

AN AVALANCHE OF IMPs



Zia Mahmood, Gabriel Chagas and Sabine Auken in front of the New Bridge Assets cameras (see p. 22)

High-scoring matches were the order of the day in the Open and Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad, particularly in the third set.

The USA women, in fact, were hit with a 66-0 blitz by their Russian opponents starting the third set of the day, turning a 47-IMP lead into a 19-IMP deficit at one point.

From there it was a seesaw battle as USA surged back into the lead with 16 IMPs on a slam swing, but then Russia came back to take a slim lead with 48 boards to play today for the championship. In all, more than 100 IMPs were scored in the Women's third set.

The Open series featured the same set of boards, and the third

set resulted in 99 IMPs changing hands between Italy and the Netherlands, contrasted sharply with the second set, won by Italy 17-12. Italy was leading by 38 after the first day of play in the final.

The Dutch and the Italians will conclude play on Saturday with 32 boards.

In the playoffs among the losing semi-finalists, England took the bronze medal in the Women's series, defeating China 115-81, while Russia defeated China 106-84 in the Open series for third place.

The World Transnational Mixed Teams will begin knockout play today as the top four finishers in the Swiss enter the knockout phase.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

WOMEN	USA v Russia	11:00
OPEN	Italy v Netherlands	14:00
	TO BE DECIDED	17:00
OPEN	Italy v Netherlands	21:20

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

FINAL (3 of the 8 sets)

Match	Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Total
Netherlands Italy	35 - 37	12 - 17	36 - 67	83 - 121

PLAY OFF for 3rd place

Match	Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Total
Russia China	16 - 12	45 - 18	45 - 53	106 - 83

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

FINAL (3 of the 6 sets)

Match	Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Total
USA Russia	54 - 33	47 - 21	26 - 77	127 - 131

PLAY OFF for 3rd place

Match	Boards 1-16	Boards 17-32	Boards 33-48	Total
China England	27 - 36	37 - 41	17 - 38	81 - 115

Today's Agenda

	OPEN	WOMEN	WORLD UNIVERSITY	TRANSN. MIXED
10:00	.....	.....	.....	Round 14
11:00	.....	Final 49-65.....	.....	Round 12
11:00	.....	.....	.....	Press Conference.....
11:50	.....	.....	.....	Round 15
14:00	Final 49-65.....	Final 66-80.....	Round 13.....	Semifinal 1-16
15:00	.....	.....	.....	Round 16
16:50	.....	.....	.....	Round 17
17:00	Final 66-80.....	Final 81-96.....	Round 14.....	Semifinal 17-32
21:20	Final 81-96.....	.....	.....	Final 1-16

Press Conference

A press conference with WBF President José Damiani is scheduled for Friday at 11 a.m. in the WBF meeting room on the Lobby 2 level. Joining Damiani at the press conference will be European Bridge League President Gianarrigo Rona and Turkish Bridge Federation President Ata Aydin. All journalists are invited to attend.

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

World Transnational Mixed Teams Championship

Ranking after 13 Rounds

Rank	Players	Country	VPs	Rank	Players	Country	VPs
1	ZHANG D.	CHI	249	67	SALMAN Y.	TUR	193
2	AUKEN S.	FRA - GER - USA	246	68	SAYILKAN R.	TUR	190
3	BATOV V.	BUL	243	69	KUZEY	TUR	189
4	IC	TUR - LEB - POL	232	70	FRIENDSHIP	PAK - IND	189
5	HALFON D.	FRA	232	71	ANAK F.	TUR	189
6	FORNACIARI	ITA	229	72	FALAY F.	TUR	189
7	ALLIX J.	FRA	228	73	PEREKHREST	RUS	189
8	SUE	FIN	228	74	TURAN G.	TUR	189
9	POPOVA D.	TUR - BUL	226	75	DOBRIN D.	RUS	188
10	HANS S.	AUS	225	76	ESKINAZ N.	TUR	188
11	CERSANIT	POL	224	77	PRIEBE J.	CAN - USA	186
12	MAUD	EGY	220	78	CLEARY A.	IRE	186
13	GOTARD T.	GER - DEN - SWE	220	79	SEZERLI T.	TUR	186
14	GOKSU H.	TUR - RUS	220	80	BLUEBIRD	TUR	185
15	ETI	TUR - ISR	219	81	KALMIK P.	TUR	185
16	ANADOLU	TUR	219	82	BICACO C.	TUR	185
17	VENETINA II	ARG - VEN	218	83	PEGASUS	TUR	185
18	KOLANKAYA	TUR	217	84	KEDI	TUR	185
19	VAN CLEEFF	NTH - ISR	216	85	LA MAISON	TUR	184
20	ZIMMERMAN	FRA	216	86	WEBER E.	GER	184
21	KARADENIZ	TUR	215	87	BILGI UNI.	TUR	183
22	SHIMAMURA	JPN	214	88	NYARADI G.	HUN	183
23	LAKHANI G.	IND - GRE	213	89	GIBSON M.	NZL	182
24	MILES	USA - ARG	213	90	SEFARAD	TUR	182
25	YILANKIRAN	TUR	213	91	YUREKLI E.	TUR	182
26	CINAR	TUR	212	92	GIURA N.	AUS - NZL	181
27	TERENZI R.	ITA	212	93	HACKETT P.	ENG - NOR	181
28	EKSIOGLU M	TUR	212	94	CHAMBERS	CAN - USA - SWE	180
29	ADAMSON S.	SCO	211	95	PRIDAY T.	ENG - SCO	180
30	CHAGAS	POR - BRA	211	96	PRADOS A.	ITA - SPA	179
31	SHORT B.	SCO	211	97	DOMENECH D	FRA - ISR	179
32	VALANI	TUR - BUL	211	98	AKUZUM	TUR	178
33	ERDEM S.	TUR	211	99	RINGO	TUR	178
34	HNATOVA D.	CZE	210	100	SEVIMLI G.	TUR	178
35	HKHZ	HKG	210	101	PANAHPOUR	ENG - NOR	177
36	MERSIN	TUR	209	102	CHUMPS	IRE	176
37	YALMAN A.	TUR - SWI	209	103	SAYILKAN T	TUR	176
38	KALTIM PR.	IDN	209	104	FURUTA K.	JPN	176
39	FISCHER D.	AUT	209	105	DAGCIOGLU	TUR - AUS	174
40	KORKUT E.	TUR	209	106	HINGORANI	BOT - KOR - IRE	173
41	GREY H.	SWI	208	107	BAKIRLI	TUR	172
42	SAYER N.	TUR	208	108	YIGITSUBAY	TUR	171
43	FREED G.	USA	206	109	DAGDEVIREN	TUR	170
44	KAMEL M.	EGY	205	110	NUHOGLU S.	TUR	170
45	BARENDREGT	NTH - AUT - CZE	204	111	GOKBRIDGE	TUR	168
46	ENA	TUR	204	112	YILDIRIM	TUR	167
47	SARILEVI	TUR	204	113	ERKEL M.	TUR	166
48	KITABGI A.	FRA	203	114	KANTARCI A	TUR	165
49	KRAUTSAK	CRO	202	115	WAKSMAN S.	FRA - BEL	164
50	MPE	ROM - MAL	201	116	YENER S.	TUR	163
51	CUMMINGS	CAN - TUR	201	117	DOWLING S.	AUS - IRE	162
52	WEIGKRICHT	AUT - HUN - GER	199	118	BAKAN O.	TUR - PAK - AUS	162
53	DATA STEEL	PAK	199	119	KENT	TUR	159
54	I.FOOTWEAR	TUR	198	120	BORNOVA SPO	TUR	158
55	LANGER D.	GER - SWI	197	121	AYDIN BEL.	TUR	155
56	SARDINAS L	TUR	197	122	YENGEC	TUR	155
57	Bk.MANDIRI	IDN	197	123	NEVRA	TUR - LEB	152
58	SAYLIK R.	TUR	196	124	TAGA F.	TUR	150
59	THOMASBERG.	AUT	196	125	BOYBEK U.	TUR	148
60	HAMAOU S.	VEN - ITA	196	126	EGELI B.	TUR	144
61	TACSPOR	TUR	196	127	ARSLAN S.	TUR	143
62	AKSUYEK E.	TUR	195	128	KEN-BOT	BOT - KEN	138
63	YOSHIDA T.	JPN	194	129	JOVI	AUS	113
64	ALBERTI A.	GER	193	130	KIZILOK	TUR	111
65	MUSTAFA	TUR - POL	193				
66	ERGIL E.	TUR	193				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Teltscher	Lebedeva	Brock
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

That was a fine effort by the Russian pair. South led the king of spades and declarer won in dummy and played back the nine. South won and switched to the jack of diamonds but declarer could win in hand and play another spade and claim ten tricks; +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Karpenko	Smith	Vasilkova
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣*	Pass	3♣	All Pass

The English pair could not match the effort of their counterparts at the other table. Declarer played the overcaller for the ace of hearts so made only ten tricks, +130, but a loss of 7 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Nicola Smith, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Teltscher	Lebedeva	Brock
		Pass	Pass
1♦	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Facing a 15-17 no trump South's jump to game was very aggressive, and the bad club break meant game had very little chance. East led the queen of spades and declarer won and crossed to dummy with a diamond to play on clubs. The defenders made no mistake, East winning the third round and switching to a heart before reverting to spades. Declarer finished with seven tricks; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Karpenko	Smith	Vasilkova
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	2♣	All Pass	

One Club was 12/14 or 18/20 balanced or 11-15, 4-4-4-1. Declarer won the opening lead of the queen of spades with the king and returned the suit. East won and switched to the jack of hearts. West won with the king and returned the suit but declarer was in control and easily made her contract; +90 and 5 IMPs for Russia, who were gradually moving ahead.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Teltscher	Lebedeva	Brock
			Pass
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

It is a matter of style as to how one should deal with the North hand, especially when facing a passed partner.

East led the seven of hearts for the jack and ace and North tried the queen of clubs. East pounced on that and perhaps reading something into her partner's nine of

clubs promptly switched to a spade. That was all the help declarer needed and she cashed her tricks; +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Karpenko	Smith	Vasilkova
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1♥	Dble	2NT*	Pass
3♥	4♦	All Pass	

West led the king of hearts and declarer won in dummy perforce and played a low diamond to West's nine. The jack of spades was covered by the queen and king and East returned the suit. Declarer still had to lose a trump and a club for one down; -100 and 6 IMPs to England.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Teltscher	Lebedeva	Brock
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

North might have been better to rebid 2NT once South had shown some values (2♥ would have been the negative response). Six Diamonds was a poor contract, but it had the merit of being played by South, as it made the killing lead of a spade almost impossible to find. Declarer took the opening lead of the ten of clubs in hand and played a diamond to the king. When that held she came back to hand and played a diamond to the queen and a diamond; +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Karpenko	Smith	Vasilkova
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

East led the three of diamonds and West took the ace and returned the four. Declarer won and cashed the top spades. In due course she had to rely on the 3-3 diamond break; +990 and 2 IMPs.

Now came a moment in the match which the superstitious might regard with interest. On Board 27 England scored 4 IMPs to bring their total to 111 – 'Nelson'.

In its simplest terms, a 'Nelson' is the score of 111 runs (222 equals a "double Nelson" etc) at cricket. It is considered to be extremely unlucky - i.e. the batsman will be out next ball, etc.

This belief is held most strongly (but not specifically) by the Australians.

(Combing the books of cricketing statistics tells us that in losing the 1954-5 Ashes series 3-1, Australia was twice dismissed for 111, as they were in the famous Headingley Test of 1981, when Botham made 149 runs and Bob Willis then took 8-34.

So why a Nelson?

Suggestion 1. The origins of this term lie in the erroneous notion that Admiral Nelson had one eye, one arm, and one leg; in reality, of course, Nelson lost an arm and an eye but retained the use of both legs.

Suggestion 2. It is possible that the number refers to three of his great naval victories, perhaps Copenhagen, the Nile, and Trafalgar: - thus giving won-won-won.

And how to avoid the omen?

There is an old Gloucestershire superstition that to



Maria Lebedeva, Russia

avoid a dismissal on the next ball, all the team, except the batsman, must have their feet off the ground.

Whenever the score is on a Nelson, double-Nelson etc. umpire David Shepherd hops in the air until the score changes.

(I duly alerted the England Captain during the interval between sessions, which may explain why Alan Mould could be seen hopping at the start of the fourth session – it was almost an hour before England advanced their score.)

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Galaktionova</i>	<i>Teltscher</i>	<i>Lebedeva</i>	<i>Brock</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	All Pass

East led the four of diamonds and the defenders played two rounds of the suit. Declarer won, played the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace, cashed her top clubs and the jack of hearts and exited with a heart. West won and cashed the queen of clubs, East who had earlier discarded the nine of spades now discarded the two. When West played the nine of diamonds East left her on lead and the commentators on Bridgebase were rather rude about West's failure to switch to a spade, her diamond continuation allowing declarer to escape for two down. Of course they had missed a point. East should have overtaken the nine of diamonds and returned the six. Then her partner could not possibly have gone wrong.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Karpenko</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Vasilkova</i>
Pass	INT	All Pass	

The defence made no mistake this time, holding declarer to five tricks for a flat board. However, England were still on the dreaded 111.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 3 ♥ A Q ♦ K Q 10 ♣ K 10 7 5 4</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 7 ♥ 8 6 4 3 ♦ A 9 6 5 ♣ Q 6 3</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 9 2 ♥ K 10 7 5 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A 9</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 4 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ J 7 3 2 ♣ J 8 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Galaktionova</i>	<i>Teltscher</i>	<i>Lebedeva</i>	<i>Brock</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Played by East 3NT is a fair bet. South led the king of spades and declarer won and had to view the clubs. When she played the queen English hopes rose, but were quickly dashed when South won and switched to a heart. Declarer finessed and could clear the clubs for nine tricks; +600.

At the point where South switched to a heart it looks as if a low spade will lead to the defeat of the contract, but the contract might still be made if declarer takes an inspired view. She wins in dummy with the jack and takes the king and queen of diamonds. She cashes the king of clubs and when the jack does not appear the best play is to simply exit with a spade. In the nicest variation South can win, cash two more spades and lead a heart. Declar-



Kitty Teltscher, England

er finesses and then the ace of hearts squeezes North in the minors.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Karpenko	Smith	Vasilkova
	Pass	Pass	1♠
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West's dubious overcall meant North was on lead and the contract had no chance. Declarer lost four spades, and two clubs to go two down; -200 and 13 IMPs, easily the biggest swing of the set – nemesis immediately struck again:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Teltscher	Lebedeva	Brock
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	



Irina Vasilkova, Russia

Over the 15-17 no trump rebid Two Clubs would have been forcing, but South naturally preferred the more descriptive invitational bid. With good support for both her partner's suits North's decision to bid only Three Spades was somewhat conservative.

South took no risks in the play and made exactly nine tricks; +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Karpenko	Smith	Vasilkova
			Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led a diamond and declarer won with the ace and played a heart. East went in with the ace and switched to the king of clubs. West overtook that and played a diamond and declarer won, crossed to dummy with a heart and played a spade to the queen. East could win, but that was the last trick for the defence; +620 gave Russia another 10 IMPs.

England could not advance their score on the final deal of the set. They were in serious trouble, almost 60 IMPs behind – and still on the dreaded number.



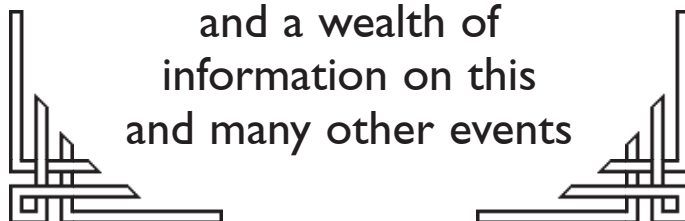
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WOMEN'S TEAMS FINAL BUTLER RANKING*(Pairs must play 112 boards to qualify)*

Rank	Players	Country	Boards	IMPs				
1	Gromova - Ponomareva	RUS	240	1,26				
2	Zhang - Gu	CHI	224	1,21				
3	Letizia - Steiner	USA	192	1,07				
4	Sokolow - Seamon-Molson	USA	224	1,02				
5	Goldenfield - Brunner	ENG	240	0,97				
6	Sver - Pilipovic	CRO	320	0,91				
7	D'Ovidio - Allouche	FRA	224	0,87				
8	Wang - Liu	CHI	224	0,84				
	Zegilewicz - Maj	POL	112	0,84				
10	Simons - Pasma	NED	224	0,81				
11	Mello - Pain	BRA	240	0,77				
12	Hoogweg - van Zwol	NED	208	0,76				
13	Terraneo - Erhart	AUT	208	0,74				
14	Willard - Cronier	FRA	224	0,65				
15	Sarniak - Brewiak	POL	288	0,64				
16	Havas - Travis	AUS	224	0,63				
17	Vriend - Arnolds	NED	208	0,60				
	Grumm - Weigkricht	AUT	224	0,60				
19	Fukuda - Shimamura	JAP	288	0,59				
20	Auken - von Arnim	GER	304	0,57				
21	Hirschhaut - Smith	VEN	208	0,52				
22	Fusari - Pomares	ITA	208	0,51				
23	Dhondy - Smith	ENG	224	0,49				
	Assumpcao - Nogueira	BRA	224	0,49				
	McQuaker - McGowan	SCO	272	0,49				
26	Kriffner - Smederevac	AUT	224	0,47				
27	Graizer - Faur	ISR	128	0,46				
28	Karmarkar - Singapuri	IND	240	0,45				
29	Saccavini - Paoluzi	ITA	240	0,44				
30	Bokhari - Agha	PAK	256	0,43				
31	Ryman - Ryman	SWE	256	0,40				
32	Kyriakidou - Mamidaki	GRE	240	0,38				
	Bessis - Lustin	FRA	224	0,38				
34	Bekkouche - Binderkrantz	DEN	208	0,36				
35	Thorpe - Lee	CAN	224	0,34				
	Meyers - Montin	USA	224	0,34				
37	Economou - Kanellopoulou	GRE	224	0,33				
38	Wang - Wang	CHI	224	0,30				
	Gumrukcuoglu - Babac	TUR	192	0,30				
40	Nehmert - Reim	GER	224	0,26				
	Osie - Ichilchik	ZAF	208	0,26				
	Russell - Weal	NZL	192	0,26				
43	Uygan - Atalay	TUR	192	0,24				
44	Bloom - Holroyd	ZAF	192	0,23				
45	Andersson - Midskog	SWE	256	0,22				
46	Petrovic - Muller	CRO	176	0,21				
	Barrack - Cumpstone	NZL	224	0,21				
48	Kirstan - Krefeld	DEN	224	0,20				
49	Gromann - Weber	GER	112	0,18				
	Savolainen - Barlund	FIN	336	0,18				
51	Rahelt - Farholt	DEN	208	0,17				
	Ilieva - Lekova-Kovacheva	BUL	208	0,17				
53	Modlin - Mansell	ZAF	240	0,16				
	Ayu - Dewi	IDN	224	0,16				
	Kulmala - Mantyla	FIN	336	0,15				
56	Lambrinou - Liakopoulou	GRE	176	0,15				
57	Mezei - Csipka	HUN	240	0,13				
	Levit-Porat - Birman	ISR	288	0,13				
	Abid - Neelofer	PAK	192	0,13				
	Wattar - Hamdy	EGY	208	0,13				
61	Grey - Varenne	SWI	240	0,09				
62	Yavas - Kandolu	TUR	256	0,04				
63	Marchese de Muzzio - Safra	ARG	176	0,03				
64	Hodgson - Paulsson	CAN	224	0,03				
65	Bojoh - Tueje	IDN	176	-0,01				
	Topolyi - Welker	HUN	256	-0,01				
	Adamson - Martin	SCO	208	-0,01				
68	Horan - Dowling-Long	IRE	224	-0,03				
	Bettini - Zullian	VEN	176	-0,03				
70	Sarwat - Akl	EGY	224	-0,04				
71	Lebedeva - Galaktionova	RUS	224	-0,05				
72	Saesseli - Mucha	SWI	192	-0,06				
73	Lacapraro - Garateguy	ARG	256	-0,07				
	Ivanova - Georgieva	BUL	224	-0,07				
	Almirall - Almirall	ESP	240	-0,07				
76	Lyngedal - Heitmann	NOR	240	-0,09				
77	Demme - Wolpert	CAN	224	-0,11				
	Piscitelli - Torielli	ITA	224	-0,11				
79	Syofian - Tobing Sumenge	IDN	224	-0,12				
	Nosatzki - Popilov	ISR	224	-0,12				
81	Kabra - Thadani	IND	208	-0,13				
82	Holenbakken - Andersen	NOR	240	-0,14				
	Tenga - Rudenst?l	SWE	160	-0,14				
84	Finn - Cleary	IRE	208	-0,15				
85	Tully - Lusk	AUS	224	-0,20				
86	Nyaradi - Kerekes	HUN	176	-0,21				
87	Marrakchi - Elaouad	MOR	176	-0,22				
88	Nikitine - Langer	SWI	240	-0,24				
89	Biquard - Marexiano	ARG	192	-0,29				
90	Ota - Setoguchi	JAP	256	-0,30				
91	Casey - Kurbalija	WAL	272	-0,33				
92	Wilkinson - Newton	NZL	224	-0,36				
	Raythatha - Lakhani	IND	176	-0,36				
	Alexander - Benson	SCO	192	-0,36				
	Mestres - Hernandez	ESP	176	-0,36				
96	Wahlmann - Langeland	NOR	160	-0,37				
	Banaszkiewicz - Miszewska	POL	240	-0,37				
98	Mircheva - Grigorova	BUL	192	-0,40				
99	Beale - Smart	AUS	224	-0,42				
100	Karpenko - Vasilkova	RUS	208	-0,43				
	Azwer - Dossa	PAK	224	-0,43				
	Gomes - Mandelot	BRA	208	-0,43				
	Brock - Teltscher	ENG	176	-0,43				
104	Clench - Hirst	WAL	272	-0,44				
	Sung - Hwang	KOR	320	-0,44				
106	Kirby - Pattinson	IRE	208	-0,48				
107	Franc's - Cafranga	ESP	256	-0,50				
108	Maud - Lily	EGY	240	-0,54				
109	Montelongo - Gerson	MEX	256	-0,62				
110	Nunez - Pacheco	VEN	240	-0,63				
111	Abu Jaber - Abu-Jaber	JOR	160	-0,69				
112	Harari - Lira	MEX	256	-0,71				
113	Dorseuil - Michaux	REU	192	-0,72				
114	Pecina - Ivancic	CRO	128	-0,73				
115	Tak-Tak - Ohana	MOR	208	-0,79				
116	Esmail - Shah	KEN	304	-0,91				
117	Dajani - Odeh	JOR	240	-1,01				
118	Rouvrais - Baron	REU	208	-1,09				
119	Castel - Le Dolley	REU	176	-1,34				
120	Rhallam - Frej	MOR	240	-1,35				
121	Kwon - Sohn	KOR	320	-1,38				
122	Belbaisi - Marar	JOR	224	-1,39				
123	Basheer ud Deen - Gupta	KEN	304	-1,87				

Luck Of The Irish

All week long the Vugraph commentators have stressed the importance of lead-directional doubles. Doubtless they would have regarded this result from Round 2 of the Transnational Teams as no more than their due:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ A K Q 10 5 4 ♣ K						
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W	S						
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	♠ Q J 5 ♥ J 7 6 5 3 ♦ 6 ♣ J 6 5 2						
West	North	East	South				
Pattinson	Rosenblum	Pattinson	Panina				
		Pass	Pass				
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♥				
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣				
Dble	Redble	All Pass					

Taking heed of the advice West, whose opening bid could have been on three small, doubled Three Clubs for the lead. Michael Rosenblum of Russia redoubled to show a partial no trump stopper and South decided to pass.

After the lead of the two of diamonds declarer threw two hearts on the diamonds and West ruffed, cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the nine of hearts. East topped dummy's king with the ace and returned a heart to the jack and queen. West cashed two hearts, East discarding two spades. When the dust had settled declarer made only two tricks, for a loss of 2800. At the other table North played in One Spade, making +110.

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The Noble Art Of Psyching

by Mark Horton

You very rarely see an out an out psyche at International level, but a cunning tactical manoeuvre is quite common and come sometimes succeed in an unexpected way. Consider this innocuous deal from the third session of the Round of 16 in the match between Egypt and Japan:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 10 9 8 6 5 3 ♥ — ♦ A Q 8 ♣ K J 6						
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N	E						
W	S						
♠ 4 ♥ A Q 8 4 3 2 ♦ 7 5 4 2 ♣ 5 4		♠ A J 2 ♥ J 10 7 6 5 ♦ K J ♣ A 9 2					
	♠ K 7 ♥ K 9 ♦ 10 9 6 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7 3						
West	North	East	South				
Nadim	Teramoto	Heshmat	Takano				
		1♥	Pass				
2NT*	3♠	Dble	Pass				
4♥	All Pass						

When East opened One Heart his partner, Tarek Nadim considered that a direct raise to Four Hearts might not be the best way to attempt to buy the hand. Consequently he decided to use a forcing to game response, hoping that partner would not get carried away. North had more than enough to get involved but after East had doubled for penalties and West had retreated into hearts it was difficult for North to take another bid. Maybe South should have smelt something fishy, but it was not exactly obvious for him to bid Four Spades, a contract that would surely have been made after East's double.

Four Hearts could not be defeated and saved Egypt points, as at the other table the contract was Five Hearts doubled making when declarer guessed the trump position.



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Impression of Round 9

The teams lying second and third, Italy and Belgium met in this round.

A Belgian player told me they played a lucky match as you look for example at this board.

Board 9. Dealer North. None EW.

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

In the Open Room the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
<i>Uccello</i>	<i>de Donder</i>	<i>Pisano</i>	<i>Amsel</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣*
Pass	2 ♥*	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 NT
All Pass			



Alon Amsel, Belgium

Alon asked with Two Clubs North's distribution. Two Hearts meant exactly 3-3-2-5. Four No Trump was quantitative and North showed with his Five Hearts bid his ace and the king of clubs. This was enough for Alon to bid Six No Trump. With just 29 points this slam was unbeatable with the king of hearts well placed and the jack of spades doubleton.

In the Closed Room the Italians stopped in Three No Trump. A lucky 11 IMPs for the Belgians as they said themselves.

Finally the result of the match was 23-7 for Belgium and with this result Belgium took the second place two points behind Poland.

From the match Poland v Turkey two hands:

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eskizara</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Dalkilic</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	Dble	All pass

West led ♠A and went on with ♣K for dummy's ace. After a trump to the king and a trump, declarer easily reaches 11 tricks. This contract could have been beaten, by continuing ♦4 to the second trick, declarer playing a trump to the ace and a diamond ruff.

In the other room, the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Ucan</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Basaran</i>
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦*	4 ♥
All pass			

* 0 to 6 HCP

On Board 13, Turkey hit back:

Board 13. Dealer North. Vull All.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eskizara</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Dalkilic</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

South led the seven of clubs for declarer's ten. The ♥J lost to North's king and the club continuation went to the jack and queen. The ♥10 was led to dummy's ace and a low diamond went to the ten and jack, South returning a low diamond to declarer's queen. After a diamond to the ace, followed by the heart winners, declarer only had to play ace and another spade and the ♠10 was his trick. Nice play!

FISU In Numbers

Evolution of the number of members

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Chamonix 1960: 145 athletes and 15 countries

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World University Championships

In 1962: 1 championship

In 2004: 27 championship



Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Poland



Jacek Kalita, Poland

RESULTS**ROUND 9**

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Poland Turkey	26	52	9	21
	Bye USA	0	0	0	18
2	Netherlands UK	57	65	12	17
3	Romania Sweden	22	33	13	17
4	Belgium Italy	65	31	23	7
5	Chinese Taipei Indonesia	26	52	9	21
6	Denmark Hungary	64	13	25	4
7	France Germany	52	42	17	13

ROUND 10

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Turkey Netherlands	55	49	16	14
	Bye Romania	0	0	0	18
2	UK Italy	43	33	17	13
3	Sweden Poland	14	36	10	20
4	Indonesia Belgium	43	65	10	20
5	Hungary Chinese Taipei	43	34	17	13
6	Germany Denmark	30	49	11	19
7	USA France	52	47	16	14

ROUND 11

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Netherlands Sweden	47	46	15	15
2	Romania USA	47	57	13	17
3	Italy Turkey	50	36	18	12
	Poland Bye	0	0	18	0
4	Belgium Hungary	84	18	25	1
5	Chinese Taipei Germany	90	30	25	2
6	Denmark France	26	85	2	25
7	Indonesia UK	31	31	15	15

**RANKING
AFTER 11 ROUNDS**

1	BELGIUM	207
2	POLAND	202
3	U.S.A.	187
4	ITALY	183
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	179
6	INDONESIA	175
7	FRANCE	173
8	TURKEY	170
9	DENMARK	168
10	SWEDEN	162
11	UNITED KINGDOM	148
12	NETHERLANDS	146
13	GERMANY	140
14	ROMANIA	130
15	HUNGARY	110



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PROGRAM**ROUND 12**

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

ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

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

Duplication and Security

You might be interested in the duplication of the boards during this Olympiad and some aspects related to it. There is more involved than just filling boards with cards. As the dealing programme we used Big Deal, which saw its first daylight during the Olympiad in Maastricht. The main advantage it has is that the randomizer function it uses makes it practically impossible to create identical files, something that happens once in a while with some other programmes. So I brought my laptop with Big Deal to Istanbul and from the Friday before the start I daily created the necessary files for the duplication room. At this moment, Thursday noon, the file for the last two sessions in the final on Saturday doesn't exist yet. For security reasons I even created a password, for which I can tell you the reminder I use: 'een glazig ongeluk'. I trust that you won't find it.

In events with fewer participating teams the duplication room prepares sets of boards for each table. We do so in the teams world championships and also in the European. But here it would have meant that we had to make more than 80,000 boards, simply too big a task. In such case we mostly share a set between the two tables of a match, which implies that the boards have to be moved from the open to the closed room and vice versa. A hard job, since it also asks for table identification on most of the boards. Here I decided to share boards within the open and closed room, which brought its own difficulties. To make it possible to compare scores in a match as soon as possible the two tables of a match needed to start with the same boards. So all odd numbered table were supposed to get the first half of the set (boards 1-10, 1-8) and the even numbered tables the higher half (11-20, 9-16). But odd and even are not always so easy to calculate, so once in a while it happened that comparison only started after half time, sorry for that. Another consequence of this arrangement was that half of the field starts with boards the other half has to play after half time, which with modern technology is something to be worried about. It certainly explains why we don't like all kinds of electronic equipment brought into the playing area.

Up till the moment the round starts there is no print-out of any hand to be played in that round. Still we need a careful check of the boards, since disasters where a team plays different boards at both tables are known too well. Such disaster won't happen if these two tables share the boards, but as I told you we had chosen not to do so. This meant that the staff in the duplication room wrote down the spade holding of the first, last and some in between boards of a set and checked whether those were identical for all sets of the round.

At the beginning of each round we made a tour with the file on diskette to provide BBO and e-bridge with the

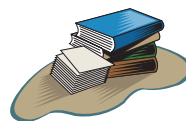
data and then went to the main office where the first hard copy had to be printed. We need the paper copy at that stage for the TDs and the Vugraph commentators. The Turkish staff had a nice lay-out designed and transformed the DUP-file in a text file for that. Only thereafter I was able to check whether the boards in play had some relation with the boards on paper. That mostly took place when I entered the auditorium where Board 1 (17) was shown on the screen and on the sheet in my hand. Once in a while I held my breath: when the sheets in my hands had the backside on top ... with Board 11 or 9. Meanwhile the main office had started to make copies of the hand records to be distributed at the end of each round.

In the Seniors and from the KO phase on in the Open and Women's event the files I created contained more boards than used in a round. In the Seniors the boards 1 to 24 were played in two consecutive rounds, in the KO we used 1 to 32 for two rounds of 16 boards. This meant that my Turkish staff had to split these files carefully. We could not afford to have Board 17 shown on the screens too early.

And so it went for this fortnight. More than 40,000 boards were duplicated, hardly a mistake was made, which is remarkable considering the possible sources for such mistakes. The duplicating staff did a fantastic job in an environment where Murphy's Law didn't exist. I might decide to stay here.

Ton Kooijman

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.

WOMEN

China v USA

SEMI-FINAL-5

by Mark Horton

China went into the last session of their semi-final against the USA trailing by 27 IMPs. The boards were not conducive to swings as the session score of 9-19 indicates. I tried to discover if the Chinese had missed any opportunities.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang W	Molson	Wang H	Sokolow
Pass	4♣*	Dble	2♦*
All Pass			4♥*

Two Diamonds was multi and Four Clubs asked South to transfer into her major.

West led the eight of diamonds, ducked to East's queen. Declarer won the trump switch in dummy, and played a club. East won to play a second trump. The contract was three down; -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Gu	Montin	Zhang
Pass	2NT*	Dble	2♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♠
Dble	All Pass		Pass

East led the king of diamonds and declarer won and played the jack of clubs. East put up the queen and West overtook to switch to a trump. Declarer won, ruffed a club and played the queen of spades. East won and played the queen of diamonds and a diamond, ruffed by West who played a club. The contract was two down; -300. That gave the USA 4 IMPs.

You can imagine that West might well have doubled Four Spades in the Open Room, but she could hardly double Four Hearts. However, you can make a case for East to double again, and had she done so China would have been +500, a gain of 5 IMPs, and a total swing of 9 IMPs.

With one flat board following another China had to wait a very long time before there was any chance of a gain.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang W	Molson	Wang H	Sokolow
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the four of clubs to the king and ace and declarer started on the spades. East took the second round as West discarded a diamond, and played another club giv-



Jill Meyers, USA

ing declarer an easy route to nine tricks; +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Gu	Montin	Zhang
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Here North missed a simple match strategy tactic when she failed to redouble. Four Spades cannot be defeated, so she was +790 to pick up 5 IMPs. The redouble would have meant +1080 and an extra 5 IMPs.

So far we have found the potential for 14 extra IMPs, just about half the deficit at the start of the session.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang W	Molson	Wang H	Sokolow
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass		Pass	3♥



Ling Gu, China

When East led the queen of diamonds declarer won and took the club finesse. When that held she cashed the ace and cross-ruffed spades and diamonds for ten tricks; +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Gu	Montin	Zhang
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Once again East led the diamond queen. Playing in Two Hearts declarer did not need to finesse in clubs, so she made nine tricks; +140 and 1 IMP away.

If South had raised to Three Hearts, as she might have done at the state of the match, North would probably have raised and East would have needed to find the trump lead, as declarer would surely have followed the winning line in game. +420 would have meant 6 IMPs to China, so an effective seven, leaving them just six down with two to play.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang W	Molson	Wang H	Sokolow
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Obviously Four Hearts cannot be made, as you have to lose a trick in each black suit and two in trumps; one down; -50 – and a flat board, as you might expect.

However, if North had chanced 3NT rather than Three Spades and North had been brave enough to pass, (both pretty big ifs!) then China would have gained 10 IMPs – and a breathless win.

So, in theory, China might have been able to do it, but in practice they were denied the opportunity by the Great Shuffler.

WOMEN

Russia v USA

FINAL-3

It was no surprise to see USA in the Women's final, of course, as they were probably favourites before the tournament began. The fact that their opponents were the team from Russia was something of a surprise as the Russian women have not shown form in previous championships to suggest that they would be finalists here. Nonetheless, a team that is playing in such form cannot be discounted and nobody expected them to be a pushover in the final.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 2 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ A Q J 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 4 3 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ 10 8 7 3</p>	<p>♠ A 8 5 ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ A K 6 5 4 ♣ 9 4</p>	<p>♠ K J 7 6 ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K 6 2</p>				
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W	S						
<p>West Sokolow Pass Rdbl INT</p>	<p>North Gromova Pass 1♥ All Pass</p>	<p>East Molson 1♦ Pass</p>	<p>South Ponomareva Dble Pass</p>				

<p>West Galaktionova Pass Rdbl 2NT</p>	<p>North Letizia Pass 1♥ Pass</p>	<p>East Lebedeva 1♦ 1NT 3NT</p>	<p>South Steiner Dble Pass All Pass</p>
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Russia picked up a couple of single IMP swings in the first three deals then came something rather more substantial on this one as Olga Galaktionova/Maria Lebedeva reached the thin game while Tobi Sokolow/Janice Seamon-Molson stopped in partscore.

Against Sokolow, Viktoria Gromova led the ♣8 to the king and ace. Sokolow played ♦Q the another diamond to dummy and cashed out the suit. Next she played ace and another spade and had ten tricks for +180.

Against 3NT, Carlyn Steiner led the ♠6. It looks better to me for declarer to go up with the queen but, in practice, Lebedeva played low and the ten forced her ace. She took the club finesse then led a low diamond to hand (perhaps cashing the queen first is better to cater to a bare jack), to allow a second club finesse. She too eventually had ten tricks for +630 and 10 IMPs to Russia.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ K 9 7 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 5 3 ♣ 8 7</p>	<p>♠ K 9 ♥ Q 8 4 3 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A K J 9 4</p>	<p>♠ A 10 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ 10 ♣ 10 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 6 ♥ A J 2 ♦ K J 4 ♣ Q 6 5 2</p>				
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<p>West Sokolow 4♦ All Pass</p>	<p>North Gromova 2♣ Pass</p>	<p>East Molson Pass Pass</p>	<p>South Ponomareva 3NT Dble</p>
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<p>West Galaktionova All Pass</p>	<p>North Letizia 1♦</p>	<p>East Lebedeva Pass</p>	<p>South Steiner 3NT</p>
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Gromova's Precision-style 2♣ opening saw a practical 3NT response from Tatiana Ponomareva. Now Sokolow did a good thing for her side when she saved in 4♦, where she was doubled. Gromova led the ace of clubs and received an encouraging signal from partner. She underled the other top club to put Ponomareva in with the queen and South switched to a low heart. Sokolow put up the king, crossed to the ace of spades and led the ♦10 to her



Olga Galaktionova, Russia

queen. From there she had eight tricks for -300.

Marinesa Letizia's 1♦ opening was Precision and again the response was 3NT. A 4♦ overcall was less attractive in this scenario and Galaktionova passed it out then led a low diamond to the ten and jack. Steiner crossed to a top club to take a heart finesse and now Galaktionova won the king, cashed the ace of diamonds, and switched to the jack of spades. This was ducked to declarer's queen and she had eleven tricks for +660 and 8 IMPs to USA.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
4♠	All Pass	1♦	Pass

Sokolow bid her spades three times but left the deci-



Marinesa Letizia, USA

sion about game to her partner, while Galaktionova just blasted 4♠ immediately. Against Sokolow, Gromova led the king of clubs to dummy's ace. Sokolow drew trumps and gave up a club; +140 when the defence cashed out.

Letizia cashed the heart ace and king, getting the nine and three from Steiner, who was trying to discourage (reverse attitude), but Letizia read these plays as showing a doubleton (standard count) and continued with a third heart. Suddenly, the no-play game had become cold, as Galaktionova ruffed high in dummy while discarding the losing diamond from hand; +620 and 10 IMPs to Russia.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
2♦	Dble	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Ponomareva showed 5-10 with at least five-five in the minors and Gromova blasted the no-play diamond game. Five Diamonds looks too much but maybe the Russians have no way to invite game opposite this opening bid. Anyway, Molson led the king of hearts and Gromova won the ace and played ace and another club. Molson won that and forced dummy with a heart. Declarer ruffed a club high and drew trumps; down one for -100.

Steiner did not have a toy for the South hand so Galaktionova got to open a multi as West. Lebedeva responded 2♥, pass or correct, then showed hearts at her next turn. Steiner led the jack of diamonds to the ace and Letizia returned the ♦3 to the ten. A third diamond was ruffed and declarer tried the ♥K, ducked, then another heart to the jack and ace. Letizia switched to ace of clubs, on which Lebedeva dropped the ten, and another club, run to the queen. The club ruff meant down two for -200 and 7 IMPs to USA.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Gromova	Molson	Ponomareva
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both defences began with a heart to declarer's ace and both declarers played ace and another spade to North's king. Both Norths duly switched to clubs on seeing their partners' discards on the second spade. Steiner gave Letizia a ruff for down one; -100. Ponomareva won the low club switch with her ten, cashed the ♣K and switched to a diamond. Oops! That was +620 and 12 IMPs to USA.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠A Q J 10 ♥8 3 ♦A 9 8 2 ♣Q J 7	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠K 9 8 5 2 ♥K Q 10 7 ♦10 ♣A 8 6	♠6 ♥J 6 2 ♦Q J 7 6 4 3 ♣K 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Gromova	Molson	Ponomareva
INT	2♦	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Gromova overcalled Sokolow's INT opening to show both majors and Molson just blasted 5♦, fearing an oppos-

ing spade game. Of course, there are three top losers, but Ponomareva led a spade and Molson could win the ace and continue with the queen. That was covered so she ruffed, drew trumps by way of a finesse, then took two heart discards on the spades; +400.

If North does not cover the ♠Q or the ♠J continuation, declarer gets rid of two heart losers. But there is a danger here that if she lazily plays a heart or club now North will win two tricks then play a spade and the ♦K will score. So declarer has to play the last spade and throw her last heart as the king wins. Now she has an entry to hand to pick up the trumps without loss.

Letizia did not come in over INT at the other table and Lebedeva transferred to diamonds. After a heart lead, Galaktionova took nine tricks, not bothering with the trump finesse; +110 but 7 IMPs to USA, who were on a bit of a roll.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠K Q 9 7 3 2 ♥Q ♦K 8 2 ♣A 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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		♠A J 10 8 ♥7 5 4 3 ♦3 ♣J 7 5 4	♠6 5 4 ♥A 9 6 2 ♦9 7 ♣Q 10 9 6
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West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Gromova	Molson	Ponomareva
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass



Tatiana Ponomareva, Russia

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
1♠	INT	Pass	1♦
3♠	Dble	2♠	3♦
		All Pass	

Letizia doubled 3♠ where Gromova was willing to let it go. Letizia led her diamond to the ace and the ♦K was ruffed out. A heart switch went to the ace and Galaktionova played a spade to the king and ace, won the spade return and ruffed her diamond loser in dummy. Now she played a club to the ace and gave up a spade. A club mis-guess meant down two for -300.

The play began in the same fashion in the other room but North had not been active in the auction and so declarer had less reason to play her for values. Sokolow duly got the club guess right in the ending to hold herself to down one. That was only -50 for Sokolow and 6 IMPs to USA.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Gromova	Molson	Ponomareva
INT	Dble	Rdbl	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
INT	All Pass		Pass

Galaktionova's INT opening passed off peacefully and Letizia led out five rounds of hearts. Steiner threw two diamonds (high-low) then a spade, and Letizia switched to the ♦6. Steiner clearly misread the situation because she put in the nine and declarer won the jack. Galaktionova had the rest now; +120.

Gromova doubled INT and Ponomareva bid her diamonds over the rescue redouble. Eventually, Ponomareva declared 3♦, where she had three losers after a club lead; +130 and 6 IMPs to Russia.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Gromova	Molson	Ponomareva
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Galaktionova	Letizia	Lebedeva	Steiner
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Ponomareva treated her hand as invitational with long diamonds, within the context of a non-strong club opening. Gromova passed out 3♦ and the defence led two rounds of spades then switched to hearts; +110.

Steiner opened a strong no trump and it was routine to reach 3NT. On a heart lead Steiner hopped up with the queen and played a top club. When that held she ran for home; +400 and 7 IMPs to USA.

The favourites led by 54-33 after the first session, but there was a lot more bridge to be played in this match before we would know the destiny of the gold medals.

White House International Teams

Utrecht, The Netherlands
26-27 February, 2005

The second White House International Tournament, one of the worlds strongest teams events, will be held again at the premises of the Dutch Bridge Federation in Utrecht. Contact is Jan van Cleeff, who will be here in Istanbul till the end of the Olympiad.

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New Partnership In Bridge

Everyone at the World Bridge Olympiad knows how exciting and dramatic a bridge contest can be. A new company hard at work here in Istanbul wants to share that information – plus the fact that bridge is a sport –



Filming the Olympiad takes a lot of cameras and lights with the rest of the world.

The England-based company – New Bridge Assets – has been filming at the tournament all week to get material for six one-hour broadcasts to be shown on the UK-based satellite broadcaster Sky Sports.

The first broadcast is scheduled for Nov. 19 on Sky Sports Xtra. Others will follow on Sky Sports 2 and Sky Sports 3. The six shows will air a total of 22 times, ending Dec. 25.

Mark Cowland of New Bridge Assets said the shows will have highlights of matches, summaries, interviews and other information designed to portray the drama of the game.

Cowland said the production was sold to Sky Sports “on the basis that bridge is a sport.”

NBA has recruited Zia Mahmood and Sabine Auken to do analysis for the shows, and Zia is excited to be in-

involved.

“We want to have shows that are not too technical but show more of the human element and human interest of bridge,” said Zia.

Simon Cocheme, an English writer and player, came to Istanbul to watch the Olympiad and has been helping French bridge journalist Philippe Cronier with publicity while filming is in progress. NBA brought a full crew of about 35 for the production, working with Bernard Delange, the WBF director at bridge tournaments.

Cocheme said there are plans to do shows of at least three European Bridge League and World Bridge Federation tournaments next year, including the World Championships in Estoril, Portugal.

David Warner, chief executive of NBA, said there is also interest in the Cavendish tournament in Las Vegas, in the USA.

Cocheme said the aim of the productions is to make bridge interesting to a wide segment of the public, including non-players.

The programs based on the Olympiad will conclude on Sky Sports in late December.



Sabine Auken and Philippe Cronier discuss the program

Programme for bridge broadcasts (GMT*)

Date	Time	Channel
19/11	22:00	Sky Sports Xtra
20/11	02:30	Sky Sports 2 Digital
20/11	08:00	Sky Sports 3 Digital
20/11	13:00	Sky Sports Xtra
26/11	23:30	Sky Sports 2 Digital
26/11	02:30	Sky Sports 2 Digital
27/11	13:00	Sky Sports Xtra
03/12	22:00	Sky Sports Xtra
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25/12	06:00	Sky Sports Xtra
25/12	13:00	Sky Sports Xtra

*CET (Central Europe Time) is one hour ahead of GMT

An Orange Promise For The Future

Players

Jan Jansma

Partner of Louk Verhees

Born on 9th of August 1962

School teacher, married, three children

Successes:

6th EC 2004

3rd World Transnationals 2003

5th Cap Gemini 2002

4th Cavendish 2001

1st Cavendish teams 1998

World Champion Juniors 1987

1st EC Juniors 1986

Louk Verhees

Partner of Jan Jansma

Born on 2nd of September 1964

ICT expert, married, two children

Successes:

6th EC 2004

3rd World Transnationals 2003

5th Cap Gemini 2002

4th Cavendish 2001

6th EC 1997

Bas Drijver

Partner of Maarten Schollaardt

Born on 2nd of April 1980

Student Laws, married, one child

Successes:

1st IOC Grand Prix Junior Teams 2002

7th WC Juniors 2001

2nd WC Junior Pairs 2001

1th EC Pairs 2001

1st EOC Warsaw 2000

2nd EC Juniors 2000

Maarten Schollaardt

Partner of Bas Drijver

Born on 27th of October 1977

Houseman, married, one child

Successes:

7th WC Juniors 2001

2nd EC Juniors 2000

Sjoert Brink

Partner of Ricco van Prooijen

Born on 19th of February 1981

ICT expert, living together, one child

Successes:

22nd WC Pairs 2002

2nd Open WC Junior Pairs 2002

1st IOC Grand Prix Junior Teams 2002

7th WC Juniors 2001

2nd WC Junior Pairs 2001

2nd EC Juniors 2000

Ricco van Prooijen

Partner of Sjoert Brink

Born on 10th of October 1973

ICT expert, married to Femke Hoogweg, player of Dutch Ladies Team, one child

Successes:

22nd WC Pairs 2002

Manager

Toine van Hoof

A top player himself in the past; has won national championships and represented the Netherlands internationally as player and as captain/coach.

Toine is the captain of the team that represents the Netherlands in Istanbul in this Olympiad.



Coaches

Anton Maas and Erik Kirchhoff

Actual top players; have won numerous national and international titles as player (together they won bronze in the WC Pairs in 1994, and bronze in the EC Teams in 1995) and as captain/coach. Anton is coach of the team that represents the Netherlands in Istanbul in this Olympiad.



So, who is this team of destiny from the Netherlands? Who is this group of young men attired in a distinctive team uniform of black sports shirts with an orange club insignia, and why are they doing so well?

The Dutch, who last won a world title in 1993, are in the process of revamping their national program. A few people grew tired of the disappointing results of the Dutch open team in international competition, after the successes in the first half of the nineties. So they set up an organization, called Team Orange, with a few essential elements in it:

- 1) Clear targets for players and everyone surrounding it.
- 2) A structural and lasting top sports climate with a broad group of top players (five or six pairs).
- 3) Players train at least one workday a week.
- 4) Players get every opportunity to play strong tournaments and practice matches, nationally and international-

ly.

5) Professional management and coaching (technical, mental, physical).

6) Funding for at least three years: not only costs and expenses from tournaments, and professional management and coaching, but also subsidiary salary for the days of training and playing.

7) Broad expertise available in the board of the organization: from business level at the highest level, professional sports marketing, financial expertise, and a top player from the winner of the 1993 Bermuda Bowl.

The ultimate goal is to win a medal in the 2007 Bermuda Bowl.

Team Orange started in September 2003 with the five top pairs. The idea and structure of Team Orange is new in the Netherlands (and probably all over the world), so the first couple of months we had to adjust to new insights and a changing environment. You can't change a bridge culture and focus just like that, and expect it to go smoothly from the first day. But here was a group that really wanted to go for it, they all shared the same goal, and understood that this can only be done by working together. We all knew that we had a couple of good and promising players. Although the difference with the world's top level didn't seem that big, everybody realized that it took a lot of hard work to bridge this gap.

Because of less and less strong tournaments in the Netherlands itself, the team went abroad a couple of times

and got national teams to the Netherlands to practice.

We were very glad that the first successes came quickly: 3rd in the World Transnationals in Monte Carlo last year, and a strong performance in this summer's EC in Sweden, although they came up just short of qualification for the Bermuda Bowl.

In line with the goal of getting a broad group of top pairs, just one pair of the strong team that played in Sweden went to Istanbul: Jan Jansma and Louk Verhees. The other two pairs here present are very young pairs, who have their first experience in a formal open team championships right here and now in Istanbul. Their success now (playing the final at this very moment) is proof that Team Orange is successful already! But let's not make a mistake here: we've made a great start with Team Orange, but a lot has still to be done before the goal is to be met.

So, if you are interested in hearing more about this initiative and organization, want to give advice, or would like to invite Team Orange to strong tournaments, do not hesitate to contact: •the manager, Toine van Hoof:

toine.van.hoof@planet.nl

•the bridge specialist on the board of Team Orange, Enri Leufkens: enri.leufkens@capgemini.com

And what's the significance of the orange club insignia? It's the symbol of the Dutch national team. Orange is the official national color.

Hodler: Bridge A Fit For 'Intellympics'



You might never see bridge as part of the Winter or Summer Games of the Olympics, but that doesn't mean it will never have an association with the Olympics.

Marc Hodler, a member of the International Olympic Committee, said the so-called Intellympics – for mind sports such as bridge – is a definite possibility in the foreseeable future.

He said officials of the four intellectual or mind sports of bridge, chess, go and jeu de dame (a French draughts o'clockers) have agreed to form an association with the goal of achieving support of the IOC, much the same as the Paralympics, for athletes with physical impairments.

Hodler said he is encouraged that bridge has the support of Sergei Bubka, former champion pole vaulter and now chairman of the Athletes Commission and a member of the IOC executive board.

How soon the Intellympics will become a reality, Hodler said, depends on developments during the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy.

2005 EBL Open Championships Tenerife

In June 2005 the EBL present the 2nd Open European Championships in Tenerife.

Players interested in competing will be pleased to know that various discounts will be available on the entry fees.

Only those contestants staying in one of the Mare Nostrum hotels will automatically be entitled to the discounts that are available.

Taking part in one event will attract a discount of 10% on the official entry fee. Furthermore, participation in multiple events will increase the discount to 15% (2nd event), 25% (3rd event), up to a maximum of 30% for more than three events.

Cash prizes will be awarded to those who participate in several events based on their final overall position.

By the introduction of discounts on entry fees and the awarding of cash prizes, the European Bridge League is offering excellent conditions for participants in the 2nd Open European Championships.