

THE HEAT IS ON



Determining the draw for the Women's round of 16.

Competition is growing more intense in the three events still running at the 12th World Bridge Olympiad.

The International Senior Cup is down to the final two matches in the round-robin – and the leader at the end is the gold medal winner. USA and the Netherlands enter play today virtually neck and neck for the championship.

In the Women's series, China led the qualifiers into the round of 16, which begins for them today. The Chinese women ended with 403 Victory Points at the top of Group A, while the Netherlands topped Group B with 400 VPs.

While the women were sorting out their knockout phase participants, several close matches took shape in the Open series.

With 32 boards left in the round of 16, the favoured Italian team held a 72-69 lead over USA, Ireland were up by 1 IMP over Sweden and Egypt was ahead of Japan 119-115.

Meanwhile, Pakistan held a 126-79 lead over England, the leading round-robin qualifier and China were having their way with Iceland 140-45.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	Egypt v Japan	11:00
	TO BE DECIDED	14:00
WOMEN	Russia v Germany	17:00
	TO BE DECIDED	21:20

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OPEN ROUND OF 16 RESULTS

Match		Boards 1-16	Bards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Total
Netherlands	Germany	31 - 29	50 - 13	31 - 18	112 - 60
Ireland	Sweden	30 - 40	36 - 54	68 - 39	134 - 133
France	Hungary	34 - 36	31 - 20	20 - 60	85 - 116
Turkey	Russia	32 - 52	44 - 24	26 - 52	102 - 128
China	Iceland	57 - 24	43 - 15	40 - 6	140 - 45
Japan	Egypt	47 - 36	28 - 63	40 - 20	115 - 119
England	Pakistan	32 - 46	6 - 33	41 - 47	79 - 126
Italy	USA	18 - 11	27 - 54	27 - 4	72 - 69

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 19

GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs	
40	Sweden	Australia	34 32	15 15	
41	Spain	Austria	32 46	12 18	
42	Scotland	Brazil	21 36	12 18	
43	Russia	Bulgaria	27 30	14 16	
44	Pakistan	Canada	58 25	23 7	
45	Mexico	China	12 70	3 25	
46	Jordan	Egypt	30 60	8 22	
47	Italy	Finland	34 18	19 11	
48	India	France	11 53	5 25	
49	Kenya	Hungary	33 51	11 19	
50	Turkey	Switzerland	55 13	25 5	

GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs	
	Japan	Bye	0 0	18 0	
51	USA	Argentina	79 6	25 0	
52	South Africa	Croatia	40 24	19 11	
53	Reunion	Denmark	16 57	6 24	
54	Poland	England	32 60	8 22	
55	Norway	Germany	28 65	6 24	
56	New Zealand	Greece	23 41	11 19	
57	Netherlands	Indonesia	81 19	25 2	
58	Morocco	Ireland	32 47	12 18	
59	Korea	Israel	28 60	7 23	
60	Wales	Venezuela	33 51	11 19	

ROUND 20

GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs	
40	Australia	Switzerland	17 51	7 23	
41	Austria	Sweden	18 26	13 17	
42	Brazil	Spain	22 19	16 14	
43	Bulgaria	Scotland	14 35	10 20	
44	Canada	Russia	37 40	14 16	
45	China	Pakistan	28 26	15 15	
46	Egypt	Mexico	17 72	3 25	
47	Finland	Jordan	36 34	15 15	
48	France	Italy	16 3	18 12	
49	Hungary	India	28 35	14 16	
50	Turkey	Kenya	54 38	19 11	

GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs	
	Wales	Bye	0 0	18 0	
51	Argentina	Venezuela	43 19	21 9	
52	Croatia	USA	21 27	14 16	
53	Denmark	South Africa	17 28	13 17	
54	England	Reunion	43 35	17 13	
55	Germany	Poland	23 37	12 18	
56	Greece	Norway	63 12	25 4	
57	Indonesia	New Zealand	74 21	25 3	
58	Ireland	Netherlands	21 23	15 15	
59	Israel	Morocco	51 40	17 11	
60	Japan	Korea	46 31	18 12	

ROUND 21

GROUP A

Match		IMPs		VPs	
40	Scotland	Australia	29 55	9 21	
41	Russia	Austria	2 95	0 25	
42	Pakistan	Brazil	0 69	1 25	
43	Mexico	Bulgaria	26 45	11 19	
44	Jordan	Canada	34 50	11 19	
45	Italy	China	35 38	14 16	
46	India	Egypt	65 34	22 8	
47	Hungary	Finland	38 36	15 15	
48	Kenya	France	35 67	7 23	
49	Turkey	Spain	59 33	21 5	
50	Switzerland	Sweden	15 54	6 24	

GROUP B

Match		IMPs		VPs	
	Israel	Bye	0 0	18 0	
51	Reunion	Argentina	21 52	8 22	
52	Poland	Croatia	15 39	9 21	
53	Norway	Denmark	34 52	11 19	
54	New Zealand	England	10 50	6 24	
55	Netherlands	Germany	42 29	18 12	
56	Morocco	Greece	1 63	2 25	
57	Korea	Indonesia	50 39	17 13	
58	Japan	Ireland	46 52	14 16	
59	Wales	South Africa	26 42	11 19	
60	Venezuela	USA	59 63	13 16	

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 25

Match		IMPs		VPs	
	Israel	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	Chinese Taipei	Germany	14 28	11	19
62	Denmark	Guadeloupe	41 19	21	9
63	Canada	Spain	32 29	16	14
64	China	USA	12 43	7	23
65	Switzerland	England	30 39	13	17
66	Ireland	Sweden	45 45	15	15
67	Italy	Costa Rica	80 0	25	0
68	Pakistan	Turkey	30 14	19	11
69	Scotland	Australia	2 18	11	19
70	Venezuela	New Zealand	24 10	19	11
71	Wales	Poland	44 7	25	5
72	Netherlands	Austria	30 27	16	14
73	France	Belgium	47 18	23	7
74	Japan	Portugal	48 29	20	10

ROUND 26

Match		IMPs		VPs	
	Spain	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	Italy	France	28 18	18	12
62	Canada	Chinese Taipei	30 20	18	12
63	Pakistan	Ireland	47 41	16	14
64	New Zealand	China	2 28	8	22
65	Australia	Belgium	31 17	19	11
66	Turkey	Guadeloupe	44 34	18	12
67	Wales	Venezuela	38 5	24	6
68	Portugal	Switzerland	54 18	24	6
69	England	Netherlands	20 29	13	17
70	Costa Rica	Scotland	27 38	12	18
71	Sweden	Denmark	1 27	8	22
72	Poland	USA	22 46	9	21
73	Austria	Japan	21 28	13	17
74	Germany	Israel	25 31	14	16

ROUND 27

Match		IMPs		VPs	
	Guadeloupe	Bye	0 0	18	0
61	Switzerland	Italy	29 29	15	15
62	Belgium	Netherlands	9 71	0	25
63	Scotland	Japan	43 28	19	11
64	Poland	Costa Rica	78 0	25	0
65	Israel	Austria	16 60	4	25
66	Chinese Taipei	Portugal	24 29	14	16
67	USA	Ireland	21 12	17	13
68	Pakistan	Germany	16 54	5	25
69	Turkey	Wales	8 64	1	25
70	France	China	35 14	21	9
71	Venezuela	Australia	12 47	6	24
72	Denmark	New Zealand	33 5	22	8
73	Sweden	Canada	34 49	11	19
74	Spain	England	28 42	11	19

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CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS

The Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony is to be held on Monday, Nov. 1 at 9am in the WBF Meeting room.

(Past the closed room. End room nearest to balcony)

World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price £22-00. You can order a copy in advance during the championships at the special reduced price of US\$30-00 or 25 Euros, inclusive of surface mail, by going to the Press Room and filling in one of the forms available there and handing it, along with your preferred currency, to Jan Swann, who is in charge of the Press Room.

As always, the chief analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. The book will consist of 336 large pages, and will feature every deal of the finals and semi-finals of both Open and Women's events, plus extensive coverage of the earlier stages, and also the Senior, University and Transnational events. There will be a full listing of all the teams taking part, a full results service, and many photographs.



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION
YOUTH COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **WBF Youth Committee**
will take place on

Today, at 10.30 am
in the Kristal Room, Floor F1,
of the Grand Cevahir Hotel.

All members present in Istanbul
are invited to attend.
The agenda of the meeting
is available at the WBF Office.

Panos Gerontopoulos
WBF Youth Cmte Chmn

WOMEN'S SERIES RANKING AFTER 21 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B			
1	CHINA	403	1	NETHERLANDS	400
2	FRANCE	392	2	U.S.A.	386.25
3	AUSTRIA	383	3	ENGLAND	372
4	RUSSIA	354	4	CROATIA	369
5	TURKEY	346	5	GERMANY	360
6	SWEDEN	345	6	GREECE	344
7	ITALY	344	7	SOUTH AFRICA	341
8	FINLAND	334	8	POLAND	339.25
9	BRAZIL	325	9	ISRAEL	334
10	SCOTLAND	323	10	DENMARK	331
11	INDIA	322	11	JAPAN	329
12	AUSTRALIA	318	12	NEW ZEALAND	321
13	CANADA	313	13	INDONESIA	310
14	HUNGARY	310	14	VENEZUELA	307
15	BULGARIA	307	15	ARGENTINA	301
16	SWITZERLAND	306	16	NORWAY	291
17	PAKISTAN	304	17	IRELAND	286
18	EGYPT	296	18	WALES	244
19	SPAIN	276	19	MOROCCO	218
20	MEXICO	226	20	KOREA	206
21	JORDAN	177	20	REUNION	206
22	KENYA	146			

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 27 ROUNDS

1	U.S.A.	513
2	NETHERLANDS	511
3	FRANCE	473
4	DENMARK	469
	GERMANY	469
6	ISRAEL	448
7	JAPAN	442
8	WALES	439
9	PAKISTAN	437
10	CHINA	436
11	ENGLAND	432.5
12	POLAND	432
13	ITALY	428.5
14	CANADA	428
15	AUSTRIA	424.5
16	TURKEY	423
17	SCOTLAND	416
18	SWEDEN	410.5
19	PORTUGAL	406
20	CHINESE TAIPEI	401
21	AUSTRALIA	374
22	SPAIN	363
23	NEW ZEALAND	357.5
24	SWITZERLAND	357
25	BELGIUM	342
26	IRELAND	319
27	GUADELOUPE	297
28	VENEZUELA	279.5
29	COSTA RICA	147

Transnational Teams

All pre-registered teams MUST confirm their registrations and pay their entry fees by Sunday at 12.00 noon in order to guarantee their place in the World Transnational Teams Championship. Teams coming later than this to confirm and pay may find their entry can no longer be accepted.

Check your scores, please!

All team captains please are asked to be sure that they check the scores with their opponents and hand in their FULLY COMPLETED results sheets to the Results Desk as soon as possible after the end of play.

The Results Desk is situated outside the Main Ball Room in Lobby 2, opposite the main (marble) staircase.

Captains failing to hand in their results delay the publication of results and cause inconvenience to the organisers and to other teams waiting to see the results.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIORS
10:45	Round 28
11:00	Round of 16 Boards 49-64	Round of 16 Boards 1-16	
13:30	Round 29
14:00	Round of 16 Boards 65-80	Round of 16 Boards 17-32	
17:00	Round of 16 Boards 33-48	
21:20	Quarter Final Boards 1-16	Round of 16 Boards 49-64	

PROGRAM

WOMEN FINAL 16

China v South Africa

Croatia v Sweden

USA v Turkey

Austria v Poland

Netherlands v Finland

Russia v Germany

France v Greece

England v Italy

No Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in ANY lobby area other than the area near the hotel's main reception desk. Smoking is also prohibited in any areas of the Congress Centre, including the Press and Bulletin rooms, the WBF Main Office, the Scoring and Results Room and the VuGraph Auditorium.

Violations of this policy will subject you to a fine of 2VPs. Continued violations will result in the player being prohibited from playing and the team not being admitted to the playing area.

From a budding linguist

By David Law (Malaysia)

We have completed our Olympiad outing filled with memories, some we'd sooner forget but mostly happy, pleasant ones. What a fascinating place Istanbul is to have the Olympiad, symbolically and physically a bridge linking cultures and continents. Has anyone counted the number of languages spoken here? A suggestion for future Olympiads – why not greet your opponent in their native language? It may serve as an ice breaker and you will surely learn a few new words. In Group C, for example, English is the native tongue of only one team (England).

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SENIOR TEAMS

ROUND 28

61 England	Chinese Taipei
Bye	Sweden
62 Portugal	Israel
63 Wales	Denmark
64 China	Costa Rica
65 Japan	Italy
66 Australia	Poland
67 Netherlands	Scotland
68 Venezuela	France
69 Canada	Pakistan
70 USA	Turkey
71 Guadeloupe	Germany
72 Belgium	Switzerland
73 Austria	Spain
74 Ireland	New Zealand

ROUND 29

61 Italy	Netherlands
62 Costa Rica	Venezuela
63 New Zealand	Turkey
64 Spain	Portugal
	Bye
65 France	Poland
66 Guadeloupe	Canada
67 Israel	England
68 Scotland	Switzerland
69 Chinese Taipei	Austria
70 Germany	Sweden
71 China	Australia
72 Denmark	USA
73 Ireland	Wales
74 Japan	Belgium

If you are aware of an interesting deal, you are invited to drop by the Daily Bulletin office and share it with the editors. You can find us on the Lobby 1 floor near the Safir Room.

Time change



In case you forgot to change your watch, remember to turn it back one hour.

WBF SENIORS CONGRESS

All seniors are invited to an open Congress today 17.15 at the WBF meeting Room, L2 area, next to the WBF Secretariat office. Also invited are federation presidents, WBF Executive members and NBO seniors officers.

Agenda

1. Report of the WBF Senior committee meeting.
2. The Istanbul Seniors format and future format.
3. Rate of change of age limit from 55 to 60.
4. Systems policy.
5. Future Senior events.
6. AOB

The prize giving ceremony for the Seniors will be held at 16.20 today at the auditorium (VuGraph floor). The ceremony will be followed by a cocktail party for members of all Senior teams.

PROFILES OF THE DUTCH LADIES TEAM



BEP VRIEND

Bep Vriend has the best record of any Dutch woman player. Her international career stretches back more than 25 years, to the 1974 European Women's Teams Championships in Israel. She has been virtually everpresent in the Dutch team since. She is a bridge teacher and she lives in Amstelveen with her husband Anton Maas, coach of the Dutch Open Team. With Carla Arnolds she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. From 1994 until the Venice Cup in Monte Carlo (2003) she partnered Marijke van der Pas. Bep Vriend is a honorary member of the Dutch Bridge Federation and in April, 1998 received a Royal decoration in recognition of her great contribution to bridge. Bep has played in six Olympiads (bronze in 1984), six Venice Cups (silver in Perth 1989, gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and fifteen European Championships (silver in 2001 and 2004, gold in 2002). At the beginning of 2004 she has renewed her partnership with Carla Arnolds.

CARLA ARNOLDS

Carla Arnolds is a bridge teacher and journalist from Tilburg and is married to Jan Kolen, a former Dutch champion. They have four children, Martijn (12) Sandra (10) Astrid (9) and Ingrid (8). Carla learned to play bridge in 1981. With partner Bep Vriend she won the European Ladies Pairs in 1993 and the World Ladies Pairs in 1994. Then she switched from bridge to raising kids. Carla has played in three Venice Cups (silver in Perth 1989 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and four European Championships (silver in 2004). At the beginning of 2004 she has renewed her partnership with Bep Vriend. In Istanbul she will play her third Olympiad.

JET PASMAN

Jet Pasman comes from Broek in Waterland, a small village north of Amsterdam. She started playing bridge in 1974. Since 1979 she has been partnering Anneke Simons. Jet is a sports teacher and is married to the coach of the Ladies team Chris Niemeijer, a former player in the Dutch Open team. Apart from bridge, golf is her great hobby. Jet has played in four Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and eighth European Championships (silver in Tenerife 2001 and Malmö 2004, gold in Salsomaggiore 2002). In Istanbul she is playing her fourth Olympiad.

ANNEKE SIMONS

Anneke Simons, a personnel manager, lives in Amsterdam together with Kees Tammens a bridge journalist and in Istanbul coach of the Dutch University team. Their son Bas is playing in the Dutch University team.

She learned bridge at the age of 20 and since 1979 she has been playing with Jet Pasman. Anneke played in four Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and eight European Championships (silver in Tenerife 2001 and Malmö 2004, gold in Salsomaggiore 2002). In Istanbul she is playing her fourth Olympiad.

WIETSKES VAN ZWOL

Wietske van Zwol lives in Tilburg and is married to Carel Berendregt. She has a degree in business economics and works at the Tilburg University as a controller. Apart from bridge, music is her great hobby. She likes to sing and to play the guitar. Wietske also likes sports: jogging, skating, skiing if she can find the time. In 1982 she learned to play bridge. Since 2000 she has been playing with Femke Hoogweg. Wietske has played in four Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and six European Championships (In Tenerife 2001 and Malmö 2004 she won silver, in Salsomaggiore 2002 gold). In Istanbul she is playing her third Olympiad.

FEMKE HOOGWEG

Femke Hoogweg is married to Ricco van Prooijen who is playing in the Dutch Open team in Istanbul. They live with their one year old son Martin in Nieuw-Vennep. She studied Technical Mathematics at the University of Delft. She works as a scientific researcher at the Ministry of Defence.

At the age of 12 she learned to play bridge. In 2000 she formed a partnership with Wietske van Zwol. Femke has played in two Venice Cup (bronze in 2003) and three European Championship (Tenerife 2001 and Malmö 2004 she won silver and gold in Salsomaggiore 2002). Femke is making her first appearance in the Olympiad in Istanbul.

ED FRANKEN, lives in Haarlem (west of Amsterdam). Apart from bridge golf is his great hobby. He has been the Team Manager and Captain of the Dutch Ladies Team since early 1995. He captained the team during six European Championships. The team won silver in Tenerife 2001 and Malmö 2004 and gold in Salsomaggiore 2002. Under his leadership the Dutch ladies won the Venice Cup in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003. Istanbul will be his third Olympiad.

CHRIS NIEMEIJER has been the coach of the Dutch Ladies Team since 1987. He is married to Jet Pasman and is a former player in the Dutch Open team. Chris was coach during five Venice Cups (gold in Bermuda 2000 and bronze in Monte Carlo 2003) and nine European Championships (Tenerife 2001 and Malmö 2004 silver and gold in Salsomaggiore 2002). Istanbul will be his sixth Olympiad.

OPEN **England v Poland** **ROUND 15**

by Mark Horton

In Round 15 of Group C, England, virtually assured of qualification, faced third placed Poland. Remarkably, there was not a single double figure swing, generally a sign that the bridge was high quality.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
2♠*	Pass	1♣*	1♠
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

South's simple intervention made life difficult for East/West and they reached a contract with no real chance of success. Declarer's hopes may have been raised a fraction when South led the jack of spades and it was successfully run to his queen (a strange lead given North's silence over 2♠ as most pairs have some agreement as to the meaning of a pass or double in that position). However, he still needed favourable positions in both red suits and when neither materialised he was one down, -50.



Apolinary Kowalski, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszyński	Gold	Kowalski
3♠*	Pass	1♣	2♠
		3NT	All Pass

The English pair brushed aside the more aggressive intervention to reach the game that was odds on to make. However, Kowalski found the brilliant lead of the ace of hearts followed by the jack and when declarer subsequently lost a diamond trick to North he could take the setting tricks. One down and no swing.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With spades 4-4 this was unbeatable, and when East led the jack of hearts and dummy delivered an entry in



Mariusz Puczynski, Poland

the guise of the jack of clubs declarer could claim eleven tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszynski	Gold	Kowalski
Pass	1♣*	1♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Defending at the one level is never straightforward and can prove to be unrewarding. South led the jack of clubs and North overtook with the queen. When East contributed the eight he was able to continue with the seven which held the trick. Although it is perhaps too difficult to see, the winning defence that ensures a two trick defeat is to cash the ace of diamonds and then play clubs. That will give the defenders the tempo and eight tricks.

With the reasonable idea of playing to give South a spade ruff North switched to that suit. Declarer won and played a trump (at double dummy its better to cash a second spade first). North won and could have got back on track by reverting to clubs, but he switched to the ten of diamonds. When declarer went up with the king of diamonds he was out of danger. He cashed a second spade and played a trump, claiming six tricks. -200 but 6 IMPs to England.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
	All Pass		

North led the ten of diamonds and declarer won and ran the jack of spades. South won, cashed the king of hearts and played a low heart. Declarer ruffed and then played on cross ruff lines, ruffing the first diamond high and the second low. North eventually scored a trump trick, but that was +130. 3NT is cold on this layout, but surely impossible to bid?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszynski	Gold	Kowalski
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Placing full value on his queen of clubs East raised his partner's overcall. When West showed his diamonds it was easy enough to try for the game bonus. South led the five of hearts and North took the queen and returned the ten, covered by the jack and king. South cashed his hearts and switched to the king of spades. When the clubs behaved declarer could claim, a well-earned +400 to give England 7 IMP, the biggest swing of the match.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
1♥	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♦	2NT	All Pass	Pass

East led the king of clubs and must have been disappointed to see West discard. Still one might reflect that if his partner had held a singleton club the lead would have



Tom Townsend, England

been a disaster in any event. As it happened, there is no way to defeat 2NT whatever the defenders do. East carried on with clubs and declarer won the third round and played the king of diamonds. When that held he went after spades, cashing four tricks when the jack appeared on the second round. He played a heart to the king and was assured of an eighth trick, +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszynski	Gold	Kowalski
1♦	Dble	2♣	Pass
2♦	All Pass		Pass

In order for Two Diamonds to be defeated the first trump lead must come from South, so, after cashing the king of spades North needed to do the virtually impossible and underlead the ace to get South in. When he cashed a second spade declarer was in control, ruffing the next spade, cashing the ace of diamonds and claiming eight tricks, +90 and yet another small gain of 5 IMPs.

The score had advanced to 19-0 when the Poles finally got on the scoreboard.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Jason Hackett, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Facing 15-17, West went straight to game, a view that I suspect is right more often than not.

(The French have carried out detailed research into this area of bidding, but if you want to know the results an envelope will need to change hands). Although 3NT can be defeated it is far from easy and when South led the three of hearts the hand was almost over. North took the ace and returned the suit, but declarer could win and clear the diamonds to ensure nine tricks. +400, but given the way the English pair were playing in the other room a flat board was expected.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszynski	Gold	Kowalski
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

With a relatively poor five-card suit and only soft, scattered values West decided to make no move facing a 15-17 no trump. It cost 6 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
2♦	Pass	3♣	1♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	Dble

North must have been charmed to see his partner take another bid. West led the two of clubs, classical Polish style, and East won with the ace and returned the ten to South's king. Declarer drew trumps and played a low spade. West won with the jack as East played the seven. When West continued with the ten of spades (you could argue that the queen would be clearer) East put up the

king with fatal consequences. Declarer could win and exit with a spade forcing West to lead into the diamond tenace, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszynski	Gold	Kowalski
1♦	Pass	1NT	1♣
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Three Clubs was a straightforward affair, +110 and 6 IMPs to England.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Puczynski	Justin	Churmski	Jason
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	2♦

The English pair managed to stop at a safe level. East led the three of hearts, but declarer was not prepared to risk playing low and he won in dummy and played a club to the jack and king. East played back a heart and declarer won in dummy and disposed of his losing heart on the ace of diamonds as East ruffed. Declarer ruffed the heart return as West discarded the Queen of clubs and played the jack of spades. West won and played the king of diamonds but declarer ruffed with the king of spades and played a spade. When everyone followed he could claim eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Tuszynski	Gold	Kowalski
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	3♥

The Polish pair went overboard and the defence was

red hot. East led the four of clubs for the queen and ace and declarer played back the jack. East won and played the three of clubs, ruffed by West as declarer discarded a diamond from dummy. West played the two of diamonds, ruffed by East, who played a fourth club for West to ruff with the ace of spades. East still had two trump tricks to come so the contract was two down, -200 and yet another small swing to England, this time of 5 IMPs.

The Polish players had given up only 31 IMPs in 20 boards, a rate generally associated with winning bridge, but their opponents had surrendered only 7 – a tremendous performance. England had won 20-10 VP and given further notice that they are major contenders.

Mobile phones

No one is allowed to have a mobile phone in the playing rooms. The line up desk is accepting phones of those who brought them to the playing area. The best solution, of course, is not to carry a mobile phone.

— Ton Kooijman

Marie Gleeson 1927-2004

It was with deep regret that the European Bridge League received news of the passing of Ireland's Marie Gleeson, who died on 27 September after a short illness.

Born in Kiltoom, Athlone, she had two great loves, her husband Tom, whom she married in 1948 and Bridge! She was Secretary/Treasurer of the Athlone Club for close on 40 years and in 1975 she became Hon. Secretary of the C.B.A.I., a position she held until her retirement in 1991. With her inexhaustible appetite for the game she promptly took over as Hon. Secretary of the North Midland region in the same year.

One of her proudest moments was when she was presented with a Merit Award for long service to the I.B.U. by Gianarrigo Rona, President of the European Bridge League at Rimini in 2000.

Panos Gerontopoulos

Honorary Secretary

European Bridge League

Witchcraft

by Mark Horton

You may recall this deal from Round 12 of the Open Series:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ A J 5 ♥ Q 9 8 7 6 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ J 10 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K J 6 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div> <p>♠ 9 8 ♥ A K 5 4 2 ♦ K 9 7 5 3 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ 7 4 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q 9 8 7 4 2</p>	
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West	North	East	South
INT	Dble	3♣	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

In the match between England and Hungary in the Closed Room the contract at one point was 3NT doubled, by North, but South ran to Four Diamonds.

I suggested that 3NT would certainly have failed, but having spent some time discussing the deal with Bermuda's Roman Smolski (a true magician with the cards), who made the contract, it is clear that it is far from simple.

Let's suppose that East leads a club and West wins with the ace and returns the suit. Declarer goes up with the king and plays a diamond to the king and ace. If West now switches to the queen of hearts declarer can win in dummy and run the nine of spades. When that holds he plays another spade and West wins and plays a heart. Declarer wins, cashes the spades and then plays queen and another diamond to endplay West.

West can defeat the contract in this variation by switching to a low heart. Declarer wins in hand, but does not have the communications to arrive at nine tricks.

When Roman was declarer West switched to the queen of hearts at trick two, taken in dummy. Now came the nine of spades. West played low, so declarer continued with another spade, taken by the ace. I know you won't believe me, but declarer must unblock the king or queen. If he does not West can switch to a club. Declarer wins in hand and plays a low diamond but provided East plays the ten and West ducks dummy's king declarer cannot prevail.

The need for the unblock arises in the variation where East goes in with the ten of diamonds and West ducks the

king. Now declarer plays a diamond to the queen and exits with a diamond. West wins and plays a heart but declarer wins in hand to reach this ending:

<p>♠ J ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ K 10 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> </div>	<p>♠ 7 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q 9</p>	
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Now the reason is clear, declarer must exit with the ten of spades, discarding the five of hearts to endplay West.

If declarer does unblock, then a club switch is taken by the king and declarer plays a diamond to the king and ace. West can play a heart, but declarer wins, cashes the spades and plays a diamond forcing West to give dummy the rest.

In the event declarer did not unblock but West played another heart. Declarer won in hand, cashed the spades discarding a heart and a diamond and played a low diamond to the king West could win, but had no good move. In the most elegant variation a heart return allows declarer to discard a diamond, win in dummy, cross to the queen of diamonds and exit with a low club to endplay East.

When West took the ace of spades at Roman's table he played another heart, so declarer won, cashed the spades, discarding a heart and a diamond as West discarded a club and played a diamond to the king. West tried ducking, but declarer simply continued with another diamond and West was helpless.

Let's go back to the point where West switched to the queen of hearts and declarer won and played the nine of spades. West will never find the winning defence of the jack of spades! Declarer can win and play a spade to the eight but West wins and switches to a club.

Even so, when declarer now plays a low diamond East must play the ten. If he does not, declarer can put in the seven, forcing West to win with the jack. The defenders will still make the ace of diamonds but that is all.

Of course some of this is pure double dummy, but the variation where declarer must unblock the spades is more akin to witchcraft!

WOMEN

Croatia v Israel

ROUND

by Mark Horton

Time to take a look at the Croatian Women who have been doing so well in Group B. In Round 18 they faced Israel, who were looking for a good result to keep them in striking distance of the final qualifying spot.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nosatzki	Sver	Popilov	Pilipovic
	Pass	Pass	2♦*
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

This was an easy hand to play and declarer made ten tricks after the defence started with two rounds of spades, +170.



Nikica Sver, Croatia

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Birman	Muller	Levit Porat
	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

You can't argue with that! This time North led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer put up the king, unblocked the clubs, took two rounds of trumps and played a club to discard a loser. Ten tricks, +420 and a nice start for Croatia, who gained 6 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nosatzki	Sver	Popilov	Pilipovic
		1♣	Pass
1♦	INT*	Pass	2♠
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the four of hearts and declarer won in dummy and played a low diamond. The appearance of North's ten meant the contract was secure and declarer simply played on diamonds to arrive at nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Birman	Muller	Levit Porat
		1♣	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♣	2♠
5♣	All Pass		

West's decision to jump to Five Clubs looks precipitous – had she bid Three Spades the notrump game would have been in the picture. South led the nine of spades and declarer was allowed to win with the jack. She ruffed a spade and with no clues provided by the auction she took the diamond finesse and eventually finished two down. That gave Israel 11 IMPs but was just about the last piece of good news they were to get in the match.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 ♥ A K 9 5 3 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ A 4 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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		♠ J 10 7 5 3 ♥ 10 8 7 6 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 8 5	♠ 6 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A 10 7 3 ♣ Q 10 9 6 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nosatzki	Sver	Popililov	Pilipovic
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

To protect the king of diamonds, and knowing that a minor suit lead would be helpful, South made sure she was declarer. West led the ten of clubs, an entirely reasonable shot, which this time presented declarer with the twelfth trick, +1440.

Before we move to the other room, let's visit a another table:

West	North	East	South
Kanellopoulou	Auken	Oikonomou	Von Arnim
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 2♣ Artificial Game Force
- 2♦ Relay
- 2♥ Asking
- 3♦ Fair hand, good hearts
- 3♥ Sets trumps, asks for shortage
- 3NT No shortage
- 5♦ 0-3 key cards

East led a low spade and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the hearts, cashed two more spades discarding a club from hand, crossed to the ace of clubs and drew the remaining trumps. Clearly there is no problem if the ace of diamonds or the queen of clubs is onside, but Sabine felt there was a fair chance that East might have led the ace of

diamonds on this auction, and it looked as if East was 5-4 in the majors, suggesting that any club length would be with West, so she sought another solution. She cashed her remaining heart winners to reach this position:

♠ — ♥ — ♦ J ♣ 4 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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		♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q 9 ♣ 8	♠ — ♥ — ♦ A 10 ♣ Q
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It was still possible to rely on the club finesse, and West had done well to blank the queen of clubs, but Sabine was not to be denied, and she crowned a brilliant performance by playing a club to the king to record +1430.

It was worth 17 IMPs as the contract failed in the other room.

Meanwhile, back in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Birman	Muller	Levit Porat
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

South obviously thought she had done enough, but with North having admitted to a club control and marked with a reasonable heart suit it looks like she might have taken at least one more bid. It cost 13 IMPs, so the match had a new leader.



Sabine Auken, Germany

Having shown you a dazzling piece of play by Sabine Auken, here is one by another superstar, Jill Meyers.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 3 ♥ 6 ♦ K 5 3 2 ♣ K J 10 6 4 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K J 2 ♥ K J 5 4 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ Q 9 5</p>	
	<p>♠ Q 9 8 ♥ Q 9 8 3 ♦ A Q 7 6 ♣ A 8</p>		
West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Montin</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	1♦
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT was generally played from the other side, and on the usual low diamond lead declarer had an easy time. Jill Meyers, declaring from the West seat, faced the much tougher assignment of trying to make the contract on the lead of the seven of spades. (A heart lead would have been too much to cope with, even for Jill).

Declarer won in hand with the ace and played the king of clubs, continuing with a club to the queen when it held. South switched to the three of hearts to North's ace and back came the five of spades. Declarer went up with the king and played back the jack of spades, discarding a diamond from hand. South cashed the ace of diamonds (even the best defence of the queen of diamonds would not have worked) and followed it with the six, but declarer played low and when dummy's jack scored she had made her contract in spectacular style.

Okay, I promise that will be the last digression from our featured match.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 5 ♥ K Q 7 3 2 ♦ J 8 6 3 ♣ A</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q J 8 6 4 2 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 9 6</p>	
	<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ A J 9 8 4 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 10 8 5 3</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nosatzki</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Popililov</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
1♥	INT*	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

INT promised at opening values and at least 4-4 in the minors. West led the king of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a club. West won, cashed the ace of spades and played a spade. It was simple for declarer to take the rest, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrovic</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Levit Porat</i>
1♥	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Play started along similar lines, but after taking the ace of clubs West switched to a diamond. Declarer won in dummy, drew trumps, ruffed the diamonds good and played a spade. +400 and a well earned 6 IMPs for Israel to make the score 18-25.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 6 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ A K 10 8 5 2 ♣ 10</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 8 6 5 4 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ Q J 5</p>	
<p>♠ 10 4 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 9 7 6 ♣ 8 7 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 5 3 ♥ A K 7 ♦ Q ♣ A K 9 2</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nosatzki</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Popililov</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
Pass	INT*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	4♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	7♠

INT promised four controls so when North splintered in support of spades South already knew enough to bid the grand slam. +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Birman	Muller	Levit Porat
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♥*	Pass	4NT*
All Pass		Pass	6♠

That was a bad miss which cost 11 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nosatzki	Sver	Poplilov	Pilipovic
2♥	2NT*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			4♠

West led the ace of hearts and switched to a trump. When dummy's seven held the trick declarer played a diamond to the queen and West's ace. West played back a diamond and declarer put in the ten, discarding a club when East could not produce the jack. Another club went on the king of diamonds and declarer made the rest via ruffing a diamond, drawing trumps, discarding her last club and taking the ruffing finesse in hearts, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Birman	Muller	Levit Porat
2♥	2♠	3♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West's questionable decision to bid Four Hearts appeared to turn a potentially big swing for Croatia into a minus. North led the king of spades and continued with a spade to South's ace. Declarer won the diamond switch with the ace and cashed the top hearts before exiting

with a diamond. Mysteriously (I suspect a fingerfehler) North won with the king and played back the ten of diamonds for South to ruff with a trump trick. Declarer had escaped for -500 to win four very fortunate IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nosatzki	Sver	Poplilov	Pilipovic
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	INT	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West followed the principle expounded by Anders Wirgren in Bridge Today by leading her singleton trump -the only one that ensures the defeat of the contract! Declarer played low from dummy and East won with the ten and switched to her trump. West played three rounds and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer could win, cross to hand with a club and draw the last trump but was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Birman	Muller	Levit Porat
1♦	1♥	2♣	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

I suspect it was East who doubled Four Hearts, but I have reproduced the auction as it appears on Bridgebase. East led the queen of clubs and declarer, who knew she was in serious trouble, set about scrambling as many tricks as possible. She won in dummy, came to hand with the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, cashed the king of clubs, ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond. She exited with a spade and West won with the jack and played her heart. Declarer won and played a diamond but East could ruff in, draw trumps and claim. Three down, -500 and 9 IMPs to leave Croatia easy winners, 56-19 IMPs, 24-6 VP. They could sleep easy, but Israel would need a following wind in the last three rounds.

The Canapé Queens

by Mark Horton

A feature of the systems employed by the Austrian Women's teams is their use of canapé, where at various times a short suit is bid before a longer one. (I recall an occasion when I partnered Jovi Smederevac and she bid a suit with two cards before the one in which she had nine!)

Here are two examples of how effective this can be from their round 16 match with Keyna.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠K 8 ♥K Q 9 8 7 4 ♦A K 5 3 ♣8</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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>♠A Q 10 9 7 4 ♥5 ♦Q 6 2 ♣A Q 7</p>	<p>♠J 5 2 ♥J ♦J 10 7 4 ♣K J 10 5 4</p>
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W		E										
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kfiftner</i>		<i>Smederevac</i>	
1♦*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West was limited by her failure to open 1♣ but as the auction unwound she was able to show her shape and suitability for spades.

There were no problems in the play and the Austrian pair picked up a slam swing for as you might expect they were almost on their own in bidding this excellent slam.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.


<p>♠K J 8 4 ♥J 10 8 6 ♦9 6 4 ♣6 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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>♠Q 6 5 2 ♥K 7 ♦A Q J 10 5 3 ♣A</p>	<p>♠7 ♥Q 9 5 2 ♦K 2 ♣Q J 9 8 7 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Kfiftner</i>	<i>Esmail</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Sahah</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After the negative response to the strong club East was able to bid her four card spade suit. Despite the 4-1 trump break the contract is unbeatable, and South's diamond lead merely speeded up the play. All the defenders could take were two trumps and a heart.

West	North	East	South
<i>Cupta</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Deen</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
Pass	2♣	2♦	1♠
Pass	4♣	4♦	3♣
All Pass			5♣

After South's opening bid there was never any question of East/West playing a spade game at this table. Of course Five Clubs was easily defeated, but the Austrian had yet another swing on the way to a big victory.



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The Role of a Bridge Photographer

by Ron Tacchi



I am constantly asked... well, frequently... well quite often... well, actually once or twice "How does one become a Bridge Photographer and what does it entail?" The answer to the first part of the question is not overly easy to answer but the most important qualification is not to be a good enough bridge player to actually be a player in the tournament

you are photographing. There are many here that will tell you I more than adequately fulfill this criterion though I am highly respected as a second string kibitzer in the famed Vaupillon Club (*editor's note: inventor of the one table Howell*). As to subsequent qualifications these are lost in the mists of time and numerous bottles of either red or amber liquid though there is a dim recollection of there being written: "Yesterday I couldn't spell fotographer but today I are one".

We must now consider the requirements to adequately carry out this onerous task. A bridge photographer needs, and the list is in order of priority:

Patience.

A sense of humour.

A camera.

A large supply of batteries.

An even larger supply of batteries.

Approximately half a hundredweight of ancillary equipment, and additional equipment so that other people can borrow it but will still leave you with enough to carry out your mission.

Now as to the taking of the photographs. This is third hardest part of the job but the one that is most apparent. Firstly I am going to tell you a trade secret, well known amongst the brotherhood of bridge photographers and that is: "Not every bridge player is photogenic", there it is, the genie is out of the bottle, but of course this tournament is an exception. This is one of several laws of bridge photography and some of the others postulate:

Law 1. There will always be a caddy or Tournament Director growing out of the head of the player about to be photographed.

Law 2. The one time of the day a player will decide to scratch him/herself is when the photographer arrives at the table.

Law 3. The probability of a player visiting the toilet (or sneaking a cigarette as it is known in the trade) is inverse-

ly proportional to the distance of the photographer from the table.

Law 4. At least six photographs of a player must be taken before there is one that is fit for publication in the Bulletin and it always turns out to be the second photograph taken.

Law 5. The players who need to be photographed will be appearing on BBO and thus in the little cubicle where there is insufficient room for four players, a scorer and a mildly rotund photographer.

Law 6. That perfect photograph of a player at the table is cropped by the layout editor to make him/her look gormless and thus the bridge photographer incurs the wrath of the player.

The second hardest part of the job is deciding who should be photographed in any one session. This involves pressing the legion of Bulletin editors, or at least those who are still standing, as to which matches they will be reporting and therefore deduce which players' photographs are required. This then means scouring the line ups and working out the location of the tables of the victims.

The hardest part is now trying to catalogue the numerous random photographs stored in the camera and this of course brings us back to the line ups, or random captain jottings, as they are jocularly called by bridge photographers. Whilst they are of some use they do require that the players actually understand that if there is a cross against their name in the 'East' column that means they should sit in the East chair. It would appear that the huge amount of brain power required to play bridge at an international level frequently leaves insufficient processing power to carry out this somewhat mundane task.

To finish on a serious note I would like to take to thank all the players for being patient and allowing me to 'snap' away, I assure you I try to do it with the minimum amount of intrusion and fuss but should I occasionally fail then please forgive me, I was just trying to take your best side.

Grattan Endicott recuperating

His many friends will be pleased to know that Grattan Endicott is recovering well in hospital from a minor blood clot between his brain and skull.

He will have an operation tomorrow, and is expected to return to the Championships in the next two to three days - to rest and enjoy the event, and we will try to keep him from working!

We all look forward to welcoming him back to the Grand Cevahir, and wish him a speedy return to his normal excellent health.

OPEN

Egypt v Japan

ROUND
16-2

Japan won the first segment of their Round of 16 match against Egypt by 47-36 IMPs but the Egyptians turned that around with a strong second session. The opening lead decided this first deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
<i>EIAhmady</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

On the auction, North is normally going to lead a minor as he cannot know that declarer does not hold the ♠K, but which minor? For Japan, Masayuki Ino chose the queen of clubs and that proved to be fatal to the defence. Waleed El Ahmady won the ace, drew three rounds of trumps and passed the ten of clubs. Tadashi Imakura ruffed the club but the spade was onside and the ♣K gave a discard for a diamond so El Ahmady had ten tricks for +620.

For Egypt, Tarek Nadim led the four of diamonds and Hideki Takano rose with the ace and cashed the top hearts. He had no chance from here and was one down, losing two diamonds, a spade and a heart; -100 and 12 IMPs to Egypt. Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K J 10 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ 10 9 8 4 3 ♣ 5 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></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>♠ 4 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ K J 9 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q 7 ♥ K Q J 10 7 5 4 ♦ Q J ♣ Q</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>EIAhmady</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
Pass	2♣	1♥	1♠
3♥	5♣	2♥	3♣
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
Pass	2♣	1♥	1♠
4♥	5♣	3♥	4♣
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Where Tarek Sadek contented himself with a simple 2♥ rebid on the East cards at his second turn, Tadashi Teramoto made the more aggressive jump to 3♥, bolstered by his powerful heart suit. That convinced Takano to double the final contract where El Ahmady was willing to go quietly.

The lines of play were different after the same heart lead at both tables. Ino played to ruff hearts and establish spades along the way, while Nadim threw a diamond on the ♥A and ruffed all his red losers in the dummy. On this layout anything sensible works, of course, and both had twelve easy tricks; +420 to Ino but +650 to Nadim and 6 IMPs to Egypt.



Mohamed Heshmat, Egypt

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 7 4 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A K Q 10 8 4 ♣ 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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		♠ J 10 8 ♥ 9 8 7 4 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A Q 10 7	♠ — ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ J 9 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ K Q 9 6 5 3 2 ♥ K J 10 ♦ 9 7 ♣ K
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West	North	East	South
<i>ElAhmady</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
Dble	Pass	2♥	1♠
3♠	Pass	4♣	2♠
4NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
Dble	INT	2♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Typically, El Ahmady took a more aggressive approach on the West hand than did Takano and it seemed that he had got himself overboard. However, as they say, the play's the thing. Ino led a heart against 6♦ and El Ahmady won and rattled off six rounds of diamonds. Imakura threw spades, as he had to, and now declarer led his club to the ace, dropping the bare king. The ♣Q came next, squeez-

ing South out of a heart, and the stage was set for the coup de grace. El Ahmady cashed his heart winner then led a low spade to the ten and queen and Imakura had to lead away from the ♠K to give the contract; a magnificent +1370 for Egypt.

Of course, had South kept two hearts he would have been able to keep only two spades, and now declarer would simply concede a spade without first cashing the heart.

In the other room Takano made a painless +600 and probably never considered that he had just lost 13 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A J 7 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 7 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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		♠ 4 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ A 10 9 8 4 ♣ Q 10 9 2 ♠ — ♥ A 8 4 2 ♦ K Q J 2 ♣ A K 8 6 5	♠ — ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ — ♣ — ♠ K Q 10 9 8 6 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ 6 3 ♣ J 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>ElAhmady</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

It is rarely sound for the same team to declare in no trump at both tables above the one level and this deal was no exception. Both Wests opened with a multi 2♦. Sadek took the optimistic option of responding with a 2NT enquiry and continued with 3NT on discovering that he was facing a maximum with spades. Imakura led the ♠Q and Sadek won, pitching a diamond, to run the queen of hearts. When that held he played a club to the eight and jack, and back came a diamond to the ace and a second diamond. Sadek tried to split the clubs then to drop the ♥K and, when nothing good materialised, conceded two down for -100.

Teramoto responded with the pessimistic pass-or-correct 2♠ and, to great surprise on his part, it did indeed go pass from Takano. But now Nadim balanced with 2NT, for the minors, and that ended the auction. No doubt Teramoto was planning to double when South showed his preference, and might have been better advised to double 2NT just in case, so Heshmat did a very good thing for his



Hideki Tanako, Japan

side when passed out 2NT.

Teramoto led a low heart to the nine and a rather obscure duck from Nadim. The ♠Q held the next trick and Teramoto won the third round of hearts with his ace then cashed the long heart. Next, he switched to a low club and Nadim rose with dummy's jack then led a diamond to the eight and jack. Teramoto returned the ♦K to the ace and now Nadim tried a spade to the king. Takano ducked that and, with dummy holding nothing but spades at this point, declarer had to lead into the ♠AJ. Takano won the spades and led a club to his partner for down five; -250 and 8 IMPs to Japan.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠— ♥AKJ832 ♦Q10854 ♣K4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠83 ♥Q10 ♦K976 ♣AQJ87	
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W		E										
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	♠AKQJ92 ♥95 ♦J32 ♣53											

West	North	East	South
<i>EIAhmady</i>	<i>Ino</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Imakura</i>
		1♣	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Takano</i>	<i>Nadim</i>	<i>Teramoto</i>	<i>Heshmat</i>
		1♣	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

Imakura made a simple overcall and El Ahmady showed his hearts. Now Sadek made the good bid of 3♥, treating his strong doubleton as he would have done a three-card holding. It appears that El Ahmady's 5♦ was asking rather than showing, but I do not have the systemic agreement in front of me. Anyway, El Ahmady made 6♥ in no time at all after ruffing the spade lead, drawing trumps and running the clubs; +1430.

Heshmat's pre-emptive overcall left the Japanese pair with no room to explore and Takano finally just guessed to jump to 6♦, which Teramoto passed, of course. Takano ruffed the spade lead and, imagining that the pre-empt made it more likely that the defensive diamond length would be with North, advanced the queen of diamonds

from hand. And that was one down for -100 and 17 IMPs to Egypt.

Egypt won the second set by 63-28 and led overall by 99-75.

Turkish TD practiced in a variety of investigations



Every bridge player is familiar with the concept of the post mortem. Dissecting a deal just played is a time-honoured if sometimes objectionable part of the bridge culture.

In bridge, of course, "post mortem" is used in a figurative sense.

At the World Bridge Olympiad in Istanbul, there is a tournament director who has vast experience in the real thing – examining human bodies for evidence.

Meet Selim Ozkok, who has been doing autopsies – post mortems, if you will – for 15 years in his hometown of Aydin, on the Aegean coast of Turkey. Besides working for the chief medical examiner in that city, Ozkok is associate professor of forensic medicine at Adnan Menderes University in Aydin.

As far as Ozkok is concerned, there is a strong similarity between the examinations at the bridge table and in the Aydin morgue.

"It's the same," the 40-year-old TD says. "You investigate at the table or in the body."

American television now features several series revolving around crime investigations, and Ozkok says he is a keen observer of most of them. He says "Crossing Jordan," starring Jill Hennessey, is more realistic than the popular CSI (Crime Scene Investigation), although he likes them both.

Ozkok started playing bridge about 20 years ago when one of his medical professors developed a strong interest in the game. Although learned bridge while in school, he did not let it sidetrack his education as so many new players do.

Ozkok became a tournament director about five years ago because the bridge players in Aydin wanted to be able to play "by the rules." He now runs games at the bridge club in Aydin, which boasts about 200 players.

Ozkok says that when he is called to the table for a ruling, he often has to take the same approach as in a medical investigation: "I try to find the truth."