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First Cut is the Deepest

Though there were a few surprises as the qualifying round of the Power Rosenblum came to an end it was very much a case of the favourites cruising into the knock out phase. That was certainly true in the case of two of the most powerful teams, Nickell's American squad and the Italian Lavazza combination. However the Burgay team who finished 34 points clear of their rivals posted the biggest winning margin.

Twenty-four countries are represented in the round of 64, the largest contingent coming from the USA with 18 teams, way ahead of France who have eight. The unluckiest losers were the Engel team from Belgium who lost out on a split tie and the Sweden's Morath whose total of 152 would have been good enough in seven of the other groups.

With two rounds to play in the McConnell Cup the main interest centers on Group S, where only 12 points cover the teams occupying places three through six.

Senior Teams

The Senior team event starts today in Queen Elizabeth. It is played as a Swiss event with four daily matches of 12 boards. Starting time 10.00. After three days the first four teams play a semi final and a final/play off of 32 boards (starting at 10.00) and the others play another two rounds in the Swiss.

Schedule of Events

Subject to Confirmation

McConnell Cup (Queen Eliz.)

Round 8	10.00-11.30, 11.40-13.10
Round 9	14.30-16.00, 16.10-17.40

Power Rosenblum Cup (Queen Eliz.)

Round of 64	10.00-12.00, 12.20-14.20
(56 boards)	15.30-17.30, 18.00-20.00

Zonal Teams (Hilton)	(2 rounds) 10.00
	(4 rounds) 14.00

Senior Teams (Queen Eliz.)	(2 rounds) 10.00
	(2 rounds) 15.00

Junior Event (Queen Eliz.)	10.00
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Pairs deadline

The deadline for registering for the Open Pairs and Women's Pairs is Saturday.

POWER ROSENBLUM CUP

(Round-Robin Final Standings after 9 rounds)

GROUP A		
1	Burgay	POL 198.00
2	Noble	AUS 164.00
3	Pollack	USA 157.00
4	Lambardi	ARG 150.00
5	Byrne	ENG 139.00
6	Delmouly	FRA 133.00
7	Pagani	ITA 129.00
8	Heron	CAN 109.00
9	Lipkin	USA 91.00
10	Lahaie	CAN 69.00

GROUP B		
1	Prokhorov	RUS 170.00
2	Multon	FRA 165.00
3	Woolsey	USA 157.00
4	Mathieu	GUA 144.00
5	Engel	BEL 144.00
6	Ruia	IND 126.00
7	Blond	CAN 115.00
8	Paulsson	CAN 109.00
9	Goldsmith	USA 107.00
10	Spengler	SWI 102.00

GROUP C		
1	Lavazza	ITA 181.00
2	O'Rourke	USA 167.00
3	Muller	NED 156.00
4	Roche	CAN 145.00
5	Colchamiro	USA 138.00
6	Dhondy	ENG 128.00
7	Petersson	SWE 125.00
8	Carrera	COL 117.00
9	Lazer	AUS 92.00
10	Societe Gener.	FRA 91.00

GROUP D		
1	Schwartz	USA 172.00
2	Blumenthal	FRA 170.00
3	Gromov	RUS 161.00
4	Prabhu	USA 152.00
5	Fraser	CAN 138.00
6	El Fassi	MOR 133.00
7	Kujirai	CAN 130.00
8	Lungu	ROM 114.00
9	Courtney	ENG 99.00
10	Bernazzani	VEN 64.00

GROUP E		
1	Cornell	NZL 179.00
2	Munawar	INA 172.00
3	Rubin	USA 169.00
4	Dechelettte	FRA 148.00
5	Panahpour	ENG 138.00
6	Taciuc	ROM 133.00
7	Hardeman	BEL 126.00
8	Chagnon	CAN 112.00
9	Cadi Tazi	MOR 99.00
10	Lachance	CAN 58.00

GROUP F		
1	Kirubakara	IND 182.00
2	Eisenberg	FRA 182.00
3	Naftali	ISR 175.00
4	Stakgold	USA 170.00
5	Freed	USA 142.00
6	Bandler	USA 121.00
7	Germon	MAR 100.00
8	Wells	CAN 94.00
9	Hobeika	FRA 91.00
10	Boyer	REU 80.00

GROUP G		
1	Forrester	ENG 174.00
2	Miyakuni	JPN 174.00
3	Zimmermann	FRA 169.00
4	Dalal	IND 158.00
5	Kutner	SWI 152.00
6	Retek	CAN 140.50
7	Samy	FRA 120.00
8	Ganzer	USA 111.00
9	Pasquini	VEN 68.00
10	Page	CAN 64.00

GROUP H		
1	Monachan	ENG 182.00
2	van Prooijen	NED 166.00
3	Dupuis	FRA 164.00
4	Deutsch	USA 153.00
5	Chartrand	CAN 137.00
6	Moazzemhus	BAN 131.00
7	Bouveresse	GUA 106.00
8	Castong	CAN 104.00
9	Mondon	REU 102.00
10	Thibault	CAN 85.00

GROUP I		
1	Chagas	BRA 175.50
2	Nader	BRA 156.83
3	Rohowsky	GER 156.00
4	Ekeblad	USA 152.00
5	Bompis	FRA 147.00
6	Teramoto	JPN 144.00
7	Mignocchi	USA 132.00
8	Attunity	ISR 98.00
9	Toczko	CAN 91.00
10	Hema Deora	IND 78.00

GROUP J		
1	Maas	NED 181.25
2	Allana	PAK 174.00
3	Meltzer	USA 156.00
4	Aagaard	DEN 150.00
5	Cope	ZAF 141.00
6	Kaufmann	ENG 137.00
7	Summers	CAN 132.00
8	Lewaciak	POL 114.00
9	Fradette	CAN 69.25
10	Roussel	FRA 67.00

GROUP K		
1	Olanski	POL 184.00
2	Li	CHN 163.50
3	Abram	NED 152.50
4	Poddar	IND 149.00
5	Welland	USA 148.00
6	Voltaire	FRA 133.00
7	Friedman	CAN 118.50
8	Hicks	CAN 111.00
9	Peel	USA 85.00
10	Dohnert	VEN 79.50

GROUP L		
1	Atay	TUR 184.00
2	Cayne	USA 160.00
3	Rigal	USA 156.00
4	Hackett	ENG 145.50
5	Silver	CAN 137.00
6	Rao	IND 123.00
7	Willis	CAN 123.00
8	Hameed	BHR 113.00
9	Shugart	USA 110.00
10	Ren	CHN 88.50

GROUP M		
1	Fergani	CAN 171.00
2	Jacobs	USA 162.60
3	Angelini	ITA 159.40
4	Barrett	USA 155.00
5	Morath	SWE 152.00
6	Castellani	ITA 138.00
7	Grue	USA 124.00
8	Louchart	FRA 113.00
9	Green	CAN 92.00
10	Yeung	HKG 65.00

GROUP N		
1	Johnson	USA 174.75
2	Kowalski	POL 171.00
3	Smith	USA 166.00
4	El Ahmady	EGY 153.00
5	Carruthers	CAN 149.25
6	Yamada	JPN 125.00
7	Marcinski	CAN 119.00
8	DeLestre	FRA 111.00
9	Wenning	GER 105.00
10	Castanho	BRA 49.00

GROUP O		
1	Morse	USA 175.00
2	Fredin	SWE 166.00
3	Ziggy	AUS 158.00
4	Cassar	FRA 156.00
5	Tudor	USA 145.00
6	Isco	ISR 136.00
7	Higashiguchi	JPN 120.00
8	Dalvi	IND 107.00
9	Nunn	AUS 107.00
10	Diamond	USA 52.00

GROUP P		
1	Nickell	USA 190.00
2	Kalish	ISR 166.50
3	Attanasio	ITA 157.00
4	Cuenca	FRA 152.50
5	Czerniewski	ENG 140.00
6	Zen Wei Pen	HKG 133.50
7	Gartaganis	CAN 110.00
8	Fave	FRA 103.00
9	Lula	TRA 91.00
10	Fong	SNG 88.00

McCONNELL CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 7 rounds)

GROUP Q		
1	Baker	USA 142.00
2	Bessis	FRA 128.00
3	Zhang	CHN 126.00
4	Sutherlin	USA 120.00
5	Lacroix	CAN 109.00
6	Wei-Sender	USA 103.00
7	Faivre	FRA 96.00
8	Ichihashi	JPN 68.00
9	Grenside	AUS 63.00

GROUP R		
1	Dhondy	ENG 138.00
2	Mancuso	USA 131.00
3	Vriend	NED 122.00
4	Compton	USA 121.00
5	Klar	USA 103.50
6	Kerlero	FRA 103.00
7	Lewis	USA 99.50
8	Nishida	JPN 96.00
9	Klein	REU 37.00

GROUP S		
1	Sanborn	USA 139.00
2	Austria	AUT 134.00
3	Arrigoni	ITA 113.00
4	Letizia	USA 109.00
5	Adachi	CAN 104.00
6	Pigeaud	FRA 101.00
7	Daryanani	VEN 94.00
8	Clifford	USA 86.00
9	Naito	JPN 82.00

GROUP T		
1	Radin	USA 139.00
2	Auken	GER 129.50
3	Tornay	USA 127.00
4	Gordon	CAN 121.00
5	Clement	FRA 101.50
6	Curetti	FRA 97.00
7	Casen	USA 96.00
8	Taktak	MOR 82.00
9	Nakakawaji	JPN 62.00



Missed Crocodile

The Indonesian team MUNAWAR should go a long way in the Power Rosenblum and they duly saw off the challenge of England's PANAHPOUR during the round robin. However, the English came out on top on this deal from the first half of the match.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 7 5 3 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 9 4 ♣ J 8 7 4	♠ K Q 10 9 4 ♥ K ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ 9 6 3	♠ A ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ A Q J 8 2 ♣ A K 5 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S	
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South, Henky Lasut opened 3♥ and, when that came around to Phil King, he found the interesting shot of overcalling 3NT, where he played. Not surprisingly, Lasut did not find the ♥A lead that would have netted the first seven tricks for his side, preferring to try a spade. Winning the ♠A, King basically decided to cash out and see how many tricks he came to.

Things looked a little more rosy when the ♣Q fell. King crossed to the ♣J and led the nine of diamonds. Of course, he had no intention of running the nine, but it would cost nothing. And it no doubt seemed harmless to Eddy Manoppo when he covered with the ten, but that play was to come back to haunt him later in the play. King finessed the ♦J and crossed to dummy with the fourth club to repeat the diamond finesse. When South followed with the ♦7, and bearing in mind the vulnerability that surely guaranteed that he would have seven hearts, King decided that there was no point in cashing the ace of diamonds as that would be giving up on any hope of making the contract. So he instead led a heart from hand. Lasut looked at that but eventually put in the jack

and Manoppo was forced to win the king. After cashing his spade winners, Manoppo was left to lead into declarer's ♦A8 at trick twelve; nine tricks for a wonderful +600. See why the innocent diamond cover was expensive?

At the other table the Indonesian East overcalled 4♦ and Moza Panahpour, North, doubled and collected 500, so his team picked up 15 IMPs.

How would you play this one:

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

You are East, playing 4♠ after opening 2NT. South leads the ♥3 to North's ace and back comes the two of clubs. Manoppo and Panahpour both found the switch and both declarers judged that the risk of a club ruff was too great to take the safety play in trumps. They both rose with the ace of clubs and cashed the top spades, and that meant one down because South held:

♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ K 3

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The best chance

Alejandro Bianchedi, representing Argentina in the Power Rosenblum Knockout, knows good play when he sees it, so he was happy to report on what he observed as dummy on the following deal from an early round. His partner is Tito Muzzio.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 6 ♥ J 8 4 3 2 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ J 8 5</p>	<p>♠ A Q 5 4 ♥ K Q ♦ A J 10 7 3 2 ♣ A</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K 8 3 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ – ♣ K Q 10 7 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 7 2 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ 9 4</p>
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West	North <i>Muzzio</i>	East	South <i>Bianchedi</i>
		3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass



Alejandro Bianchedi

West's lead of a low club defies logic, given his partner's Lighter double. Whether he would have found the killing lead of a diamond is debatable. More likely he would have led a heart, leading to the same result he obtained.

In dummy after the club opening lead, Muzzio pondered his chances. He knew the lead East was looking for - a diamond - so he knew where the king was. He reasoned that if he played a heart to his ace to take the spade finesse - he couldn't take the diamond finesse while East still had trumps - he would almost certainly find himself awkwardly placed. He could play two rounds of spades but then would have no way to return to hand for the diamond finesse, and if he played a third round of spades, the defenders could make him ruff in dummy, assuring a diamond loser.

After working all this out, Muzzio figured that if either defender had a doubleton ♠J, the contract could be made by playing the ♠A then the queen. He was rewarded for his analysis when the ♠J appeared on the second round of the suit, and he was soon chalking up plus 1660 for his doubled slam.

Bianchedi also found this deal of interest.

<p>♠ 10 7 6 2 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ Q 9 6 3 ♣ 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K 5 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ A J 5 4 ♣ 9 8 5 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J ♥ A 10 5 3 2 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ A Q J 10</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 8 4 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 7 4</p>
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West	North <i>Muzzio</i>	East	South <i>Bianchedi</i>
			1♠
Pass	INT	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West started with a low heart to partner's ace. The ♣Q came back, and Bianchedi rose with the king. He then played a heart to the king, a spade to the ace, ♦K, a diamond to the ace, a diamond ruff, heart ruff, ♠K and another diamond ruff. That was nine tricks and he still had the ♠Q for 10 tricks and plus 620.

At the other table, North played in 3NT. The ♣Q was led and declarer put up the king, played the ♠A, then ran the ♠9 and later took the diamond finesse for nine tricks. Bianchedi was impressed with declarer's card reading, but he also wondered how declarer would have felt had East's ♠J been from an original holding of J-10-x.

Backing Your Judgement

US star, Drew Casen thought that he had a complete count of the hand on this deal from the Power Rosenblum and was willing to back his judgement, only to find that the defenders had both falsecarded and his picture of the deal was not quite correct.

♠ 6 3 ♥ J ♦ 10 7 6 5 4 ♣ Q J 10 5 3	♠ K 10 8 7 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ A 9 8 3 ♣ 9 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 9 5 ♥ A Q 9 5 ♦ K Q ♣ A K 7 2	♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K 8 6 4 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ 8 6	
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Casen opened 2NT on the South cards and was soon in 3NT after a Stayman auction. England's Phil King led the queen of clubs and Andrew (Tosh) McIntosh followed with the eight, discouraging. Casen ducked but won King's continuation of the ten of clubs. Casen ran the ♠9 and Tosh won the jack. He switched to the six of hearts, allegedly playing fourth best leads but second from bad suits. That ran to the bare jack and King switched to his fourth-best diamond for the jack and king. Casen cashed the ♦Q then played the ♠Q to dummy's king.

Had Tosh ducked this trick, declarer would have next cashed the ace of diamonds and gained a complete count on the hand so he won and returned the eight of hearts. King had followed upwards in spades, showing an even number, but had also followed with the six on the second round of diamonds, concealing the four. With the clubs almost certainly being five-two, it appeared that West was 2-2-4-5 and the leads of the ♥6 followed by ♥8 suggested that East had weak hearts. Casen backed his reading of the hand by rising with the ace of hearts and was a little disappointed to see West show out. There was no recovery from here and the contract had to fail by a trick.

Return of the Kibitzer

It has generally been my practice to watch Jens and Sabine play the early boards of a session, but as this has invariably proved to coincide with a series of disastrous results they now pay me a retainer to stay away. However, shortly after the start of the final session an unknown Kibitzer arrived at their table. They posted one good result after another, but after several rounds the spectator started to rise from his chair. Sabine was quick to disavow him as to the wisdom of that particular move as she exclaimed 'Don't even think about it!'

Israeli Inspiration

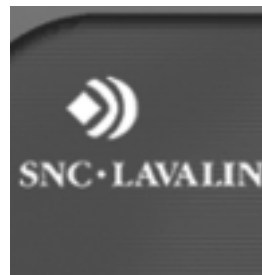
Though West broke his partnership agreement on opening lead, his discards were a little too revealing on this deal from the Power Rosenblum Qualifying, and Israeli star David Birman took full advantage to land his game.

♠ J 9 7 5 3 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ 8 6	♠ A 4 ♥ 9 7 3 2 ♦ 8 6 4 ♣ K Q J 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 10 6 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ A 9 4 3	♠ K Q 8 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ J 7 5 2 ♣ 10 7 2	
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Sagiv</i>		<i>Birman</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦

West led the three of spades, not playing third and fifth, and that went to East's queen. Back came the king of spades, an indication that perhaps the suit was splitting five-three. Birman started to cash the clubs and on the third round West pitched an encouraging nine of diamonds. The fourth club saw a diamond discard from East and the ♥6 from West.

Birman simply cashed the top hearts and exited with the ten of spades. After taking his spade winners, West had to lead into the diamond tenace at trick twelve; nine tricks. Had spades been four-four all along, the endplay would still have been successful if West was 4-4-3-2 and held the ♠9 as well as the jack.



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The Bridge Mind

Long before these Championships got under way Sabine Auken & your Editor agreed that whenever Sabine was sitting out in the McConnell - other engagements permitting - we would meet for coffee and chocolate. What better way to go over any interesting deals that we may have encountered.

The great thing about discussions with Sabine is that you get a real insight into the way she thinks about the game and you begin to understand how deeply she sees even on the most mundane of deals.

Yesterday's chat took place in Second Cup but before Sabine could produce her stories I tested her out on a lead problem:

♠ A Q 5
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ 8 4

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

While you are thinking about that, let's see what Sabine had to offer:

Dealer West. None Vul

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K 8 7 3 2
♦ J 10
♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♦	?

I would say there are three possibilities, Three Clubs, Double (obviously for take out) and Pass. How to decide?

Sabine put it like this: 'You can expect West to be 4-4 in the majors - no spade bid from partner or heart raise. As East did not bid Two Spades that suit is probably 4-3-3-3 round the table. Partner must have five clubs, possibly six, but if she only has five then she might easily be 3-1-4-5 as she did not rebid INT.'

Well, if you agree with all that you will prefer Sabine's choice of pass to my rather less well reasoned 3♣.

Pony Nehmert's hand was:

♠ K 8 3
♥ A
♦ K 8 6 4
♣ Q 10 7 6 2

Two Diamonds was two down, while at the other table 3♣ failed by one trick.

Watching Sabine play the Dummy is generally a treat, and she came up with an interesting play problem from the McConnell.

Dealer South. All Vul

♠ A 10 9
♥ A K 10 9
♦ A 10 5
♣ K J 9

The auction goes like this:

West	North	East	South
	<i>Nehmert</i>		<i>Auken</i>
Pass	3♣*	Dble	2NT
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3♦*
			?

Three Clubs was a puppet and gave Sabine a small problem as she and Pony had not discussed how to continue over a double. (One possibility is to bid Three Diamonds/Hearts to show five, re-double to suggest playing there and pass to give partner a chance to do the same.) Going down a simple route she ignored the double and had a decision to make when partner bid 3♠ promising four hearts. I think you will agree with Sabine's choice of 3NT given how appealing those tens and nines look.



Pony Nehmert

West leads the six of clubs and this is what you can see:

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 8 7 5 3
♦ Q 9 7 4
♣ Q 5



♠ A 10 9
♥ A K 10 9
♦ A 10 5
♣ K J 9

East takes the ace of clubs and switches to the two of hearts. How would you analyse this deal? Your first observation should be that the clubs are almost certainly 6-2, otherwise East would hardly have squandered the ace at trick one. Secondly the hearts are almost certainly 4-1, although you should keep in mind that for the moment only you know you have four hearts.

I would be tempted to put in the ten of hearts, as West will win, and might do something foolish. However Sabine realized that wasn't necessary. She won with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, ran the ten of diamonds successfully and played a third diamond for the jack, queen and king. At this point East played a spade but nothing else would have helped, as it was already clear that as long as West had the king of spades the contract was fool-proof. If you take some time to analyse this hand in detail you will discover that even where East has the king of spades the contract can be made and also when the clubs are 5-3.

Okay, back to that original lead problem. If you selected anything but the ace of spades - Sabine chose it in a flash - you will be very disappointed as the full deal looks like this:

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

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	♠ A Q 5
	♥ 8 6 4 2
	♦ 8 7 4 3
	♣ 8 4

What is more it will be hard luck on your team mates who in the other room had a textbook auction:

West	North	East	South
3NT*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

East asked if West had a shortage and West obliged.

Good Table Presence

Yehuda Sagiv of Israel is having a pretty good year. He is an Israeli champions in 2002, came second in the European Seniors Championship, and recently won the Men's pairs in the prestigious Deauville tournament. His Power Rosenblum team has not started all that well here in Montreal but there is still time to recover and this deal from their Wednesday morning match did no harm to the cause.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

	♠ 10 8 2
	♥ K J 10 8 3
	♦ A 6
	♣ 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
	Sagiv		Birman
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♥
Dble	Rdbl	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

David Birman was not willing to cooperate in Sagiv's slam hunt, having shown all his values with the initial response of 2♥. However, Sagiv showed good judgement and table presence in appreciating that all his cards were well-placed over West's strong hand and went on anyway. When he discovered that he was facing two key cards he bid the slam. Looking at only the North/South hands, slam is pretty horrible, but the auction has changed the odds substantially in favour of North/South and, as the cards lay, there was no problem for Birman to come to twelve tricks.

Keyboard Wizards



If you are an early bird you could do worse than investigate the Conference level first thing in the morning. There is a very decent piano that has almost certainly caught the attention of our resident pianists, Kojak, Eric Rodwell, Jovi Smederevac and of course David Levy. You may well be able to take advantage of an impromptu performance, as was the case yesterday when Kojak was in great form.

Into the breach

Things have been tough for some of the Junior teams, all of whom were thrust into the Power Rosenblum Knockout for lack of a larger turnout among the younger players. They have made the most of their opportunities to learn from the more experienced players while taking a few lumps along the way.

In the first session of the final day of round robin play, a local squad of Juniors faced a team captained by former world champion Ron Rubin, lying fourth in their bracket and anxious to solidify their position as qualifiers for the knockout phase.

The Juniors - Donald and Sebastien Lachance (not related), Martin Funk and Emilie Gauthier - acquitted themselves well despite losing the match.

In the open room, Donald and Funk faced Rubin and Matt Granovetter, a veteran player and editor of Bridge Today magazine.

This board seemed like a poor result for Funk and Lachance, but it turned into their only gain of the first half.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Emilie Gauthier

West	North	East	South
Funk		Donald L.	
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass All Pass

Ignoring the vulnerability, Funk charged right in with his diamond preempt. That did not dissuade Lachance from bidding the spade game, however. Rubin led the ♣K, overtaken by Granovetter with the ace, followed by the ♠A and another spade. Lachance might have done better to run the ♦Q at trick four. Granovetter's only winning play then would have been a club, taking out dummy's entry before the diamonds could be established.

Instead, Lachance ruffed his club and played a low diamond. Granovetter grabbed the king and returned the suit, forcing Lachance to overtake so that he could take the heart finesse. He finished two down for minus 200.

At the other table, West was more cautious, giving Sebastien Lachance and Gauthier room to find their best spot.

West	North	East	South
	Sebastien L.		Gauthier
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♥	3♠	2♥
All Pass			4♥

West could have defeated the contract by leading his singleton club, assuming East reads it and gives him his ruff after coming in with the ♥A on the first lead of trumps. A spade exit would then assure the defenders of four tricks. West started with the ♦A, however, and Gauthier made it home with 10 tricks. Gauthier won the diamond continuation with the king, discarding her losing spade, and ran the ♥9 to West's 10. A club went to dummy's ace and another heart was played from dummy. East went up with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Plus 420 was good for a 6-IMP gain for the youngsters.

In the second half, Sebastien Lachance played well on this deal to earn a small swing for his side.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gauthier		Sebastien L.	
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♣	3♥	All Pass

Rubin led a low spade to the jack, queen and ace. Lachance played a club to the 9 and queen, and Granovetter played the ♦Q, overtaken by Rubin with the king. Rubin continued with the ♣8, which Lachance won with dummy's ace. He then played a diamond to Granovetter's jack. Granovetter cashed the ♠K and forced dummy to ruff with a third round of spades.

When Lachance led a club from dummy, Granovetter did his best to promote a trump trick in partner's hand by ruffing in with the 9, but Lachance overruffed with the queen and ruffed a diamond low. On the fourth round of clubs, Granovetter tried again with the ♥8, but Lachance overruffed with the ace and played a heart to the 10. The ♥K was trick number nine for plus 140 and a 3-IMP gain. At the other table, Donald Lachance and Funk played 3♣, down one for minus 50.

On this deal, Rubin played expertly to land a heart game, but he didn't get the most testing defense.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Gauthier started with the ♦K and continued with the ♦Q. She switched to a low spade at trick three and Sebastien Lachance won the ace to return a trump. Rubin won the ♥A and cashed the queen, finding out about the bad break, then set about reducing his trumps. He cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, played a spade to dummy's 10 and ruffed another club. Back in dummy with the ♠K, he was poised to play a winning club at trick 11, shedding his good spade if East discarded. The lead would still be in dummy at trick 12 and Rubin would be sitting with the ♥K 10 over East's ♥J 8.

Lachance would have done better to play low on the spade at trick three. Rubin could still make the contract, but only if he started his trump reduction after cashing only one high trump (he needed the other one as a dummy entry. A world-class player such as Rubin would be a favorite to find the correct line of play, but even world champions have been known to take their eye off the ball now and then. Ducking the ace would have given the defense at least a small chance.

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Driving Ambition



At a recent invitational, event the organisers provided the players with cars. The Editor's passengers included a member of the Russian team - let's call him Ivan - who on the last day expressed an interest in driving.

'You drive?'

'I drive in Russia' was the reply.

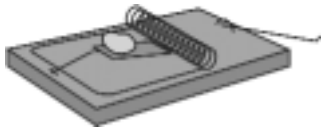
We climbed in. There followed what can only be described as a white-knuckle virtual reality dodgem car ride. Ivan missed vehicles and pedestrians by millimeters, gave no truck to the highway code, never used a mirror and would happily change lanes and overtake on blind bends.

By an unlikely succession of miracles we arrived unscathed.

'I thought you said you drove in Russia?'

Ivan, nonchalant and thoroughly unconcerned nodded and replied.

'In Russia I drive a tank.'



Hamman Sets the Trap

by Sam Leckie

In the seventh round of the Power Rosenblum I watched one of the favourites, Nickell, playing against Zen Wei Pen. The final score was 72-24 in favour of the Americans and yet things may have been different.

Dealer West. None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Chiv	Soloway	Lu
2♠	Dble	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Lu took a long time before deciding not to bid seven and who could blame him? On a spade lead declarer claimed twelve tricks but in seven would have played out the hand and found that a squeeze materializes. This will be the ending, with West still to find a discard:

♠ K ♥ - ♦ - ♣ K J	N W E S	♠ 9 ♥ - ♦ 3 ♣ -
		♠ J ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q

That was flat board and the next one shows just how difficult the top players can make life.

Dealer East. N/S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Chiv	Soloway	Lu
5♥	5♠	2♥	2♠
All Pass		Pass	6♠

Hamman's bid of Five Hearts did the trick by luring his opponent's (well, one of them at any rate. Editors) into overevaluating their hands for fear of missing a vulnerable slam.

Two top clubs and a ruff started proceedings and eventually another trick was lost because of East's singleton diamond. That was three down, a small pick up because Four Spades was one down at the other table.

AFRICAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

The 8th ABF meeting will take place on Saturday, 24th and eventually Sunday 25th August 2002 at 9.00 a.m. in the Saint Maurice room on the Conference floor at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, as per the following agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of 12th February 2001 in Cairo
2. Zone council news
3. ABF accounts
4. Yearly subscription
5. Zone 8 representation. Junior World Championship.
6. Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup and All Africa Championships, Gaborone, Botswana.
7. Master Points register.
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting.

All delegates and members of Zone 8 are cordially invited to attend.

The Diamonds were...Paste

by *Ady Koffler*

Playing in the World Championships Mixed Pairs, second session finals, this hand came up with Nancy Koffler, Canada, (South) playing with her husband Ady.

Dealer North. E/W Vul

♠ K 10 3 2 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ K J 6 5 ♣ K 4	♠ A Q J 7 ♥ Q 8 5 2 ♦ 10 9 7 2 ♣ A <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 8 6 4 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 8 ♣ Q J 9 7 5 2	♠ 9 5 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ A Q 4 3 ♣ 10 8 6 3	
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West	North	East	South
All Pass	1♦	Pass	INT

After a standard auction, West led the two of spades and Nancy found herself in a very unappetizing contract. Pausing for thought before playing to the first trick, Nancy counted her tricks. Three spades (with the finesse working), one club and one heart left her two tricks short of her goal. Communications were lacking, the diamonds wide open... Then she remembered something her husband had told her years ago: if you play their suit, chances are they will play your suit. Perhaps the opponents will help out if they could be persuaded the diamonds are real.

Winning the queen of spades, Nancy cashed the ♣A and called for the ♦2! East ran up with the ace and returned the ♠9. Nancy won the ♠J, cashed the ♠A and played the ♠7. East, knowing declarer to have at least seven minor suit cards, and judging from the early play, let go a heart and a diamond on the spades. West, also expecting declarer's source of tricks to be in the minors, switched to the ♥J, which ran around to declarer's king. Nancy now played the ♣Q. West won the king and unclear about the diamond position, cashed the ♦K. Dummy and East followed low and when declarer pitched a club, all realized the diamonds were paste!

West tried the ♥10, but declarer ducked in the dummy. East won and after cashing the ♦Q was left with two clubs, while declarer had the winning club and heart, bringing her total to seven tricks.

APOLOGY

In the article on the McConnell Cup on page six of yesterday morning's bulletin, we made a mistake with the names of two of the players. We would like to make the corrections and apologise to Teri Casen and Sheri Winestock for the error.

How Many Trump Tricks?

The Hackett family is always a rich source of material for the Bulletin. This time it was father Paul's turn to provide an interesting play hand from his team's Power Rosenblum match against the Chinese REN team.

♠ A 10 8 5 ♥ K J 6 5 4 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J	♠ 9 6 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ K 8 5 3 2 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K Q J 4 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A K 3 ♣ 9 7 6	♠ 7 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ Q J 10 7 5 ♣ A Q 10 4	
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West	North	East	South
Pass	Hackett	Dble	Waterlow
4♥	2♠		1♠
	All Pass		3♠

Hackett led a spade to the jack and ace and the Chinese declarer started by ruffing a spade in dummy. Next came the ace of clubs followed by the queen. When Tony Waterlow followed with a small card, declarer thought for some time before finally ruffing. A spade ruff was followed by a second club ruff then a third spade ruff. When the last club was led off the dummy, Waterlow ruffed in with the eight of hearts. This would have promoted a trick for Hackett's seven, but declarer chose not to over-ruff, preferring to throw a diamond loser. But this did not help. Waterlow cashed the king of diamonds then continued with a spade and this effected the same trump promotion so that the defence came to two more heart tricks, and three in all to go with one diamond; down one.

At the other table, Brian Callaghan also played 4♥ on the lead of a spade to the ace. He decided to try to use dummy's diamond suit so led one at trick two. South won the first diamond and led a spade to tap the dummy. Callaghan led a diamond off the dummy and South won to play the two of hearts. North did well now by ducking, but Callaghan just settled for trusting North's length signal in diamonds. He won the heart and took a spade pitch on the ♦10 then crossruffed his way to ten tricks.

Brown Sticker Conventions

There is an addition to the list of pairs playing Brown Sticker Conventions that was published in yesterday's bulletin.

Rosenblum
 Tomas Brenning & Sven-Olaf Flodqvist Sweden (2 files)

Chemla Shines

Leading their group, Chemla's team made a further step towards qualification when the French captain brought home his contract on the very first board of the match against Stakgold-USA

Dealer South .None

♠ K 9 7 3 ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ A J 3 ♣ 10 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ J ♥ 6 2 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 ♣ K 9 8 7 6	♠ A Q 10 8 2 ♥ K Q 9 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ A 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The lead was the ♥8, second and fourth, to the ace and the ♣Q took the next trick. Then a low spade went to the jack, queen and king. The ♥10 was taken in hand and Chemla now played two high trumps, followed by a heart to the jack. A simple soul would play for the ♦A to be on side. But think as Chemla did: East is known to hold ten cards in the minors and the ♣K, yet he passed originally and passed again over 2♠. It was odds on he did not have the ♦A. Declarer took his only chance: he cashed the ♣A, ♥K and threw in West who had to play a diamond.

Isn't bridge easy if you use your brain and collect the information in time?



Paul Chemla



You might think that losing 25 - 4 to Zia was nothing to smile about but for Margaret James it was a dream come true. Her partner, Sally Brock, put the dummy down in 2NT and left the table to fetch coffee. Margaret studied her side's combined assets, formed her plan and looked up, only to find her Italian hero Noberto Bocchi, who had been watching Zia, now sitting opposite her. She blushed, she giggled, she asked for the play to stop so that Ron Tacchi who was also kibitzing could take a photo. And what about 2NT? Down one, but then it wasn't much of a dummy.

Bidding Problem

by Barry Rigal

Our Power Rosenblum round robin match against WILLIS came down to the question of how to bid (or guess) this hand:

♠ 7 4
♥ Q
♦ K Q J 8 5
♣ A K 8 7 4

Partner opens INT (14+-17) and RHO overcalls 2♠. Your choices are to bid a minor, forcing, or to try something else. And of so, what? Are you prepared to gamble a slam without a spade control - an argument in favour being that they will surely believe you to have a control so will only lead the suit if holding ace and king?

If so, your priority must be to get partner to declare the hand to protect any spade tenace. In that case 5NT for the minors achieves the bullseye since you are facing:

♠ K 5
♥ A 8 7
♦ A 10 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 3

Six Diamonds by partner is easy and you gain 13 IMPs for +1370 against the -620 from the other table. Of course, you lose 12 IMPs if you play the slam from your side on a spade lead.

Neat Endplay

Playing in the McConnell Qualifying, you open a weak 2♠ holding:

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 3

Left-hand-opponent bids 3♠, asking partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper and, after a pass from your partner, RHO jumps to 5♣, ending the auction. What would you lead?

You might reason that LHO has asked for a spade stopper and RHO failed to bid 3NT, therefore the opposition should not have a spade stopper and a spade lead makes sense. OK, so which spade? At the table, the choice was a club, but this was not good enough, as you can see from the full deal:

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

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

England's Heather Dhondy, playing against the USA COMPTON team, won the club lead and drew a second round. Then she played ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, dropping the queen, before exiting with a spade to South's bare ace. Of course, the fact that South would have a bare honour was marked from North's failure to lead the suit. What was also required was that South should hold the ♥Q. And when South took her only chance by exiting with the ♦10, Dhondy had to judge to play for the actual position rather than for ♦KQ6 with North. She duly did so to chalk up +600 and 10 IMPs against the 4♣ just making on the ace of spades lead at the other table.

As you can see, the lead of a spade honour costs a spade trick, while a low spade gets the ace out of the way and gets South off the later endplay. A heart lead should also defeat the contract as South can then exit with the ♥Q when put in with the ♠A.

Qualifiers earn books



All members of teams qualifying for the knockout phases of the Power Rosenblum and McConnell are entitled to free copies of 1995 and 1996 World Championship books. They will be available at the registration desk.

on the Conference floor. Turn right in front of the President's office just past the lifts and it is the last door on the left. The meeting will include the presentation of the Annual Awards to players and reporting journalists.

SENIOR TEAMS

Any Senior Players looking to make up a team for the Seniors Teams, please contact Nissan Rand, at 09.00 today in the Press Room in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

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Prokhorov	RUS	-	Ziggy *	AUS
Munawar	INA	-	Ekeblad	USA
Fergani	CAN	-	Rubin	USA
Chagas	BRA	-	Dalal	IND
Atay	TUR	-	Naftali	ISR
Zimmermann	FRA	-	Hackett	ENG
Noble	AUS	-	Pollack	USA
Multon	FRA	-	Prabhu	USA
Monachan	ENG	-	Abram	NED
Eisenberg	FRA	-	Roche	CAN
Forrester	ENG	-	Rigal	USA
Burgay *	POL	-	Barrett	USA
O'Rourke	USA	-	Kalish *	ISR
Meltzer	USA	-	El Ahmady	EGY
Blumenthal	FRA	-	Li	CHN
Fredin	SWE	-	Mathieu	GUA
Kirubakaramoorthy	IND	-	Angelini	ITA
Schwartz	USA	-	Poddar	IND
Morse	USA	-	Muller	NED
Jacobs	USA	-	Dechelette	FRA
Maas	NED	-	Rohowsky *	GER
Kowalski	POL	-	Aagaard	DEN
Johnson	USA	-	Gromov *	RUS
Deutsch	USA	-	Stakgold	USA
Olanski *	POL	-	Dupuis	FRA
Cayne	USA	-	Lambardi	ARG
Cornell	NZL	-	Smith	USA
Lavazza	ITA	-	Cassar	FRA
Miyakuni	JPN	-	Allana	PAK

*Team Playing Brown Sticker Methods

Outpointing Zia

This deal was reported in Bulletin 3, where Zia and Judy Radin scored very well with +200. However, it was not the best score on the board.

Mixed Pairs qualifying session 2

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 6 ♥ K Q J 10 5 2 ♦ – ♣ Q 10 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 3 ♥ 9 7 6 4 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K 9 5 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 9 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ K Q J 10 9 2 ♣ J 8 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q 10 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A 7 6 5 3 ♣ A 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Bramley</i>		<i>Wadas</i>
	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Hoping to get a diamond ruff, West led a cunning queen of hearts. According to plan East put up the ace and switched to the king of diamonds. However, South, Judy Wadas, was not going to squander her ace and played low. East played the queen of diamonds and for the second time declarer ducked. The defence had taken the first three tricks, but now declarer was in complete control as she could not be prevented from ruffing two diamonds in dummy.

The winning defence is perhaps difficult to see, but East must resist the temptation to play on diamonds, and switch to a black suit.

SCHEDULE OF CAN-AM 2002

Friday August 23

09.00	Bracketed Morning KO#3	3rd Session
	Bracketed Morning KO#4	1st Session
	Morning Contin. Pairs#2	1st Session
13.00	Swiss Stratified Pairs	1st Session
	Open Pairs	1st Session
	Senior Pairs	1st Session
	Continuous Pairs#3	3rd Session
19.30	Swiss Stratified Pairs	2nd Session
	Open Pairs	2nd Session
	Senior Pairs	2nd Session
	Continuous Pairs#3	4th Session

2002 World Computer Bridge Championship, VI

The sixth annual world computer bridge championship will take place from August 23-27. You can watch this activity starting at noon on Friday in the Peribonka room on the Convention level of the Queen Elizabeth. This event, was established by the American Contract Bridge League in 1996, and is coordinated by Al Levy.

This year's competition is expected to be the best yet with many programs claiming great improvements. The reigning champion, Jack (Netherlands), will be back to defend its title.

Past champions GIB (USA) and Meadowlark (USA) will try to regain the crown. In addition, past high finishers, Q-Plus (Germany), Micro Bridge (Japan), Wbridge5 (France) and Blue Chip Bridge (UK) will try for their first title.

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8 Teams

13.80	1	Claude Tremblay - Muriel Tremblay, Kanata ON; John Ellis, Don Mills ON; Stephen Goldin, Concord ON	
10.35	2	Darlene Drietz, Holiday FL; Eva McGinnity, New Port Richey FL; Ethel Archambault - Paul Archambault, Pointe-Claire PQ	

MERCREDI PM / WEDNESDAY AFT 0-200

11 Pairs

	A	B	C	
2.05	1			Ronald Baecker-Lillian Blume, Hamilton 60.00
1.54	2	1	1	Doreen Hughes, Laval QC; Alcide Dupuis, 54.00
1.15	3	2		Roger Bernier, Montreal QC; Rita Krizel, Langhorne PA 52.80
0.86	4	3	2	Pierrette Bouthillier - Gaetan Mercier, Longueuil QC 52.20

MERCREDI PM - WEDNESDAY AFT CONTINUOUS

68 Pairs

	A	B	C	
6.67	1			David Weir, Sun City Center FL; John McAdam, Ottawa ON 228.50
5.00	2			Chris Niemeijer, Broek Holland; Jaad Trouwborst, Utrecht Holland 213.00
5.16	6	1		Roy Perry, St. John's NF; Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE 188.50
3.87		2		Robert R Marion - Madeleine Marion, Laval PQ 183.00
2.21		2		Yvan Ouimet, Blainville PQ; Denis Ouimet, Terrebonne PQ 168.88

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY KO I

12 Teams

26.83	1	Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT; Michael Shuman, Pasadena CA; Trudi Nugit, Palm Desert CA; Keith Garber, Massapequa NY; John Solodar, New York NY	
20.12	2	Pamela Nisbet, Long Sault ON; Herve Chatagnier, St-Aug-Desmau PQ; Suzanne Lapierre - Marc Poupart, Longueuil PQ	
13.42	3/4	Allan Smith - Deanna Goh, Peterborough ON; Barbara Stewart, Don Mills ON; Stan Dillabough, Jordan Station ON; Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON	
13.42	3/4	Randy Pettit, Marietta GA; Allan Siebert, Little Rock AR; Marc Culberson - Andrea Culberson, Weston FL; Boris Baran, Cote Saint-Luc PQ	

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY KO II

12 Teams

16.64	1	Sylvia Zeltzer - Nina Zimmer - Abe Singer, Montreal PQ; Peter Neufeld, Pierrefonds PQ	
12.48	2	Claude Tremblay - Muriel Tremblay, Kanata ON; John Ellis, Don Mills ON; Stephen Goldin, Concord ON	
8.32	3/4	Judith Ferstman, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; John Nesser, St Paul MN; Donald Sondergeld, Hubbardton VT; Shelia Epstein, Saint-Laurent PQ	
8.32	3/4	Jean Trudelle, Laval PQ; Pierre Jodoin, Montreal PQ; Andre Trudelle - Ducharme Monique, Sainte-Adele PQ; Eric Reiher, Longueuil PQ; Stephane Reiher, St-Bruno PQ	

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY KO III

12 Teams

13.46	1	Barbara Rees, Up-Musquodbt NS; Denis Lavoie, Sainte-Foy PQ; Candide Primeau - Claire Levesque, Laval PQ	
10.10	2	Richard McGrail, Ottawa ON; Jacques Caron, Saint-Laurent PQ; Audre Georges, Montreal PQ; Edward Long, Pierrefonds PQ	
6.73	3/4	Huguette Huard - Gilbert Vigneault, Ste Julie PQ; Laetitia Dutil, Saint-Lambert PQ; Louis Dutil, Longueuil PQ	
6.73	3/4	Ned Kohler, Cave Creek AZ; Carmen Gawish, Brossard PQ; Francoise Dillon, West Palm Beach FL; Ogden Bigelow Jr, Old Saybrook CT	

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY KO IV

16 Teams

11.96	1	Suzanne S Messier, Dorval PQ; Lise Michaud, Lasalle PQ; Liliane Theberge - AM Dagenais, Montreal PQ	
8.97	2	Rodrigue Allard - Andre Perreault - Andre Dupras, Laval PQ; Guy La Chapelle, L.D.R. PQ	
5.98	3/4	Clara Desjardins, St Lazare PQ; Shelia Taveroff, Dol-des-Ormea PQ; Margaret Reed-Gantchev, Beaconsfield PQ; Mary Racher, Baie-d'Urfe PQ	
5.98	3/4	France Roy Dion, Charlesbourg PQ; Louise Greco, Ste Foy PQ; Pierre Genest - Marthe Genest, Sainte-Foy PQ	

TUE/WED HORIZONTAL SWISS

8 Teams

6.30	1	Norm Gordon, Dol-des-Ormea PQ; Jack Nayer, Montreal PQ; Eli Cygler, Cote-St-Luc PQ; Gunter Ballweg, Thunder Bay ON 119.00	
4.73	2	Gillian Cook, Oceanside CA; Krishan Bhatia, Kirkland PQ; Sheldon Zimmerman - Judith Ferstman, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Shelia Epstein, Saint-Laurent PQ; Manzoor Ahmad, Montreal PQ 81.00	
3.54	3	Remi Talbi - Anne-Marie Talbi - Simone Renier - Yves Seigle, Nice FR 72.00	

MERCREDI EQUIPES DE DAMES / LADIES' SWISS

25 Teams

	A	B	
9.80	1		Dorothy Marcus, Westmount PQ; Lucille Leslie, Mont-Royal PQ; Marilyn Godel, Hampstead PQ; Carol Jast, Cote Saint-Luc PQ 113.00
7.35	2	1	Felicity Reid, Albuquerque NM; Rose Marie Mahfood, Lighthse Point FL; Marlene Fulford - Monica Cools-Lartigue, Kingston 8 JM 112.00
5.51	3		V Gross, Montreal PQ; Charlotte Golfman, Westmount PQ; Ruth Ickman - Sandra Shiller, Cote Saint-Luc PQ Montreal-Ouest PQ 99.00
3.67	6/8	2/4	Lise Morissette, St Sauveur PQ; Nicole Desaulniers, Montreal PQ; Francine Blais, Morin-Heights PQ; Diane Majdell, Mont-Royal PQ 90.00
3.67	6/8	2/4	Agnes Shatilla - Georgia Shamie - Sara Verin, Mont-Royal PQ; Marianne Bardecki, Montreal PQ 90.00

3.67 6/8 2/4 Sheila Greenwald, Montreal PQ; Rene Schlesinger - Myra Abrams, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Josette Beyrouti, Westmount PQ 90.00

EQUIPES DE MERCREDI - WEDNESDAY SWISS

35 Teams
 A B
 24.50 1 Gonzalo Herrera - Miguel Reygadas - Nancy Gerson - N Lira, Mexico DF 127.00
 18.38 2 Ann Labe, Vancouver WA; Connie Coquillette - Sherwin Moscow, West Linn OR; Ed Ulman, Portland OR 119.00
 8.68 5/6 1/2 Fayez Gennaoui, Saint-Laurent PQ; Louise Perreault, Outremont PQ; Bruno Theoret - Julienne Tremblay, Montreal PQ 97.00
 8.68 5/6 1/2 Frank Davies - Kyle Hall - Robert Beaudry, Brockville ON; Preston Carlisle, 97.00

MERCREDI B/C PAIRES

48 Pairs
 B C
 9.64 1 David Chodat, Sawyerville PQ; Denise Mercier, Sherbrooke PQ 264.00
 7.23 2 Ghislaine Carignan - Bernard Beauchamp, Brossard PQ 262.19
 5.42 3 1 Rudi Nadler - Radu Arition, Staten Island NY 257.50
 4.07 4 2 Kotze Toshev, Essex Junction VT; Harry Aslanian, 253.81

MERCREDI FLIGHT A PAIRES

33 Pairs
 17.85 1 Helene Beaulieu - Patrice Roy, Sherbrooke 383.70
 13.39 2 Rajaa Sinno, St-Genevieve PQ; Baha Fahs, Mont-Royal PQ 383.62
 10.04 3 Susi Katz Ross, Winter Spgs FL; Bette Cohn, Sarasota FL 364.68

MERCREDI SOIR - WEDNESDAY EVE SIDE GAME

56 Pairs
 A B C
 5.76 1 Kathy Adachi, Delta BC; Leslie Gold, White Rock BC 203.50
 4.32 2 Jeanne Fisher, Clementon NJ; Bruce Keidan, Pittsburgh PA 202.50
 4.70 1 Mimuro Hideaki - Yoshimi Hideaki, 174.50
 3.53 2 1 Donald Laberge - J. P. Dicaire, Chateauguay PQ 174.00
 2.21 2 Stephen Coplan - Barbara Coplan, Cote Saint-Luc PQ 162.00

OIE, OIE, OIE

Aujourd'hui notre conférencière sera Anna Boivin qui vous parlera des transferts pour les 4 couleurs. Cette conférence, qui se déroulera en anglais à 12h20 dans le salon Frontenac au Hilton Bonaventure, comprendra les réponses positives et risque d'être fort intéressante.

Anna Boivin will instruct us on 4 suit transfers and pre-acceptance today at 12:20 in the "Salon Frontenac" at the Hilton Bonaventure. The conference will be held in English and will be very valuable to any serious duplicate player.

UN EXPERT EN HERBE

par Julie Fajgelzon

Cela ne fait pas très longtemps que Jack Nayer a commencé à pratiquer notre jeu mais, samedi après-midi, dans le Knock-out, assis face à son partenaire préféré, Norm Gordon, il a joué la main suivante comme un vétéran:

♠ 6 4		♠ D 3
♥ V 8 7 5 3		♥ R 10
♦ 7 4		♦ RV 10 9
♣ 10 9 5 3		♣ RV 8 4 2

♠ R 9 7		♠ AV 10 8 5 2
♥ A D 9 6 4		♥ 2
♦ D 5 3 2		♦ A 8 6
♣ 6		♣ A D 7

Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
Nayer		Gordon	
1♠	Passe	2♥	Contre
3♠	Passe	4♣	Passe
4♦	Passe	4♠	Passe
4SA	Passe	5♥ ⁽¹⁾	Passe
6♠			

⁽¹⁾ 2 clefs sans la dame d'atout.

L'entame: 10 de trèfle

Nayer a réalisé la dame de trèfle et a continué avec l'as et une coupe à trèfle. Il a ensuite tiré les atouts qui sont partagés. Il avait maintenant 11 levées et, comme Est a contré et devait avoir au moins 4 carreaux et tous les points qui restaient entre les mains des adversaires, il a décidé de le squeezer en laissant d'abord filer un carreau. La position finale était la suivante :

♠ -		♠ -
♥ A D		♥ R 10
♦ D		♦ R
♣ -		♣ -

♠ -		♠ 2
♥ V 8		♥ 2
♦ -		♦ 8
♣ 9		♣ -

Comme vous pouvez le constater, quand Nayer joue son dernier pique et défasse un carreau du mort, Est est sans recours. S'il défasse un coeur l'as et la dame du mort sont bons et s'il défasse un carreau son huit devient maître. Est a jeté son 10 de coeur mais Nayer n'a pas bronché. Il a lu la position et a gagné les deux dernières levées avec l'as et la dame de coeur.