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They Never Say Die



Happy McConnell Cup winners, the Carlyn Steiner team

On a day when two women made it to the final of the Rosenblum Cup for the first time - one of them on a furious fourth-quarter rally - the winners of the McConnell Cup final had to overcome a big deficit after the opening set to triumph in grand style.

The McConnell winners are Carlyn Steiner, Marinesa Letizia, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow (USA) and Tatiana Ponomareva and Victoria Gromova (Russia). They fell behind to the American team captained by Hansa Narasimhan 50-8 before hitting their stride, eventually winning by a big margin.

In the Rosenblum semi-finals, one match featured Americans Roy Welland and Rose Meltzer (the first woman to win the Bermuda Bowl - in 2001). It was not close. Meltzer posted a 61-0 second quarter and won going away.

Welland's wife, Christal Henner-Welland, is captain of a USA-Sweden sextet. They trailed the Yadlin squad 102-68 heading into the final quarter of their semi-final match, and Yadlin added 5 IMPs on the first board of the set.

From there, it was all Henner as they scored 45 IMPs to none for Yadlin, taking the lead on the penultimate board to win by 6 IMPs.

While the knockouts drew most of the attention, the pairs events – Open, Women's, Seniors and IMP – are in full swing. The Open and Women's pairs are in the semi-final stages with some players from the knockouts eligible to drop in.

VuGraph Programme



Teatro Verdi

10.00	Rosenblum Final I
13.15	TBA
16.00	TBA
18.30	TBA

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Rosenblum Cup (Final)

10.00	Boards 1-16 (Session 1)
13.15	Boards 17-32 (Session 2)
16.00	Boards 33-49 (Session 3)
18.30	Boards 50-64 (Session 4)

Open and Women's Pairs (Semi-Final)

10.30	Session 4
15.30	Session 5

IMP and Senior Pairs

10.30	Session 3
15.30	Session 4

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ROSENBLUM CUP*Semi-Final Phase*

		Boards 1-15	Boards 16-30	Boards 31-45	Boards 46-60	Total
1	Meltzer Welland R	48 - 30	61 - 0	24 - 26	38 - 27	171 - 83
2	Yadlin Henner	51 - 36	29 - 9	22 - 23	5 - 45	107 - 113

McCONNELL CUP*Final Standings*

<i>Final Phase</i>						
33	Steiner Narasimhan	8 - 50	37 - 5	57 - 24	38 - 11	140 - 90
<i>Play-Off Phase</i>						
34	Katt-Bridge China Gobal Times	31 - 31	39 - 36	70 - 67		

OPEN PAIRS*Semi-Final Phase (After 3 Sessions)*

Rank	Names	Total		Total
			30	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV 53.66
1	Jens AUKEN - Soren CHRISTIANSEN	60.07	31	Vincent RAMONDT - Berry WESTRA 53.61
2	Andreas GLOYER - Wolfgang LAUSS	58.95	32	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV 53.58
3	Jerome ROMBAUT - Lionel SEBBANE	57.45	33	Ismail KANDEMIR - Suleyman KOLATA 53.57
4	Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ - Dariusz KOWALSKI	57.41	34	Jacek PSZCZOLA - Cezary BALICKI 53.53
5	Bengt-Erik EFRAMSSON - Anders MORATH	57.25	35	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN 53.42
6	Paul CHEMLA - Philippe CRONIER	57.04	36	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS 53.34
7	Wojciech OLANSKI - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	57.01	37	Ilan HERBST - Ofir HERBST 53.30
8	Jean-Paul BALIAN - Philippe TOFFIER	56.83	38	Marcelo BRANCO - Diego BRENNER 53.26
9	Michael ROSENBERG - Ralph KATZ	56.57	39	Rafal JAGNIEWSKI - Boguslaw PAZUR 53.21
10	Vadim KHOLOMEEV - Jouri KHILOUPPENEN	56.43	40	Matthias THORVALDSSON - Magnus MAGNUSSON 53.09
11	Alex KOLESNIK - Roberto SCARAMUZZI	56.00	41	N. K. GUPTA - Sandeep THAKRAL 53.08
12	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	55.98	42	Krzysztof MARTENS - Vytautas VAINIKONIS 53.05
13	Norberto BOCCHI - Giorgio DUBOIN	55.36	43	David BIRMAN - Alon BIRMAN 52.93
14	Archie SEQUERA - Ramawatar AGARWAL	55.36	44	Michael BAREL - Yaniv ZACK 52.89
15	Assaf LENGY - Gadi LEBOVITS	55.15	45	Maris MATISONS - Andris SMILGAJS 52.88
16	Julien GAVIARD - Thomas BESSIS	55.07	46	Philippe COENRAETS - Olivier NEVE 52.86
17	Giulio BONGIOVANNI - Jacek ROMANSKI	55.05	47	Steve ROBINSON - Peter BOYD 52.71
18	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	54.85	48	Bang Xiang ZHANG - Jia Xiang SHEN 52.69
19	Joe GRUE - Curtis CHEEK	54.82	49	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM 52.67
20	Michel BESSIS - Maurice SALAMA	54.74	50	Sven Olai HOYLAND - Sam Inge HOYLAND 52.65
21	Rossen Georgiev GUNEV - Julian STEFANOV	54.69	51	Jacek CIECHOMSKI - Piotr JUREK 52.57
22	Michael PRESCOTT - Stephen BURGESS	54.62	52	Andrei GROMOV - Alexander DUBININ 52.47
23	Fred GITELMAN - Brad MOSS	54.61	53	Waleed El AHMADI - Tarek SADEK 52.46
24	Marc BOMPIS - Thierry De SAINTE MARIE	54.59	54	Jon Egil FURUNES - Per Erik AUSTBERG 52.37
25	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	54.43	55	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT 52.36
26	Apolinary KOWALSKI - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	54.24	56	Larry N. COHEN - David BERKOWITZ 52.34
27	Tom TOWNSEND - David GOLD	54.11	57	Enrico LONGINOTTI - Giampaolo FRANCO 52.15
28	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	54.01	58	Craig GOWER - Henry MANSELL 52.14
29	Jan JANSMA - Louk VERHEES JR	54.01	59	Badal Chandra DAS - Sibnath Dey SARKAR 52.08
			60	Jean-Jacques PALAU - Pierre-Yves GUILLAUMIN 51.82

61	Robert LEBI - Nader HANNA	51.72	122	Kamal Kumar ROY - Debashish ROY	48.17
62	Piero ARGANINI - Grant BAZE	51.67	123	Olivier BESSIS - Godefroy De TESSIERES	48.16
63	Marian RADULESCU - Bogdan MARINA	51.49	124	Jorgen MOLBERG - Terje AA	48.15
64	Jacek KALITA - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	51.48	125	Alain DELFOUR - Francois STRETZ	47.94
65	Kazuo FURUTA - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	51.28	126	Jacques POTIER - Richard NAIGARD	47.94
66	Marcin LESNIEWSKI - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	51.24	127	Piotr BIZON - Michal KWIECIEN	47.88
67	Bobby RICHMAN - Zoltan NAGY	51.19	128	Calin STIRBU - Gheorghe SERPOI	47.79
68	Arno LINDERMANN - Martin SCHIFKO	51.14	129	Igor CURLIN - Dmitri PROKHOROV	47.78
69	Nick SANDQVIST - Artur MALINOWSKI	51.08	130	Sartaj HANS - Tony NUNN	47.77
70	Ton BAKKEREN - Huub BERTENS	51.04	131	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Tomasz SIELICKI	47.76
71	Keiran DYKE - David WILTSHIRE	51.02	132	Paolo CLAIR - Carlo TOTARO	47.66
72	Guido FERRARO - Agustin MADALA	50.93	133	Tobias TORNQVIST - Johan UPMARK	47.62
73	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	50.93	134	John DUQUETTE - Dave COLBERT	47.48
74	Andrzej JASZCZAK - Piotr WALCZAK	50.89	135	Lucian TACIUC - Mihai STAVRACHE	47.42
75	Avi KANETKAR - Nigel ROSENDORF	50.84	136	Pritish KUSHARI - Sumit MUKHERJEE	47.38
76	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	50.81	137	Gianpaolo CENTIOLI - Angelo VIOLA	47.35
77	Carel BERENDREGT - Bert PAPIING	50.78	138	Bryan MAKSYMETZ - Lars ANDERSSON	47.32
78	Jose Carlos HENRIQUES - Juliano BARBOSA	50.73	139	David BAKHSHI - Andrew MCINTOSH	47.19
79	George JACOBS - Alfredo VERSACE	50.72	140	Moza PANAHPOUR - Ishmael DELMONTE	47.16
80	Giordano SCULLIN - Paolo BAGHETTI	50.65	141	Rui WANG - Sheng Hong CHEN	47.13
81	Aubrey STRUL - Bobby JONES	50.63	142	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	47.01
82	Patrick GREENTHE - Michel DUGUET	50.58	143	Pablo LAMBARDI - Adolfo Daniel MADALA	46.93
83	Tezcan SEN - Okay GUR	50.52	144	Raju TOLANI - Ajay KHARE	46.82
84	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Louis MARLIER	50.39	145	Howard WEINSTEIN - Steve GARNER	46.75
85	Richard SCHWARTZ - Chris WILLENKEN	50.32	146	Wei Dong LIU - Hong Lu ZHONG	46.63
86	Adam WILDAVSKY - Doug DOUB	50.31	147	Ro VENKATRAMAN - Sunit CHOKSHI	46.57
87	Alain NAHMIAS - Dominique BEAUMIER	50.29	148	Sjoert BRINK - Bas DRIJVER	46.37
88	Yossi ROLL - Ilan BAREKET	50.28	149	John ARMSTRONG - John HOLLAND	46.35
89	Tomasz GOTARD - Josef PIEKAREK	50.25	150	Hans-Herman GWINNER - Andreas PAWLIK	46.35
90	Mario D'AVOSSA - Stelio DI BELLO	50.25	151	Gitte HECHT-JOHANSEN - Valentin Dgiassim AL-SHATI	46.21
91	Jason FELDMAN - Ari GREENBERG	50.21	152	Peter HECHT-JOHANSEN - Knut BLAKSET	46.17
92	Antonio SEMENTA - Giovanni DELFINO	49.96	153	Rene STIENEN - Ernst WARENDORF	46.01
93	Rajesh TIWARI - Bo PRABHAKAR	49.93	154	Tor BIRKELAND - Espen LINDQVIST	45.94
94	Rene HERMANS - Willem Van EIJCK	49.86	155	Simon GILLIS - Boye BROGELAND	45.88
95	Gabriel CHAGAS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	49.81	156	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	45.84
96	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	49.80	157	Arnaud ANCESSY - Frederic BRUNET	45.80
97	Andrew ROBSON - Zia MAHMOOD	49.78	158	Ulli JAHR - Berthold ENGEL	45.79
98	Vasil BATOV - Ilko BONEV	49.77	159	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	45.46
99	Stefano CATA - Giancarlo MARINI	49.65	160	Ashok Kumar GOEL - Kamal MUKHERJEE	45.44
100	Bjarni EINARSSON - Sigurbjorn HARALDSSON	49.62	161	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFINSEN	45.40
101	Jaanus MARIPUU - Tanel KOIVUPUU	49.62	162	John KRANYAK - Ron SMITH	45.38
102	Bart BRAMLEY - Chris COMPTON	49.60	163	Luca DARBI - Claudio BRUNELLI	45.13
103	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	49.58	164	Boris BARAN - Mark GORDON	45.11
104	Gilles-Rene QUERAN - Jean-Gilles HERVE	49.49	165	John DAVIDSON - Michael WHIBLEY	44.87
105	Hans Christian NIELSEN - Lars BLAKSET	49.39	166	Guy LAFFINEUR - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	44.80
106	Alexandru ELIAN - Dan ZARA	49.39	167	Stephen LANDEN - Pratap RAJADHYAKSHA	44.76
107	Giuseppe FABBRINI - Niccolo FOSSI	49.32	168	Jean Francois ALLIX - Eric MAUBERQUEZ	44.53
108	David KENDRICK - Patrick COLLINS	49.19	169	Aymeric LEBATTEUX - Nicolas LHUISSIER	44.11
109	Fried WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	48.98	170	Bo NORGREN - Jan OLSEN	44.00
110	Paulo Goncalves PEREIRA - Antonio PALMA	48.93	171	Dominique PILON - Gerard IZISEL	43.86
111	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan IVANOV	48.86	172	Roberto MINERO - Piercarlo MUSSO	43.62
112	Nils Kare KVANGRAVEN - Tom HOILAND	48.73	173	Dominique GERIN - Patrick DADOUN	43.58
113	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	48.70	174	Giovanni ALBAMONTE - Riccardo INTONTI	43.43
114	Rajendra GOKHALE - Sk IYENGAR	48.69	175	Antonio LARDO - Francesco NATALE	43.39
115	Stephen BLACKSTOCK - Stephen HENRY	48.66	176	Lia VASILEV - Ivan NANEV	43.37
116	Thibault MALARME - Romain TEMBOURET	48.56	177	Martin REINERTSEN - Erik RYNNING	42.81
117	Giorgio MENINI - Mauro SALVETTI	48.45	178	Roman GRZELAK - Tadeusz RALKO	40.79
118	Geoff HAMPSON - Eric GRECO	48.40	179	Marlene KIRSTAN - Niels KROEJGAARD	40.46
119	Herve VINCENT - Federico GODED	48.33	180	Alan NELSON - Kath NELSON	40.13
120	Alain LEVY - Herve MOUIEL	48.32	181	Federico IAVICOLI - Giuseppe DELLE CAVE	39.95
121	Maxim ZHMAK - Denis DOBRIN	48.18			

WOMEN'S PAIRS

Semi-Final Phase (After 3 Sessions)

Rank	Names	Total			
1	Nikica SVER - Marina PILIPOVIC	58.66	27	Antonella BACOCOLI - Tiziana ROSI	50.13
2	Renee LEGER - Laurence RIMBAUD	56.94	28	Ruth FARKAS - Ora DAN	50.09
3	Grazyna BREWIAK - Anna SARNIAK	56.57	29	Emanuela CAPRIATA - Cristina GOLIN	49.95
4	Sally BROCK - Heather DHONDY	55.45	30	Ana Maria De ALONSO - Monica ANG. De BALDASARRE	49.83
5	Vanessa REESS - Nathalie FREY	54.95	31	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	49.46
6	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Malgorzata PASTERNAK	54.94	32	Ora LOURIE - Sally STRUL	49.39
7	Marion MICHIELSEN - Meike WORTEL	54.88	33	Anne-Frederique LEVY - Blandine De HEREDIA	49.29
8	Pascale THUILLEZ - Dominique JEANIN-NALTET	54.86	34	Gloria COLOMBO BRUGNONI - Mietta PREVE	49.13
9	Luigina GENTILI - Maddalena SEVERGNINI	53.69	35	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	49.11
10	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE	53.64	36	Ewa SOBOLEWSKA - Anna SZCZEPANSKA	49.07
11	Carla ARNOLDS - Bep VRIEND	53.49	37	Nevena SENIOR - Janine FORD	49.01
12	Gianna ARRIGONI - Gabriella OLIVIERI	53.12	38	Nadine WOOD - Linda MALONEY	48.75
13	Carla GIANARDI - Laura ROVERA	52.66	39	Jet PASMANN - Anneke SIMONS	48.60
14	Veronique BESSIS - Sylvie WILLARD	52.30	40	Natalija VEKSA - Liga BRIKMANE	48.44
15	Lila PANAHOPOUR - Benedicte CRONIER	52.26	41	Monica BURATTI - Darinka FORTI	48.14
16	Petra MANSELL - Merle MODLIN	52.12	42	Donna COMPTON - Gigi SIMPSON	48.08
17	Gemma MARIANO - Tina J. Del GALLEGRO	52.07	43	Janine Elise PECCOUD - Renata SAPORTA	48.08
18	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	51.93	44	Nur CINAR - Sevil AKIN	47.37
19	Joann GLASSON - Lisa BERKOWITZ	51.84	45	Barbara NIST - Helen ABBOTT	47.06
20	Pat MEEHAN - Rose O'FARRELL	51.55	46	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	46.85
21	Sylvie DUMON - Muriel CLEMENT	51.47	47	Christine BOYLSOON - Michelle BRUNNER	45.91
22	Shawn QUINN - Mildred BREED	51.46	48	Faith MAYER - Victoria EGAN	45.55
23	Vera TAGLIAFERI - Monica AGHEMO	50.89	49	Jo MORSE - Susie MILLER	43.22
24	Deborah CAMPAGNANO - Irene BARONI	50.42	50	Elke WEBER - Ingrid GROMANN	43.18
25	Yan HUANG - Yan Hong WANG	50.23	51	Katherine WEI-SENDER - Linda GREEN	41.92
26	Catherine FISHPOOL - Claude BLOUQUIT	50.22	52	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Morella PACHECO	41.44
			53	Minnie TANANBAUM - Elisabeth HUGON	40.85
			54	Judy BUSSELL - Stephanie KYME	39.01

IMP PAIRS

After 2 Sessions

Rank	Names	Total IMPs			
1	Abdelkamal RERHAYE - Said Mohamed BERRADA	2.56	22	Kit WOOLSEY - Fred STEWART	1.00
2	Artur RUTKOWSKI - Henryk BRODAWSKI	2.38	22	Peter CLARK - Michael GAMBLE	1.00
3	Gerardo DE MARCO - Francesco DE GENNARO	2.29	26	Marc SMITH - Peter CZERNIEWSKI	0.98
4	Michael ROCHE - John RAYNER	2.02	26	Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG	0.98
5	Tommy GARVEY - John CARROLL	1.96	28	Shireen MOHANDDES - Andrew BOWLES	0.96
6	Tadashi TERAMOTO - Shunsuke MORIMURA	1.79	28	Antonio TOMADINI - Luciano ZANETTE	0.96
7	Vincenzo BURGIO - Salvatore GATTO	1.60	30	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	0.94
8	Jyotindra SHAH - Sandeep KARMARKAR	1.56	31	Patrice PIGANEAU - Francois LEENHARDT	0.92
8	Laurent THUILLEZ - Wilfried LIBRECHT	1.56	32	Vassili LEVENKO - Prit HALLER	0.88
10	Alvin LEVY - George RETEK	1.54	32	Pony Beate NEHMERT - Ulrike MULLER	0.88
11	Frederic VOLCKER - Quentin ROBERT	1.52	34	Martine ROSSARD - Johanna RACZYNSKA	0.85
12	Janet DE BOTTON - Gunnar HALLBERG	1.44	35	Dan MANEA - Gabriel BALITA	0.83
13	Terry WALSH - Brid KEMPLE	1.42	36	Barnet SHENKIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	0.81
14	Irina LADYZHENSKY - Alexander LADYZHENSKY	1.31	37	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	0.79
15	Chuck BURGER - Howard PERLMAN	1.29	38	Lydie TRAJMAN - Harold ANTONSON	0.75
15	Gary GOTTLIEB - Peter FREDIN	1.29	39	Hans FRERICHES - Ulrich WENNING	0.73
15	Gyorgy MARJAI - Ferenc ZOLD	1.29	40	Pierre ADAD - Pascal RINGUET	0.69
18	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	1.21	41	Yeshayahu LEVIT - Ronnie TOR	0.65
19	Michael CORNELL - Ashley BACH	1.19	41	Marlene DUGUET - Pierre-Jean LOUCHARTE	0.65
20	Rana ROY - Kalpana MISRA	1.10	43	Kypiacos PANAYIOTOU - Andreas PAVLOU	0.63
20	Philippe MARILL - Didier MASSE	1.10	44	Valerio GIUBILO - Guido BONAVOGLIA	0.60
22	Tien-Chun YANG - Robert TODD	1.00	44	Mike HARGREAVES - Valerie HARGREAVES	0.60
22	Sven SESTER - Olavi OJA	1.00	44	Sotiris NINOS - Petros ANGELOPOLOUS	0.60
			44	Wolfgang BIEDER - Andreas BABSCH	0.60
			48	Poul CLEMMENSEN - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	0.58

49	Astrid DEKKER - Rosalien BARENDREGT	0.56	113	Robert HOLLMAN - Bruce FERGUSON	-0.33
50	Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	0.54	115	Patrizia CECCONI - Paola RONCHI	-0.35
51	Mario D'AGOSTINO - Gaetano MASSA	0.52	115	Giorgio ZANARDI - Giuseppe De MONTIS	-0.35
51	Ena CLEARY - Jeannie FITZGERALD	0.52	115	Cornel TEODORESCU - Aldo Giovanni GERLI	-0.35
53	Ernesto D'ORSI - Fabio SAMPAIO	0.50	118	Barry SCHAFFER - Colby VERNAY	-0.38
53	Jp GOENKA - Alok SADHU	0.50	119	Jacques HENRI - Jean-Pierre LAFOURCADE	-0.40
53	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	0.50	119	Gene FREED - Bill WICKHAM	-0.40
53	G_VENKATESH - Krishna Kumar KANNINGAT	0.50	119	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	-0.40
53	Ange AGNETTI - Franck MATEOS-RUIZ	0.50	122	Sara TISHLER - Adam SARTEN	-0.42
58	Marlene WATTS - Heather RENTON	0.48	123	Marita MAI - Francesco Ariatta	-0.44
59	Otto RUTHENBERG - Jerzy KOZYCZKOWSKI	0.46	124	Bodil FOSSAN - Vigdis MOEN	-0.46
60	Adolfo Andres MADALA - Shivam SHAH	0.44	125	Tony WATKINS - Dave BLACKMAN	-0.50
61	Alberto MASOLI - Carlo SIRCHI	0.40	125	Ajit CHAKRADEO - Gopinath MANNA	-0.50
61	Cosmin MIINDRUTA - Dan VOINESCU	0.40	125	Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN	-0.50
63	Furio MENEGHINI - Roberto SALTARELLI	0.35	125	Vivien CORNELL - Elizabeth BLACKHAM	-0.50
63	Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN	0.35	129	Annamaria PIROVANO - Dino VIOTTI	-0.52
63	Bernard DONDE - Alon APTEKER	0.35	130	D.g. SIMEONI - Jose DAMIANI	-0.54
66	Hilary DOWLING-LONG - Ann Marie HORAN	0.33	130	Eric DEBUS - Piet VANDEREET	-0.54
66	Angela DE BIASIO - Donatella GIGLIOTTI	0.33	130	Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON	-0.54
66	Paolo COMUNIAN - Claudio BIANCHINI	0.33	130	Aldo MOSCA - Antonio PASQUARELLA	-0.54
69	Michel COVENEY - Carole COVENEY	0.31	134	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	-0.56
70	Alexander F LEWIS - Anal SHAH	0.27	134	Yves AUBRY - Jean-Claude THUILLIER	-0.56
71	Alexandra BERTRAN - Paul WENS	0.25	136	Sheng Yue GUI - Xiao SHI	-0.58
71	Robert STOLINSKI - Adam HINTERTAN	0.25	137	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA	-0.60
73	Francois BOUCHER - Marc LACHAPPELLE	0.23	137	Danielle AVON - Myriam VARENNES	-0.60
73	Anna BOZZO - Livia CIGNOLINI	0.23	139	Agnes TRIOMPHE - Isabelle MAGIS	-0.65
73	Harumi SHIBANO - Yoshiyuki NAKAMURA	0.23	139	Vincent VIDALAT - Simon POULAT	-0.65
76	Rune HAUGE - Ingvar ERGA	0.17	141	Enrico GUERRA - Massimo MORITSCH	-0.67
76	Krzysztof BURAS - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	0.17	142	Gilda PENDER - Patricia KELLY	-0.69
78	Rena LORDOS - Frosso TILLYRIS	0.15	143	Luke GARDINER - Paul GOSNEY	-0.73
78	Henri SCHWEITZER - Dominique JOEGNE	0.15	143	Valerie BLOOM - Maureen HOLROYD	-0.73
78	Mckenzie MYERS - Joel DATLOFF	0.15	145	Herman DRENKELFORD - Maarten SCHOLLAARDT	-0.79
78	Henrik-Carl NOBERIUS - Arvid WIKNER	0.15	146	Andrew CRUISE - Melvin CARVALHO	-0.81
78	Nels ERICKSON - Marjorie MICHELIN	0.15	147	Maria Rosa STERZA - Roberto TOLUZZO	-0.83
83	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	0.13	148	Dora DAVERONA - Sotos CHRISTOFIDES	-0.85
84	Maciej DOBRZYNSKI - Wojciech ARCZEWSKI	0.10	149	Madlene GERSTEL - Elisabeth WAELCHLI	-0.90
85	Lutz DOHNERT - Zoraida DIEBOLD	0.08	149	Giovanni Carlo PRINCIPE - Luigi MELCHIORI	-0.90
85	Patrick NAELS - Jerome GRENTHE	0.08	149	Francesco FIORETTI - Luigi FRAZZETTO	-0.90
87	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	0.06	152	Karin WENNING - Gerda HEINRICHS	-0.92
88	Gila EMODI - David BROWER	0.02	153	Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	-0.98
88	Maurizio ROSCIANO - Leandro POLITANO	0.02	154	Vicki BENN - Gabi BENN-NISSAM	-1.00
90	Alessio CECCHI - Carlo DEGLI INNOCENTI	0.00	155	Steve SIDELL - Dan ROMM	-1.06
90	Jan Petter SVENDSEN - Erik SAELENSMINDE	0.00	156	Julie ZHU - Usha KOTHARI	-1.08
92	Marie-Claude GOUVERITH - Alain SAMY	-0.02	157	Iva CROMBERG - Susana PRADO	-1.10
93	Jeff SAPIRE - Neville EBER	-0.04	157	Cian HOLLAND - Gay KEAVENEY	-1.10
94	Christine BERNARD - Michel REBILLARD	-0.06	159	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	-1.15
94	Pierluigi IOTTI - Giancarlo GIACHETTI	-0.06	160	Stephane SANT - Christophe MARRO	-1.19
96	Per JANSSON - Niclas JOHANSSON	-0.10	161	Jean-Marc BOLOMEY - Guillaume FREJACQUES	-1.25
96	Anna MATWUJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	-0.10	162	Annette HENRY - Pamela NISBET	-1.29
98	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO	-0.15	162	Di GMUR - Carol VAN RENSBURG	-1.29
98	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Akiko MIWA	-0.15	164	Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU - Belis ATALAY	-1.40
98	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	-0.15	165	Mileva JOBIN - Ala SOBOL	-1.44
101	Jelena ALFEJEVA - Vladimir GONCA	-0.17	165	Aldo CORRADO - Vincenzo CRISPO	-1.44
102	Candice FEITELSON - Vincent DEMUY	-0.19	167	Yigal SCHNEIDER - Paul WEINSTOCK	-1.46
103	Tadashi IMAKURA - Masayuki INO	-0.21	168	Perla SLIMAK - Steve HAMAOU	-1.50
104	Patrick ALLEGRINI - Jean Michel HUC DE BAT	-0.23	169	Tos McGEE - Antoinette MCGEE	-1.52
105	Tore GUNDERSEN - John Arthur FROGE	-0.25	170	Yvonne HULETT - Val STEPHENSON	-1.58
105	Xiao HU - Jun CHEN	-0.25	171	Nadia BERTOCCHI - Elisabetta SIZZO	-1.81
107	Marios FERENTIU - Gabriel NEAMTU	-0.27	172	Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING	-1.83
107	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	-0.27	173	Francesc MURGIA - Franco TROMBETTA	-1.92
109	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	-0.29	174	Albert MUGGIA - Aldo MUGGIA	-2.13
109	Orlando PURGATORIO - Manlio TOMASSINI	-0.29	175	Sam KATZ - Martha KATZ-BENSON	-2.19
109	Silvia BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	-0.29	176	Loukia TRIANTAFYLLI - Despina KANELLOPOULOU	-2.42
112	Anil PADHYE - Rajesh DALAL	-0.31	177	Yasuko KOSAKA - Hideko TAKEUCHI	-2.63
113	Alvin FITZPATRICK - Joseph HOWARD	-0.33	178	Khawar Saeed ANSARI - Saeed Hasan ANSARI	-2.69

SENIOR PAIRS**After 2 Sessions**

Rank	Names	Total			
1	Nico KLAVER - Roald RAMER	63.82	59	Irmgard CHARLES - Darrell CHARLES	49.30
2	Robert SHEEHAN - Bill EISENBERG	60.74	60	Koeno BROUWER - Loek VERHEES SR	49.08
3	Entscho WLADOW - Reiner MARSAL	60.10	61	Tommaso NACCA - Franco BOVE	48.98
4	Hanspeter BOESIGER - Walter SPENGLER	59.57	62	Brian SHORT - John MATHESON	48.93
5	Andrzej ALEKSANDRZAK - Antoni ZDZIENICKI	59.54	63	Mirosław MILASZEWSKI - Stefan SZENBERG	48.87
6	Wlodek BUZE - Zdzisław KOWALEWSKI	58.93	64	David LIGGAT - Roy BENNETT	48.82
7	Fritz KUBAK - Alexander MILAVEC	57.93	65	Willem BOEGEM - Onno JANSSENS	48.79
8	Reese MILNER - Sam LEV	57.70	66	Salvatore LUCENO - Daniele SCHWARZ	48.74
9	Victor MARKOWICZ - Jerzy ZAREMBA	57.67	67	Lorenzo SAVELLI - Antonio VIVALDI	48.72
10	Wil BUKET - Ely SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER	57.00	68	Harry Van De PEPPEL - Koos VRIEZE	48.63
11	Nico DOREMANS - Jaap TROUWBORST	56.62	69	Jean-Claude PELLETIER - Jacqueline CASSIN	48.40
12	Marco RICCIARELLI - Franco BARONI	56.49	70	Ranan RIMON - Raimo HONKAVUORI	48.19
13	Ali YALMAN - Ergun BANKOGLU	56.26	71	Nissan RAND - Irving GORDON	47.96
14	Lea DUPONT - Benito GAROZZO	56.18	72	Wolfgang ACHTENBERG - Halit BIGAT	47.92
15	Giuseppe MASSAROLI - Amilcare POZZI	55.38	73	Ursula FLEISCHMANN - Alfred FLEISCHMANN	47.63
16	DON STACK - Tom KNIEST	55.29	74	Giuseppe MONTANARI - Gianni BALBI	47.62
17	Mario LUCCHESI - Paolo ROMANO	55.17	75	Vicky TELLIER - Michel TELLIER	47.21
18	George BILSKI - Barry NOBLE	55.13	76	Hans HUMBURG - Goran MATTSSON	47.10
19	Włodzimierz STOBIECKI - Jerzy RUSSYAN	54.90	77	Ergun KORKUT - Orhan EKINCI	46.75
20	Ulrich KRATZ - Bernhard STRATER	54.86	78	Max COPPOLANI - Claude PEYRONNIE	46.68
21	Jan ROGOWSKI - Jozef POCHRON	54.59	79	Ed SCHULTE - Diana HOLT	46.62
22	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN	54.30	80	Charna HELLER - Lalit MOHAN	46.59
23	Walter HOEGER - Stanislaus KOSIKOWSKI	54.28	81	Nicola SMITH - Kitty TELTSCHER	46.59
24	Shapour MOHTASHAMI - Jean-Michel RUNACHER	54.22	82	Beat SCHMID - Rolf WEINBERG	46.58
25	Dano De FALCO - Guido RESTA	53.50	83	Erwin OTVOSI - Marek BOREWICZ	46.44
26	Vivian PRIDAY - Tony PRIDAY	53.15	84	Mauricio COLOMBO - Gianantonio CASTIGLIONI	46.29
27	Merih TOKCAN - Faik FALAY	52.89	85	Rossana MAGLIONI - Alfredo GOLDSTAUB	46.27
28	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	52.79	86	Erik LUND - Niels Joergen TOBIASEN	46.17
29	Stanley WALTER - Christian MARI	52.58	87	Fred MONDOR - Antoine DELCOURT	46.17
30	Paolo FARINA - Ruggero FILIPPINI	52.33	88	Michael KOUMAS - Dimitris KALAVANAS	45.83
31	Lew FINKEL - John MOHAN	52.32	89	Harriette BUCKMAN - Fred BUCKMAN	45.44
32	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	52.32	90	Adalberto DALLACASAPICCOLA - Giovanni MACI	45.21
33	Patrick JOURDAIN - Michael TEDD	52.12	91	Tor BAKKE - Jan TROLLVIK	44.41
34	Victor SILVERSTONE - Bernard TELTSCHER	52.10	92	Martin HOFFMAN - Ross HARPER	44.05
35	Andras KOVACS - Istvan GERO	51.96	93	Carla SOLDATI - Giovanna FRANCESCONI	43.64
36	Andre GIGNAC - Serge CHEVALIER	51.90	94	Seamus DOWLING - John GODDEN	43.57
37	Jorg EICHHOLZER - Christian FELDERER	51.85	95	Carlo LO CASCIO - Rita MARZANO	43.40
38	Tony WATERLOW - Paul D HACKETT	51.78	96	Gordon LESSELLS - Aidan CLEARY	42.54
39	Stefan CABAJ - Włodzimierz ILNICKI	51.71	97	Jules HENDRICKX - Luc DE MESMAECKER	40.94
40	Dario TRAMONTO - Oscar FENZO	51.70	98	Sharon JABBOUR - Zeke JABBOUR	40.75
41	Ferruccio RAINIERI - Pierino DATO	51.16	99	Rosanna VITALI - Agata ALBIERO	40.35
42	Claartje BAK - Inez Van EIJCK	51.15	100	Francoise LAVERRIERE - Michel SIMBOZEL	38.62
43	Bjorn BUER - Svein Arne MUNKVOLD	51.14	101	Judith BARUGEL - Perla ROTZTAIN	37.36
44	Gail GREENBERG - Jeff HAND	51.10	102	Gladys GOLDBERG - Lidia RIZZO	36.16
45	Claude LUMBROSO - Alexandre COUPERE	51.03	103	Marta MELHEM - Donna INI	25.55
46	Bogusław DZIAR.-DZIALYNSKI - Dariusz WEGROWICZ	51.02			
47	Mario BENBASSAT - Jacques DELORME	50.92			
48	Krzysztof ANTAS - Tadeusz KACZANOWSKI	50.64			
49	David A JACKSON - Pat BARRY	50.64			
50	Werner SCHNEIDER - Robert KOCH	50.60			
51	Tony TURNAGE - John CRUICKSHANK	50.52			
52	Julian KLUKOWSKI - Aleksander JEZIORO	50.14			
53	Ezio FORNACIARI - Carlo MARIANI	50.05			
54	Christo DRUMEV - Ivan TANEV	49.89			
55	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	49.82			
56	Dr. Bomsj WADIA - Adi KALIANIWALA	49.74			
57	Henryk KOSIANKO - Kazimierz PUCZYNSKI	49.56			
58	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	49.48			

IMP Pairs Final

Starting tomorrow, competitors will be in a Final A with 72 pairs in a barometer, every pair meeting all other pairs in two-board encounters. The 50 top pairs from the IMP qualifying rounds will play with the top eight pairs from the Open Pairs semi-final round who did not qualify for the Open final and the two highest pairs from the Women's semi-final who did not qualify for the final. This will take five sessions ending Saturday.

All other pairs in the three events will enter the Final B, played in four sessions as a Mitchell ending Friday evening.

Defend This Hand With Me

by *Entrée ce Seer*

Having entered a tournament in which our hopes were relatively modest we have already exceeded expectations by reaching the quarter-finals where we find ourselves opposed by a formidable squad from the United States.

Although the match is following a predictable course there is still personal pride at stake when as North I pick up the following hand:

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K
♥ K J 5 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 6 5 4

My partner and West have nothing to say, so I can make the first positive contribution to the auction. I am out of range for INT and we play five-card majors, so I am left with an obvious One Diamond or a devious One Club. As we are on Vu-Graph I resist the temptation to do anything avant-garde. East passes and when partner responds INT West comes to life with Two Spades. In my youth the bid I choose now would have had an entirely different meaning but times have changed and my double is for take-out. Partner bids Three Diamonds and despite the state of the match I resist the temptation to bid an undisciplined 3NT. East now enters the fray with Three Spades and that brings the auction to a close.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble*	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

As I see it I have two possible opening leads, a top spade or a club. Although some innate sixth sense tells me that the latter may be the better choice I place the king of spades on the table and dummy is revealed.

♠ A K
♥ K J 5 4
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 6 5 4

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♠ Q 10
♥ Q 10 6 3
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ K J 9

Partner contributes the five of spades and declarer the two. We need four more tricks to defeat the contract, where are they to come from? If we have two diamond tricks then we will need only one trick in hearts. What if anything do I know about declarer's hand? Given the vulnerability I am inclined to place West with six spades and their poor quality probably explains the absence of a weak opening. The rest of his hand is less obvious, but a singleton diamond must be a possibility and he must have some high cards - perhaps the black aces.

I wish I had led a club, as that would have clarified the posi-

tion in that suit and made my next play easier to justify. With some trepidation I switch to the eight of diamonds. To my relief partner produces the king and switches to the nine of hearts. Declarer plays the two and I win with the king and return the five of hearts, partner following with the seven. Declarer wins with the ace and plays a spade but I win with the ace and play a third heart which partner ruffs. Declarer has the rest, but we have an all too rare plus score.

This was the full deal:

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

It occurred to me later that in situation such as this the defenders have a chance to make a signal in the trump suit. For example, if South had held the ace of hearts on this deal he could play the nine of spades to the first trick. With his actual holding he would have to play his middle card and hope six of spades was easy enough to read.

I reflect sadly that it might have been 20 years ago.

(On this deal from the Rosenblum/McConnell no declarer who played in spades was held to eight tricks.)

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet at 14.30 today in the WBF Council Meeting Room.

Table Recorders

I need three or four table recorders to follow the leading pairs in the last session of the Women's Pairs Final, starting at 1530 on Friday afternoon, and also in the last session of the Open Pairs Final, starting at 10:30 on Saturday. This is to gather information for the 2006 World Championship book.

Recorders will be sent a free copy of the 2006 World Championship book when it becomes available as a thank you/payment for their help.

If you are interested in covering either session, please see Brian Senior in the Bulletin Room.

COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

Nel nono turno di qualificazione seniores la squadra di capitano Savelli (Lorenzo Savelli/Antonio Vivaldi in aperta, Massimo Dato/Carlo Lo Cascio in chiusa e Giuseppe Gigli/Antonio Latessa in panchina) ha incrociato le carte con gli olandesi di Sisselaar. L'incontro e' stato bridgisticamente allegro e frizzante, con swing nelle due direzioni, ma i nostri hanno marciato il maggior numero di segnature, prevalendo per 21 VP a 9.

Apertura

Board 4. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in zona.

♠ A 8 2
♥ A J 6 5 4
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 4

♠ K J 6 3
♥ K
♦ A 10 6 5 3
♣ 9 5 3

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♠ 7 4
♥ 10 9 3 2
♦ Q 4
♣ A Q 7 6 2

♠ Q 10 9 5
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 7
♣ K J 10 8

Ovest

Nord

Est

Sud

Savelli

Vivaldi

1♦
Passo

1♥
2♥

ISA
Fine

Contro

L'opportunita' di aprire o meno in Ovest, primo di mano in zona, puo' anche essere oggetto di discussione. Fatto sta che, in questa sala, al primo giro hanno parlato tutti. Lorenzo Savelli e' intervenuto a cuori e, sul senza atout interlocutorio



Vivaldi, Savelli, Bocchi

di Est, Antonio Vivaldi ha contratto per informare il compagno di avere punti, senza trascurare la possibilita' di punire. Le intenzioni punitive, comunque sarebbero sicuramente state vanificate dall'automatica correzione a 2♣ di Est, contratto che, non ci crederete, ma si realizza senza difficolta' a patto di indovinare a picche (l'analista informatico ha colpito ancora). Nord, comunque, non ha permesso agli avversari la visione di questo film, chiudendo la licita con il parziale a cuori. Su attacco picche di Est, Savelli ha realizzato 9 prese, superando di una il limite assegnato dall'analista, il sempre presente Deep Finesse. All'inizio discutevamo sull'apertura di Ovest ("Verramente stavi parlando da solo e, con l'eta', ti capita sempre piu' spesso..."), questo perche' in chiusa il board e' stato velocissimo: tutti verdi, tutti passano, tanti saluti. Conoscendo sistema e stile dei nostri in aperta, comunque, questo sarebbe stato impossibile.

Chi mi ha dato il 10 di picche?

Board 6. Dich. Est. E/O in zona.

♠ K 8 4 2
♥ -
♦ A Q J 8 7 3
♣ A 9 6

♠ A 9 3
♥ K J 6 5 2
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 8 4

N
O E
S

♠ Q 7 6 5
♥ Q 10 7 4 3
♦ 6
♣ J 5 2

♠ J 10
♥ A 9 8
♦ K 10 9 2
♣ K 10 7 3

Il contratto di 6♦ e' appeso alla carta giusta da passare a picche. Prima o poi bisogna muovere il colore e sarebbe stato sicuramente meglio non avere il 10 (o il Fante) di picche. In chiusa non hanno indovinato. In aperta Vivaldi non ha mosso proprio il colore. 2 imp all'Italia. Perche' in chiusa giocavano 5♦ e in aperta 3SA con 2 prese in piu'.

Board 8. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in prima.

♠ A 8
♥ Q 7 2
♦ 10 6 5 3 2
♣ J 9 4

♠ K Q 10 9 4 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 3

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♠ J 5 2
♥ A J
♦ A Q 8
♣ A K Q 5 2

♠ 7 6
♥ K 10 9 6 5
♦ K J
♣ 10 8 7 6

Mentre in aperta gli olandesi in E/O si fermano al tranquillo contratto di manche a picche, realizzando una levee in piu', Dato/Lo Cascio spingono l'acceleratore fino a slam. Manca l'Asso d'atout, due perdenti a cuori di Ovest vanno sulle fiori, una quadri sulla fiori affrancata, deve girare l'impasse a quadri. Non va. 6♠ - 1.

Alla 9? - 400, e voi?

Board 9. Dich. Nord. E/O in zona.

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

Se vi dicessero che, sulla colonna di E/O, segnate 400 punti, a quale contratto pensereste? Considerando che state in zona ed il vostro limite e' 3♠, comincereste ad orientare il vostro guadagno sul down avversario. Vero, ma loro stanno in prima. Giusto, allora un qualcosa meno 8. Nella fattispecie, la coppia olandese in N/S nella sala chiusa e' incorsa in un incidente che l'ha portata a 5SA - 8. Tra andare e (s)venire un colpo da 20 imp a favore degli azzurri.

Manche corta... di prese

Board 10. Dich. Est. Tutti in zona.

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

Il contratto di 3SA ha avuto largo seguito in sala. Anche nella sala aperta di questo incontro l'olandese in Ovest ha chiuso direttamente a 3SA sull'apertura di ISA della compagna in Est. Poi, prima di mettere giu' le carte in qualita' di morto ("in qualita' di morto?"), si e' pentito affermando che sarebbe stato meglio interrogare. Niente di piu' vero, considerando che tra l'impegno a quadri e quello a SA ci sono ben 4 prese di differenza (12 a quadri, 8 a SA). Vivaldi, in Sud, ha attaccato piccola picche per 3SA - 1.

Last Chance Saloon

by Barry Rigal

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dble	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

This deal produced a few swings - none more significant than in Steiner-China, of course, where the 10 IMPs gained by Steiner won them the match.

But consider what happened to Nickell here in their quarter-final match against Meltzer; they misdefended 4♣ declared by East. In the other room Rodwell played 4♣ as West on the auction shown and went down after winning the trump lead, drawing a second trump and leading a heart to the ace. Helness won his ♥A and shifted to a club - curtains.

Maybe declarer can give himself a slightly better chance by winning the ♠A and, without drawing a second trump, immediately leading the ♥8 from dummy and letting it run! It would take an astute defender (which Helness is, of course) to work out declarer's devious plan. If he exits with a red suit, declarer can take the ruffing finesse to pitch dummy's third club and emerge with 10 tricks. Would North have fallen for it? We'll never know!

APPEALS AND STATISTICS

We have published many times advice to the players under the title RULES AND APPEALS

Statistics seem to show that it was understood and that players took that into account.

With so many boards played at so many tables, only 22 appeals were lodged up to yesterday evening.

19 TD decisions were upheld, moreover the deposit was kept six times for appeals having no merit.

One adjusted score was slightly changed and only two TD decisions were changed.

These figures justify entirely WBF procedure on this matter.

The Unexpected

by Brent Manley

The second set of the Rosenblum quarter-final match between the Nickell and Meltzer teams featured a somewhat unusual set considering Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell were playing – 14 boards, only five swings and only three of those of any consequence.

The net result was a 26-13 gain for the Meltzer team, trying to make it to the semi-final round of the knockout (they did).

Two of the double-digit swings went to Meltzer – on consecutive deals.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Meckstroth, South, had no chance for 10 tricks after Geir Helgemo started the defense against 4♥ with the ♦10. Meckstroth won the ♦A, cashed the ♥A and played a club to his ace. Now two more rounds of hearts put him in dummy and he played a club to the king. When the ♣Q did not drop, Meckstroth had to concede one down.

At the other table, the contract was played from the other side.

West	North	East	South
Freeman	Sontag	Nickell	Bates
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Freeman's pass as dealer would be considered conservative in some circles. The effect was to give Alan Sontag and Roger Bates a free run to the heart game. More importantly, it concealed Freeman's spade strength, which had a bearing on the player later.

Nickell led the ♦K, which went to Sontag's ace. Sontag played a club to dummy's king at trick two, then a heart to his ace, and another club to the ace. A third round of clubs put Freeman in, and he played the ♦10 to the jack and queen. The defenders were in a position to cash the setting tricks with two top spades, but Nickell played a third round of diamonds so that Freeman could ruff and prevent a discard on the good ♦9.

Sontag overruffed, pulled Nickell's two remaining trumps and discarded two of dummy's spades on good clubs. He conceded a spade trick but chalked up the vulnerable game for a 12-IMP swing to Meltzer.

There was more bad news on the next deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth
Dble	Pass	1♦	2♣
4♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Meckstroth started with the ♦K, taken by Tor Helness with the ace, Rodwell playing the 9 (reverse attitude). No doubt the contract looked secure to Helness until he played the ♠Q and saw Meckstroth discard. He thought over his next move for a time before putting the ♦10 on the table. Meckstroth won the ♦Q and could have scuttled the contract by giving Rodwell a diamond ruff, but the count was not clear to Meckstroth, and when he cashed the ♥A, Rodwell signalled encouragement. Meckstroth played the ♥J next, and Helness was able to ruff, pull trumps and cash three diamond tricks for plus 420.

The auction at the other table was exactly the same, but the opening lead was not.



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Bates started with the ♣A, playing a club to dummy's ♣Q at trick two. Nickell played a spade to his ace at trick three, continuing with his singleton heart at trick four. Sontag took dummy's queen with the king and continued with the ♦9 to the jack and queen. Bates exited with the ♣3, ruffed in dummy with the ♠10 as Sontag discarded his other diamond.

With three tricks in, Sontag took no chances when Nickell played a diamond from dummy, ruffing for the setting trick. Plus 50 was worth 10 IMPs to Meltzer.

Nickell got part of it back on this deal.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Bates' 3♦ was described as puppet Stayman. With 4-3-3-3 shape and a minimum for his INT, Sontag declined the invitation.

Nickell started with a low heart to the 2, jack and king. Sontag played the ♠Q from hand, taken by Freeman with the ace to play another heart. Sontag had to take his 11 tricks and quit.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Rodwell	Helness	Meckstroth
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Meckstroth's 2NT was puppet Stayman, 3♣ denied a five-card major, 4♣ was natural and slam-invitational, 4♦ was key card for clubs, 4♥ showed three and 5NT asked Meckstroth to pick a slam. He opted for notrump, which turned out to be a good choice.

In 6♣, for example, there were two ways to secure a 12th trick – diamond finesse or two top diamonds and a ruff. As is obvious, the finesse works but the ruffing play does not.

Helness started with a passive club. Rodwell won in hand and cashed four more clubs. Rodwell then played dummy's ♠9. Helgemo went up with the ace and returned a spade. Rodwell won the queen, and could delay the inevitable no longer. He played a diamond to the ace and a diamond to the jack, claiming when it held. That was plus 990 and 11 IMPs to Nickell, still in the lead despite losing the set.

A Dubious Preempt

Judge Roy Bean

The Law on the West side of Rio Couesnom
(Olivier Beauvillain)

With Bridgemate in use the scoring table has a live report of any strange results and as TDs we are asked to see if they are correct. During the qualifying rounds of the Pairs Championship I had to check one such entry, Three Clubs doubled by South, down eight, -2000.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West's opening bid promised spades and a minor and when North doubled for takeout East was content to play a waiting game.

Poor South!

He had to pick a three-card suit so he chose the lowest. North didn't introduce a red suit as that would have shown a strong hand and when East doubled everyone passed. (I think North should redouble as an SOS.)

Declarer, playing in a suit in which his opponents are almost cold for a slam took only one trick. Amazingly it was not a bottom, as one pair played in 3NT redoubled, down 5, -2200.

(One pair bid to Six Clubs, North leading the ace of diamonds. After that my finessing friend tells me that only a trump switch defeats the contract - but it went two down, giving the East/West pair the mirror image of this result, 2/286 matchpoints.)

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Semi-Final - Session 4

McConnell Cup

The Last Set

by Brian Senior

With 14 boards to play in the semi-finals of the McConnell Cup, NARASIMHAN (USA) led KATT-BRIDGE (Sweden) by 84-73 IMPs, while CHINA GLOBAL TIMES led the US/Russian team captained by Carlyn Steiner by 82-57. While both matches were still alive, you might have guessed that the former would have been the one to come to the more dramatic conclusion. As it happens, you would have been mistaken.

With three Wangs in the Chinese line-up, I shall refer to them by their given rather than family names.

Seven boards into the set, the position in the STEINER/CHINA match had scarcely changed at 84-60 to China, but there was plenty of action in the other match.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

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

Narasimhan v Katt-Bridge

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Rosenberg	Midskog	Stansby
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



Kathrine Bertheau, Sweden

West	North	East	South
Meyers	M. Ryman	Levin	J. Ryman
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♠	All Pass	Pass

Jill Meyers's raise to 3♦ with the West hand took a little bit of sting out of Mari Ryman's 3♠ rebid, while Debbie Rosenberg's ability to jump to 3♠ meant that her call had full value. Whether or not that was the reason, Jenny Ryman passed while JoAnna Stansby raised to 4♠. After a club lead and spade switch, eventually both declarers took the heart finesse for their tenth trick; +170 to Ryman but +620 and 10 IMPs to NARASIMHAN, up by 94-73.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

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

Narasimhan v Katt-Bridge

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Rosenberg	Midskog	Stansby
Pass	INT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Meyers	M. Ryman	Levin	J. Ryman
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Rosenberg opened a strong no trump and Stansby made her play 4♠ via a Texas transfer. Catharina Midskog cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to the jack of hearts to declarer's ace. Rosenberg cashed the ♠A then led back to the king and attempted to cash her heart winners, but Bertheau could ruff and cash her diamond and club winners for down one; -50.

Mari Ryman opened 1♥ and daughter Jenny could show her long spades then try 3NT, which Mari was happy to pass. Jill Meyers led passively, her singleton heart, which threatened declarer's communications. Jenny cashed a second heart,

pitching a club, then played the king of spades followed by a spade to the ten and jack. Meyers tried ace and another club, but that gave declarer an entry to her spade winners. She cashed those then exited with a diamond and had to come to one more trick in the endgame; +400 and 10 IMPs to KATT-BRIDGE, closing to 83-94.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Narasimhan v Katt-Bridge

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
		1♦	Pass
INT	2♦	3♦	3♥
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>M. Ryman</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Ryman</i>
		1♦	Pass
INT	2♦	2NT	3♣
3NT	4♥	All Pass	

Midskog's auction sounded a bit stronger in the partnership style than did Levin's, and Bertheau doubled the final contract, despite Rosenberg's apparent slam try. Both defences started by cashing a diamond, but declarer could win the next trick and ruff a spade to reach the South hand to play a heart up, holding their losers in the suit to two; +620 to Ryman but +790 to Stansby and 5 IMPs to NARASIMHAN, increasing the lead to 99-83.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

♠ K 4 ♥ A 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ J 3
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Narasimhan v Katt-Bridge

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>M. Ryman</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Ryman</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Mari opened INT and Jenny transferred then invited game, which kept East/West out of the auction. Jill Levin led a club. Meyers won the ace and switched to a diamond, which Mari won with the ace. She played a club and Levin took the king and switched to ace and another spade to dummy's king. Mari led a low heart which Meyers won with the king and led a second diamond through. Mari won the king and cashed the ♥Q then pitched a diamond on the queen of spades. Meyers had a trump trick to come for one down; -100.

Rosenberg opened 1♦ and Stansby bid and rebid the hearts. It was natural for Midskog to make a balancing double when 2♥ came around and equally natural for Bertheau to play for penalties. Of course, natural does not necessarily mean successful.

Bertheau led a spade to the ten and king and ducked when Stansby led a heart to the queen. Now Stansby ducked a spade, Midskog going in with the jack, and the defence played three rounds of clubs, declarer pitching the losing diamond from hand. There were just two trumps to be lost so Stansby had eight tricks for +670 and 13 IMPs to NARASIMHAN. The lead was up to 27 at 112-85, an ominous sign for KATT-BRIDGE with only eight boards to play.



JoAnna Stansby, USA

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Li Ping</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>	<i>Yu Zhang</i>	<i>Molson</i>
		2NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Wen Fei</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Hong Li</i>
		1♣	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Finally there was some action in the other match. Yu Zhang opened 2NT and played there, losing the first eight tricks as Janice Molson led out the hearts from the top, down 300.

Victoria Gromova opened with a strong club then doubled twice for take-out and finally passed Tatiana Ponomareva's 3♠ response. As it turned out, the king of clubs was all that was required to make ten tricks once the spades divided evenly, and that was +170. This was not a bad time to miss a decent game, as the Russian pair found that they had picked up 10 IMPs for +170, and STEINER closed to 70-84.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Midskog</i>	<i>Stansby</i>
			3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>M. Ryman</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>J. Ryman</i>
			3♠
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Would you raise the 3♠ opener to game with a singleton spade and borderline values? Rosenberg did and was proved correct. The hands fit well together and, though the diamond is offside, the spade position is very friendly so Stansby had no difficulty in coming to ten tricks for +620.

In the other room, Mari did not raise to game and Levin overcalled 3NT, where she played. Jenny found the excellent lead of the two of diamonds and Mari won the then switched to her spade, Levin rising with the ace. She played the king of hearts, looking approvingly at the fall of the jack, then the ♥10, ducked. Now Levin switched her attention to clubs, leading low to the queen and king. Mari led back the jack of diamonds and now Levin played three rounds of clubs. Maro won the ♣10, cashed the ace of hearts, and led a diamond. Jenny had the remainder for down three; -300 but 8 IMPs to NARASIMHAN. The deficit was up to 30 and the Swedes were running out of time.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Steiner v China Global Times

West	North	East	South
Li Ping	Sokolow	Yu Zhang	Molson
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Wen Fei	Gromova	Hong Li
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Li Ping Wang opened 2NT and played the no trump game after Yu Zhang had transferred then offered a choice of games. Tobi Sokolow led a low spade to the king, after which declarer had no hope of success. She ducked, won the second spade and led a low diamond, Sokolow rising with the ace to play queen and another spade; down one for -50.

Ponomareva opened with a strong club then showed each of her suits in turn, and Gromova gave preference by passing 3♣. Ponomareva won the spade lead and played on diamonds, Wen Fei Wang winning the second round and cashing the queen of spades then exiting safely with a diamond. Declarer cashed the top clubs and just had to lose a heart at the end; +130 and 5 IMPs to STEINER, getting close at 75-84.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Narasimhan v Katt-Bridge

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Rosenberg	Midskog	Stansby
Meyers	M. Ryman	Levin	J. Ryman
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Both Wests opened INT and played there. Rosenberg led the seven of diamonds to Stansby's ten, overtook the ♦J return and played the ♦K to the ace, Stansby returning the ♦5 for Rosenberg to cash out the suit. Declarer's heart discards from both hands suggested that Stansby, who had thrown a discouraging ♠3, would have the king of hearts, so Rosenberg underled the heart and the defence took their two tricks in the suit for one down; -100.

Mari also led a diamond, the two. Jenny won the ace and returned the jack, which held the trick, Mari following with the seven. Now Jenny tried a spade switch and Meyers grabbed

her eight winners for +120 and 6 IMPs to NARASIMHAN; 127-90.

Steiner v China Global Times

West	North	East	South
Li Ping	Sokolow	Yu Zhang	Molson
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Wen Fei	Gromova	Hong Li
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Molson opened light in third seat and Sokolow showed a constructive raise over the take-out double. Molson signed off in 3♦ and, for reasons only she can know, Yu Zhang jumped to 4♥ when 3♥ looks to be plenty. There were four top losers so that was -100.

Ponomareva was left to open INT in fourth seat and played there. Wen Fei led the queen of diamonds for an attitude signal and continued with the king then seven. Hong Li Wang cashed the ace of diamonds then, having seen declarer pitch a spade, switched to that suit - seven tricks for +90 and 5 IMPs to STEINER; 80-84.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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West	North	East	South
Li Ping	Sokolow	Yu Zhang	Molson
		1♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♦	2♥
3♦	4♥	Dble	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Wen Fei	Gromova	Hong Li
		1♣(i)	Pass
1♦(ii)	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♥	3NT	4♥
5♦	5♥	All Pass	

(i) Strong
(ii) 0-7

Both East/West pairs competed up to the five level. Molson/Sokolow took the money, which came to +500 after a normal and successful spade play by Ponomareva, while Wen Fei took the push to 5♥. With a strong club opening on her left, she had no problem in getting the spades right, of course, so that was +650 and 4 badly needed IMPs to CHINA, stretching the lead to 88-80.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Narasimhan v Katt-Bridge

West <i>Bertheau</i>	North <i>Rosenberg</i>	East <i>Midskog</i>	South <i>Stansby</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	2♦

West <i>Meyers</i>	North <i>M. Ryman</i>	East <i>Levin</i>	South <i>J. Ryman</i>
Pass	INT	All Pass	1♠

Mari's INT response was semi-forcing, making it a matter of routine for Jenny to pass, while Rosenberg's was forcing. Over the 2♦ rebid, Rosenberg completed the picture of her hand as a three-card limit raise, hoping that the diamond fit would compensate for the missing trump, and Stansby passed quickly.



Jill Meyers, USA

Levin led a club a against INT, the king forcing the ace. Mari knocked out the ace of diamonds and Levin tried a low club to her nine. Having cashed the diamonds and stacked eight tricks in front of her, Mari could afford to take the spade finesse to collect four overtricks, Levin having pitched one on the run of the diamonds; +210.

Bertheau led the ten of hearts against 3♠ but Midskog won and quickly switched to a club for the king and ace. Stansby played the king of spades then a spade to the jack and cashed the ace. When there proved to be a trump loser, she had to go one down for -50 and 6 IMPs to KATT-BRIDGE.

It was too little too late for the Swedes, bringing the score up to 97-127, which proved to be the final score.

Meanwhile, STEINER picked up 1 IMP for 2♠ plus one against INT plus one. They trailed by 7 IMPs going into the final deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Steiner v China Global Times

West <i>Li Ping</i>	North <i>Sokolow</i>	East <i>Yu Zhang</i>	South <i>Molson</i>
1♠	Dble	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West <i>Ponomareva</i>	North <i>Wen Fei</i>	East <i>Gromova</i>	South <i>Hong Li</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2NT	3♦	4♠	All Pass

Li Ping opened the West hand, an aggressive action, and declared the spade game. Sokolow led a trump so Li Ping won and drew a second round, ending in dummy to lead a heart to the king and ace. Sokolow found the killing switch to the queen of clubs, and the defenders took three club tricks for down one; -50, the 'normal' result.

Ponomareva did not open and Gromova became declarer in the same contract. Hong Li led the two of diamonds to the king and ace and Gromova drew trumps and led a heart up. The return of a club honour would have defeated the contract and won the match, but Wen Fei played a diamond and Gromova won the queen, crossed to dummy and took a club discard on the queen of hearts; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to STEINER.

The US/Russian team had scored a last gasp winner, coming out on top by 91-88, and would meet the all-American NARASIMHAN team in the final.

Final - Session I

McConnell Cup

Fast Out of the Gate

by Brent Manley

The opening set of the McConnell final match between the Narasimhan and Steiner was very much a good new-bad news affair. It was very good news for Narasimhan and just the opposite for Steiner.

It was the latter team that drew first blood, however – on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
	2♥	Pass	4♠

All Pass

Tobi Sokolow's 2♥ showed a limited hand with the majors, so Janice Seamon-Molson wasted no time getting to the spade game.



Steiner – Narasimhan on VuGraph

JoAnna Stansby could have scuttled the contract with a trump lead or a low diamond, but she started with a low club. Seamon-Molson ruffed in dummy, played a heart to the ace, ruffed another club and played the ♥Q just to see what would happen, ruffing when Debbie Rosenberg followed low. Then came another club ruff, the ♦A, a heart ruff and the last club ruff. That was eight tricks in and Seamon-Molson still had the top two trumps. Plus 420.

West	North	East	South
Steiner	Meyers	Letizia	Levin
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
All Pass	2♣	Dble	2♠

The INT was mini (10-12) and Jill Meyers' 2♣ showed majors. Jill Levin did not try for game, and it was just as well because Carlyn Steiner started with a trump, limiting declarer to nine tricks. Plus 140 but 7 IMPs to Steiner.

Narasimhan got it back and then some on the next deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 6 2 ♥ A 10 8 7 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ 9 5</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>♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A Q 10 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J ♥ K J 9 5 ♦ K J 9 8 4 ♣ K 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

After the Stayman auction revealed majors in both her opponents' hands, Sokolow started with the ♣9, which went to the 10, jack and king. Stansby cashed the ♣8 and continued with the ♠Q, ducked, then the ♠J, also ducked. Now stuck in her hand, Stansby tried the ♥K, ducked all around. When Stansby continued with the ♥J, Sokolow won the ace, picking up her partner's queen in the process. A spade from Sokolow revived the dead dummy. After Stansby won the ♠A, she cashed the ♣A and ♣Q, giving Sokolow serious discard problems (she pitched the ♦7 and the ♥8). Reading the cards accurately, Stansby threw Sokolow in with a heart to the 10. Sokolow could cash the ♠K but had to play away from the ♦A Q at the end, providing declarer with her ninth trick and plus 400.

The same contract was played from the other side in the closed room.

West	North	East	South
Steiner	Meyers	Letizia	Levin
		INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Marinesa Letizia started with INT (10-12), so she played it on the lead of a low club. She won in hand with the 10 and played a diamond to dummy's 8, Meyers playing low. Meyers played low on the ♠J and the ♠Q, so Letizia played the ♥J to South's queen. A club stuck declarer in dummy (she could not afford to overtake). There was just too much playing away from honors for Letizia, who could not avoid losing five tricks. That swung 10 IMPs to Narasimhan.

Not much happened on the next few boards, but there was some action on number 7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
			1♣
INT	Dble	All Pass	

Sokolow started with the ♠J, taken by Stansby with the queen. She fired back a spade at trick two, ducked by Sokolow, and the ♠9 won in dummy. Now the ♦Q was covered by the king and ace. Stansby played the ♦J, then continued with the ♥Q from hand. Sokolow won the ♥K and played a club to Seamon-Molson's king. The heart switch went to the 10 and jack. Sokolow then played the ♠A and got out with her heart, but Stansby had seven tricks via two spades, three diamonds and two hearts for plus 180.

The auction started the same at the other table, but Meyers did not double.

West	North	East	South
Steiner	Meyers	Letizia	Levin
			1♣
INT	All Pass		

Meyers also started with the ♠J, won by Steiner with the queen, but she did not play a second spade right away. Instead, she played the ♦J from hand. Jill Levin won the ♦K and played a heart. Steiner inserted the 10, losing to the jack, and Meyers attacked Steiner's dummy entry by playing a diamond.

Steiner won the ♦Q in dummy and took another heart finesse. Meyers won and cashed the ♠A, exiting safely with her last heart. Steiner could cash two more red tricks but had to lead away from the ♣Q in the end for minus 100. That was 7 IMPs to Narasimhan, now ahead 22-8.

Rosenberg and Stansby put on a dazzling defensive show on the following deal to earn 11 IMPs for their side.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
	1♣	Dble	1♦
1♠	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Rosenberg started with the ♥K, and Stansby contributed the queen to make sure her partner knew a switch was indicated, and it didn't take Rosenberg long to figure out what to do. The ♦A was followed by the ♦9 (suit preference), ruffed. A spade to the king allowed another diamond ruff, then a spade to the ace completed the rout for plus 800 to Narasimhan.



Steiner – Narasimhan on VuGraph

West	North	East	South
Steiner	Meyers	Letizia	Levin
	1♣	Dble	1♦
1♠	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Letizia started with the ♠K, switching to the ♥K when Steiner played the ♠2. On the ♥K, Steiner simply played a low heart. Letizia still could have salvaged plus 500 by switching to the ♦A, but she continued with the ♥A – and that was that. Meyers ruffed, pulled trumps and gave up two more tricks, to the ♦A and a high spade, for minus 300.

Narasimhan's lead had grown to 33-8.

The final swing of the first set occurred on the next-to-last deal.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Sokolow	Rosenberg	Seamon-Molson
		1♥	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

Seamon-Molson started with the ♦A, and from there – at least from a double-dummy viewpoint – her best chance was to hope Rosenberg misguessed in spades. At trick two, however, Seamon-Molson switched to a low spade and Rosenberg had an easy plus 420.

West	North	East	South
Steiner	Meyers	Letizia	Levin
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

Letizia's 1♣ was strong, artificial and forcing.

Against the heart game, Levin started with a low spade, giving Letizia no chance for 10 tricks when Meyers won the ♠A and returned the suit. Plus 50 for Narasimhan was another 10 IMPs, the capper to a 50-8 opening set.

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Trump Reduction and Endplay

On this deal from the fourth qualifying session of the Open Pairs, when Paul Hackett invited game, England's Tony Waterlow accepted the invitation - he could have held a flat 11-count with only four spades - after which Hackett drove to the small slam. There was some work to do in the play, however.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Hackett		Waterlow
		Pass	1♠
2♠(i)	3♥(ii)	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

(i) Hearts and a minor

(ii) Constructive spade raise

West led the king of diamonds, ruffed in dummy, and Waterlow played ace and king of hearts, throwing a club from hand, then ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, came back to the ace of clubs, and ruffed the last diamond. He continued by ruffing a heart, crossing to the ace of spades, and ruffing the last heart. Having reduced his trump holding to king-jack doubleton, Waterlow exited with the club loser and the defence had to lead into the trump tenace at trick twelve to assure the slam.

Not surprisingly, bidding and making 6♠ was worth a lot of matchpoints to Hackett and Waterlow.

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100,000th Board Played Yesterday.

by Herman De Wael

There had been 94,336 boards played until Monday evening, so the 22nd board at table P2 would be the 100,000th board. It was board 4 of the fifth session of the Women's Pairs.

Brian had promised not to publish any more stories about his wife, so Nevena had to sneak into the Daily Bulletin in some other way.

They produced the shortest auction possible:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 10 8 3 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K 8 5	♠ J 9 4 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ K 10 3 ♣ Q 9 6 4	♠ 7 6 5 2 ♥ Q 4 3 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A J 7	♠ K Q ♥ K 10 7 ♦ Q J 8 4 2 ♣ 10 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Ford</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Arami</i>
	INT	All Pass	

Jeanine Ford then proceeded to make seven tricks. The opening club lead went to declarer's king, followed by the ♠A and a spade to South's queen. Now the ♦Q was ducked, and a second diamond to the ace collected the king. A third spade went to North's jack and the ♦10 was returned to South, who cashed two more diamonds (West discarding losing hearts). A club to dummy gave declarer seven tricks.

Perhaps there are uninteresting deals after all.

World Computer-Bridge Championship

Seven "robot" teams are competing in the 10th World Computer-Bridge Championship in Verona. The standings after the 28-board round-robin:

Jack (Netherlands)	139
Micro Bridge (Japan)	119
Wbridge 5 (France)	117
Q-Plus (Germany)	114
Bridge Baron (USA)	97
Blue Chip Bridge (UK)	81
Shark Bridge (Denmark)	67

The top four qualified for the semi-final, played on Tuesday.

Carefully Does It

by Mark Horton

On this deal from the Round of 16 in the McConnell a grand slam was available to the East/West pairs, but I wonder how many of them explored the situation as thoughtfully as Germany's Daniela von Arnim.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K J ♥ A K 7 ♦ A Q 7 6 4 ♣ A 8 5	♠ 9 2 ♥ 8 6 5 4 ♦ J 2 ♣ Q 10 7 6 3	♠ A Q 6 5 ♥ Q J 10 9 3 ♦ K 10 5 3 ♣ —	♠ 10 8 7 4 3 ♥ 2 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K J 9 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>von Arnim</i>		<i>Auken</i>	
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣*	Pass
7♣	Pass	7♥	All Pass

1NT Relay
 2NT Relay
 3♣ 11+ in principle

When Sabine Auken jumped to Five Clubs, it was clear she was void in that suit and hence likely to be 4-5-4-0.

Looking deeply into the position, West resisted the temptation to simply jump to Seven Hearts. If partner's hand was, for example, ♠AQ65 ♥109863 ♦KJ105 ♣— she would surely have bid the same way, and now it would be essential to play the grand slam in diamonds.

By jumping to Seven Clubs West gave East the chance to choose the final denomination.

Lest you think it was easy to bid a grand slam on this deal I will add that it was missed 50% of the time in the McConnell.



A Megane, one of the cars provided by Renault, a tournament sponsor

Precision Bidding and Play!

by Barry Rigal

Kathie Wei-Sender has returned to top-level bidding and play with the same enthusiasm that she had when she retired three years ago. Partnering Linda Green she was close to the top of the lady's pairs qualifying, but as she admitted, sometimes she needed a little help from the Fates.

Take the following deal, for example, where Linda had the North cards, and the auction as shown nearly took place -you'll see why the 'nearly' is appropriate in a moment..

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	???		

At this point Linda paused for reflection on the bizarre turn that the auction had taken and realized that her second call was actually 2♦ not 2♣. Though she took some convincing, all the other three players at the table seemed in no doubt that she had made a 'finger-fehler' so she passed 6♦ and then to add insult to injury realized she had to play the hand too. On a spade lead she won in hand and led a heart to East's ♥A. she won the trump return in dummy, played ♠K and ruffed a spade, establishing the spades, then advanced the ♥J, covered all round. Now a trump to the ♦Q let her pitch dummy's club loser on the ♥10 and that was 12 tricks -thank you very much and 70 out of 70! Note that 6♦ by South needs to guess clubs at trick one if that suit is led, while it is unbreakable if declared by North...where's the justice?

The Ethical Solution

Mark Horton

In a World Championship you will encounter ethical behaviour of the highest standards. Polish superstar Piotr Gawrys reported this outstanding example from the quarter-finals of the Rosenblum.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Lev	Bertheau	Gawrys
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

When North opened with a multi South's jump to Four Clubs asked North for his suit and Four Diamond showed hearts.

West led the eight of spades and after some thought – long enough to disclose the position of the ace of spades – East played low and declarer won in hand.

Doing his best to lay a smoke screen, he played the ten of hearts to the king and cashed the ace. Now he played a diamond and East pounced on it with the ace.

East now cashed the ace of clubs and when West encouraged he played a second round of the suit, handing declarer his game. (It was a flat board, as in the other room North was declarer and East did not lead a spade.)

Why did West encourage clubs?

Because he knew his partner had the ace of spades only because of the time taken at trick one!

I have no hesitation in nominating Sweden's Fredrik Nystrom for an IPBA award for outstanding sportsmanship.

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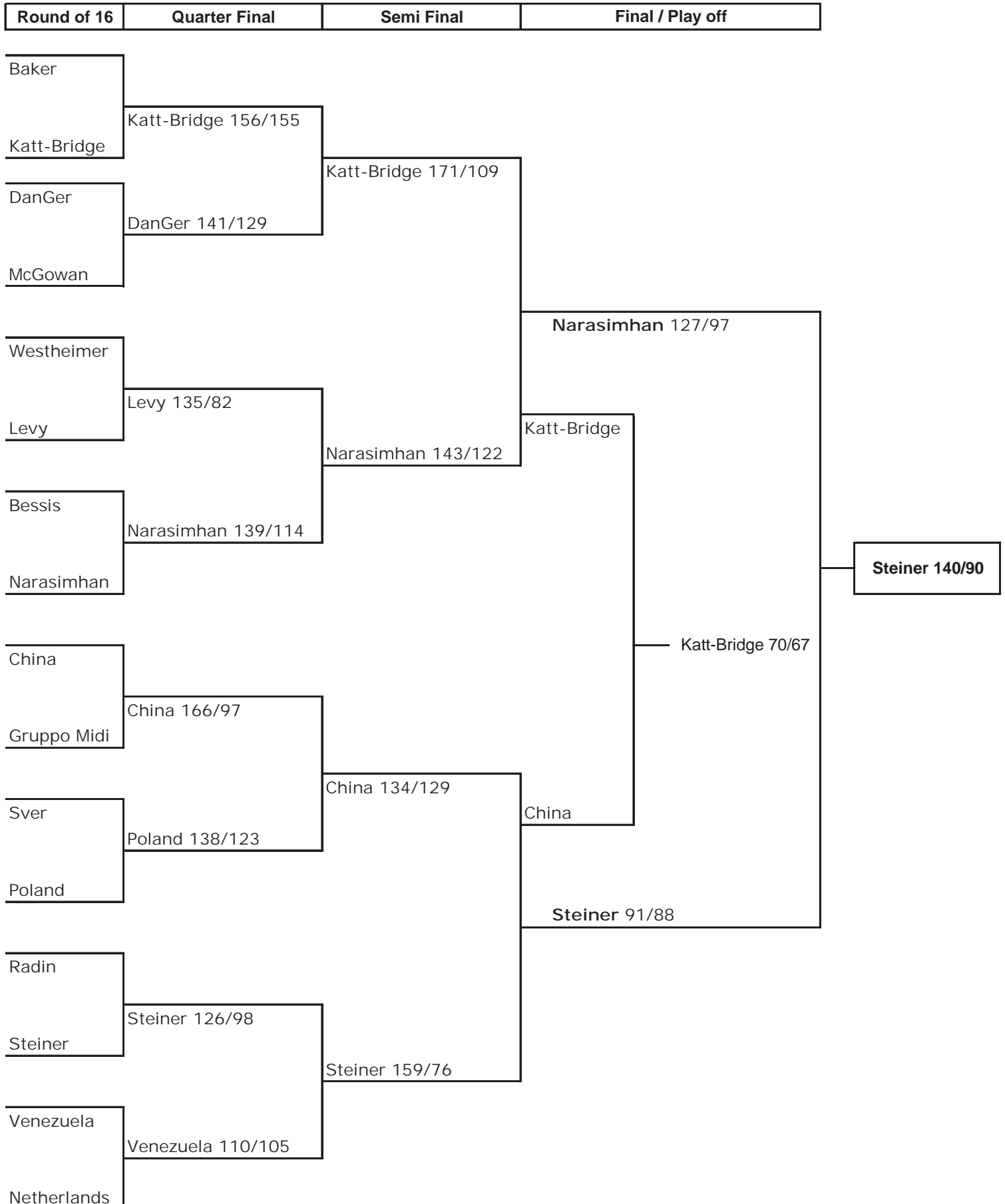
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The Rosenblum Cup Bracket

Round of 64	Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarter Final	Semi Final	Final / Play off
Nickell Texans	Nickell 115/88				
Jokish Romania	Romania 133/105	Nickell 164/80			
Russia Robinson	Russia 160/83	Gartaganis 126/111	Nickell 148/99		
Bessis Gartaganis	Gartaganis 118/100			Meltzer 109/86	
Meltzer Altshuler	Meltzer 138/64				
Cornell Izisel	Izisel 127/67	Meltzer 110/94	Meltzer 143/123		
Ekeblad Borekovic	Ekeblad 161/102	Ekeblad 128/120			
Gwinner Nadar	Nadar 112/72				Meltzer 171/83
Weland Strul	Weland 132/91.5				
Herbst Canada	Herbst 141/94	Weland 142/104			
Zimmerman Morath	Morath 81/59	Allfrey 172/89	Weland 133/105		
Allfrey Szilagy	Allfrey 100/70			Weland 144/118	
Gillis Gordon	Gordon 123/122				
Soulet de Botton	Soulet 138/116	Soulet 126/115	Soulet 123/54		
Jacobs Bridge +	Bridge+ 122/113	Belgium 1 122/74			
Assemi Belgium 1	Belgium 1 146/80				
Lavazza Pont	Lavazza 120/42				
Hecht-Johansen Grenthe	Hecht Johansen 125/122	Hecht Johansen 146/31			
Lynch Agener	Lynch 143/57	Yadlin 122/112	Yadlin 120/112		
Yadlin Allana	Yadlin 102/78.5				
China Teltscher	China 126/107				
Akgul Clair	Clair 116/88	China 137/75	China 183/127	Yadlin 148/131	
Milner Tananbaum	Milner 128/115	Milner 133/97			Henner 113/107
Chang Berg	Berg 137/125				
Chagas 11 diamond	Chagas 173/110				
Iceland Vasilev	Iceland 187/60	Chagas 133/120			
Henner Bareket	Henner 130/100	Henner 123/87	Henner 124/114.5		
Tornay Villa Fabriche	Villa Fabriche 101/81			Henner 146/101	
Orange Cope	Orange 128/77	Mahaffey 115/113			
Mullanphy Mahaffey	Mahaffey 103/87		Mahaffey 111/103		
Pharmacy Service Popova	T Pharm.Serv. 139/120	Schwartz 162/91			
Parioli	Schwartz 124/92				

The McConnell Cup Bracket



Women's and Open Pairs Finals

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Fu – Zhao
Kalish – Podgur
Levin – Weinstein
Martel – Stansby
Meckstroth – Johnson
Ozdil – Ginossar
Rodwell – Simson
Dai – Yang
Shi – Zhuang
Yadlin – Yadlin
Cohler – Lair

TEAM ROSTERS

Team Name	Countries	1st Name	2nd Name	3rd Name	4th Name	5th Name	6th Name
Rosenblum Cup							
Welland R	SWE-USA	Fallenius B	Levin B	Martel C	Stansby L	Weinstein S	Welland R
Henner	SWE-USA	Bertheau P	Fredin P	Henner-Welland C	Jacobus M	Lindkvist M	Nystrom F
Yadlin	ISR-TUR	Ginossar E	Kalish A	Ozdil M	Podgur L	Yadlin D	Yadlin I
Meltzer	USA-NOR	Bates R	Helgemo G	Helness T	Larsen K	Meltzer R	Sontag A
McConnell Cup							
Narasimhan	USA	Levin J	Levitina I	Meyers J	Narasimhan H	Rosenberg D	Stansby J
Steiner	RUS-USA	Gromova V	Letizia M	Ponomareva T	Seamon-Molson J	Sokolow T	Steiner C
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China Global Times	CHN	Ling G	Wang H	Wang L	Wang W	Zhang Y	Zhang Y



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	15.00-20.00	O/W Qualifying
Thursday 13	15.00-20.00	O/W Final
Friday 14	11.00-14.30	Open Teams Registration
	15.00-20.00	Teams Qualifying

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	15.00-19.00	Teams Final
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