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Vivaldi-Rossano win Mixed



Antonio Vivaldi (Italy)



Enza Rossano (Italy)

Antonio Vivaldi and Enza Rossano of Italy came through with a powerful 65.28% game in the second final session to win the J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs yesterday. This pair has won many titles in Italy and in Europe.

They needed that big game - Claude Blouquit and Marc Bompis of France came roaring through the final with a super 68.64% game to take the silver medal and just miss the gold. Vivaldi and Rosano averaged 64.07% over the final two sessions, while Blouquit and Bompis had 63.96%.

The winners led after Saturday's qualifying sessions. They fell to fourth place in the first final session, but they still had plenty left to pull back and win the crown.

The two pairs finished well ahead of the bronze medalists, Jens and Sabine Auken of Denmark. They had 62.39% for the day.

Another French pair - world champion Paul Chemla and Catherine D'Ovidio, were fourth, followed by the German pairing of Andrea Rauscheid and Nedja Buchlev.

The highest ranking non-European pair was Martha and Ralph Katz of the United States, who were sixth. European pairs took 10 of the top 11 placings. The first Far East pair was Michael Courtney and M. Courtney of Australia.

Results of the Elf Zonal Mixed Pairs were not available at press time. They will appear in tomorrow's Daily News.

Data about the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams and the Louis Vuitton McConnell Teams

Teams entered in the Vivendi Rosenblum event (open) have been divided into 16 groups of 15 or 16 teams. Each team will play five rounds of 10 boards today, tomorrow and Wednesday. The top four teams in each group will qualify to play in the Round of 64 knockout phase on Thursday.

Teams entered in the Louis Vuitton McConnell Teams (women's event) have been divided into four groups of 13 or 14 teams. Each team will play four or five rounds of 10 boards per day. The top eight teams in each group will qualify to play in the Round of 32 knockout phase on Thursday.

The groups will be posted in the lobby.

The following will be the daily schedule for the round-robins:

First match	10:45 to 12:10
Second match	12:30 to 13:55
<i>Break</i>	
Third match	14:45 to 16:10
Fourth match	16:30 to 17:55
Fifth match	18:15 to 19:40

It is likely that teams entered in the Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon will follow the same schedule today and tomorrow.

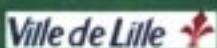
Teams are requested to check their scores after each match. After reaching agreement with their opponents should teams submit their result form at the result desk. The desk is located just outside the playing area near the main entrance.

There also will be an official scorecard with the names of the players and the results of all the boards. Teams are instructed to leave this scorecard on the table.

The matches will be scored by IMPs translated into Victory Points according to the 10-board scale listed on the scorecard.

In all cases the first-listed team will seat its North-South pair in the Open Room. The room will be set up as follows:

The tables of each group will be in a straight line - eight tables numbered 1-8, then a space, then eight more tables numbered 101-108. Each match will consist of matched numbers: 1 vs. 101, 2 vs. 202, etc.



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An Old Theme Revisited

In Sunday's Daily News, we saw a few boards featuring Bermuda's Vera Petty and Roman Smolski. Over the course of those boards, they were pretty uninspired, and would like to offer this exhibit from the second qualifying session of the J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs to show that things did get better.

Session 2. Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Smolski		Petty	
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	All Pass	

Smolski kicked off with the queen of spades to the king and ace and Petty returned a spade. Smolski won the jack and switched to a low heart. Not altogether surprisingly, declarer misguessed by playing low. Petty won the queen and played a third spade for declarer to ruff. Now declarer played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing in dummy, followed by a club to the queen. On this trick, Smolski dropped the jack! Declarer fell for the false-card. She assumed that the two remaining clubs were on her right so, rather than lay down the ♣A, played a heart. Smolski won the ♥A and played his fourth diamond, allowing Petty to over-ruff dummy for one down and an excellent matchpoint score as most North/Souths were making ten tricks in a club contract.

While one must applaud East/West for their defence, and in particular Smolski for dropping the ♣J, declarer should surely not have been taken in by it. If East really held three clubs, it was quite unlikely that she would also have sufficient length in the red suits to allow declarer an entry to dummy to take the club finesse, although the 1♠ opening could have been on four cards.



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10:45 Coralia Continuous Pairs


(Tomorrow)

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Final-Session One



J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

South tried very hard to set up a squeeze on the opening deal, but the cards weren't right. Not only that - Eric Rodwell and Leslie Reynolds were careful with their discards.

First final. Board 1. Vul none. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell		Reynolds	
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

When North bid 4♣, South thought he was showing a heart-club two-suiter. It's a matchpoint game, so she went for the maximum spot.

Eric Rodwell of the United States decided to lead the ♣Q despite South's statement about the two-suiter. Declarer won, took one diamond, then attempted to set up the timing for the squeeze by ducking a heart, Reynolds overtaking partner's 10 with the queen. Declarer won the club return and ran diamonds, coming down to the ♠K-9 and ♥A-8 opposite the ♠A-J-8 and the ♥9. Rodwell was down to the top club and three spades to the queen. When declarer cashed the ♥A, Rodwell pitched his good club. Declarer had no other hope so she cashed the ♠K and finessed the jack. Down one.

This was the bidding when Grant Baze and Rhoda Walsh were North-South.

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

⁽¹⁾ First or second-round control somewhere.
⁽²⁾ Spade control but no heart control.
⁽³⁾ I have hearts well under control and I assume you have clubs well covered.

There was nothing to the play. The spade ruff was the 12th trick.

Baze and Walsh had another good result on Board 5, but things did not work out well for Rodwell and Reynolds.

Ernesto d'Orsi and Joan Gerard had back to back difficult decisions on whether or not to bid on in clubs on Boards 3 and 4.

First final. Board 3. E/W vul. Dealer South

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

West	North	East	South
D'Orsi		Gerard	
1♣	1♥	Dble	3♥
Pass	4♥	5♣	All Pass

North-South's heart game was headed for a set, at least down one and maybe down two. But Gerard thought her hand would complement her partner's very well, so she took a two-way shot - if the club game made, fine, and if it didn't maybe it would be a good save against 4♥. But there was no way to avoid losing a spade, a heart and the trump ace for down one.

First final. Board 4. Both vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
D'Orsi		Gerard	
1♣	1♦	2♣	4♠
All Pass			

Gerard and d'Orsi carefully took their three tricks, so South was held to 10 tricks. But this time the club save would have worked.

East-West would lose only a spade and three diamonds, for minus 500 instead of minus 620. Few pairs found this save, however.

First final. Board 5. N/S vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell		Reynolds	
	1♣	Dble	5♣
5♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

South really put it to Rodwell with that jump to 5♣. After considerable thought he tried 5♥. When that came back to him doubled, he tried spades. When he saw dummy, he hoped spades were 3-1 so that 5♣ would be a make. But spades were 2-2, so the save, which went down three tricks, became a phantom.

The bidding was altogether different at the Baze-Walsh table.

West	North	East	South
Baze		Walsh	
	INT	Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Dble ⁽³⁾	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Minor suit Stayman.
⁽²⁾ Four-card support for clubs.
⁽³⁾ Intended as takeout, but West misinterpreted the bid and passed.

Baze actually scored two overtricks - plus 1070 - because the defence slipped and gave him a ruff-sluff.

Sometimes you have to cash out - otherwise the setting trick disappears. Watch what happened on this deal.

First final. Board 6. E/W vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A Q 10 9 8 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ J 6 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ 5 ♥ A K 8 6 2 ♦ K Q 10 9 2 ♣ 10 7</p> <p>♠ K 7 4 ♥ J 5 ♦ 5 ♣ A K Q 8 5 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>		<i>Reynolds</i>	
		1♥	2♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Reynolds tried the ♥A, but Rodwell gave her a negative signal. Next she led the ♦Q, but once again Rodwell said no as declarer ducked. So Reynolds switched to her singleton spade, Rodwell winning the queen. He gave the matter considerable thought, then led a heart. Reynolds won declarer's queen with her king but was helpless. She led another heart, but declarer was gin - seven clubs, a heart and a diamond.

Rodwell had to cash his ♠A while he was in. It wasn't likely that partner had underled the jack, and if the spade was a singleton, cashing now was the only way to score the ace.

First final. Board 11. Vul none. Dealer South.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ A K Q J 6 ♣ K Q 6 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ A K 6 5 4 ♥ 10 9 7 3 ♦ 9 ♣ 9 7 4</p> <p>♠ 10 9 8 7 2 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ J 2</p> <p>♠ Q J ♥ A Q 2 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ A 10 8 5</p>
N						
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Baze</i>		<i>Walsh</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Dble ⁽¹⁾	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dble ⁽²⁾	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Strong with diamonds. Primarily penalty.

⁽²⁾ Takeout.

Walsh had a difficult decision after partner bid 2♥. It sounded as if partner had five spades and four hearts, so either way it was going to be a seven-card trump suit. Since her doubleton spade consisted of two honours, she decided to revert to spades, and that too was

doubled, this time primarily for takeout. However, East passed, figuring her side's best chance was to defend 2♠.

The opening diamond lead was won with the jack, and West switched to a trump. Since East had allowed the double to stand, Baze decided to try to make as many of his small trumps as possible. He ruffed a diamond and led and passed the ♥10, losing to the king. West led the ♦A, and once again Baze ruffed. He now cashed his two heart tricks and the ♣A. Then he led a diamond from dummy and ruffed it with his ace. He led his good heart, ruffing with the queen - and he still had the ♠K for an overtrick - plus 630.

Baze and Walsh got to a good contract on the next board, and then Baze added icing to the cake by scoring an overtrick.

First final. Board 12. N/S vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Baze</i>		<i>Walsh</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Minor suit Stayman.

⁽²⁾ Better diamonds than clubs.

West won the heart opening lead and shifted to a spade to the 10, jack and ace. Baze crossed to his hand with the ♥K and passed the ♣9 to the queen. When he regained the lead by winning the spade return, he was rewarded by dropping the ♣K doubleton, thus scoring a valuable overtrick - plus 130.

The save in 5♥ certainly looks reasonable on the next board, but it didn't work out that way.

First final. Board 13. Both vul. Dealer North.

<p>♠ K Q 10 8 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ J 6 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ J 9 8 5 3 2 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A 10 9</p> <p>♠ A 9 5 4 ♥ 4 ♦ K 8 7 3 ♣ Q 8 4 2</p> <p>♠ J ♥ A K Q 10 6 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ K 7 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Baze</i>		<i>Walsh</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♥
All Pass	4♥	4♠	5♥

Baze has a clear raise to 4♥, but East has just as clear a raise to 4♠. That led to a tough decision for Walsh - would her side be able to get even a single heart trick, or would 4♠ make? She decided that it wasn't worth the gamble - she went on to the five level. The spade game does go down one because declarer would have to lose a heart. But 5♥ also had to go down - the defence quickly took two diamonds and a spade.

First final. Board 14. None vul. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 8 6 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ 8 6 5 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ Q 7 5 ♥ J 9 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 4 ♣ 10 7</p> <p>♠ K J 9 4 3 ♥ A Q 6 5 ♦ J 6 ♣ K J</p> <p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ 10 8 4 3 ♦ K ♣ A Q 9 4 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Baze</i>		<i>Walsh</i>
Pass		1♠	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Another difficult one for North-South. Should Baze reopen in the passout seat? It's a good six-card suit, so why not? Should Walsh bid? She has a full opening bid with the fitting king for her partner's suit, so it certainly seems reasonable to bid. Baze's choice to go on to game is a close one, but there are many hands where it would have worked. But not here.

West got off to a spade lead to the jack and ace. Walsh led the ♦K and considered overtaking, hoping to find the jack-9 doubleton with East. But finally she held the trick and led a heart. West won with the king and led a second spade to the 9 and 10. Walsh tried another heart. East won and proceeded to cash the rest of her spades along with the ♥A. Then she got out with her last heart to Walsh's 10. Walsh cashed her ♣A and led the queen losing to the king. But East had to return a diamond, so Walsh held her losses to down three.

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Appeal No. 1

Reported by Steen Møller (Denmark)

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Jens Auken (Denmark), Jean-Paul Meyer (France).

Mixed pairs Round 1

Brazil v U.S.A

Board 13. Dealer North. Game All.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Dble	Rdble	Pass
	3♦	3♠	All Pass

Facts:

The double was not alerted on any side of the screen. When West was thinking before making his last call South voluntarily told him that the jump to 3♦ promised exactly three-card support. West made 11 tricks, -200 N/S. The TD was called to the table at the end of play by West, who claimed that he had been misled by the explanation given by South and said that he otherwise might have bid 4♠ but now expected East to hold two or three diamonds.

TD's decision:

The score stands. Law 75C.

Appellant:

East/West appealed.

The players:

East told the Committee that she felt that she had done enough by redoubling and then supporting to the three-level. West explained that South had shown four fingers when she opened 1♦, but he did not dispute that this normally means "at least four cards". He said that when South later without being asked told that North had exactly three diamonds this was meant to inform him that N/S might

be rather short in diamonds, and he concluded that East would be likely to hold two or three diamonds. Therefore he did not bid 4♠. When asked why he did not make any bid over the redouble he said that he would first try to find out what East meant with the redouble. N/S told that they used normal negative doubles at the one-level, promising four cards in hearts when doubling 1♦. South told that she had been confused and thought that the double was a support double. She said that her failure to bid 2♥ clearly demonstrated that she had forgotten the system. She had wanted to be helpful when she voluntarily told West that North held exactly three cards in diamonds.

The Committee decided that there was an infraction, namely misinformation. However, this was not the main reason for the failure to bid 4♠. The Committee felt that the pair should have reached 4♠ anyway.

The Committee's decision:

The Committee ruled: TD's decision to stand. Deposit returned.

The Committee warned North-South about not alerting, not correctly explaining a simple convention, and told them to be careful that any additional information volunteered is accurate.

Appeal No. 2

Reported by David Stevenson (England)

Appeals Committee:

Eric Kokish (Chairman, Canada), Tommy Sandsmark (Norway), Naki Bruni (Italy), John Lenart (New Zealand), David Stevenson (England).

Mixed pairs Round 1

U.S.A v Denmark

Board 10. Dealer East. Game All.

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

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

Result at table:

4♥ doubled minus two.

TD's decision:

The score stands. Law 75C.

Appellant:

East/West appealed.

The players:

East did not attend the Committee hearing. West explained that he had no agreement concerning the meaning of redouble so he passed 2♥ doubled, and had to guess on the next round. If he had known that North had values then he would have been more likely to play 3♥, playing there, possibly undoubled. He also said that in his view people who played Lebensohl in response to a double normally had an agreement to play it in all situations with specific exceptions. He did not believe the auction would have been any different if 2♥ had been natural. North said that at the start of the round East-West had mentioned this particular bid, and he had said to his partner (through the screen) "Play natural". He was sure that East heard him, but he did not know whether it was heard on the other side of the screen.

The Committee said that players using destructive and complex or unfamiliar (to the public) conventions have a special obligation to know these methods and present them clearly to their opponents. The 2♥ opening is such a convention. West's uncertainty over the meaning of a redouble at his first turn (by his admission that there was little partnership discussion about this convention) is evidence of a failure to meet an acceptable standard of development in a normal situation.

Although West's argument about his opponent's degree of preparation in such a common situation might have merit in a flighted or closed event, it was quite inappropriate in an open field of very mixed standard, particularly since different federations adopt such different approaches to the use of destructive methods in their mainstream events. The Committee stressed that West should have realised that South's belated opinion about the values shown by North's 3♦ was not an expression of a firm agreement but simply an attempt to be helpful. Having chosen not to involve his partner in the final decision, he should have been prepared to accept the consequences. Bringing the appeal to Committee suggests that West was unwilling to recognise his responsibility in creating the problem.

Dissenting opinion (David Stevenson): It is not unreasonable for general defensive conventions to be known by for the opening side as well. This is especially true for a player from a European country where such openings are normal. It is reasonable to expect opponents to know whether they play Lebensohl or not, an opinion that gives the Appeal merit.

The Committee mentioned the advantage of all players attending since North's comment at the start of the round could not be verified in East's absence.

The Committee's decision:

The Committee ruled: Score stands. TD's decision confirmed. Deposit forfeited. 10% of a top Procedural Penalty to East-West for

- (1) Negligence in agreements using a destructive convention and presenting it on the card
- (2) Failure to appreciate that the scenario was created largely by his own negligence

Facts:

The 2♥ opener showed spades and hearts, 3 to 10 HCP. When West asked about 3♦ South said that they played Lebensohl over other openings but had not agreed whether they played it over this one. After West had bid 4♥ and the tray was passed across the screen, South volunteered that North was "probably strong". The TD was called at this time by West and recalled at the end of the hand.

Final-Session One



J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

For the first half of session one of the final I sat behind Sue Picus of USA, partnering her husband, Barry Rigal. The first opponents were Malcolm Harris and Maria Budd of Great Britain.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Harris	Rigal	Budd	Picus
1♠	3♥	3♠	1♦
All Pass			3NT

3♥ was a fit-jump, natural but also promising genuine diamond support. Picus had to decide how much the bid would deliver in high-card terms and, at the prevailing vulnerability decided that it should show a reasonable hand. Accordingly, she tried 3NT, ending the auction. That was very much the right thing to do as, though both 5♦ and 4♥ make the same eleven tricks. At matchpoints it is important to be in the highest scoring game; +660.

Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
Harris	Rigal	Budd	Picus
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Harris led the ace of clubs and a second club to Budd's king. The ♦Q followed by a diamond to the ace allowed Harris to give his partner a club ruff. There was still a heart trick to come for one down; -50.

It was essential for the defence to find the club ruff. However, with East/West cold for 3♦, -50 still looked to be a reasonable score for Picus/Rigal.

Board 17. Nil Vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Martens	Rigal	Hanna	Picus
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♥
4♠	3♥	3♠	4♦
5♠	4NT	5♣	Pass
	All Pass		

Next up were former world champion, Krzysztof Martens of Poland and Adele Hanna of Lebanon. Rigal's 2♦ was weak and the 2♥ bid was natural but implied some sort of a fit for diamonds. Hanna bid strongly, as she was entitled to with the East cards. Rigal judged it just right when, knowing of the double fit, he saved over the laydown 4♠. Hanna took the push to the five-level, only to find that there were three unavoidable losers; +50 for Picus/Rigal and a good matchpoint score.

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

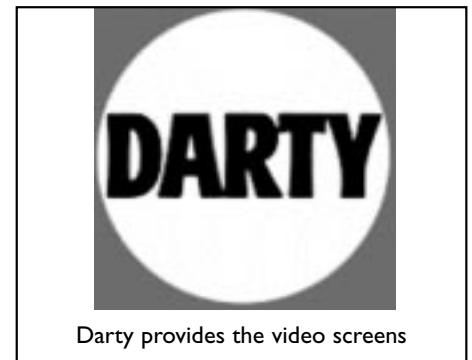
West	North	East	South
Martens	Rigal	Hanna	Picus
INT	3♥	1♦	1♥
5♦	Pass	Dble	4♥
All Pass		Pass	Dble

When he heard his partner open a basically natural 1♦ and RHO overcall 1♥, Martens tried a little diversion rather than make some kind of straightforward pre-emptive diamond raise. But, when Rigal was able to make a pre-emptive raise himself of the hearts, Picus was too strong to be talked out of her vulnerable game, though she did not consider the possibility of slam. She bid on to 4♥ and now Martens had to expose his little joke. Picus doubled 5♦ and the defence came to the obvious five tricks for +500, but a good save for East/West.

It must be a Polish thing to psyche INT in this auction because we heard of another table at which another Pole tried exactly the same thing. Meanwhile, the British disease on this board was slightly different. Both Malcolm Harris and Alan Lipton heard their partner's open 1♦ and the next hand double. Both tried bidding 1♥ on the doubleton. Their results were rather different, however. Harris eventually had to save in 7♦ over 6♥ for 1100, which got him a pretty poor score as few pairs managed to bid the slam. Lipton's opponents stopped in 3♥!

Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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



America's Steve Zolotow and Karen Allison came along next but had to listen to their opponents bid without interruption on either board. On this one Picus/Rigal bid: 1♣ - 1♠ - 2NT - 3NT. When both minor-suit finesses succeeded, that was +490.

Board 20. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

This time Rigal opened a 15-17 no trump and Picus used Stayman then jumped to 3♠ over the 2♦ response to show five hearts and four spades, game-forcing. Rigal bid 3NT over that then passed Picus's invitational raise to 4NT. Allison led the ♦J, looking for something safe on this auction. Zolotow overtook with the queen and, when Rigal ducked, returned a diamond. Rigal won the king and soon claimed twelve tricks. A club lead saves a trick for the defence, but six of a red suit is unbeatable. It is not easy to get there. Had South held ♦Axx and ♣x, she would no doubt have continued with 4♦ rather than 4NT over 3NT, but she could hardly do that with her actual holding.

Board 21. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Paulissen	Rigal	Speelman	Picus
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Speelman, of the Netherlands, led a spade and Rigal won in dummy and played the ♥K then ♥9, running it when Paulissen played small, to guard against a 4-1 break. But now Speelman switched to a diamond and when declarer rose with the king he quickly lost

three tricks in the suit for one down; -100.

4♥ is makeable, of course, if declarer is willing to give up on the possibility of a 4-1 trump break. He can cash two top hearts then eliminate the black suits and eventually endplay West. This is necessary only when the ♦A is offside, and needs not only the hearts to be as they are, but also for clubs to divide equally, so one can understand Rigal's choice of line.

Board 22. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

Speelman opened 1♦ and Picus overcalled 4♥, slightly off-centre, but a practical shot. Paulissen passed that as double would not have been for penalties, and passed again when Speelman reopened with a double.

Paulissen led a spade, ducked to Speelman's queen. She switched to the ♦K to the ace and Picus led a heart to the ace. Paulissen led a second spade now and Picus rose with the ace, ruffed a diamond to hand and led out the queen then ten of hearts. Paulissen won and led a club to his partner's king and she cashed the ♠K. Picus could ruff the next trick and claim; -300.

It looks as though the defence's repeated spade plays cost them a trick. If they play a forcing game, declarer does not have the time to both draw trumps and establish a second spade trick, so will be three down for -500.

Board 23. All Vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
K Woolsey	Rigal	S Woolsey	Picus
Pass	1♦	2♣	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Sally Woolsey could hardly allow her opponents to play in 2♥ when she had four cards in spades and a sound overcall. When Picus competed with 3♥, Kit had a fit for both his partner's suits and, though he was a bit short of high cards, felt that he too had to compete, and hope nobody doubled. On another day Woolsey might well have escaped undoubled, but Rigal had all the missing trump honours and, while he could not be certain that this would be sufficient, really had to double at matchpoints.

Picus led three rounds of diamonds and there was nothing more to the play; one down for -200.

Board 24. Nil Vul. Dealer West.

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

After a pass on his right, Rigal opened 1♦. Sally overcalled 3♠ with a hand containing more defence than normal for the bid (she was facing a passed partner, of course). When that came back to Rigal he doubled. Picus had just what was required to make 3NT, but couldn't know it. Her pass looks normal enough but she could only take the contract one off. Picus led a heart to the queen and ace and declarer unblocked the ♣A then laid down the ♠K, hoping for a miracle. One was not forthcoming. Picus won the ace and led a second heart to the king. After getting her heart ruff, she switched to a diamond, but one diamond plus the ♠Q was all there was to come; -100.

I think it is asking a lot of South to bid 3NT opposite the reopening double, as partner may be much less suitable. I wonder, however, if anyone would consider bidding 3NT instead of double with the North hand. It may look



crazy, but you do have the necessary source of tricks, and partner rates to have a spade stopper a lot of the time.

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

Rigal/Picus bid 1♠ - INT(semi-forcing) - 2♥ - 3♥. Catherina Midskog of Sweden led her singleton club to the queen, king and ace. Rigal tried the jack of hearts next to the queen and king. He continued with the ♠J for the king and ace followed by a low club to nine and jack. It was clear to Stefan Solbrand that his partner could not have a trump holding where she needed to get a ruff so he did not return the obvious club. He tried a spade instead but Rigal won the queen and ruffed a spade high, cashed the ♦A throwing his small club, and played a club to the ten. There were just two trump tricks to lose for a useful +170.

Board 26. All Vul. Dealer East.

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

Midskog opened INT and Solbrand responded 2♠, natural, ending the auction. Rigal chose the ♦Q which went to the king and ace and back came a low diamond to declarer's ten. Solbrand played a heart up and Rigal allowed Picus to win her king. She returned a diamond and declarer discarded his remaining heart as Rigal ruffed. Now Rigal switched to a trump for the king and ace and Picus played a fourth diamond. Declarer can make it from here by ruffing and playing on trumps then relying on clubs to come in, but he actually discarded a club instead, allowing Rigal to get another ruff. Rigal knew that his ♣Q was badly placed so tried to cash the ♥A now. That was ruffed and declarer could give

up a trump and throw a club on the established heart so was one down; -100.

Board 1. Nil Vul. Dealer North.

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

Only one previous pair had reached slam in the section when this board reached the table. Picus opened with the partnership's big bid, 2♣, in third seat, and rebid 3♦ over the 2♦ negative response. Rigal bid his hearts then went on with 4♦ over Picus's 3NT. Picus tried to sign-off in 4NT now but Rigal wasn't having any of that and leaped to 6♦, ending the auction. There was nothing to the play; +920 and a poor board for East/West, David and Lisa Berkowitz, who were powerless to affect the outcome, of course.

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
D Berkowitz	Rigal	L Berkowitz	Picus
		1♣	Pass
1♦	2♦	Dble	4♦
4♥	All Pass		

1♣ was strong and 1♦ a negative. When Rigal overcalled 2♦, Lisa's double was for take-out, making it easy for David to bid 4♥ over Picus's pre-emptive raise. There was nothing to the play; eleven tricks for +450.

I left Sue and Barry in good shape, looking to be building a useful session.



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A meaningful partscore

It took a long time to get to 2♠ on this deal from the second qualifying session of the J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs.

Board 2. Vul North-South. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
	Gunnell		Morse
INT ⁽¹¹⁻¹³⁾	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣ ⁽²⁾	Dble	Rdble ⁽³⁾	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

(1) Forcing one round.

(2) No five-card suit - please bid your four-card suits up the line.

(3) SOS.

Brian Gunnell of the United States doubled 2♣ to set up a possible penalty situation. Jo Morse knew it was a bit dangerous, but this was matchpoints so she doubled 2♠.

Gunnell led his singleton spade, and Morse allowed this to run to declarer's 9. Declarer slipped at this point, leading the ♦A and a second diamond to the queen and king. Morse led her singleton club and ruffed the club return. Then she led a heart to Gunnell's ace and scored a second club ruff to score plus 100 and score the vast majority of the matchpoints.

Polyglot dummy play

by Herman De Wael

Flemish pairs are not as common as the proximity might lead to expect, but this did not prevent two of them from meeting in the Mixed Pairs.

Flemings are used to speaking their opponents' language, so at this table there was a problem.

Odette Clinckaert called the first card: 'petit', the second was the 'Queen', and the third was the 'Aas', so the fourth had to be called something else: 'small pique'.

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Final-Session One



J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

The J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs Final is certainly a star-studded affair. Almost every table seems to be occupied by champions. By dashing madly round the room we managed to catch sight of just a few of them.

The Hamman's were not firing on all cylinders at the start of the session.

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 3			
♥ A 9 8 6 4 3			
♦ 7			
♣ A K Q			

West	North	East	South
<i>Siwiec</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Pasternak</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
		I♦	I♥
INT	3♥	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West's semi-psychic INT worked well when his side stole the hand in Four Diamonds doubled. Petra Hamman had forgotten one of Jeff Meckstroth's golden rules - 'When you have a six card major and partner supports it voluntarily, bid game.' +100 when the defence dropped a trick was poor compensation for missing a heart contract, especially when a slam is laydown.

The West hand simply begs for something to be done when partner opens I♦ and the popular choice over South's I♥ was the bid chosen here, INT. When South preferred to double the situation changed.



Bob Hamman (USA)

West	North	East	South
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Gotard</i>	<i>Budd</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
		I♦	Dble
I♥	2♣	2♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	6♥
7♦	Dble	All Pass	

Full marks to both sides, East-West for trying to put a spanner in the works and North-South for bidding the excellent slam. They collected +1100 and most of the matchpoints.

What's your favourite method of responding to an opening bid of INT? Perhaps it depends where in the world you live?

We watched this deal a couple of times and remarkably both the North-South pairs were using similar methods despite the fact that they were separated geographically by a rather large ocean.

Board 20. All Vul. Dealer West

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 6 2			
♥ A Q J 9 3			
♦ 6 3 2			
♣ A			

West	North	East	South
<i>Kejriwal</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Sicka</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Three Spades promised 4♠+5♥ and a good hand. Time pressure was very relevant on this board as the previous one had used up all but 2 minutes of the allotted time and almost certainly influenced South's final pass.

6NT is not much of a contract on a club lead but that is not so easy to find and here East led a heart and Bob Hamman played on diamonds and soon claimed twelve tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Munson</i>	<i>Delor</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			



Michael Rosenberg (USA)

Elizabeth Delor did not mess around and her practical approach paid dividends when East led the ♦J. The same twelve tricks were recorded but the score was significantly different.

The players competing in the Par contest had received a bye into the final of the Mixed Pairs. The draw produced an immediate clash between two of the prizewinners from that event.

Board 21. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9			
♥ K 9 7 5			
♦ K 7 5 3			
♣ K 9 3			

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>McCallum</i>
	I♣	I♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The players were in a relaxed mood and there was some good-natured banter as the bidding tray went backwards and forwards. Michael Rosenberg had left both boards on the tray and this meant the screen had to be lifted at one point. It descended unexpectedly and with speed, causing Eric Rodwell to apologise if he had 'guillotined' anyone. Meanwhile Karen McCallum was busy depositing her hand face up on the floor. Eric gallantly collected them for her, having realised she was about to be dummy. Suggestions that she

might have enjoyed a good evening the night before were quickly refuted.

On this layout 3NT will make easily but is hardly a realistic resting-place when you know you have a 4-4 heart fit. Rosenberg won the spade lead in dummy and cashed the king of hearts. He then ducked a heart to East's queen. The play from here has been discussed elsewhere in today's bulletin, but when Leslie Reynolds played a second spade declarer won in hand, drew the last trump and taking East's bid at face value, led a diamond to the king. One down.



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'Eric explains to Leslie why he doubled'

finger early in the morning, but this was the wrong time to pull it with 5♦ laydown. The contract failed by one trick.

It seemed logical to visit the other half of the 'Meckwell' combination and we arrived just in time to witness a hot defence against one of the top French pairs.

West <i>Cronier</i>	North <i>Meckstroth</i>	East <i>Rossard</i>	South <i>Chambers</i>
		I♦	Pass
I♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Jeff Meckstroth led the ♣7 which ran to declarer's ace. He tried the six of hearts from hand and North went up with the ace and switched to the ♦6. Knowing what his opponent was capable of persuaded Phillippe Cronier to go up with the king. South won and returned a diamond to North's queen. Back came a heart to the ace and when South continued with a diamond declarer elected to discard the ♣2. Now the defenders had seven tricks and the all-important +200.



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Juanita Chambers (USA)

Board 22. E/W Game. Dealer East

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Rosenberg</i>	East <i>Reynolds</i>	South <i>McCallum</i>
		I♦	I♥
INT	2♣	2NT	3♥
Dble	All Pass		

Eric Rodwell clearly had an itchy trigger

Board 26. All Vul. Dealer East.

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



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J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs Final Standings

1	ROSSANO E	VIVALDI A	ITA	128.13	88	V D SPEK	BIRMAN D	ISR	104.39	175	LARGENTON A	STRETZ F	FRA	95.68	
2	BLOUQUIT C	BOMPIS M	FRA	127.92	89	SCHRECKENBERGER U	MAYBACH R	DEU	104.39	176	LIRA N	REYGADAS M	MEX	95.61	
3	AUKEN S	AUKEN J	DNK	123.28	90	SILVERMAN G	ROCHE M	CAN	104.38	177	LISE C	FAIGENBAUM A	FRA	95.40	
4	D'OIDIO C	CHEMLA P	FRA	121.86	91	MICHAELST	CARPELETTI M	USA	104.34	178	BATTIN B	XERRI J	FRA	95.35	
5	RAUSCHIED A	BUCHLEV N	DEU	121.22	92	QUINTON M	QUINTON M	FRA	104.23	179	HANNA A	MARTENS K	LBN	95.19	
6	KATZ M	KATZ R	USA	119.19	93	HALL E	CURRAN D	GBR	104.09	180	PASTERNAK M	SIWIEC W	POL	95.13	
7	WAKSMAN S	DE MONVAL C	FRA	119.12	94	DUGUET M	DUGUET M	FRA	104.08	181	JONAS D	EISENBERG B	USA	95.07	
8	VRIEND B	MAAS A	NLD	118.78	95	ZINGER C	GRENTHE P	FRA	104.00	182	RENOUX M	REY P	FRA	94.83	
9	LEGER R	OURSSEL C	FRA	117.92	96	PORAT-LEVIT R	DELIBALADAKIS N	GRC	103.88	183	MAITOVA E	ZLOTOV D	RUS	94.79	
10	BEKKOUCHE N	MADSEN M	DNK	117.46	97	KOSHI H	NAKAMURA Y	JPN	103.85	184	LUTZ T	DULLMANN F	DEU	94.70	
11	RUNFORS M	SVENZON L	SWE	117.04	98	LEWIS L	LEWIS P	USA	103.77	185	FARHOLT S	BRUUN M	DNK	94.69	
12	COURTNEY M	COURTNEY M	AUS	116.17	99	GIANNINI S	BROCCOLI F	ITA	103.69	186	HAMMAN P	HMMAM B	USA	94.63	
13	SWANSTROM M	GULLBERG T	SWE	116.12	100	KALIAKMANI A	ZOTOS L	GRC	103.53	187	GERARD J	D'ORSI E	BRA	94.56	
14	SPEELMAN B	PAULISSEN G	NLD	115.71	101	FERRARI P	ANCESCHIV	ITA	103.51	188	LEMAITRE E	DECHELETTE N	FRA	94.53	
15	JIANG L	DING Y	CHN	115.02	102	JEANNIN N	COUNIL J	FRA	103.48	189	GOTARD B	GOTARD T	DEU	94.49	
16	MOORE J	BURN D	GBR	114.52	103	SINEGRE M	SINEGRE JL	FRA	103.44	190	WILLARD S	MARI C	FRA	94.35	
17	BIRMAN D	BRANCO M	ISR	114.22	104	LANGER D	GWINNER H	CHE	103.36	191	CESARI B	ALOCCHI F	SMR	94.33	
18	GAVALDA G	FRANCES J	FRA	113.77	105	GOCHWOLZ M	BITRAN A	FRA	103.32	192	DELOR E	QUANTIN J	FRA	93.98	
19	VARENNE M	MULTON F	FRA	113.62	106	VON ARNIM D	REPS K	DEU	103.31	193	ALLISON K	ZOLOTOV S	USA	93.96	
20	PASMAN J	NIEMEIJEN C	NLD	113.28	107	COHEN N	VIAL E	FRA	103.23	194	KONDAKCI E	SENT T	TUR	93.89	
21	BESSIS V	BESSIS M	FRA	113.04	108	ZIGHELBOIM O	HAMAOU S	VEN	102.80	195	ROBB M	GILL P	AUS	93.87	
22	SMITH N	MAHMOOD Z	USA	112.61	109	GODFREY L	PAGAN I	GBR	102.72	196	LEBLANC M	FENN P	ESP	93.65	
23	CIVIDIO	SOUDAT S	ITA	112.40	110	CURETTI N	LE PODER J	FRA	102.56	197	GILBERT F	MEYER J	FRA	93.63	
24	MOSS S	SOLODAR J	USA	112.12	111	WEI S	FORRESTER T	USA	102.51	198	DEY B	MACHHAR S	IND	93.40	
25	GORDON D	MITTELMAN G	CAN	111.96	112	MANGO J	PARASRAMPURIA B	IND	102.40	199	BACZEK M	CICHOCKI M	POL	93.09	
26	ROTH M	TOFFIER P	FRA	111.50	113	SATZ B	ELSENSTEIN G	USA	102.23	200	MIRKOVIC AM	EKREN B	NOR	92.99	
27	SUN M	CHAGAS G	CHN	111.12	114	GUILLAUMIN F	GUILLAUMIN P	FRA	102.14	201	DE GUILLIBON C	BEAUVILLAIN E	FRA	92.91	
28	HARASIMOWICZ E	LESNIEWSKI M	POL	111.12	115	BLUSTEIN M	BLUSTEIN M	USA	101.79	202	DE LAVILLE C	CABANES B	FRA	92.73	
29	MARTEL J	MARTEL C	USA	111.02	116	HEATH D	MOHTASHAMI S	FRA	101.69	203	STEIN J	WARDEN P	USA	92.64	
30	CHORUS M	JANSMA J	NLD	110.94	117	BEAUMIER A	BEAUMIER D	FRA	101.63	204	GARCIA C	WEINSTOCK P	BRA	92.63	
31	GRZEJDZIAK S	GRZEJDZIAK I	POL	110.92	118	BARRETT K	BARRETT G	USA	101.59	205	BERKOWITZ L	BERKOWITZ D	USA	92.55	
32	MONARI L	CARMIGNANI M	ITA	110.80	119	ROYNOLDS L	RODWELL E	USA	101.44	206	KERLERO DE ROSBO	DELORME J	FRA	92.55	
33	PICUS S	RIGAL B	USA	110.54	120	POLLACK R	POLLACK B	USA	101.39	207	FLORIN DUPUIS M	KANIEWSKI J	FRA	92.41	
34	MISZEWSKA E	BALICKI C	POL	110.48	121	WOLPERT H	WOLPERT D	CAN	101.37	208	TESTU L	TESTU C	FRA	92.38	
35	WANG H	XU H	CHN	110.46	122	BELLO I	DORFMANN J	FRA	101.04	209	GARNIER C	MOULIN Y	CHE	92.37	
36	LAVAZZA M	DUBOIN G	ITA	110.20	123	ISOARD M	PALAU J	FRA	101.01	210	GROMOVA V	SHUDNEV A	RUS	92.36	
37	MIRONESCU R	DUPUY J	FRA	110.19	124	POKORNA J	KURKA J	CZE	101.00	211	ERDEOVA J	BAHNIK M	CZE	92.29	
38	LEVITINA I	WEINSTEIN S	USA	109.97	125	CHILDS L	FREED E	USA	100.94	212	MORSE J	MORSE D	USA	92.03	
39	RAHELT M	SCHAFFER L	DNK	109.90	126	SANBORN K	SANBORN S	USA	100.86	213	CHOKSI R	PODDAR D	IND	91.99	
40	SMITH R	SMITH R	USA	109.75	127	HOFFMAN A	PASSELL M	USA	100.79	214	BOISSE P	MORIN L	FRA	91.85	
41	COURTNEY J	RICHMAN R	AUS	109.72	128	CANESI M	CEDOLIN F	ITA	100.72	215	BALKIN D	GOWER G	ZAF	91.80	
42	MODLIN M	COPE T	ZAF	109.59	129	BERNER I	COHEN D	ISR	100.47	216	BIGNON B	BEAUVILLAIN O	FRA	91.61	
43	POPILLOV M	POPILLOV L	ISR	109.53	130	SICKA B	KEJRIWAL R	IND	100.44	217	REHMAN Q	HARDING S	GBR	91.60	
44	MORETTI R	ZIMMERMANN P	CHE	109.33	131	SMEDEREVAC J	EICHHOLZER J	AUT	100.44	218	PETIT F	BOLLE M	BEL	91.56	
45	YU Z	WEIMIN W	CHN	109.14	132	GWOZDZINSKY M	CASEN D	USA	100.35	219	DOUSSOT J	DOUSSOT B	FRA	91.53	
46	LUSTIN C	KAPLAN L	FRA	108.96	133	NAHMENS C	ADAD P	FRA	100.31	220	AWAD M	AWAD G	FRA	91.33	
47	DENNERY M	LESGUILLIER Y	FRA	108.91	134	GRAND M	AZOULAY Y	FRA	100.21	221	ROTKOFF C	KASLER P	FRA	91.26	
48	JOEGNE D	SCHWEITZER H	FRA	108.84	135	EYTHORSDDOTTIR H	CHEEK C	USA	100.20	222	WANG I	LACROIX F	FRA	91.10	
49	CUTLER S	SOLOWAY P	USA	108.76	136	CHAMBERS J	MCKESTROTH J	USA	100.19	223	GERSTEL M	ZUCKER S	CHE	91.09	
50	RADIN J	MAHAFFEY J	USA	108.64	137	DE GRAVE G	JANSENS H	BEL	100.06	224	TERRANEO S	FLOSZMANN G	AUT	91.03	
51	MATENZIO M	MUZZIO E	ARG	108.63	138	WANG W	ZHUANG Z	CHN	100.03	225	DICKMAN F	NEMIRO D	USA	91.00	
52	VIVES C	VIVES J	FRA	108.39	139	PAOLUZI S	GUERRA E	ITA	99.70	226	SMITH N	CLIFFE R	GBR	90.95	
53	POLET CARCASSONNE	LABAERE A	BEL	108.23	140	FAYAD M	HARFOUCHE G	LBN	99.70	227	HIRON M	HIRON A	GBR	90.62	
54	SHUGART R	ROBSON A	GBR	107.68	141	LIVERO C	SEGRE G	ITA	99.63	228	AVON D	MALIGNON R	FRA	90.45	
55	KITA M	ZAWISLAK S	POL	107.47	142	PINCUS C	ROBISON J	USA	99.59	229	SONNENBERG M	LINCOT P	FRA	89.87	
56	MCGOWAN L	BAXTER K	GBR	107.38	143	ZAKRZEWSKA W	STEPINSKI J	POL	99.56	230	BERTOLINI M	GARGHENTINI C	ITA	89.82	
57	FUKUDA S	KAKU H	JPN	107.34	144	KOZYRA E	RATYNSKI A	POL	99.46	231	SCARDIGLI N	SARIAN F	FRA	89.80	
58	MANARA G	ATTANASIO D	ITA	107.33	145	NISHIDA N	SHIMIZUY	JPN	99.43	232	SALVAGE V	SALVAGE J	FRA	89.07	
59	WALSH R	BAZE G	USA	107.15	146	DEVASME I	DEHAYE B	BEL	99.28	233	POZZI G	MORONI G	ITA	89.04	
60	KASLE B	COMPTON C	USA	107.10	147	RICARD C	LALANNE B	FRA	99.27	234	MAI M	LONGINOTTI E	ITA	89.04	
61	MC CALLUN K	ROSENBERG M	USA	106.99	148	HAEMMERLI C	LASOCKI K	POL	98.89	235	CORMACK J	WRIGHT L	GBR	88.75	
62	GOLDBERG C	SHIVDASANI J	IND	106.87	149	KRISTJANS	HAUKSSON B	ISL	98.88	236	ZALEWSKA J	GOLEBIOWSKI S	POL	88.41	
63	DUPONT L	GAROZZO B	USA	106.50	150	HENAFF J	HENAFF G	FRA	98.83	237	SJOBERG M	SJOBERG A	SWE	88.40	
64	LECLERCQ C	PY J	FRA	106.29	151	SKOPINSKA E	WITKOWSKI P	POL	98.66	238	NAKAO T	IMAKURA T	JPN	88.31	
65	MUNSON K	HELGEMO G	USA	106.28	152	ERHART M	GAEDE B	AUT	98.63	239	VIALA C	RINGUET P	FRA	88.15	
66	VOLINA V	KHOLOMEEV V	RUS	106.22	153	BOURDIN M	DESTOC J	FRA	98.43	240	BYRNET	FIFIELD L	GBR	88.14	
67	BUDD M	HARRIS M	GBR	106.08	154	COUSSON M	BO E	FRA	98.26	241	COLONNA O	LIGAMBI L	ITA	87.26	
68	BARTHES R	POIZAT P	FRA	106.03	155	SIMON S	LIPTON A	GBR	98.17	242	SNPEVANGERS I	MOMMERS M	NLD	87.22	
69	GOLDBERG U	GOLDBERG L	SWE	105.93	156	TIBI-DESBOIS C	ARNOULT P	FRA	97.83	243	LIPINSKA A	STREICHER V	FRA	87.16	
70	FOGTDAL S	CHRISTIANSEN S	DNK	105.77	157	HIRAMORI T	MIYAKUNI K	JPN	97.82	244	KRISTENSEN J	KROJGAARD N	DNK	86.88	
71	ROSSARD M	CRONIER P	FRA	105.73	158	MIDSKOG C	SOLBRANS S	SWE	97.62	245	HARDEMAN A	SERRAS J	BEL	86.68	
72	GROMANN I	HOLOWSKI A	DEU	105.67	159	ALLOUCHE D	MOUIEL H	FRA	97.57	246	LEVAN CH	SARROLA J	REU	85.40	
73	ROGERS R	WOLFF B	USA	105.65	160	ZUR ALBU M	OZDIL M	ISR	97.36	247	FLAMMA F	GUENNON R	MAR	84.14	
74	VERGE N	SEBBANE L	FRA	105.65	161	MALDINI D	FIORINI F	SMR	97.28	248	SIMPSON J	SIMPSON C	GBR	83.91	
75	CRONIER B	MARILL P	FRA	105.65	162	MUSCAS R	MARONGIU R	ITA	97.21	249	LOSLEVER A	HENRY S	FRA	82.80	
76	WADAS J	BRAMLEY B	USA	105.61	163	URRUTICOECHEA B	ROUQUILLAUD S	ESP	97.12	250	SMITH C	SMITH M	GBR	82.60	
77	PEYROT N	VOLDIOIRE J	FRA	105.53	164	VECHIATTO C	ENGEL B	DEU	97.06	251	REY M	ALLEGRI P	FRA	82.43	
78	JACOBUS B	JACOBUS M	USA	105.47	165	SINGH U	PROF WADIA	IND	96.68	252	POULAIN T	GRAPINET G	FRA	82.39	
79	LESUR S	CASSAR H	FRA	105.28	166	ZOBU A	EKSIOGLU M	TUR	96.44	253	KIRAN N	SATYANARAIN B	IND	82.35	
80	TRUSCOTT D	TRUSCOTT A	USA	105.24	167	PONOMAREVA T	KAZANTSEV O	RUS	96.39	254	KHANDELWAL H	KHANDELWAL R	IND	81.93	
81	BLOOM V	EBER N	ZAF	105.11	168	O'GRADY A	ROSEN R	USA	96.38	255	ROZENKRANZ E	ROZENKRANZ G	MEX	80.97	
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83	DUMON S	SOLARI J	FRA	104.79	170	MOERS J	ZUKER P	FRA	96.30	257	GAST H	VAN MULKEN N	NLD	79.60	
84	LEVIN J	LEVIN B	USA	104.58	171	SHLANNON D	BENNETT H	USA	96.15	258	ARNAL B	NGUYEN J	FRA	79.31	
85	WOOLSEY S	WOOLSEY K	USA	104.57	172	KITABGIA	NAHMIA S	FRA	95.97	259	OHANA M	EL FASSI Y	MAR	78.67	
86	VAN GLABBEK H	MAAS W	NLD	104.56	173	HOCHKEER D	KOWALSKI A	POL	95.78	260	LE CHERBOURG C	ST MAXENT G	FRA	76.09	
87	THUILLEZ P	THUILLEZ L	FRA	104.47	174	CUZZI M	LANZAROTTI M	ITA	95.69						