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All students are winners!

There were no losers in the three competitions for schoolchildren held alongside the World Championships. Each of the 228 competitors had a great time. They collected their championship bag and baseball cap, watched the players in the Rosenblum Teams, and then took their seats for one of three competitions, depending on their experience. They saw the World Junior Champions from Denmark, and later met the World Champions from France. They all had free meals and accommodation in their two-day contest, and after it finished went off to watch a Premier League football match being played locally.

The least experienced (the youngest was a boy, Aurelien Gerard, aged 8) were in the Minibrige section where the level of contract is determined by your total number of points. In Minibrige players announce their points, with the side holding the most points becoming declarer. The declarer then chooses trumps after seeing dummy. The winners

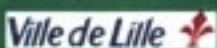


were Capucine Mouret, 15, and Amelie Imbenotte, 16, from St. Odile's School in Lambersart near Lille.

The more experienced competed in Minibrige Competitif, similar to real bridge without conventions. The Minibrige sections were all French. The winners were Michael and Marc Soussand.

Those able to play full bridge com-

peted in the first Schools Championship held at a World Championship. There were 22 pairs from France, Poland and Belgium. The youngest players, Elke and Ine Ydens, 12 and 13 respectively, sisters from Belgium, led at halftime and eventually finished in sixth place. The winners were Piotr Madry & Lukasz Piworowicz of Poland.



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José Damiani, WBF President and Andrezej Orlow, president of the Polish Bridge Union, with the winners of the Schools Pairs.

Results:

Schools: 1. P. Madry & L. Piworowicz (Pol) 227.9; 2. R. Brisson & M. Six (Fra) 217.5; 3. J & K. Kotorowicz (Pol) 215.0.

Minibridge Competitif: 1. Michael & Marc Soussand VM 258.8; 2. Julien & David Dessaux BR 250.9; 3. David Lefebvre & Julien Dubreuil DA 232.3.

Minibridge: 1. Capucine Mouret & Amelie Imbenotte FL 248.1; 2. Michael Pont & Emmanuel Maruani HU 247.8; 3. Nicolas Moyrand & Stanislas Perney FL 241.0.



Paul Chemla with the winners of the Minibridge (Amelie, 16, on the right and Capucine, 15, on the left of the photo).

Three-nation team wins Senior Teams



The team captained by Karl Rohan of Austria won a convincing 62-0 victory in the final of the Elf Senior Teams. As a matter of fact, that was the score after the first 14 boards of the 28-board match. The Polish team captained by Mr. Szenberg conceded the match at the halfway mark.

Playing with Rohan were Nissan Rand and Moshe Katz of Israel, Franz Baratta of Austria and Christo Drumev of Bulgaria. Rohan, Rand, Katz and Baratta were winning this event for the second straight time - they also were the victors in Albuquerque in 1994. The other two players on the 1994 team joined a different team this time around.

Rand and Katz played throughout. Baratta played half the time with Rohan and half with Drumev. Drumev, president of the Bulgarian Bridge Federation, spent many years as a diplomat in Vienna where he formed a partnership with Baratta.

Baratta, as captain, and Rohan, as a player, just missed winning the Bermuda Bowl in 1985 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, losing to the United States in the final. Earlier in that year they won the European Team Championship in the same capacities.

Rohan was a member of the WBF Executive for six years and he also was treasurer of the European Bridge League for 11 years. Now retired, he plans to spend nine months a year in Austria and three in Boca Raton, Florida.

Rand is chairman of the WBF Senior Committee. He and Katz just recently won the Senior Pairs and placed second in the Open Pairs in Israel.

Rohan told of the very first hand of the tournament - a hand that was dealt by people, not by a computer. He picked up:

♠ - ♥ A K Q J 7 6 4 3 ♦ A K 8 4 2 ♣ -

His right-hand opponent opened 1♣. Rohan decided this called for heroic measures so he bid 7♥. He felt that scientific measures would never enable him to learn whether his partner had third-round control of diamonds. He was also fearful that his opponents might have a good save in spades. The next player doubled, and after the opening lead, this is what Rohan saw in dummy: ♠ K Q 6 5 4 ♥ 9 8 5 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K 9 3

Grand slam bid and made - doubled! At the other table they stopped in 6♥.

"When this happened on the very first hand, I felt that this was going to be our tournament," said Rohan.

How right he was!

All European final

Today's Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup will be an all European affair. The team from Austria led by Maria Erhart faces the one from Germany led by Sabine Auken. As both players would be on everyone's list of the World's top women players it promises to be quite a match.

Both finalists defeated American opponents in hard fought semi-finals so we already know that the bronze medals will go to the United States in the guise of either Wood or Truscott.

Both finalists are playing four-handed so it remains to be seen if fatigue will play any part in deciding who will emerge with the title and the Gold medals.

Dramatic last board win for Lindkvist

The Vivendi Rosenblum is down to just four teams, all from different countries. Chagas v Lindkvist and Bramley v Angelini is how they line up for today's semi-finals. Brazil v Sweden and USA v Italy.

The closest of the quarter-finals was the match involving the team from Sweden and the Hackett team from Great Britain. Everything hinged on the very last board and the Swedish declarer was left with an awkward guess in a two-card ending. A place in the last four depended on his decision and after what doubtless seemed to be an eternity he got it right to end British hopes.

USA and Germany lead the qualifiers

The Open and Women's Pairs events have now reached the Semi-final stage.

Leading the way in the Open were a pair from the United States, the redoubtable Jeff Meckstroth this time playing with Perry Johnson whilst the Women were headed by Germany's Pony Nehmert and Wiesla Miroslaw.

Starting times

All pair events will start today at 11.00. The Vivendi Rosenblum semifinals and the Louis Vuitton McConnell final will start at 10.00.

Competitors in the pair consolations must pick up their starting assignments - the assignments will NOT be posted.

VIVENDI

VIVENDI ROSENBLUM CUP

(Knockout Phase of 8)

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|-----|------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1 | HACKETT | GBR | LINDKVIST | SWE | 38 33 | 29 22 | 20 39 | 34 35 | 121 | 129 |
| 2 | CHAGAS | BRA | SUNDELIN | SWE | 28 24 | 15 27 | 43 29 | 61 41 | 147 | 121 |
| 3 | BRAMLEY | USA | MUNKSGAARD | DNK | 71 6 | 53 12 | 21 27 | 28 61 | 173 | 106 |
| 4 | ANGELINI | ITA | MAAS | NLD | 37 40 | 19 38 | 41 32 | 72 8 | 169 | 118 |

LV

LOUIS VUITTON McCONNELL CUP

(Knockout Phase of 4)

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----|----------|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|-----|----|
| 1 | ERHART | AUT | TRUSCOTT | USA | 23 16 | 29 7 | 14 35 | 39 31 | 105 | 89 |
| 2 | AUKEN | DEU | WOOD | USA | 17 38 | 16 6 | 31 8 | 48 10 | 112 | 62 |



ELF SENIORS TEAMS

(Final and 3rd place play-off)

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----------|-----|-------|-----|-------|----------|-------|
| F | SZENBERG | POL | ROHAN | AUT | 0 62 | Withdrew | 0 62 |
| PO | ORLOW | POL | ROSEN | USA | 29 10 | 22 19 | 51 29 |

LV

LOUIS VUITTON WOMEN PAIRS

(Qualifying stage - Final Results)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|------------------|-----|--------|----|----------------|----------------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | NEHMERT B | MIROSLAW W | DEU | 228.24 | 41 | LACROIX E | POULAIN C | FRA | 208.04 | 81 | MISZEWSKA E | SOBOLEWSKA E | POL | 194.46 |
| 2 | MENIL R | PIGEAUD F | FRA | 227.73 | 42 | BLOOMV | HOLROYD M | ZAF | 207.48 | 82 | FLEISCHAUER L | STOECKMANN I | GER | 193.57 |
| 3 | SUTHERLIN P | HAMMAN P | USA | 226.94 | 43 | LESGUILLIER N | DAS M | FRA | 206.94 | 83 | DAMAYANTI F | LIEM L | IDN | 193.25 |
| 4 | AXELROD B | HAMMERSCHLAG U | ZAF | 226.08 | 44 | LISE C | BLOUQUIT C | FRA | 206.75 | 84 | d'ELBEE S | ROTH M | FRA | 191.86 |
| 5 | WEBER E | VECHIATTO C | GER | 223.42 | 45 | KITA M | KROGULSKA J | POL | 206.46 | 85 | UZEL C | CARRE R | FRA | 191.39 |
| 6 | MATHESON P | PATRICK K | GBR | 221.67 | 46 | MARECHAL N | PETIT F | BEL | 205.95 | 86 | KURATANI T | HIRAMORI T | JPN | 191.05 |
| 7 | CAPODANNO L | DANDREA M | ITA | 221.43 | 47 | BLONDEL C | WICKERS J | FRA | 204.21 | 87 | WADDINGTON S | SALT G | GBR | 190.90 |
| 8 | PINCUS C | ROGERS B | USA | 221.11 | 48 | FOSTER B | VAN RENSBURG N | ZAF | 204.14 | 88 | KHAHDWALA V | VED J | IND | 190.63 |
| 9 | RIBEROL C | RICARD C | FRA | 219.80 | 49 | DOEDENS P | WIJMA A | NLD | 203.98 | 89 | MITALSHI E | YOSHIMORI Y | JAP | 190.54 |
| 10 | KERLERO P | TIBI-DESBOIS C | FRA | 219.40 | 50 | JONES S | REED B | USA | 203.53 | 90 | SEKIYAAM H | JANSSEN H | JPN | 189.33 |
| 11 | EYTHORSOTTIR H | RADJN J | USA | 219.28 | 51 | BAK C | HOOGWEG F | NLD | 203.19 | 91 | CASPANI M | VANUZZI M | ITA | 189.30 |
| 12 | GIANARDI C | ROVERA L | ITA | 218.36 | 52 | OLIVIERI G | GOLIN C | ITA | 202.59 | 92 | IWAKURA E | SHIMAMURA K | JPN | 188.61 |
| 13 | CLEMENT M | DUMON S | FRA | 217.93 | 53 | MANDELOT A | NOGUEIRA H | BRA | 202.42 | 93 | BROMBERG A | COLIN C | USA | 188.39 |
| 14 | MIDSKOG K | MELLSTR™ M J | SWE | 217.89 | 54 | CHLEWINSKA Z | TOMASZEWSKA W | POL | 202.40 | 94 | SHAW B | HYATT I | USA | 188.19 |
| 15 | LANGER D | GERSTEL M | CHE | 217.73 | 55 | HUGON E | VARENNE M | FRA | 202.22 | 95 | DE GUILLIBON C | COCHET A | FRA | 188.08 |
| 16 | MODLIN M | MANGELL P | ZAF | 215.61 | 56 | HARASIMOWICZ E | HOCHER D | POL | 201.99 | 96 | RAYMOND H | THADANI S | IND | 188.05 |
| 17 | TESSAROT | BARRETTE A | USA | 215.30 | 57 | ISOARD M | RENOUX M | FRA | 201.84 | 97 | ELSTON N | GARYN F | USA | 187.19 |
| 18 | LOTTE M | COUSSON M | FRA | 215.26 | 58 | POWIDZER S | PAIN L | BRA | 201.84 | 98 | DEORA H | LAKHANI G | IND | 187.03 |
| 19 | VALENSI O | DELOR E | FRA | 215.24 | 59 | MONSEGUR L | SAFRA C | ARG | 201.80 | 99 | NAAR N | REY M | FRA | 186.93 |
| 20 | HAVAS E | CORMACK J | AUS | 214.72 | 60 | FLAMANT J | CLAUS S | FRA | 201.63 | 100 | AMOUKAL M | SITTON J | FRA | 186.34 |
| 21 | ZHOV M | PIPER Y | | 214.57 | 61 | TAN M | KAI R | JPN | 201.30 | 101 | ADAMJEE F | RASHID S | PAK | 185.91 |
| 22 | DEWASNE I | VANDEBOSSCHE C | BEL | 213.95 | 62 | THEVENON S | DUCA N | FRA | 200.30 | 102 | CORTES M | GARCIA C | BRA | 185.85 |
| 23 | VRIEMD B | ARNOLDS C | NLD | 213.94 | 63 | BACO L | CURETTI N | FRA | 200.26 | 103 | LOSLEVER A | VAN SICHELEN S | FRA | 185.59 |
| 24 | MORETTI R | KREMER C | FRA | 213.63 | 64 | VOLINA V | GNOMOVA V | RUS | 198.75 | 104 | SYVERTSEN G | THOREN V | NOR | 185.59 |
| 25 | FREY N | REESSV | FRA | 213.41 | 65 | WEXLER S | GWOZDZINSKY M | USA | 198.62 | 105 | KLEMMENSEN C | KOCH U | DNK | 184.02 |
| 26 | BAKER L | MC CALLUM K | USA | 213.03 | 66 | SIMON C | MUNSON K | USA | 198.55 | 106 | O'ROURKE L | SEIN J | USA | 183.38 |
| 27 | LEMAITRE E | JEANNIN-NALTET D | FRA | 212.52 | 67 | SHATILA S | HOMSY M | EGY | 198.13 | 107 | BLEHAUT J | FLAUTRE M | FRA | 183.24 |
| 28 | FAVAS A | DE HEREDIA B | FRA | 211.84 | 68 | HEINRICHS G | WENNING K | GER | 197.65 | 108 | BLOMBERG C | STR™ M E | SWE | 181.37 |
| 29 | NAKAO T | NISHIDA N | JPN | 211.16 | 69 | CULP-BRANDL M | WYNSTON L | CAN | 197.34 | 109 | SIX D | MALTOT C | FRA | 181.12 |
| 30 | LESUR S | VERGE N | FRA | 210.97 | 70 | LORMANT K | HENAFF J | FRA | 196.86 | 110 | VAN GLABBEK H | HOFLAND M | NLD | 180.61 |
| 31 | CASTELLS L | LEON P | ESP | 210.74 | 71 | BOLLACK L | REGENBERG L | BEL | 196.84 | 111 | BERNAZZANI M | BIRNBAUM S | VEN | 179.05 |
| 32 | BIRR B | GROMANN I | DEU | 210.48 | 72 | ZENKEVITCH S | GARPENKO N | RUS | 196.78 | 112 | KRAUS E | DUBUS M | FRA | 177.22 |
| 33 | LAMOUR B | SCHURER N | FRA | 210.38 | 73 | MAUD K | LILY K | EGY | 196.65 | 113 | TOUKAN L | TOUKAN W | JOR | 175.50 |
| 34 | CONTARINI K | JEITZ M | LUX | 210.27 | 74 | KAPLAN R | BALKUN D | ZAF | 196.16 | 114 | NIELSEN R | PORSTEINSDOTTIR | ISL | 174.69 |
| 35 | SPEELMAN B | DEBETS M | NLD | 210.14 | 75 | BOJOH L | MANDOLANG J | IDN | 196.04 | 115 | SPENCER A | HARTLEY A | GRB | 172.56 |
| 36 | ZUR-ALBO | LEVIT-PORAT R | ISR | 209.59 | 76 | ADRRAIN D | HULETT M | ZAF | 195.94 | 116 | DELAMBRE C | ARNOULD M | FRA | 170.80 |
| 37 | BURGER S | SION B | USA | 209.32 | 77 | O'NEILL P | MEEHAN P | IRL | 195.89 | 117 | RENU A PATEL | SISTA S | IND | 169.25 |
| 38 | PONOMAREVA T | MAITOVA E | RUS | 208.97 | 78 | LE CORRE J | PREVOTEAU C | FRA | 195.30 | 118 | DESHAYS V | AMSELLEK C | FRA | 167.17 |
| 39 | MARCHESE A | MATIENZO M | ARG | 208.96 | 79 | HAEMMERLI C | NIKITINE | CHE | 194.72 | 119 | KURDI S | ZIYADEH Z | JOR | 106.91 |
| 40 | GARDY U | PASTERNAK M | POL | 208.56 | 80 | DE SERAFINI L | DEI POLI M | ITA | 194.53 | | | | | |

Round of 16



Boards 1-14

Vivendi Rosenblum Cup

Sundelin vs. Zakrzewski

The first set of deals was remarkably flat. Eleven of the 14 were played in the same contract at both tables, but the Swedish team captained by P.O. Sundelin made two huge gains during the first quarter of their vugraph match against the Polish team captained by A. Zakrzewski.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Sylvan | Martens | Sundelin | Szymanowski |
| 2♦ | 2♣ | 2NT | 1♠ |
| 3NT | All Pass | | Pass |

South started with the ♥A and shifted to a spade to the queen and ace. P.O. Sundelin of Sweden crossed to the ♦K and cashed three clubs, ending in his hand. Then he finessed in



Cezary Balicki (Poland)

diamonds, and now he had 10 tricks - plus 630.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Zmudzinski | Larsson | Balicki | Lindqvist |
| 2♦ | 4♠ | All Pass | 1♠ |

Here Arne Larsson managed to find a way to take 10 tricks on a crossruff - plus 420. Even though the defence could prevail, it cost the Poles only an IMP or two. So the double-game swing provided 14 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

| | |
|------------|------------|
| ♠ A J 7 | ♠ A J 7 |
| ♥ J 10 4 3 | ♥ J 10 4 3 |
| ♦ 6 4 | ♦ 6 4 |
| ♣ K Q 10 7 | ♣ K Q 10 7 |

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

The auction was the same in both rooms:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

Arne Larsson led the ♣K in the Closed Room. Adam Zmudzinski won this but mis-guessed in diamonds and went down a trick. In the Open Room North led a heart to the king and ace. When Sylvan led a club, Krzysztof Martens put up the queen and was allowed to hold the trick. Sylvan also ducked the ♥J, but he won the heart continuation with the nine. He led a spade to the queen, then finessed for the jack on the way back. North won the jack, cashed the ace and got out of his hand with a heart to Sylvan's queen. He led a diamond to the king and cashed the ♣A, and the moment of truth had arrived. Sylvan had noticed that South had not discarded a single diamond, so he drew the conclusion that South must be guarding the suit, a view backed by the percentages. He backed his thought by finessing the ♦10 to make his contract and gain 12 IMPs.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|----------|------------|
| Sylvan | Balicki | Sundelin | Zmudzinski |
| | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | Dble | Pass | 4♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Sundelin judged well to run from 3NT - he knew he was going to find at least a partial club fit in dummy, and no more than a 7-count. He ruffed the second spade and immediately took a finesse to the ♣9. As a result he lost only one spade, one diamond and one trump for plus 130.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Szymanowski | Astrom | Martens | Lindqvist |
| | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Bjorn Astrom started with a high spade but shifted to a heart. Declarer had to go after clubs, and when he did Lindqvist took his ace and fired back a spade to defeat the contract.

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

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

Sweden played in 5♦ – making by ruffing two hearts. The Poles bid it this way:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| West Sylvan | North Balicki | East Sundelin | South Zmudzinski |
| | 1♦ | 1♠ | INT |
| 2♣ | 3♣ | Dble | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

West led a spade to the king, and a spade back guaranteed five spade winners for the defense - 3NT down one.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| West Szymanowski | North Astrom | East Martens | South Lindqvist |
| | | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Dble | 2♥ |
| 3♣ | All Pass | | |

Marek Szymanowski had no trouble making his contract with an overtrick - plus 130.

Open Room

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| West Sylvan | North Balicki | East Sundelin | South Zmudzinski |
| | | 1♦ | 1♥ |
| INT | Dble | 3NT | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | All Pass | |

Cezary Balicki led the ♥6, his partnership's usual lead from such a holding. Adam Zmudzinski won the ace but then made the fatal play of returning a heart, a mistake which, it seemed to the commentators, could have been avoided (this almost has to be the layout in hearts). Now declarer can play two rounds of clubs, both of which must be ducked, and then set up diamonds with the ♠K still in dummy as an entry to the good diamonds. But declarer also erred, throwing a diamond on his heart trick instead of a spade. Now he had only one spade, one heart (he couldn't cash that other heart while the opponents still had the ♠A), two clubs and four diamonds. Down one, minus 200 and 8 IMPs to Zakrzewski.

Decisions, decisions! Where would you like to be?

by Dr. Subir Roy

After two passes you find yourself looking at the following hand:

| |
|----------------|
| ♠ A K 10 8 5 3 |
| ♥ A 6 4 |
| ♦ - |
| ♣ 8 6 4 2 |

Naturally you open 1♠. From there on the bidding seems to acquire a life of its own.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | Agrawal | | Vaidya |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♦ | 3♦ | 4♣ | 4♣ |
| 5♣ | 5♠ | 6♦ | ? |

It's a crowded house. Although you signed off in game, the other players still have plenty to say. When the tray comes back to you, the bidding is up to the six level. Would you defend?

You have 11 HCP and partner is a passed hand. Opponents keep pushing on as does partner. Have you made up your mind?

Here's the entire hand.

Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

You bid on aiming for the moon and guess what? You manage to grasp it by your fingertips. Partner gives you (God bless his soul) a 'purrfect' dummy. Funny hand isn't it? With 11 opposite 8 you are cold for the little slam. (A trump lead stops you from ruffing three clubs in dummy but East will eventually be squeezed in hearts and clubs.

If you defend 6♦ and partner leads a spade... Oops! Only a heart lead defeats your opponents' six-banger.

This was the only Indian team to make it to the Round of 64 in the Vivendi Rosenblum from an 18-team Indian contingent.

Eight to late

by Patrick Jourdain (GB)

British teams met in the knock-out stage of the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams both in the Round of 64 and the Round of 32. The good news here is that one must go through. In the Round of 32 Hackett beat Armstrong 135-119. In the final quarter Les Steel had narrowed the gap with this defence against Hackett père:

E/W Game. Dealer East.

| | | | |
|------------|--|-------------|--|
| ♠ 9 8 | | | |
| ♥ 7 5 3 | | | |
| ♦ 10 8 5 2 | | | |
| ♣ 10 6 4 2 | | | |
| | | ♠ 5 3 | |
| | | ♥ K Q 6 | |
| | | ♦ K Q J 7 3 | |
| | | ♣ Q J 7 | |
| | | ♠ AKQJ1042 | |
| | | ♥ A 10 | |
| | | ♦ 9 | |
| | | ♣ 9 5 3 | |
| | | ♠ 7 6 | |
| | | ♥ J 9 8 4 2 | |
| | | ♦ A 6 4 | |
| | | ♣ A K 8 | |

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| West King | North Forrester | East Steel | South Hackett |
| | | 1♠ | Dble |
| Pass | 2♣ | 3♣ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Both tables reached 4♥ and West led the nine of spades. At the other table the Hackett twins tried three rounds of spades. South ruffed the third spade in his own hand with the eight. When this held, he cleared the trump ace, and was safe for ten tricks.

The trump promotion requires West to hold the jack. Steel spotted a defence which works when West has a singleton spade or the doubleton 9 8, whatever his trumps. He would rely on the eight later. He overtook the spade lead with the king and switched to his singleton diamond. Declarer won in dummy and led a trump. East won the first trump, and then tried the four of spades. West, Philip King, was a little surprised to find himself on lead with the eight of spades, but knew what he had to do. A diamond ruff defeated the game.

Of course, if West has a singleton spade, he will be forced to ruff the second spade, and play a diamond. Steel's defence is only wrong when South has doubleton eight of spades and West the trump jack, which was very unlikely on the bidding.

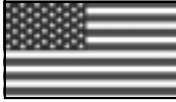


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Quarter-final



Boards 43-56



Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup



Wood (USA) v Bessis (FRA)

The strong French team captained by Véronique Bessis was favoured to overcome the American team of Nadine Wood in the Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup quarterfinal, but at the three-quarter mark it was WOOD who led by 86-76. Could the French, among the favourites for the competition, turn the match around?

Board 17. Nil Vul. Dealer North.

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

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

The very first board of the set saw the lead change hands. Tornay/Michaels bid the East/West cards INT - 3NT and Bessis led the obvious low spade to take the first six tricks for -100.

It would not have been surprising to see the auction duplicated in the other room, but Bénédicte Cronier opened 1♥. From that point there was no danger of reaching the wrong game.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|---------|-------|
| Willard | Wood | Cronier | Kivel |
| | Pass | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| Dble | 3♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

4♥ just had two aces to lose; +450 and 11 IMPs to BESSIS, ahead by 1 IMP.

Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

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

Would you open the West hand, second in hand at adverse vulnerability? It is easy to find reasons not to, but if your style is to open everything possible then you have to stick

with it and accept the bad results when they happen. Terry Michaels opened 1♦ and her side was always going to get to game now.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Michaels | D'Ovidio | Tornay | Bessis |
| 1♦ | Dble | Rdbl | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Had Claire Tornay bid 3NT a round earlier, without mentioning her hearts, she might well have got away with it, as the South hand has quite an attractive heart lead. Alas, Tornay thought that 5♦ could still be the correct spot, so she tried to explore the hand further. Now it didn't matter which black suit Bessis led, 3NT was always going to lose the first five tricks.

Bessis actually chose the ♣10 and Tornay put up the king in the forlorn hope that Catherine D'Ovidio would not have an automatic spade switch and might play for her to have misguessed the clubs if also missing the queen. Of course, D'Ovidio cashed her spades; -100.

Sylvie Willard did not open the West hand. That allowed Nadine Wood to open 1♣ as North and that ran back around to Willard who overcalled 1♦. Cronier responded 2NT and Willard raised to 3NT. Now what should Mickie Kivel lead from the South hand? As already mentioned, a heart lead looks attractive if the suit has not been mentioned, and that is what she chose. Cronier had nine top tricks, and when Wood pitched a heart on the run of the diamonds, that number went up to ten; +630 and 12 IMPs to BESSIS, ahead now by 13.

Board 24. Nil Vul. Dealer West.

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

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

In the Open Room, the West hand looked like a weak 2♠ opener to Michaels. D'Ovidio passed and Tornay raised to 4♠. On a slightly different layout, that might easily have made. As it was, D'Ovidio did something very good for her side when she led the ♣K. Michaels won the ace and played a trump. Bessis rose with the ace to return a club to collect her

ruff; one down for -50.

In the Closed Room, Willard did not open the West hand, which of course is entirely in keeping with the French style. This led to an entirely different auction.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|---------|----------|
| Willard | Wood | Cronier | Kivel |
| Pass | 1♥ | 1♠ | 2♠ |
| 4♥ | 5♥ | Dble | All Pass |

Wood opened 1♥ and Cronier overcalled in her 'beautiful' spade suit. Now Kivel showed a constructive heart raise, Willard splintered in support of spades, and Wood took the push to 5♥, quickly doubled by Cronier.

Though Wood picked the diamond position correctly, there was no way to avoid two trump losers plus a club so she was two down; +300 and 8 IMPs to the French, whose lead was up to 18.

But the Americans tightened the match on the next deal.

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

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

| West | East |
|----------|--------|
| Michaels | Tornay |
| 2NT | 2♥ |
| 4♥ | 3♣ |
| | Pass |

Tornay opened an off-centre weak two-bid and Michaels enquired. 3♣ showed the ace or king of clubs and a good hand and Michaels settled for 4♥. Bessis led a diamond and Tornay finessed. Then she played on trumps for 11 tricks; +650.

| West | East |
|---------|---------|
| Willard | Cronier |
| 1♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | 2♥ |
| 4♦ | 4♣ |
| 4♠ | 4♥ |
| 5♣ | 4NT |
| Pass | 6NT |

Cronier did not open the East hand - after all, though the main suit is good, it is a 3-5-3-2 11-count with no aces, second in hand vulnerable against not. So pass is normal in a sound opening style. After Willard's 3NT rebid (18+), however, Cronier visualised a possible slam and made a try with 4♣. When Willard was willing to co-operate, Cronier eventually jumped to slam, only to find that it was a very poor contract and had to fail by a trick; 13 IMPs to WOOD and the deficit was down to 5 IMPs.

The French lead went back up to double figures when Bessis made a game which failed at the other table. WOOD still trailed as the Closed Room, the only table remaining in play in either event, came to the final two deals.

Board 30. Nil Vul. Dealer East.

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

Open Room

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| West <i>Michaels</i> | North <i>D'Ovidio</i> | East <i>Tornay</i> | South <i>Bessis</i> |
| Pass | 2♦ | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| All Pass | | Pass | 3NT |

Catherine D'Ovidio did not look happy when the 3NT bid came through the screen. She had an unbid five-card major and didn't know whether it was right to introduce it. Finally, she decided to pass, playing her partner for length and strength in her short suits. Michaels led a heart to the ace and Tornay played back the ♥J. Bessis won that and cashed two top clubs, then played the ♦Q, overtaking in dummy. Tornay won that and cleared the hearts. Bessis won the fourth heart and cashed the remaining top club, keeping just diamonds and the ♠A in dummy. She played a spade, then tried to cash the diamonds, but when they did not behave Tornay had the last two tricks for down one; -50.

Closed Room

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| West <i>Willard</i> | North <i>Wood</i> | East <i>Cronier</i> | South <i>Kivel</i> |
| Pass | 2♦ | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | All Pass | 3NT |

In the same position as D'Ovidio had been, Wood went on with 4♣ over 3NT. That proved to be the winning decision. There were

two aces and a trump to lose but that was all; +420 and 10 IMPs to WOOD.

Going into the final deal, BESSIS led by 1 IMP. The boards had been coming out of order so the final one was Board 26, and it produced a dramatic finish to the match.

Board 26. All Vul. Dealer East.

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

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| West <i>Michaels</i> | East <i>Tornay</i> |
| 2♥ | 2♣ |
| 3♣ | 2♠ |
| 4NT | 4♣ |
| 6♣ | 5♠ |
| | Pass |

The Americans bid smoothly to the cold slam. 2♣ was their big bid and 2♥ a negative. When her spades were raised, Tornay felt that she had nothing to spare for her opening so simply reraised to game, but now Michaels went on. 5♠ showed three aces and Michaels bid the slam. A trump lead gave Tornay time to establish the long club to pitch her hearts; +1460.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| West <i>Willard</i> | East <i>Cronier</i> |
| 2♦ | 2♣ |
| 3♠ | 2♠ |
| 4♦ | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♠ |

This time 2♦ was the negative. Again spades were agreed. Cronier cuebid 4♣ over 3♠ but then, with no heart control, had no option but to sign off in 4♣. Willard thought a long time but finally passed. A heart lead held Cronier to 12 tricks but that didn't matter. WOOD had gained 13 IMPs and taken the match by 12. The final score was 129-117 for WOOD, who advanced to the semifinals of the Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup.

And if the French had bid the slam? Well, then the opening lead would have been very important. On a non-heart lead, declarer can make 13 tricks, flatten the board, and win the match by 1 IMP. A heart lead wins 1 IMP for WOOD and now the sides are level and looking forward to extra boards. Of course the term 'looking forward' is being used in its loosest possible sense.

The dangers of protecting

by Stuart McPhee

There is always some risk involved in keeping the bidding alive in fourth position. Maybe the opponents will find a better part-score. Once they bid game after I protected in fourth seat.

This week for the first time, a new danger became apparent. THEY MIGHT BID A SLAM. This hand occurred in an early round of the Vivendi Rosenblum qualifiers,


N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| West <i>Ash</i> | North | East <i>McPhee</i> | South |
| Pass | Pass!! | Double! | 1♥ |
| 2♣ | 4♥! | 5♣! | Pass |
| Pass | 6♥! | All Pass | 5♥ |

Presumably, North missed her partner's bid on the first round, maybe a cow flew by. Having protected on the first round, I suffered the ignominy of having to take the sacrifice on the next round of bidding as North caught up. Against six hearts, partner led the ace of clubs and I played a spectacular (but risky) ♣K to ensure a spade switch. Just the sort of hand to give you nightmares.



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Final

Elf Senior Teams

Rohan v Szenberg

The final of the Elf Senior Teams was contested between a Polish team - Szenberg, Wilkosz, Klukowski and Jezioro - and a multi-national squad from Austria, Bulgaria and Israel - Rohan, Baratta, Drumev, Katz and Rand. There were to be two 14-board stanzas to decide the Seniors Champions of the World!

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

ROHAN had already picked up a couple of minor swings when this board came along. Both North/South pairs, Klukowski/Jezioro and Rand/Katz, bid freely to 4♣ and both West players, Drumev and Wilkosz, led the ♦K.

Klukowski played in straightforward fashion, winning the ace of diamonds and leading low to the jack of spades. He lost two spades, a diamond and a club for down one; -50. Probably he thought nothing about the deal because his line of play appeared to be the normal one, but in the other room Nissan Rand brought home his game. He also won the diamond lead but then advanced the ♠8. When Wilkosz followed with the seven, Rand played low from dummy and had restricted his trump losers to one. There were no further problems to be overcome; +420 and 10 IMPs to ROHAN.

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South.

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

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| North Jezioro | South Klukowski |
| 2♦ | 1♠ |
| 4♣ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ |

Jezioro bid his diamonds then splintered but Klukowski was not impressed. When he signed off in 4♣, Jezioro decided to call it a day and the good slam had been missed; +680.

| | |
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| North Katz | South Rand |
| 4♣ | 1♠ |
| 4NT | 4♠ |
| 6♠ | 5♠ |
| | Pass |

Moshe Katz took a different approach to the North hand. He splintered immediately and went on with Roman Key Card Blackwood over Rand's sign-off. That got the Israelis to slam very easily; +1430 and 13 IMPs to ROHAN.

Board 8. Nil Vul. Dealer West.

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

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| North Jezioro | South Klukowski |
| 1♣ | 2♦ |
| 2♠ | 3♥ |
| 3NT | 4♣ |
| 5♣ | 6♣ |
| Pass | |

1♣ was Polish, either strong and artificial, a weak no trump type, or five plus clubs in an unbalanced 11-17. 2♦ was natural and forcing and the rest of the bidding was essentially natural also.

The lead was a low heart and Jezioro won the ace, cashed three rounds of trumps, then played out the top diamonds, pitching his heart loser on the third round. Franz Baratta ruffed with the ♣J and made the mistake of

trying to cash a heart. Jezioro ruffed and cashed his remaining trump, which squeezed Drumev between spades and diamonds to give the twelfth trick; +920.

To defeat the slam, East must switch to a spade after ruffing the third diamond. That disrupts the communications for the squeeze.

| | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| North Katz | South Rand |
| 1♣ | 1♦ |
| 1♠ | 2♥ |
| 3♣ | 4NT |
| 5♠ | 5NT |
| 6♣ | Pass |

The same contract was reached as in the other room and the lead was also the same. Declarer won the heart and cashed the ace of clubs before playing the ♠K, a spade to the ace, and ruffing the low spade. Now he played three top diamonds. East could ruff but had no effective defence. Nicely played for +920 and a flat board.

Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| West Wilkosz | North Katz | East Szenberg | South Rand |
| | 1♦ | Dble | 3♥ |
| | 3NT | All Pass | |

Katz led the ♣Q and Wilkosz ducked. Katz switched to the queen of diamonds and declarer won the king. He then took the spade finesse and led the ♥Q to the king and ace. He could not make nine tricks from here and eventually drifted one off; -100.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| West Drumev | North Jezioro | East Baratta | South Klukowski |
| | 1♦ | Dble | 2♥ |
| | 2NT | 3♦ | Pass |
| | 3NT | All Pass | |

Klukowski's more gentle pre-emptive response of 2♥ gave Christo Drumev room to

bid only 2NT, where Wilkosz had been bullied into bidding game in the other room. That looked as though it would be worth a partscore swing to ROHAN but Baratta drove aggressively to game.

Drumev received the same ♣Q lead as in the other room but he won in hand with the king. He played a spade to the queen then a low club for the nine and ten. Jezioro tried the ♠K and, when that was ducked, switched to his heart. The heart went to the queen, king and ace. Drumev finessed the ♣8 then cashed the ace of spades. Prospects were a little rosier when the spades divided. Drumev cashed the 13th spade then the ♣A. Finally, he cashed the ♥J and Jezioro suffered a one-suit squeeze. Down to nothing but diamonds, if he kept the AQJ Drumev would simply lead dummy's diamond and duck it to the jack. Jezioro would now have to give him the ♦K at the end. But when Jezioro threw the ♦Q, coming down to the AJ8, Drumev still played the diamond. Klukowski had to put in the ten, which would have defeated the contract had the eight and nine been switched round, but Drumev covered with the king and had to make his nine on the last trick. A fine +600 and 12 more IMPs to ROHAN.

Board 10. All Vul. Dealer East.

♠ A 4 2
♥ K 9 5 4
♦ Q 10 6 3
♣ 8 6

♠ K Q J 6 5
♥ Q J
♦ A
♣ K Q 10 5 2

♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ A 10 8 7 3
♦ K 8
♣ 9 4

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| West | East |
| Wilkosz | Szenberg |
| | 1♠ |
| INT | 3NT |
| Pass | |

A somewhat agricultural sequence. Direct bidding can have its triumphs but this was not to be one of them. Katz led a low heart and the defence soon had six tricks; -200.

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| West | East |
| Drumev | Baratta |
| | 1♣ |
| 1♦ | 1♠ |
| 2♦ | 3♣ |
| 4♣ | Pass |

1♣ was strong and 1♦ a negative. It was pretty clear that 5♣ was going to have too many top losers and Baratta judged correctly

to stop in 4♣, which made exactly for +130 and 8 IMPs to ROHAN.

Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

♠ A Q 4
♥ 10 7 2
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 9 8 2

♠ K 2
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 6 4
♣ J 3

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♠ J 9 7 5 3
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A 2
♣ A K 10

♠ 10 8 6
♥ A K Q
♦ 9 5
♣ Q 7 6 5 4


55 IMPs down and with the match almost half over, SZENBERG desperately needed to stop the bleeding. A chance came along on this board when Katz/Rand stopped in INT and made it exactly for +90. Klukowski/Jezioro were more aggressive in the other room.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Baratta | Jezioro | Drumev | Klukowski |
| Pass | 1♦ | Dble | Rdbl |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Klukowski made the aggressive raise and now it was up to his partner to find nine tricks. The lead was a low spade. Jezioro put in the ten from dummy and the king forced his ace. He played on clubs but Baratta could win and play the ♠J to clear the suit. 3NT was down two for -200 and a further 7 IMPs to ROHAN.

Had declarer played either the ♠6 or ♠8 from dummy at trick one it would still have served to force West's king. Having won the ace, declarer could have played up to the clubs and established three tricks. If East established his spades he would give declarer three spade tricks and nine in all, while if he did not do so declarer would have time to develop a diamond for his ninth trick.

No doubt, had 3NT been made and SZENBERG picked up 11 IMPs instead of losing 7 IMPs, they would have played on. Down by 62-0 at the half, against opponents who were clearly on hot form, they decided to concede. Karl Rohan and Franz Baratta of Austria, Christo Drumev of Bulgaria, and Nissan Rand and Moshe Katz of Israel, are the new Elf World Senior Teams Champions.



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Ever ruffed a singleton?

by Tim and Rien Verbeek, Netherlands

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Against two French players whose names were not recorded, we took out their 5♥ to 5♠ – which was doubled of course. After cashing the ♣K and ♥K, East set the contract by leading his singleton diamond – which West ruffed!

Belgian Grand

There has been a long-running joke going around about Irish slams for as long as I can remember - something on the lines of cashing your two aces against an Irish slam, then looking around to see which ace partner is likely to hold. After this hand from the first session of the Société Générale Open Pairs qualifying stage, we may have to start talking about Belgian Grand Slams in a similar fashion. Mind you, inasmuch as the contract made, we had better impress on everyone the importance of cashing the defensive ace before anything bad can happen.

Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | <i>Bodson</i> | | <i>De Guide</i> |
| | INT | 2♦ | 6♠ |
| Pass | 7♦ | Pass | 7♠ |
| Dble | 7NT | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Rdbl | All Pass | |

When Conrad De Guide decided to just bash 6♠, Michel Bodson thought that perhaps if his partner could bid six when he held two aces then seven should be possible. He cuebid 7♦ to give a choice between 7♠ and 7NT. De Guide chose 7♠ and West doubled. Figuring that if they could make 7♠ they could also make 7NT, Bodson converted to the latter contract and, when that also got doubled, redoubled. After all, a bottom is only a bottom.

Had East guessed to lead a club, there would have been no story, but he chose the ♠K. Bodson won the ace and played a spade. He felt a little better when the king appeared, but there were still only 12 tricks and no legitimate hope of a 13th. Bodson cashed seven rounds of spades, discarding the ♣3, ♣9, ♣Q and ♣K.

Now he wanted to let West know that he had a useful heart holding to give him an alternative to hold on to hearts rather than the ♣A. He played a low heart to the ace, then the ♥10 back to the king. Now came the last spade. Length signals would have told West what was going on and allowed him to discard a heart in comfort, but either East was not signalling, so as to conceal the position from declarer, or West was not paying attention. Or perhaps West feared that his partner would be false-carding. Whatever the reason, West decided to play declarer for a fourth heart instead of the ♣J, in which case he had to keep his hearts to leave declarer with a decision to make at trick 12. He threw the ♣A, and the impossible grand had made.

7NT redoubled making 13 tricks for +2280 was a complete top for North/South.

1997 World Championship Book



The book of the Hammamet World Championships is on sale at the Le Bridgeur shop in the main hall.

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Your screenmate bids 7NT. You look at the tray and discover you are on lead. You look at your hand and see the ♠A. What do you do?

Of course this is pairs, so like a true sportsman you let the bid go by without a double. Amazingly the tray comes back, with a double by partner. She was not as sporting – she held two aces of her own!



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by Patrick Jourdain (GB)

Micke Melander reported this deal from the match in which Team Magic of Sweden eliminated the USA's top team called Walvick.

Nil Vul. Dealer South.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Hamman</i> | <i>Andersson</i> | <i>Soloway</i> | <i>Gullberg</i> |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

South opened a Strong Diamond (17+ any shape). The response of 1♥ was a negative. South rebid a natural INT, North used Stayman and then showed five spades in an invitational hand. South accepted.

Against 3NT, Hamman led a low heart to the king and ace. Gullberg tried the ♠J, covered by the queen and king. He then led a diamond to the jack and king. Hamman exited with a club to dummy.

Gullberg now led a low spade to the 7. Hamman won this with the 10 and switched to a diamond which went to the 8 and ace. Gullberg began cashing his clubs but West showed out on the third round. Now Gullberg cashed his ♥Q and exited with a diamond to the 10 and queen. Soloway could cash his last diamond but then had to lead away from the ♣10 to give declarer his ninth trick.

Have you spotted a couple of errors? If East lets the ♦10 win, declarer is stuck in dummy and has to concede the rest to West. To counter this Gullberg should dispose of the ♦10 either on the second round of the suit or when he cashes the clubs. But if declarer does this we have to go back earlier and suggest that East play his middle diamond on the first round, keeping the 6. Then, provided West retains his 7, the defence can avoid having East thrown in for the endplay.

Semi-final



Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup



Austria v USA

The first quarter featured a large number of quiet no swing boards both at the beginning of the session and towards the end. It was in the middle part of the session that most of the action took place. Both teams reached a good slam on this deal.

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|----------|------------|
| Sokolow | Fischer | Meyers | Weigkricht |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

After the Strong Club start INT promised 4 controls and the rest of the auction was natural. Fischer had promised extras with her waiting bid of 2NT so it was clear to Weigkricht to go on over 3NT.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Erhart | Truscott | Terraneo | Sanders |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

There was nothing to the play and both declarers recorded 13 tricks. As so often happens the following board had slam potential.

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|--------|------------|
| Sokolow | Fischer | Meyers | Weigkricht |
| | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 6NT | All Pass | | |

Four Clubs was asking for aces and the reply showed two. Knowing that one ace was missing West bid what she hoped her partner could make. If South had found the diamond lead she would have undoubtedly have won an award for the greatest play of this or indeed any other World Championship but when she understandably led a heart declarer quickly claimed all the tricks.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| Erhart | Truscott | Terraneo | Sanders |
| | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 6♠ | Pass | 6NT | |

Remember that East's 3♠ bid might have been a canapé, hence West's offer of a choice of slams with her bid of 6♠.

Here it was a little easier for North to find the diamond lead but Truscott still deserves full marks for putting the ♦A on the table. The diamond blockage meant the contract was only two down but it translated to 16 IMPs to the USA. Incredibly these proved to be the only IMPs the USA team scored in the first quarter!

Austria hit back immediately.

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|--------|------------|
| Sokolow | Fischer | Meyers | Weigkricht |
| Pass | INT | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| All Pass | | Pass | 3NT |

Weigkricht, understandably slightly annoyed by the previous board did not bother to invite game.

East led the ♥3 which declarer ran to her seven. She played the jack of spades. East does best to duck but declarer can still prevail thanks to the fortunate positions in both minors. As it was East won and switched to the ♣K. Declarer ducked and East exited with the ♠4. Fischer was at the crossroads. If West had four spades she could afford the time to establish a second heart trick but if East had four then she needed to set up her ninth trick in spades. Reflecting that East was clearly short in clubs she eventually came to the winning decision, claiming nine tricks when East won the fourth round of spades. +400.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Erhart | Truscott | Terraneo | Sanders |
| | | 1♠ | All Pass |

The knowledge that East may have been about to canapé into a longer suit may have influenced North's decision but nevertheless it seems excessively timid to not reopen with a double. 2♠ cost 200 but that still meant 5 IMPs for Austria.



Carol Sanders (USA)

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Jill Meyers (USA)

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| West <i>Sokolow</i> | North <i>Fischer</i> | East <i>Meyers</i> | South <i>Weigkricht</i> |
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 7NT | All Pass | |

This time the response to the 1♣ opening promised six controls. It was not long before the excellent grand slam was reached.

Declarer won the opening club lead in hand and cashed the ♥KQ, hoping to be able to claim. The 4-1 break on the wrong side was a blow, but the contract still had chances - for instance the ♦J109 might have come down. The contract can be made as the cards lie by unblocking the ♦K at trick two and then cashing one top heart (in case they are 5-0) and the winning spades, discarding a club from hand. Then two rounds of hearts ending in the North hand will be more than East can bear. As it was nothing worked now and the contract was one down.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| West <i>Erhart</i> | North <i>Truscott</i> | East <i>Terraneo</i> | South <i>Sanders</i> |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | Pass | 5♣ |
| Pass | 5NT | Pass | Pass |
| 6♦ | Pass | 6NT | Pass |
| Pass | 7♥ | All Pass | |

A good auction where South showed 4♠ and 5♥ led to the unlucky slam. Both teams were probably relieved to discover it was a flat board.

The last significant swing of the quarter went to Austria.

Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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| W | S | | | | | | |

USA reached a spade part score on the North-South cards and recorded 10 tricks for +170.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| West <i>Sokolow</i> | North <i>Fischer</i> | East <i>Meyers</i> | South <i>Weigkricht</i> |
| 3♥ | Pass | 1♥ | Dble |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | | All Pass | |

West led the king of hearts and East overtook it with the ace. Switching to the ♣9 would have been a good idea, leading to the defeat of the contract, but East continued with a second heart and a good guess in diamonds subsequently produced +620 and 10 IMPs.

At the end of the session it was Erhart 23 Truscott 16.

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No need to force

This interesting deal cropped up in the Vivendi Rosenblum Round Robin in the match between Innocentini and Schwartz. It is set as a problem for the player in the South seat - should he adopt a forcing defence or not?

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| West <i>Rubin</i> | North <i>Soroldoni</i> | East <i>Becker</i> | South <i>Croci</i> |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ | 1♦ |
| 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| | | | All Pass |

After the lead of the ♦8, South won the first trick with the ace. He then played the only card to defeat the contract, the ♠10. This had the effect of irreparably cutting declarer's communications.

If West wins in hand, ruffs a diamond, returns to hand with another spade and ruffs another diamond he sets up three more tricks for the defence. After a lot of thought West took the trick with the ♠A and played the ♥J to the queen and king, and South decided not to win with the ace, following with the six. This move, although quite good, was not decisive. West can't allow the trumps in dummy to be eliminated because when South wins the ♣K he can play a diamond. Coming to hand with a spade to ruff a diamond clearly has no future.

After long thought West played the ♠K and a small spade from the dummy. South was not sure of the spade position so he declined to ruff, but this also was not important.

The play continued with a diamond ruff and the ♠J ruffed and overruffed with declarer's ♥10. Now the dummy was down to only clubs and North's ♥9 was the setting trick.

At the other table the contract and opening lead were the same, but South played another diamond at trick two, ruffed in dummy. That was followed by a spade to the ace and another diamond ruff. Then the ♥K collected the ace from South and the nine from North. South continued with another diamond, but West simply ruffed it low. Although North could score his master trump, the losing club could be discarded on the fourth round of spades.

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Société Générale Open Pairs - 1st Qualifying Session

For the first session of the Société Générale Open Pairs we feature the Argentinians, Pablo Lambardi and Hector Camberos. They scored more than 68% to lead the competition at this early stage.

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Lambardi | | Camberos | |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♦ | 2♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

5♦ is actually a better contract than 5♣ because a heart can be discarded on the long club. However, the problem was how to make 5♣. North led two top spades and Lambardi ruffed the second one, drew trumps and cashed the top hearts. Next he played the ♦K and a low diamond. When South followed with a small diamond, Lambardi had to decide whether to play North for his actual hand, or for a 6-2-3-2 shape. In the latter case, ace and another diamond would put North in and force a ruff and discard to eliminate the heart loser. On the actual layout, the winning play is to duck the second diamond. Again North wins but has to give a ruff and discard for the contract.

After some thought, Lambardi decided to play low on the diamond, thinking that South

might have found a spade raise if holding four-card support. Right he was. North won the ♦Q but was endplayed. +400 was worth about an 80% score to the Argentinians.

Board 13. All Vul. Dealer North.

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| <p>♠ A 10 9 6 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ Q 9 8 5</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | <p>♠ 5 4 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ A J 6 ♣ A 4 2</p> | <p>♠ K J 8 3 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ J 10 7 3</p> |
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Camberos opened INT (15-17), Lambardi responded 2♣, Stayman, and Camberos bid 2♥. Now Lambardi made the slightly aggressive bid of 3NT, thinking that his 10-9 combinations might be valuable. In particular, he thought the opening lead might give away a trick.

The lead was the ♦4 to the queen, king and ace. Camberos led the ♥K, ducked, and a second heart taken by the ace. South returned a third heart and now a small club went to South's king. South persevered with hearts and Camberos won and led a spade, putting in the ten. That lost to the jack and North returned a club, won by the ace. North had been throwing diamonds on the hearts, but now Camberos cashed the ♠A and then his diamonds to squeeze him in the black suits. The ♠5 was declarer's 10th trick.

With most pairs not reaching game, the overtrick was just a bonus on what was already a very good board, giving Lambardi/Camberos 562 matchpoints out of a possible 574.

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

After a pass from Camberos, East, South opened 3♥. Lambardi overcalled 4♥, showing

spades and a minor and North doubled. That came back to Lambardi who bid 5♣. North doubled, and that was that.

The opening lead was a heart, ruffed, and Lambardi played a diamond to North's ace. Back came the ♦Q to the king. With the ♦J falling, the diamond position appeared to be clear. Lambardi played on clubs now and, after North had taken two club tricks, declarer was confident that he knew the distribution of the concealed hands. Obviously, the percentage play in spades is to take the finesse, but Lambardi wondered about the bidding. North had a very good hand in support of hearts and, at the prevailing vulnerability, might well have bid on to 5♥ rather than double 5♣. That option would have been even more attractive to North had he held two low spades rather than ♠Qx. The most likely reason for North's decision to penalise East/West was that he had some hopes of collecting 800 on defence. Accordingly, he rated to have the ♠Q.

How sound that reasoning was, we will never know, as we cannot discover North's thought processes, but it worked out for Lambardi. He played spades from the top, dropping the queen, and got out for only one off. -300 would have been a good score, as North/South can always make 5♥ by taking the club finesse to get rid of the losing diamond, but -100 was even better, scoring almost 95% of the matchpoints.

World Championship Book 1998

The book of these championships in Lille is scheduled to appear in January next year. Yes, I know we never seem to achieve our target date, but this time we will really try to do so.

It will be of the same general size and format as the 1997 book, with a minimum of 300 pages.

There will be coverage of all the various championships being played here, with an extensive results service and many photographs.

The major analysts will be Eric Kokish, Rich Colker, Barry Rigal, and Brian Senior, who also edits the book. There will also be several guest writers.

On publication, the cover price will be \$30 plus postage and packing, but orders paid for in advance here in Lille will cost only the special price of \$25 including postage.

To place an order, please see Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room.

7th Forbo International Bridge Tournament

The 7th Forbo International Bridge Tournament will take place 27-28 February, 1999, at the Steigenberger Kurhaus, Scheveningen, in The Hague, the Netherlands. This is a tournament you should play in at least once in your life. For additional information contact Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room on the 7th floor.

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE OPEN PAIRS

(Qualifying stage - Leading scores, the first 240 pairs)

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|----|---------------|----------------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|-------------------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | MECKSTROTH J | JOHNSON P | USA | 238.65 | 81 | KOKSOY E | EKSIOGLU M | TUR | 217.56 | 161 | DIDIER M | NOEL J | FRA | 211.21 |
| 2 | JANSM A | VAN CLEEF | NLD | 236.84 | 82 | SCHNITZER J | BIEDER W | AUT | 217.51 | 162 | SCHERDERS J | SCHERDERS K | NLD | 211.17 |
| 3 | VANHOUTTE F | VANHOUTTE P | FRA | 234.83 | 83 | ISMIR R | LEWICKI P | FRA | 217.38 | 163 | SOLBRAND S | WADELARK O | SWE | 211.17 |
| 4 | LAMBARDI P | CAMBEROS H | ARG | 234.08 | 84 | BADIR F | BOLLACK B | BEL | 217.34 | 164 | LARA M | CAPUCHO M | PRT | 211.15 |
| 5 | NILSSON U | LINDBERG G | SWE | 233.60 | 85 | AUBY D | NYSTROM F | SWE | 217.24 | 165 | BERRADA S | BELKOUCH A | MAR | 211.10 |
| 6 | HENRI J | LABAERA A | BEL | 231.66 | 86 | CIESLAK J | MOSZYNSKI J | POL | 217.04 | 166 | LABORDE M | DESAGHER M | FRA | 210.94 |
| 7 | LOUCHART P | DUGUET M | FRA | 231.12 | 87 | PAWLAK A | GWINNER H | DEU | 216.95 | 167 | RASMUSSEN S | THOEN J | DNK | 210.86 |
| 8 | SOLOWAY P | ZOLOTOV S | USA | 230.42 | 88 | PILON D | FAIGENBAUM A | FRA | 216.94 | 168 | ROHOWSKY R | REPS K | DEU | 210.85 |
| 9 | BIRMAN D | ZELIGMAN S | ISR | 230.41 | 89 | RAMER R | PAULISSEN G | NLD | 216.82 | 169 | KASRADZE A | BERIASHVILI R | GEO | 210.84 |
| 10 | ROBINSON S | BOYD P | USA | 230.29 | 90 | PRABHAKAR B | KRISHNAN R | IND | 216.72 | 170 | BODDAERT M | PIERROT G | FRA | 210.61 |
| 11 | CRONIER P | SALAMA M | FRA | 230.27 | 91 | MAYBACH R | SCHWENKREIS T | DEU | 216.52 | 171 | SHARMA V | SADHU A | IND | 210.53 |
| 12 | BALIAN J | LEGRAS R | FRA | 229.94 | 92 | KRAUTSAK D | POKLEPOVIC S | HRV | 216.45 | 172 | HEDWIG J | LENART J | NZL | 210.42 |
| 13 | IONTZEFF G | LASSERRE G | FRA | 229.81 | 93 | JUREK P | MODRZEJEWSKI T | POL | 216.43 | 173 | WALLIS J | DEL'MONTE I | AUS | 210.40 |
| 14 | JASSEK M | TUSZYNSKI P | POL | 228.81 | 94 | BOMPIS M | DE SAINTE MARIE T | FRA | 216.43 | 174 | ASKGAARD M | MATHIESEN J | DNK | 210.34 |
| 15 | SADEK T | NAGUIB S | EGY | 228.56 | 95 | LEBEL M | SOULET P | FRA | 216.11 | 175 | SCHAFFER L | BRUUN J | DNK | 210.31 |
| 16 | BOGACKI P | LEPERTEL A | FRA | 227.78 | 96 | WEINSTEIN S | ROSENBERG M | USA | 215.91 | 176 | FEICHTINGER K | STRAFNER M | AUT | 210.21 |
| 17 | WOLPERT D | CZYZOWICZ J | CAN | 227.69 | 97 | GERIN D | MATHIEU P | GLP | 215.73 | 177 | LARSEN C | KIVEL J | USA | 210.14 |
| 18 | DEVAAL P | VAN EGMOND W | NLD | 227.30 | 98 | VOERTMANN J | WEBER F | GER | 215.70 | 178 | WOJAS Z | RAZKO T | POL | 210.13 |
| 19 | HAMMAN R | MAHMOOD Z | USA | 227.25 | 99 | KWIECIEIN F | PSZCZOTA J | POL | 215.68 | 179 | MAMOU MANI C | CHALIBERT P | FRA | 210.03 |
| 20 | GAWRYS P | LESNIEWSKI M | POL | 226.84 | 100 | GODED F | KNAPA | ESP | 215.54 | 180 | FUKUDA S | KAKU H | JPN | 209.98 |
| 21 | BAKKEREN T | BAKKEREN F | NLD | 226.59 | 101 | BLUMENTHAL G | STOPPA J | FRA | 215.43 | 181 | KUTNER R | TERRETTAZ J | CHE | 209.93 |
| 22 | GEORGE J | SABI T | IDN | 226.41 | 102 | HOYLAND S O | HOYLAND J | NOR | 215.34 | 182 | SCHICK O | BELLEFROID P | FRA | 209.89 |
| 23 | KOKKO K | EBENIUS J | SWE | 226.18 | 103 | MUNAWAR S | BOJOH J | IND | 214.99 | 183 | COPPOLANI M | PEYRONIE C | FRA | 209.85 |
| 24 | TOBING R | POLII D | IDN | 225.93 | 104 | HOMONNAY G | LAKAGOS P | HUN | 214.96 | 184 | DERIVERY J | PELLETIER J | GLP | 209.77 |
| 25 | PACAULT H | SZWARC H | FRA | 225.91 | 105 | LAIR M | SCHWARTZ R | USA | 214.80 | 185 | AUKEN J | KOCH PALMUND D | DNK | 209.77 |
| 26 | HIRTZ D | KASLER P | FRA | 225.91 | 106 | MOLVA MJ | TASMAN U | TUR | 214.70 | 186 | ROMIEU M | MUS M | FRA | 209.51 |
| 27 | PRICE D | WRIGHT L | GBR | 225.74 | 107 | KING P | STEEL L | GBR | 214.59 | 187 | MITTELMAN G | GRAVES A | CAN | 209.43 |
| 28 | ARTUFFO L | LOMBARDI R | ITA | 225.60 | 108 | KHANDELWAL R | SHAH J | IND | 214.52 | 188 | FISSORE H | CATELLANI M | MCO | 209.43 |
| 29 | OZDIL M | ZAREMBA J | POL | 225.28 | 109 | HERBST I | HERBST O | ISR | 214.40 | 189 | HAMAOU I S | CAPONI C | VEN | 209.39 |
| 30 | KIERZNOWSKI R | TUKASZEWICZ K | POL | 225.18 | 110 | GILL P | COURTNEY M | AUS | 214.39 | 190 | HELLER C | MOHAN L | CAN | 209.37 |
| 31 | PARAIN Y | DUBUS X | FRA | 224.33 | 111 | JAFFRAIN J | BRANCHU R | FRA | 214.31 | 191 | POLESCHI R | ALUJAS G | ARG | 209.35 |
| 32 | GOKULSHING B | DOOMUN E | MUS | 224.31 | 112 | CUTHBERTSON M | MATHESON J | GBR | 214.30 | 192 | GARDYNIK G | WITEK M | POL | 209.34 |
| 33 | DE ZURICH C | STUTZ U | CHE | 224.23 | 113 | NAFTALI G | SHEINMAN R | ISR | 214.30 | 193 | ZANDVOORT S | BEYL I | NLD | 209.31 |
| 34 | GUILLAUMIN P | KASS H | FRA | 223.93 | 114 | VAN PROOIJEN R | DE WIJIS S | NLD | 214.29 | 194 | EKEBLAD S | SEAMAN M | USA | 209.22 |
| 35 | SION D | RODWELL E | USA | 223.58 | 115 | LALANNE B | SALEY C | FRA | 214.29 | 195 | DE CHATILLON E | HELLER J | FRA | 208.93 |
| 36 | MOUIEL H | POIZAT P | FRA | 223.48 | 116 | FINGER B | FOLLET D | FRA | 214.10 | 196 | COHEN M | SPRUNG D | USA | 208.92 |
| 37 | FREED E | PASSELL M | USA | 223.44 | 117 | REYGADAS M | ROSENKRANTZ J | MEX | 214.05 | 197 | OHNO K | YAMADA A | JPN | 208.78 |
| 38 | CLEMENT P | SENADEJ A | FRA | 223.33 | 118 | GOTARD T | HOLOWSKI Z | GER | 213.98 | 198 | YIANTSI S | DELBALTADAKIS N | GRC | 208.72 |
| 39 | WINCIOREK T | KWIECIEINSKI M | POL | 222.97 | 119 | EKSIOGLU M | ZOBU A | TUR | 213.93 | 199 | ELLIA E | LORMANT Y | FRA | 208.72 |
| 40 | ARGANINI P | PAONCZ P | ITA | 222.34 | 120 | POLETYLO J | WOJCICKI M | POL | 213.91 | 200 | BIRBEAU J | DE GRAEVE J | FRA | 208.67 |
| 41 | LE PODER J | SOLARI J C | FRA | 222.16 | 121 | LETIZIA M | STEWART J | USA | 213.76 | 201 | HANTVEIT T | BROGELAND B | NOR | 208.63 |
| 42 | MILLER B | CHEEK C | USA | 222.15 | 122 | McGOWAN L | BAXTER K | GBR | 213.73 | 202 | BARUCCHI C | TARDY S | FRA | 208.62 |
| 43 | SAPORTA P | MARLIER J | FRA | 221.85 | 123 | STRETZ F | TOFFIER P | FRA | 213.72 | 203 | TILMIN R | KEAVENEY G | IRL | 208.50 |
| 44 | HAMPSON G | GRECO E | USA | 221.73 | 124 | SERF M | TINTNER L | FRA | 213.68 | 204 | VINAY D | AJAY K | IND | 208.49 |
| 45 | OPALINSKI R | PIETRASZEK M | POL | 221.49 | 125 | NILSSON H | ERIKSSON M | SWE | 213.67 | 205 | KOSHI H | NAKAMURA Y | JPN | 208.43 |
| 46 | BABSCHA A | UHAUS P | AUS | 221.47 | 126 | BO E | BRIERE J | FRA | 213.64 | 206 | DALENOORD H | GADEMANN N | NLD | 208.41 |
| 47 | GROMOV A | PETRUNIN A | RUS | 221.39 | 127 | ABECASSIS M | QUANTIN J | FRA | 213.64 | 207 | BENSCHOP N | FAASE R | NLD | 208.34 |
| 48 | DEBOER W | MULLER B | NLD | 221.37 | 128 | CZEREPAK M | RAZIK A | POL | 213.61 | 208 | HORREAUX B | LANCMAN P | FRA | 208.31 |
| 49 | HOOGENKAMP E | VERHEES L | NLD | 221.30 | 129 | BODSON M | DE GUIDE C | FRA | 213.50 | 209 | PIEDRA F | ZIMMERMANN P | CHE | 208.26 |
| 50 | OLANSKI W | STARKOWSKI W | POL | 221.17 | 130 | SORIANO P | GHOZLAN J | FRA | 213.48 | 210 | VENTIN J | PONT J | ESP | 208.20 |
| 51 | KOWALSKI A | ROMANSKI J | POL | 221.04 | 131 | DEBUS E | VANDERREET P | BEL | 213.47 | 211 | GITELMAN F | SILVER J | CAN | 208.16 |
| 52 | CASSAR H | LANGVIN Y | FRA | 220.83 | 132 | LEVY R | TEYLOUNI F | CHE | 213.44 | 212 | GHESTEM P | FREMERY J | FRA | 208.04 |
| 53 | MORSE D | WILDAVSKY A | USA | 220.78 | 133 | GROMOELLER M | KIRE A | GER | 213.42 | 213 | DALAL R | GUPTA S | IND | 207.94 |
| 54 | NAELS P | GRENTHE P | FRA | 220.77 | 134 | DUPRAZ P | SALLIERE G | FRA | 213.39 | 214 | YOMTOV B | FOSTER J | USA | 207.90 |
| 55 | VAN EIJK W | ZHAO J | NLD | 220.75 | 135 | AGARWAL R | BANDY K | IND | 213.38 | 215 | LEDGER J | THEELKE M | GBR | 207.83 |
| 56 | WOOLDRIDGE J | CARMICHAEL T | USA | 220.68 | 136 | LEVIN A | ROLL J | ISR | 213.33 | 216 | BITRAN A | NAHMIA S | FRA | 207.71 |
| 57 | HARFOUCHE G | EIDI M | LBN | 220.19 | 137 | TORNAY G | BECKER R | USA | 213.14 | 217 | LARSEN K | GLUBOK B | USA | 207.70 |
| 58 | MONDIGIR B | ROGI T | IDN | 220.18 | 138 | VLACHAKI M | MAJ | GRC | 213.07 | 218 | BIGAT H | COLLAROS P | CHE | 207.68 |
| 59 | TERRANE O F | SIMON J | AUT | 220.02 | 139 | GRACIO J | LOPES A | POR | 212.99 | 219 | CAPAYANNIDES C | CAPAYANNIDES A | GRC | 207.61 |
| 60 | HAUKSSON B | SIGURDSSON S | ISL | 219.99 | 140 | GJERRA E | MORITSCH M | ITA | 212.77 | 220 | MANFIELD E | WOOLSEY K | USA | 207.42 |
| 61 | MAURIN D | GIROLLET M | FRA | 219.65 | 141 | ROJKO S | PALVIN M | SVN | 212.60 | 221 | CARCASSONNE V | SPEELERS L | BEL | 207.34 |
| 62 | MARSTON P | MAYER M | AUS | 219.38 | 142 | CIMA L | STOPPINI L | ITA | 212.52 | 222 | AGNETTI A | ORMAN J | FRA | 207.26 |
| 63 | ALLEGRI P | PALAU J | FRA | 219.29 | 143 | DELORME J | SADOUN C | FRA | 212.49 | 223 | SINEGRE J | BESNAULT J | FRA | 207.16 |
| 64 | BURN D | CALLAGHAN B | GBR | 219.25 | 144 | STERN T | VAINA A | CAN | 212.30 | 224 | KRISHNA MURTHY | IYENGAR S | IND | 207.12 |
| 65 | ROUSSEL N | LAFFINEUR G | FRA | 219.25 | 145 | DOUSSOT B | HARARI D | FRA | 212.28 | 225 | KUSHARI P | RAY D | IND | 207.06 |
| 66 | COMBESCURE F | GAUTRET E | FRA | 218.96 | 146 | SCHMEISSER J | MODH P | FRA | 212.26 | 226 | NORGAARD T | KROJGAARD N | DNK | 207.03 |
| 67 | HEGEDUS G | VIKOR D | HUN | 218.77 | 147 | CRESTEY G | SARIAN F | FRA | 212.07 | 227 | OTVOSI E | BOREWICZ M | POL | 207.00 |
| 68 | FU Z | JU C | CHN | 218.72 | 148 | LADYZHENSKY A | PAVLOV A | RUS | 212.06 | 228 | JANOWSKI J | TUTKA A | POL | 207.00 |
| 69 | MOLLER M | NIPPGEN G | DEU | 218.56 | 149 | WOLD E | ZECKHAUSER R | USA | 212.04 | 229 | HURE B | BRUNEL P | FRA | 206.98 |
| 70 | LAGAS M | SCHOLLAARDT M | NLD | 218.51 | 150 | BEAUMIER D | JEANNETEAY Y | FRA | 212.01 | 230 | KONOW K | BJARNARSON G | DNK | 206.92 |
| 71 | DEWILDE F | TUWANAKOTTA | NLD | 218.45 | 151 | WEIMIN W | ZEDUN Z | CHN | 212.01 | 231 | MONACHAN I | TOWNSEND T | GBR | 206.76 |
| 72 | POLET G | KAPLAN A | BEL | 218.44 | 152 | GUE P | BILSKI G | AUS | 211.99 | 232 | LEIBOVITZ G | ZWILLINGER J | ISR | 206.72 |
| 73 | CALVO A | VARELA C | PAN | 218.33 | 153 | ZAWISLAK S | KRUPOWICZ M | POL | 211.93 | 233 | SAKAR S | DAS B | IND | 206.70 |
| 74 | GELIBTER D | VANDERVORST M | BEL | 218.30 | 154 | BERGER H | GUTTMANN D | AUT | 211.90 | 234 | SHI H | DAI J | CHN | 206.68 |
| 75 | TEWARI R | GUPTA N | IND | 218.24 | 155 | LEVIN R | MOSS B | USA | 211.63 | 235 | PANELEWEN S | KARWUR F | IND | 206.56 |
| 76 | FRACTMAN G | CARRASCO G | ESP | 218.22 | 156 | LAFOURCADE J | MORREN R | BEL | 211.56 | 236 | COHNER G | FRECHE P | DEU | 206.55 |
| 77 | COHEN L | BERKOWITZ D | USA | 218.14 | 157 | DONKERSLOOT R | VAN DER WILD J | NLD | 211.50 | 237 | SUSSEL P | LEENHART M | FRA | 206.33 |
| 78 | LI X | SUN S | CHN | 217.98 | 158 | JIALAL M | MEYS J | NLD | 211.46 | 238 | SCHMIDT P | LEVY FORGES G | FRA | 206.29 |
| 79 | RUSSYAN J | TURANT W | POL | 217.94 | 159 | VAN MIDDELEM G | JEUNEN F | BEL | 211.43 | 239 | HIRATA M | HANAYAMA T | JPN | 206.23 |
| 80 | SCHOU S | RON J | DNK | 217.87 | 160 | DENNING P | KANE M | GBR | 211.30 | 240 | KARDAS D | GASIOROWSKI J | POL | 206.22 |