	48.90
54	Jimmy CAYNE - Michael SEAMON	51.83	111	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	48.86
55	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	51.82	112	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	48.86
56	Raphael GUENOUN - Bernard LAUGIER	51.80	113	Zdzislaw BELING - Gregor LEWACIAK	48.85
57	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	51.79	114	Eric DEBUS - Rutger VAN MECHELEN	48.80
			115	Mark COHEN - Milton ROSENBERG	48.80

116	Ajay KHARE - Raju TOLANI	48.71	150	Ramratnam KRISHNAN - K. R.VENKATARAMAN	46.05
117	Greg BURCH - Rick ROWLAND	48.70	151	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	46.02
118	Javier GRAUPERA - Juan PONT	48.66	152	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	45.96
119	Patrick JOURDAIN - David KENDRICK	48.66	153	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan PEICHEV	45.84
120	Weimin WANG - Zejun ZHUANG	48.64	154	Dipak PODDAR - Jeetu SOLANI	45.73
121	Michal KWIECIEN - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	48.45	155	Mark AQUINO - Richard BINDER	45.66
122	Atanas IVANOV - Antony Ivanov NIKOLOV	48.44	156	Darrian Bogdan COTESCU - Dragos IORDACHE	45.64
123	Daniela von ARNIM - Sabine AUKEN	48.24	157	Sheng Hong CHEN - Rui WANG	45.58
124	Robert CAPPELLI - Robert KATZ	48.22	158	Ai-Tai LO - Alan SCHWARTZ	45.48
125	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	48.12	158	Ya Fu LIN - Jian WANG (2)	45.48
126	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	48.02	160	Mehmet Ali KORDOV - Kutluhan UNAL	45.44
127	Jessica HAYMAN PIAFSKY - Nicolas L'ECUYER	47.85	161	Daniel NUSSBAUM - Mark OSPECK	45.38
128	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	47.77	162	John CARROLL - Tommy GARVEY	45.30
129	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	47.69	163	Xiaoyi LI - Qinghong ZHOU	45.25
130	R GOKHALE - Satya RAMI	47.63	164	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Vassilis VROUSTIS	45.19
131	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Jacek KALITA	47.56	165	Alexander PERLIN - Michael PRAHIN	44.95
132	Chris COMPTON - Martin SELIGMAN	47.52	166	Ionut COLDEA - Iulian ROTARU	44.92
133	Walter JOHNSON - Doug SIMSON	47.51	167	Kenneth EICHENBAUM - Kenneth J. REXFORD	44.72
134	Gulzar BILAL - Khaled MOHIUDDIN	47.47	168	Jim BARROW - Don CATON	44.51
135	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	47.43	169	Ruth NAKANO - Dick YARINGTON	44.51
136	Kevin BATHURST - Daniel ZAGORIN	47.31	170	Olivie DAVID - Jean Claude LEVY	44.43
137	Bernard PASCAL - Baher RAMADAN	47.23	171	Philippe CAPUTO - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	43.81
138	Niccolo FOSSI - Peter PAUNCZ	46.86	172	Eva CAPLAN - Karin WENNING	43.78
139	Greg HINZE - David YANG	46.84	173	George KRIZEL - Albert SHEKHTER	43.05
140	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	46.76	174	Jens AUKEN - Jon SVEINDAL	42.98
141	Omer EKINCI - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	46.72	175	Richard CHAN - Peter WONG	42.84
142	Mike KENNY - Jonathan STEINBERG	46.69	176	Ethan LIU - Qing YANG	42.75
143	Jie LI - Jing LIU	46.67	177	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Roy WELLAND	42.66
144	Christopher Henry BOSENBERG - Neville EBER	46.66	178	Pete PLUHTA - David WESTFALL	42.63
145	Ole BERSET - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	46.63	179	Nikos DELIMPALTADAKIS - K. KONTOMITROS	42.50
146	Leslie AMOILS - Jeff SAPIRE	46.38	180	Roeland MAAT - Mark De MEER	42.05
147	Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - Godefroy De TESSIERES	46.24			
148	David BECHER - Alan WATSON	46.23			
149	Gabriel CHAGAS - Alain LEVY	46.16			

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS

Semi Final Results after 3 sessions (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	57.42	23	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	50.22
2	Angela DOSSENA - Luigina GENTILI	56.08	24	Brenda BRYANT - Kathy SULGROVE	49.88
3	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	55.18	25	Ellie HANLON - Maryse SAVKO	49.80
4	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	55.05	26	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	49.71
5	Joan EATON - Candace GRIFFEY	54.95	27	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	49.65
6	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	54.56	28	Connie GOLDBERG - Jo Ann SPRUNG	49.19
7	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	53.60	29	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	48.90
8	Renee MANCUSO - Sheri WINESTOCK	53.50	30	Ruth GOLD - Barbara SIMS	48.42
9	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	53.25	31	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	48.18
10	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	52.90	32	Marguerite HOMS Y - Lily KHALIL	47.77
11	Sue PICUS - Shawn QUINN	51.93	33	Patricia CUMMINS - Jacqueline THOMPSON	47.62
12	Sylvia CALEY - Gail Moss GREENBERG	51.92	34	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	47.56
13	Geeske JOEL - Tobi SOKOLOW	51.81	35	Joan JACKSON - Nancy PASSELL	47.32
14	Maddalena SEVERGNINI - Antonella SORESINI	51.61	36	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	47.27
15	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	51.47	37	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	47.20
16	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	51.32	38	Ann INGRAM - Felicity MOORE	47.13
17	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	51.21	39	Anna DOSSEVA - Helen JOHNSTON	47.01
18	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	50.93	40	Valerie BLOOM - Ora LOURIE	46.40
19	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Carlyn STEINER	50.91	41	Cheri BJERKAN - Rozanne POLLACK	45.69
20	Bing DU - Juan LI	50.74	42	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Katherine WEI-SENDER	45.47
21	Nancy TURNER - Laurie VOGEL	50.51	43	Merle MODLIN - Margi NIEHAUS	43.99
22	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	50.22	44	Wendy KRAUSE - Linda WYNSTON	43.36
			45	Rury ANDHANI - Suci Amita DEWI	42.58

IMP PAIRS

Qualifying Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	6391.0	49	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	854.0
2	Syarifah Nina Tirta AYU - Gemma TAN	5209.0	50	Mike ASH - Alan GOODMAN	813.0
3	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	5059.0	51	Ron BISHOP - John DUQUETTE	738.0
4	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	4912.0	52	Craig GANZER - R POPPER	724.0
5	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	4763.0	53	Debbie BENNER - Arthur CRYSTAL	645.0
6	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	4545.0	54	Gail BELL - Gila GUTTMANN	613.8
7	Richard COREN - Barnet J SHENKIN	4370.5	55	David OLSON - James OLSON	535.0
8	Peter BERTHEAU - Gunnar HALLBERG	4323.9	56	Veronel LUNGU - Viorel MICESCU	395.0
9	Guilherme JUNQUEIRA - Ernesto D'ORSI	4197.0	57	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	332.0
10	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	4077.0	58	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	322.0
11	Paul THURSTON - Mike RIPPEY	3962.0	59	Amanda JEGER - Estera LISKER	265.0
12	Mine BABAC - Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU	3862.0	60	Erick HERDOIZA - Carlos RENDON	140.0
13	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	3825.0	61	Stephen TU - Tien-Chun YANG	-44.0
13	Jaroslav CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	3825.0	62	Joel DATLOFF - Paul OBRIEN	-66.2
15	Bob ETTER - Bob MORRIS	3646.0	63	Ronald DAVIDSON - Marc FOURCAUDOT	-101.0
16	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	3593.9	64	Bryan DELFS - Todd FISHER	-111.0
17	Marjorie MICHELIN - Carlos PELLEGRINI	3547.0	65	Alan APPLEBAUM - Victor KING	-275.0
18	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	3068.0	66	Franco GUSSO - Alfredo VERSACE	-279.9
19	Kelley HWANG - John ZILIC	2952.0	67	Luis GAMIO KLAPIC - Tariq LATIF	-294.0
20	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	2947.0	68	Igor MILMAN - Oleg RUBINCHIK	-358.7
21	John RAYNER - Michael ROCHE	2916.0	69	David COHEN - Ken COLLINS	-366.0
22	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	2777.0	70	Gary COHLER - Eric ROBINSON	-412.0
23	Irving LITVACK - William F. E. TUCKER	2682.0	71	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	-415.0
24	Mckenzie MYERS - Robert TODD	2562.0	72	Prakash BHANDARI - Ashok Kumar GOEL	-430.0
25	Roman GRZELAK - Jacek ROMANSKI	2526.0	73	Shelley LAPKOFF - Vandana VIDWANS	-433.0
26	Alex GIPSON - Paul GIPSON	2472.8	74	Irene ELKIN - Maria Elena SUAREZ	-474.0
27	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	2403.0	75	Anne DAWSON - Geoffrey S Jade BARRETT	-553.0
28	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	2348.0	76	Robert HEITZMAN - Stan TULIN	-581.3
29	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN	2260.6	77	Charles GARNIER - Luc SOUDAN	-607.0
30	Virginia LIFTON - Jerry CLERKIN	2192.0	78	Rupa BAKERI - Ashish PATEL	-710.0
31	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	2100.8	79	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	-721.0
32	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	2016.0	80	COQUILLETTE - MOSCOW	-750.0
33	Fred HOFFER - Don PIAFSKY	1906.5	81	Doug FISHER - Bob TODD	-755.4
34	Sharon JABBOUR - Shirley PRESBERG	1835.1	82	Stanley DUB - Greg MICHAELS	-814.5
35	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG - Samuel IEONG	1705.0	83	Leora DUBROVSKY - Donna RODWELL	-819.0
36	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	1690.0	84	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	-845.0
37	Jeroo MANGO - B.N. PARASRAMPURIA	1611.0	85	Diana WYLIE - Wendell WYLIE	-903.0
38	Onno ESKEs - Vincent KROES	1597.7	86	Donna MORGEN - Howard KAHLENBERG	-933.0
39	Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE - Stanley BARG	1534.0	87	Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY	-1029.0
40	Wolfe THOMPSON - Marc ZWERLING	1505.0	88	Layla BADAWI - Nadia TAYMOUR ARABI	-1063.0
41	Barry SPECTOR - Randy THOMPSON	1470.0	89	Kathleen FORTNEY - Charles FORTNEY	-1067.0
42	Barbara KASLE - Howard PARKER III	1425.0	90	Linda Jane BALL - Meyer KOTKIN	-1090.0
43	Malcolm EWASHKIW - Robert HOLLOW	1374.0	91	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	-1098.0
44	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	1372.0	92	Jacqueline SINCOFF - Roger LORD	-1170.2
45	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	1170.0	93	Henry LORTZ - Wayne OHLRICH	-1186.0
46	Odette ZIGHELBOIM - Steve HAMAOU	1165.0	94	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	-1235.0
47	Jacqueline PAVEL - Horia GEORGESCU	905.9	95	Lino D'SOUZA - Edgar DE SOUZA	-1266.0
48	Jim RUSSELL - Colby VERNAY	897.4	96	Naveed ATHER - Saleh FETOUH	-1593.0
			97	Roglyn HINDS - Yvonne SEALE	-1646.0

98	Ralph BUCHALTER - Alexander ORNSTEIN	-1729.4	115	Morella PACHECO - Fernando Alfredo LEMA	-3017.0
99	Bruno FURLAN - Marcello LA ROVERE	-1806.0	116	Valerie HARGREAVES - Barbara STEWART	-3110.0
100	Fabrizio BIASIOLO - Paul SIDIKMAN	-1836.0	117	Mary Lou DENISON - Daniel DENISON	-3118.0
101	Cetin OKCUOGLU - Appaji P.TADIKONDA	-1909.0	118	Maria J. CAPUCHO - Manuel d' Or. CAPUCHO	-3127.0
102	Jay APFELBAUM - Andy KAUFMAN	-1954.0	119	Dave BLACKMAN - Tony WATKINS	-3220.0
103	Stephannie RUSSO - Maria TSOUKALAS	-2143.1	120	James MCKEOWN - Albert SHRIVE	-3594.0
104	Chris COFFMAN - Roger COFFMAN	-2231.0	121	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - Miguel REYGADAS	-3604.0
105	Rachael MOLLER - David GURVICH	-2486.0	122	Saul AGRANOFF - Shekhar SENGUPTA	-3676.0
106	Thomas BANDY - Scott STEARNS	-2500.0	123	Theresa ANDINO - Greg HUMPHREYS	-3779.0
107	Al CHANEY - Bob WALSH	-2535.0	124	Neeta MONE - James ZINKAND	-4205.0
108	George MITTELMAN - Mike MOSS	-2552.0	125	Radu Mihai CUCUIU - Michael MYERS	-4457.0
109	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	-2557.0	126	Weiqiang TIAN - Qijiao WEI	-4479.0
110	David AMSTERDAM - Brad BARRY	-2559.0	127	Marshall BAUM - Serge BONDAR	-4693.0
111	Kathy BENJAMIN - Edward SCOLNICK	-2681.0	128	Monica ANGUS - Dorothy NEATE	-4878.0
112	Nicole STRASSER - George BILSKI	-2803.0	129	Lyudmila ANTONOVA - Gutierrez HERRERO	-5737.0
113	Marshall LEWIS - James MATES	-2821.0	130	Noemi LICITRA - Delia VICENTE	-5808.8
114	Grazyna BREWIAK - Janoslaw PIASECKI	-2877.0	131	Maria ABRAVANEL - Eduardo VARGAS	-6772.0

HIRON TROPHY SENIOR PAIRS

Qualifying Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Dan MORSE - John SUTHERLIN	63.76	34	Mickie KIVEL - Nadine WOOD	50.06
2	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	59.96	35	Steve MAGER - Mike MIKYSKA	49.99
3	Rich DEMARTINO - Patrick MCDEVITT	59.47	36	Roald RAMER - Jerzy RUSSYAN	49.92
4	Bruce NODA - Mark RALPH	57.35	37	Martin HIRSCHMAN - Franklin KASLE	49.68
5	Ken COHEN - Neal SATTEN	55.68	38	Chuck BURGER - Dennis KASLE	49.60
6	Christian MARI - Stanley WALTER	55.26	39	Michael GORE - Walter SCHENKER	49.34
7	Julian KLUKOWSKI - Victor MARKOWICZ	54.76	40	Michael B. HARTONO - Munawar SAWIRUDDIN	48.93
8	Sam LEV - Reese MILNER	54.43	41	Gloria SILVERMAN BART - Les BART	48.73
9	Major Surendra K. HOODA - Ashok V.VAIDYA	54.39	42	Gaylor KASLE - James TUCKER JR	48.64
10	Lew FINKEL - Dan GERSTMAN	54.12	43	Paul D HACKETT - William WHYTE	48.36
11	Lynn FELDMAN - Barry SCHAFFER	53.90	44	Vandana JHAWAR - Pradeep JHAWAR	48.29
12	Amilcar MAGALHAES - Pedro MANDELLOT	53.66	45	Robert KROCHMALIK - Paul LAVINGS	48.21
13	Art GULBRANDSEN - Michael SPERO	53.17	46	Janak HATHIRAMI - Girdharlal MANWANI	48.13
14	Barbara KEPPEL - Carl BERENBAUM	53.07	47	Tom KNIEST - Don STACK	48.10
15	Robert BITTERMAN - Jerry HELMS	53.05	48	Jay BERKE - Dennis O'BRIEN	47.91
16	Ahmed HUSSEIN - Apolinary KOWALSKI	52.89	49	Natalie HERTZ - Daniel HERTZ	47.86
17	Pierre BEAUREGARD - David MEYER	52.89	50	Adi KALIANIWALA - B WADIA	47.73
18	Pam LASHELLE - Roger WOODIN	52.88	51	Craig HUSTON - Christopher (Kit) YOUNG	47.70
19	Makoto HIRATA - Tadashi YOSHIDA	52.75	52	Arnold FISHER - Fred PAUL	47.11
20	Jerry GAER - Markland JONES	52.17	53	Abby HEITNER - Louis REICH	46.09
21	Irwin KOSTAL - Neil STERN	51.76	54	Marilyn GARCIA - James Spike LAY	45.89
22	Rebecca (Becky) ROGERS - John GRANTHAM	51.63	55	Seppo CASTREN - Matti SIHVOLA	45.65
23	Jagdish Prasad GOENKA - Garey HAYDEN	51.56	56	Marie-Therese HUMBLE - Jacques HUMBLE	45.30
24	Mohsen Mohamed KAMEL - Wael WATTAR	51.39	57	Gerald NEHRA - Mitchell SNYDER	45.07
25	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	51.25	58	William SAMUELS JR - Robert ZECKHAUSER	44.89
26	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	51.21	59	Bob AUTREY - Doug HILL	44.59
27	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	50.83	60	Lynda NITABACH - John SOLODAR	44.50
28	Eeva PARVIAINEN - Vaino KELHA	50.82	61	Grace LLOYD - Harold FELDHEIM	44.10
29	Cynthia COLIN - Jeff HAND (2)	50.78	62	Carolyn JACKSON - Chuck SAID	42.95
30	Gene SIMPSON - Hamish BENNETT	50.38	63	Petra von MALCHUS - Walter HOEGER	42.76
31	C. Buddy CARLS - Claude LE FEUVRE	50.34	64	J BRYANT - Mark LAIR	42.65
32	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	50.22	65	Alvin LEVY - George RETEK	42.19
33	Pirjo JUURI-OJA - Erkki JUURI-OJA	50.07	66	Alvaro DUENAS - John KOLB	37.77

Those Extra Tricks

by Brent Manley

It's axiomatic that players in pairs games are always on the lookout for extra tricks, even at the risk of their contracts because they know other players will be doing the same.

On this deal from the second qualifying session of the Generali Open Pairs, Larry Sealy played skilfully to achieve every pairs player's goal. His partner was Jim Foster.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Sealy</i>		<i>Foster</i>
Pass	2NT	2♥ (1)	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(1) Both majors, five or more hearts, 4-9 high-card points.

East led the ♥3 to the queen and ace. Sealy played a diamond to dummy's ace and a low diamond to his jack., East pitching a low heart. East let go another low heart on the ♦K. Sealy played a low spade to the ace, then cashed his three good diamonds.

West discarded a heart, a club and the ♠J, East let go two clubs and another heart. This was the position with five tricks to go:



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Reading the situation accurately, Sealy led a heart to his ace and exited with his low club. East played the ♣K perforce and, if he was allowed to hold the trick, could cash the ♥J but would then have to lead into declarer's ♠K 9. It wouldn't help for West to overtake with the ♣A because the queen would then be good. Either way, Sealy was going to end up with 11 tricks for a 78% matchpoint score.

SENIORS PLATE 2 FINAL STANDINGS

1	Tulin	112
2	Cassini	108
3	Shane	103
4	Capital Gang	97
5	Jones	96
6	McGowan	93
7	Dreds	90
8	Schaffer	87
9	Kaminski	78
10	Humphreys	48

Extra Chances Are Not Always Good

by Brian Senior

Generally, bridge players look for any extra chance to make a contract, but extra chances are not always a positive thing, as witness this deal from the fourth qualifying session of the Women's Pairs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 10 8 4 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 4 3 2 ♣ J 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 7 2	♠ 9 7 ♥ 7 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ K 10 8 4
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West	North	East	South
Travis		Boardman	
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North declared 3NT and Australia's Kathy Boardman led the jack of diamonds. That was ducked by both Barbara Travis, West, and declarer, so Boardman continued with the ten, which declarer won with her king. She decided to exit with the third diamond and was very disappointed to see Boardman discard a small heart. That was corrected and now, of course, declarer had rights to exercise. She chose to insist on a heart lead from West.

Without the penalty, declarer would have required two dummy entries to take the two major-suit finesses and the fourth heart trick, which would have made the club finesse essential. However, now she had other possibilities.



Travis duly switched to the six of hearts and declarer ran it, led a second heart and, when the king appeared, cashed four heart tricks, Travis pitching a club and a diamond. She continued with the queen of spades to the king and ace then cashed the jack. After thought, declarer exited with a spade, hoping for an endplay, only to see West cash three winners for down one.

Had declarer counted points, she might have come to the conclusion that West could not have a balanced hand including the king of clubs – which is what she actually played for. Why? West would now have 15 or 16 HCP and would have opened 1NT.

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Richard Freeman Junior Deal Of The Year

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Carole Puillet (FRA); Journalist: Brian Senior (ENG)
547.12

Short list:

Piotr Wiankowski (POL); Journalist: Christer Andersson
(SWE) 538.10

Pavla Hoderova (POL); Journalist: Mark Horton (ENG)
538.10

Jamilla Spangenberg (NED); Journalist: Jos Jacobs (NED)
540.4

Tobias Polak (NED); Journalist: Kees Tammens (NED)
547.12

George Retek Best Bid Hand Of The Year

Winner:

Debbie Rosenberg-JoAnna Stansby (USA); Journalist:
Brent Manley (USA) 548.10

Short list:

Marek Pietraszek-Tomasz Ukrainski (POL); Journalist:
John Carruthers (CAN) 538.6

Wang Hongli-Sun Ming (CHN); Journalist: Fu Qiang
(CHN) 540.6

Marion Cannone-Godefroy de Tessières (FRA); Journal-
ist: Philippe Cronier (FRA) 544.6

Carl King-Francesco Persivale (ARG); Journalist: John
Carruthers (CAN) 544.12

Rose Cliff Declarer Play Of The Year

Winner:

Michael Courtney (AUS); Journalist: Ron Klinger (AUS)
539.3

Shortlist:

Yury Khiouppenen (RUS); Journalist: Patrick Jourdain
(WAL) 537.5

Patrick Jourdain (WAL); Journalist: Michelle Brunner
(ENG) 542.11

Du Bing (CHN); Journalist: Fu Qiang (CHN) 545.7
Steve Garner (USA); Journalist: Barry Rigal (USA) 547.14

Gidwani Family Trust Defence Of The Year

Winner:

Hasan Askari (PAK); Journalist: Phillip Alder (USA) 537.4

Shortlist:

Gunnar Hallberg (ENG); Journalist: Phillip Alder (USA)
537.3

Peter Boyd (USA); Journalist: Brent Manley (USA)
537.14

Grzegorz Narkiewicz (POL); Journalist: John Carruthers
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THE IBPA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

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(www.martensuniversity.com)

IBPA Personality Of The Year

Thomas Bessis (FRA)

The personality of the year award is at the discretion of the executive committee. In the past few years the award has sometimes gone to players, sometimes to organizers, or to people who have contributed to the good of the game.

This year we have selected as our candidate a player who has excelled in the Junior game, the open game, as a coach and captain, and who has also proved himself as a journalist.

Thomas Bessis came to fame as a player with his brother Olivier, but he has also played successfully with his mother, Veronique, he has had huge success with his father, Michel, (including this year's Vanderbilt Trophy) and has coached and captained the women's team. He won the Junior European championships last year as well as many other junior titles.

Additionally, he has won an IBPA award for best-played hand by a Junior, and has proved himself to be popular,



Thomas Bessis and IBPA President Patrick Jourdain

well-mannered and generous – a true renaissance man. Thomas Bessis' recent wins:

- 3rd EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Antalya 2007 - Open Teams
- 38th WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Shanghai 2007 - Transnational Teams
- 22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Brasov 2009 - Junior Teams
- 9th EUROPEAN YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wroclaw 2008 - Junior Pairs I
- 49th EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pau 2008 – Women's Teams (Coach of FRANCE)
- 2010 SPRING NABC, Reno - Vanderbilt Teams
- 2010 CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL, Las Vegas - John Roberts Teams
- 50th EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pau 2010 – Women's Teams (Coach of FRANCE)

Richard Freeman Junior Deal Of The Year
10th European Junior Pairs, 14-17 July,
Opatija, Croatia
The Extra Chance by Brian Senior

Carole Puillet of France spotted an extra chance in the Girls second qualifying session. It came on this deal against the Dutch Spangenberg sisters:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A 3 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A K 9 7 5 2 ♣ Q 4	♠ Q 8 6 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ A 8 6 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 10 9 4 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ J 10 7 2 ♠ J 7 5 ♥ A J 10 9 7 ♦ Q 10 ♣ K 9 3
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West	North	East	South
Sigrd S.	Chaugny	Jamilla S.	Puillet
		Pass	1 ♥
2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West kicked off with three rounds of diamonds, ruffed low by East and overruffed. Puillet crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and led the heart queen for the king and ace. She drew a second round of trumps, then paused to take stock. She knew that West had eight red cards. If clubs were 3-3, a club could be established by playing king and another. But if the clubs were 4-2, then East would return the fourth club and declarer would have to open up spades herself, with the honours almost certainly split between the two defenders. That would lead to one down.

There was a small extra chance and Puillet found it. She led the nine of clubs away from the king. Caught with the now-bare queen of clubs, West had no choice but to win it and was forced to open up the spades or give a ruff and discard, either of which would give the contract. Had East been able to win the club from a four-card holding, she would have returned the suit and the contract would have failed, with declarer forced to open up the spades herself - but then there was no winning line.

If clubs had been 3-3, the defence would have won and exited with a club to the king. With no entry to dummy's thirteenth club, declarer would now have to open up the spade suit – no problem, as West would now be marked with a doubleton, leading low to the queen would ensure a spade trick. Very well done, and it helped the French pair to finish top of the qualifying stage and win the bronze medal.

**George Retek Best Bid Hand Of The Year
New Orleans Summer NABC
Grand Design by Brent Manley**

On this deal from the second semifinal session of the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, Debbie Rosenberg and JoAnna Stansby had an expert auction to the top spot for most of the matchpoints.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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West	North	East	South
	<i>Rosenberg</i>		<i>Stansby</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT 1
3 ♦	Pass 2	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦ 3	Pass	6 ♣ 4
Pass	6 ♠ 5	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Game-forcing spade raise
2. Neutral
3. Zero or three key cards
4. Third-round control of clubs?
5. No

Rosenberg did very well not to jump to four spades over three diamonds. Stansby finagled a diamond control from her partner, used Key Card Blackwood, then asked for third round control of clubs. When none was forthcoming, she was confident that seven no trump could be no worse than finding spades 2-1 with the clubs 3-2 or the jack in partner's hand or being pickupable, and so it proved. Six clubs was a truly inventive bid.

**Rose Cliff Declarer Play Of The Year
Oz Bridge by Ron Klinger
Anticipation**

(From The Sydney Morning Herald, October 11, 2009)

Michael Courtney of Sydney found an ingenious deceptive play to divert East from the winning play on this deal from rubber bridge:

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ 10 3 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 5 ♣ 5 3 2 ♠ A 9 8 6 5 2 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 7 ♥ A K 8 5 3 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ J 10 4 ♠ K Q 4 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ A K 9 8	
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West	North	East	South
	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the spade six: ten, jack, king. Courtney now took the losing diamond finesse. East thought it a good idea to cash the heart winners before returning a spade and so he led the king of hearts. West was keen to deny possession of the heart queen and so he followed with the jack. Because the spade six opening lead was fourth-highest and Courtney could see the three and four, he was aware that West had at most six spades and so East had another spade.

Courtney was naturally eager to inhibit a spade switch by East and so when East continued with the heart ace, he followed smoothly with the queen! West continued to unblock by playing the ten. Completely, taken in, East played a third heart. Surprise, surprise, South's nine won the trick. Suddenly a contract which would under normal circumstances be three down was made easily. Well done, Mr. Courtney.



**Gidwani Family Trust Defence Of The Year
2009 Bermuda Bowl, Brazil by Phillip Alder
BB RR17 Pakistan/Italy**

Board 16. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ A K 7 5 4 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ – ♥ Q J 9 2 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ Q J 8 6 5 3	♠ K 9 8 7 6 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ A ♣ A K 10 2 ♠ A Q J 10 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 9 7 6 4 ♣ 7 4
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Askari</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
1 ♥	Double	4 ♥	1 ♦
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 ♠

One of the best defensive plays of the tournament occurred on the diagrammed deal in the Bermuda Bowl match between Italy and Pakistan. Before getting to that, if you were South, how would you play in six spades after the defence begins with two rounds of hearts?

It looks normal to play on a crossruff. You plan to take one diamond, two clubs, four ruffs in the South hand and five trumps in the North hand. But as you can see, West ruffs the second club to defeat the contract. The winning line is to play a diamond to the ace, lead a trump to South, cash the diamond king, ruff a diamond, return to South with a trump and lead winning diamonds. Whenever West ruffs, North overruffs, plays a trump to South's ace (which removes West's last spade), and runs the rest of the diamonds.

However, being lucky in diamonds is much less likely than finding clubs 5-2 or 4-3, when the crossruff will work.

Both North-South pairs reached six spades. At the other, non-diagrammed table, the auction was as given until four spades, except that Mirza Shauq Hussain (North for Pakistan) did not double over one heart, he

bid one spade promising at least a five-card suit. Then Fulvio Fantoni (West) rebid five hearts, and North jumped to six spades.

Claudio Nunes (East) led the club queen. Declarer (North) won in his hand, cashed the diamond ace, played a trump to dummy (seeing the 4-0 break), took the diamond king, ruffed a diamond, drew trumps ending in the South hand and claimed.

In the diagrammed auction, Antonio Sementa (North) doubled one heart to show four or five spades. Then, over four spades, he could not ask for aces. Five clubs showed a first- or second-round control in the suit. Five diamonds did the same. And five no-trump said that North wanted to be in a slam, but that he did not have first-round heart control. Giorgio Duboin (South) signed off in six spades.

Hasan Askari (West) led the heart ace, then continued with a low heart when his partner, Khalid Mohiuddin, played the queen. South ruffed, led a club to dummy's ace and cashed the diamond ace, under which West dropped the queen!

Declarer, believing that diamonds were 5-1, thought he had to play the crossruff. Duboin called for the club king, but West ruffed it. Plus 1430 and plus 100 gave Pakistan 17 IMPs on the board. When you cannot beat a contract by hook, try crook.

**Alan Truscott Memorial Award
Louis Sachar (USA) for "The Cardturner"**

The Alan Truscott Memorial Award is given periodically for some special service to the game that would appeal to Alan. As well as a top bridge player and writer, Alan was also a fine chess player and had varied interests away from the table.

When Alton's aging, blind uncle asks him to attend bridge games with him, he agrees. After all, it's better than a crappy summer job in the local shopping mall, and Alton's mother thinks it might secure their way to a good inheritance sometime in the future. But, like all apparently casual choices in any of Louis Sachar's wonderful books, this choice soon turns out to be a lot more complex than Alton could ever have imagined. As his relationship with his uncle develops, and he meets the very attractive Toni, deeply buried secrets are uncovered and a romance that spans decades is finally brought to a conclusion. Alton's mother is in for a surprise!

Quarter Finals – Session 2 **Rosenblum Cup**
A View from the Bridge by Mark Horton

A View from the Bridge is a play by American playwright Arthur Miller first staged in 1955 as a one-act verse drama at the Coronet Theatre on Broadway. The two-act version frequently produced today appeared a year later, in 1956. It is set in 1950s America, in an Italian American neighborhood near the Brooklyn Bridge in New York. It has striking similarities with Greek tragedy, being linear and having a chorus, or narrator (Alfieri). Eddie, the tragic protagonist, has a fatal flaw (his improper love of, and almost obsession with, Catherine), and the final, dramatic climax is another feature of this style.

The title sprung to mind as I stepped on to the bridge that leads to the VuGraph theatre. However, there was no dramatic climax to the match between Nickell and Robinson, although there were some interesting deals as the match drew to its inevitable conclusion.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doub</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Wildavsky</i>	<i>Zia</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Two Diamonds was a comfortable spot. If the defenders start with three rounds of hearts South will score a trick with the king of diamonds, holding declarer to nine tricks, but Zia tried a Fredin-style six of hearts, so declarer made ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Boyd</i>
	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♦	Multi		
2♥	Pass or correct		

A classic Meckwellian deal, 3NT on a combined 22 count. North led the four of spades and South took the ace and returned the ten. Declarer won and played a club to dummy (North putting up the queen) and played the queen of diamonds. When South covered declarer claimed nine tricks, +400 and 7 IMPs to Nickell.

One VuGraph commentator suggested that leading the queen of clubs at trick one would defeat the contract. Not so. Declarer wins in hand and plays a spade. Say South wins and switches to hearts. The defenders cash two tricks in the suit and then North plays a second club. Declarer takes dummy's ace and plays the queen of diamonds. When that holds a low diamond collects the king, the spades are unblocked and dummy can be reached via the ten of diamonds.



Bob Hamman, USA

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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In practice West is likely to start with the top hearts and declarer ruffs. Might declarer not simply cross to dummy with the ace of clubs and take a diamond finesse? (Essential if East started with ♦Kx for example). Now West can win and return a diamond and declarer is short of tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doub</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Wildavsky</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West started with the top hearts and declarer ruffed the second round. He cashed the queen of clubs, then cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. At this point the only genuine way to make the contract is to ruff another heart with the king of clubs. The declarer can draw trumps and in due course the losing heart will go on the king of spades.

Hardly obvious, and declarer made the natural looking play of a diamond. East put up the ten – a dubious move, as it created an entry to dummy as the jack lost to the king. Now West had to find a spade return (as pointed out by Jean Paul-Meyer on VuGraph) which would have forced declarer to ruff as East gets rid of his remaining diamond (had East retained the ten West could exit with any card in his hand to defeat the contract). When he played back a diamond, hoping East could ruff, declarer won with dummy's nine, ruffed a heart with the king of clubs and played a club. The appearance of West's jack (a minor variation of the Rabbi's rule – the jack of clubs is always doubleton) meant he was home, +400.

The commentators felt 5♦ would have been an easier contract, but I'm not so sure. To start with, unlike 5♣, which can always be made, 5♦ is defeated by an (admittedly unlikely) club lead – say declarer wins in dummy and takes a diamond finesse – West wins and can either return a diamond or play a second club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Boyd</i>
1♠	Dble*	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3♦

West started with the top hearts and South ruffed, crossed to dummy with a club and took a losing diamond finesse. West exited with a club and declarer won in hand with the king, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a sneaky seven of clubs. When West declined to ruff declarer had stolen a trick, +150, but 6 IMPs for Nickell.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 8 5 3 ♥ J 8 7 4 ♦ K 9 8 6 ♣ 10	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ K Q J 10 6 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K 6 4 3	♠ 9 7 2 ♥ 6 5 3 2 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ A J 5
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Steve Robinson, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doub</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Wildavsky</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Barry Rigal felt South might jump to 5♣ once his five card suit had been supported, but with such a solid heart guard 3NT was an attractive looking alternative.

5♣ can be made with some good guessing – say West leads a heart. Declarer must win and play a low club to the king. East wins and returns a heart. Now declarer can get home as long as he relies on the principle of restricted choice in the club suit.

Against 3NT West led the four of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played the queen of clubs. When that held he played the nine of clubs, putting up the king as West pitched the eight of spades. East won and found the essential switch to a low diamond.

Declarer put in the jack and West won and continued the good work by returning a heart (he chose the jack). Declarer won with king and played the eight of clubs to East's jack. Another heart now would set up a fifth trick for the defence, but when East played back the queen of diamonds declarer could win and play a spade, leaving West between a rock and a hard place. If West won dummy would high, but if he ducked declarer would have nine tricks, so it was +600 either way.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Boyd</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
All Pass			

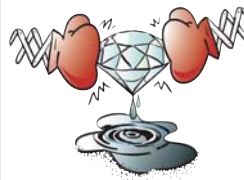
- 2♦ Multi
- 2♠ Interest in hearts

West led the ten of clubs for the king and ace and East switched to a diamond. West won with the king and returned the suit and declarer won and forced out the ace of spades. He could not be denied 10 tricks, +170, but 10 IMPs for Nickell.

Nickell took the last set 35-13 to win going away, 132-65. It was an example of a very good team going down to one touched by genius.

Applying Pressure

by Brent Manley



On this deal from the third set of the Rosenblum round of 16 in the Zimmermann/O'Rourke match, captain Pierre Zimmermann and Franck Multon combined well on defense against a

heart game.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>		<i>Zimmermann</i>	
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Zimmermann started with the ♣K, taken by declarer with the ace. A club was returned to Zimmermann's queen, Multon following with the ♣10, indicating spade values. With that information to guide him, Zimmermann played the ♠K and continued with a low spade, ruffed in dummy. Declarer cashed the ♣J for a spade pitch, then played a diamond to his ace and ruffed his last spade in dummy.

After playing a diamond to his king, declarer played a low heart from hand. Zimmermann went up with the king, forcing declarer with a diamond. Dummy now had only the bare ♥Q and one card in each minor, so when declarer played a low heart to dummy's queen, Zimmermann – down to the ♥J and a low spade – had to make his trump honor no matter which suit declarer played from dummy.

All This for a Near Zero

by Phillip Alder

This deal occurred during the qualifying rounds of the Generali Open Pairs.

Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	1♠ All Pass	3♥

The declarer was Bruce Ferguson. West led a spade. Declarer ruffed in the dummy, played a club to his ace, ruffed another spade with the ♥Q, cashed dummy's ♣K, and led the ♣Q, ruffed by East's ♥4 and overruffed with South's ♥5.

Declarer played his singleton diamond, West flying in with the ace and leading a spade. East took two tricks in the suit to give this position:

♠ - ♥ - ♦ K J ♣ 10 8 4	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ K 9 ♥ A ♦ 7 4 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ K J 10 9 3 ♦ - ♣ -
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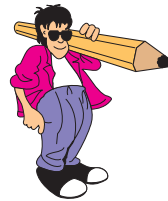
East led another spade, hoping for a trump promotion, but Ferguson ruffed with his ♥9. What did he do next?

Note that if he had led a high heart, East would have won with the ace and played a spade, which would have promoted West's ♥7 as a trick. But reading the position perfectly, Ferguson led his ♥3 to escape for down one.

In theory that was a good result because the opponents could make 4♠, but it turned out to be a near-zero because most East-West pairs got too high and went minus. Life is tough.



Championship Diary



When the team lists were published a woman dropped by the office to point out a minor error.

'My husband is not Bernasconi, although that might be an interesting option later.'

Maureen Dennison telephoned the Hotel Reception to point out that the trash can in the Press Room was overflowing.

Within minutes a plumber arrived.

We get numerous emails concerning the content of the Daily Bulletin. Simon Cochemé writes from London:

I read in Tuesday's bulletin a number of different words used to indicate that team A had beaten Team B. I saw: 'beat', 'defeated', 'dispatched', 'topped' and 'routed' ... and that was just on the front page.

I know Americans like to use a variety of verbs to convey the result of a sporting fixture. Is there a list for journalists (in any sport) to use? Are they graded to match the IMP scale for bridge matches? "We edged them 11-9, but we really should have downed them / bested them / trounced them / whopped them / overwhelmed them / slaughtered them."

The English tend to stick to 'beat', with the occasional inverted result, "B lost to A". What do other nationalities do?

Thinking about it I quite like 'decimated'.

Semi Finals – Session I

McConnell Cup

Higher Aspirations

by Phillip Alder

The 60-board McConnell semifinals pitted China (Gu Ling-Lu Yan, Sun Ming-Wang Hongli and Feng Xuefeng-Sun Yanhui) against Phyllis Fireman (Shannon Cappelletti, Danièle Gaviard, Catherine d'Ovidio, Victoria Gromova and Tatiana Ponomareva) and the Netherlands (Carla Arnolds-Bep Vriend, Jet Pasman-Anneke Simons and Martine Verbeek-Wietske van Zwol) against Joyce Hampton (Jenny Wolpert, Bénédicte Cronier-Sylvie Willard and Laura Dekkers-Marion Michielsens).

China gained 1 IMP on the first board, then came:

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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

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

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Marion Michielsens, Netharlands

China vs. Fireman

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Sun	d'Ovidio	Wang
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♥	1♠
2♣	4♣ (1)	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Splinter bid

West	North	East	South
Lu	Cappelletti	Gu	Fireman
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

Netherlands vs. Hampton

West	North	East	South
Dekkers	Arnolds	Michielsens	Vriend
		2♥ (1)	Pass
4NT (2)	Dble	5♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) 5 hearts and 4-plus in a minor

(2) What is your minor?

West	North	East	South
Simons	Wolpert	Pasman	Hampton
		2♥ (1)	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT (2)	Dble	5♣	5♠
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

(1) 5 hearts and 4-plus in a minor

(2) What is your minor?

Wang (South) in 4♠ won the heart lead with dummy's ace, played a spade to her queen, led a diamond to dummy's ace, and conceded a diamond. East won the next trick with her ♥Q and returned a trump, but declarer crossruffed the next six tricks in hearts and clubs to get home.

The play at the other table was mysterious.

East led her ♦J. Cappelletti (North) won with her ace, cashed the ♠A, played a spade to the queen, gave up a diamond, won the heart shift with her ace, ruffed the dia-

mond, ruffed a club, and ruffed a diamond. Now declarer meant to call for another club, but she accidentally asked for a heart, which she ruffed, revoking. Play continued to ten tricks, but she lost two for the revoke penalty. So China gained a lucky 13 IMPs for plus 620 and plus 200.

Both declarers in clubs took nine tricks, so the Netherlands gained 5 IMPs. Then:

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>d'Ovidio</i>	<i>Wang</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♣
West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Cappelletti</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Fireman</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Netherlands vs. Hampton

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Hampton</i>
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

To open less than 5♣ looks inadvisable.

Gaviard led a spade to defeat 5♣. But Cappelletti led a club, not a red suit, against 4♠. Lu won with dummy's ace, drew trumps ending in her hand, and ran the ♥9.

Minus 50 and plus 620 gave China 11 IMPs.

Dekkers led a heart against 5♣, so declarer's spade loser disappeared and the contract made.

Double-dummy, there was no defense against 4♥. But when South led the ♣Q, declarer won with dummy's king and understandably did not play on spades! Instead, she called for the ♥9.

If North had won with her ace, the defenders could have taken two diamonds (perhaps North should shift to the ♦9) and North received a club ruff. But North ducked.

Now you might have expected Pasman to shift to spades, but she played the ♥8. North won with her ace and led the ♦K. Getting the wrong idea, South overtook with her ace, cashed the ♦Q, and played a third diamond. Declarer ruffed in the dummy, drew trumps with the aid of another finesse, and claimed.

Plus 400 and plus 620 gave the Netherlands 15 IMPs.

The next big swings came two deals later.

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

♠ Q 6 ♥ K J ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ Q J 10 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 10 5 3 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A K 7 2
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Every West was in 4♥ after North opened the bidding and South responded one spade.

In the China-Fireman match the play went similarly at each table. Declarer won the club lead with dummy's king, took a heart finesse, won the next club in the



dummy, and brought down the missing trumps. Now, with a diamond to lose, they had to guess spades. Lu, remembering North's opening bid, cashed her ace and king. Gaviard, remembering South's 1♠ response, finessed through South on the second round of the suit. So China gained 11 IMPs to lead 37-0.

Dekkers followed Gaviard's line to go down one. Against Simons, North chose the unfortunate opening lead of the ♠Q. Declarer now made an overtrick. So the Netherlands also won 11 IMPs, ahead by 33-5.

Two boards later the Fireman and Hampton East-West pairs overbid to 4♠ to lose 7 IMPs. Then Fireman got on the board with an overtrick IMP.

This board was flat in 3♦ in one match, but not in the other.

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West Vul.

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

Netherlands vs. Hampton

West	North	East	South
<i>Dekkers</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Michielsens</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Hampton</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♦	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Vriend led a trump against 3♦. Michielsens lost two spades and two clubs to make her contract exactly.

Against 3NT, Arnolds led the ♥6. Declarer Wolpert won with her queen and played a club to dummy's king. After winning with her ace, South decided that they should try to take four spade tricks. Then the correct lead is the ten,

which works perfectly if partner has A-Q-8-2 and -- a big "and" -- devines what is happening. She wins with her queen and returns the ♠2 to South's king. Then South leads the ♠5 through West's 9-4 into North's A-8.

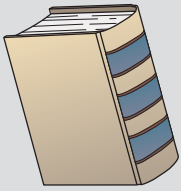
Hampton, though, led the ♠5. This would have been all right if, after taking three tricks in the suit, they had played a club. But when Hampton took the third spade, she returned a heart, so declarer had nine tricks: one spade, two hearts, six diamonds and one club. That was another 10 IMPs to the Netherlands.

On Board 10, Michielsens and Pasman went down one in 4♥ for a flat board. But it was a disaster for Fireman. Gu was allowed to make 4♥. And at the other table Sun was in 4♠. To beat it the defenders had to keep leading hearts to tap declarer to death. They did not do that, so it was a double game swing giving China 15 IMPs.

Over the last five boards, Fireman gained 2 IMPs, but China ended the set ahead by 64-6. The Netherlands moved another 12 IMPs in front, leading by 64-5.

Were the matches already over?

**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.

Herman's News

by Mark Horton

Herman De Waal dropped into the office. 'I have news' he said. 'You have discovered a new flag?' I replied. No, there is a good match up coming in the Generali Open Pairs.

That sounded more interesting than watching England's soccer team struggle against Montenegro, so I made my way to the fifth floor.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	3♥*	All Pass	2♦*
2♦ Multi			
3♥ Pass or correct			



Dessy Popova, Bulgaria

East led the three of hearts and West won with the king and switched to the four of spades. East won with the king and returned a spade so declarer escaped for one down, which scored well, 130.4/49.6.

I profess to understand nothing about pairs play, but having co authored a book on the Multi I will observe that West might have doubled in the pass out seat. Were East to pass then 300 is obviously a possibility. On the other hand I have no idea how East/West should get to 5♣. I suppose East might bid 4NT, pick a minor?

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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♠ A K 9 6 5 2
♥ 8 5 2
♦ A Q
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Popova</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

- 2♣ Canapé
- 2NT Relay

West led the ten of hearts, covered by the king and ace and East switched to the ten of spades. Declarer won with the ace and took her only shot by cashing the ace of clubs. When the Rabbi's rule failed to oblige she conceded one down, scoring only 6.1/173.9.



Quarter Final – Session I Rosenblum Cup

Momentum by Brent Manley

In the quarterfinal round of the Rosenblum, six of the eight teams were captained by Americans – or residents of the USA. Three of them, including the Nick Nickell and Jeff Wolfson teams, made it to the semifinal round, Wolfson upsetting the Martin Fleisher team with a 108-92 win.

Nickell had to rally in the fourth quarter of their round of 16 match against a Polish team, but they handled the Steve Robinson squad with comparative ease to make it to the semis.

The match started well for Nickell.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
1♣	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Chris Willenken led a low diamond, and Jeff Meckstroth called for the 9, forcing Michael Rosenberg's king. After winning the ♦A, Meckstroth played the ♣A, then the ♥Q, ducked, and he went to dummy with the ♦J and passed the ♣J. He then played a spade to the queen and ace, and the ♥10 was overtaken by Rosenberg with the jack to switch to the ♠10. Meckstroth had his nine tricks, however, for plus 400.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

Zia Mahmood also started with a low diamond. Wolfson put up the jack, covered by the king and ace. He then played three rounds of clubs, losing to Rosenberg's queen. The diamond return went to Zia's 10, and he exited with a low spade to Wolfson's queen. Wolfson cashed the ♦Q and played a club to dummy's 10. He made his contract on the nose, but it was a 7-IMP loss.

The second board produced more IMPs for Nickell.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 8 7 6 4 ♣ K 8 7 2	<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		♠ K Q 9 4 ♥ Q 10 8 7 2 ♦ A 10 3 ♣ 4	♠ 6 ♥ A K J 6 5 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A 10 6 3
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West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
2♥	3♠	1♥	Dble
All Pass		Pass	4♠

Rosenberg ruffed the opening lead of the ♥K and played a spade to his queen. The ♥Q was covered and ruffed. Eric Rodwell won the next spade lead with the ace and played



Chris Willenken, USA

a third round of trumps. Rosenberg played the ♠10 and when Meckstroth covered with the jack, he pitched a club from dummy. That was plus 620 to Nickell.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
Dble	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Larry Cohen led the ♥9: 10, jack, ruff. Cohen won the ♣Q with the king at trick two and played a diamond, taken in dummy with the ace. The ♥Q was covered and ruffed, and a spade went to dummy's king. Wolfson did not cover the ♥8 when Zia played it from dummy, so Zia ruffed with the jack and played the ♠10. He was soon claiming plus 790 for another 5 IMPs. Nickell was ahead 12-0.

Wolfson evened the match two boards later.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Zia, USA

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
1♣*	1♦	1♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Rodwell was not troubled to take 11 tricks for plus 660.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Cohen took the diamond lead in dummy and played the ♥J to his ace, followed by the ♥K. He was happy to see the doubleton ♥Q 10 falling on his left. All that was left to do was to ruff his heart loser and take the club finesse for an overtrick. The finesse lost, but Wolfson had a 12-IMP gain.

This deal put Nickell back in front.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Meckstroth, noting the vulnerability, did not make a peep despite his eight-card diamond suit. He started with the ♦8 to the queen and declarer's ace. Rosenberg cashed the ♥A and played a diamond to dummy's king. Rodwell ruffed and played the ♣K, taken by Rosenberg with

dummy's ace. Rosenberg played the ♠K and picked up Rodwell's remaining trumps, but when he cashed the ♥K and exited with a heart, he was disappointed to see Meckstroth win the trick. A club through dummy's J 7 put the contract one down.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
2♣	Dble	Pass	INT
3♠	Dble	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	4♦	Pass
		All Pass	

There were five losers in this contract, so Wolfson was minus 500 for a 12-IMP loss.

Another double-digit swing was right around the corner.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Meckstroth started with the ♦A, ruffed by Rosenberg, who played a spade to the ace and followed with the ♣10, which held. The came a low club, queen and king, and a club to dummy's ace. When West didn't ruff, Rosenberg knew the layout of the spade suit. He gave up a trick to Meckstroth's trump queen, but had his 10 tricks for plus 420.



West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
Pass	1♠	2♦	2NT
3♦	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Hamman also ruffed the diamond opening lead, then played a spade to the ace and a spade to the jack and queen. Wolfson played the ♥Q to Hamman's ace, and he picked up trumps before leading a heart to dummy's jack and Cohen's king. Hamman had no trumps at this point, so he had to discard when Cohen continued with a diamond. Wolfson won the ♦K and played the jack to dummy's queen. Hamman could have made the contract at that point by guessing clubs, but he played a low one to his king and had to concede minus 50 at the end. That was 10 IMPs to Wolfson.

The score was tied at 24 when this deal came along.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Rodwell's 2♦ described a limited, three-suited hand short in diamonds. Meckstroth had no choice but to pick a major with his ill-fitting hand.

Willenken started with a trump, ducked to Rosenberg's queen. A diamond went to the queen and king, and a second heart was ducked to the king. A third heart was taken by Meckstroth with the jack, after which he played the ♠10 to South's ace. A diamond was ducked to declarer's jack, and he played a spade to the king. He cashed the ♥A, and played a spade to the queen. Two more club tricks were coming to the defenders, plus the ♦A, so it was plus 200 for Wolfson.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Wolfson started with the ♠10, ducked to declarer's jack. A diamond to the ace was followed by a heart to the king. A second diamond fetched the queen from East, and Hamman ducked, noting Cohen's club discard. Hamman played the ♠A when Wolfson continued the suit, and Cohen played low on the second heart, Hamman winning the queen. The club finesse worked, but there just weren't enough tricks. Hamman would up with eight and a minus 100 on the scorecard. That was 7 IMPs to Wolfson.

There were two big swings on the final two boards of the set.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Slam can be made in hearts with the North-South cards, but Willenken and Rosenberg stopped in game. Cohen led the ♣5 to the 4, 9 and queen. Willenken pulled trumps and led a spade up, playing the king when Rodwell ducked. He had only to duck a diamond from that point to end up with 12 tricks for plus 480.

Zia and Hamman did better in the bidding, but lost IMPs in the play.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Cohen led the ♠A and continued the suit. Zia played the ♠9 and ruffed when Wolfson played the 10. Zia led a heart to dummy's ace and took a club finesse. He played another heart to dummy and took a second finesse. When he played the ♣2 from hand to ruff, Cohen ruffed with the 9. One down meant 11 IMPs to Wolfson.

The last board of the set helped Nickell draw closer.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
2♦	2NT	5♦	1♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	Dble
All Pass			5♠

Rosenberg made one stab at slam with his shapely hand but gave up when Willenken did not cooperate. Rodwell led the ♦A and it was over quickly. Plus 680 to Wolfson.

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Hamman	Wolfson	Zia
2♦	4♣	5♦	1♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			6♠

Hamman's fit-showing jump in clubs just about assured that he and Zia would get to the slam. The sight of six-card trump support no doubt pleased Zia, who claimed after Cohen cashed the ♦A, no doubt asserting that he planned to cash the trump ace. Plus 1430 was a 13-IMP swing for Nickell, trailing 42-37 after the first set.



ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY**World Junior Championship (Results subject to confirmation)****ROUND 11**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Japan	45 - 5	25 - 4
2	China	Italy	21 - 25	14 - 16
3	Israel	Netherlands	32 - 21	18 - 12
4	Australia	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
5	Canada	USA I	6 - 35	7 - 23
6	France	Sweden	17 - 24	13 - 17
7	Argentina	Germany	20 - 29	13 - 17
8	India	Norway	47 - 10	25 - 5
9	China Hong Kong	Russia	17 - 39	8 - 22

ROUND 12

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Italy	USA 2	34 - 19	19 - 11
2	Netherlands	China	35 - 17	20 - 10
3	Israel	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
4	Russia	Australia	35 - 12	22 - 8
5	USA I	Japan	18 - 17	15 - 15
6	Sweden	Canada	20 - 41	9 - 21
7	Germany	France	13 - 25	12 - 18
8	Norway	Argentina	44 - 29	19 - 11
9	China Hong Kong	India	20 - 47	7 - 23

ROUND 13

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Netherlands	21 - 4	20 - 10
2	China	Bye	9 - 0	18 - 0
3	Israel	Australia	49 - 24	22 - 8
4	Italy	USA I	43 - 6	25 - 5
5	Japan	Sweden	3 - 52	2 - 25
6	Canada	Germany	31 - 7	22 - 8
7	France	Norway	17 - 7	18 - 12
8	Argentina	China Hong Kong	5 - 24	9 - 21
9	India	Russia	19 - 7	18 - 12

ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
2	Australia	China	14 - 33	9 - 21
3	Russia	Israel	16 - 45	7 - 23
4	USA I	Netherlands	33 - 19	19 - 11
5	Sweden	Italy	13 - 14	15 - 15
6	Germany	Japan	27 - 20	17 - 13
7	Norway	Canada	19 - 22	14 - 16
8	China Hong Kong	France	0 - 62	0 - 25
9	India	Argentina	28 - 29	15 - 15

ROUND 15

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	Australia	9 - 35	7 - 23
2	China	Israel	18 - 29	12 - 18
3	USA I	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
4	Netherlands	Sweden	15 - 16	15 - 15
5	Italy	Germany	23 - 22	15 - 15
6	Japan	Norway	15 - 21	14 - 16
7	Canada	China Hong Kong	15 - 37	8 - 22
8	France	India	41 - 27	19 - 11
9	Argentina	Russia	8 - 50	3 - 25

RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS

1	Israel	266.50
2	USA I	257
3	France	248
4	India	235
	Netherlands	235
6	Russia	234
7	China	231
8	Sweden	225
9	Australia	223.50
10	Germany	223
11	Italy	222.50
12	Canada	222
13	USA 2	219
14	Norway	207
15	Japan	202
16	Argentina	191
17	China Hong Kong	188.50

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ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 Netherlands	France	31 - 6	22 - 8
12 Uruguay	Hungary	14 - 46	6 - 24
13 China	Canada	11 - 54	3 - 25
14 Poland	USA 2	11 - 25	11 - 19
15 Australia	Sweden	21 - 8	19 - 11
16 Israel	England	16 - 15	15 - 15
17 USA I	Germany	33 - 0	24 - 6
18 Norway	Chinese Taipei	17 - 30	11 - 19

ROUND 11

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	Uruguay	55 - 6	25 - 2
12 Hungary	China	48 - 30	20 - 10
13 Canada	USA 2	44 - 34	18 - 12
14 Netherlands	Australia	45 - 7	25 - 4
15 Sweden	Israel	5 - 24	9 - 21
16 England	USA I	35 - 17	20 - 10
17 Germany	Norway	31 - 17	19 - 11
18 Chinese Taipei	Poland	20 - 25	14 - 16

ROUND 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 China	France	27 - 13	19 - 11
12 USA 2	Hungary	25 - 13	18 - 12
13 Poland	Canada	23 - 12	18 - 12
14 Australia	Uruguay	12 - 49	5 - 25
15 Israel	Netherlands	26 - 15	18 - 12
16 USA I	Sweden	0 - 32	6 - 24
17 Norway	England	6 - 31	8 - 22
18 Chinese Taipei	Germany	23 - 18	16 - 14

ROUND 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	USA 2	32 - 1	24 - 6
12 Hungary	Canada	45 - 2	25 - 3
13 China	Australia	47 - 0	25 - 2
14 Uruguay	Israel	12 - 22	12 - 18
15 Netherlands	USA I	0 - 30	6 - 24
16 Sweden	Norway	29 - 7	22 - 8
17 England	Chinese Taipei	49 - 8	25 - 4
18 Germany	Poland	20 - 28	13 - 17

RANKING AFTER 13 ROUNDS

1	England	246
2	Israel	220
3	Sweden	214
4	Poland	213
5	Germany	205
6	France	203
	USA I	203
8	Hungary	201.5
9	China	194
10	Netherlands	193.5
11	Norway	184
12	Canada	183
13	Chinese Taipei	173
14	USA 2	164
15	Uruguay	159
16	Australia	144

RONA CUP

World Young Ladies Championship

ROUND 2: SESSIONS 3, 4

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	IMPs	VPs
21	Poland	53	51	104	25
	USA	13	15	28	2
22	China	23	46	69	19
	France	20	28	48	11

ROUND 3: SESSIONS 5, 6

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	IMPs	VPs
21	France	32	37	69	25
	USA	12	1	13	5
22	Poland	39	26	65	23
	China	6	15	21	7

FINAL QUALIFYING RANKING

1	Poland	64
2	France	50
3	China	45
4	USA	18

Round 7

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

Quiet Set

by Brian Senior

Round 7 of the Juniors event saw a very quiet set of deals, on which Australia outscored Canada by just 9-5 IMPs, or 16-14 VPs. This was the one lively board of the set:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zind	Gosney	Blagov	Edggtton
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

For Canada, Gordon Zind opened 1♦ and rebid 2NT, 18-19. Anton Blagov enquired about majors so Zind showed his spades and, after an exchange of cuebids, Blagov asked for key cards, then the queen of trumps, before settling for 6♠.

Zind led a diamond. With nothing else to go on, Zind judged the opening lead to be from shortage, which meant that North was more likely to have the spade length. Accordingly, he won in dummy and led a spade to the ace then ran the ten, losing to the queen. When there was no miracle in hearts, he was one down for -50.

In the other room, Michael Whibley for Australia had a 2♣ opening in his methods. Canada's Daniel Lavee overcalled 3♣ and, after a negative double from Justin Howard (East), Whibley declared 6♠. Again, the lead was a diamond and again declarer won in dummy and played a spade - the jack, then up with the ace when South played

low in tempo. The contract was again down one for a push board.

Maybe the second declarer might have judged that South rated to have the spade length and got the trumps right. Canada had dodged a bullet.

Six Hearts is better than 6♠ as whenever there is only one heart loser the contract is secure, the spades going away on the club king and fourth diamond. However, best of all is to play in 6NT, where declarer can test the hearts and, if they misbehave, fall back on the two-way spade finesse. Two pairs in the Juniors managed to reach the top spot.

West	North	East	South
Fay	Kong	Chiu	Lau
1♦	3♣	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

For USAI, Kevin Fay opened 1♦ and China Hong Kong's Kwok Kong made a weak jump overcall of 3♣. That took away an uncomfortable amount of bidding space for the Americans. Jason Chiu did not want to introduce the threadbare heart suit at this level so made a negative



Nabil Edggtton, Australia

double, over which Fay made a quantitative jump to 4NT. The agreement is that when such an invitation is accepted they show key cards and, with only diamonds mentioned, Chiu showed two. There was no way to be sure that 6NT was the right spot now but it looked to be the practical shot. Well judged but only a flat board as China Hong Kong bid and made 6♥ in the other room.

West	North	East	South
Rajkumar	Katz	Mohota	Goldfein
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

India's Raghavendra Rajkumar started with a strong club and 1♥ was a natural positive. Anurag Mohota showed the spades at his next turn then launched into RKCB when Rajkumar showed a heart fit. Five Diamonds showed zero or three and 5♠ asked for the queen of hearts, 5NT denying its possession. Now Mohota signed off in 6♥ and Rajkumar, who had not yet admitted to the spade fit, converted to 6♠. Mohota could not see why 6♠ should be better than 6NT so in turn converted to that contract. Again, well judged, but again just a flat board as the other room saw the heart slam bid and made by the USA2 pair.



Raghavendra Rajkumar, India

TODAY'S SCHEDULE (Round Robin)

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY World Junior Championship

ROUND 16

1	Israel	USA 2
2	Norway	Italy
3	Germany	Netherlands
4	India	Canada
5	Sweden	Bye
6	China Hong Kong	Japan
7	Argentina	France
8	Russia	China
9	USA 1	Australia

ROUND 17

1	USA 2	China
2	Australia	Sweden
3	Germany	Bye
4	Canada	Argentina
5	Israel	USA 1
6	France	Russia
7	Netherlands	Norway
8	Japan	India
9	Italy	China Hong Kong

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ROUND 14

11	USA 1	Uruguay
12	Poland	Hungary
13	Norway	Netherlands
14	Israel	China
15	Germany	England
16	Chinese Taipei	Sweden
17	Australia	USA 2
18	Canada	France

ROUND 15

11	Canada	Australia
12	China	USA 1
13	England	Poland
14	Netherlands	Chinese Taipei
15	Sweden	Germany
16	Uruguay	Norway
17	France	Hungary
18	USA 2	Israel

Round 10

Damiani Cup

Good Team-mates

by Brian Senior

There were two interesting deals in Round 10 of the Youngsters round robin – the slam on Board 11 will be discussed in a separate article. The set ended with this distributional monster:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 9</p> <p>♥ 10 9 7 6 5 2</p> <p>♦ 6 3</p> <p>♣ Q J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ 3</p> <p>♥ A Q J 4 3</p> <p>♦ Q 2</p> <p>♣ K 7 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 6 5 2</p> <p>♥ –</p> <p>♦ A K 10 8 5 4</p> <p>♣ A</p>	<p>♠ A K J 10 4</p> <p>♥ K 8</p> <p>♦ J 9 7</p> <p>♣ 9 8 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Eggeling	Kaplan	Gruenke	Grossack
Pass	1♥	2♥	Dble
2NT	Dble	3♦	Dble
All Pass			



Michael Rusch, Germany

Adam Kaplan, for USA1, opened 1♥ and Paul Gruenke (Germany) showed spades and a minor. Adam Grossack doubled, showing values, Marie Eggeling bid 2NT to ask for the minor, and Kaplan doubled that. Without all the doubles, Gruenke might well have jumped to 4♦, but now he stayed low and caught another double, ending the auction.

On any lead other than a trump, the defence will surely come to five tricks, the jack of diamonds and four spades (possibly including an over-ruff). However, Grossack led the seven of diamonds, which put the defence in some jeopardy.

Kaplan withheld his queen as he expected to be able to over-ruff dummy, so Gruenke won with the eight. He led a low spade and Grossack won the ten and led a second trump for the queen and ace. From here, Gruenke just persevered with spades and eventually established two winners in the suit to bring his total to nine. Plus 670 looked to be a rather a good result for the Germans.

North does better to play the ♦Q at trick one as his ♦2 prevents declarer from taking an effective ruffing finesse in spades. Say that declarer gives up a spade and South leads a heart. Declarer ruffs and leads a spade. If South covers it is all over – dummy ruffs and there are only two more spades to be lost. If South does not cover, declarer will surely ruff and the contract fails by a trick. If he is sufficiently inspired to discard, North ruffs with the two and forces him with a heart. Now he ruffs a spade, crosses to the ace of clubs and concedes a spade. He loses three spades, a spade ruff and the jack of diamonds for down one.

You know you have good team-mates when you concede –670 and win 10 IMPs.

In the other room:

West	North	East	South
Stern	Rusch	Patchett	Marosevic
Pass	1♥	2♥	Dble
3♣	Dble	3♦	3♠
Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Declarer came to six tricks for –1100.

USA1 won the match by 33-0 IMPs, 24-6 VPs.

Rounds 5, 6

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

Dutch Delight

by Kees Tammens

In the first five rounds of the qualification the Dutch Juniors had a flying start with 100.5 VPs. Of course, many double-digit swings flew mostly in the direction of the Netherlands; that is what one needs for such a huge score. Jacco Hop and Vincent de Pagter tried very hard to make a good nomination for the best defence on this first deal.

Round 5. Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q J 4 2 ♥ 10 9 4 2 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 6 5 3 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ 9 8 5 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K 7 ♥ A J 7 ♦ K 7 3 2 ♣ K J 10 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hop</i>	<i>Tsang</i>	<i>de Pagter</i>	<i>Chiu</i>
	Pass	INT	Dble
Rdbl (i)	Pass	2♣	2♥
All Pass			

(i) Clubs, or spades and a red suit

West chose the ♠4 as the opening lead, for the king and ace. Declarer played back a second spade for West's jack and West was uncertain what to continue, the ♦9 or ♣Q? The two of spades was an interesting third option and East fully cooperated by ruffing with the jack of hearts.



Vincent de Pagter, Netherlands

Declarer over-ruffed and played a low club for the queen and West continued clubs, to the ten and ace. A third club went to East's jack, West shedding a discouraging ♦9. East played ♣K, ruffed with the six and over-ruffed with the nine. Now came the spade queen, East throwing a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played a small diamond to the ace in East, who returned a diamond. Declarer played a third diamond and made the king of hearts as the sixth trick.

Two points of interest: after ruffing ♠Q, declarer can play a heart and nothing can prevent him making two diamonds as well as a trump trick for one down. And East could have done better by ruffing ♠Q with the ace and returning a trump. West, after making ♥10, throws South in to play diamonds with the king of diamonds the second undertrick.

The Netherlands met Japan in the first match of the second day.

Round 6. Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 ♣ A Q J 9 8</p>	<p>♠ 10 2 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ 10 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A Q J 9 ♥ 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Nakayama</i>	<i>de Pagter</i>	<i>Gotoda</i>	<i>Hop</i>
	3♥	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

South's lead was, of course, the ace of hearts, and he switched to a low trump for declarer's eight. Declarer finessed in clubs, cashed ♦A and ruffed a club with the now bare king. A heart ruff was followed by the ace and queen of diamonds. All the trumps had been drawn. Now a club for the king put South in and he had only spades left so had to give declarer the eleventh trick.

RAND CUP ROSTERS

Top 8 Teams

Gabrial UI	Michael Bambang HARTONO, Henky LASUT, Eddy M F MANOPPO, Denny SACUL, Munawar SAWIRUDDIN, Peter Tora WANGSAPUTRA (npc)
Mcgowan	Douglas FRASER, Sandra FRASER, David LIGGAT, Elizabeth (Liz) MCGOWAN
Hackett	Paul D HACKETT, Gunnar HALLBERG, Garey HAYDEN, John HOLLAND, Reese MILNER
Capital Gang	David ABELOW, Barry BRAGIN, Jeff HAND, Fred KING, David RUDERMAN, Richard WEGMAN
Team Markowicz	Julian KLUKOWSKI, Victor MARKOWICZ, Victor MELMAN, Roald RAMER, Jerzy RUSSYAN, Shalom ZELIGMAN
Tulin	Drew CASEN, Neil CHAMBERS, Gaylor KASLE, John SCHERMER, Ron SMITH, Stan TULIN
Cohen	Ken COHEN, Lyle POE, Neal SATTEN, Thomas WEIK
Japan Yamada	Makoto HIRATA, Kyoko OHNO, Akihiko YAMADA, Tadashi YOSHIDA

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

2nd SUNDAY – MONDAY KO, BKT#1

9 Tables		
41.12	1	Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Melih Ozdil, New York NY; John Sutherlin, Dallas TX
28.78	2	Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Dennis McGarry, Stuart FL; Daniel Gerstman, Buffalo NY; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL; Bobby Wolff, Las Vegas NV; Dan Morse, Houston TX
16.45	3/4	Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT
16.45	3/4	Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Peggy Allen, Chevy Chase MD; John Russell, North Barrington IL; Witold Turant, 92-432 Lodz Poland

2nd SUNDAY – MONDAY KO, BKT#1

10 Tables		
15.53	1	Nathan Schatz, Dresher PA; Harold Weiner, Lafayette Hill PA; Philippe Galaski, Amherst MA; Edward Goldwater, Horsham PA
10.87	2	Joyce Lelah, Los Angeles CA; Jane Choo, Singapore 30909 Singapore; Ling-Li Bates, Taipei 112 Taiw Taiwan; Gemma Mariano, Metro Manila Philippines
6.21	3/4	Franya Barnett - Sohail Hasan - Olivia Long - Michael Starr, New York NY; Michael Mahony, Santa Fe NM
6.21	3/4	Brian Mahony - Florence Mahony, Redding CT; John McNiff, No Palm Beach FL; James Sampson, New York NY

2nd MONDAY OPEN PAIRS

27.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
12.95	1		Kelley Hwang, New York NY; John Zilic, Houston TX	61.86%
9.71	2		Geoffrey Mallette, Richmond VA; Denyse Le Maire, Mickleton NJ	59.96%
7.28	3		David Fleischer, Alexandria VA; Bill Parks, Macungie PA	58.58%
5.46	4		Craig Robinson, Lansdale PA; Martin Rabinowitz, Narberth PA	58.01%
4.32	5		Suzanne Crawford - Michael Crawford, San Diego CA	57.21%
3.70	6		Bob Etter, Sacramento CA; Robert Morris, Houston TX	56.84%
3.24	7		Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA; Bob Gwartzman, Brooklyn NY	56.81%
2.88	8		Pradeep Jhavar - Vandana Jhavar, Layton UT	56.58%
7.38		1	Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA; Jeremy Siegel, Philadelphia PA	55.12%
5.54		2	Lewis Shapiro, Baltimore MD; Witold Palosz, Coockeyville MD	54.45%
4.15		3	Phyllis Taxin - Linda DiLuco, Philadelphia PA	53.93%
3.11		4	Jean Wittman, Northboro MA; Arkadiusz Sitek, Ashland MA	53.81%
2.77		5	Jerry Miller - Nadyne Cheary, Silver Spring MD	53.21%
2.11		6	Nancy Kaercher - Charles Juergensen, Langhorne PA	52.27%
2.50			John Logan, Philadelphia PA; Gerry Daly, Austria	50.13%
1.88		3	Guy Novello, Boothwyn PA; John Tampanello, King of Prussia PA	48.84%
1.76		4	Tilghman Moore, Gretna LA; Geoff Chichester, Metairie LA	47.00%

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