

Defenders hold Group A lead; Sweden, Israel ahead in Women's

Open Olympiad

France led Group A after 16 matches, but Indonesia had a big day and shot up to second place. France actually lost two matches – to Indonesia 9-21 and to Ireland 12-18, but they also had two strong wins. Indonesia won all four matches, picking up 83 of a possible 100 Victory Points. The Indonesians are now only 8.5 points behind France.

Only a single VP further back was surprising New Zealand, who also won all four of their matches yesterday. Poland, Spain, South Africa and Japan all are within a single match of the leader. Pakistan, even without Zia Mahmood, are doing very well, standing eighth and definitely within reach of the crucial fourth place.

Italy also suffered two defeats – to Netherlands 8-22 and to Russia 14-16 -- but they are still out in front in Group B, although by only 1.5 VP. Meanwhile Israel continued their strong drive, picking up 78 VPs while winning all four matches to close in on front-running Italy. Chinese Taipei won three and lost a close one to place third, half a match behind Israel. Another 8.5 VPs back is Iceland.

Russia, certainly not one of the pre-tournament favorites, are very much in the running in fifth place. Norway began a strong comeback by winning 81 VPs yesterday to climb to sixth place, followed by India.

Women's Olympiad

Israel and Sweden are the leaders in Groups B and A respectively after 10 matches. The only team in the top four in Group B to win both matches yesterday was Italy, now in fourth place. Austria are second and the United States are third.

It was a tough day for the Americans – they had to play two of the leaders. They defeated Israel 17-13 but fell victim to Austria 8-22.

Israel have opened a 15-point lead on Austria, and the Americans are another 4 VPs back. Italy, Canada, France, Poland and India still are very much in the thick of the competition for qualifying berths in the quarterfinals. Canada had an especially good day yesterday, earning 45 of a possible 50 VPs for the day.

Sweden had two strong wins in Group A, but they picked up only 2 VPs on runnerup South Africa, which scored a blitz and tied their other match. Sweden now has a 5 VP lead. Germany, winners of the Venice Cup in China last year, are close behind, with China closing in fast to take fourth place. Mexico, Denmark, Great Britain, the Netherlands and Spain all are within less than a match of each other.

General observations

The vugraph auditorium was standing room only last night as Ron Andersen, Edgar Kaplan and Barry Rigal continued their outstanding performance.

For the first time, the women are going to be on vugraph today. The fourth vugraph presentation of the day will feature the United States and Italy, standing third and fourth respectively in Group B.

The standings are beginning to make some sense now that the teams have played 16 matches in the Open and 10 in the Women's. The advantage of playing a series of weaker teams has slowly disappeared.

RANKING

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A		B	
1	FRANCE 323	1	ITALY 325
2	INDONESIA 314	2	ISRAEL 323
3	NEW ZEALAND 313	3	CHINESE TAIPEI 311
4	POLAND 309	4	ICELAND 303
5	SPAIN 305	5	RUSSIA 295
6	SOUTH AFRICA 300	6	NORWAY 294
7	JAPAN 298	7	INDIA 292
8	PAKISTAN 288	8	AUSTRALIA 281
9	DENMARK 280	9	GREAT BRITAIN 280
10	CANADA 268	10	TURKEY 279
11	BELGIUM 263	11	NETHERLANDS 276
12	ARGENTINA 256	12	BRAZIL 274
13	SWEDEN 254	13	USA 267
14	IRELAND 245	14	YUGOSLAVIA 263
15	CHINA 240	15	FINLAND 257
16	CROATIA 240	16	HUNGARY 246
17	AUSTRIA 239	17	MONACO 241
18	CZECH REPUBLIC 236	18	PORTUGAL 240
19	LEBANON 235	19	SLOVENIA 226
20	CHILE 232	20	HONGKONG 226
21	ROMANIA 228	21	GREECE 225
22	LITHUANIA 226	22	VENEZUELA 225
23	GERMANY 224	23	ESTONIA 222
24	MOROCCO 223	24	GUADELOUPE 218
25	LUXEMBOURG 219	25	SWITZERLAND 217
26	BANGLADESH 213	26	LATVIA 214
27	SAN MARINO 213	27	EGYPT 213
28	UKRAINE 212	28	TUNISIA 182
29	PHILIPPINES 210	29	MAURITIUS 180
30	SINGAPORE 207	30	JORDAN 177
31	COLOMBIA 194	31	MEXICO 175
32	MALAYSIA 170	32	THAILAND 172
33	LIECHTENSTEIN 151	33	BULGARIA 158
34	BERMUDA 145	34	FRENCH POLYNES. 153
35	PALESTINE 62	35	KENYA 145
		36	CYPRUS 134

Results

Round 13

INDONESIA	LUXEMBOURG	22-8	43/13
POLAND	CROATIA	13-17	16/24
SINGAPORE	CHILE	14-16	41/44
CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE	9-21	32/59
PHILIPPINES	UKRAINE	15-15	44/46
LIECHTENSTEIN	GERMANY	15-15	30/30
MALAYSIA	JAPAN	8-22	34/63
SPAIN	PALESTINE	20-10	53/33
AUSTRIA	ROMANIA	15-15	27/27
CANADA	MOROCCO	16-14	37/30
SAN MARINO	LITHUANIA	15-15	27/29
IRELAND	BANGLADESH	11-19	36/52
NEW ZEALAND	BELGIUM	24-6	55/18
ARGENTINA	LEBANON	10-20	16/37
COLOMBIA	BERMUDA	17-13	26/18
SWEDEN	CHINA	12-18	22/36
DENMARK	SOUTH AFRICA	25-5	63/21
PAKISTAN	Bye	18	

ITALY	RUSSIA	14-16	27/31
FINLAND	GREECE	18-12	41/28
MAURITIUS	ISRAEL	1-25	12/79
HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	15-15	37/37
INDIA	BULGARIA	15-15	23/21
MEXICO	KENYA	10-20	33/55
NORWAY	LATVIA	25-1	78/13
YUGOSLAVIA	SWITZERLAND	17-13	37/26
JORDAN	FRENCH POLYNES.	5-25	14/58
SLOVENIA	USA	17-13	34/24
TURKEY	CYPRUS	25-2	70/9
HONG KONG	ESTONIA	10-20	21/41
CHINESE TAIPEI	EGYPT	13-17	18/29
BRAZIL	PORTUGAL	25-3	66/10
ICELAND	THAILAND	19-11	52/35
VENEZUELA	GUADELOUPE	10-20	1/24
AUSTRALIA	GREAT BRITAIN	14-16	2/7
TUNISIA	MONACO	14-16	40/43

Round 14

FRANCE	INDONESIA	9-21	13/39
BANGLADESH	CANADA	8-22	33/62
ROMANIA	LUXEMBOURG	17-13	46/38
PALESTINE	ARGENTINA	0-25	12/85
BERMUDA	MALAYSIA	17-13	42/32
GERMANY	SWEDEN	8-22	25/53
DENMARK	PHILIPPINES	18-12	43/28
PAKISTAN	CZECH REPUBLIC	20-10	61/38
SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND	23-7	54/20
CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	11-19	31/47
CROATIA	COLOMBIA	17-13	48/38
CHILE	LEBANON	21-9	41/16
BELGIUM	SAN MARINO	23-7	53/17
UKRAINE	IRELAND	6-24	10/49
LITHUANIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	14-16	40/45
MOROCCO	JAPAN	18-12	32/20
AUSTRIA	SPAIN	13-17	33/41
SINGAPORE	Bye	18	

NETHERLANDS	ITALY	22-8	58/30
ESTONIA	SLOVENIA	25-5	66/21
FRENCH POLYNES.	RUSSIA	4-25	38/85
SWITZERLAND	BRAZIL	21-9	47/20
THAILAND	NORWAY	1-25	23/90
KENYA	VENEZUELA	7-23	33/67
AUSTRALIA	INDIA	6-24	16/53
MONACO	HUNGARY	10-20	45/67
MAURITIUS	TUNISIA	17-13	31/22
GREAT BRITAIN	FINLAND	17-13	59/49
GUADELOUPE	CHINESE TAIPEI	11-19	22/40
GREECE	ICELAND	9-21	22/47
ISRAEL	PORTUGAL	25-4	61/10
EGYPT	TURKEY	0-25	26/110
BULGARIA	HONG KONG	15-15	42/43
CYPRUS	MEXICO	13-17	48/56
USA	LATVIA	20-10	52/29
JORDAN	YUGOSLAVIA	19-11	50/34

Round 15

BERMUDA	PALESTINE	25-3	73/18
JAPAN	AUSTRIA	15-15	35/35
LIECHTENSTEIN	MOROCCO	21-9	43/16
LITHUANIA	UKRAINE	6-24	20/57
IRELAND	FRANCE	18-12	21/8
INDONESIA	CHILE	17-13	34/26
LEBANON	CROATIA	12-18	32/45
NEW ZEALAND	COLOMBIA	21-9	66/42
POLAND	CHINA	23-7	54/19
SINGAPORE	SOUTH AFRICA	14-16	32/38
PHILIPPINES	PAKISTAN	10-20	7/29
GERMANY	DENMARK	6-24	27/66
MALAYSIA	SWEDEN	6-24	12/49
SPAIN	BELGIUM	22-8	40/9
ARGENTINA	ROMANIA	12-18	25/40
LUXEMBOURG	CANADA	4-25	19/68
SAN MARINO	BANGLADESH	14-16	30/34
CZECH REPUBLIC	Bye	18	

THAILAND	SWITZERLAND	15-15	15/16
LATVIA	JORDAN	10-20	32/54
MEXICO	USA	7-23	15/49
CYPRUS	BULGARIA	10-20	29/49
HONG KONG	NETHERLANDS	7-23	24/58
ITALY	ISRAEL	18-12	36/23
PORTUGAL	GREECE	18-12	36/21
CHINESE TAIPEI	ICELAND	19-11	35/16
FINLAND	GUADELOUPE	13-17	29/37
MAURITIUS	GREAT BRITAIN	17-13	48/40
HUNGARY	TUNISIA	19-11	44/26
INDIA	MONACO	14-16	36/39
KENYA	AUSTRALIA	13-17	39/50
NORWAY	VENEZUELA	16-14	38/33
YUGOSLAVIA	EGYPT	6-24	21/60
BRAZIL	FRENCH POLYNES.	22-8	59/30
RUSSIA	SLOVENIA	14-16	48/54
TURKEY	ESTONIA	21-9	51/25

Round 16

SOUTH AFRICA	IRELAND	23-7	66/31
CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY	15-15	44/43
MALAYSIA	SINGAPORE	22-8	43/14
PALESTINE	POLAND	4-25	11/61
ROMANIA	NEW ZEALAND	12-18	17/32
CANADA	CROATIA	12-18	20/34
CHILE	SAN MARINO	16-14	45/38
FRANCE	BANGLADESH	25-3	76/21
UKRAINE	LUXEMBOURG	15-15	34/32
ARGENTINA	LIECHTENSTEIN	14-16	24/29
JAPAN	BERMUDA	20-10	41/19
SWEDEN	SPAIN	21-9	37/12
AUSTRIA	DENMARK	12-18	35/50
PAKISTAN	MOROCCO	15-15	18/20
BELGIUM	PHILIPPINES	25-4	61/11
CHINA	INDONESIA	7-23	8/42
COLOMBIA	LEBANON	10-20	26/49
LITHUANIA	Bye	18	

GREAT BRITAIN	HONG KONG	15-15	39/38
HUNGARY	KENYA	21-9	54/29
NORWAY	MAURITIUS	15-15	39/37
SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	3-25	2/55
FRENCH POLYNES.	CHINESE TAIPEI	5-25	14/60
SLOVENIA	GREECE	19-11	36/17
ISRAEL	TURKEY	16-14	32/25
NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA	25-4	71/20
BULGARIA	RUSSIA	0-25	1/82
BRAZIL	MEXICO	23-7	60/25
LATVIA	THAILAND	14-16	45/48
VENEZUELA	YUGOSLAVIA	19-11	29/10
JORDAN	AUSTRALIA	12-18	17/29
MONACO	USA	6-24	25/64
TUNISIA	CYPRUS	19-11	46/29
EGYPT	INDIA	12-18	36/48
GUADELOUPE	ITALY	13-17	29/40
ICELAND	PORTUGAL	16-14	42/35

Results

Round 9

VENEZUELA	SPAIN	12-18	54/68
DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	11-19	28/46
MOROCCO	GREAT BRITAIN	9-21	24/55
HUNGARY	NEW ZEALAND	19-11	51/33
PHILIPPINES	SAN MARINO	9-21	31/59
PAKISTAN	INDONESIA	15-15	55/53
SWEDEN	BRAZIL	20-10	64/39
MONACO	GREECE	16-14	59/54
CHINA	RUSSIA	25-1	89/12
SOUTH AFRICA	MEXICO	15-15	39/37
GERMANY	HONG KONG	16-14	53/45

THAILAND	COLOMBIA	11-19	36/54
POLAND	AUSTRIA	17-13	51/39
BELGIUM	ITALY	14-16	42/45
CHINESE TAIPEI	JORDAN	20-10	62/38
JAPAN	CROATIA	21-9	61/32
MALAYSIA	TURKEY	15-15	41/40
FRANCE	FINLAND	16-14	37/33
ARGENTINA	INDIA	10-20	25/49
CANADA	JAMAICA	24-6	71/27
USA	ISRAEL	17-13	45/35
AUSTRALIA	Bye	18	

Round 10

NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	17-13	38/26
INDONESIA	HUNGARY	11-19	38/58
SOUTH AFRICA	PAKISTAN	25-4	75/21
RUSSIA	MONACO	8-22	19/54
VENEZUELA	GREAT BRITAIN	12-18	28/44
NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	10-20	29/54
SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	13-17	45/57
MEXICO	HONG KONG	15-15	40/40
BRAZIL	PHILIPPINES	22-8	62/28
GREECE	CHINA	13-17	43/53
SPAIN	MOROCCO	17-13	55/46

ITALY	POLAND	23-7	60/20
CROATIA	BELGIUM	17-13	49/38
CANADA	JAPAN	21-9	46/15
INDIA	FRANCE	10-20	36/60
THAILAND	AUSTRALIA	13-17	30/39
AUSTRIA	USA	22-8	53/21
JORDAN	MALAYSIA	5-25	30/82
JAMAICA	ISRAEL	0-25	1/94
TURKEY	CHINESE TAIPEI	8-22	30/63
FINLAND	ARGENTINA	7-23	27/66
COLOMBIA	Bye	18	

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2 SOUTH AFRICA	190
3 GERMANY	184
4 CHINA	181
5 MEXICO	171
6 DENMARK	170
7 GREAT BRITAIN	168
8 NETHERLANDS	166
9 SPAIN	166
10 HUNGARY	160
11 BRAZIL	160
12 NEW ZEALAND	149
13 SAN MARINO	142
14 RUSSIA	140
15 MOROCCO	140
16 GREECE	139
17 INDONESIA	126
18 MONACO	125
19 PHILIPPINES	104
20 VENEZUELA	96
21 PAKISTAN	96
22 HONG KONG	94

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1 ISRAEL	202
2 AUSTRIA	187
3 USA	183
4 ITALY	178
5 CANADA	173
6 FRANCE	173
7 POLAND	172
8 INDIA	170
9 ARGENTINA	154
10 FINLAND	151
11 BELGIUM	149
12 AUSTRALIA	139
13 THAILAND	137
14 CHINESE TAIPEI	134
15 TURKEY	131
16 JAPAN	127
17 COLOMBIA	126
18 CROATIA	124
19 JORDAN	114
20 JAMAICA	109
21 MALAYSIA	107



TODAY'S VUGRAPH MATCHES

11.00 hrs (Open Series)
Norway v Israel

14.00 hrs (Open Series)
New Zealand v Poland

17.00 hrs (Open Series)
Iceland v Australia

20.30 hrs (Ladies Series)
USA v Italy



O P E N**Round - 17 11.00**

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

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

Round - 19 17.00

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

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

Round - 18 14.00

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

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

Round - 20 21.30

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

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

LADIES**Round - 11 11.30**

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

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

Round - 12 15.30

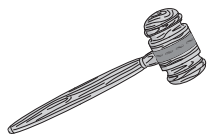
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RUSSIA	56	PHILIPPINES	
PAKISTAN	57	GREAT BRITAIN	
INDONESIA	58	SOUTH AFRICA	
SAN MARINO	59	BRAZIL	
MEXICO	60	GERMANY	
VENEZUELA	61	NEW ZEALAND	

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

Round - 13 20.30

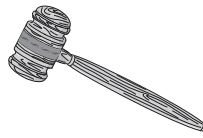
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SOUTH AFRICA	52	CHINA	
MEXICO	53	RUSSIA	
MOROCCO	54	INDONESIA	
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GREECE	56	VENEZUELA	
NETHERLANDS	57	PAKISTAN	
GERMANY	58	NEW ZEALAND	
GREAT BRITAIN	59	SWEDEN	
DENMARK	60	SPAIN	
BRAZIL	61	MONACO	

CHINESE TAIPEI	62	ISRAEL	
CANADA	63	ARGENTINA	
JAMAICA	64	INDIA	
JORDAN	65	BELGIUM	
FINLAND	66	THAILAND	
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APPEAL

CASES FOUR - FIVE - SIX



By Rich Colker

4 Olympiad Open Teams, Round Six; Venezuela versus Hungary

Board 19. East/West Game. Dealer South.

Gulyas ♠ J 8 5 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A J 9 4 ♣ 10 8 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		Szalay ♠ 6 2 ♥ A Q 7 6 5 ♦ Q 10 8 7 ♣ Q 7	Gusso ♠ A K Q 10 9 7 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ K ♣ A 5 4
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N											
W	E										
S											

⁽¹⁾ Explained by North to East as strong, with 6+ spades; no explanation by South.

Facts: West led the ♠4, after which 3NT by North made four, plus 430 for N/S. At the end of the play East called the Director, explaining that his partner (West) had made a wrong lead due to South's failure to Alert West as to the two-way meaning of North's 3NT bid (a strong balanced hand or solid spades). South denied any such agreement, and said that this was the first time that he had seen North hold this type of hand. Given the apparent lack of any N/S agreement that 3NT showed a solid suit, and the difficulty of West's finding the ♠A lead, the Directors ruled that the table result would stand. The Appeal: E/W appealed. At the hearing E/W stated that on the N/E side of the screen North had described his 3NT bid as showing a solid six-card (or longer) spade suit, but West was not given this same information on the S/W side of the screen. Had West been told about this "gambling-bid" possibility, he might have chosen the attacking lead of the ♠A, after which 3NT would have been set. West stated that he called the Director when he first saw the dummy because he had not been told about the systemic meaning of the 3NT bid.

The Committee's Decision: The committee determined that N/S had no agreement that 3NT in the present auction showed a solid suit. Rather, it was the judgment of the committee that North, in an effort to provide full-disclosure to the opponents, had inappropriately described his bid as showing what he actually held instead of (more properly) what his partnership's agreements were. The result at the table was allowed to stand, as the Directors ruled. North was admonished to refrain from offering gratuitous information to the opponents and to confine his explanations to descriptions of his systemic understandings. The E/W deposit was returned.

Committee: Edgar Kaplan, chairman; Robert Wolff, USA; Ernesto d'Orsi, Brazil; Joan Gerard, USA; Mazhar Jafri, Pakistan; Grattan Endicott, Great Britain; Barbara Nudelman, USA.

5 Olympiad Ladies Teams, Round Five; Italy versus Turkey

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

Adut rukuoglu ♠ J 6 2 ♥ Q J ♦ A K 9 ♣ A K 7 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		Gum- ♠ Q ♥ A K 6 4 3 ♦ J 3 ♣ Q J 10 8 4	Olivieri ♠ 10 9 4 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ Q 8 7 2 ♣ 9 6 3
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S									

West 3♣ 4♦ 5♣ ⁽¹⁾	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		North Pass Pass Pass	East 1♥ 4♣ 4♥ 6♣	South 2♠ Pass Pass All Pass
N										
W	E									
S										

⁽¹⁾ Described by N/S as slow.

Facts: 6♣ by West made six, plus 1370 for E/W. North summoned the Director when East bid 6♣, complaining that the tray had been on the S/W side of the screen for a long time before being returned following West's 5♣ bid. East stated that she believed that the tray had been on the S/W side of the screen only a "normal" length of time. After the play the Director determined that both West and South confirmed that West had taken a longer than normal amount of time before bidding 5♣, West stating that she "had many problems with the bid." The Directors ruled that East's 5♣ bid could have been suggested by the unauthorized information from West's hesitation, and that pass was a logical alternative to 6♣. The contract was therefore adjusted for both pairs to 5♣ by West made six, plus 620 for E/W. The Appeal: E/W appealed the Directors' ruling. E/W testified that 4♦ had shown a diamond control (not necessarily the ace) and 4♥ a heart control. East contended that West's 5♣ bid denied a spade control and that she bid 6♣ because she had the missing control. However, in response to committee members' questions the E/W team captain confirmed that West could have cued bid 4♦ holding the same hand but with ♦KQx instead of ♦AKx. It was also determined that 4NT by West over 4♥ would have been RKCB.

The Committee's Decision: The committee determined that West's break in tempo could have suggested East's 6♣ bid, and that pass was a logical alternative to 6♣. The contract was therefore adjusted for both pairs to 5♣ by West made six, plus 620 for E/W. Although there was some strong sentiment for retaining E/W's deposit, it was finally returned.

Committee: Edgar Kaplan, chairman; Richard Colker, USA; Steen Moeller, Denmark; William Pencharz, Great Britain; Ron Andersen, USA; and George Retek, Canada.

6 Olympiad Open Teams, Round Eight; Croatia versus Ukraine

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

Nemtsev ♠ A K 10 6 5 4 ♥ A 10 7 6 4 ♦ — ♣ Q 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		Volkov ♠ Q J 8 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ J 10 6 4 3	Miladin ♠ 9 2 ♥ K J 8 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K 9 7 2
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W	E								
S									

West 2♠ ⁽¹⁾ 3♥ All Pass	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		North Pass Dble	East 3♣ ⁽²⁾ 3♠ ⁽³⁾	South 3♦ 5♦
N										
W	E									
S										

⁽¹⁾ Any two-suiter, five-five, 11-15 HCP.

⁽²⁾ Explained as a signoff effort, pass or correct.

⁽³⁾ Alerted by East and explained as pass or correct to 4♣.

Facts: 5♦ by South went down one, minus 100 for N/S. The Director was called to the table and South stated that, had he been Alerted that East did not need to have spades for his 3♠ bid, he (South) would have bid only 4♦. West's failure to Alert 3♠ gave him the impression that West held hearts and clubs, hence his 5♦ bid. West stated that East was trying to sign off at all times, and that it was obvious in light of East's previous bidding that 3♠ was meant as pass or correct. The Directors ruled that South's 5♦ bid was made on his own bridge judgment, and that there had been no damage due to E/W's explanations or lack thereof. The table result was therefore allowed to stand.

The Appeal: N/S appealed the Directors' ruling. N/S stated that E/W came to the table with no convention cards, and when one was later retrieved N/S had to share it. N/S thus had no chance to prepare for E/W's 2♠ convention. South stated that North's double of 3♥ placed his heart values behind West's suit, but that East's 3♠ bid suggested at least a six-card suit behind North. Thus he bid 5♦. Had he known that 3♠ was pass or correct he would have bid only 4♦. West stated that he would then have bid 4♠, and North said he would have doubled that contract. When asked by the committee about the defense to 4♠ doubled North admitted that it could only be beaten double dummy. (A trump lead by North followed, after getting in with a heart, by one high club and a club ruff by South, with North retaining his club control. When asked about their carding methods N/S said that they played standard carding, thus making South's ♣8 on the first round of that suit not clearly interpretable as a singleton.) East pointed out that he could have passed West's 2♠ opening with the long spade suit South claimed he thought he held, and that his 3♠ bid which was clearly explained to South as pass or correct and his later 3♠ bid made it clear that 3♠ was also intended as pass or correct.

The Committee's Decision: The committee agreed with the Directors that East's auction made it clear that 3♠ was pass or correct and not a long suit, that N/S were not damaged by E/W's explanations (or lack thereof), and that South was on his own when he bid 5♦. The table result was therefore allowed to stand. E/W were admonished for their failure to have two convention cards available promptly at the start of the match, and were informed by the Directors that any future failures would be met with disciplinary penalties. Although some sentiment was expressed for retaining N/S's deposit, it was returned.

Committee: Edgar Kaplan, chairman; Richard Colker, USA; Steen Moeller, Denmark; William Pencharz, Great Britain; Ron Andersen, USA; and George Retek, Canada.

Colombia v Canada

Open Series (Round 8)

Fred Gitelman of Canada scored up a neat diamond game against Colombia in Round 8 of the Open.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer West.

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

The opening heart lead went to the queen and ace, and Gitelman drove out the ♠A at trick two. He ruffed the return of the ♥K and correctly guessed the diamonds by cashing the king and finessing the jack. Next came a spade to the king, and he eyed the fall of the 10 appreciatively. He went back to dummy with the trump ace, led the ♠7 – and passed it! Right again! Now he was able to ruff another heart and take a club pitch on the good spade. He lost only a spade and a club and earned 11 IMPs for his team.

Colombia had some very good moments in this match – enough to record an 18-12 victory. This was Board 4.

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Moreinis	Silver	Tawil	Kokish
1♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	Dble	3♠	Pass
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

David Moreinis felt he had told his story, so he passed over 5♦. Marcio Tawil's holdings in the majors weren't all that strong, so he decided to go for the set. Right he was – down one for minus 200. This was the auction at the other table.

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♣	2♠	5♦!
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

That 5♦ bid really did the Canadians in – who can

blame West for taking the push to 5♠? This also went down one trick for 200 to Colombia for a 9-IMP gain. Colombia picked up another 12 IMPs on Board 6.

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Moreinis	Silver	Tawil	Kokish
Pass	2NT	1♦	1♠
Dble	All Pass	Pass	3NT

Moreinis didn't have all that much, but he thought it was enough to give the Canadians grief. He also thought the ♦J might be an important card. Tawil obediently led a small diamond, and Silver took the king after some thought. He led his ♠K, and Tawil quickly took the ace and cashed out his diamonds. Then he switched to a heart, Colombia wound up with seven tricks – plus 500. At the other table the Colombians played and made a quiet 2♠.

Indian rope trick

India v Great Britain Open Series (Round 9)

J.M. Shah of India found an imaginative line of play to bring home a difficult notrump game against Great Britain on this deal from Round 9.

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

West	North	East	South
Vankataraman	Forrester	Shah	Robson
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Shah won the ♠J opening lead with the queen and led the ♦J, ducked. Next came the ♥4, ducked to North. Another spade came back to the ace, and Shah cashed the ♥A and led a spade to the king. He took the good ♠8 and led a diamond to the 10, queen and king. Next came a club, taken by North with the queen, and Forrester got out with a diamond to the ace. Shah put South in with the ♦9, and Robson was endplayed in clubs.

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An unusual 'cuebid'

An unusual "cuebid" on Board 16 of Round 10 would have averted a vulnerable game swing against Denmark in their match against Sweden.

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

		Nilsland	
		♠ A Q 4	
		♥ K Q J 3	
		♦ Q J 10 7 3	
		♣ J	
Auken			Koch-Palmund
♠ 9 7 5 3 2			♠ K 10
♥ 9 8			♥ A J 4
♦ 2			♦ A K 9 4
♣ 9 8 5 3 2			♣ A Q 10 7
		Fallenius	
		♠ J 8 6	
		♥ 10 6 5 2	
		♦ 8 6 5	
		♣ K 6 4	

In the Closed Room, Sweden managed to make 3NT on the lead of the ♠8. In the Open Room, Nilsland opened 2♣ showing four hearts and a longer minor. Koch-Palmund doubled and Fallenius raised preemptively to 3♥. Koch-Palmund reopened with 3NT. However, Auken reasonably doubted that Koch-Palmund had a source for nine tricks and he removed to 4♠. This failed by two tricks.

Had Auken made the unusual "cuebid" of 4♥, asking partner to choose between the black suits, the impregnable contract of 5♠ would have been reached.

The swing on this board contributed significantly to Sweden's 25-4 Victory Point margin.

Italy v USA

Open Series (Round 12)

By Barry Rigal

Andrea Buratti and Massimo Lanzarotti are now firmly established in the Italian team. Their forte may be declarer play, but they were able to demonstrate some particularly effective defense against the United States in Round 12.

Board 18. North/South Game. Dealer East.

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

Against Goldfein and Robbins, who arrived in 3NT by INT – 3NT, Buratti put his finger on the ♥6. Lanzarotti won the king and returned the three (trying to indicate a 4-4 split). Buratti of course unblocked the queen. Now declarer ran some clubs, but in the end he decided to believe the opponents and played a spade up rather than take the diamond finesse; down one.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

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

What would you lead as North after 1♦ – 3♥ – Pass – Pass – 3NT?

Buratti led the ♣6 to the queen (yes, the queen) and ace. Goldfein can hardly be blamed for misreading the position. He took the ace and played a spade. Buratti rose with the ace and, for want of anything better to do, returned a club. Now Lanzarotti produced the ten and that was two down.

Note that if Lanzarotti had played the ten at trick one, declarer could hardly go wrong – since it really never costs to duck.

A world record?

By Patrick Jourdain

In Round 13 of the Open, the IMP score of the Great Britain-Australia match was Great Britain 7, Australia 2 (and two of Britain's points came from a substitute board).

Does anyone know of a lower match score (total IMPs) in a world championship match of 16 boards? Please let us know.

On the same 16 deals, the Philippines and Ukraine ended in a 15-15 tie – but the IMP score was Ukraine 46, Philippines 44; 90 IMPs instead of 9.

A Nordic Disaster

By Nissan Rand

Iceland v Israel. Round 7 Open

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

In the Closed Room, the Icelandic South opened 1♥ and it went double, redouble. East bid 1♠ and, when North competed with 2♣, West bid 2♠, ending the auction. The contract was defeated by two tricks as the defenders were able to take three diamonds, a heart, a club and two spades, including a heart ruff; 200 to Iceland.

In the Open Room, South again opened 1♥ but the Icelandic West preferred a 1NT overcall to the double chosen in the other room. North doubled and West did as he was told when he redoubled after East's forcing pass. So that was the final contract, 1NT redoubled.

Ophir Herbst led ♣10, which was won by dummy's jack and a spade led to the ten and king. Ophir switched to a low diamond to brother Ilan's queen. A club was returned to declarer's ace and hearts were played, Ilan winning the second round. And the defense was now in a position to take three clubs and three more diamonds for three down; +1600.

This major disaster provided the entire margin of Israel's 18-12 victory.

(As Nissan has promised us a whole series of 'disaster' articles, we are eagerly awaiting the backlash from the other teams' supporters entitled 'Israeli Disaster'. Eds).

Unblock the aces

By Heinz Guthwert, Finland

The Finnish Open team started slowly, but on Tuesday morning the play improved with wins over Portugal, Mexico and Jordan. Then they had to meet Chagas and Co. from Brazil in Round 12. This was Board 17.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

In the Open Room the Brazilians rested in a partscore – 2♠ making three. This was the bidding in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
	Kauko Koistinen		Juuri-Oja
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

A club was led to the four, queen and ace. How should you continue?

One way is to hope for a gentle trump distribution (3-2) and diamonds 4-2 with an honor doubleton in the East hand. This makes by playing the ♦9 or ♦10. Each way you will be able to either drop an honor or take a finesse in diamonds. East will get a small diamond ruff, but you will lose only one diamond and two spades.

Kauko Koistinen, however, had other thoughts – and how right he was. He cashed the ♦A followed by the ♠A, the ♠10, ♥A, club ruff, ♠J. This way he lost just two trumps and a diamond. Maybe it's somewhat double dummy, but it was the road to success.

Grand slam territory

Rashid Ghazi and Nishat Abedi of Pakistan had a good auction to get to a grand slam on Board 26 in Round 12.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
	Ghazi		Nishat
	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4NT
All Pass			7♣

A nicely controlled action to an excellent contract.

Nishat won the opening trump lead with the king, led to the ♥A, ruffed a diamond, led a spade to the king, drew two more rounds of trumps, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade, then got back to the good spades with the ♥K.

Eric Kokish and Joey Silver of Canada also got to the excellent grand. This was their auction:

West	North	East	South
	Silver		Kokish
	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Dble	Pass ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Transfer

⁽²⁾ Fewer than four hearts and fewer than three spades

⁽³⁾ Shortness

A quite different auction but the same end result, reaching the top spot of 7♣.

Kokish also had no trouble finding his 13 tricks for a fine result.

⁽¹⁾ Two key cards plus a void

Leading Questions

By Mark Horton

When Sabine Zenkel gives you a lead problem, you know it will be a tough one. This one comes from Germany's Round 3 encounter with Monaco.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

♠ K 10 4 2
♥ 10 8 3
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 10 9

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

What should Sabine lead?

While you are making up your mind, here is another one, and this time Andrea Rauscheid was in the hot seat.

♠ K J 9 8 4
♥ A 2
♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
INT	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♣	3NT	All Pass	

Well? Back to Sabine's problem:

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

If, like Sabine, you led a spade you can consider yourself unlucky.

Of course problems like this are a matter of style, but those players who don't like to lead away from a king would no doubt have gone for a heart, and at first glance it appears that that will lead to the defeat of the contract. However, declarer can ruff and play a diamond. South wins and switches to a spade, taken by the ace. Declarer cashes the ace of trumps and plays winning diamonds, discarding spades from dummy. If North ruffs in with the ♣10, declarer can overruff, return to hand with a heart ruff and play another diamond.

Now what about number two?

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

How many of you found the ♥A?

Well, Andrea did, which is maybe why she is a world champion! (In the other room West was on lead which made things a little easier!)

TRAPPED AT TRICK TWO

By Jan van Cleeff

40 VPs behind the much desired fourth place, the Netherlands were desperately in need of good results. In Round 14 of the Open section the Bermuda Bowl winners of 1993 met the powerful team from Italy. While the Azzuri were having a good time in the round-robin, Dutch chances for qualification for the quarterfinals were already reduced to almost zero. It was a big surprise when Holland beat the Italians, 22-8. The hand below produced almost half of the 28-IMP difference.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Playing against Muller-De Boer in the Closed Room, Bocchi-Duboin somehow or another managed to make 13 tricks in 4♣.

This is what happened in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jansen	Lauria	Westerhof
Pass	2♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♦ ⁽²⁾
Pass	2NT ⁽³⁾	Pass	3♥ ⁽⁴⁾
Pass	4♣ ⁽⁵⁾	Pass	4♥ ⁽⁶⁾
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT ⁽⁷⁾
Pass	5♥ ⁽⁸⁾	Pass	5♠ ⁽⁹⁾
Pass	6♠ ⁽¹⁰⁾	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Any strong hand

⁽²⁾ Relay

⁽³⁾ 21-23 balanced

⁽⁴⁾ Five or more spades

⁽⁵⁾ Maximum

⁽⁶⁾ Re-transfer

⁽⁷⁾ RKCB

⁽⁸⁾ 2 or 5 key cards

⁽⁹⁾ Anticipating the worst

⁽¹⁰⁾ 5 key cards

Lorenzo Lauria found the best lead – a spade. This solved one problem for declarer, though there were some more to go. With all cards open one could see that both the ♥K and ♣Q were placed wrongly.

While players and kibitzers were still studying the dummy, Piet Jansen, after winning the first trick, fired back a low diamond at trick two.

Who could blame East for taking the ♦K?

After having solved the diamond problem, a couple of tricks later Piet Jansen solved his last problem (in clubs) by ruffing a heart, merrily noting the fall of the ♥K, whereafter the ♥Q took care of the club loser.

Jansen-Westerhof proved to be one of the very few pairs who bid and made 6♠ on the hand.

A word from Slovenia

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Mixed Teams

World Championships

starting
on Tuesday October 29

Pre-registered teams have to confirm before Saturday at the latest and pay their entry fees to the assistant treasurer, Christine Francin.

Other teams, intending to play, who have members from the Olympiad who are not likely to qualify for the quarterfinals, should register with Mrs. Francin prior to Sunday, October 27. You will find her at the first floor, in the Room Epsilon (Jose Damiani's office).

- On Thursday, October 24 from 9h to 10h
- On Friday, October 25 from 10h to 12h
- On Saturday, October 26 from 10h to 12h
- On Sunday, October 27 from 18h to 19h
- On Monday, October 28 from 9h30 to 11h and 18h30 to 19h30

Those teams who will make their team from the Open and Women's series should register as soon as you know but no later than October 28.

NOTES

1 Drop-in rules

All teams are expected to start playing on Day one with the following exceptions:

- When a proposed team has two pre-announced members of the same sex who are still playing in the Team Olympiad quarterfinal stage, that team has a bye and will enter the Mixed Team championship only after the quarterfinals of the Team Olympiad are concluded and the above-mentioned two players become eliminated from the event. Should the two players qualify for the Team Olympiad semifinals, then the Proposed Team will be unable to participate in the Mixed Teams Championship.

- When a proposed team has pre-announced one male and/or one female member who is still participating in the Olympiad at the quarterfinal stage, that Mixed Team will start playing on Day one. Should any pre-announced team member be eliminated at the conclusion of the quarterfinal stage of the Team Olympiad, that member is allowed to join the Mixed Team Championships at that point.

2 Mixed pairs looking for teammates may leave their names at the hospitality desk.

Special announcement for players born in 1941 or earlier

The two highest ranking teams (where all team members were born prior to 1942) in the Swiss, who did not qualify for the semifinal, will play a 30-board playoff at 20h on Friday, November 1. The winning players will receive a certificate of recognition as the best senior mixed team and 50 WBF masterpoints.

Austria v Poland & Israel v USA

Ladies Series (Round 9)

By Tony Gordon & Brian Senior

Round 9 saw the top four teams in Women's Group B in opposition. We bring you the best of the action from both matches.

Board 1. Love All. Dealer North.

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

In Austria v Poland, Erhart/Weigkricht had a free run to 4♥, making exactly, while Bamberger/Fischer saved in 5♣ doubled. Harasimowicz/Janczewska took their spade ruff so that was three down; -500 and 2 IMPs to Poland.

There was a major swing in our other match, however.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Birman	Chambers	Popilov
	1♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Porat	Levitina	Tzur	Blanchard
-	1♥	Pass	3NT
4♥	Pass	5♣	5♦
Dble	5♥	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room, the immediate jump to 4♥ pretty well forced Deas into bidding 4♠ and that was promptly doubled by Daniella Birman for -300.

In the Closed Room, Jillian Blanchard thought she was too good for 4♥ so showed a good 4♥ bid via 3NT. That left room for Ruth Porat to show her two-suiter, either spades and a minor or big with both minors. Having made a non-descriptive game raise, Blanchard felt that she had to bid again, showing her diamonds, because there was a danger of a double fit. Levitina converted to 5♥ but that had three top losers for -100 and 9 IMPs to Israel.

Board 2. North/South Game. Dealer East.

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

In Austria v Poland, Krogulska opened 1♣ (Polish) as West and Erhart overcalled 2♦, either hearts or at least 5-5 in spades and a minor, intermediate strength. Weigkricht jumped to 3♥, for correction, and played there for +140.

In the other room, Doris Fischer had to open 1♦ as

1♣ would have been strong. Harasimowicz overcalled 1♥ and Bamberger doubled. Elisa Janczewska bid 3♠, showing a heart raise, and now Fischer bid 4♠, where she played. She lost just a heart and a diamond; +150 and 7 IMPs to Austria.

In Israel v USA, Porat opened INT as West, Levitina overcalled 2♥ and Migri Tzur-Albu bid 2♠. Blanchard raised straight to 4♥, normally enough, but there were four inescapable losers; -100. In the other room a 1♣ opening made it easier for North/South to stop in 3♥; +140 and 6 IMPs to Israel.

Board 6. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

After a 1♠ opening from East, everyone seemed to think that the South hand was worth a takeout double - a borderline decision in my view. That allowed North to compete vigorously in hearts. Poland were content to defend 4♠, conceding -620, but predictably Maria Erhart went on to 5♥, doubled for -800 and 5 IMPs to Poland.

Both Norths bid up to 5♥ in our other match. Birman got there slowly and it was relatively easy to double her for -800. In the other room, Porat bid 2NT over the double, showing a good spade raise, and Irina Levitina leaped all the way to 5♥. Though Tzur-Albu doubled that, Porat went on to 5♠. Her break of discipline cost her 14 IMPs as 5♠ lost the first three tricks after a diamond lead. Credit that 5♥ bid though for creating pressure.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

USA and Austria were both allowed to play a peaceful 4♥. The other two East/Wests had to decide whether to go on to 5♥ over 4♠.

Krogulska opened a Polish Club and Erhart overcalled 1♦. 1♥ from Banaskiewicz and a weak 2♠ from Terry Weigkricht. When Krogulska raised to 3♥, Erhart jumped to 4♠ and Eva Banaskiewicz had an awkward problem, holding extra values including a possible double fit but a dreadful spade holding. She chose to go quietly but that was the wrong decision this time; -50. And 9 IMPs to Austria.

Porat opened INT and Levitina was able to make a natural 2♦ overcall, a rarity in this event, I suspect. A forcing 3♥ from Tzur-Albu and 4♠ from Blanchard. Porat liked her hand and bid 5♥ and the diamond lead meant twelve tricks and a push.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

In Israel v USA, Chambers made 6♦ and Porat 6♠; no swing.

There was a major swing in Austria v Poland, but there need not have been. Austria played 6♦ after South had opened with a weak two bid. It was reasonable for declarer to play South for diamond shortage now but it was unsuccessful. When you work out a balance sheet of gains and losses for your various gadgets, do you remember to put this type of thing in the plus column, as the weak two caused declarer's misguess?

In the Closed Room, Weigkricht opened a multi. Krogulska doubled then bid 3♠ when 2♥ came round to her. She was going to play there, I suspect, had Erhart not competed with 3♥. Now Krogulska tried 3NT - whether this was natural or showed secondary diamonds, she had it. Erhart led ♠A and Weigkricht followed with the eight, showing an odd number. Erhart looked at that for a bit and decided that partner would have played the jack from J 10 8, count signals or no count signals. She switched to a heart and declarer had the rest; +690 and a rather fortunate +13 IMPs for Poland.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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



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Doris Fischer, Austria

In each match, one table played 3NT by South after West had bid diamonds. The other table played 3♣. Lynn Deas looked no further than her long suit and led a low diamond against Matilda Popilov, giving the ninth trick; +600. Krogulska led ♠K, then continued spades when that was ducked. Weigkricht won the third round and ran the clubs, but there was no miracle; -100.

3♣ made an overtrick in Israel v USA and exactly in Austria v Poland, giving 10 IMPs to Israel and 6 IMPs to Poland, yet it should fail on accurate defense. On a spade lead, declarer eventually wins and plays on hearts. East wins the king and switches to a diamond and that is five tricks for the defense. But both defenses lost their way.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

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

A dull 3♣ for East/West? That was the case in Israel v USA, but both tables were in game in Austria v Poland. Krogulska went down without spotting the winning line but Gabi Bamberger brought home her contract. After a heart lead and diamond switch, she cashed two top spades, cashed her red winners and exited with a diamond. It didn't matter who won that, the club position was the one she needed. The blockage means the defense can only get one club trick and must then give a ruff and discard; +420 and 10 IMPs to Austria.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

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

Krogulska/Banaskiewicz had a slightly conservative auction on this one: 1♣ - 1NT - 2♣ - Pass, making an overtrick when the defense switched to clubs rather than diamonds; +140.

Everybody else was in notrump, where a winning club guess allows eight tricks but a losing guess means at most six tricks. Bamberger/Fischer played 2NT down two, after: 1♣ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2NT - Pass, pretty normal as it is more convenient to play clubs the losing way, unfortunately; -200 and 8 IMPs to Poland.

Juanita Chambers got out for one down in 2NT for USA, but Tzur-Albu were in game after: 1♣ - 2♣ - 2♣ - 3NT - Pass. Blanchard led a heart to dummy's king and declarer played ♣Q then ran the ten. Blanchard continued hearts but on the third club Levitina pitched her last heart so that now Blanchard found the nice switch of the ♠K. With no entry to hand, declarer could make only five tricks; -400 and 7 IMPs to USA.

All of that meant two 17-13 wins, to Poland and to USA respectively, tightening up the top of the group even more.

Chinese Taipei v Yugoslavia

Open Series (Round 11)

By Barry Rical

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

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

Can you beat 4♥ by North/South? The best lead is a club, but declarer can draw one round of trumps to find the bad news, then switch to cash all side suit winners after winning the club return. When he leads the fourth spade he neutralizes West's trumps.

However, while Lin/Shen played 3NT for plus 430 at the other table, Vljajnic opened 1♣ and Wu overcalled 1♥. When Zipovski passed to show 0-4 HCP, Vljajnic decided to collect undertricks. But plus 200 still lost 6 IMPs.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Both tables reached 4♣. When Shen declared on the lead of the ♦4, he won the ace and played the ♣A and a club. He ducked the trick, and now, with the ♣K coming down, he was in no trouble - he actually made 650.

But Zipovski played a club to his queen and king at trick two. Tai very carefully played the ♠3 to Wu's 5. Declarer then ruffed a club and took a heart finesse. Tai won the ♥Q and exited with a diamond. Now declarer had to lose a club (when Tai ruffed a club with the ♠9), and a trump trick at the end since declarer had no entries to dummy at trick 11.

(The right play is probably a low club from dummy at trick two, I think.)

Finally, you would be hard-pressed to figure out how Yugoslavia lost 3 IMPs on Board 15.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

Both tables had one-bid auctions.

For Chinese Taipei Shen opened a Precision 1♦ - passed out for minus 500.

But Zipovski opened a mini-Roman 2♣, and this also was passed out for minus 600!

It all finished in a win for Chinese Taipei by 18-12.

Board 9 Revisited

Open Series (Round 9)

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

In the report on New Zealand v Indonesia (Open), we saw how 4♥ failed after a top spade lead and club switch. It looked as though this defense left declarer with too much to do. However Tom Hanlon of Ireland received just this defense and still succeeded in bringing home his contract.

Hanlon won the club switch and played ♥K and a heart to the ace. Now he played a spade to the queen and king. East put his partner in with a club and back came a heart. Hanlon won in hand and ran the ♦10 successfully. Now he drew the last trump and this trick squeezed East in spades and diamonds; just made.

The defense might have done better, of course. If East covers the ♦10 he forces the king. There is no entry to the diamond menace and no squeeze.

Good sportsmanship

A Bulgarian player had a momentary lapse and passed a forcing bid, but Andrea Buratti of Italy did not want to get a favorable result that way. Here is Board 15 from Round 7 of the Open.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass !!		1♣

Clearly the Bulgarian North was thinking about something else. Buratti did not bid - instead he turned to his opponent and said, "Feel free to change your call if you wish."

The Bulgarian player certainly wanted to change - he had solid values opposite a forcing club. As a matter of fact, Bulgaria climbed all the way to 6♣, a good contract. However, the play was not perfect and Bulgaria actually went down one.

Pony on Form

By Patrick Jourdain (GB)

The key Round 10 match in the Women's between old rivals Germany and Netherlands went to the Venice Cup champions by a margin of 20-10, thanks partly to this fine display by Pony Nehmert:

Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Nehmert	Vriend	Rauscheid	van der Pas
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At the other table the Dutch stopped in a safe 3♣, so much depended on whether Nehmert could cope with the layout.

The defense began with a diamond to the ace and another diamond. Nehmert discarded a spade and won in dummy. She came to hand with the ♥A, and led a club. South's ♣J was ruffed away. Nehmert returned to dummy with a spade ruff and led a winning club. South ruffed and was overruffed. A second spade ruff with the trump king gave declarer her ninth trick, and then another club from dummy ensured that the ♥7 would make en passant. Well done!

When fire meets ice, watch out!

By Bjorn Eysteinnsson, Iceland

The people of Iceland are seeing another powerful, magnificent eruption inside a glacier. Two weeks ago, the biggest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull, was torn apart by a volcano that is spewing matter up 3000-4000 meters.

Board 19. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

South, Jovanovic, opened 2♠ showing 5+ diamonds and 4+ clubs with 11-15 HCP. Jorgensen, West, a Yokohama warrior, bid 3♦ to show both majors with better spades. North, Markovic, passed and waited with his axe! Thorvaldsson bid 3♥ – and North doubled.

North led a club to South's king, and South cashed the ♣A and the ♦A before continuing with a second diamond. Thorvaldsson took his top spades and ruffed a spade with the ♥8. He ruffed a diamond and then ruffed another spade with the 9. Then he took the ♥A and played the good ♣J on which he threw his last spade. North had to ruff and play a heart from his queen – 10 into dummy's king-jack. Plus 730.

Once again the Ice extinguished the Fire.

Battle Of The Giants?

Here it was Round 15 of the Open Series and the WBF's newest NCBO, Palestine, were dead last in their group and still looking for their first win. Could this be their chance? They are playing Bermuda, just one place above them and also having a rough time of it.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

How would you handle that North collection after a 1♠ opening on your right? You'd pass throughout, did you say?

Chicken! Both players in this match came into the auction. John Burville of Bermuda overcalled 2♥ and heard it go: Dble – 3♥ – 4♣ to him. Christmas! He doubled and though the defense slopped a trick that was still a highly satisfying +500.

In the other room, the Palestinian North was less successful. He passed and heard: 2♦ (GF) – Pass – 2♠ to him. Now he tried 3♥ and saw a prompt double on his left. That ended the auction and despite dummy's useful major suit holdings he had to go one down for –100 and 12 IMPs to Bermuda.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

Palestine had a free run in the Closed Room. When South raised the opening 1♥ bid to 2♥, North just asked for aces, bidding the slam when he found there was only one missing. Dummy had one of the key queens but the other was a sure defensive trump trick so the slam had to go one down: –100.

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

I thought John Burville and Joe Wakefield had a well-judged auction in the Open Room. Burville bid a quiet 3♣ on the second round, hoping to get a feel for partner's suitability, then bid 5♥ over the opposing 4♠. When 5♠ came round to him he made a forcing pass to invite slam and Wakefield doubled. That collected +500 and a well-deserved 12 IMP swing to Bermuda.

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Palestine had one great triumph in the match, though it did have an element of luck about it. North opened 2♠ and the Palestinian East bid 3♣, strong take-out. West jumped to 5♣ and East bid 5♥. West definitely wanted to play in clubs so went back to 6♣ and it proved to be quite cold; +1370.

In the other room, East doubled for takeout and West, Vera Petty embarked upon a cunning plan. She decided that she wanted to play 5♣ but that it would be better if the strong hand was protected from the opening lead. Not to worry, they play Lebensohl and if she bid 2NT it would oblige her partner to bid 3♣ and now she could raise to 5♣ and be dummy. However, partner did not bid 3♣, she bid 3NT. It sounded natural to Vera and she decided to pass, figuring that nine tricks were easier than eleven. Six spade tricks later Vera wanted to know what was going on. East had forgotten about Lebensohl and was simply raising a natural 2NT bid to the obvious game.

The upshot of all this was a 17 IMP Palestinian pick-up. Alas, they still await their first win. Bermuda had much the better of things and ran out winners by 25-3 VPs. Ah well, there is always tomorrow, and Palestine did well to send a team this year. They will be learning from the experience of their first major championship and their friendliness at the table guarantees that they will be welcome again in the future.



BOLS - IBPA Lunch Party



All IBPA members in good standing are invited to a luncheon with a prize-giving ceremony on

Tuesday, 29 October, at noon

in the La Terrasse Restaurant, Rodos Palace

Please collect your invitation from Evelyn Senn in the Press Room.

(Evelyn will not be available on Thursday)

Sweden v Denmark

Open Series (Round 10)

The most interesting deal in this match was Board 10.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ K Q 8 7 6 ♥ 10 8 7 3 ♦ Q J ♣ 9 6</p> <p>♠ 9 5 4 3 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ K 10 7 4 2 ♣ 3</p>		<p>♠ J 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ 9 8 6 5 3 ♣ K 7 2</p> <p>♠ A 10 ♥ A J 6 ♦ A ♣ A Q J 10 8 5 4</p>																																	
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⁽¹⁾ Spades

⁽²⁾ Clubs

After a very long and convoluted auction, Nilslund and Fallenius landed in the club slam. Either a heart or a club lead would allow declarer to make his slam, but it appeared that a spade or a diamond lead would doom the contract.

Nilslund led a diamond, so it looked as if the Swedes were going to be unhappy. Fallenius cashed the ♣A and continued with the queen to East's king. A diamond lead kills the impending squeeze and guarantees the defeat of the contract – but Koch-Palmund returned a heart.

Fallenius won this and ran the clubs. On the last club, Auken was hopelessly squeezed – there was no way he could hold the ♦K and four spades. Since Denmark stopped in game at the other table, Sweden gained 12 IMPs.

An aggressive bid by Lindkvist made life difficult for Denmark on Board 5.

Board 5. North/South Game. Dealer North.

<p>♠ 8 5 2 ♥ A J 8 ♦ K J 10 9 5 3 ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ K J 4 ♥ Q 10 9 6 5 3 2 ♦ 6 ♣ 9 7</p>		<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ K ♦ A Q 8 7 2 ♣ A Q J 5 2</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 7 6 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ K 10 8 4 3</p>																					
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That 4♥ bid was NOT matched at the other table – Auken bid 2♥ and played it there. But Christensen faced a real problem. He had three cards in partner's over-called suit, an ace, a king and a singleton that could possibly be useful so he took the plunge. Blakset had to take an 800-point bath. Denmark made 2♥ at the other table, but that was little consolation – 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Playing with an international

By Tommy Sandmark, Norway, and Peter Lund, Denmark

We were asked to fill in for Benito Garozzo and Lea DuPont and play against Bobby Wolff and Rebecca Rogers on Wednesday morning. The concept is quite interesting. You have two international pairs competing against each other (like in a real team match), and their scores become the DATUM scores. After the session all the scores obtained at the other tables are compared with those at the celebrity table and scored in IMPs against the datum scores.

On this board Tommy failed to remember that Peter is Peter and therefore failed to set the contract:

North/South Game. Dealer North.

<p>♠ K 9 8 5 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ 10 6 ♣ 9 7 5 3</p>		<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ 8 4 3 2 ♦ K J 7 4 3 ♣ A 10</p> <p>♠ A 10 4 ♥ Q J 10 7 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ J 4 2</p>																					
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Tommy led a small diamond to the ten and queen. Wolff had to guess which entry to knock out first, the ♥A or the ♣A. He misguessed and laid down his ♥K. At this time Tommy was trying to show his count so he put in the deuce, but as soon as he had done that, he realized that we were to Peter, i.e. to play high in order to show interest in the suit led (diamonds). Therefore, Peter decided not to win with the ace and give Tommy another diamond, which would have set the contract, as Tommy had the crucial ♣A as an entry to the diamond. Bobby, now realizing the position of the ♥A, changed to clubs and knocked out Tommy's ace; +600 for

North/South.

There were, however, some moments of joy as well. This board, for example. You are sitting East (dealer with East/West game) and hold:

<p>♠ K Q J 5 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A Q 9 8 6 2 ♣ –</p>	
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You open 1♦, partner responds 1♠ and North contributes 2♣. What is your rebid?

Tommy thought his hand had grown enormously, so he bid 3♠. This was what Peter had:

<p>♠ 9 4 3 2 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 9 8 4</p>	
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Peter now realized the real value of his ♦K and landed in the spade game. The lead was the ♣A, ruffed, and after a couple of rounds of trump, Bobby was in with the ace and exited with a spade. The favorable diamond layout then gave the declarer 11 tricks – a nice game on small values. The full hand:

<p>♠ A 7 6 ♥ A ♦ J 10 5 ♣ A Q J 10 6 3</p> <p>♠ 9 4 3 2 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 9 8 4</p>		<p>♠ K Q J 5 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A Q 9 8 6 2 ♣ –</p> <p>♠ 10 8 ♥ K J 9 4 3 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ 7 5 2</p>	
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Thank you, Bobby and Becky for a most enjoyable game, and thank you, Greek Federation for letting us play in this tournament! It was great fun!

Active ethics that's really active

A strange accident occurred in the Australia-India match in Round 14 of the Open. This was the deal:

Board 2. Game All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A K Q 7</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ A Q J 8 7 6 ♦ Q 9 6 2 ♣ 5 4</p>		<p>♠ K Q J 9 5 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ 8 2</p> <p>♠ 2 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ K J 10 4 ♣ J 10 9 6 3</p>	
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Bruce Neill of Australia opened the North hand 1♥ – a transfer to spades in his system. But he failed to alert. Not surprisingly, East bid 1♠ and pushed the board to the other side of the table before Neill could stop him. The director was called and he allowed East

to change his call – which he did – to pass. Then, since the bids had been seen on the other side of the table, the director informed the table at large that North/South could not use the privileged information they had received, but East/West were free to use the information.

South now bid 1NT, the bid he would have made without the information. West bid 2♥ and Neill rebid 2♠, even though he knew he was going to run into a stack on his right. But 2♠ was the bid he would have made in ordinary circumstances. 2♠ became the contract.

East led a heart to West's jack, and West tried to cash the ♥A. Neill ruffed, went to the board with the ♣J and pitched a diamond on the ♥K. Then he did exactly what he would have done if the situation had been normal – he led the ♠A and another spade – even though he knew East was then going to be able to draw all his trumps.

That's exactly what happened. But the contract was down only one because East no longer had a heart to get to partner. All the defense took the rest of the way was the ♦A.

An excellent example of Active Ethics on the part of Bruce Neill.

Olympic Bridge Festival

BARBARA RILEY AND ANN MARIE SWARTZ WERE THE BEST TEAMMATES OF THE "INTERNATIONALS"

Eighteen pairs played in the 2-session event of "Playing with an International". The organizers of the Olympic Bridge Festival would like to thank all the International Players who honored the event by their presence:

Lea Dupont – Rebecca Rogers – Peter Lund – Tommy Sandmark – Robert Wolff – Benito Garozzo

"When Mr. Garozzo came to the hospitality desk and asked where the play room was, the girl who was in charge told him he could not play because he had missed the morning session!!!! but that he could play in next day's mixed pairs event and that she could find for him a nice lady as his partner..."

AGNES WESSELING AND REMCO BRUGGEMANN TAKE THE LEAD AFTER THE MORNING SESSION OF THE "PLAYING WITH AN INTERNATIONAL" EVENT

A pair from Netherlands, Agnes Wesseling and Remco Bruggemann took a comfortable margin of 17 IMPs over the amazing juniors from Israel after the first session. The "teammates" of the leaders were Rebecca Rogers and Bobby Wolff.

The results of the first session are :

1. Wesseling A. (NTH)	Bruggemann R. (NTH)	+59 IMPs
2. Dubinski S. (ISR)	Flat D. (ISR)	+42 IMPs
3. Uzunhasan M. (TUR)	Solakoglu F. (TUR)	+32 IMPs
4. Riley B. (HKG)	Swartz A. (USA)	+25 IMPs
5. Hadjidakis A. (GRE)	Christodoulou P. (GRE)	+19 IMPs
6. Voloj F. (COL)	Kestenley B. (COL)	+18 IMPs
7. Alexiou M. (GRE)	Sfinias J. (GRE)	+8 IMPs
8. Van der Gaast N. (NTH)	Ten Kate C. (NTH)	+6 IMPs

BARBARA RILEY AND ANN MARIE SWARTZ WIN THE SECOND SESSION DOMINATING IN THE WHOLE EVENT

In the second session of the event, a ladies pair from USA and Hong Kong which was fourth after the first session finished first 19 IMPs ahead another ladies pair from Colombia. They had Lea Dupont and Benito Garozzo as "teammates".

The results of the second session are:

1. Riley B. (HKG)	Swartz A. (USA)	+67 IMPs
2. Voloj F. (COL)	Kestenley B. (COL)	+48 IMPs
3. Honkavuori R. (FIN)	Castren S. (FIN)	+23 IMPs
4. Davou M. (GRE)	Stroubis G. (GRE)	+16 IMPs
5. Wesseling A. (NTH)	Bruggemann R. (NTH)	+6 IMPs
- Ploumi P. (GRE)	Saratsis P. (GRE)	+6 IMPs
7. Panagiotidou D. (GRE)	Constantinidis M. (GRE)	+2 IMPs
8. Dubinski S. (ISR)	Flat D. (ISR)	+1 IMPs

After their splendid performance the two ladies won comfortably. The Final Standings of the Playing with an International event are :

1. Riley B. (HKG)	Swartz A. (USA)	+92 IMPs
2. Voloj F. (COL)	Kestenley B. (COL)	+66 IMPs
3. Wesseling A. (NTH)	Bruggemann R. (NTH)	+65 IMPs
4. Dubinski S. (ISR)	Flat D. (ISR)	+43 IMPs
5. Uzunhasan M. (TUR)	Solakoglu F. (TUR)	+19 IMPs

An easy grand slam missed by almost everybody

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

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In this board of the 3rd session of the Continuous Pairs the grand slam in hearts is a laydown. Among the 16 North / South pairs two reached 7 hearts (one was doubled). There may be some bidding problems if South opens one spade and there is a preemptive bid in clubs by West because it is not so easy to discover which Ace South holds. The bidding of one of those pairs (Han-Jung Hsia and Harry Lin from Chinese Taipei) was:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	7♥	All Pass	5♣

The other pair who reached 7 hearts were Peter Newell and Reid Martin from New Zealand, but we must also mention Gustav Madis and Leo Jakobson who were doubled in six hearts...

Both pairs make slam in two suits...

Board 27. None. Dealer South.

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

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This board is from the 4th session of the Continuous Pairs. After an exciting auction, a lot of pairs reached different slams. Only a few of them made their contract, because as it is easily seen, the success of the contract depends on who has the lead. North / South pairs may attempt six hearts or six clubs. Six clubs is unbeatable if declarer guesses the heart position. Only North can make six hearts because if South plays the hand East can double for a fatal club lead. East / West pairs may attempt six spades or six diamonds. Six diamonds by East is unbeatable unless South underleads his Ace of hearts... and only West has some chances in six spades. He ruffs the club lead and must reach his hand via a heart to his King, unless South takes his ace and give his partner a diamond ruff. If he doesn't guess hearts he goes two off.

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for today's event**

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NOTE: Unfortunately, today's excursion to Lindos has been postponed for Saturday 26 October.