

ON A COLLISION COURSE



Filming of the Russia-Hungary match in the 'new' Vugraph room.

It's down to four teams each in the Open and Women's series of the 12th World Bridge Olympiad as they battle for spots in the championship round of the two events.

Both semi-finals will conclude today with four sets of 16 boards. Italy and China will be featured in the first Vugraph match at 11 a.m.

In the Open series, the Netherlands took a healthy lead over Russia, thanks to a 54-IMP burst in the second segment over the course of just five boards.

Should the Dutch hold on to win, they will face the winner of the Italy-China match, a close affair after two sets.

There was another tight struggle going on between England and Russia in the Women's series, while USA used a 40-0 surge in their second set against China to take a more comfortable edge.

The 3rd World Transnational Mixed Teams got underway yesterday with three matches of the qualifying Swiss Teams.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	China v Italy	11:00
	TO BE DECIDED	14:00
	TO BE DECIDED	17:00
	TO BE DECIDED	21:20

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OPEN QUARTERFINALS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-64	Boards 65-80	Boards 81-96	Total
Netherlands	Ireland	49 - 28	69 - 11	36 - 34	42 - 41	31 - 28	69 - 35	296 - 177
Hungary	Russia	16 - 42	51 - 31	9 - 51	5.8 - 31.2	76 - 25	47 - 26	204.8 - 206.2
China	Japan	10 - 23	52 - 2	34 - 15	13 - 13	49 - 4	58 - 38	216 - 95
Pakistan	Italy	42 - 22	8 - 48	33 - 36	14 - 52	23 - 51	0 - 0	120 - 209

WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Boards 49-64	Boards 65-80	Total
China	Sweden	50 - 17	14 - 52	58 - 0	25 - 18	52 - 49	199 - 136
USA	Poland	26 - 30	41 - 22	19 - 23	59 - 18	73 - 35	218 - 128
Netherlands	Russia	35 - 41	27 - 17	15 - 26	10 - 68	32 - 16	119 - 168
France	England	38 - 17	25 - 6	18 - 17	9 - 62	32 - 27	122 - 129



RESULTS



OPEN SEMIFINALS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Total
Netherlands	Russia	30 - 12	68 - 24	98 - 24
China	Italy	19 - 27	22 - 28	41 - 55

WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS

Match		Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Total
China	USA	17 - 24	30 - 50	47 - 74
Russia	England	38 - 33	26 - 37	64 - 70

World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Ranking after 3 Rounds

Rank	Players	Country	VPs	Rank	Players	Country	VPs
1	ZHANG D.	CHI	74	67	SEFARAD	TUR	45
2	ETI	TUR - ISR	64	68	ESKINAZ N.	TUR	44
3	ALLIX J.	FRA	64	69	TURAN G.	TUR	44
4	FORNACIARI	ITA	63	70	ERDEM A.	TUR	44
5	FREED G.	USA	63	71	BAKIRLI	TUR	44
6	BATOV V.	BUL	63	72	PANAHPOUR	ENG - NOR	44
7	ADAMSON S.	SCO	63	73	GREY H.	SWI	44
8	VENETINA II	ARG - VEN	62	74	DATA STEEL	PAK	44
9	WEIGKRICHT	AUT - HUN	61	75	BICACO C.	TUR	43
10	AUKEN S.	FRA - GER	61	76	YILANKIRAN	TUR	43
11	WEBER E.	GER	61	77	FALAY F.	TUR	43
12	EKSIOGLU M	TUR	60	78	KAMEL M.	EGY	43
13	POPOVA D.	TUR - BUL	59	79	GOKBRIDGE	TUR	42
14	CHUMPS	IRE	58	80	KUZEY	TUR	42
15	AKUZUM	TUR	58	81	Bq.MANDIRI	IDN	42
16	MAUD	EGY	57	82	BILGI UNI.	TUR	41
17	SHIMAMURA	JAP	57	83	SEVIMLI G.	TUR	41
18	GOTARD T.	GER - DEN	57	84	KEN-BOT	BOT - KEN	40
19	MERSIN	TUR	57	85	BAKAN O.	TUR - PAS	40
20	SAYILKAN T	TUR	56	86	KIZILOK	TUR	40
21	LAKHANI G.	IND - GRE	56	87	BARENDREGT	NTH - AUT	39
22	SHORT B.	SCO	56	88	BORNOVA SPO	TUR	39
23	FISCHER D.	AUT	55	89	HALFON D.	FRA	39
24	TERENZI R.	ITA	55	90	PEGASUS	TUR	38
25	ALBERTI A.	GER	55	91	DOMENECH D	FRA - ISR	38
26	VALANI	TUR - BUL	54	92	FURUTA K.	JPN	38
27	LA MAISON	TUR	54	93	SARDINAS L	TUR	37
28	LANGER D.	GER - SWI	54	94	PRIEBE J.	CAN - USA	37
29	ANADOLU	TUR	53	95	KARADENIZ	TUR	37
30	DOBRIN D.	RUS	53	96	JOVI	AUT	36
31	SUE	FIN	53	97	NUHOGLU S.	TUR	36
32	YOSHIDA T.	JAP	53	98	HACKETT P.	ENG - NOR	36
33	YALMAN A.	TUR - SWI	53	99	SAYER N.	TUR	36
34	SARILEVI	TUR	53	100	KANTARCI A	TUR	36
35	GOKSU H.	TUR - RUS	52	101	ENA	TUR	36
36	ZIMMERMAN	FRA	52	102	NYARADI G.	HUN	36
37	CINAR	TUR	52	103	MUSTAFA	TUR	35
38	HNATOVA D.	CZE	52	104	KITABGI A.	FRA	35
39	VAN CLEEFF	NTH - ISR	51	105	PEREKHREST	RUS	35
40	DAGDEVIREN	TUR	51	106	DAGCIOGLU	TUR - AUS	34
41	AKSUYEK E.	TUR	51	107	SALMAN Y.	TUR	34
42	FRIENDSHIP	PAS - IND	51	108	ERGIL E.	TUR	34
43	HANS S.	AUS	50	109	AYDIN BEL.	TUR	33
44	CERSANIT	POL	50	110	CLEARY A.	IRE	33
45	I.FOOTWEAR	TUR	50	111	YENGEC	TUR	33
46	SAYLIK D.	TUR	50	112	CUMMINGS	CAN	32
47	NEVRA	TUR - LEB	50	113	KORKUT E.	TUR	32
48	IC	TUR - POL	49	114	ERKEL M.	TUR	31
49	GIBSON M.	NZL	49	115	HKHZ	HKG	31
50	MPE	ROM - MAL	48	116	HINGORANI	BOT - KOR	30
51	ANAK F.	TUR	48	117	TAGA F.	TUR	30
52	KALMIK P.	TUR	48	118	RINGO	TUR	30
53	HAMAOU I S.	VEN - ITA	47	119	YIGITSUBAY	TUR	29
54	KALTIM PR.	IDN	47	120	DOWLING S.	AUS - IRE	28
55	CHAMBERS	CAN - USA	47	121	KEDI	TUR	28
56	WAKSMAN S.	FRA - BEL	47	122	TACSPOR	TUR	28
57	GIURA N.	AUS - NZL	47	123	EGELI B.	TUR	28
58	KRAUTSAK	CRO	46	124	BOYBEK U.	TUR	27
59	BLUEBIRD	TUR	46	125	YENER S.	TUR	26
60	PRADOS A.	ITA - SPA	46	126	ARSLAN S.	TUR	24
61	SAYILKAN R	TUR	46	127	SEZERLI T.	TUR	23
62	MILES	USA	46	128	YILDIRIM	TUR	22
63	PRIDAY T.	ENG	45	129	YUREKLI E.	TUR	21
64	CHAGAS	POR - BRA	45	130	KENT	TUR	21
65	THOMASBERG.	AUT	45				
66	KOLANKAYA	TUR	45				

to Rosenberg as indicated by the way he played the doubled contract.

Bocchi started with the ♣A and continued with a club, ruffed in dummy. Rosenberg played a diamond to the king, followed by another diamond. Rosenberg ducked when East played the ♦J. Bocchi switched to a low heart, which went to the seven, nine and ace. Once the possibility of a 4-0 trump split had been eliminated, it seems safe enough to enter dummy with a trump, planning on ruffing another diamond. If trumps are 2-2, the contract is a virtual lock and, if they are 3-1, there would still be chances depending on who had the remaining trump.

Rosenberg, however, played a low spade from hand after winning the trump switch, and that was the end of the contract. Bocchi won the ♠K and gave his partner a ruff for down one and a 13-IMP swing to Italy, now ahead by 6 IMPs.

Another 10 IMPs went to Italy when Duboin made a state-of-the-match decision in the play that was a huge success.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠A J 8 ♥6 3 ♦A K 5 3 2 ♣Q 8 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠K 10 6 ♥Q 10 7 ♦9 8 4 ♣A K J 4</p>	<p>♠Q 4 3 ♥A 9 8 5 ♦Q 6 ♣10 6 5 2</p> <p>♠9 7 5 2 ♥K J 4 2 ♦J 10 7 ♣9 7</p>
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<p>West <i>Duboin</i> INT</p>	<p>North <i>Rosenberg</i> Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Bocchi</i> 3NT</p>	<p>South <i>Zia</i> All Pass</p>									

Rosenberg started with a low heart and the defenders quickly cashed four tricks in that suit, Rosenberg exiting with a club at the end. Duboin embarked on a scheme to try to get a count on the opposing hands. He won the ♣Q in hand at trick five, cashed the top two diamonds, then played off dummy's three clubs, pitching his last diamond. Zia, meanwhile, had followed to two clubs and discarded two spades. It looked as though Zia started with four spades, making it more likely that he held the ♠Q, the card declarer needed to locate to make the contract.

On Vugraph, Duboin made a point of picking up his scorecard for a look as a prelude to finessing North rather than South for the ♠Q. Estimating that his team was still trailing and believing a swing was need, Duboin made an anti-percentage play to try to turns things around.

As you can see, Duboin was right. In the Closed Room, the defense went exactly the same, and Weinstein played the same way to get the same information. After giving the matter due thought, Weinstein played the ♠K and was down one.

The Americans earned a slam swing on Board 30 to pull to within 11 IMPs with two boards to go, but the next-to-last deal was a routine part score – 2♥ bid and made at both tables for a push.

American partisans had some hope as the final deal unfolded.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠A 3 ♥A 4 ♦A K 10 2 ♣A 6 5 3 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠K 7 2 ♥K 8 5 3 ♦Q ♣K Q J 10 8</p>	<p>♠Q 10 5 ♥Q J 9 6 ♦8 7 6 4 ♣7 4</p> <p>♠J 9 8 6 4 ♥10 7 2 ♦J 9 5 3 ♣9</p>
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Levin and Weinstein got their auction out of the way first.

West	North	East	South
<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	7♣	All Pass

It was a good auction to the perfect contract. If the Italians failed to bid the grand slam, USA would again edge them out on the final board. Not many would bet against the Italians on this deal, however, and indeed they had no trouble with the bidding.

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Zia</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	7♣	All Pass

It was a flat board and a 157-146 victory for Italy.

Championship Diary

Tacchi has been complaining that he cannot get a good night's sleep, as he always wakes up at 03.00. On Monday night he finally discovered the solution – he went to bed at 03.00!

At the last count there were 131 teams entered for the World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship (including an incredible 60 teams from Turkey) and 11 more on standby – an incredible testament to the popularity of this event. The WBF is making every effort to accommodate everyone who wants to play, but eventually they must inevitably run out of rooms, tables and chairs!

As the Transnational becomes more popular, the word will spread even more rapidly around the world and the voice of the bridge playing community will be increasingly heard throughout the world.

Now, let's see, there are three Editors and 130 odd tables. How best to cover the event?

Denmark's Peter Lund is here reporting for his newspaper and the loss of the Internet yesterday caused him considerable angst as the deadline for his article drew ever nearer. He was last seen heading in the direction of the Grand Bazaar hoping to buy a carrier pigeon.

Victory Banquet

Invitations will be available for collection at the hospitality desk from 11.00 today (Wednesday), please collect before the end of Thursday. This applies to players participating in the Open and Women's, seniors and University events plus captains and coaches, those for staff and press.

Other guests will be delivered tickets for \$50, £28, 40 Euros or 75,000,000 Turkish Lira.

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Today's Agenda

OPEN / WOMEN	WORLD UNIVERSITY	TRANSNATIONAL MIXED
10.00 Semifinal Boards 33-48		Match 4
11:50		Match 5
14.00 Semifinal..... Boards 49-64	Round 7	
15:00.....		Match 6
16:50		Match 7
17.00 Semifinal Boards 65-80	Round 8	
18:40.....		Match 8
21.20 Semifinal Boards 81-96		

OPEN

Japan v China

QUARTERFINAL

by Mark Horton

The draw had brought together two sides from the same hemisphere, China and Japan. After two sessions China enjoyed a healthy lead, so Japan were looking for a following wind.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Takano	Dai	Teramoto	Yang
2♣*	2♠	3♦	3♠
4♦	All Pass		

South led the ace of clubs and switched to the ten of spades, ducked by declarer and overtaken by North, who switched to the king of hearts. Declarer won, and combined the drawing of trumps with the elimination of the black suits before exiting with a heart. However, there was no endplay and he was one down; -50.



Japan and China in the new Vugraph room

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Ino	Zhuang	Imakura
1♦	1♠	Pass	1♣
3♦	4♠	All Pass	Pass

The defence need to find their club ruff to defeat Four Spades, but it is not exactly obvious. East led the ace of diamonds and switched to a heart. Now it was plain sailing for declarer who simply played on trumps; +620 and 11 IMPs to Japan, just the start they were looking for.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Takano	Dai	Teramoto	Yang
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the five of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the jack, a heart to the ace and the queen of diamonds. South won and played the ten of clubs and, when that held, a third club. Declarer won with the king, cashed the diamonds and took the heart finesse. South won and the defenders had the rest, down two; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Ino	Zhuang	Imakura
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

With East as declarer it was not easy for South to find the club lead. He went for a spade and the defence played three rounds of the suit. Declarer could win, force out the

ace of diamonds and claim nine tricks; +600 and 13 IMPs for China.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Takano	Dai	Teramoto	Yang
1♥	2♠	1♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

North led the eight of diamonds and declarer won and drew trumps in three rounds, ending in hand. Then he ran the jack of diamonds to South's queen. South cashed the ace of spades and played the queen of clubs for the king and ace and North took the setting trick with the king of spades; +50.

Do you consider that the combination of the bidding and the opening lead (North does not appear to have the ♠AK and the suit must be 6-1 so South must have a singleton honour) should have pointed declarer to the winning line? After drawing trumps declarer must play a club to cut the enemy communications. Then he will be able to give up a diamond and lose only one spade, one diamond and one club. I am inclined to think so.

I set out to check the records and will take you briefly to the match between Sweden and China.

West	North	East	South
Ryman	Zhang	Ryman	Gu
1♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

Sweden's Jenny Ryman, who combines both brains and beauty, knew from her mother's artificial raise on the second round that she would be in Four Hearts so, in an attempt to deter North from leading a spade, she deliberately bid 3NT. When the opening lead was the eight of diamonds, that part of her plan had proved successful. Now she had to make the contract. Drawing all the inferences I have mentioned above, she won in dummy, drew trumps ending there and played a club to

the king. Now there was nothing the defence could do and she had picked up 11 IMPs for her side.

(Memo from Tacchi to the IBPA: 'This must be the winning hand for 2005 – think of the photographer')

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Ino	Zhuang	Imakura
2♦	2♠	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Here South was on lead, so naturally he cashed the ace of spades. He switched to the queen of clubs but, when declarer played low from dummy North did not, in every sense of the word, rise to the occasion by overtaking with the ace. Now declarer could win the next trick, draw trumps and give up a diamond; +420 and 10 IMPs for China.

The pairs who got this defence right included Pakistan's Allana & Fazli, but of course they did not earn a swing as Fantoni & Nunes also got it right (admittedly against 5♥, but even so North still led a spade and South returned a low club).

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 7 5 ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ 6 ♣ A K 10 9</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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		<p>♠ A Q 10 4 3 2 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ J ♣ 8 5 3</p> <p>♠ J 6 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ K 4 3 2 ♣ Q J 7 6 4</p>
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Jenny Ryman, Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Takano	Dai	Teramoto	Yang
1♣	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	3♦	All Pass

South led his spade and North took the queen and ace and played a third spade, ruffed by declarer with the ten, as South discarded a heart. In due course South scored a trump trick; +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shi	Ino	Zhuang	Imakura
1♣	1♠	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		Pass

North led the four of spades and declarer won in hand with the nine and played a diamond for the jack and queen. When that held he cashed the ace of diamonds and ran the ten of hearts. He made ten tricks, +430, and another 7 IMPs for China, who were comfortably in control.




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The Natural Way

You don't see many artificial bids when a French pair is in control of an auction, and the following from the Senior International Cup match between France and Belgium is a good example.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Busquin	Mari	Henri	Chemla
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

The French champions Paul Chemla and Christian Mari conducted a natural auction: 2♥ was game forcing, 4♣ set the trump suit, followed by cuebids of 4♦ and 4♠.

Good bidding is not a guarantee of trick taking, however, and some skill was required for this deal.

The opening lead was not reported, but it was likely a club or a spade. Chemla drew trumps and took the precaution of cashing two high spades and ruffing a third, which might have been necessary to isolate the menace for a double squeeze (in case diamonds were guarded by both sides).

As you can see, that was not necessary, and when Chemla played the last trump from his hand, East could not stand the pressure and had to surrender the thirteenth trick in one of the red suits.

Plus 2140 was good for a 16-IMP swing for France.



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DAILY BULLETIN

A BRIDGE BETWEEN BRIDGE AND THE UNIVERSITY

Yesterday, Prof. Dr. Kemal from the Organising Committee invited all the Head of Delegations for a dinner. At this nice dinner, a very nice gift from the Turkish University Sport Federation was given to each head of delegation. This dinner was also a very good moment to meet and share ideas between the bridge family and the university family.

Greetings

Dear friend, by this way, Paul Magerman wants to transfer all his best greetings for these Championships. Paul Magerman was the founder of University Bridge firstly in Europe and afterwards in the World. Unfortunately, he was not able to be here for health problems. In the mean time, he's in better shape, and he's following this championship very closely. He hopes that you have a nice time in Istanbul!

University Bridge in the World

Bridge is getting older and older, and the World Bridge Federation is trying to change this evolution. A good university programme is one of the major action plans to make bridge younger.

Indeed, the seniors of today have learned bridge at the universities, showing that bridge is a sport for life, but also showing that bridge should start even well at the universities.

Today, we are trying to have a view on at which university bridge is played by launching a request for information about University Bridge to all bridge federations in the World.

We discovered that in about 20 countries that answered to this request, actually bridge is played in 52 bridge clubs.

We discovered also that bridge is yet recognised as a sport by some local universities in Belgium Germany and

Spain which gives a lot of facilities provided by the local university as free accommodation, insurance, financial support, ... and a lot of invitations to university parties!

In a lot of countries, a responsible for University Bridge will is yet nominated in the Bridge Federation or has to be nominated very soon.

All the results of this request are published at www.unibridge.org. All available information about the international events will be published at this website, so go and check regularly the news. Some important news about the European Championships in Rotterdam 2005 and the third FISU-Championships in China will be published very soon.

Of course, these are only partial results, we hope that much more countries will respond to this request for information to know get a complete view on the actual university network.

We will have to make this university network stronger and stronger. Therefore, it is necessary to have at least one university responsible in each bridge federation. This responsible will try:

- to create bridge clubs at the universities of this country;
- to make the link to the national University Sport Federation of his country;
- to organise a National University Bridge Championship;

Are you interested to work on this university programme? Please contact Geert Magerman at geert.magerman@pandora.be. I'm happy to report that nearly everyone from the WBF and EBL Executives are supporting this programme very hard, so this can only motivate you to join are university work!

Geert Magerman
FISU Chairman Technical Committee Bridge



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Sweden v Belgium

ROUND
4

In the match between Sweden and runner up Belgium the first three boards were not exciting.

Then came this deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. Vul: All

♠ 6	♠ Q73	♠ AKJ982									
♥ 965	♥ A32	♥ —									
♦ QJ96	♦ K	♦ A85432									
♣ KT952	♣ AQJ843	♣ 6									
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	♠ T54										
	♥ KQJT874										
	♦ T7										
	♣ 7										

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Salomonsson	de Donder	Malmstrom	Amsel
Pass	1 ♣	2 ♣	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♦	5 ♥	6 ♦	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
de Roos S	Cullin	de Roos D	Upmark
Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

In the open room South started with the 7 of clubs to the king and the ace. North returned the ace of hearts and now it was easy for declarer to get 12 tricks.

In the closed room North found the fine start of the ace of clubs and when he saw dummy he concluded that the only way to defeat the contract was to play another club to get a trump promotion. After this defence declarer had no chance and went one down.

Board 25. Dealer North. Vul: EW

	♠ AQT982	♠ KJ									
	♥ 652	♥ AKQT98									
	♦ AT	♦ 97									
	♣ 52	♣ AK6									
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♥ 74											
♦ 843											
♣ QJT987											
	♠ 764										
	♥ J3										
	♦ KQJ652										
	♣ 43										

Open room:

West	North	East	South
de Roos S	Cullin	de Roos D	Upmark
Pass	1 ♠	Double	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Double	All Pass

After the ace and king of hearts and clubs, East got still the king of spades for two down and + 300 for Belgium.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Salomonsson	de Donder	Malmstrom	Amsel
Pass	1 ♠	Double	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	3 NT	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North/South cashed six diamonds and the ace of spades for three down and +800 for Belgium

On this board Belgium won 14 IMPs.



Per-Erik Malmstrom, Sweden

Board 30: Dealer East. Vul: None

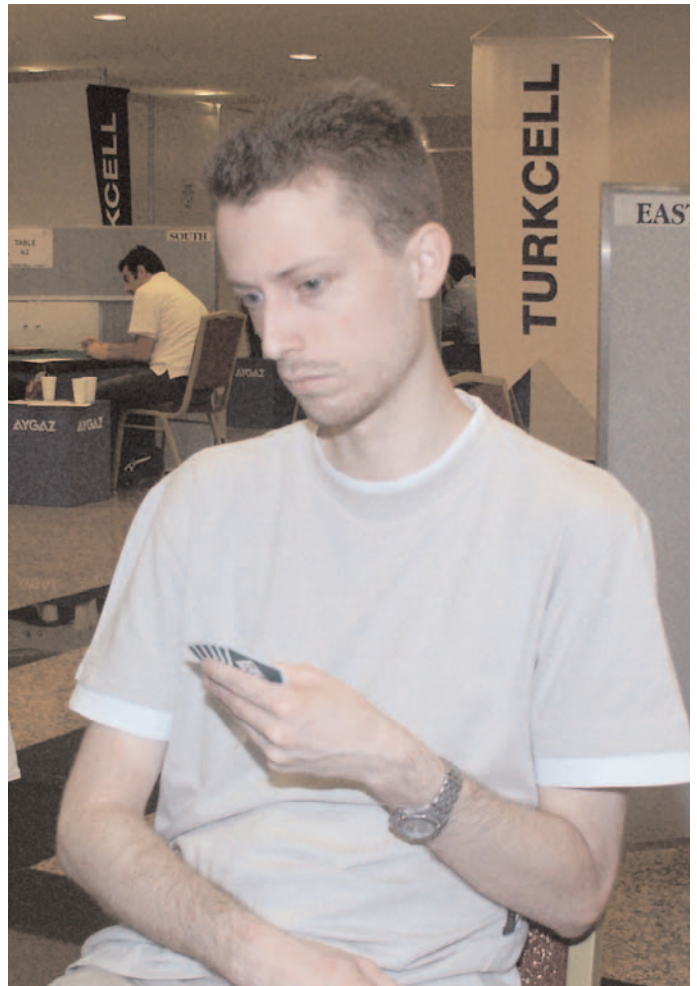
	♠J3	
	♥J985	
	♦85	
	♣AT854	
♠Q854		♠AKT
♥AK4		♥Q73
♦QT63		♦AJ9742
♣Q3		♣J
	♠9762	
	♥T62	
	♦K	
	♣K9762	

In both rooms the final contract was 3 NT. As you see a bad contract. 5 diamonds unbeatable and even 6 diamonds wins if the diamond King is well placed also a 50% slam.

In the closed room Belgium took five club tricks from the start for one down.

In the open room the Swedish North player took after a long thinking the second club with the ace and played the 3 of spades. The Belgium Leader had a chance now. After three heart tricks and four spades the moment supreme was there. He let run the diamond queen for the King and also one down. Finally still good luck for the Swedish.

The final result was 25-48 and a victory 20-10 for Belgium.



Steven de Donder, Belgium



Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden



Alon Amsel, Belgium

RESULTS

ROUND 4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Italy Hungary	74	32	25	5
2	UK Turkey	8	74	1	25
3	Netherlands Germany	51	31	20	10
4	USA Indonesia	26	50	8.5	20.5
5	Sweden Belgium	25	48	10	20
	Bye Chinese Taipei	0	0	0	0
6	Romania Denmark	45	57	12	18
7	Poland France	56	17	24	6

ROUND 5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Hungary Indonesia	21	65	5	25
2	Turkey USA	6	25	11	19
3	Germany Italy	22	29	14	16
4	Sweden UK	32	31	15	15
	Belgium Bye	0	0	18	0
5	Chinese Taipei Romania	21	26	14	16
6	Denmark Poland	15	38	10	20
7	France Netherlands	20	31	13	17

ROUND 6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	USA Hungary	57	36	20	10
2	Turkey Sweden	49	27	20	10
3	Indonesia Germany	53	47	16	14
	UK Bye	0	0	18	0
4	Romania Belgium	26	55	8	22
5	Poland Chinese Taipei	41	21	20	10
6	Netherlands Denmark	17	47	8	22
7	Italy France	33	46	12	18

RANKING AFTER 6 ROUNDS

1	POLAND	118
2	ITALY	114
3	BELGIUM	110
4	U.S.A.	102.5
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	99
6	DENMARK	95
7	FRANCE	94
8	GERMANY	91
9	INDONESIA	90.5
10	TURKEY	85
11	SWEDEN	82
12	NETHERLANDS	74
13	UNITED KINGDOM	67
	ROMANIA	67
15	HUNGARY	65

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PROGRAM

ROUND 7

1	Romania UK
2	Sweden USA
3	Germany Hungary
	Bye Turkey
4	Belgium Poland
5	Chinese Taipei Netherlands
6	Denmark Italy
7	France Indonesia

ROUND 8

1	UK Poland
	Sweden Bye
2	USA Germany
3	Turkey Romania
4	Netherlands Belgium
5	Italy Chinese Taipei
6	Indonesia Denmark
7	Hungary France

ROUND 9

1	Poland Turkey
	Bye USA
2	Netherlands UK
3	Romania Sweden
4	Belgium Italy
5	Chinese Taipei Indonesia
6	Denmark Hungary
7	France Germany

Appeal No. 4

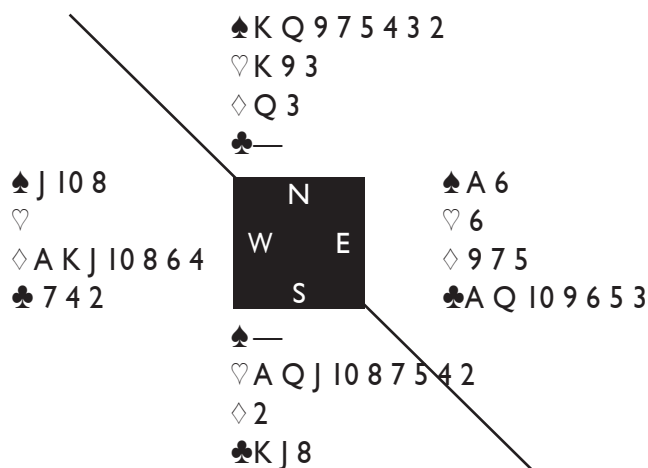
Netherlands v Ireland

Appeals Committee:

Bobby Wolff (Chairman, USA), Ernesto D'Orsi (Brazil), Joan Gerard (USA), Jean Paul Meyer (France), John Wignall (New Zealand)

Open Teams Round of 8.1

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.



West	North	East	South
McGannProoijen		Hanlon	Brink
1♦	3♠	3NT	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
7♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Comments:

West took a long time before passing the double. After the bid of 6♥ the audience in VuGraph applauded so loudly that the noise was clearly heard in the playing room. It was heard again after the bid of 7♣. 5♦ was explained by North to East as choose the suit.

West did not ask and assumed it was a cue bid. At the end of play West affirmed the auction had convinced him that the opponents were going to make 12 tricks in hearts and so he decided to defend in 7♣.

Contract:

7♣ Doubled, played by East

Result: Eleven tricks, EW -300

The Director:

It was a difficult decision, and was bound to be appealed.

Ruling: The result stands.

Relevant Laws: 16B

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and both Captains

The Players:

West fully explained his bid of 7♣ based on the information from the bidding. All four players agreed they had heard the noise from the VuGraph. When South bid 6♥ and heard the noise he said 'Oh, I must have made a good bid!'

The Committee:

There was no offence by any player. The incident was the responsibility of the organization.

The Committee's decision:

When the applause occurred (heard clearly by all) the bridge result became tainted and void. Hence (by using Law 16 and 12C3) the committee addressed the valid bridge result in the Closed Room (+1050, 5♥x+1) by N/S. Using the results at the other 27 tables as a guide the committee determined that the +1050 would average out at +4 IMPs for N/S. The 27 results had 12 results with bigger plusses than 1050 and 15 results with worse scores. Since the 15 lesser scores averaged higher scores with more IMPs involved the committee concluded that Ireland (E/W in the Open Room) would receive 4 IMPs.

Deposit: Returned

Taksim Shuttle Schedule Change

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, three shuttle buses will leave Taksim Square at 9 a.m. One bus will leave at 10 a.m.

Bulgarian Bridge Site

From Krastya Kavlakov: Bridge players, journalists and fans everywhere are invited to visit the newly found website of the Bulgarian Bridge Federation:

www.bgbridge.org

Next Bermuda Bowl-Venice Cup-Senior Bowl and World Transnational Open Teams Irresistible Estoril

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Back in April I was lucky enough to receive an invitation to compete in the famous Estoril Bridge Festival, which in 2005 will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Glorious sunshine, excellent accommodation to suit every pocket, wonderful restaurants and fabulous beaches are enticing and intoxicating. Add the delights of Lisbon, one of the world's great cities, just a short train journey away, and you have an irresistible combination.

You can't have too much of a good thing, and in 2005 you have the chance to sample the delights of this region not once but twice as, in addition to the Festival, Estoril plays host to the World Championships from 22 October – 5 November.

The brilliantly conceived idea of the Transnational World Championships gives everyone the opportunity

to compete for a world title and at the same time to savour the unique atmosphere that surrounds the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup contests. I will say more in a moment, but lest you think I am in the least bit biased I asked for the opinions of a number of leading players and officials.

I visit the Portuguese Open in Estoril each year just after Easter with friends who play both golf and bridge. My reasons for returning are the combination of good value hotels, many excellent restaurants, convenience to Lisbon, a leisurely schedule that leaves time in the afternoon for golf, and usually reliable weather. And the half-hour train journey along the coast to Lisbon, a highly attractive trip, costs less than a euro!

Patrick Jourdain

President International Bridge Press Association

Cascais, Lisboa, Sintra are three destinations that are coveted places for quality tourists. Estoril is in the centre of this triangle. Furthermore, in its own right, Estoril is a great place to be in. I work very near and usually direct the International Festival (the 20th edition will be held in April 2005) and it is probably the best location in Portugal to play Bridge. The Congress Centre is 50 meters away from the Casino, and 100-200 meters away from the hotels. The beaches are not much further than that... and going to Lisbon or Cascais involves no more than a hop into the train that runs on a 24/24 hr basis and deposits you right into the heart of both locations for next to nothing. All the Estoril Coast is a kind of magical place and a preferred choice for our Portuguese weekend strolls. I could fill a page with nice things, but it might be considered publici-



ty... I just say this: "We - the Portuguese people - invite you to (re)discover the Estoril magic. Some of you remember the Vilamoura European Championships. We will make it just as good, or better. Take my word for it".

Rui Marques

Director, European Bridge League

The warmth of the welcome and the outstanding hospitality of the Portuguese make Estoril a memorable place to play bridge. Its the perfect location for a family holiday, providing the beach for the children, the shops for the wife, and the Bulletin office for me.

Brian Senior

England International



For Bulgarian players, who are not amongst the most affluent, Portugal, and Estoril in particular is a fantastic place to play bridge. Cheap flights to Lisbon, inexpensive self-catering hotels, and sunshine! It will always be my favourite!

Dessy Popova

Bulgarian International

I think the Estoril Conference Center is a very good choice for the 2005 World Championships. Estoril is a fantastic place situated close to Lisbon, Cascais & Sintra (considered World Patrimony). The place where the tournament will take place is close to the beach – five minutes by foot – and the weather will help people to spend some unforgettable days. There are many fine hotels in the environs of the Conference Center – a modern building with excellent facilities.

There are opportunities to enjoy other pastimes. Swimming, tennis and golf are readily available, along with the biggest casino in Europe for all to enjoy.

The food is excellent, fish a speciality and also the local wine is superb.

The temperature at the time of the Festival is generally 20-25 Celsius.

Being Portuguese, I look forward to seeing you all in Estoril and hope you will enjoy the best of Portuguese hospitality and our Country.

See you....

Joao Passarinho

NPC Spanish Women Malmo 2004



Well, I hope you get the idea, Estoril is a fantastic place, and this will be a Championship not to be missed.

The venue for the World Transnational Open Championship is a magnificent, modern, air-conditioned building, surrounded by hotels and restaurants. It offers ideal conditions for both players and spectators. World Championships have a habit of producing dramatic finishes, as in Bermuda in 2000, Paris 2001 and Monaco 2003. The combination of rubbing shoulders with the world's finest players, seeing them in action and competing for a World Championship carries a simple message: put the World Transnational Open Championship on your schedule for 2005 now! (And tell your friends!)

Questions and Answers

by Mark Horton

There were quite a few technical problems on Monday night, and on Tuesday as the Internet connection was lost for most of the day, and the usual data from the matches was not available. So, as we take a look at some of the deals from that final session the anonymity of the players will be preserved – and as you will see they may sometimes be glad about that!

Let's try you out with a couple of lead problems, from the West seat especially as they can often be the most important moment on a deal. (Perhaps David Burn can somehow tell us on a statistical basis how many times the opening lead is critical?)

Dealer North. All Vul

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 9 8 5
♣ Q 7 2

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

I would say the choice is clearly between the black suits, my personal preference being for a club. The trouble with a trump lead is that there is nothing in the auction to suggest you need to try and cut down ruffs in dummy and you concede a tempo. While you are deciding, would it make any difference if the bidding had gone like this:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Well now I would say it was 100% to lead a club.

At the tables I was watching out came a heart and this was the full deal:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K J 7 2
♥ K J 10
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 9 5 3

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 9 8 5
♣ Q 7 2

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♠ A Q
♥ A Q 9 8 7
♦ K J 10 7
♣ K 6

♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 5 4 3
♦ 2
♣ A J 10 8 4

Declarer could draw two rounds of trumps, unblock the spades and cross to dummy with a trump. Obviously on a club lead partner will win and switch to a diamond for one down.

Want to try another one?

Dealer East. None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ K J 6 5 3
♦ 7
♣ J 9 8

West	North	East	South
		1♦	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

This time I think you have three candidates, a spade, a heart and a diamond.

This time a trump may stop a ruff, although it is probable that dummy is only going to deliver a doubleton by way of support.

A heart would follow the principle of trying to force declarer in order to take advantage of your trump length.

A diamond would play for ruffs – as I have mentioned before, the idea of Anders Wirgren.

You can make a good case for all three – I would go for the choice made at the table, a diamond. This was the full deal:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K Q
♥ Q 8 7 4 2
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ 10 6

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ K J 6 5 3
♦ 7
♣ J 9 8

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	S	

♠ A J 8 7 4 3
♥ —
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ A K 7

♠ 5
♥ A 10 9
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ Q 5 4 3 2

Sorry, but the diamond is a loser, as although partner can win and give you a ruff there is no way to get her back in for another. A heart lead is a winner, but only as long as partner is bright enough to put in the nine or ten.

A trump lead gives declarer little chance, although if declarer wins and plays a middle diamond partner must be awake and go up with the ace and give you a ruff so that you can play a second trump.

Okay, doubtless you are worn out by those two problems, but before you can turn to the next article there is one more to solve, and this time it involves a question of play rather than defence. It's a two-part problem:

<p>♠ A Q 10 4 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 10 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ A K 9 4 2 ♦ A J ♣ A K Q 8 4</p>
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You get a free run and have to decide on the best line of play in Seven Clubs or a more mundane Six Hearts. You can play against the lead of the six of spades from South. (Or if you prefer a low diamond.) This was the full deal:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 7 5 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 9 7 5 2 ♣ J 7 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 1.2;"> <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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<p>♠ 8 6 3 2 ♥ J 10 8 6 ♦ K 8 6 4 ♣ 3</p>										

In Seven Clubs it is obvious to win the ace of spades, draw trumps (assuming they are not 4-0) and play on hearts. If they break you can claim, but if they are 4-1 you will need the ruffing spade finesse. One declarer followed this line, but had a blackout at the vital moment, forgetting about the jack of spades and ruffing a low spade instead of taking the ruffing finesse.

In Six Hearts on a spade lead declarer should win the ace and take a ruffing finesse. If declarer thinks it is safe to test trumps first the 4-1 break will be fatal when the clubs also break badly. That is what happened to at least one declarer, perhaps distracted by realising that Six Clubs was clearly superior.

In Six Hearts on a diamond lead declarer must win and will probably cash the ace of hearts. If both opponents play low hearts then declarer must view the spade suit now and the fate of the contract will turn on that. Note that an astute South will drop either the ten or jack of hearts under the ace, which might well persuade declarer to follow a losing line.

How did you do?

Randa Alostaz 1954 - 2004



Her many friends in the bridge world were saddened by the passing of Randa Alostaz, who died earlier this year following a long illness. Randa, who only learnt to play in 1990, was, like her husband, Dr. Hany Dagher, a member of the Egyptian National Team and a winner of many National Championships. Following her first international event in Yokohama in 1991 she and Hany played in Albuquerque in 1994 and Lille in 1998. In 2000 they were members of the team that won the 1st African Teams Championship, and last year she won the Egyptian heat of the WBF World Wide Bridge Contest. In her last tournament appearance in Alexandria she won the teams, came second in the Mixed and third in the Open and was crowned Queen of the Festival.

To my dearest beloved wife and bridge partner that I will love forever. God bless her soul.

Hany Dagher

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England v France

QUARTERFINAL 5

Thanks to a rally in the fourth set, England had a 12-IMP lead over France in the quarter-final round of the Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad with 16 deals to play.

It was an exciting set that would not be settled until the final deal.

England increased the lead on board 1 with an over-trick IMP, but the French drew to within 6 IMPs on the next deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠K 10 7 ♥9 5 ♦A K J 3 ♣10 8 5 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠4 ♥A 7 6 4 2 ♦9 5 2 ♣A Q J 6</p>	
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<p>West Dhondy</p> <p>2♣ 3NT</p>	<p>North D'Ovidio</p> <p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East Smith</p> <p>1♥ 3♣</p>	<p>South Allouche</p> <p>Pass Pass</p>									

Catherine D'Ovidio started with a low diamond against Heather Dhondy's pushy game – her 2♣ response to 1♥ and Nicola Smith's raise served to endplay Dhondy in the bidding. The favourable opening lead did little more than give declarer false hope for nine tricks. She played a club to the queen and 2, then followed with a low heart from dummy. North won the ♥J and played a spade. Once that suit was cleared it was only a matter of time before defenders had six tricks and declarer was claiming for two down and minus 100.

West Willard	North Goldenfield	East Cronier	South Brunner
2NT	3♠	1♥ All Pass	1♠

That's a lot of bidding considering the limited assets of the four players.

The French defense was deadly accurate. Sylvie Willard started with the ♦A, switching to the ♥9. Benedicte Cronier won the ♥A and continued with the ♥2 (suit

preference) to dummy. Michelle Brunner played a spade to the ace and a second spade, but Willard won the ♠K, put Cronier in with the ♣A and took the heart ruff. There was still a diamond to come, so Brunner was two down for minus 200 and 7 IMPs to France.

Three deals later, England boosted their lead to 10 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠A 10 7 6 3 2 ♥K J 2 ♦K J ♣6 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠K Q J 9 5 4 ♥9 ♦A 10 7 ♣10 7 2</p> <p>♠8 ♥A 8 7 6 4 ♦Q 9 4 2 ♣A K 8</p>	
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<p>West Dhondy</p> <p>1♠ 4♥</p>	<p>North D'Ovidio</p> <p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East Smith</p> <p>1♥ INT</p>	<p>South Allouche</p> <p>Pass Pass</p>									

Danielle Allouche led the ♣Q to Smith's ace. A diamond went to the king and ace, and D'Ovidio switched to a trump, which ran to dummy's jack. The ♦J was cashed, followed by a club to the ace and a club ruffed low. The ♥K was cashed, and when Smith played the ♠A, Smith was surprised to see Allouche considering her play. Eventually, Allouche ruffed, but Smith had an overtrick for plus 650.

West Willard	North Goldenfield	East Cronier	South Brunner
1♠ Dble	2♠ All Pass	1♥ Pass	Pass Pass

There were some comments during the Vugraph show about the apparent excess of deals in which two of the players have six spades each. If Goldenfield was aware of the computer's proclivities, she wasn't impressed, bidding the natural 2♠ anyway. Willard was happy to double with six trumps, and the defenders took all the tricks coming to them. Cronier started with the top two clubs, then gave Willard a club ruff. The ♦A was knocked out and the defense collected two more diamonds and a heart trick, leaving North with all trumps. Declarer managed five tricks, but it was only minus 500 – 4 IMPs to England, now

leading 108-98.

The lead grew to 16 when Willard and Cronier overbid on this deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A 10 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K Q 6 ♥ A K Q 7 ♦ A 10 9 5 2 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ A J ♥ J 9 8 5 ♦ Q J 8 3 ♣ K 8 4</p> <p>♠ 10 9 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ Q J 9 7 5 3</p>
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	S											
<p>West Dhondy Pass 2♥</p>	<p>North D'Ovidio 1♦ Pass</p>	<p>East Smith INT 3♠</p>	<p>South Allouche Pass All Pass</p>									

Dhondy's hand didn't improve enough for her to consider bidding game despite her partner's super-acceptance of the transfer. Allouche started with the ♣Q, taken by the ace. A spade was led from dummy, and D'Ovidio played the ace to continue with the ♣K. Smith ruffed with the ♠Q, cashed the king and began playing hearts. Allouche ruffed the ♥Q and cashed the ♣J, but there was only one more trick coming – plus 140.

<p>West Willard Pass 1♠ 2NT 4♠</p>	<p>North Goldenfield Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East Cronier 1♦ 2♥ 3♠</p>	<p>South Brunner Pass Pass Pass</p>
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Apparently Willard's 2NT was meant to be a relay preparatory to signing off in 3♠. When her partner indicated three-card support, Willard took a shot at game. Goldenfield found the killing lead of a club, taken by Willard with the ace. She did not help herself by ruffing a club at trick two. When she followed with the ♠K, Goldenfield won the ace and played a third club, forcing dummy to ruff with the ♠Q. Hoping for some luck in hearts, Willard started cashing the high ones, but Brunner ruffed the ♥Q with the ♠9 and played a fourth round of clubs, allowing North to score the ♠J. The result was minus 100 and 6 IMPs to England.

The match tightened up considerably when Dhondy, facing a difficult decision, made a poor choice.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K J 6 4 3 2 ♥ — ♦ K 9 5 ♣ Q 10 6 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A Q ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ A Q 8 6 2 ♣ A K 4</p> <p>♠ 10 9 5 ♥ A 5 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ J 8 7 5 3</p>	<p>West Dhondy 4♠</p>	<p>North D'Ovidio 4♥ All Pass</p>	<p>East Smith Dble</p>	<p>South Allouche Pass</p>
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The correct bid with the West hand on the given auction is debatable, and likely would depend on partnership agreements, but 4♠ seems the worst choice. In the closed room, Willard and Cronier did not find the cold grand slam, but they did help their team to 13 IMPs.

<p>West Willard 4NT 6♠</p>	<p>North Goldenfield 4♥ Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East Cronier Dble 6♦</p>	<p>South Brunner Pass Pass</p>
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4NT usually shows interest in a minor suit, and Cronier had more than enough to indicate how high she thought they should go. It wasn't perfect, but at least they managed the small slam. The swing left France only 3 IMPs down, 114-111. They took the lead on the next deal.



Heather Dhondy, England

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ 9 6 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ Q 10 6 4 3</p>	<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		<p>♠ K 10 5 3 2 ♥ 10 7 4 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A K 7</p>	<p>♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ K 9 8 6 5 ♦ 8 2 ♣ J 8</p>
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West	North	East	South									
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Allouche</i>									
1♣ Pass	1♠ 2♠	Pass 2♥ All Pass	Pass Pass Dble									

Smith started with the ♣J, which went to D'Ovidio's ace. She tried a diamond to dummy's king, but Dhondy took the ace and switched to the ♠6. That went to the 2, 7 and jack, and D'Ovidio continued with a diamond ruff. She then played a heart to the jack and queen. Dhondy continued with the ♠9 to the 10 and queen, and Smith exited with a heart to the ace. D'Ovidio was rapidly running out of tricks, and she tried for one more diamond ruff, but Smith overruffed, pulled declarer's last trump with the ace and exited with a club. D'Ovidio's last trick was the ♣K. Plus 300 looked like a good position for England, but it didn't work out that way.

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass Dble	2♦ All Pass



Danielle Allouche, France

Brunner paid for her aggressive preempt when Cronier balanced with a double. The result was minus 800 and an 11-IMP swing to France, now leading 122-114.

England got a couple of IMPs back by playing a superior part score on board 12. With four deals to go, France was in front 122-116. The final swing of the match was enough to put England in the lead.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ K J 9 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ A Q 10 6 ♣ K 8 6</p>	<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		<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ K 7 5 2 ♣ A J 5 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 5 3 ♥ Q J 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ — ♣ 10 3</p>
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West	North	East	South									
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Allouche</i>									
INT	Pass Pass	Pass 4♥	Pass All Pass									

With no clues from the bidding to guide her, Allouche did not find the killing club lead, starting instead with a low diamond. Smith went up with the ace, pitching a club from hand. She ruffed a diamond, then played the ♥Q, which went to the king. North played a spade to South's ace and, too late, a club (the Queen) was played. Smith had her 10 tricks for plus 620. The contract played from the other side in the closed room, and that made all the difference.

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
INT 2♥	Pass Pass	Pass 2♦ 4♥	Pass Pass All Pass

Goldenfield did very well to start with a spade – any other lead gives away the contract. Brunner won the opening lead with the ace and, looking at the East hand as dummy, had no difficulty finding the club switch. In due course, the defense had four tricks, plus 100 and 12 IMPs in the bank.

The next deal was a flat board with both tables bidding and making 3NT.

England had a chance to seal the match on the penultimate deal, but it didn't happen.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 4 ♥ 6 5 3 2 ♦ K Q 9 7 2 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ A Q 9 ♥ K J 9 7 ♦ 8 3 ♣ Q 8 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 5 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ A K 10 9 7</p>	<p>♠ K 8 7 6 2 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ A J 5 ♣ 3 2</p>			
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West	North	East	South			
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Allouche</i>			
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠			
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠			

The double-dummy club lead defeats the contract because of the trump promotion, but it's a lead no good player would make given the auction and possession of the ♦K Q. Indeed, Dhondy started with the ♦K, ducked by declarer as East contributed the 4. Dhondy continued with the ♠4, taken in dummy with the queen. South now made the good play of a low club from dummy. Smith went in with the king, as South played the 2 and West the 5. A trump was continued, and Allouche took it in dummy and followed with a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff. Now a heart to the ace allowed declarer to pick up the last trump, after which she played her second club, ducking when West produced the jack.

A diamond return was ruffed, and South had to play hearts. With a fairly accurate count of the East hand, there was no way South was going to drop the doubleton ♥Q offside, and indeed she finessed, going one down.



Catherine D'Ovidio, France

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Goldenfield</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Brunner</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

Willard also started with the ♦K, ducked as at the other table. Again, a trump switch was taken in dummy and a low club played from the North hand. Cronier played the ♣K, Brunner followed low – but Willard played the jack. At this point Cronier could have continued with a high club and a third round to promote a trump trick, but she exited with a spade. Now Brunner did not have to make a guess in hearts. She could win the spade switch in dummy, play to the ♦A and ruff a diamond, enter hand with the ♥A and pick up the last trump, discarding a heart from dummy. She could then play a club from hand and simply cover West's card. East could win cheaply but would be endplayed. A heart return would solve declarer's problem in that suit, a high club would be ruffed, making the ♠Q good for a heart discard, and on a low club return, declarer simply pitches a heart.

Alas, on the third round of spades, Brunner discarded a club! Now the endplay would not work, and she ended up taking the losing heart finesse as had her counterpart. One down – no swing.

With one deal to go, England led by 6. Because the open room Vugraph table had finished early, it was apparent France could still win the match.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 9 5 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ K 10 4</p>	<p>♠ 6 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 6 5 3 2 ♣ A 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 3 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 9 7</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 4 ♥ Q 6 4 3 ♦ J 9 8 7 ♣ 8 2</p>			
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West	North	East	South			
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Allouche</i>			
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass			
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass			
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass			
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass			
4♠	All Pass					

2♦ Transfer to hearts, balanced slam invitation or 4441 (any singleton)

2♥ Forced

2♠ Balanced slam invitation or 4441

2NT Any minimum

3♣ Natural

3♠ Natural

4♦ Cue bid, but not necessarily the singleton

It's clear that 12 tricks are easy with the East/West cards, but getting to the slam is not a trivial exercise. Plus 680 for England gave French partisans hope as the final deal came on the screen in the Vugraph room from the closed room.

West	North	East	South
Willard	Goldenfield	Cronier	Brunner
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Willard considered her hand for a time after her partner's splinter in diamonds, but she had a minimum and the ♦Q was wasted opposite the singleton. Finally, she passed, and England survived to play the semi-final round.

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Duties of a Non-Playing Captain

Having published articles on the role of a Photographer and an Editor we asked a Captain to make a contribution.

Alan Mould (England Women's Captain)

This article is to be published only when I am more than 500 miles from my team.

Those who can play the game, play on the team; those who don't play on the team but can read become coaches; those who can do neither but offer to sleep with the selectors (or in my case promise not to) become NPCs.

An erstwhile NPC of the Welsh team once famously said, "I could never have done this job if I hadn't had children of my own." I have never had to look after children but perhaps I can see what he means.

Bernard Goldenfield has complimented me this week on how well I have handled the women. Since one of the women being handled is his wife and he wasn't hitting me at the time, I assume that he was meaning something other than the obvious interpretation of this phrase.

The most important duties of the NPC are:

1) To manage to put the lineup in on time and correctly. This seems to be extraordinarily difficult for what seems to be a very simple procedure and I have yet to meet an NPC who has not put in a cross partnership

(that is, two players who do not play with each other rather than two players annoyed with each other – those are the ones that do play together) at some point. Luckily, most NPCs do not mind you changing this.... as they are going to do it sometimes themselves.

2) To arrange for the scoring to be done. Here, I recommend a team such as mine. The only thing that the team was unanimous on at a team meeting was that I was not to be allowed to score any match (apparently the sounds of me chewing the carpet puts them off). Thus this all falls onto the coach and I can swan around doing nothing.

3) To be suitably sympathetic about possible poor results. Be ready with comments such as:

"Yes, it was unlucky that the trumps broke 7-4 in that slam you bid" or

"I don't see how you can make more than I trick out of the ace and king of trumps"

You get the idea.

4) To look after the team mascot. In our case, this is a small furry tiger called Hobbes who permanently hangs from the belt of my trousers. This is of course a pathetic attempt to get members of the team to stroke my thigh (or better, Monica to do it – but she ain't here)

5) To buy the drinks every time a member of the team tells you to (are you listening to this, treasurer of the EBU?).