

Italy regains lead in Open B; China, Austria lead Women's

Open Olympiad

All five major contenders in Group A had reasonable days yesterday as the field completed the 24th match in their 35-match round-robins. Defending champion France held onto first place despite a loss to Japan. However, Poland gained 5 VPs with an 83-point day and now are only 12 Victory Points behind France. Indonesia and Denmark round out the top four, but Spain continue to dog the leaders – they are only 3 VPs behind Denmark.

Italy moved back into first place in Group B despite a so-so 72-point day. Erstwhile leader Israel suffered three losses – to Slovenia, Finland and Switzerland, but all three were close matches. Israel now are 3.5 VPs behind Italy.

Chinese Taipei started the day by losing to the United States 12-18, but three strong victories after that kept them solidly in third place. Iceland won all four matches, but three of them were close so Iceland was unable to advance beyond fourth place.

Russia continue to surprise – they are fifth only half a match below the crucial fourth spot. Norway and Great Britain also are still in the thick of the battle for a qualifying berth.

Women's Olympiad

Four teams have pulled away from the field in Group B after the completion of 16 of the 21 round-robin matches in the Women's Olympiad. Austria, Israel, Canada and the United States all are about a match ahead of fifth-place Poland. Austria took over first place in the group by having the second best day of the leaders – 65 of a possible 75 VPs. Erstwhile leader Israel ran into hard times against Australia in yesterday's last match, losing 6-24. Canada had the biggest day – 69 VPs – and now stand third. Only seven VPs separate the four leaders.

As you recall, the top four teams in each group in each event will qualify for next week's quarter-finals.

China had close to a perfect day – 72 VPs out of 75, to pull further ahead in Group A. Germany lost to South Africa, 14-16, and that was enough to drop them 18 VPs behind China. The Netherlands had a strong day – 66 VPs – to take a solid hold on third place. The Dutch now are playing four-handed as a result of Jet Pasman having to leave because of a death in the family. South Africa had a rough time, losing to both Germany and San Marino, but they still are in fourth place.

But there are plenty of competitors for that fourth place. Denmark, Great Britain, Sweden, Brazil and Spain all are less than a match behind South Africa.

General observations

Since losing by 92 IMPs in their eighth match against Austria, a defeat which dropped them from third to ninth place, the Canadian Women's Team have scored 178 VPs out of a possible 200. Now they're in third place, only 4 VPs out of first – a remarkable performance.

Austria's women defeated Israel by just enough to take over first place in their group. In the most crucial match of the day, Austria just missed a blitz, 24-6.

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 488	1	ITALY 468
2	POLAND 476	2	ISRAEL 464
3	INDONESIA 461	3	CHINESE TAIPEI 458
4	DENMARK 453	4	ICELAND 454
5	SPAIN 450	5	RUSSIA 440
6	NEW ZEALAND 435	6	NORWAY 436
7	PAKISTAN 418	7	GREAT BRITAIN 433
8	JAPAN 417	8	AUSTRALIA 425
9	SOUTH AFRICA 411	9	NETHERLANDS 422
10	SWEDEN 404	10	INDIA 421
11	AUSTRIA 401	11	BRAZIL 418
12	ARGENTINA 392	12	USA 406
13	CHILE 384	13	TURKEY 394
14	CANADA 382	14	FINLAND 374
15	CHINA 381	15	YUGOSLAVIA 373
16	BELGIUM 378	16	HUNGARY 370
17	CROATIA 368	17	PORTUGAL 367
18	IRELAND 367	18	GREECE 361
19	CZECH REPUBLIC 361	19	SLOVENIA 360
20	MOROCCO 352	20	HONG KONG 357
21	ROMANIA 343	21	SWITZERLAND 352
22	LITHUANIA 341	22	ESTONIA 344
23	UKRAINE 339	23	EGYPT 335
24	GERMANY 327	24	MONACO 335
25	LEBANON 324	25	LATVIA 327
26	PHILIPPINES 320	26	GUADELOUPE 322
27	SAN MARINO 317	27	VENEZUELA 319
28	LUXEMBOURG 299	28	BULGARIA 290
29	BANGLADESH 297	29	THAILAND 286
30	SINGAPORE 294	30	MAURITIUS 262
31	COLOMBIA 281	31	FRENCH POLYNES. 256
32	LIECHTENSTEIN 278	32	TUNISIA 256
33	MALAYSIA 238	33	JORDAN 249
34	BERMUDA 211	34	MEXICO 245
35	PALESTINE 112	35	CYPRUS 213
-B-		36	KENYA 204

O P E N**Round - 25 11.00**

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

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

Round - 27 17.00

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

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

Round - 26 14.00

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

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

Round - 28 21.30

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

MONACO	19	GREECE
SLOVENIA	20	SWITZERLAND
TURKEY	21	NORWAY
ESTONIA	22	KENYA
INDIA	23	RUSSIA
BRAZIL	24	HUNGARY
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ICELAND	32	MEXICO
PORTUGAL	33	LATVIA
ITALY	34	YUGOSLAVIA
JORDAN	35	HONG KONG
CYPRUS	36	USA

LADIES**Round - 17 15.30**

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

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

Round - 18 20.30

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

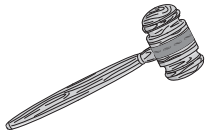
AUSTRALIA	62	JAMAICA
CHINESE TAIPEI	63	ITALY
POLAND	64	TURKEY
INDIA	65	CANADA
FRANCE	66	JAPAN
CROATIA	67	ARGENTINA
MALAYSIA	68	USA
FINLAND	69	BELGIUM
THAILAND	70	JORDAN
AUSTRIA	71	COLOMBIA
ISRAEL	72	Bye

**Reset
your watches!**

Tonight's the night you get an extra hour's sleep!

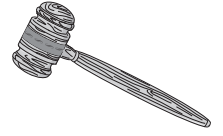
Greece goes on Winter Time tonight, so set your watches **BACK** an hour when you go to bed tonight.

Remember, it's Fall, so you **FALL** back.



APPEALS

CASES TEN-ELEVEN-TWELVE



By Rich Colker & Tommy Sandsmark

1 Olympiad Open Teams. Round Eight. Austria versus Czech Republic.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3NT

All Pass

⁽¹⁾ East indicated that North's double was slow, which North did not dispute

Facts: 3NT by South went down three, minus 300 for N/S. The Director was called to the table by E/W who stated that North's slow double could have influenced South's pull to 3NT. The Director ruled that the result at the table would stand.

The Appeal: E/W appealed, stating that North's break in tempo conveyed the dubious nature of his double to South, making it easier for that player to take it out. E/W believed that pass by South was a logical alternative to 3NT.

The Committee's Decision: The result at the table was allowed to stand for both pairs but was adjusted procedurally under Law 90 to reduce, N/S's equity in the match result by 1 VP.

Statement from the Chairman: As so often happens in cases of this sort, N/S's actions led to a situation which was impossible to adjudicate fairly and equitably for all concerned. North knew when he doubled 3♥ that E/W were in a scrambling mode, which would likely necessitate his making some tough decisions later in the auction about whether to double other contracts (such as 3♠) for penalty. It was incumbent upon him to consider his possible future actions when he made his "easy" double of 3♥. Failing this, when 3♠ came around to him it was then incumbent upon him to either not double, make his double in tempo, or live with the final contract once he created the impossible situation by doubling slowly. South as well was obligated not to take advantage of his partner's tempo by overriding his decision once he hesitated. South could have avoided the problem situation earlier by either asking North for a spade stopper directly over 1♠ (as by jumping to 3♠, for example) or by bidding 3NT himself at his first or second turn to act. Having done none of these, and having appeared to be satisfied with his description of his hand as a 3♦ bid to this point, he was under a special ethical obligation to pass his partner's slow double. It was for these reasons that the result at the table was adjusted slightly to reduce N/S's match result by 1 VP.

Committee: Robert Wolff, chairman; Joan Gerard, USA; John Wignall, New Zealand; Nissan Rand, Israel; and Barbara Nudelman, USA.

1 Open Teams. Round 9. Board 1.

The Committee: Bobby Wolff, USA (chairman); Barbara Nudelman, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Ernesto d'Orsi, Brazil; Mazhar Jafri, Pakistan; Naki Bruni, Italy; Nissan Rand, Israel; George Retek, Canada; and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

Love All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Dble	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	2♠ ⁽²⁾	4♥
	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Multi

⁽²⁾ Takeout double with four spades. Alerted by East; a disputed Alert by West

Table result: 8 down = Plus 2000 E/W

TD's statement of facts: TD was called to the table at the conclusion of the play. South maintained that West had not Alerted the 2♠ bid. There was an agreement as to the 2♠ bid: minimum of four spades if takeout, longer spades if natural.

TD's ruling: The result stands. North/South appealed.

The parties involved: West claimed that he in fact had Alerted the 2♠ bid. The Alert procedure had not been processed properly by any of the parties throughout the round. North/South had been tapping on the edge of the table, while East/West made some sort of gesture with their hands in the direction of the tray. In this particular case, West's gesture had been perceived by South as a question about the 2♦ opening. Consequently South wrote down some info about the opening, and no other questions were asked. South furthermore claimed that if he had known that East's 2♠ call could have been made on a four-card suit, he would not have been so sure that his partner had a weak 2♥, and he wouldn't have bid 4♥. South did admit that his 4♥ was of a gambling nature.

The Committee: The Committee agreed that there had been an infraction (West's improper Alert). West should have realized that South had not understood his attempt to Alert (since South replied to quite another question), and should have made it quite clear that his gesture was, in fact, an Alert. However, the Committee was of the unanimous opinion that South's action and subsequent bad result were more a result of his own gambling than a result arising from the dubious Alert.

The final result: The Committee upheld TD's decision: -2000 E/W.

Both parties had applied improper Alert procedures, but since West's questionable Alert actually brought the case to the Appeals Committee, E/W were given a penalty of 1 VP for the infraction. The other side were to be told by the TD to apply the correct Alert procedure for the rest of the tournament.

12 deposit was returned. Women's Teams. Round 7. Board 7.

The Committee: Bobby Wolff, USA (chairman); Barbara Nudelman, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Ernesto d'Orsi, Brazil; Naki Bruni, Italy; Nissan Rand, Israel; George Retek, Canada; Dan Morse, USA, and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

Love All. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	2♦	4♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
5♦ ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Artificial: 12-15 HCP Balanced or 16+ with any distribution (Polish Club)

⁽²⁾ Explained by East to North: "Any two-suiter" Explained by West to South: "the majors"

⁽³⁾ Explained by East to North: "Two majors". Explained by West to South: "Forcing + control"

Table result: 6♠ doubled by East +1 = Plus 1860 E/W

TD's statement of facts: TD was called to the table after the play. North complained that the explanation of both 4♦ and 5♦ had been different from one side of the screen to the other. North had doubled 6♠ for a heart lead as a result of East's explanation of the 4♦ and the 5♦ bids. South led a club instead of a heart, and the contract made.

TD's ruling: The result stands. North/South appealed.

The parties involved: South claimed that if she had had the same information as her partner, that West had both majors (5♦), the heart lead would have been her choice after her partner's Lightner double. Now, she thought that it would be more likely that her partner could ruff a club. Therefore she led a club. West denied having said that 5♦ showed control. There may have been some language difficulties here, for East claims that she never said "two majors" but "to my choose" (= she wants me to choose between the majors).

The Committee: The Committee, well aware of the language difficulties that existed, came to the unanimous conclusion that 4♦ in reality would always mean both majors. Therefore, South was unfortunate in her choice of a lead since she should have been able to deduce that North's void had to be in hearts.

The final result: The Committee upheld TD's decision: The table result stands. E/W were penalized 1 VP for their mistaken explanation. The deposit was returned.

Just Reward

By Patrick Jourdain

Textbook plays which present declarer with a losing option are really satisfying only when they gain, but Nicola Smith got 28 IMPs worth of pleasure from Board 11 of the Round 13 match between Great Britain and Sweden:

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ J 10 8 4 ♥ J 9 6 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ J 6 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 6 3 ♥ A 10 8 5 ♦ K 8 6 4 ♣ A Q 5</p>	
<p>♠ A K Q 7 ♥ K Q 4 3 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ K 10</p>		<p>♠ 9 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 5 2 ♣ 9 8 7 4 3</p>	

West	North	East	South
Swanstrom	Smith	Gothe	Davies
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

2NT showed 22/23. 3♦ was Stayman. 3NT was a slam try agreeing hearts. Two cuebids were followed by Roman Keycard Blackwood.

This was well-bid by Sweden. At the other table Britain had stopped in 6NT so it looked as if the Scandinavians were due a major gain.

North led the ♠J. Declarer won in hand and laid down the ♥K. Nicola promptly dropped the 9, giving Madeline Swanstrom the losing option of playing for this to be a singleton. She duly followed with a low trump. When Nicola produced a small trump, Swanstrom paused. She knew the possibilities, but what could she do? It was unthinkable to go down when the suit was 3-2, so eventually she put up the ace, and down went the grand slam.

Britain won 14 IMPs and the match 20-10. Had Nicola not dropped the 9, Sweden would have won.

On vugraph where Italy was playing USA, Italy also reached the grand, but it was 7NT. Lynn Deas promptly dropped the 9 but declarer just as promptly followed with the queen, and made her slam. In 7NT one feels declarer should have made a discovery play. If you test the diamonds, North has to throw a club. Then three rounds of clubs prove it is North who has long hearts.

Incidentally, there are two points worth considering. First, a competent North is three times more likely to hold J9xx and drop the 9 than to hold bare 9; second, note that South's spot card is the SEVEN. If North's 9 is a singleton, South must have dropped the 7 from J7xx. When the 10 is in dummy it is heavily with the odds to play for the defender who has dropped the 9 to have four cards rather than a singleton.



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

A double Greek tragedy

By Nissan Rand

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 3 ♥ — ♦ 3 2 ♣ A K J 9</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 4 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ A J 10 9 8 ♣ 10 6 3</p>	
<p>♠ A 2 ♥ A Q J 7 3 2 ♦ K 7 6 4 ♣ 7</p>		<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 8 6 5 ♦ Q 5 ♣ Q 8 5 4 2</p>	

This hand produced 20 different results in the Open Teams. East usually opened 1♦ and West responded 1♥. North interfered with 3♣ or 4♣. West usually bid 4♣ over 3♣ or 4NT over 4♣. Many E/W pairs bid 6♦, which was doubled by North for a heart lead. This double was not always understood by South.

Many E/W pairs changed from 6♦ to 6♥ after North's double. In the vugraph room, Brazil and Israel bid and made 6♥, as did nine other E/W pairs.

Our gracious hosts, the Greeks, had the worst of it at their table. In one room they doubled 6♦, and when the Russians switched to hearts, the Greek North doubled doubled and West redoubled. That was 2070 to Russia.

In the other room, the Greek East ran to 6NT following the double of 6♦. That contract went four down so the Greeks lost an additional 1100 for a total of 3070 and a loss of 22 IMPs. Truly Greek tragedies in both rooms.

I took the time to check all the scorecards, and I calculated the following frequency table:

Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
6NTx E	Down 4	+1100	2
4♣x N	Made	+790	8
6♦x E	Down 1	+200	3
4♣x N	Down 1	-200	10
5♣x S	Down 2	-500	2
5♦ E	Plus 1	-620	4
5♦ E	Plus 2	-640	5
4♥ W	Plus 1	-650	4
4♥ W	Plus 2	-680	10
5♦x E	Made	-750	1
6♣x N	Down 3	-800	1
5♥x E	Plus 1	-950	2
5♥x W	Plus 1	-1050	1
5♦x E	Plus 2	-1150	3
6♥ W	Made	-1430	9
6♥x W	Made	-1660	1
6♦x E	Plus 1	-1740	1
6♦xx E	Made	-1830	1
6♥xx W	Made	-2070	1

6♦ doubled was defeated by Pakistan, Poland and Turkey.

6♣ doubled was a successful sacrifice by the Netherlands.

Russia gained the top scores in both directions against Greece.



TODAY'S VUGRAPH MATCHES

14.00 hrs
Canada v Indonesia

17.00 hrs
Norway v Italy

21.30 hrs
France v South Africa



All matches in the Open series

Reddish Queen

By Ioan Bob

25-year-old Ovidiu Ghigheci is the rising star of Romanian bridge. Though the Rhodes Olympiad is his first international tournament, he has already impressed both opponents and teammates with his all-round excellence. Witness how shrewdly he avoided the trap laid for his partnership on this deal from Round 17.

<p>West ♠ Q 4 2 ♥ A K 9 7 6 4 3 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>East ♠ K 8 7 5 3 ♥ Q ♦ A K Q J 6 ♣ A J</p>
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East/West play a version of Blue Club and this was their auction:

<p>West</p> <p>1♠⁽²⁾ 2♥ 3♥ 4♥⁽³⁾ 5NT⁽⁵⁾ 6♥⁽⁷⁾</p>	<p>East</p> <p>1♣⁽¹⁾ 2♦ 2♣ 3♣⁽⁴⁾ 5♣⁽⁴⁾ 6♦⁽⁶⁾ Pass⁽⁸⁾</p>
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⁽¹⁾ 17+

⁽²⁾ Three controls

⁽³⁾ Emphasising good hearts

⁽⁴⁾ Cuebid

⁽⁵⁾ Pick a slam

⁽⁶⁾ My diamonds are so good partner

⁽⁷⁾ Afraid not, I meant hearts or spades

⁽⁸⁾ O.K. my reddish queen is a beauty, make good use of her

You can make 6♣ only if you can guess the position of a doubleton ace, while 6♥ needs much less.

Lucena Strikes Again!

Last year in Beijing we wrote up several examples of fine declarer play by Argentinian star, Carlos Lucena. In Round 19 of the Open Series he brought home a hopeless 3NT against Ireland.

Board 5. North/South Game. Dealer North.

♠ A Q 9 8 6 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ K 9 6 2 ♣ 4	♠ J 10 3 2 ♥ K Q J 4 ♦ J 7 ♣ Q 10 8	♠ K 4 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ A 10 5 3 ♣ K J 5 2
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Shanlon/McGann, for Ireland, play a version of Carrot Club in which a 1♣ opening shows either a mini notrump or any strong hand. Shanlon opened 1♣ on the North hand and it went Pass – 1♦ (negative) – 1♠ from Eduardo Scanavino. Lucena jumped straight to 3NT and McGann led a low club to the queen and king. Lucena's first move was to try the spades. On the third round he discarded a heart, as did South.

Lucena decided to believe South's alleged length signal so it seemed that he was 2-3-3-5. If so, he could be endplayed with the third diamond, if North did not gain the lead in hearts. Lucena led a heart after the third spade, hoping to find North with ♥KJxx, when he would surely play small. The intention was to put in the ten, win the return and play three rounds of diamonds, establishing an eighth trick with the endplay providing a ninth. But North had all the heart honors and duly played the jack. Lucena ducked and crossed his fingers.

From North's point of view, it seemed that declarer might have the ♣9, in which case a club return could be disastrous. He returned a heart and now Lucena had succeeded in his object even though the hearts were not as he needed them to be. He played off the diamonds and South avoided the endplay by pitching the queen, so that was all four diamond tricks and nine in all.

Preemptive Double

By Elena Maitova

Russia v Brazil Round 6 Ladies
Board 38. East/West Game. Dealer East.

♠ 10 7 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 8 5 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K 9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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 style="background-color: black;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ Q 6 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A Q 10 8 6 5 4
N		E						
W		S						

♠ 8 4 ♥ A K 9 6 4 ♦ A K 5 ♣ J 3 2	♠ A K J 9 5 ♥ – ♦ J 10 9 7 6 4 3 ♣ 7
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I was sitting East and thinking what a foolish hand I had. It is not our style to pre-empt vulnerable with broken suits. Besides, I don't like to hold all the "side-women in the pack" (queens). I prefer to hold the men. But my sixth sense told me I should do something. So, I... passed, and South passed also! Maybe their system doesn't include two-suited bids, but this hand can open a simple 1♠, I think. My partner bid 2♦, weak in one major and North overcalled 2♥.

Now began my chance to star. Double, I said, meaning please pass if you have hearts and we will penalize our poor opponents, while if you have spades we can play a spade contract comfortably.

Now look at things from South's point of view. She cannot pass because West surely has hearts, and she is afraid of spades because if LHO has hearts then surely RHO has spades for her double. Or, given the freak distribution of this hand, maybe LHO has spades and RHO has hearts. We know North doesn't have spades because she just overcalled. The high cards seem to be distributed roughly: 9-12-10-9. Who knows?

So it's South's turn to bid. She has long and unattractive diamonds, so she bid them as cheaply as possible – 3♦. West passed and now it was North's turn to think. Her partner had run from the double so had few hearts, so she was happy to have found a diamond fit and passed with relief.

As you can see, 6♦ is not a difficult contract to make. The preemptive double had done its trick, but the problem remained – where were the spades on this board? The answer is, they were at the other table where our teammates bid and made 4♠+1 after East preempted in clubs.

The music of the night

By T.P.O.T.O.

Night-time sharpens, heightens each sensation ... Darkness stirs and wakes imagination ... Silently the senses abandon their defenses ...

Is it morning? Afternoon? No, it is always night for a real bridge player.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

Italy v Chinese Taipei

♠ A K Q ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ A J 9 5 ♣ J 10 9	♠ J 7 6 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ A 5 4 3	♠ 8 5 3 2 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ Q 6 2
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♠ 10 9 4 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ K Q 7 4 ♣ K 8 7	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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 style="background-color: black;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	
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W		S						

Contract: INT by West.

Slowly, gently night unfurls its splendor ... Grasp it, sense it, tremulous and tender ...

Andrea Buratti, North, led the ♣4 (3rd and 5th) to the 9. Declarer led a small heart to the 9 ...

Turn your face away from the garish light of day, turn your thoughts away from cold, unfeeling light ...

The ♥9 won the trick.

... And listen to the Music of the Night ... Close your eyes and surrender to your darkest dreams!

Small heart to the 10 and the king of North ...

Purge your thoughts of the life you knew before!

Next the ♣3 to Massimo Lanzarotti's (South's) king ...

Close your eyes. Let your spirit start to soar!

Small diamond ...

... and you'll live as you've never lived before ...

It's time to claim: ace of diamonds (Oh!)

Softly, deftly, Music will surround you ...

Ace of spades.

Feel it, hear it, closing in around you ...

King of spades.

Open up your mind, let your fantasies unwind in this darkness which you know you cannot fight ...

Queen of spades.

... the darkness of the Music of the Night.

Ready for the final – small ♥ ...

Let your mind start a journey through a strange new world! Leave all thoughts of the world you knew before! Let your soul take you where you long to be!

to the jack! (overtricks?)

Only then can you belong to me!

North/South claim all the rest of the tricks. INT down one.

... the power of the Music of the Night ...

P.S. Just in case you haven't figured it out – **The Phantom Of The Opera.**



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South Africa v Poland

Open Series (Round 14)

By Barry Rigal

Board 19. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szymanowski	Mansell	Martens	Cope
			Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

This went one down – 200 to South Africa.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Donde	Balicki	Booker	Zmudzinski
			Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	5♥!	Dble	All Pass

Donde guessed the hearts for plus 650. 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 21. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

Is 3NT best? 4♠ makes since on a club lead the heart losers go away (one on the ♠A and one on the ♦Q), and on a diamond lead the club vanishes. However, both tables played 4♥.

Balicki of Poland went down when the defense got their four tricks.

Szymanowski led the ♠4 and won the ♦A to give his partner a spade ruff. Martens ruffed with the jack – an error since Cope won the diamond continuation and laid down the ♥K. When Martens followed small, Cope correctly reasoned that Martens would not have wasted the ♥J (since declarer might have had K-x-x-x-x) and so played for the drop. Making four – 12 more IMPs to

South Africa.

Board 28. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

South Africa appeared to be headed for the maximum until this board came up. When Zmudzinski opened 2♠, East bid 3♦ and West carried on to 3NT. On a spade lead the defense remembered to shift to hearts and that was one down.

At the table Martens doubled and Szymanowski finished in 5♣. This is defeated on a heart lead, but Mansell led a top spade. If you believe that North does not have a singleton diamond, the correct technical play to guard against 4-1 trumps is beautiful. Win the ♠A, ruff a spade, then duck a diamond! Szymanowski actually finessed a diamond at trick two, but when trumps split he was home.

Double Delight for Daniela

By Mark Horton

When Germany played Mexico in Round 12, Daniela von Arnim soon found herself in the thick of things. She faced an interesting play problem on this deal:

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Montelongo	Auken	Rosenberg	von Arnim
			Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A typically aggressive auction left Dani in a thin 3NT. West led the ♥J and, not imagining that West would pass the opening bid with ♥AJ10x, declarer played low.

When West promptly switched to a diamond it was clear that Dani had done the wrong thing in the heart suit, but after winning East's queen with the king, she calmly played a club to the jack. East was now marked with both club honors and moments later Dani was scoring up her vulnerable game.

In the other room, East-West were allowed to play the hand in 2♠ and took six tricks.

Moments later Germany struck a decisive blow:

Board 28. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Montelongo	Auken	Rosenberg	von Arnim
1♣	1♠	INT	Dble ⁽¹⁾
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Takeout

East made a big mistake when she retreated from the relatively safe haven of INT doubled, which would almost certainly have failed by only one trick.

North led a small heart which went to the queen and ace. Now it was West's turn to err, for she played the ♠A and a spade to the queen and king.

South switched to a low diamond and three rounds of the suit allowed North to discard her remaining heart. She was able to ruff a heart, cash the ♠J and play another spade, ruffed with the 7 and overruffed with the jack.

South played a diamond, ruffed and overruffed, and North played a spade, endplaying the dummy. When declarer ruffed Dani showed her sense of humor by underuffing!

+1100 was worth 14 IMPs.

Mixed Teams World Championship 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 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.

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 master-points.

India v United States

Open Series (Round 8)

And the lights went out!

This was the vugraph match that fell victim to the power failures. But there was a lot of great action before everything went black.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

♠ Q 6 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ A K Q 4 2	♠ 9 7 5 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A K ♣ J 10 9 8 7	♠ K J 10 4 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ Q 4 2 ♣ 6 5 3
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West	North	East	South
All Pass	Pass	Pass	3♥!

Jack Oest really put it to his opponents with that unusual preempt. He was allowed to play it there, and he almost made, suffering only a one-trick defeat. This was the auction at the other table;

West	North	East	South
Goldfein	Ghose	Robbins	Shivdasani
2NT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

U.S. Captain Bart Bramley expected Jerry Goldfein to bid 3♣, whereupon Larry Robbins would be in 3NT. Then he thought Jaggy Shivdasani would make a surprise attack in diamonds, which of course would have succeeded in defeating the contract. But Goldfein gave his captain a happy surprise by bidding 2NT, making North, Santanu Ghose, the opening leader instead. Ghose led a club and Goldfein quickly drove out the ♠A. Now he had no trouble making nine tricks – three spades, three clubs, two hearts and a diamond – for an 8-IMP pickup.

Our next offering concerns a terrific battle between Goldfein and Ghose.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

♠ A K 10 6 5 4 ♥ A 10 7 6 4 ♦ – ♣ Q 5	♠ 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
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West	North	East	South
Goldfein	Ghose	Robbins	Shivdasani
1♠	Pass	Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾
4♥	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

⁽¹⁾ Suggesting that partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopped.

At the other table, the Indian West was pushed to 5♣ after South first cuebid in spades and then bid 5♦ on his eight-carder. On a diamond lead this was beaten one trick – plus 200 for the U.S.

Ghose seemed to have a natural club lead, but he decided from the bidding that it was important to lead a trump – and indeed this was the best lead. Goldfein saw the problems he was going to face as a result of the trump lead, so he won with the queen and immediately won after clubs, the queen losing to the ace.

Ghose saw what was coming – a Morton's Fork Coup. If he returned another trump, Goldfein would lead another club, and Ghose would be impaled. If he won the king, that would set up two club tricks in dummy. And if ducked he would never get his club trick. On the carding that took place on the first club trick, he decided correctly that his partner had a singleton. So he shattered the possibility of the coup by returning a LOW club, which Jaggy ruffed with his last trump.

Jaggy tried to cash a diamond, but Goldfein ruffed and led the ♥A, on which Jaggy played the 9, and continued with a second heart. Ghose thought long and hard about this. If his partner had the 10-9 doubleton, then he should play the jack so that he could return a trump. But if his partner had the queen-9 doubleton, then he had to perform a Crocodile Coup, rising with the king to swallow partner's queen. Finally he decided that Jaggy would have unblocked the queen if he had it, so he didn't have it. Therefore, he played the jack and was most unhappy when his partner had to overtake with the queen. Now there was no way to stop Goldfein – he ruffed the diamond return and was able to ruff two hearts in dummy. Then he was able to draw the last trump and score his game-going trick with the long heart. Plus 790 for a 14-IMP gain.

Excellent defense on the part of Ghose and excellent declarer play on the part of Goldfein.

It looked as if the Americans were going to lose a bundle of IMPs on Board 26, but it didn't work out that way.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

♠ Q 10 9 5 ♥ A K 9 3 2 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ A	♠ J 6 3 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ K Q 9 3 ♣ K 9 3	♠ 8 4 2 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 10 7 6 5 2
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Garner bought the hand for 1♠ and had to play it in his 3-3 fit. West had opened with 1♥ and Oest had made a reopening double. Garner decided to bid his three-card spade suit instead of his diamonds. That was set three tricks – minus 300 on a hand where there is no game. This was the bidding at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Goldfein	Ghose	Robbins	Shivdasani
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Dble
Dble	Redbl	2♥	Pass
Pass	?	Pass	Pass

And the lights went out. The vugraph spectators couldn't find out what happened at this point until after the match was over because the vugraph show was never resumed.

It turned out that Ghose doubled, so Goldfein played in 2♥ doubled. Goldfein actually made his contract with an overtrick – plus 870. So instead of losing on the deal the Americans picked up 11 IMPs. And they went on to win the match, 23-7.

The best defense of the Olympiad?

By Alan Truscott

Maybe the best defense of the Olympiad occurred on the following deal, starring Branko Spiljak of Croatia.

Love All. Dealer South.

♠ J 9 7 5 4 ♥ 9 6 4 2 ♦ K J 8 ♣ 8	♠ K Q 6 2 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ A 4 ♣ K 6 5 2	♠ 10 3 ♥ A K 8 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ Q 10 7 4 3
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Normal bidding led to a normal contract, and Goran Borevkovic, as West, led the ♥6. At other tables, the defense cleared hearts and South had a clear road to nine tricks. Declarer won the third round of hearts in dummy and finessed the ♣J successfully. Then he cashed top clubs and top spades, after which a spade lead endplayed West and forced a lead from the ♦K at the finish.

Spiljak as East found two brilliant moves to prevent his partner from sharing the fate of his counterparts. At the second trick he shifted to the ♦10 which was covered by the queen, king and ace. South finessed the ♣J successfully, and was in this position:

♠ J 9 7 5 4 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ –	♠ K Q 6 2 ♥ J 7 ♦ 4 ♣ K 6 5	♠ 10 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 6 5 ♣ Q 10 7 4
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South led the ♥10 to dummy's jack, and Spiljak ... DUCKED!

Now there was no way for South to come home. If he cashed any winners, he would set up tricks for the defense while they still had communications.

But if Spiljak had taken his ♥A in the diagrammed position, West would have been squeeze-endplayed in spades and diamonds as before, with no way out.

This was reported by the victim in the South seat, George Mittelman of Canada. He was full of admiration for the card-playing skills of his Croatian opponents.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Romanian players – Ioan Bob, Mihai Margulescu and Bogdan Marina – wish to thank Mr N. Rotileanu, the owner of The Leader Bridge Club in Bucharest, who partially covered their expenses to allow them to be here in Rhodes.

Iceland v Australia

Open Series (Round 19)

By Barry Rigal

On a wild set of boards, with game on every hand and slam on most, it was only natural that a lot of IMPs changed hands. Both teams started by letting impossible games make, and then two interesting 3NT contracts came along.

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Both tables reached 3NT by West after South had shown a weak hand with hearts. In the Closed Room Arnarson won the first heart to play the ♠K, which knocked out the wrong entry. Neill won and cleared hearts – and that was two down.

In the Open Room Roberts took the second heart and played on clubs. He led a club to the queen and ace, then followed up with the ♠K. When South showed out he set up clubs to escape for one down. But if he had thrown a club from the dummy on the heart, then led a club to the queen, pitched a spade from dummy on the next heart and turned to diamonds, he could have made the hand. Still, one down gained 3 IMPs.

Board 12. North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

3NT was declared by North at both tables, and the opening lead was a small diamond. Both took the ace, unblocked spades and played a club to the king. When this lost to the ace, chances seemed negligible. But Baldursson won the diamond return in hand and led a club to the 8 – a good guess. Then he took his third diamond and cashed his clubs, leaving this position:

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

Baldursson called for the ♥Q! But Roberts was up to it – he ducked, then unblocked his king under the ♥A. As a result the defense took the last three tricks. Well defended – and again it was a gain of 3 IMPs since 3NT went down two at the other table.

Crucial Points

By Radislaw Kielbasinsky

The Polish players are sometimes compared to magicians. Here are a couple of examples:

Vanishing Trick

In Round 14 Poland lost to South Africa 7-23. The only bright spot came on this deal where Cezary Balicki made a difficult contract and saved what might turn out to be a vital couple of Victory Points.

Board 22. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
	Balicki		Zmudzinski
2♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	4♣
		All Pass	

Balicki didn't like the idea of playing in 4♣. If partner's hand included ♥Qxx and a singleton diamond, there might well be a slam. He won the opening diamond lead with the ace and played two rounds of trumps. The fall of the jack from West combined with the bidding persuaded him that trumps would be 4-2. In that case he appeared to have three losers – a spade, a heart and a diamond.

Here is how he made one of them disappear!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

How the non-played match between Chinese Taipei and Bulgaria will be scored

The match between Bulgaria and Chinese Taipei (Round 10 Open Teams) was not played because Bulgaria was suspended by the WBF (arrear in paying the entry fees).

In order to determine an equitable score for that match the WBF Executive Council has decided:

The Chinese Taipei score in the match against Bulgaria will be the greater of either

- 18 VP or
- Chinese Taipei's average score in all matches played in the Round-Robin, or
- As calculated by the following formula:

The average score of the eight teams (four or less immediately higher-placed and four or more immediately lower-placed than Chinese Taipei) against Bulgaria.

Bulgaria's score, in any case, will be the complement of Chinese Taipei's score.

Ernesto d'Orsi

He continued with the ♠K. East took the ace and played a club. Declarer won with the ace, played a spade to the queen and ruffed a spade. That was followed by three winning clubs and another spade ruff. The ♥K was his 11th trick. At trick 13 East had to ruff his partner's diamond winner.

Magic Fit

In Round 17 Poland played against our neighbors from the South, the Czechs. On this deal Gardynik-Przybora bid the spots off their cards and reached game with only 20 points and no five-card suit between them!

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
	Przybora		Gardynik
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
2♦	2♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The second double was a game try in hearts. Przybora, deciding that his points were working and hoping his singleton diamond would be important, bid the game without hesitation.

At the other table East-West were allowed to play in 3♦ down one.

How to find a partner

By Sam Leckie

Finding a partner for the World Championship Journalist Pairs is no easy matter.

First I approached a famous Welshman and was met with that old response, "If you had just asked me five minutes ago. I just got fixed up."

Then I approached a famous Swede, who said, "The time does not suit me."

"How do you know?" I asked. "They haven't fixed the time yet."

"Did I say time?" he mumbled in embarrassment. "I meant the date."

I decided on a different tack. Casually I met a great Dane and said, "Jourdain is looking for you. He wants to ask you to play with him like last year."

Immediately he said, "How would you like to play?"

Pretty smart, eh?

Canada v USA

Ladies Series (Round 14)

The big North American match-up between Canada and USA began quietly with four flat boards. USA picked up a couple of IMPs on Board 25, then came the first significant swing.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Juanita Chambers opened a weak 2♠ as dealer, East, and Shawn Quinn, West, enquired with 2NT. Chambers showed a maximum with good spades and Quinn bid 4♣. Though the defense solved the heart problem for her, there were three trumps and a heart to lose – minus 100.

Barbara Saltsman did not open the East hand, not liking the side four-card major. Francine Cimon opened 1♦ and Saltsman responded 1♠ then rebid 2♠ over the 2♣ rebid. Cimon passed that and 2♠ made a comfortable +140; 6 IMPs to Canada.

Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

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



Lyan Deas, USA

The next Chambers weak two proved to be more successful. 2♠ was passed out, neither opponent feeling quite able to make a bid, and that was three down; –150.

Saltsman also opened 2♠ but, after two passes, Lynn Deas, North, bid 2NT and Gail Greenberg raised her to game. Deas risked only the one finesse she needed for her contract, but +400 was worth 6 IMPs to USA who led by 7 IMPs at the halfway point. But from here on in things went sour for the Americans.

Board 32. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Sharyn Reus opened 2NT and Dianna Gordon used Stayman then jumped to 4NT, quantitative. Reus passed that. Deas also opened 2NT but Greenberg raised straight to 4NT. Deas bid 5NT over that, Greenberg 6♦ and Deas 6NT. It's tough to justify going on over 4NT, but the cards lie in such a way that declarer gets a chance to justify her bidding.

Reus won the diamond lead on table and led the ♣9 to the king and ace. She unblocked the ♦K, crossed to the ♠Q and led the ♣8 to Quinn's queen. Back came a spade which she won. She cashed the remaining spades and played ace and a heart to the king. The ♦A now squeezed Quinn, saving any guess; +490.

In the other room it started spade to the queen, club to king and ace, diamond to the queen, club to the queen. Deas didn't try for the squeeze, going for either the club break or the heart finesse. That led to two down; –100, and 11 IMPs to Canada.

On Board 34, at favorable vulnerability, you hear 1♦ from partner, 2♥ weak on your right. You double with:

♠ A J 7 5
♥ 8
♦ 10 9 8 7 2
♣ A 3 2

and it goes 3♥ – Pass – Pass – back to you. Your call? Quinn bid 4♦ while Cimon tried 5♦, both ending the auction. Game isn't anything to get excited about, but it has some chances and duly comes home -- 6 IMPs to Canada.

Board 36. Game All. Dealer West.

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

Both tables started 1♥ – Pass – 4♥ – 4♣. Cimon now passed the West hand and 4♣ drifted a couple off for –200. Quinn bid on to 5♥ and Reus promptly doubled, knowing that 4♣ was bid under pressure and having no reason to imagine that 5♠ might make. Quinn's choice looks wrong with such good defense and it proved to be very costly; three down for –800 and 14 IMPs to Canada.

Canada led by 18 IMPs with two boards to go, a useful winning margin, but those last two boards turned it into a very good win indeed.

Board 39. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Greenberg opened a natural weak 2♦ and Deas punted 3NT. Saltsman led a spade which ran to the 10, and Deas played a diamond to dummy then tried to split the clubs. The 5-1 break meant that this was impossible and the earlier diamond play meant that it was no longer possible to fall back on that suit. The defense eventually switched to hearts and Deas was a trick short; –100.

Gordon also played 3NT, but Chambers had got in a 1♠ overcall and Reus had invented a heart suit so Quinn led her spade singleton. Gordon won dummy's 9 and tried the clubs first. That made a crucial difference because when she saw the bad break she could switch her attention to diamonds and still had a spade entry in her hand to get at the established tricks; +600 and 12 IMPs to Canada.

Board 40. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Both Wests opened 1NT and the Norths jumped to 3♦. East has a tough bid and Saltsman solved it by making a takeout double, then raised the 3♣ response to 4♣.

That was +450 to Canada.

Chambers simply bid a natural and forcing 3♠ and Gordon competed with 4♦. Now Quinn thought she had too many controls to merely bid 4♣ so tried 4♥, convinced that she could not have a natural 4♥ bid in this auction. Whatever the rights and wrongs of that, Chambers passed 4♥. That was four down for –200 and another 12 IMPs to Canada.

The final score was 63-21 to Canada; 24-6 VPs – a big step towards qualification for the Canadians.

Great Britain v Italy

Open Series (Round 22)

In a match where both teams' highly aggressive style of opening and preempting was visible to the vugraph spectators, not all that many IMPs changed hands.

Great Britain's major pickup came on Board 22.

Board 22. East/West Game. Dealer East.

<p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ K J 10 7 ♦ J ♣ A Q J 7 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A 5 ♥ Q 8 3 2 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ 10 9 8 6</p>	<p>♠ J 4 2 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ K 8 5 4 3 ♣ 5 2</p>
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When Tony Forrester opened 1♠, North doubled for takeout and then passed the 2♣ response, which was a transfer to diamonds. Declarer made eight tricks for +90.

However, in the Open Room Alfredo Versace opened 2♦, a three-way bid including a 5-card major with four diamonds. Justin Hackett doubled and this was passed back to Alfredo, who tried 2♠. South doubled this, too – and it looks to be a close contract on a diamond lead.

But Justin found the ♠J lead, which held the trick. A heart to the ace, two rounds of clubs and a low club ruffed with the ♠J and overruffed saw declarer collecting his first trick. The ♠10 was covered by the queen and ace, then a diamond to the ♠Q and Versace exited with the ♠8. Justin won the ♠9 and played the ♣Q. All declarer could collect were his two trump tricks and the ♦A for minus 500.

Italy got it all back when a heavy and rather off-center Forrester preempt led to his side's missing a lay-down game.

The most interesting deal was the last hand on vugraph.

Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ K J 10 7 2 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ 4 ♣ J 10 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 9 8 3 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A K Q ♣ K Q 5 2</p>	<p>♠ A 6 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ J 9 8 7 6 5 3 ♣ 8</p>
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<p>West Versace</p>	<p>North Justin</p>	<p>East Lauria</p>	<p>South Jason</p>
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<p>2♣⁽¹⁾ 2♠</p>	<p>Pass Pass</p>	<p>Pass 2♦ 3♥⁽²⁾</p>	<p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>
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⁽¹⁾ Showing the majors ⁽²⁾ Invitational

The lead of the ♦10 went to the queen, and the shift was to a club, Lauria ruffing the second club. He took the top spades, ruffing a diamond and a club, then led a low diamond in this ending:

<p>♠ K J 10 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ – ♣ –</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 9 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ – ♥ A ♦ J 9 8 7 6 ♣ –</p>
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Jason discarded a club and declarer made his four trumps separately for his contract. Instead, try ruffing with the ♥J! It looks unnatural, but I believe it promotes partner's ♥8 for the setting trick. Since Italy gained 2 IMPs instead of losing 5, they won by 10 IMPs for a 17-13 win instead of a tie.

Egypt v Tunisia

By Cadi Tazi Abdellatif

Let the opponents work for you!

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ 5 ♦ K 7 5 3 ♣ K J 6 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 10 9 8 4 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ Q 10 9 2 ♣ Q 9</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 ♥ A J 10 2 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ 8 7 3</p>
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<p>West</p>	<p>North</p>	<p>East</p>	<p>South</p>
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<p>Pass Pass Pass</p>	<p>1♦ 1♠ 3NT</p>	<p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>1♣ 1♥ INT</p>
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The Tunisian West decided to lead the ♣4, as Egypt were playing five-card majors. Declarer, Wafik el Masry, put up the jack and lost to the queen. East returned a club to dummy's king. El Masry led dummy's heart to the 10 and king. West took his clubs, booking declarer. East discarded a diamond and a spade, declarer a heart.

Next West led the ♦J to the king, 9 and 6. When declarer next ran spades, East chose to discard a diamond on the last one – a heart would have been no better. Declarer discarded a heart, then led the ♦3 to his ace, and then the 4 to the good 7 and 5. Well played.

Be careful when you play the Egyptians – don't give them the opportunity to rectify the count!



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Those present at these championship offer their sincere condolences to Jet Pasman, a member of the Netherlands Women's team, and her husband, Chris Niemeier, captain of the Dutch team, on the sudden and unexpected death of their brother-in-law in Holland. Jet and Chris flew back to the Netherlands yesterday immediately after hearing the news.

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Olympic Bridge Festival

ROUSSOS ON THE LEAD AFTER THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SWISS TEAMS

Yesterday morning, the two-session Swiss Teams event began. In the event, 25 teams with players from approximately 15 countries, participated.

The matches for the first two rounds were determined by draw. The seating for the third round was based on the first round's result, the fourth round was based, on the second round's result, etc.

In the first round the Greek team of **George Roussos** (Roussos, Kotsiopoulos, Sapounakis, Panopoulos) blitzed 25 - 4 a Greek-Rumanian combination and took over the lead, followed by the Israeli team of **Gans Ilana**. In the second round, Roussos defeated **Lady's I** team 19-11 and remained first ahead of the Greek team of **Vlohaitopoulou**. In the third round Roussos faced the runnerup of the first round Gans Ilana and won 17-13, maintaining a difference of one VP over the transnational team of Curtis Cheek which climbed up after two strong victories 19-11 and 25-1. In the fourth round, Roussos crashed Vlohaitopoulou 25-1, expanding the lead over Cheek to 12 VPs.

The standings after the four rounds of the first session are:

1. Roussos	86 VPs	+106 IMPs
2. Cheek	74 VPs	+45 IMPs
3. Stucker	70 VPs	+32 IMPs
4. Castren	69 VPs	+32 IMPs
5. Er/Cas	68 VPs	+24 IMPs
6. Bessiri	67 VPs	+23 IMPs

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Swiss Teams Points

for the first position = Number of teams X 4

for the remaining positions = Number of teams minus position in Final Ranking X 4

A brilliant end-play

Board 21. None. Dealer South

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

This board is from the 2nd session of the 2-session Open Pairs. West was Ilana Gans and East was Motti Gelbard, the Israeli who won the Continuous Pairs.

The bidding was:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble !!
Redbl	1♠!	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The lead was ♠Q and declarer tried the King with no success. He ruffed the spade return and continued with a small heart which lost to South's Ace. South played another spade ruffed by declarer. Motti now played heart to the King, confirming the trump position. Then he played dummy's last spade in case North held four... and cashed his last heart (the Queen). He continued with clubs and North did his best by ruffing the fourth round but was forced to play a diamond away from his King.

Marianna Koroni
Vassilis Virvidakis

Today's events

Swiss Teams 2nd session
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(evening at 21.00)

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