

Italy, France take big leads; Israel, Sweden top Women's

Open Olympiad

Italy pulled almost a full match ahead after 12 rounds in Group B of the Open Olympiad. Israel was 22.5 Victory Points behind in second place, with Iceland and Chinese Taipei almost another half a match behind. Italy have won 11 of its 12 matches, with only a single 14-16 loss marring their record. Strangely enough, Israel have done even better in the win-loss department – Israel have won them all.

Norway and the United States, both among the pre-tournament favorites, still were having their troubles – Norway was 10th and the Americans were 17th.

In Group A, defending champion France took a 15-VP lead against Poland. France, like Italy, have only one 14-16 loss on its otherwise all-win record.

This group has five teams clustered close behind the leaders – Spain, South Africa, Indonesia, New Zealand and Japan.

Women's Olympiad

Israel are doing well in both Olympiads. In the Women's they are atop Group B after winning all eight matches to date. They hold a 6-VP margin over second-place United States. The Americans suffered two losses yesterday – to Turkey 13-17 and to Poland 23-7, but they came back at the end to blitz Chinese Taipei, 25-5. Austria are only 6 VPS behind the U.S., and Poland, India, Italy and France are very much in contention.

Sweden are back in first place in Group A, 8 VPs in front of runnerup South Africa. Sweden suffered a punishing defeat in Match 5, but they have won all the rest.

South Africa started this competition with a 25-0 loss to Denmark, but they've been going strong ever since. They won all three matches yesterday, over Hungary, Greece and the Netherlands. That last victory shot them into second place, 2 VPs ahead of Germany and 4 ahead of Denmark. Mexico, China and the Netherlands also are close to the leaders.

General observations

IMPORTANT! There will be no vugraph during today's first Open match. The vugraph room will be used for the WBF Congress meeting. The room will be free in time for the vugraph show of the second match.

Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands, running 1-2-3 in the Women's event after the seventh round, all suffered defeat in last night's match.

In the Women's event, there will be only two matches today.

Rashid Ghazi and Nishat Abedi of Pakistan had a fine auction to get to a grand slam against France last night. Canada's Eric Kokish and Joey Silver also bid the grand. The story of Board 26 from Match 12 will appear in tomorrow's Daily News.

It's a pleasure to watch the vugraph show. Ron Andersen, Edgar Kaplan and Barry Rigal are keeping things lively.

RANKING

OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

A			B		
1	FRANCE	256	1	ITALY	268
2	POLAND	241	2	ISRAEL	245.5
3	SPAIN	237	3	ICELAND	236
4	SOUTH AFRICA	233	4	CHINESE TAIPEI	235.5
5	INDONESIA	231.5	5	AUSTRALIA	226
6	NEW ZEALAND	231	6	INDIA	221
7	JAPAN	229	7	GREAT BRITAIN	219
8	PAKISTAN	215	8	YUGOSLAVIA	218
9	BELGIUM	201.5	9	RUSSIA	215
10	CHINA	197.2	10	NORWAY	213
11	ARGENTINA	195	11	PORTUGAL	201
12	DENMARK	195	12	BRAZIL	198
13	CANADA	193	13	TURKEY	194.5
14	IRELAND	185	14	MONACO	193
15	CZECH REPUBLIC	184.5	15	NETHERLANDS	191
16	AUSTRIA	184	16	FINLAND	188
17	GERMANY	180	17	USA	187
18	LUXEMBOURG	179	18	GREECE	181
19	SWEDEN	175	19	HONG KONG	179
20	LEBANON	174	20	LATVIA	179
21	LITHUANIA	173.520	21	HUNGARY	171
22	CROATIA	170	22	SLOVENIA	169.5
23	PHILIPPINES	169	23	SWITZERLAND	165
24	MOROCCO	167	24	ESTONIA	164.5
25	BANGLADESH	167	25	EGYPT	160
26	ROMANIA	166.2	26	VENEZUELA	159
27	CHILE	166	27	GUADELOUPE	157
28	SAN MARINO	163	28	MEXICO	134
29	UKRAINE	153	29	MAURITIUS	130
30	SINGAPORE	153	30	THAILAND	129.2
31	COLOMBIA	145	31	TUNISIA	123.5
32	MALAYSIA	121	32	JORDAN	121.2
33	LIECHTENSTEIN	83	33	FRENCH POLYNES.	111.5
34	BERMUDA	80	34	BULGARIA	108.5
35	PALESTINE	45	35	CYPRUS	98
			36	KENYA	96

Results

Round 9				Round 10				Round 11				Round 12			
COLOMBIA	SINGAPORE	14-16	18/24	IRELAND	PALESTINE	25-4	74/23	IRELAND	PHILIPPINES	18-12	65/52	ROMANIA	MALAYSIA	23-7	49/13
LIECHTENSTEIN	SPAIN	7-23	20/56	FRANCE	CROATIA	23-7	68/36	ARGENTINA	SWEDEN	25-4	53/4	GERMANY	CANADA	1-25	2/72
AUSTRIA	UKRAINE	13-17	44/54	NEW ZEALAND	UKRAINE	19-11	38/21	DENMARK	LUXEMBOURG	19-11	34/16	PHILIPPINES	SAN MARINO	10-20	15/36
MOROCCO	FRANCE	0-25	2/104	LIECHTENSTEIN	POLAND	4-25	18/69	PAKISTAN	BANGLADESH	15-15	36/36	BANGLADESH	CZECH REPUBLIC	14-16	36/42
LITHUANIA	CHILE	11-19	27/45	JAPAN	SINGAPORE	22-8	45/16	CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA	5-25	29/74	LUXEMBOURG	SINGAPORE	25-4	61/12
CROATIA	IRELAND	10-20	31/53	SPAIN	CZECH REPUBLIC	24-6	57/20	CHINA	ROMANIA	14-16	47/51	POLAND	ARGENTINA	25-4	52/0
INDONESIA	NEW ZEALAND	17-13	43/33	PHILIPPINES	AUSTRIA	9-21	33/58	PALESTINE	COLOMBIA	15-15	70/70	BERMUDA	NEW ZEALAND	6-24	23/63
POLAND	LEBANON	22-8	33/5	GERMANY	MOROCCO	16-14	43/37	LEBANON	MALAYSIA	23-7	51/19	CROATIA	SWEDEN	15-15	42/44
BELGIUM	JAPAN	14-16	15/20	MALAYSIA	LITHUANIA	20-10	43/22	GERMANY	INDONESIA	11-19	18/36	CHILE	DENMARK	13-17	32/40
CHINA	CZECH REPUBLIC	21-9	57/31	CHILE	BELGIUM	22-8	43/13	BELGIUM	BERMUDA	17-13	36/25	FRANCE	PAKISTAN	16-14	40/34
SOUTH AFRICA	PHILIPPINES	24-6	43/3	INDONESIA	ROMANIA	23-7	44/11	CZECH REPUBLIC	LITHUANIA	8-22	40/71	PALESTINE	BELGIUM	3-25	7/62
PAKISTAN	MALAYSIA	24-6	51/13	CANADA	LEBANON	23-7	60/27	SINGAPORE	MOROCCO	10-20	17/40	SOUTH AFRICA	LIECHTENSTEIN	21-9	48/24
DENMARK	PALESTINE	25-0	81/0	SAN MARINO	COLOMBIA	15-15	40/42	AUSTRIA	POLAND	17-13	25/14	JAPAN	CHINA	18-12	49/36
ROMANIA	SWEDEN	16-14	31/28	BANGLADESH	CHINA	9-21	19/44	SPAIN	NEW ZEALAND	23-7	48/14	COLOMBIA	SPAIN	17-13	42/32
CANADA	BERMUDA	25-1	78/12	SOUTH AFRICA	LUXEMBOURG	9-21	53/79	CROATIA	JAPAN	13-17	25/36	LEBANON	AUSTRIA	12-18	36/50
ARGENTINA	SAN MARINO	22-8	45/14	BERMUDA	PAKISTAN	0-25	21/96	LIECHTENSTEIN	CHILE	8-22	11/41	MOROCCO	INDONESIA	13-17	42/52
LUXEMBOURG	BANGLADESH	11-19	27/43	SWEDEN	DENMARK	25-4	56/9	UKRAINE	FRANCE	4-25	21/71	LITHUANIA	IRELAND	17-13	53/44
GERMANY	Bye	18		ARGENTINA	Bye	18		SAN MARINO	Bye	18		UKRAINE	Bye	18	
ICELAND	MAURITIUS	25-0	85/8	HONG KONG	SWITZERLAND	9-21	23/47	HONG KONG	INDIA	8-22	31/62	BULGARIA	TUNISIA	22-8	53/25
MEXICO	YUGOSLAVIA	15-15	16/18	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	17-13	48/38	BRAZIL	VENEZUELA	18-12	36/24	FRENCH POLYNES.	NORWAY	13-17	24/32
JORDAN	BULGARIA	21-9	53/28	CHINESE TAIPEI	BULGARIA	18-12		AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA	11-19	17/34	KENYA	SLOVENIA	13-17	23/33
USA	NETHERLANDS	8-22	25/53	MEXICO	FINLAND	10-20	10/30	MONACO	ESTONIA	9-21	25/52	INDIA	TURKEY	18-12	41/27
CYPRUS	ISRAEL	6-24	22/62	LATVIA	MAURITIUS	13-17	39/50	TURKEY	TUNISIA	6-24	13/50	ESTONIA	HUNGARY	12-18	28/42
GREECE	HONG KONG	16-14	46/39	YUGOSLAVIA	HUNGARY	25-0	93/18	SLOVENIA	GREAT BRITAIN	22-8	44/13	RUSSIA	MAURITIUS	22-8	44/16
ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI	25-5	52/8	INDIA	JORDAN	14-16	36/41	GUADELOUPE	FRENCH POLYNES.	22-8	49/20	FINLAND	BRAZIL	6-24	21/58
FINLAND	PORTUGAL	17-13	47/37	KENYA	USA	8-22	27/58	SWITZERLAND	ICELAND	9-21	24/48	THAILAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	1-25	19/84
EGYPT	LATVIA	18-12	50/37	NORWAY	CYPRUS	23-7	57/22	PORTUGAL	NORWAY	21-9	46/22	GREECE	VENEZUELA	21-9	41/17
GUADELOUPE	HUNGARY	16-14	36/30	ISRAEL	EGYPT	25-4	56/8	KENYA	ITALY	3-25	8/62	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	20-10	46/25
GREAT BRITAIN	INDIA	8-22	18/46	ITALY	FRENCH POLYNES.	25-3	74/20	EGYPT	THAILAND	10-20	42/62	NETHERLANDS	MONACO	14-16	43/50
TUNISIA	KENYA	9-21	3/29	SLOVENIA	PORTUGAL	10-20	29/50	HUNGARY	CYPRUS	11-19	18/34	SWITZERLAND	EGYPT	18-12	40/25
MONACO	NORWAY	11-19	28/46	TURKEY	ICELAND	15-15	43/44	MAURITIUS	USA	10-20	26/48	GREAT BRITAIN	MEXICO	25-5	70/27
AUSTRALIA	SWITZERLAND	25-3	66/10	ESTONIA	GUADELOUPE	9-21	37/62	JORDAN	FINLAND	13-17	20/31	LATVIA	GUADELOUPE	22-8	58/27
FRENCH POLYNES.	VENEZUELA	12-18	40/52	GREAT BRITAIN	RUSSIA	24-6	66/27	JUGOSLAVIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	12-18	43/58	ICELAND	YUGOSLAVIA	22-8	57/26
SLOVENIA	THAILAND	15-15	37/36	TUNISIA	BRAZIL	18-12	41/28	GREECE	LATVIA	19-11	56/37	PORTUGAL	JORDAN	20-10	54/31
BRAZIL	TURKEY	22-8	50/21	THAILAND	MONACO	3-25	13/66	MEXICO	ISRAEL	12-18	36/48	USA	ITALY	6-24	28/69
RUSSIA	ESTONIA	24-6	69/32	VENEZUELA	AUSTRALIA	8-22	14/44	BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS	2-25	17/79	CYPRUS	HONG KONG	0-25	14/94

Results

Round 6				Round 7				Round 8								
SWEDEN	MONACO	16-14	69/65	VENEZUELA	PHILIPPINES	8-22	31/63	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA	8-22	35/67	LADIES		LADIES	LADIES	LADIES
NEW ZEALAND	SANMARINO	16-14	51/47	MONACO	GREAT BRITAIN	9-21	34/61	MEXICO	PAKISTAN	22-8	62/29	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES
RUSSIA	BRAZIL	19-11	66/46	GREECE	SWEDEN	3-25	25/90	HONG KONG	SAN MARINO	10-20	42/67	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES
GREAT BRITAIN	HONG KONG	22-8	69/35	PAKISTAN	MOROCCO	7-23	36/73	NETHERLANDS	SOUTH AFRICA	8-22	24/57	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES	LADIES
INDONESIA	VENEZUELA	20-10	67/45	GERMANY	BRAZIL	15-15	36/36	SPAIN	SWEDEN	18-12	66/51	A		B		
CHINA	PAKISTAN	20-10	60/34	SAN MARINO	MEXICO	6-24	35/78	GREAT BRITAIN	DENMARK	21-9	48/17	1 SWEDEN	158	1 ISRAEL	164	
PHILIPPINES	SPAIN	20-10	71/46	NETHERLANDS	CHINA	16-14	35/28	BRAZIL	VENEZUELA	25-5	75/26	2 SOUTH AFRICA	150	2 USA	158	
MOROCCO	NETHERLANDS	7-23	26/63	SOUTH AFRICA	HUNGARY	19-11	45/26	CHINA	HUNGARY	25-4	87/31	3 GERMANY	148	3 AUSTRIA	152	
GERMANY	DENMARK	23-7	63/25	SPAIN	INDONESIA	13-17	62/72	PHILIPPINES	GERMANY	4-25	10/69	4 DENMARK	146	4 POLAND	148	
GREECE	SOUTH AFRICA	9-21	37/64	HONG KONG	NEW ZEALAND	14-16	39/43	MOROCCO	MONACO	22-8	69/34	5 MEXICO	141	5 INDIA	140	
MEXICO	HUNGARY	16-14	50/44	DENMARK	RUSSIA	21-9	59/29	INDONESIA	GREECE	9-21	27/56	6 CHINA	139	6 ITALY	139	
MALAYSIA	FRANCE	7-23	30/69	THAILAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	17-13	42/33	ITALY	INDIA	16-14	43/38	7 NETHERLANDS	137	7 FRANCE	137	
ITALY	JORDAN	15-15	58/58	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	15-15	29/27	JAMAICA	JAPAN	20-10	55/30	8 RUSSIA	132	8 FINLAND	130	
INDIA	TURKEY	19-11	49/29	FINLAND	MALAYSIA	16-14	37/30	ISRAEL	JORDAN	23-7	70/29	9 SPAIN	131	9 CANADA	128	
AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	13-17	35/44	USA	TURKEY	13-17	33/44	AUSTRIA	CANADA	25-0	106/14	10 GREAT BRITAIN	129	10 BELGIUM	122	
CROATIA	THAILAND	12-18	54/69	JORDAN	JAMAICA	9-21	37/65	COLOMBIA	MALAYSIA	21-9	74/46	11 BRAZIL	128	11 ARGENTINA	121	
ARGENTINA	JAPAN	21-9	75/47	AUSTRIA	ARGENTINA	22-8	69/37	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	5-25	19/71	12 HUNGARY	122	12 THAILAND	113	
CHINESE TAIPEI	COLOMBIA	12-18	33/48	CANADA	BELGIUM	16-14	46/42	TURKEY	THAILAND	8-22	25/58	13 NEW ZEALAND	121	13 TURKEY	108	
USA	POLAND	7-23	36/73	COLOMBIA	CROATIA	8-22	43/75	ARGENTINA	BELGIUM	18-12	49/35	14 MOROCCO	118	14 AUSTRALIA	104	
FINLAND	CANADA	19-11	59/38	ISRAEL	ITALY	16-14	52/45	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA	5-25	19/70	15 GREECE	112	15 JAMAICA	103	
JAMAICA	BELGIUM	3-25	19/79	POLAND	INDIA	19-11	60/42	CROATIA	FINLAND	11-19	23/41	16 SAN MARINO	108	16 JORDAN	99	
AUSTRIA	Bye	18		JAPAN	Bye	18		FRANCE	Bye	18		17 INDONESIA	100	17 CROATIA	98	
												18 MONACO	87	18 JAPAN	97	
												19 PHILIPPINES	87	19 CHINESE TAIPEI	92	
												20 PAKISTAN	77	20 COLOMBIA	89	
												21 VENEZUELA	72	21 MALAYSIA	67	
												22 HONG KONG	65			

OPEN**Round - 13 11.00**

INDONESIA	1	LUXEMBOURG
POLAND	2	CROATIA
SINGAPORE	3	CHILE
CZECH REPUBLIC	4	FRANCE
PHILIPPINES	5	UKRAINE
LIECHTENSTEIN	6	GERMANY
MALAYSIA	7	JAPAN
SPAIN	8	PALESTINE
AUSTRIA	9	ROMANIA
CANADA	10	MOROCCO
SAN MARINO	11	LITHUANIA
IRELAND	12	BANGLADESH
NEW ZEALAND	13	BELGIUM
ARGENTINA	14	LEBANON
COLOMBIA	15	BERMUDA
SWEDEN	16	CHINA
DENMARK	17	SOUTH AFRICA
PAKISTAN	18	Bye

ITALY	19	RUSSIA
FINLAND	20	GREECE
MAURITIUS	21	ISRAEL
HUNGARY	22	NETHERLANDS
INDIA	23	BULGARIA
MEXICO	24	KENYA
NORWAY	25	LATVIA
YUGOSLAVIA	26	SWITZERLAND
JORDAN	27	FRENCH POLYNES.
SLOVENIA	28	USA
TURKEY	29	CYPRUS
HONG KONG	30	ESTONIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	31	EGYPT
BRAZIL	32	PORTUGAL
ICELAND	33	THAILAND
VENEZUELA	34	GUADELOUPE
AUSTRALIA	35	GREAT BRITAIN
TUNISIA	36	MONACO

Round - 15 17.00

BERMUDA	1	PALESTINE
JAPAN	2	AUSTRIA
LIECHTENSTEIN	3	MOROCCO
LITHUANIA	4	UKRAINE
IRELAND	5	FRANCE
INDONESIA	6	CHILE
LEBANON	7	CROATIA
NEW ZEALAND	8	COLOMBIA
POLAND	9	CHINA
SINGAPORE	10	SOUTH AFRICA
PHILIPPINES	11	PAKISTAN
GERMANY	12	DENMARK
MALAYSIA	13	SWEDEN
SPAIN	14	BELGIUM
ARGENTINA	15	ROMANIA
LUXEMBOURG	16	CANADA
SAN MARINO	17	BANGLADESH
CZECH REPUBLIC	18	Bye

THAILAND	19	SWITZERLAND
LATVIA	20	JORDAN
MEXICO	21	USA
CYPRUS	22	BULGARIA
HONG KONG	23	NETHERLANDS
ITALY	24	ISRAEL
PORTUGAL	25	GREECE
CHINESE TAIPEI	26	ICELAND
FINLAND	27	GUADELOUPE
MAURITIUS	28	GREAT BRITAIN
HUNGARY	29	TUNISIA
INDIA	30	MONACO
KENYA	31	AUSTRALIA
NORWAY	32	VENEZUELA
YUGOSLAVIA	33	EGYPT
BRAZIL	34	FRENCH POLYNES.
RUSSIA	35	SLOVENIA
TURKEY	36	ESTONIA

Round - 14 14.00

FRANCE	1	INDONESIA
BANGLADESH	2	CANADA
ROMANIA	3	LUXEMBOURG
PALESTINE	4	ARGENTINA
BERMUDA	5	MALAYSIA
GERMANY	6	SWEDEN
DENMARK	7	PHILIPPINES
PAKISTAN	8	CZECH REPUBLIC
SOUTH AFRICA	9	POLAND
CHINA	10	NEW ZEALAND
CROATIA	11	COLOMBIA
CHILE	12	LEBANON
BELGIUM	13	SAN MARINO
UKRAINE	14	IRELAND
LITHUANIA	15	LIECHTENSTEIN
MOROCCO	16	JAPAN
AUSTRIA	17	SPAIN
SINGAPORE	18	Bye

NETHERLANDS	19	ITALY
ESTONIA	20	SLOVENIA
FRENCH POLYNES.	21	RUSSIA
SWITZERLAND	22	BRAZIL
THAILAND	23	NORWAY
KENYA	24	VENEZUELA
AUSTRALIA	25	INDIA
MONACO	26	HUNGARY
MAURITIUS	27	TUNISIA
GREAT BRITAIN	28	FINLAND
GUADELOUPE	29	CHINESE TAIPEI
GREECE	30	ICELAND
ISRAEL	31	PORTUGAL
EGYPT	32	TURKEY
BULGARIA	33	HONG KONG
CYPRUS	34	MEXICO
USA	35	LATVIA
JORDAN	36	YUGOSLAVIA

Round - 16 21.30

SOUTH AFRICA	1	IRELAND
CZECH REPUBLIC	2	GERMANY
MALAYSIA	3	SINGAPORE
PALESTINE	4	POLAND
ROMANIA	5	NEW ZEALAND
CANADA	6	CROATIA
CHILE	7	SAN MARINO
FRANCE	8	BANGLADESH
UKRAINE	9	LUXEMBOURG
ARGENTINA	10	LIECHTENSTEIN
JAPAN	11	BERMUDA
SWEDEN	12	SPAIN
AUSTRIA	13	DENMARK
PAKISTAN	14	MOROCCO
BELGIUM	15	PHILIPPINES
CHINA	16	INDONESIA
COLOMBIA	17	LEBANON
LITHUANIA	18	Bye

GREAT BRITAIN	19	HONG KONG
HUNGARY	20	KENYA
NORWAY	21	MAURITIUS
SWITZERLAND	22	FINLAND
FRENCH POLYNES.	23	CHINESE TAIPEI
SLOVENIA	24	GREECE
ISRAEL	25	TURKEY
NETHERLANDS	26	ESTONIA
BULGARIA	27	RUSSIA
BRAZIL	28	MEXICO
LATVIA	29	THAILAND
VENEZUELA	30	YUGOSLAVIA
JORDAN	31	AUSTRALIA
MONACO	32	USA
TUNISIA	33	CYPRUS
EGYPT	34	INDIA
GUADELOUPE	35	ITALY
ICELAND	36	PORTUGAL

LADIES**Round - 9 11.30**

VENEZUELA	51	SPAIN
DENMARK	52	NETHERLANDS
MOROCCO	53	GREAT BRITAIN
HUNGARY	54	NEW ZEALAND
PHILIPPINES	55	SAN MARINO
PAKISTAN	56	INDONESIA
SWEDEN	57	BRAZIL
MONACO	58	GREECE
CHINA	59	RUSSIA
SOUTH AFRICA	60	MEXICO
GERMANY	61	HONG KONG

THAILAND	62	COLOMBIA
POLAND	63	AUSTRIA
BELGIUM	64	ITALY
CHINESE TAIPEI	65	JORDAN
JAPAN	66	CROATIA
MALAYSIA	67	TURKEY
FRANCE	68	FINLAND
ARGENTINA	69	INDIA
CANADA	70	JAMAICA
USA	71	ISRAEL
AUSTRALIA	72	Bye

Round - 10 15.30

NEW ZEALAND	51	DENMARK
INDONESIA	52	HUNGARY
SOUTH AFRICA	53	PAKISTAN
RUSSIA	54	MONACO
VENEZUELA	55	GREAT BRITAIN
NETHERLANDS	56	GERMANY
SAN MARINO	57	SWEDEN
MEXICO	58	HONG KONG
BRAZIL	59	PHILIPPINES
GREECE	60	CHINA
SPAIN	61	MOROCCO

ITALY	62	POLAND
CROATIA	63	BELGIUM
CANADA	64	JAPAN
INDIA	65	FRANCE
THAILAND	66	AUSTRALIA
AUSTRIA	67	USA
JORDAN	68	MALAYSIA
JAMAICA	69	ISRAEL
TURKEY	70	CHINESE TAIPEI
FINLAND	71	ARGENTINA
COLOMBIA	72	Bye

Thanks - but what did I do?*By Sam Leckie, Scotland*

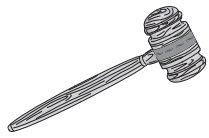
I played at the Glasgow Bridge Club Centre recently with a lady partner, a relative beginner, whose looks far outweigh her bridge ability. (I play with only attractive lady partners these days.)

As we waited for the computer to churn out the results, a young man approached me and said, "I love playing against expert players because I always learn something." Then he added, "I'll remember that switch for a long time."

I blushed and thanked him for his kind words - but to tell the truth I didn't remember playing against him. I could not resist asking him.

"What switch was that again?"

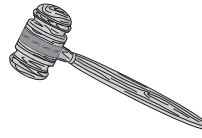
"You remember - the heart switch your partner made against 3NT."



APPEAL

CASES TWO & THREE

By Rich Colker and Tommy Sandmark



Olympiad Open Teams, Round One; Canada versus Sweden.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

Nilslund			
♠ K Q 4			
♥ J 6			
♦ 9 6 5			
♣ Q 10 9 6 4			
Kokish	N	E	Silver
♠ A J 9 8 6 3	♠ 10 2	♥ Q 9 2	♠ 10 2
♥ A 7 3	♥ Q	♦ A K Q 10	♥ Q 9 2
♦ J 3 2	♠	♣ 8 7 3 2	♦ A K Q 10
♣ 5	♠	♣ 8 7 3 2	♣ 8 7 3 2
Fallenius			
♠ 7 5			
♥ K 10 8 5 4			
♦ 8 7 4			
♣ A K J			
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	INT	All Pass	

Facts: INT by North went down one, minus 100 for N/S. The Director was called to the table at the end of the play. The play had gone: Opening lead ♦K (explained as a big lead), small from dummy, ♦J from West, (when asked by declarer what E/W's methods were on the lead of the king, East replied "count" when in fact the E/W methods were "unblock or count") small from declarer. At trick two East shifted to the ♠10, small from dummy, ♠A from West, ♠Q from declarer. At trick three West returned a low diamond, after which East cashed his diamonds and exited with a spade, declarer making only six tricks for down one. Declarer contended that given the proper information he would have had an alternative play option. The Directors adjusted the score for both pairs to INT by North made one, plus 90 for N/S.

The Appeal: E/W appealed, stating that, while North had made a thoughtful play of dropping the ♠Q at trick two, there was no possible lie of the cards which would allow the play to work. He pitched a spade winner in the hope that he would be permitted to make a heart trick in its stead. However, if East had started with five diamonds, then West would still have a diamond to return after winning the ♥A (still down one), while if East started with three diamonds then declarer had seven tricks by just not throwing the ♠Q at trick two. Also, the E/W card was marked most clearly. "Rather than ask and risk a silly result, he ♠North♥ should have tried to protect himself to the maximum possible."

The Committee's Decision: The committee did not appreciate East's careless (and incomplete) answer to declarer's question at trick one. However, neither did they appreciate North's explanation of his rationale for playing the ♠Q at trick two. The score was adjusted for both pairs to INT down one, minus 100 for N/S.

Committee: Edgar Kaplan, chairman; Joan Gerard, USA; Ernesto d'Orsi, Brazil; John Wignall, New Zealand; Barbara Nudelman, USA; Virgil Anderson, USA.

Open Teams, Round I.

Committee: Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman); Bill Pencharz, Great Britain; George Retek, Canada; Naki Bruni, Italy, & Tommy Sandmark, Norway (Scribe)

North/South Game. Dealer East.

North/South Game. Dealer East.			
♠ Q J 9 7 6 5 3			
♥ K 3			
♦ A 6 5 3			
♣ -			
West	N	E	South
♠ A K 8 2	♠ 10	♥ 6 4 2	♥ K 10 7
♥ Q	♥	♦ K 10 7	♦ Q 10 9 7 6 3
♦ Q J 4	♠	♣	
♣ A K J 5 2	♠	♣	
Fallenius			
♠ 4			
♥ A J 10 9 8 7 5			
♦ 9 8 2			
♣ 8 4			
West	North	East	South
4 NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	2 NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
Pass	5♠	5♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass
Dbl	All Pass	Pass	Pass

- (1) Shows 6+ in any weak minor or 8 tricks in ♠ or ♥.
 (2) Explained by West to South: "Roman Key Card Blackwood (?)" Explained by East to North: "Show your suit!"
 (3) West altered his statement and now said that he thought that his partner was showing his suit.

The final contract went 4 down: -1100.

The TD: TD was called to the table after the play by North, due to the different explanations of the 4 NT bid. North claimed that if he had known that 4 NT could have been RKCB, he would not have bid 5♠.

TD's Ruling: TD adjusted the contract to 5♣ making 11 tricks and the score to -400. In addition TD awarded E/W a procedural penalty of 3 IMPs for not knowing their system. E/W appealed.

E/W's arguments: West admitted having meant the 4 NT bid as RKCB, with diamonds as the agreed trumps. East maintained that it could not be RKCB, as no suit had been agreed upon, and therefore his explanation was the right one. West had altered his explanation after his partner's 5♠, as he suddenly realized that what he had believed to be the suit was not at all established.

N/S's arguments: South had difficulties in seeing how 4 NT could be RKCB, so he even asked West (on paper) if it was RKCB against any suit, which was confirmed with a nod. Accepting this answer the bidding went on, and only after the board had been played was it discovered that East and West had given different explanations.

The Committee: The committee found that 4 NT was a nonsense bid, as the 2 NT opener could hold any suit, and because E/W admitted that also 5♣ from West would mean "Reveal your suit, partner!". In no way could 4 NT be RKCB, as there was no denomination agreement. Consequently, East's explanation to North had to be correct, and North's action (5♠) was based upon correct information.

The final result: The committee reinstated the original score of -1100 (E/W). E/W were fined one VP for West's wrong explanation and for the damage which any mis-explanation (Convention Disruption) always does to the game. The deposit was returned.



TODAY'S VUGRAPH MATCHES

14.00 hrs
South Africa v Poland

17.00 hrs
Italy v Israel

21.30 hrs
Sweden v Spain



All matches in the Open series



To the Editor

Dear Sir,

I was more than surprised to read your editorial copy on Rhodes history, from which it appears that the links of Rhodes with the rest of Greece date since World War Two. Apparently the paragraph referring to ancient Rhodes history was left out. For the benefit of your readers I would like to draw your attention to just a few historical facts, well-known to most people:

One of the seven wise men of antiquity came from Rhodes: **Kleovoulos the Rhodian**. The **Colossus of Rhodes** was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Finally, **Kallipateira**, a lady from Rhodes, was well-known all over ancient Greece as the only woman to have been granted the privilege of being allowed to attend the Olympic Games in Olympia, as she was daughter, sister, wife and mother to Olympic medal winners.

Yours sincerely,

Spyros Katopodis
Vice-President, Hellenic Bridge Federation

Singapore v Denmark

Open Series (Round 6)

The very first deal electrified the vugraph spectators.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Hengk	Christensen	Liao
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♥
Dble	All Pass		

It didn't take long at all for the spectators to realize that the Singapore North/South were aggressive players. Liao certainly had nothing to spare for his opening bid, but he had no problem bidding one more heart.

Christensen led a diamond to Blakset's ace, and Blakset quickly cashed his top spades before switching back to a diamond. Hengk cashed his ♣A, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a club. Now he carefully cashed a high spade, sluffing a club, before leading the good ♦10. East ruffed with the 9 and Hengk overruffed. He ruffed his last club with the jack, overruffed by East with the ace. East led a heart, but of course Hengk went up with the king, dropping the singleton queen. His ♥7 was now the master trump, his ninth trick.

3NT by Denmark was set one trick at the other table, so that was a 10-IMP pickup for Singapore. Dennis Koch overcame a 4-1 trump break to score up a heart game on Board 8 that was beaten at the other table.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Wu	Koch	Goh	Auken
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦ (transfer)
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Koch won the opening diamond lead and immediately played the ♣K. Goh covered and Koch ruffed in dummy. He cashed his high spades and

ruffed a spade. He got rid of a diamond on the good ♣Q and now lost only two diamonds and the trump ace.

The next deal is one of the more interesting of the tournament to date.

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Hengk	Christensen	Liao
	1♥	2♣	3♣
3♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Liao thought long and hard after Blakset ventured into 5♣. With a correct guess in the trump suit, 5♣ would be set only one trick. Finally Liao, aggressive as always, decided to go for his game. Clearly the defense has four tricks – three diamonds and a club. But getting those tricks at the table was difficult for many throughout the event. The Danes were among those who failed.

Christensen started with the ♦K, and Blakset gave an encouraging signal. But an encouraging signal wasn't going to get the job done in this case. Christensen cashed the ♣A, but then he was helpless. No matter what he led, Hengk would be in control with more major suit tricks than he could use. Making 5♥. This proved to be a push because the Singaporeans at the other table also failed to find the best defense.

The vugraph commentators suggested that it might have been better to cash the ♣A first – then it would be clear to West that he should overtake the ♦K. That's exactly what happened when Mexico played this deal. Miguel Reygadas, on lead against 4♥, led the ♣A and shifted to his singleton diamond. George Rosenkranz saw the problem and overtook with the ace to cash the setting trick with the ♦Q. Then he gave his partner a ruff for two down.

Here's what Commentator Edgar Kaplan had to say, "Giving signals is fine, but never ask your partner to do something you can do yourself. After all, you're more reliable than your partner."

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

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

Koch played this hand in 4♠ as North and got the ♥K lead. He won this and led the TEN of trumps. Wu went up with the king and continued with a second heart to the queen. But the chance to defeat the contract was gone. This was a 6-IMP pickup for Denmark because Singapore stopped in a partial at the other table.

Once again we heard what happened when Mexico played this board. Reygadas, East, wasn't on lead, but Rosenkranz saved the day by leading a heart as West. Declarer won and led a trump... but Rosenkranz played low. Reygadas won with the ace and cashed his ♥Q.

Later when Rosenkranz got in with the trump king, he was able to lead a third heart for Reygadas to ruff and set the contract.

Singapore had led the match throughout up to this point, but all this changed with Board 12.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Hengk	Christensen	Liao
Pass	1♥	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Since 2♥ showed the other major and a minor, apparently Hengk did not understand that Liao was showing a spade suit when he bid 2♠ – that would account for his leap to the very anti-percentage slam.

Perhaps there is some layout which will allow declarer to score 12 tricks, but this wasn't it. Hengk struggled, but the best he could do was to take 10 tricks – down two.

It didn't go well for Singapore at the other table, either.

West	North	East	South
Wu	Koch	Goh	Auken
Pass	1♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	3♦	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The best Goh could do was to take five tricks, but that was minus 800 and 14 IMPs to Denmark. That put the Danes in front, 41-34.

But the aggressive Hengk-Liao combination made a big gain on the next-to-last deal, sealing a victory for Singapore.

The victory went to Singapore 17-13.

Sweden v Russia

Ladies Series (Round 4)

High-flying Sweden continued their impressive start to the Ladies competition with a comprehensive defeat of Russia. I hope the Russians will forgive me for showing some of these deals to a wider audience as they certainly played well below the form of which they are capable in this match. There were a number of bidding problems which could have been better handled.

Board 21. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Ryman	Maitova	Langstrom
	2♦	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

I felt sorry for Elena Maitova on this one as she could hardly not bid the slam once her partner effectively bid to the five level on her own. Ponomareva got carried away with the beauty of her trump support but should have realised that a 2♠ response could not hold everything that was required for six.

This was a real chance missed for the Russians because their teammates, Gromova-Panina had managed to play 4♥ doubled for only -200 in the other room so it was 6 IMPs out instead of 6 IMPs in.

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

After Ponomareva passed the West hand, Ryman opened the North hand with 1♠, either 11-13 balanced or any 17+, and Maitova overcalled 1♥. Linda Langstrom bid INT, a transfer to clubs, and Ponomareva jumped to 4♥. When that came back round to Langstrom, she didn't like her small doubleton heart so bid only 5♣. She could have had quite a bit less than her actual hand so her partner could not really raise to slam despite her three aces.

+640 didn't look a great score for the Swedes, but they actually gained 4 IMPs on the board. In the other room Gromova opened 1♦ as North and it went 2♥ - 5♣ - 5♥ to her. She doubled and that was only +500 when the spade ruff was not found.



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Natalia Karetnikova, Russia

Board 35. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

This time my sympathies are largely with Ponomareva. She opened a Polish Club with the West hand (weak no trump, natural, or strong and artificial) and Ryman overcalled 3♦. I'm not overly impressed with Maitova's 3♥ bid now and it put Ponomareva in a difficult position. She bid her clubs and, that clearly being forcing, Maitova raised to 5♣.

As you can see, 5♣ has to go down. Ryman led her ♦A and switched to a spade. Ponomareva won in dummy to take the club finesse. When that lost and a heart came back she had to finesse again to have a chance and the ruff meant two down; -200. In the other room, Goethe-Swanstrom reached the cold 4♠ to earn a 13 IMP swing for Sweden.

Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

In the Closed Room, Russia had a disaster when Goethe opened a weak 2♠ and it went pass - pass - double - passed out. Gambling that sheer weight of high cards would result in a nice vulnerable penalty didn't work out this time and Goethe was soon scoring up +670.

The disaster in the other room came in the defense. East opened a multi and West, Ponomare-

va jumped to 3♥, a pre-empt in partner's suit, over Langstrom's double. Ryman passed for now but bid 4♥ when Maitova's correction to 3♠ came round to her.

It looks as though there are four top losers in 4♥ but the defense lost its way. Maitova led a diamond and Ryman won in dummy and cashed the king and queen of hearts. Then she crossed to the ♦J and drew the remaining trumps before cashing the last two diamond winners. On the diamonds, Ponomareva pitched a club and a spade. Now a spade went to the jack, queen and ace and a spade was returned, the king being ruffed out. Ryman led a low club at trick eleven and Maitova had to rise with the ace and exit with her other club. But she sleepily played low on the club so had to win the second round and give dummy's ♠9 the final trick; just made for +420 and 14 IMPs to Sweden. I suppose it is better to have two disasters on the same board rather than separately, but I doubt if it felt that way.

Board 39. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Ponomareva opened a natural but limited 2♣ as West and Maitova enquired, discovered the heart suit, and blasted 3NT. What else could she do? But 3NT could only be made by someone with second sight - duck one heart and guess to knock-out the ♠A first. Maitova played on clubs so was quickly down two; -200.

In the other room, Swanstrom-Goethe had a well-controlled auction to stop in a safe partscore. They bid: 1♥ - 1♠ - INT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♠ - Pass. With West showing a minimum and no spade fit, Goethe made a non-forcing bid of 2♠ and was rewarded with 8 IMPs when that made an overtrick.

The whitewash left the Swedes still at the head of their qualifying group.



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Pia Andersson, Sweden

Turkey v Belgium

Ladies Series (Round 3)

The Turkish women had two exceptionally good boards against Belgium – excellent play at both tables.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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

At both tables the opening lead against 4♣ by West was the ♣10. The Belgian declarer won this with the queen when Ahu Zobu, South, ducked. Declarer led a heart to Belis Atalay's ace, and she continued with the ♣9. Zobu overtook with the jack and led a third club. Curtains for declarer! If she ruffed high, this would set up a second trump trick for North. If she ruffed low, North would get her ruff immediately. Down one.

Vera Adut got the same opening lead, winning with the queen. But she saw what was likely to happen if she went after spades, so she tried a different, most successful line. She led the ♠K, taken by North,

and North also continued with a second club. South overtook and led a third club. But Adut didn't ruff – she sluffed her heart! North was able to ruff, of course, but Belgium now had only three tricks – two trumps and a club. 11 well-earned IMPs for Turkey.

North had to find a difficult play to counteract Adut's brilliance – she had to cash her ♥A at trick three to prevent the discard. That would guarantee defeat.

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South

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

West	North	East	South
Adut		Gurmukcuoglu	
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The opening lead of a small club run round to Lale Gumrukcuoglu's 10, and she drew trumps in four rounds. She cashed two top diamonds, discovering the horrendous break, then continued with the ♦J to the queen. She ruffed North's heart return and led the ♦10. This put unmanageable pressure on South – there was no way she could keep the ♥A and all the necessary clubs.

Though it prevents the count being rectified for the squeeze against South, it does North no good to hold up the ♦Q. Declarer would lead her second club and overtake in dummy with the queen. Then a lead of the ♥K to South forces South to lead either a heart or a club to the dummy for the necessary tricks.

This was the auction in the other room:

West	North	East	South
	Atalay		Zobu
Pass	Pass	3♥	2♥ ⁽¹⁾
3NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
			All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Weak, heart – club two-suiter

Certainly a reasonable contract, but Atalay's diamonds proved just a little too strong – there was no way to keep her from collecting two trump tricks. That was 14 more IMPs to Turkey.

These two deals went a long way toward enabling Turkey to score a 17-13 victory over Belgium.



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Virgil Anderson

Virgil Anderson of the United States, a member of the WBF Executive, was inadvertently omitted from the Olympiad tournament program. WBF President Jose Damiani has expressed his apology to Anderson for the omission.

Anderson, presently a member of the American Contract Bridge League Board of Directors, has served the ACBL as president and also as chairman of the Board. He is a long-time ACBL Life Master.

New Zealand v Indonesia

Open Series (Round 9)

Overnight leaders of Open Group A, New Zealand started day three with a tough vugraph match against Indonesia and it was the Indonesians who started the match better.

Board 1. Love All Dealer North.

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

In the Closed Room, Yule opened the North hand with a weak 2♣ for New Zealand and Franky Karwur, West, doubled in fourth seat. Denny Sacul, East, passed for penalties and found the excellent lead of the ♦Q. Yule was three down for -500 – no great disaster with 3NT a likely make for East/West.

In the Open Room, Henky Lasut, North, opened 2♦, multi, Eddy Manoppo, South, responded 2♥ and opener rebid 2♣. Jacob-Mace never got into the auction at all though, as standard British methods would allow both East and West to come in on the first round of bidding, I can't say that this is much of an advertisement for the New Zealanders' methods. Anyway, Lasut got out for two down and that was a useful 9 IMP start for Indonesia.

Board 2. North/South Game. Dealer East.

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

Both North/Souths stretched to what looks to be a hopeless 3NT with no semblance of a ninth trick, but around the room it proved to be harder to defend than you might imagine. Indonesia got it right in the Closed Room for +100 but see what happened on vugraph.

Tom Jacob led a low heart to the jack and ace and Lasut could see nothing better than to cash his tricks and hope something good happened. It did. On the clubs, both defenders pitched spades, so he could afford to cash that suit also without establishing anything for the defense.

Then on the spades East pitched two diamonds, imagining that hearts would run as his partner was marked with the queen. Lasut played a diamond to the nine and ten and Jacob played a heart to the queen. But now the diamonds were blocked and Jacob had to give declarer his ♥10 at the end for +600 and 12 IMPs to Indonesia.

Of the matches shown on vugraph, both France



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Henky Lasut, Indonesia

and Italy picked up game swings by making 3NT on this deal also.

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

This time it was New Zealand's turn to defend a tight game more accurately. Both Easts declared 3NT. On the lead of ♠J, Sakul tried the ♦J at trick two but Stephen Blackstock defended accurately with the South hand and avoided any endplay with careful discarding; one down.

Manoppo led a club for the queen and ace and Jacob cashed four rounds of spades immediately. Manoppo pitched a heart and a club while Jacob threw a heart. Now came the losing diamond finesse but declarer was in control. He won the heart return and played out the diamonds, forcing a club lead up to his jack; +600 and 12 IMPs to New Zealand.

The key, of course, is that South must keep both hearts, to guarantee an entry to the North hand, then if he is careful he will always be O.K.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Again, East was declarer in 3NT. Sacul had an

easy time as Blackstock started with the ♣A. He ended up with eleven tricks; +660.

Jacob received a low heart lead to the jack and queen. He had heard Manoppo open 1♥ and rebid 2♣, while Lasut had bid 1♠ over Mace's takeout double. Jacob played a spade to the ace, finessed the ♠9 and cashed the queen. Now a diamond to dummy, cash the spade and play two more rounds of diamonds. Did South have 0-5-3-5 or 0-5-2-6? Either was possible for a pair playing strong club. Jacob guessed wrong, playing his king and was one down; -100 and 13 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

Both Norths played 4♥ on a top spade lead. The bad breaks in the red suits make this an uphill struggle, but if you can avoid a club switch at trick two you have chances and Ken Yule duly brought home his game in the Closed Room. But on vugraph Brian Mace discouraged the spade and Tom Jacob promptly switched to ♣K. It was too difficult now and Lasut was lucky to get out for one down after testing trumps then playing a low diamond to the jack and queen; 10 IMPs to New Zealand.

If you play the 'obvious switch' approach to signalling, then East really has to find the club switch if spades are discouraged, but otherwise it is quite tough. After all, you know trumps are breaking 4-1 and you appear to have diamonds reasonably well held, so is it clear that a club lead round to declarer's hypothetical queen might not give the contract away rather than being essential?

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Indonesia played the mundane contract of 2♥ after Sacul had decided to use Stayman opposite Karwur's INT opening. The friendly breaks allowed him to come home with nine tricks; +140.

Jacob-Mace play a slightly unusual system where all one-level openings are geared to showing majors. What that meant was that the least bad option open to Mace was to open this hand 2♦, showing a single-suited hand with diamonds in the

12-16 range. The methods have some definite plus features, but this is not one of them. Anyway, Mace had to play 2♦ on a heart lead to the queen and spade switch. He cashed a second spade, took a heart finesse and tried a diamond to the nine and ten. Back came a diamond to the queen and he won and led his low diamond, hoping to drop the king. In practice, that meant one down and 5 IMPs to Indonesia.

It looks better not to play trumps until forced to do so to me. As it happens, the even breaks elsewhere mean you can surely get home if you just play on the sidesuits.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

♠ A J 10 6 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ J ♣ Q J 9 7 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ K Q 8 7 ♥ 7 5 ♦ K 9 7 4 ♣ 8 5 4	♠ 9 5 3 ♥ A Q 9 8 3 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 3
N		E							
W		S							

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Yule	Sacul	Blackstock
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mace	Lasut	Jacob	Manoppo
	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Karwur's simple overall left room for Yule to raise hearts so it was easy for Blackstock to go on to 4♥. That contract was making so Karwur did the best he could for his side by saving in 4♠ but -500 would only be cheap if 4♥ was also reached in the other room.

Mace showed his two-suiter with a 2♥ cuebid and Lasut did not feel inclined to double that to show his heart support; perhaps a double would have shown a better hand or had nothing to do with hearts in their methods? Anyway, when Jacob jumped to 3♠ it wasn't easy for North/South to get back into the auction. The defense was accurate, but +100 was not enough for the Indonesians; 9 IMPs to New Zealand.

That board reduced the New Zealand deficit to 11 IMPs, giving Indonesia a win by 17-13 VPs.



Smoking regulations

Only the players are permitted to smoke in the playing rooms.

Players may ask their opponent(s) to refrain from smoking. Whenever possible smokers should refrain from smoking when so asked.

Kojak



World Bridge Federation Congress Meeting

An important meeting of the World Bridge Federation Congress will be held this morning, at 10.00 in the Delphi Auditorium.

Every nation should appoint a delegate to attend. Important matters will be discussed, and WBF President Josè Damiani will report on the activities of the WBF during the past two years.

Cocktails will be served immediately after the meeting of the Congress.



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DON'T TEACH MARTENS

By Radoslaw Kielbasinsky, Poland

In Round 5 Poland defeated San Marino 21-3. After the match, the players and a few kibitzers were analyzing the hands.

On Board 15 Poland had gained 5 IMPs when San Marino were defeated in 4♥ whilst the Polish pair stopped in three.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

'It is just as well you stayed out of game,' remarked a kibitzer.

'Not really,' remarked Krzysztof Martens. 'It's cold!'

'Impossible! You have to lose a heart, a diamond and two clubs.'

'Maybe. You want to bet?'

The stake was fixed and Martens proceeded to explain.

'After a spade lead to the king, you play a diamond to the king and a second diamond to the

queen and North's ace. His best defense is to play a heart. You win with the ace, ruff a spade and play a club. North ducks, so you win with the king and ruff the ace of spades!

'You throw a club on the jack of diamonds and ruff your last diamond. This will be the four-card ending:

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

'You get off play with a club and the defense is helpless. If South is allowed to hold the trick with the queen of clubs, he is employed for the moment but will get his trump trick in the end. If North overtakes you simply play your remaining club on whatever card he plays next and South is forced to ruff and play into your heart tenace.'

The kibitzer shook his head and paid up.

A few moments later he came to life again: 'How come you guys missed such an easy game?'

(He still hasn't realized that an opening lead of the ♣Q would have won him his bet!)

You can't trust anybody

By Barry Rigal

George Mittelman of Canada thought he had the count on this deal from his Open match against France. But Alan Levy was giving a wrong picture, as Mittelman discovered to his chagrin.

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

West	North	East	South
Gitelman	Mouiel	Mittelman	Levy
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽³⁾	Pass
3♣	Dble	4♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

- (1) Multi purpose
- (2) Relay
- (3) Clubs, invitational

Levy led a spade and Mittelman won to pitch a heart. Next came the ♣A and the ♦Q... 4 2 7 (Mouiel/Levy play standard count). After ruffing a spade, Mittelman cashed the ♣K, getting the bad news as Levy pitched the ♥2, showing an odd number. Mittelman exited with a club, and Mouiel played the ♥3 to the 9 and 10.

At this point Mittelman knew North had five spades, four clubs and apparently one heart, so had to have three diamonds. So he played the ♦J to pin the 10 in South, and as a result went one down.

Grand Slam Proves Difficult To Bid

By Herman De Wael

Board 28 of Round 4 of the Ladies Teams produced some extraordinary results on Monday. It is strange to see that only a few tables managed to find the seven club contract.

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

Only a small minority of players found the West hand suitable for a weak two in spades. When this happens and it is raised to 4♣, the 5♣ overcall does not convey all the necessary information.

The same club overcall over 2♠ - 3♣ might have been more revealing, but the Hong Kong North only raised 5♣ to six.

After the same start, Sabine Auken as North bid 5♣ and raised the 6♣ response to seven.

The Belgian North missed an even better chance of scoring a swing for her side. When the Belgian South overcalled 5♣ after a 2♦ multi opening and a 2♠ response, she might have raised to seven but settled for only six.

Zhang Yu for China as North in the Closed Room found the contract after opening herself :

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♥
4♥	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

Only Croatia against USA in the Closed Room managed to reach 7♣ and play it there:

West	North	East	South
Duic	Deas	Muller	Greenberg
2♣	Pass	3♥	5♣
5♥	6♣	6♠	Pass
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass
7♣	Dble	All Pass	

Seven tricks produce only 1100 for North/South.

Liar!

By Herman De Wael

Germany v Brazil. Ladies Teams Round 7.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Rauscheid	Mandelot	Nehmert	Gil
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

When asked about the meaning of 2NT, Pony Nehmert wrote down 18-20, then corrected, 'On the card it says 19-20 but Andrea always has only 18'. After 5♣ made only seven tricks, North remarked, 'You lied; she had 19!'

'That's why I was only four off!' came the immediate answer.

China v Netherlands

Ladies Series (Round 7)

Though there were quite a number of distributional hands around, in general the bridge in this match was fairly quiet. These were the key deals.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

In the Closed Room, Wang Hong Li opened the South hand with a weak no trump and Sun Ming responded 3♣, invitational. The invitation was declined, of course, and the spade lead and continuation meant an inevitable one down; -50.

There was a lot more action in the other room. Van Zwol, South, did not open so it was left to West, Zhang Yalan, to open 1♦ (Precision). Gielkens overcalled 2♣ and Gu Ling made a negative double. Van Zwol bid 2NT and Gielkens raised to game. When Gu Ling doubled that, it required nerves of steel not to remove to 4♣. That would have been rather cheaper. After a diamond lead and spade switch, declarer had only her four top tricks in 3NT doubled; -1100 and 14 IMPs to China.

Board 5. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

China outbid their opponents on this deal also but it did them no good. Marijke Van der Pas, West, got to open 1♦ in fourth seat and Sun Ming doubled. Bep Vriend raised quietly to 2♦ and Van der



Marijke Van der Pas

Pas made a try with 2♥. With her weak hand, Vriend didn't feel it worth showing the spades and signed-off in 3♦. Despite the 4-1 break, 3♦ just made.

In the other room, van Zwol opened 1♣ in third seat and Zhang doubled. Gielkens bid 1♥ and that came round to Zhang who doubled again. Now Gielkens jumped to 3♣ but, having already severely limited her hand, Gu Ling was happy to bid 3♠ and Zhang raised to game. 4♠ is a good contract and it takes a diamond lead to beat it, so it was one down for 4 IMPs to Netherlands when making would have meant 7 to China.

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

Vriend opened 1♥ as dealer and Wang doubled. When Van der Pas made a weak jump response of 2♠, nobody felt inclined to compete further. That was one down when Sun Ming led her doubleton diamond and got a ruff; -100.

But there was a Chinese disaster at the other table. After 1♥ - Dble - 1♠, Gielkens felt comfortable bidding 2♣. Van Zwol cuebid 2♥, doubled by Zhang, and Gielkens repeated her clubs. 3♣ came round to Zhang who competed with 3♦, corrected to 3♥ by Gu Ling. When Van Zwol competed with 4♣, Gu Ling doubled confidently - after all, her partner had bid three times and she had a useful trump holding. But 4♣ doubled proved to be unbeatable. Gu Ling led a heart, ducked to the king. Gielkens won the diamond switch and played on clubs. She just lost the top trumps, ruffing her last heart in the dummy; +510 and 9 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

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

In the Open Room, the Dutch North/South pair competed up to 3♠, where they went one down; -100. But where Gu Ling had been happy to merely compete to 3♥ opposite a simple raise of her 1♥ overcall, Bep Vriend made a game try and soon found herself in 4♥. That has four losers off the top, of course, but Wang led a diamond in response to her partner's Precision 1♦ opening and now Vriend could take the club finesse to get rid of a spade loser and chalk up a fine +620. That was just enough to give Netherlands a victory. The 11 IMP swing meant a win by 36-28 IMPs, 16-14 VPs.

Some Messages

1. The teams yesterday received their program and the lineup forms for all the remaining matches in the round-robin.
2. The number of Daily News printed each day is enough to provide everybody with one copy. We therefore need your cooperation. The layout is very attractive but it is not supposed to be so excellent that you collect more than one copy!
3. We are striving for more consistency by an understanding of Appeal Committee decisions. We therefore publish decisions of these committees in our Daily News. The ACBL have for some years published the collected decisions taken during their North American Championships, the latest being the Spring North American Championships in Philadelphia. Eric Kokish and Richard Colker have edited this very entertaining and interesting book, supported by expert comments from ACBL top players. This book is available in Jannersten's shop for 2,150 Dr or US \$9. It is a must for everyone interested in ruling the game. The ACBL is generously offering a copy of this book to every participating team, and it will be put in your pigeon hole by the Hospitality Desk.
4. Please note that on Monday the last three rounds in the Open Series will start half an hour earlier because there will be a social event with a buffet to be held at the Castle of Knights. More details of this will be published in the Daily News nearer the time.

Ton Kooijman
Operations Director

Put on your thinking cap!

Pietro Bernasconi of Switzerland, who keeps track of all masterpoints for all members of the WBF, dropped by with an interesting and highly testing double-dummy problem. You have a week to try to work out the solution. It is NOT an easy problem.

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

Your task is to find the set of hands for East and West that satisfies these three conditions:

1. South must be able to make exactly nine tricks at 3NT against best defense.
2. South must make 6♦ against any defense.
3. South must go down exactly one trick playing in 5♠ with the best play against the best defense.

Olympic Bridge Festival

JAN NILSSON AND PER JANSSON FROM SWEDEN WIN THE 2-SESSION OPEN PAIRS

TATIANA AND VLADIMIR DANYLIUK TAKE THE LEAD AFTER THE MORNING SESSION OF THE OPEN PAIRS

In the morning first session of the Open Pairs 29 pairs participated. A couple from Ukraine won the morning session with approximately a 1% margin from the transnational combination of Ender Aksuyek from Turkey and Paul Matthys from Belgium.

The results of the first session are:

1. Danyliuk T.	(UKR)	Danyliuk V.	(UKR)	61.11%
2. Matthys P.	(BEL)	Aksuyek E.	(TUR)	60.23%
3. Nilsson J.	(SWE)	Jansson P.	(SWE)	58.71%
4. Flat D.	(ISR)	Dubinski S.	(ISR)	58.48%
5. Jahic F.	(YUG)	Prijovic D.	(YUG)	57.39%
6. Ergazakis N.	(GRE)	Makrakis N.	(GRE)	55.27%
7. Gans I.	(ISR)	Gelbard M.	(ISR)	55.26%
- Rom S.	(ISR)	Spitz A.	(ISR)	55.26%

TUULA AND RAIMO HONKAVUORI WIN THE SECOND SESSION OF OPEN PAIRS

In the last session of the Open Pairs event another mixed pair from Finland finished first making 64.93%. But it was a pair from Sweden who won the event with an average of 60.65%, about 1% in front of the juniors from Israel who finished second.

The results of the second session are:

1. Honcavuori T.	(FIN)	Honcavuori R.	(FIN)	64.93%
2. Nilsson J.	(SWE)	Jansson P.	(SWE)	62.60%
3. Mer A.	(POL)	Orlow A.	(POL)	61.09%
4. Dubinski S.	(ISR)	Flat D.	(ISR)	60.59%
5. Ergazakis N.	(GRE)	Makrakis N.	(GRE)	59.95%
6. Swartz A.	(USA)	Riley B.	(HKG)	54.93%
7. Van Dijk J.	(NTH)	Van den Boom J.	(NTH)	53.53%
8. Awan H.	(UAE)	Ghouse A.	(PAK)	53.46%

The Final Standings of the Open Pairs event are:

1. Nilsson J.	(SWE)	Jansson P.	(SWE)	60.65%	
4. Dubinski S.	(ISR)	Flat D.	(ISR)	59.61%	
3. Ergazakis N.	(GRE)	Makrakis N.	(GRE)	57.61%	
4. Honcavuori T.	(FIN)	Honcavuori R.	(FIN)	57.27%	
5. Aksuyek E.	(TUR)	Matthys P.	(BEL)	56.30%	
6. Danyliuk T.	(UKR)	Danyliuk V.	(UKR)	55.99%	1st mixed
13. Swartz A.	(USA)	Riley B.	(HKG)	51.36%	1st ladies

How do you play it ?

Board 21. North/South Game. Dealer North

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

We would like to thank Mr Sam Leckie (Scotland) who gave us his opinion about the best play to make 4♥ in the hand above. According to Mr Leckie the best play is:

- 1) Play a low diamond at trick one (if the queen scores, your contract is secure).
- 2) Play the ace of clubs at trick two (if you play the queen you're making the slam a 75% chance - 2 fineses).

The declarer should play the cards to end with this position:

Declarer	Dummy
♠ A 8	♠ K J 10
♥ 3	♥ -
♦ -	♦ 4
♣ Q	♣ -

When the last trump is played if either defender holds queen of spades and king of clubs, they are squeezed (37.5%) and if the defender in front of dummy holds the fourth diamond and the queen of spades he is squeezed, which is half of the remaining 12.5% = 6.25%.

Total chances taken are therefore:
50% (king of diamonds) + 37.5% (double squeeze) + 6.25% (single squeeze) = 93.75%
Infinitely better than the original 75%.

Register for today's event

In the "Playing with an international" today, 23, the "international" struggle will be:

for the morning session starting 11:00

Peter Lund - Tommy Sandsmark
versus

Rebecca Rogers - Robert Wolff

for the afternoon session starting 18:00

Lea Dupont - Benito Garozzo
versus

Rebecca Rogers - Robert Wolff

Register now!!! (till 10:30)

TOMORROW'S EXCURSION

THURSDAY LINDOS F/D

Departure 09.00

Return 16.30

Price: 6.400 GRD

Please notice that the entrance fees to the archaeological sites are not included in the above prices.

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