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# INTO THE HOME STRETCH



Journalists at work in the Press Room

Only one day of qualifying is left in the Open, Women's and Seniors competitions, and many teams remain in contention for qualifying spots. Only a few appear to be locks for the knockout phases of the respective events.

The Open and Women's series have three matches to play, the Seniors two. Italy, the defenders in the Open, have a substantial lead in Group A and seem bound for qualification. In the Women's series, defending champion Russia is just barely in qualifying position so must have a strong showing on the final day to assure themselves of a chance to repeat.

The German women continued a remarkable run with two more scores of 25 victory points yesterday, running their streak of VP maximums to seven straight matches.

**NOTE:** There will be no Daily Bulletin on Friday.



## Friday's Schedule

- 11.00 Senior Teams Round 14
- 11.00 Open - Women Teams, Round 15
- 14.20 Senior Teams, Round 15
- 14.20 Open - Women Teams, Round 16
- 17.10 Open - Women Teams, Round 17



## OPEN TEAMS



## FRIDAY'S PROGRAM



## ROUND 15

## GROUP A

1 Finland	Canada
2 Japan	Trinidad & Tobago
3 Pakistan	Albania
4 France	Italy
5 Bye	Ireland
6 Estonia	Denmark
7 South Africa	Romania
8 Kenya	Brazil
9 Slovakia	China Macau

## GROUP B

1 Mexico	India
2 Netherlands	Portugal
3 Sweden	Argentina
4 San Marino	China Hong Kong
5 French Polynesia	Israel
6 Austria	Latvia
7 China	Jamaica
8 Hungary	Scotland
9 Russia	Korea

## GROUP C

1 Bulgaria	Bangladesh
2 Chile	New Zealand
3 Singapore	Morocco
4 Bosnia	Belgium
5 Bermuda	Spain
6 Norway	Iceland
7 Poland	Chinese Taipei
8 Georgia	Guadeloupe
9 Egypt	Ukraine

## GROUP D

1 Greece	Switzerland
2 Reunion	Venezuela
3 England	Belarus
4 Turkey	Germany
5 Botswana	Serbia
6 Thailand	Indonesia
7 Jordan	Lithuania
8 USA	Lebanon
9 Philippines	Australia

## ROUND 16

## GROUP A

1 Estonia	Kenya
2 Brazil	South Africa
3 Romania	Slovakia
4 China Macau	Bye
5 Ireland	France
6 Italy	Pakistan
7 Denmark	Canada
8 Trinidad & Tobago	Finland
9 Albania	Japan

## GROUP B

1 Austria	Hungary
2 Scotland	China
3 Jamaica	Russia
4 Korea	French Polynesia
5 Israel	San Marino
6 China Hong Kong	Sweden
7 Latvia	India
8 Portugal	Mexico
9 Argentina	Netherlands

## GROUP C

1 Norway	Georgia
2 Guadeloupe	Poland
3 Chinese Taipei	Egypt
4 Ukraine	Bermuda
5 Spain	Bosnia
6 Belgium	Singapore
7 Iceland	Bangladesh
8 New Zealand	Bulgaria
9 Morocco	Chile

## GROUP D

1 Thailand	USA
2 Lebanon	Jordan
3 Lithuania	Philippines
4 Australia	Botswana
5 Serbia	Turkey
6 Germany	England
7 Indonesia	Switzerland
8 Venezuela	Greece
9 Belarus	Reunion

## ROUND 17

## GROUP A

1 Canada	Trinidad & Tobago
2 Finland	Albania
3 Japan	Italy
4 Pakistan	Ireland
5 France	China Macau
6 Bye	Romania
7 Slovakia	Brazil
8 Kenya	Denmark
9 South Africa	Estonia

## GROUP B

1 India	Portugal
2 Mexico	Argentina
3 Netherlands	China Hong Kong
4 Sweden	Israel
5 San Marino	Korea
6 French Polynesia	Jamaica
7 Russia	Scotland
8 Hungary	Latvia
9 China	Austria

## GROUP C

1 Bangladesh	New Zealand
2 Bulgaria	Morocco
3 Chile	Belgium
4 Singapore	Spain
5 Bosnia	Ukraine
6 Bermuda	Chinese Taipei
7 Egypt	Guadeloupe
8 Georgia	Iceland
9 Poland	Norway

## GROUP D

1 Switzerland	Venezuela
2 Greece	Belarus
3 Reunion	Germany
4 England	Serbia
5 Turkey	Australia
6 Botswana	Lithuania
7 Philippines	Lebanon
8 USA	Indonesia
9 Jordan	Thailand

## World Transnational Mixed Teams



The registration desk for the Transnational Mixed Teams is by the Line Up Desk on the 4th floor at the CNCC. The opening hours will be:

11.00 – 13.00 hours 14.20 – 16.00 hours 17.10 – 19.00 hours

From today through Sunday, players seeking partners and/or teammates may put their names on the lists at the desk, leaving contact details (hotel and room number or cell phone) so that they can be contacted by others wishing to play.

If you already have a complete team, please register their names at the Line Up Desk – we need to have a paper with :

- the team name
- the players' names (first name – last name)
- country

Please print everything in block capitals.

Please register your team as soon as possible so that we can have some idea of the number of teams. Teams will be accepted as long as we have sufficient space.

## WOMEN TEAMS



# FRIDAY'S PROGRAM



### ROUND 15

#### GROUP E

1 India	Italy
2 Japan	Palestine
3 Thailand	Poland
4 England	USA
5 Guadeloupe	Brazil
6 Egypt	Portugal
7 Trinidad	Norway
8 China Hong Kong	Reunion
9 Belarus	Lithuania

#### GROUP F

1 China	Denmark
2 Australia	France
3 Serbia	Finland
4 Philippines	Canada
5 Kenya	Russia
6 Estonia	Scotland
7 Spain	Bermuda
8 Venezuela	Indonesia
9 Argentina	Jordan

#### GROUP G

1 Hungary	Ireland
2 Pakistan	Barbados
3 Turkey	Netherlands
4 Latvia	Korea
5 South Africa	Greece
6 Morocco	Mexico
7 Sweden	Germany
8 Singapore	Jamaica
9 New Zealand	Chinese Taipei

### ROUND 16

#### GROUP E

1 Egypt	China Hong Kong
2 Reunion	Trinidad
3 Norway	Belarus
4 Lithuania	Guadeloupe
5 Brazil	England
6 USA	Thailand
7 Portugal	Italy
8 Palestine	India
9 Poland	Japan

#### GROUP F

1 Estonia	Venezuela
2 Indonesia	Spain
3 Bermuda	Argentina
4 Jordan	Kenya
5 Russia	Philippines
6 Canada	Serbia
7 Scotland	Denmark
8 France	China
9 Finland	Australia

#### GROUP G

1 Morocco	Singapore
2 Jamaica	Sweden
3 Germany	New Zealand
4 Chinese Taipei	South Africa
5 Greece	Latvia
6 Korea	Turkey
7 Mexico	Ireland
8 Barbados	Hungary
9 Netherlands	Pakistan

### ROUND 17

#### GROUP E

1 Italy	Palestine
2 India	Poland
3 Japan	USA
4 Thailand	Brazil
5 England	Lithuania
6 Guadeloupe	Norway
7 Belarus	Reunion
8 China Hong Kong	Portugal
9 Trinidad	Egypt

#### GROUP F

1 Denmark	France
2 China	Finland
3 Australia	Canada
4 Serbia	Russia
5 Philippines	Jordan
6 Kenya	Bermuda
7 Argentina	Indonesia
8 Venezuela	Scotland
9 Spain	Estonia

#### GROUP G

1 Ireland	Barbados
2 Hungary	Netherlands
3 Pakistan	Korea
4 Turkey	Greece
5 Latvia	Chinese Taipei
6 South Africa	Germany
7 New Zealand	Jamaica
8 Singapore	Mexico
9 Sweden	Morocco

## WBF Meeting of Congress

Thursday 09 October 2008 – 10.30 am



The WBF Meeting of Congress will be held on Thursday 09 October at 10.30 am in the Auditorium (Vu-Graph Theatre) at the Beijing Intercontinental Beichen Hotel.

The meeting will be followed by a cocktail hosted by the President of the WBF to which all delegates are invited.

## WORLD INDIVIDUAL MASTERS

October 9 / 10.30 Session 2

October 9 / 10.30 Session 3

## Photo Correction

The photo of the Turkish player on page 19 of Daily Bulletin No. 5 was of Suleyman Kolata, not Ismail Kandemir. Players should note that in many cases, photo identifications are made from the lineup cards.



# SENIOR TEAMS



## FRIDAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND 14

#### GROUP K

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 USA         | Chinese Taipei  |
| 2 Wales       | Kenya           |
| 3 Sweden      | Hungary         |
| 4 Japan       | France          |
| 5 Brazil      | England         |
| 6 New Zealand | South Africa    |
| 7 Denmark     | Pakistan        |
| 8 Estonia     | China Hong Kong |

#### GROUP L

- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| 1 Thailand    | Belgium   |
| 2 Netherlands | Finland   |
| 3 Italy       | Canada    |
| 4 Indonesia   | Ireland   |
| 5 Germany     | Australia |
| 6 Egypt       | Poland    |
| 7 China       | India     |
| 8 Guadeloupe  | Reunion   |

### ROUND 15

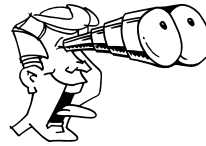
#### GROUP K

- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 South Africa    | Denmark     |
| 2 Pakistan        | Estonia     |
| 3 China Hong Kong | Brazil      |
| 4 England         | Japan       |
| 5 France          | Sweden      |
| 6 Hungary         | Wales       |
| 7 Chinese Taipei  | New Zealand |
| 8 Kenya           | USA         |

#### GROUP L

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1 Poland    | China       |
| 2 India     | Guadeloupe  |
| 3 Reunion   | Germany     |
| 4 Australia | Indonesia   |
| 5 Ireland   | Italy       |
| 6 Canada    | Netherlands |
| 7 Belgium   | Egypt       |
| 8 Finland   | Thailand    |

## Championship Diary



There is plenty of TV coverage of the World Mind Sports Games, and on Tuesday night CCTV5 featured extensive coverage of Chess, Go, Draughts and Chinese Chess. There was also a long interview with the women's World Chess Champion, Alexandra Kosteniuk, already the winner of a Gold medal in Beijing.

In a spare moment I posed this question: What should you do as a player if you go into the playing area and notice that one of your opponents has a mobile phone in her handbag?

These were some of the suggestions:

'Ring her.'

'Politely point it out to her.'

'Point it out to a Director.'

'Point it out to her...as a Director is passing.'

Talking of mobile phones, England's Peter Czerniewski, on hearing this story, produced his new Apple iPod phone, pointing out that he had not yet worked out how to turn it off. Like many modern phones, it has a large screen, and when he showed it to Germany's Pony Nehmert she remarked, 'How useful, you can use it as a mirror!'

There are six bridge events – as far as we can see only three countries are represented in all of them – USA, Netherlands and Poland.

Just when you think you must know every rule and maxim in the game, you discover a new one – such as US expert Bart Bramley's Rule – 'If you lead bad, you should bid.'

Everyone will be looking for souvenirs to take home from Beijing. How about something specific to these Mind Sports Games? You will find them on sale on the 2nd floor of the BICC Building.



The modest prices are:

- |                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Key holder               | RMB 30.00 |
| First Day Cover & Stamps | RMB 25.00 |
| Pin                      | RMB 15.00 |

## Today's Coverage



### ROUND 15 - 11.00

- |                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| France - Italy (O)         | VG       |
| Netherlands - Portugal (O) | BBO      |
| Turkey - Germany (O)       | BBO      |
| China - Denmark (W)        | BBO      |
| USA - Lebanon (O)          | OurGames |
| Sweden - Germany (W)       | OurGames |

### ROUND 16 - 14.20

- |                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Germany - England (O)            | VG       |
| Brazil - South Africa (O)        | BBO      |
| New Zealand - Bulgaria (O)       | BBO      |
| France - Sweden (S - 15th Round) | BBO      |
| Chinese Taipei - Egypt (O)       | OurGames |
| France - China (W)               | OurGames |

### ROUND 17 - 14.20

- |                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| To be Decided                     | VG       |
| To be Decided                     | BBO      |
| To be Decided                     | BBO      |
| To be Decided                     | BBO      |
| China - Austria (O)               | OurGames |
| Netherlands - China Hong Kong (O) | OurGames |

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP A

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Japan Finland	17 - 52	7 - 23
2	Pakistan Canada	36 - 60	9 - 21
3	France Trinidad and Tobago	69 - 6	25 - 2
4	Brazil Denmark	43 - 23	20 - 10
5	Slovakia Italy	16 - 99	0 - 25
6	South Africa Ireland	11 - 22	13 - 17
7	Kenya China Macau	30 - 34	14 - 16
8	Estonia Romania	54 - 14	24 - 6
9	BYE Albania	0 - 0	0 - 18

## GROUP C

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Chile Bulgaria	19 - 85	1 - 25
2	Singapore Bangladesh	53 - 76	10 - 20
3	Bosnia & Herzegovina New Zealand	5 - 69	2 - 25
4	Guadeloupe Iceland	24 - 36	12 - 18
5	Egypt Belgium	45 - 46	15 - 15
6	Poland Spain	42 - 19	20 - 10
7	Georgia Ukraine	65 - 42	20 - 10
8	Norway Chinese Taipei	57 - 15	25 - 5
9	Bermuda Morocco	66 - 74	13 - 17

## GROUP A

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Brazil Estonia	69 - 21	25 - 4
2	Romania Kenya	91 - 0	25 - 0
3	China Macau South Africa	34 - 33	15 - 15
4	Ireland Slovakia	39 - 30	17 - 13
5	Denmark Finland	32 - 22	17 - 13
6	Albania France	10 - 85	0 - 25
7	Trinidad and Tobago Pakistan	20 - 91	1 - 25
8	Canada Japan	64 - 3	25 - 2
9	Italy BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

## GROUP C

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Guadeloupe Norway	54 - 46	17 - 13
2	Chinese Taipei Georgia	35 - 53	11 - 19
3	Ukraine Poland	69 - 45	21 - 9
4	Spain Egypt	67 - 10	25 - 3
5	Iceland Bulgaria	19 - 63	5 - 25
6	Morocco Bosnia and Herzegovina	26 - 54	8 - 22
7	New Zealand Singapore	52 - 34	19 - 11
8	Bangladesh Chile	26 - 40	12 - 18
9	Belgium Bermuda	64 - 21	25 - 5

## GROUP B

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands Mexico	70 - 28	25 - 5
2	Sweden India	60 - 39	20 - 10
3	San Marino Portugal	51 - 45	16 - 14
4	Scotland Latvia	15 - 53	6 - 24
5	Russia China Hong Kong	60 - 28	23 - 7
6	China Israel	22 - 30	13 - 17
7	Hungary Korea	63 - 31	23 - 7
8	Austria Jamaica	58 - 53	16 - 14
9	French Polynesia Argentina	25 - 45	10 - 20

## GROUP D

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Reunion Greece	29 - 88	2 - 25
2	England Switzerland	57 - 34	20 - 10
3	Turkey Venezuela	93 - 21	25 - 0
4	Lebanon Indonesia	27 - 61	7 - 23
5	Philippines Germany	23 - 61	6 - 24
6	Jordan Serbia	42 - 58	11 - 19
7	USA Australia	32 - 39	14 - 16
8	Thailand Lithuania	41 - 49	13 - 17
9	Botswana Belarus	55 - 27	22 - 8

## GROUP B

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Scotland Austria	29 - 22	16 - 14
2	Jamaica Hungary	23 - 48	9 - 21
3	Korea China	25 - 68	5 - 25
4	Israel Russia	51 - 7	25 - 5
5	Latvia Mexico	45 - 38	16 - 14
6	Argentina San Marino	49 - 36	18 - 12
7	Portugal Sweden	56 - 52	16 - 14
8	India Netherlands	36 - 36	15 - 15
9	China Hong Kong French Polynesia	53 - 12	24 - 6

## GROUP D

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Lebanon Thailand	31 - 56	9 - 21
2	Lithuania USA	27 - 41	12 - 18
3	Australia Jordan	12 - 39	9 - 21
4	Serbia Philippines	66 - 18	25 - 4
5	Indonesia Greece	20 - 56	7 - 23
6	Belarus Turkey	32 - 54	10 - 20
7	Venezuela England	22 - 55	7 - 23
8	Switzerland Reunion	54 - 18	23 - 7
9	Germany Botswana	75 - 11	25 - 2

ROUND 13

ROUND 14

## CALLING IBPA MEMBERS!



IBPA is 50 years old! A celebration dinner has been arranged for Saturday, 11th October at 8.45pm. in the Churrascos Grill, which is in the lobby of the Crown Plaza Hotel. "Spouses" are welcome. The subsidised cost is 200RMB payable in advanced to Jan Swaan or Maureen Dennison. The price covers

meat and seafood grill, a salad and desert buffet and includes beer and soft drinks, taxes and service. Please register before 2.10pm on Saturday.

## Programme correction

In the World Youth Teams Championship history in the programme of the 2008 championships, the silver medal team is correctly noted as Latvia, but the list of players is in error. The second-place team from 2006 was Jutijs Balasous, Janis Bethers, Peteris Bethers, Adrians Imsa and Martins Lounes, with Aivar Tihane as non-playing captain.

## Thanks from Scotland



Queen Margaret University  
EDINBURGH

The Scottish women's bridge team would like to thank Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh for its support ([www.qmu.ac.uk](http://www.qmu.ac.uk)).

## WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP E - ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Japan India	51 - 34	19 - 11
2	Thailand Italy	18 - 86	1 - 25
3	England Palestine	95 - 19	25 - 0
4	Reunion Portugal	30 - 76	5 - 25
5	Belarus USA	21 - 41	10 - 20
6	Trinidad and Tobago Brazil	37 - 45	13 - 17
7	China Hong Kong Lithuania	50 - 33	19 - 11
8	Egypt Norway	50 - 51	15 - 15
9	Guadeloupe Poland	13 - 46	7 - 23

## GROUP F - ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Australia China	48 - 41	16 - 14
2	Serbia Denmark	28 - 55	9 - 21
3	Philippines France	36 - 57	10 - 20
4	Indonesia Scotland	19 - 73	3 - 25
5	Argentina Canada	37 - 60	10 - 20
6	Spain Russia	17 - 91	0 - 25
7	Venezuela Jordan	92 - 35	25 - 3
8	Estonia Bermuda	59 - 27	23 - 7
9	Kenya Finland	23 - 64	6 - 24

## GROUP G - ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Pakistan Hungary	23 - 76	3 - 25
2	Turkey Ireland	88 - 29	25 - 2
3	Latvia Barbados	41 - 49	13 - 17
4	Jamaica Mexico	45 - 51	14 - 16
5	New Zealand Korea	53 - 18	23 - 7
6	Sweden Greece	51 - 21	22 - 8
7	Singapore Chinese Taipei	49 - 52	14 - 16
8	Morocco Germany	17 - 92	0 - 25
9	South Africa Netherlands	26 - 29	14 - 16

## GROUP E - ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Reunion Egypt	42 - 34	17 - 13
2	Norway China Hong Kong	42 - 56	12 - 18
3	Lithuania Trinidad and Tobago	13 - 49	7 - 23
4	Brazil Belarus	37 - 28	17 - 13
5	Portugal India	56 - 28	22 - 8
6	Poland England	40 - 51	13 - 17
7	Palestine Thailand	21 - 24	14 - 16
8	Italy Japan	29 - 44	12 - 18
9	USA Guadeloupe	84 - 12	25 - 0

## GROUP F - ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Indonesia Estonia	85 - 18	25 - 1
2	Bermuda Venezuela	34 - 63	8 - 22
3	Jordan Spain	11 - 54	5 - 25
4	Russia Argentina	30 - 30	15 - 15
5	Scotland China	42 - 24	19 - 11
6	Finland Philippines	40 - 36	16 - 14
7	France Serbia	65 - 14	25 - 4
8	Denmark Australia	29 - 44	12 - 18
9	Canada Kenya	75 - 14	25 - 2

## GROUP G - ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Jamaica Morocco	44 - 66	10 - 20
2	Germany Singapore	69 - 19	25 - 4
3	Chinese Taipei Sweden	53 - 16	24 - 6
4	Greece New Zealand	35 - 39	14 - 16
5	Mexico Hungary	88 - 16	25 - 0
6	Netherlands Latvia	67 - 3	25 - 2
7	Barbados Turkey	52 - 54	15 - 15
8	Ireland Pakistan	37 - 35	15 - 15
9	Korea South Africa	36 - 48	12 - 18

## SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP K - ROUND 12

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Wales USA	19 - 85	1 - 25
2	Sweden Chinese Taipei	54 - 83	8 - 22
3	Japan Kenya	82 - 34	25 - 4
4	New Zealand Pakistan	19 - 66	4 - 25
5	Estonia France	8 - 59	4 - 25
6	Denmark England	36 - 70	7 - 23
7	South Africa China Hong Kong	71 - 42	22 - 8
8	Brazil Hungary	57 - 59	15 - 15



## GROUP L - ROUND 12

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Netherlands Thailand	57 - 32	21 - 9
2	Italy Belgium	19 - 49	8 - 22
3	Indonesia Finland	58 - 32	21 - 9
4	Egypt India	48 - 43	16 - 14
5	Guadeloupe Ireland	11 - 80	1 - 25
6	China Australia	39 - 40	15 - 15
7	Poland Reunion	52 - 31	20 - 10
8	Germany Canada	31 - 18	18 - 12

## GROUP K - ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Pakistan South Africa	62 - 30	23 - 7
2	China Hong Kong Denmark	38 - 35	16 - 14
3	England Estonia	52 - 46	16 - 14
4	France Brazil	38 - 22	19 - 11
5	USA New Zealand	32 - 38	14 - 16
6	Kenya Sweden	31 - 80	4 - 25
7	Chinese Taipei Wales	62 - 15	25 - 4
8	Hungary Japan	32 - 39	14 - 16



## GROUP L - ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	India Poland	27 - 76	4 - 25
2	Reunion China	23 - 59	7 - 23
3	Australia Guadeloupe	55 - 17	24 - 6
4	Ireland Germany	39 - 10	22 - 8
5	Thailand Egypt	35 - 76	6 - 24
6	Finland Italy	44 - 69	9 - 21
7	Belgium Netherlands	17 - 50	7 - 23
8	Canada Indonesia	16 - 30	12 - 18

## OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 14 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Italy	290.00	1 Israel	291.00	1 Norway	276.50	1 Germany	298.00
2 Estonia	248.00	2 Netherlands	264.00	2 Poland	276.00	2 USA	275.00
3 Denmark	242.50	3 China	257.00	3 Bulgaria	248.00	3 England	268.00
4 Canada	241.50	4 Hungary	256.00	4 Spain	238.00	4 Turkey	267.00
France	241.50	5 India	247.00	5 New Zealand	236.00	5 Indonesia	258.00
6 Brazil	237.00	6 Portugal	232.50	6 Guadeloupe	234.00	6 Greece	225.00
7 Romania	233.50	7 Austria	229.00	7 Belgium	226.00	7 Thailand	220.00
8 South Africa	232.00	8 Sweden	226.00	8 Ukraine	217.75	8 Lebanon	214.00
9 Ireland	231.00	9 Argentina	225.00	9 Chinese Taipei	209.00	9 Belarus	208.00
10 Finland	224.00	10 Russia	218.00	10 Iceland	200.50	10 Jordan	206.00
11 Pakistan	189.00	11 Latvia	214.00	11 Egypt	198.00	11 Serbia	198.00
12 Japan	182.00	12 China Hong Kong	197.00	12 Bangladesh	196.00	12 Australia	193.50
13 China Macau	179.00	13 San Marino	195.00	13 Bosnia & Herzegovina	195.50	13 Switzerland	188.00
14 Slovakia	176.00	14 Scotland	179.00	14 Georgia	190.00	14 Philippines	172.00
15 Trinidad & Tobago	144.00	15 Mexico	135.00	15 Bermuda	161.50	15 Reunion	155.00
16 Kenya	137.00	16 Jamaica	132.00	16 Chile	160.00	16 Lithuania	141.00
17 Albania	113.50	17 French Polynesia	131.50	17 Singapore	146.00	17 Botswana	133.50
		18 Korea	97.00	18 Morocco	112.75	18 Venezuela	103.10

## WOMEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 14 ROUNDS

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G	
1 England	296.00	1 China	268.50	1 Germany	312.00
2 USA	281.00	2 Finland	261.00	2 Netherlands	264.00
3 Italy	246.00	3 France	260.00	3 Turkey	235.00
4 Poland	243.00	4 Denmark	252.00	4 Sweden	233.00
5 Japan	242.00	5 Russia	248.00	5 Hungary	228.50
6 Brazil	230.00	5 Spain	248.00	6 Morocco	221.00
7 Norway	218.00	7 Scotland	241.00	South Africa	221.00
8 China Hong Kong	217.00	8 Venezuela	228.00	8 Singapore	216.00
9 Belarus	207.25	9 Canada	227.00	9 Mexico	214.00
10 Egypt	196.00	10 Australia	226.00	10 Chinese Taipei	209.00
11 Portugal	194.00	11 Indonesia	219.50	11 New Zealand	195.00
12 India	189.50	12 Philippines	211.00	12 Greece	191.00
13 Lithuania	179.00	13 Estonia	175.00	13 Ireland	190.00
Trinidad & Tobago	179.00	14 Serbia	166.00	14 Barbados	185.00
15 Reunion	158.50	15 Argentina	150.00	15 Korea	172.00
16 Palestine	154.00	16 Jordan	143.00	16 Latvia	165.00
16 Guadeloupe	154.00	17 Bermuda	107.00	17 Pakistan	163.00
18 Thailand	145.00	18 Kenya	67.00	18 Jamaica	108.50

## SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 13 ROUNDS

GROUP K				GROUP L			
1 USA	263.00	Sweden	185.00	1 Indonesia	262.00	9 India	185.00
2 Japan	251.00	10 South Africa	182.00	2 Australia	260.00	10 Italy	184.00
3 England	221.00	11 Estonia	178.00	3 Poland	234.50	11 Ireland	178.50
France	221.00	12 New Zealand	177.00	4 Canada	228.00	12 Belgium	176.50
5 Chinese Taipei	218.50	13 Denmark	174.50	5 Egypt	224.00	13 Finland	154.50
6 Pakistan	208.50	14 Brazil	163.00	6 Germany	201.00	14 Guadeloupe	145.00
7 Hungary	201.00	15 Wales	148.50	7 Netherlands	195.00	15 Thailand	123.00
8 China Hong Kong	185.00	16 Kenya	111.00	8 China	192.50	16 Reunion	121.00



# SENIOR TEAMS R11

# South Africa v France

## David & Goliath

by Mark Horton

France, with 106,087 registered members, the largest of all the European countries, took on South Africa – which, although geographically approximately twice the size, has only 3,762 members.

Not much chance of a swing there you might have thought....

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 7 6 ♥ 3 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ K 6 2	<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     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ Q 10 5 4 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A J 9
N					
W     E					
S					
♠ Q ♥ A K J 7 ♦ A K 9 4 2 ♣ 7 5 4	♠ A K 3 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ Q 10 8 3				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasserre</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Rouquillard</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South cashed the king of spades and switched to a club. Declarer won with the ace and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing with the ten of hearts. When the suit divided he drew trumps and claimed ten tricks, +420.



Serge Rouquillard, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Naran</i>	<i>Perez</i>	<i>Buratovich</i>	<i>Mejane</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♥	All Pass	Dble	Pass

When West could only summon up a modest Two Hearts, East had no reason to advance. The same ten tricks gave France 6 easily earned IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 3 ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 7 6 5 3	<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     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ 10 5 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ A 8 7 4 ♣ A Q J 2
N					
W     E					
S					
♠ A Q 9 7 2 ♥ A J ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ K 4	♠ K J 6 4 ♥ Q 8 7 4 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ 10 9				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasserre</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Rouquillard</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won in hand and played the ten of spades, covered by the king and ace. He unblocked the king of clubs, played the jack of diamonds, overtaking with the ace, cashed his club winners and played a spade to the nine. When that held he cashed the queen of spades and exited with a spade. South could win and cash two diamonds, but declarer had the rest, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Naran</i>	<i>Perez</i>	<i>Buratovich</i>	<i>Mejane</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣*
4♠	All Pass	2NT	Pass



Is it possible there was some misunderstanding as to the meaning of 2NT?

North led the three of clubs and declarer won with the king and played a club to dummy. The right play now must be to set about the trump suit, but declarer tried to cash a third club. When South ruffed declarer discarded the jack of hearts. South exited with a heart and declarer won and was reduced to the forlorn hope of cashing the ace of spades followed by a low spade. When that brought no joy, the contract was two down, -200 adding 11 IMPs to the French total.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A K Q 5 2 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ K ♣ A K 8 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 6 3 ♥ J 10 7 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ Q J 9</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S         </div>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ K 5 ♦ A J 9 8 2 ♣ 10 7 5 4 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Reynolds	Rouquillaud	Bernstein
			Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The conservative French auction that started with a semi-forcing Two Clubs and a Two Diamond relay resulted in a contract that scored +660. In their defence it is not an easy hand unless someone takes a view and bids clubs at some point – perhaps East should go on with Four Clubs?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Naran	Perez	Buratovich	Mejane
			Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

A huge wheel came off in this room when East passed Five Diamonds.

South led the six of clubs and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the king of diamonds, came to hand with the king of hearts, and fatally cashed the ace of diamonds. A third di-

among went to South's queen and declarer took the heart exit with the ace and tried the king of clubs. South ruffed and played a spade. Declarer had to lose a club at the end for one down, -100, another 13 IMPs for France.

After coming to hand with a heart declarer can get home by abandoning trumps. After cashing three rounds of spades, declarer plays ace of hearts and then ruffs a heart. With eight tricks in the bag he exits with a club and cannot be prevented from scoring three more tricks.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 7 ♥ A Q 8 5 ♦ K Q 10 7 6 5 3 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ A 9 8 6 3 ♥ J 10 ♦ 9 ♣ A K Q 6 4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S         </div>	<p>♠ Q J 10 4 ♥ 9 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Reynolds	Rouquillaud	Bernstein
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	3NT	All Pass

I have no idea why East passed over One Spade – if he was hoping to lay a trap he succeeded, but only to the extent of trapping himself.

South led the two of spades and North won and started on the clubs. That led to a rapid four down, -400.



Guy Lasserre, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Naran	Perez	Buratovich	Mejane
1♦	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Four Spades will only be one down, so West did well to go on to Five Hearts, which made easily enough when the hearts behaved kindly. +650 gave South Africa 14 badly needed IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Reynolds	Rouquillard	Bernstein
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		



Paul Reynolds, South Africa

After the game forcing opening and ace denying response Four Clubs was natural. The singleton jack of clubs resolved declarer's only problem, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Naran	Perez	Buratovich	Mejane
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It seems East, who implied at least some values by not making a negative response of Two Hearts, had no way of introducing his club suit.

North led the six of diamonds, so declarer was held to eleven tricks, +460 for a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lasserre	Reynolds	Rouquillard	Bernstein
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	4♠	5♣	5♠
All Pass			

This look like one of those deals that appears in a 'You be the jury' article. +710 did not look promising.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Naran	Perez	Buratovich	Mejane
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Five Diamonds, which is what South should have bid over Five Clubs in the other room, saw North/South quickly reach the lay down grand slam – a fine effort which was worth 17 IMPs.

There was no joy for David this time, as Goliath had scored a decisive victory, 65-17 IMPs, 25-4 VP.

**WOMEN TEAMS R10**

**Egypt v USA**

by Phillip Alder

The American team is one of the favorites for the women's event. Round 10 saw the clash against an Egyptian team that was doing worse than expected.

I went into the Open Room to watch Janice Seamon-Molson and Tobi Sokolow take on Marguerite Homsy and Maud Khouri, a new lineup in an attempt to turn their luck around. If I had known, I would have watched at the other table, where Mildred Breed and Marinesa Letizia played against Nessrine Hamdy and Sophie Sarwat, because their Internet service failed, so none of the play was broadcast.

There were a few interesting deals and an auction that has surely never happened before. (See page 6)

After four boards, Egypt led by 3 IMPs to 0. On Board 21, poor declarer play by an Egyptian gave the United States 13 IMPs. Then came ...

Board 22. Dealer East. East-West vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 4 ♥ J 10 7 6 4 ♦ K 9 ♣ 5 4 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ A K 6 5 3 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A 8 7 3 2 ♣ 8</p>	<p>♠ J 7 ♥ A K Q 3 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ A Q J 6</p>
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West <i>Homsy</i>	North <i>Seamon-Molson</i>	East <i>Khouri</i>	South <i>Sokolow</i>
		1♠	Pass
INT	Dble	2♦	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West <i>Breed</i>	North <i>Sarwat</i>	East <i>Letizia</i>	South <i>Hamdy</i>
		1♠	Pass
INT	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The idea of using the forcing INT response with a weak three-card major-suit raise works particularly well in an uncompetitive auction. But if the opponents intervene, stopping you from supporting partner's major, especially spades, it might prove expensive. Here, note that four spades is down only one (not that anyone would bid that over three notrump given the adverse vulnerability).

The swing came because Sokolow gambled a three-club advance. She did not expect three notrump to make, but it

was unbeatable. The defenders started with three rounds of diamonds, and Seamon-Molson took her nine tricks: three hearts, one diamond and five clubs.

At the other table, North had no idea her partner had any values. Is this another position for a lebensohl-style continuation, three clubs promising some values, and two notrump being bid when South is destitute? Even worse, three clubs had five losers: two spades, two diamonds and a diamond ruff.

Plus 400 and plus 50 gave the United States 10 IMPs. If you were East-West, where would you like to play here?

Board 23. Dealer South. Both vul.

<p>♠ A K Q J 10 ♥ K 10 9 8 ♦ Q ♣ A J 6</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                 N W     E S             </div>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ K J 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ 9 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 3 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 5 4</p>
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West <i>Homsy</i>	North <i>Seamon-Molson</i>	East <i>Khouri</i>	South <i>Sokolow</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	INT <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass
2NT <sup>(b)</sup>	Pass	3♦ <sup>(c)</sup>	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Forcing.

(b) Artificial game-force, any shape except 5+-5+.

(c) Natural, but denying four hearts (she would have rebid three clubs).

West <i>Breed</i>	North <i>Sarwat</i>	East <i>Letizia</i>	South <i>Hamdy</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	INT <sup>(a)</sup>	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(a) Forcing.

Three notrump made easily when Sokolow led a low heart and Seamon-Molson played her jack. Maud won with the queen, drove out the heart ace and had nine tricks: five spades, three hearts and one club.

Four hearts was much more difficult. South took the diamond lead and shifted to the club queen. Declarer won with her ace and cashed two top spades, discarding







## Denmark v Pakistan

Before we start; how about a gentle lead problem?

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

West opens what transpires to be a strong club, and shows five spades and four hearts, while East shows long diamonds and scattered values. West settles for 3NT and you lead a pedestrian fourth highest club (not the way to get your name in the newspaper I know!) to the queen and six. Back comes the club two, to the jack and king. What now?

The Danes took on Pakistan in the first match of the third day and roared into overdrive. With the best of the luck and the benefit of some less-than-perfect plays from their opponents put up a maximum against Pakistan.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

This deal was played in 3NT at more than half the tables, but is actually more than playable in slam for N/S. consider the contract of 6♣ by North. On a passive lead such as a club declarer can draw two rounds of trump and play to ruff diamonds in dummy; or he can hope to ditch his spade loser on the hearts, or even to take two finesses in diamonds – an unlikely line but the winning one.

So what lead is best for the defence? Surely a heart lead – (which was the unbid suit at many tables and therefore the most common lead). Declarer will surely go down unless gifted with second sight. Worst for the defence was a diamond lead – now declarer would draw trumps and repeat the diamond finesse to make easily enough. Equally unsuccessful was a spade lead – just look at those beautiful spade spots in N/S! This was the lead found by the Eng-

lish East against Indonesia. Declarer could draw trumps and play a second spade; if East plays the queen declarer will use his next entry to dummy to advance the spade ten and pin the nine. If East ducks the second spade his queen will ruff out on the third round.

Pakistan declared 6♣ and did not find their way home; Denmark bid 1♣ – 1♥ – 2♦ – 3NT, a rustic approach that might have bought South a dummy with five spade losers and 6♣ cold, but all was well today.

Curiously, Deep Finesse informs us that slam can still be made even after a heart lead if declarer simply draws three rounds of trumps. West must pitch two hearts; (a spade or diamond would allow that suit to be ruffed out). Declarer leads a heart to dummy, a diamond to the queen and king, and then exits with ace and another spade.

In this ending as the spade seven hits the table, the defenders are powerless.

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



Soren Christiansen, Denmark

If East makes the natural play of winning the ♠Q and returning the suit, declarer ruffs and crosses to the ♣9! He sacrifices a trump trick in exchange for being able to repeat the diamond finesse, and in the process squeezes West in spades and diamonds. Even more painful is if East plays the ♠9; West must win the trick and either return a diamond to allow the finesse, or play back a spade, isolating the spade menace against himself so that he can get squeezed later on!

The next deal saw more of the same.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 10 8 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 9 5 4 3 ♣ J 8 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>W</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ Q J 6 5 ♥ A J 8 2 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ 10 6
♠ 9 3 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ A K J 10 6 ♣ 9 5 2		
	♠ K 7 ♥ K Q 9 7 4 ♦ Q ♣ A K Q 7 3	

The Danes stayed comfortably low again in 2♥ when South elected to show hearts and clubs without significant extra values after North responded INT to 1♥. Denmark recorded a painless 170. the Pakistanis declared 5♣ on repeated diamond leads.

Best seems to be to ruff this low, lead a spade to the ♠A, a heart to the ♥K, and then give up a heart. East will continue the forcing game but you plan to play a complete cross-ruff with heart ruffs in dummy. If West ruffs in on one or both of the next two heart plays you have a spade and trump entry back to hand to let you draw trumps and take the established heart at trick 13. Again the declarer missed his way and went down in 5♣, so that was 7 IMPs to Denmark instead of 10 the other way.

Both tables reached 3NT here, and again the Danes gave the Pakistani declarer a hard time.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 8 3 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>W</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ 2 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ K J 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ 9 3
♠ A K Q J 10 ♥ K 10 9 8 ♦ Q ♣ A J 6		
	♠ 9 7 6 5 4 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ Q 2	

Christiansen declared 3NT from East and South had no reason to lead a club; his choice of a heart allowed declarer to wrap up ten tricks in a heart beat. By contrast, Naqi played 3NT as West after a two-way 1♣ had seen him show spades and hearts and dummy had shown his diamonds. Declarer won the first club trick to play on diamonds, overtaking the queen with the king. South ducked so declarer tried a heart to the ten and jack...down four!

By contrast had declarer ducked the first trick and put in the jack on the second trick – as per our opening problem, then North would have had to shift to a diamond to set the game. On, for example, a third club, declarer wins and runs the spades then overtakes the ♦Q with the ♦K to leave South with the unenviable choice when he wins of getting out with one red suit or the other to dummy's winners.

## Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ A K 9 8
♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 8 5
♣ 9 5

N


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W


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S

♠ J 10 7
♥ A Q J 10 8 2
♦ A 7
♣ K 10

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

\* Asks for a club control

West leads a trump against your excellent slam in hearts. You take this with dummy's king of trumps and draw a second round of trumps, to which both opponents follow. What is the plan that gives you the best chance of making twelve tricks when neither opponent has a singleton or void?

For the Solution see page 20.

## WBF

### Women's Committee

The WBF Women's Committee will meet in the WBF Meeting Room on Friday, 10th October at 9:30 a.m.

## And somewhere hearts are light

by Ron Klinger ([www.ronklingerbridge.com](http://www.ronklingerbridge.com))

In Open Round 11 both sides played in hearts in Australia v Lebanon on this deal:

Board 1. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ A J 10 7 4 ♥ A K Q 4 ♦ K 10 ♣ J 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ 5 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ J 7 4 2 ♣ 10 8 7 4 3	♠ Q 9 6 3 ♥ — ♦ A Q 9 8 6 ♣ A Q 9 2
N						
W      E						
S						
♠ K 8 2 ♥ 9 8 7 6 3 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ K 6						

West <i>Brightling</i>	North	East <i>Thomson</i>	South
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

After West led a spade, declarer had no trouble wrapping up 12 tricks for +680.

At the other table:

West <i>Gill</i>	North	East <i>Richman</i>	South
1♥*	All Pass		Pass

1♥ 4+ spades, 9-14 points

North began with the ace of hearts and West showed out. North drew dummy's trumps, but then switched to the king of diamonds. Declarer won, played a low diamond to the jack and took the club finesse for four tricks. That was -300 but +9 Imps.

To solve the defensive problem, perhaps South needs to play the nine of hearts on the second round of trumps (SPS for spades) and the lowest remaining heart on the queen. Now North can shift to a low spade to the king. The return of the eight of spades goes to the nine and ten. North returns to South with the four of hearts, overtaken, and the spade two picks up West's remaining spades. South pitches two clubs on the fourth and fifth spade, receives a club ruff and then leads a diamond. That gives the defence twelve tricks and +600, not quite enough to flatten the board.

## A ruff in time makes nine

by Irena Chodorowska



The match between Poland and Bulgaria in Round 8 of the Open series featured a sparkling defence by the Krzystofs – Martens and Jassem.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A Q J 10 7 2 ♥ — ♦ A 4 ♣ 10 7 4 3 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ 8 6 3 ♥ K J 10 9 6 2 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ 6	♠ K ♥ 8 7 ♦ 10 9 8 7 2 ♣ A K J 8 5
N						
W      E						
S						
♠ 9 5 4 ♥ A Q 5 4 3 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ Q 9						

West <i>Jassem</i>	North	East <i>Martens</i>	South
2NT*	Dble	3♦	1♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

\* Minors, at least five-five.

Four Spades was defeated because East was able to score a minor-suit ruff – but it took a long time for it to materialise.

Martens led his singleton club, nine from the dummy to the jack and declarer's two. Now Jassem, knowing that his partner had at most two clubs (he chose to bid diamonds and not clubs) and that declarer's hand was full of clubs, played a low diamond. Declarer had to duck (he had no quick entry to dummy to discard a losing diamond on the ace of hearts) and Martens won with the king and played a diamond back. Declarer won with the ace and had no other option but to play a club. Martens discarded his remaining diamond and Jassem won with the king and played another diamond. Declarer ruffed with the ten of spades and played a club again, East ruffing with the spade six and declarer overruffing with the nine. Declarer ruffed a heart, Martens discarding a heart. Now he played a club, but Martens collected the setting trick with his eight of spades.

# Honours even!

by Maureen Dennison

Round 10 in the Seniors matched top of the table leaders USA and Japan. This finished in an 'honourable' draw but this hand gave amusement on the South/West side of the screen.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West <i>Ino</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Abe</i>	South <i>Eisenberg</i>
Redbl	1♥	1♣	Dble
1♠	All Pass!	Pass	Pass

While awaiting the lead, Eisenberg asked, "Was one spade forcing?"

"Yes!" was the reply. Maybe Ino was glad he was not in game because the defence was perfect. A diamond ducked to the queen and a heart return. Declarer rose with the ace and cashed clubs, hoping to discard ♥J. South ruffed low and was over-ruffed. West exited with the doomed ♥J to North's king for the play of a second diamond to the ace. Declarer played a trump to the queen and cashed the ace, but South scored his ♠K and a second diamond to hold declarer to nine tricks. In the replay 4♠ was bid and made.

Ino made up for it with this.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ino</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Abe</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

North led a spade to the king and declarer called for a low club. South, of course, followed low without a flicker and Ino was at the crossroads. He flirted with ♣7 but eventually rose with the king and saw to his delight the jack fall from North.

The final result was 17-15 IMP in favour of USA.

## I'd rather be lucky than awake

In her teams round-10 match versus Egypt, Mildred Breed picked up

♠ Q	♥ 9 8	♦ Q J 6 3	♣ A K 8 7 6 3
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and heard her partner, Marinesa Letizia, pass as dealer. The next player passed, and so did Breed, wary of her poor holdings in the major suits. It didn't seem to matter when Breed's left-hand opponent opened 1♥, but now Letizia doubled for takeout. When Breed's RHO bid 1♠, she expressed her values with a bid of 3♣. Two passes followed, and RHO kept the bidding open with 3♥. Breed was right there with 4♣ – and she heard her passed-hand partner raise her to game in that suit.

All came clear when dummy went down. It seems Letizia had mis-sorted her hand and passed with a fine 14. The full deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

The 2-2 club split helped Breed bring home the minor-suit game for an odd push.



# OPEN TEAMS R11

# USA v Germany

## The leaders clash

by Brent Manley

Germany and the USA in the Open series have been occupying the top two spots in their qualifying group for much of the tournament, so there was considerable interest in their round-11 match.

The Americans struck first.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 9 7 2 ♥ A J ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ K 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 8 3 ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 7 6 5 3	♠ 10 5 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ A 8 7 4 ♣ A Q J 2
N							
W							
E							
S							
	♠ K J 6 4 ♥ Q 8 7 4 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ 10 9						

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Piekarek	Meckstroth	Smirnov
	1♦	Pass	
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Alexander Smirnov led the ♥4. Declarer, Jeff Meckstroth, put in the jack, losing to the king. A heart back cleared the



Bob Hamman, USA

suit. At trick three, Meckstroth entered his hand with a club to the queen, then put the ♠10 on the table, letting it ride when South did not cover. A second spade went to the 9 and Meckstroth was home with three spades, one heart, four clubs and a diamond. Plus 400.

The auction was identical at the other table, as was the opening lead. Chris Compton won the ♥K at trick one and cleared the suit. Declarer, Michael Elinescu, played the ♣K and a club to the ace, followed by the ♠10. Bob Hamman covered with the king, however. Declarer took the ♠A and rode the ♦J to Hamman's king. The defenders cashed two more hearts, ending in the South hand, and Hamman got out with a low spade. Elinescu could have succeeded by inserting the 9, but he went up with the ♠Q and played a diamond to his ace, obviously hoping to drop the queen. When that hope did not materialize, he was one off and USA had 10 IMPs in the bank.

It all went away, and then some, on the next deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K Q 5 2 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ K ♣ A K 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ J 10 6 3 ♥ J 10 7 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ Q J 9	♠ 4 ♥ K 5 ♦ A J 9 8 2 ♣ 10 7 5 4 3
N							
W							
E							
S							
	♠ 9 8 7 ♥ Q 9 6 4 ♦ Q 7 6 5 3 ♣ 6						

West	North	East	South
Wladow	Compton	Elinescu	Hamman
		1♦	Pass
1♣	Pass		Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Entscho Wladow and Elinescu missed the ice-cold club slam, but at least they were in a making contract for plus 650.

At the other table, Eric Rodwell and Meckstroth got overboard.

In a protracted and complex auction, Rodwell finally landed in 7♣, which was doubled by Josef Piekarek, who didn't fear chasing Rodwell into some making contract given his stoppers in three suits. In fact, Rodwell ran from a 12-trick contract to 7NT, which had only 11 tricks. That was also doubled for minus 500 and 15 IMPs to Germany.

On board 5, it was the Germans' turn to overbid – and it was also costly.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 9 ♥ A Q 9 5 3 ♦ Q 6 2 ♣ A 2	<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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 5 3 ♥ 2 ♦ K 10 7 3 ♣ K J 10 9 7
N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q J 10 7 6 ♥ 7 ♦ A 9 8 5 ♣ 8 6 3	♠ 4 2 ♥ K J 10 8 6 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q 5 4				

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
	1♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Elinescu led a trump, and Compton was soon claiming 10 tricks, losing two diamonds and a club.

At the other table, Piekarek and Smirnov did not have the auction to themselves, and they went astray.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
	2♦*	3♣	3♥
	4♣	4♠	Pass
	4NT	Pass	5♦
	6♥	All Pass	



Entscho Wladow, Germany

Rodwell led a club, ducked in dummy to Meckstroth's king. From there, declarer could not avoid losing two diamonds for minus 200 and 13 IMPs to USA.

USA was up 25-21 when this deal came along.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 7 3 ♥ A K 9 7 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ A 8	<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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 2 ♥ 10 8 6 4 ♦ 9 8 5 4 ♣ 10 9 4
N					
W E					
S					
♠ J ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ K Q J 6 3 2	♠ K 10 9 8 5 4 ♥ J ♦ A K J 6 ♣ 7 5				

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
	2♣*	Dble	Pass
	Pass	4♣	Pass
	Pass	5♣	Pass
		6♠	6♠

All Pass

It seemed that Piekarek and Smirnov were on their way to the spade grand slam after Rodwell's natural but limited 2♣ opener, but Smirnov took his partner out of the picture by leaping to the small slam. Plus 1460 did not get the job done.

Compton and Hamman had to deal with a bit of interference, but they brushed it aside.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hamman</i>
	3♣	Dble	3♠
	Pass	4♣	Pass
	Pass	5♣	Pass
		7♠	Dble

All Pass

Plus 2210 was good for another 13 IMPs for the Americans. Hamman's fondness for four-card major openings helped USA to another gain on the next board.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 6 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A J 10 9 4 2	<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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ J 9 8 ♦ K 9 7 6 ♣ Q 5 3
N					
W E					
S					
♠ A J ♥ K Q 7 6 5 4 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ K 6	♠ K Q 7 5 ♥ A 10 3 ♦ A 5 4 3 ♣ 8 7				

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Piekarek</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Smirnov</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

Rodwell had a good hand, but not enough to sail into game opposite what might be a mere courtesy raise by his partner – and both opponents were bidding.

The Germans took a trick in each suit – what they had coming – but Rodwell had nine tricks for plus 140.

West <i>Wlawow</i>	North <i>Compton</i>	East <i>Elinescu</i>	South <i>Hamman</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Hamman's opening on a four-card spade suit allowed Compton to put maximum pressure on West. It probably would not have helped for West to overcall 2♥ to start with because Compton would still have had the space-consuming raise to 3♠ available. Wlawow bid on and went down, but he saved an IMP (minus 140 at both tables would have been a 7-IMP loss) because Hamman was going to make nine tricks in his spade contract.

The following deal was good for 5 IMPs to Germany.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Piekarek</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Smirnov</i>
			Pass
1♥	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Interestingly, 4♠ from the West seat is unbeatable, and it can always be defeated, as it was in this case, when played by East on a diamond lead (a heart won't do). The key is that North cannot lead a red suit without giving up a trick.

It seems that, double dummy, East might succeed by rising with the ace on a diamond lead, then taking three rounds of clubs, pitching the losing diamond on the ♣10 after the

very lucky fall of the ♣J. Say declarer does that and ruffs a diamond to hand to lead a low spade toward dummy's 10. South plays the ♠J and exits with the ♥6. Declarer wins and plays another low spade from hand, with no red card for an exit, South inserts the ♠8 or ♠9. Dummy's ♠10 wins, but when he leads a heart from dummy, North wins (South discarding a club) and plays another red card. When East ruffs high, South again discards and is left with the ♠A 9 over the ♠Q 7 for one down.

One East declarer who succeeded was Ahsan Quereshi of Pakistan. He took the opening heart lead in hand, cashed his two club honors, then played a low spade from hand. This may seem remarkable considering that South had not doubled the final contract, but North against Quereshi had opened 2NT, promising four hearts and a longer minor. Quereshi guessed correctly that spades were not breaking.

South won the ♠J and exited, too late, with a diamond. Quereshi won the ♦A, cashed the ♣A for a diamond pitch, and played the ♠10. South was helpless. If he ducked, Quereshi would ruff a diamond to hand and knock out the ♠A and claim, losing only a heart trick.

Back to the USA-Germany match, the Germans gained on the deal because they were able to stop at a low level.

West <i>Wlawow</i>	North <i>Compton</i>	East <i>Elinescu</i>	South <i>Hamman</i>
			Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Elinescu's 2♠ was non-forcing, so the Germans landed in a 7-2 spade fit at the two level despite having 27 high-card points between the two hands – and it was right!

Hamman led a club, and Elinescu eventually surrendered a heart trick and three spades (he started the suit from dummy) for plus 140 and 6 IMPs for his side.

USA gained an overtrick IMP on the final board to win 45-26. They ended the day's play still in second in Group D.



Josef Piekarek, Germany



## SOLUTION



After drawing the last trump, throwing a club from table, you should cash the ace and king of diamonds. If the queen of diamonds has appeared you will have at least twelve tricks for you can discard one club on the jack of diamonds and another on the eight of diamonds, which will promote

the nine of diamonds as a winner to take care of your spade loser. Otherwise, ruff a diamond. When that suit proves to be 3-3 you will have twelve tricks; two spades, six trumps and four diamonds.

When the diamonds are 4-2 with the queen triply guarded, cross to dummy by leading the jack of spades to the ace in order to ruff the diamonds good. Next you will lead the ten of spades to the king. When the full deal is:

<p>♠ 6 5 3 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 4 3 ♣ A J 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ A K 9 8 ♥ K 4 ♦ K J 9 8 5 ♣ 9 5</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">       N W     E S     </div> <p>♠ J 10 7 ♥ A Q J 10 8 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ K 10</p>	<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ Q 10 6 2 ♣ Q 8 7 3</p>
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The fall of East's doubleton queen of spades gives you thirteen tricks; six trumps, four spades and three diamonds. Notice that if you had not unblocked the jack and ten of spades under dummy's ace-king then you would throw the blocking spade on dummy's good diamonds and then cash dummy's spade winners. (However, you should take a slight demerit point for having to fall back on unblocking a spade on the good diamond.)

If the queen of spades had not appeared on the second round of spades, you would throw your remaining spade on dummy's established diamond winner. Then you would lead a club towards your king and still make the contract if East held the ace of clubs.

Overall, this sequence of plays gives you an 80%+ chance of making twelve tricks, the best available when playing single dummy.

## The Light was Bad

by Mark Horton



Terence Reese once wrote up a hand where the player who had misdefended was quick to come up with his excuses, one of which was 'the light was bad'. That might perhaps be the claim of the miscreant on this deal from Round 6, which

appeared in Tuesday's Bulletin under the heading 'Fight for the Finnish'.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 ♥ Q J ♦ 8 7 5 4 2 ♣ 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ A 10 8 6 5 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A Q J 9 3</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">       N W     E S     </div> <p>♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K 9 7 ♦ K Q J ♣ 10 5 2</p>	<p>♠ K Q 7 6 5 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ K 8</p>
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You will understand that I don't have time to read the Bulletins here in Beijing (apart from the odd bout of proof reading), but I do look at a number of deals during the course of each day, and it so happens that I happened to study this one with Sabine Auken.

The writer (an anonymous VuGraph commentator) suggested that Four Hearts can be made on a diamond lead by winning, cashing the ace of hearts and then playing four rounds of clubs pitching both diamonds from dummy, the idea being that after North ruffs in with his remaining honour declarer will be able to ruff a diamond in dummy and lead a trump through South's ♥K9.

Had he been able to see the Deep Finesse analysis in the dark of the VuGraph theatre he would have avoided this particular trap.

Not quite, as North plays a spade after ruffing the club, and South wins and simply plays the king of hearts and a heart, leaving declarer with a losing diamond.

Notice that if you swap South's ace of spades with North's eight then the proposed line would work, as there is no longer an entry to the South hand.