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CHINESE WOMEN FIND THE KEY



Many youth players have been competing at the BICC during these championships, but that venue did not have a monopoly on young competitors. These players, from the Nanjing Sports Institute, are one of seven university teams and one high school squad to play in the World Transnational Mixed Teams.

In a day marked by runaway matches, the Chinese and American women staged an exciting battle for a place in the gold-medal round. China prevailed 161-154 and will face England, 304-197 winners over Turkey, for the championship.

There was also drama in the Seniors, where Japan started the final set with a slim lead over Indonesia, only to see it evaporate early on. The Japanese regained their composure, however, and posted 29 unanswered IMPs to win 196-175. They will face the USA in the final. The Americans routed Egypt 245-132 in the five sets that were played.

In the Open, Norway trailed Italy by 99 IMPs and withdrew after the fifth set. Germany also faced a mountainous deficit against England but sat down to play the last set. Eight boards in, having surrendered 60 IMPs, Germany abandoned the effort. The final score was 277-143.

The World Transnational Mixed Teams knockout phase got under way on Wednesday with the round of 16 and continues today with the round of eight.



Today's Schedule

- 11.00** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Final, 1st Session
- 14.20** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Final, 2nd Session
- 17.10** Open - Women - Senior Teams, Final, 3rd Session

10.00 - 19.30
Transnational Mixed Teams,
Q-Final (1-2), S-Final (1-2)



OPEN TEAMS RESULTS - S-Final

Match		1st-3rd Session	4th Session	5th Session	6th Session	Total
1 Italy	Norway	138 - 59	29 - 20	43 - 32		210 - 111
2 England	Germany	85 - 93	67 - 30	65 - 20	60 - 0	277 - 143

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS - S-Final

Match		1st-3rd Session	4th Session	5th Session	6th Session	Total
1 China	USA	86 - 80	21 - 34	16 - 33	38 - 7	161 - 154
2 England	Turkey	143 - 70	52 - 45	41 - 53	68 - 29	304 - 197

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS - S-Final

Match		1st-3rd Session	4th Session	5th Session	6th Session	Total
1 USA	Egypt	164 - 72	30 - 29	51 - 31		245 - 132
2 Indonesia	Japan	70 - 99	41 - 46	41 - 16	23 - 35	175 - 196

TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS - FINAL

1	BEIJING HUAYUAN	292	31	SHORT	241	HEBEI	224.5	MA STEEL	210
2	AUKEN	275	32	FOS	240	62 BEIJING BAXY LY	223	92 GOODMAN	209
	YEH BROS	275	33	RIKI	239.5	EST28	223	93 SEE FAH THAI/ENG	208
4	ZIMMERMAN	264	34	ARCOVEN	239	N3Z	223	94 SHANXI GUOMAO	207
5	A - EVERTRUST	259	35	NANFANGDIANWANG	238.5	NEWTON	223	95 HESEN FUND	203
	LATVIA	259	36	A TEAM	235	WARE	223	KOSK	203
	SHENZHEN WOMEN'S	259	37	BALDURSSON	234	67 B - EVERTRUST	222	PTT	203
8	HERBST	256		SENI-BRIDGE	234	CLEARY	222	98 MTK	200
	HUGON	256		SHANGHAI PUDONGPUFA	234	69 HUBEIZHUJIANG	221	99 TEAM PURSUIT	198
10	ZALESKI	255		TIANJIN FUTURE TEAM	234	NEW SLOVAKIA	221	100 EURO-PAK	197
	ZOBU	255		TRINERGY	234	71 CONNACHT-LEINSTER	220	101 LIAONING	196
12	RUSSIA	254	42	KYOKO	233	72 BEIJING LAWYER	219	XUZHOU INSTITUTE	196
	TISLEVOLL	254		ROSSARD	233	CHINA WESTERN VIP	219	103 GREERPAK	195
14	CHAGAS	253	44	VITAS	232.5	74 BEIJING ALLEYS	218	URU-VEN	195
15	BEIJING HENGSHA	252	45	HUBEI	231	SHANXI LANXI	218	105 PEKING UNIVERSITY	193
	HANLON	252	46	XMG	230	NANIWADA	218	WELSH DRAGONS	193
17	WELLWISE	251	47	KYRIAKIDOU	229.5	77 GOWER	217	107 JAMAICA	384
18	GUANGDONG CHINA	250	48	ATMU	229	NEW STAR	217	107 HUBEI - FED	192
	TOPBRIDGE	250		BEIJING RED BULL	229	79 BEIJING BEIDIK	216	JAMAICA	192
20	DONGFENG	249	50	JINYING	228	ERIK	216	109 NANJING SPORT	182
	GARVEY	249		PIRET	228	HUANHE	216	ONI	182
22	MAHAFFEY	247	52	CHINA KANG JIAN	226	JACKSON	216	111 KARUS	180
	S RIMSTEDT	247		HUA AN SECURITIES	226	SHENZHEN QIAOYOU	216	112 DIAMONDS	177.5
24	CHENG DULIAOZHI	246		INDONESIA A	226	TRUMP QUEEN	216	113 HEILONJIANG	176
	HANGZHOU	246	55	TEAM SECURE	225.5	85 INDONESIA B	215	114 BEIJING INST.OF CIV.ENG	172
26	JILIN	245.8	56	BLACK SEA	225	SHANGHAI THINKBRIDGE	215	115 TIANJIN NORMAL UNIV.	171
27	GOLDBERG	245		INDIAN ACES	225	87 GLOBAL FABTECH	214	116 QINGHAI ELECTRIC	170
28	JIANGSU	242		KAKASI	225	88 HAPPY BRIDGE	211	117 SHANGHAI WUSONG	151
	NORAUT	242		SUNG KYUNG HAE	225	89 TIANJIN TEAM	210.5	118 LEE	141
30	BROWN	241.3	60	HAIGUANZONGSHU	224.5	90 GEOLIT	210		

From the NPC's Chair

by Phillip Alder

Some non-playing captains cannot bear to watch their players, but others like to take an active interest. One of the latter is Tommy Gullberg, the npc of the Swedish women's team.

This deal arose in round 7 against Pakistan and features the highly promising Cecilia Rimstedt, who is only 19 years old. Decide what you would have done in her place. (The deal has been rotated to make South the declarer.)

Dealer North. None vul.

♠ K 4 3 2
♥ A K Q 5 4
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ —

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 5
♥ 2
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ A K J 6 4

West	North <i>Andersson</i>	East	South <i>Rimstedt</i>
	1♥	Pass	1NT ^(a)
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(a) Forcing for one round

West leads the spade seven, which you run around to your jack. What is your basic plan?

While you are thinking about that, here is a deal that Gullberg saw misplayed by an opposing declarer.

Dealer East. North-South vul.

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ 9 7 6
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 10 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 7 5
♥ Q
♦ A 5 2
♣ A K 9 3

You are in four spades. West leads the heart five, East winning with her ace and returning a heart. You ruff and cash two top trumps, finding that West started with a low singleton. How would you continue from there?

Now back to Rimstedt's riddle. This was the full deal:

♠ K 4 3 2
♥ A K Q 5 4
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ —

♠ A Q 8 7
♥ 8
♦ A K 9 7
♣ 9 8 7 5

	N	
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♠ 9 6
♥ J 10 9 7 6 3
♦ 4
♣ Q 10 3 2

♠ J 10 5
♥ 2
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ A K J 6 4

You hope to win nine tricks via two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. But your communications are not of the healthiest.

Rimstedt led the diamond ten from her hand at trick two. (Double-dummy, she had to play a diamond to dummy's eight, but who would do that?)

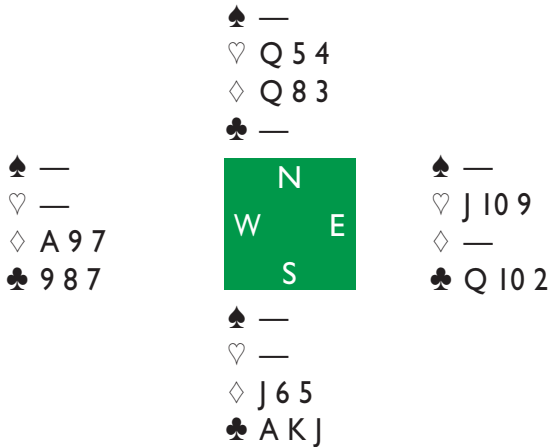
West won with her king and would have defeated the contract with a heart shift. But who would do that?

Instead, West cashed the spade ace, and continued with the spade queen, East discarding a heart. Declarer took



Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden

two top hearts, she and West pitching clubs, then put West in with her spade winner, South discarding another club. That left this position:

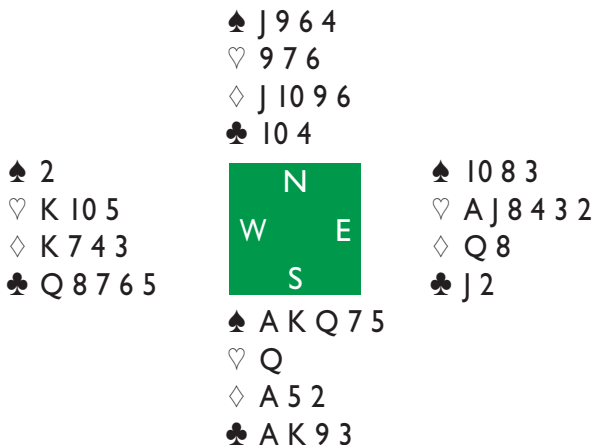


West was endplayed. She tried the diamond seven, but declarer won with dummy's eight, cashed the heart queen, and threw West in again with a diamond, forcing her to lead a club at trick 12.

This is a good candidate for the International Bridge Press Association's junior award – If not for the declarer-play prize.

In the other room, West doubled over one no trump, East ran to two clubs, and South doubled that for down two. So Sweden gained 3 IMPs.

This was the full deal from the second problem:



In four spades, South ruffed the second heart, drew two rounds of trumps (West pitched a diamond), cashed her top clubs, and ruffed a club with dummy's spade nine. East overruffed and returned a heart. Declarer ruffed, trumped her last club, and ran the diamond jack. West won and exited with a club, leaving declarer stranded in her hand, but when she cashed the diamond ace, the queen dropped! Four spades bid and made – bridge is an easy game.

Much better is to draw the last trump with dummy's jack and to run the diamond jack. Then, when you are back in the dummy with a club ruff, you can take a second diamond finesse, getting home whenever East has at least one diamond honor.

TRANSNATIONAL

Round of 16

Match		1st	2nd	Total
1	Beijing Huayuan Russia	18 - 30	11 - 8	29 - 38
2	Herbst Chagas	42 - 30	15 - 16	57 - 46
3	Hanlon A - Evertrust	8 - 51	26 - 28	34 - 79
4	Tislevoll Zimmermann	2 - 57	13 - 31	15 - 88
5	Yeh Bros Zobu	42 - 24	8 - 1	50 - 25
6	Shenzhen Women's Zaleski	4 - 41	23 - 7	27 - 48
7	Latvia Hugon	18 - 29	14 - 14	32 - 43
8	Beijing Hengsha Auken	37 - 74	14 - 9	51 - 83

Roster of Transnational Teams

A - Evertrust Holding Group

HOU Xu, HUANG Yan, LIN Rongqiang, ZHANG Xiaofeng

Auken

AUKEN Sabine, GIERULSKI Boguslaw, HARASIMOWICZ Ewa, JASSEM Krzysztof, KRZYSZTOF Martens

Beijing Hengsha

LIANG Yiyi, LIU Haitao, WANG Kui, YAN Ru

Beijing Huayuan Bridge Club

DONG Yongling, KANG Meng, LI Xin, REN Zhiqiang

Chagas

BRANCO Marcelo, CHAGAS Gabriel, PAIN Leda, PONCIONI Graca

Hanlon

HARDING Marianne, HOYLAND Sven Olai, BROGELAND Tonje Aasand, BROWN Fiona, HANLON Tom, MCGANN Hugh

Herbst

BARR Ronnie, CHENG Qiang, HERBST Ilan, HOU Yunyan, LIU Fang

Hugon

DAUVERGNE Bernard, DAUVERGNE Sophie, HUGON Elisabeth, PILON Dominique, THUILLEZ Laurent, THUILLEZ Pascale

Latvia

JANKUNAITE Giedre, NEIMANIS Janis, ROMANOVSKA Maija, ROZENBLYUM Mikhail, RUBINS Karlis, VOROBEY-CHIKOVA Olga

Russia

BADRANKOVA Sviatlana, DUBININ Alexander, GROMOV Andrey, GROMOVA Victoria, PONOMAREVA Tatiana, VOLINA Victoria

Shenzhen Women's World

LIN Ruiji, WANG Ping, WU Shaohong, WU Zhonghua, YUE Lin, ZHU Minrong

Tislevoll

DAVIES Catherine, GILL Peter, MAYER Faith, TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav

Yeh Bros

GONG Fang-Wen, HU Sheau-Fong, SHEN Chih-Kuo, SHIH Juei-Yu, YEH Chen

Zaleski

LEVY Alain, LEVY Anne-Frederique, MOUIEL Herve, WILLARD Sylvie, ZALESKI Romain

Zimmermann

BOMPIS Marc, CRONIER Benedicte, CRONIER Philippe, D'OVIDIO Catherine, ZIMMERMANN Pierre

Zobu

ARONOV Victor, KOKSOY Enver, OZGUL Levent, TOKCAN Merih, ZOBU Ahu

Welcome to Sweden and the 15th Bridgefestival July 24th to August 2nd 2009



In 2008 5.830 pairs took part in previous edition. The festival contains several of the Swedish National Finals and parallel to this the Chairman's Cup and many one-session pair tournaments are organized. All tournaments are open except the national finals, unless you have qualified.

The Chairman's Cup will be played 25-30 of July 2009. This is an excellent opportunity for all teams who want to practice for Brasil later on in August and for all other who want to come and play bridge at an excellent venue against really good opponents.

We play at Conventum Arena, a brand new convention centre in the middle of Örebro. Örebro is located in the middle between Stockholm and Gothenburg.

There are Masterpoints given and cash prizes in all tournaments, €10 000 only in the Chairmans Cup.

FREE ENTRY for all national teams to the Chairman's Cup.

Contact Micke Melander for more information, mme@svenskbridge.se or get it at www.svenskbridge.se



Magical Mystery Tour

by Kakasi (Japan junior)

Tadashi Teramoto is one of the best players in Japan. He is a professional who not only plays bridge but also trains juniors. He has worked as the captain of the Japanese junior team and looked after many juniors for a decade and today's Japan juniors would not exist without him.

Here I would like to introduce Tadashi's regular work as a player in the Transnational Mixed Teams. He held the North cards on the following deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ —
♥ A 9 8 4 3
♦ Q 8 7 5 3
♣ 8 3 2



♠ A Q 10 8
♥ K 6
♦ J 10 2
♣ A K 10 5

West North East South

Teramoto

	2♥ ⁽ⁱ⁾	Pass	2NT ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾
3♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

- (i) 4-10, five hearts and a five-card or longer minor.
- (ii) Asking.

The opening lead is the ace of diamonds and two more rounds of diamonds are continued. How would you play?

I would give up and consider how to cut my losses, but not Teramoto, and he found a way to succeed. He won the third diamond in hand and led a club to the ten. Then he cashed the ace of spades for a heart discard and continued with the queen of spades to king and ruff, the nine dropping. A club to dummy was followed by the ten of spades, covered with the jack and ruffed. Another club to dummy allowed Teramoto to cash the eight of spades and that squeezed East between his fourth club and his hearts – contract made.

Teramoto combined three techniques: double finesse, ruffing finesse to pin a missing card, and the squeeze, all of it adding up to a wonderful +750 for his team. How would you like to have him in your team?

♠ —
♥ A 9 8 4 3
♦ Q 8 7 5 3
♣ 8 3 2

♠ K J 7 6 4 3 2
♥ Q 10
♦ 9 4
♣ 9 6



♠ A Q 10 8
♥ K 6
♦ J 10 2
♣ A K 10 5

♠ 9 5
♥ J 7 5 2
♦ A K 6
♣ Q J 7 4

OPEN TEAMS S-FINAL - 1ST & 2ND **Italy v Norway**

Clash of the Titans
by Brent Manley

Italy and Norway entered the semi-final round of the Open series as two of the favorites for the championship. The Italians have an enviable record in international competition, and Norway's squad included three members of the Bermuda Bowl winners from Shanghai last year.

The day ended with Norway looking at a significant deficit, and the tone was set on the first deal of the match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 7 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K Q J 7 3 ♣ K 9 7 3	N W E S	♠ 5 2 ♥ K J 8 6 3 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ 10 8 2	♠ A K Q 10 9 3 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ 2 ♣ J 5 4
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West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Geir Helgemo started with the ♣Q, the only lead to defeat the contract because it takes the entry to the diamond suit out at trick one. It was all for naught as it turned out. Lorenzo Lauria put up dummy's king, pulled trumps and led his singleton diamond. Now Tor Helness must win the first diamond and return a club. If Lauria ducks, Helgemo wins the ace and puts Lauria back in his hand with a third club. If Lauria plays the ♣J, Helgemo can win or duck – either play works. Declarer ends up losing at least one club, one diamond and two hearts.

Unfortunately for Norway, Helness ducked the ♦K and the ♦Q. That was 10 tricks for Italy and plus 420.

At the other table, Norway arrived at a contract that was doomed on the opening lead.

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Claudio Nunes started with a low heart to the queen and king. Ulf Tundal ducked two times and ran his six spade winners, but that was it. Two down for minus 100 and 11 IMPs for Italy to start the day.

Two boards later, more bad news for Norway.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 2 ♥ K 10 7 6 4 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8	N W E S	♠ A 7 3 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A K Q 10 8 5 ♣ J 10	♠ J 9 8 5 4 ♥ J 9 5 3 ♦ J ♣ A 7 4
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West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
			1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

This optimistic contract had a chance if Lauria did not find the heart lead. If Helness guessed well in clubs, he could set up the suit and scramble home with 12 tricks. Lauria gave him no chance, however, starting with the ♥5 and Helness



Geir Helgemo, Norway

could do nothing but duck, hoping Lauria had led from the king. Not this time. One down and minus 50.

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Glenn Groetheim naturally started with a heart and Nunes had 11 easy tricks for plus 460. It was 22-0 Italy.

Another 4 IMPs went to the Italians when a 1♠ overcall by Helness was nailed for minus 800 (his teammates went plus 660 at the other table), then there was this deal.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	



Claudio Nunes, Italy

Alfredo Versace led a trump. Helgemo won and played two more rounds, then started on clubs. Versace won the second round and exited with a heart to Lauria's ace. Helgemo ruffed the ♥Q, played a club to dummy's 10 and then a diamond to his queen and Versace's king. The defense still had a diamond coming, but Helgemo was plus 140.

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Nunes also got a spade lead, and he also pulled trumps and played on clubs and received a heart return. He had a different plan for the diamond suit, however. He won the third round of clubs in hand and played the ♦Q to the king and ace. He ruffed a heart to hand and played the ♦3 to the 8, good enough to establish the 10 as his game-going trick. Plus 620 and 10 more IMPs to Italy.

Norway final broke into the plus column on the next deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
			1♠
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			


Lauria started with the ♣6, and thanks to the fall of East's ♠10, Helness was not taxed to come to nine tricks for plus 400. 3NT played from the South hand at the other table, and Groetheim found the killing lead.

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
			INT
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Groetheim led the ♦3: 7, 9, queen. Nunes played the ♠K, taken by Groetheim to continue with the ♦J. That gave the defense three diamonds and two aces for plus 50 and 10 badly needed IMPs.

Another swing went Italy's way two deals later.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 3 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ A 8 7 5 ♣ A 9 7 5		♠ K 10 6 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K J 6 4 ♣ Q 8 3	♠ A Q 8 ♥ Q J 9 4 ♦ 3 ♣ K J 10 4 2
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West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		


Helgemo started with a spade and Lauria had an easy route to 11 tricks. Plus 600.

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
		1♦*	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Perhaps he was limited by system, but Groetheim's INT seems very heavy. In any case, on the spade lead, he rose with the ace to avoid a potentially killing switch to diamonds. He had seven tricks after knocking out the ♥A, but plus 90 was another double-digit loss for Norway.

The score was 52-10 when this deal came along.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K Q 10 ♥ K Q J 6 5 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ 10 4		♠ J 8 5 ♥ A 2 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ A K Q J 8	♠ 9 7 6 4 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ 9 8 3 2 ♣ 3 2
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West <i>Versace</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Lauria</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
	1♣	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Helness won the opening lead of the ♥10 with the ace, played two rounds of trumps, then exited with a heart. He ruffed the third round, then played the ♠A and another spade, ruffing the third round in dummy. Helness knew enough about the West hand to know it contained at most two diamonds, so he played a diamond to his king and a second diamond to the 10 – down one.

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠*
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Fulvio Fantoni had nine top tricks, and in the process of cashing out, he got the bonus of the doubleton ♦Q. Plus 660 and 13 more IMPs to Italy.


The final score in the set was 65-17, and it would have been worse had Versace and Lauria not had a bidding misunderstanding that landed them in 4♥ on a 4-1 fit, minus 400 (Tundal was minus 100 in 3♠ at the other table).

Second set

Down 48 is not an enviable position, but it's less worrisome in a 96-board match. There is plenty of time to catch up.

Norway started the set with a 1-IMP gain, but another setback came on the second deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 3 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ A 10 7 5 4		♠ K Q 9 8 5 ♥ A K 4 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 6 2	♠ J 10 7 6 ♥ 9 8 5 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ K Q J
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West <i>Aa</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Molberg</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	2♣*	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Ignoring the vulnerability, Fantoni boldly entered the auction with a takeout for the majors. Also ignoring the vulnerability, Jorgen Molberg pressed on with 2NT instead of considering a penalty double.

Fantoni started with the ♥A followed by the ♥K and a third heart. That was trick number nine for Terje Aa – plus 400.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
INT	2♣*	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	Redbl
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Antonio Sementa, inspired by the vulnerability to exact a penalty for the interference, started with the ♠J, ducked to North's queen. Helness played the ♥4 from hand to Giorgio Duboin's queen. The ♣A was followed by a second club to East, who continued with the ♣J, ruffed. Now a heart to the 10 in dummy was followed by a spade to West's ace and a fourth round of clubs, ruffed by Helness with the 9 and overruffed by East. The ♦J went to the king and ace and West's last club knocked out Helness's last trump. He later scored a diamond trick, but it was three down for minus 800 and 9 IMPs to Italy.

Board 22 could have been a gain for Norway, but an unfortunate opening lead turned it into a loss.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Helgemo and Helness stopped in 2♥ by North, making plus 140. Declarer had to lose a trick in each suit. That was not the case at the other table.

West <i>Aa</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Molberg</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Aa started with the ♥7, which proved fatal to the defense. Nunes played the ♥8 from dummy, covered by Molberg with the 10. Nunes won with the ♥Q and played a low spade to the 10 and king. The heart return ran around to dummy's jack, and that was that. Declarer lost a club and a diamond from there, but it was plus 420 and 7 IMPs for Italy. Declarer might still have guessed the heart position had East not played away from the king, but Nunes would need to decide if West had led from two or three to the 9, a holding of K 10 9 by East being irrelevant.

Norway picked up 6 IMPs on the next deal when Italy overbid against to 4♥ and the defenders took all their tricks.

Italy was ahead 90-29 when this interesting deal came along.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Helness started with a club to the 9, queen and king. Duboin played a diamond to the queen and ace and ran the ♠10, which held. A second spade went to the 9 and queen, and Helness cleared the club suit. The play record from there is missing, but it indicates that Duboin went five down. At the other table, Fantoni had to defend well to hold the swing to 5 IMPs.

West <i>Aa</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Molberg</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Terje Aa, Norway

Fantoni started with his singleton diamond, taken in dummy. The ♠10 ran to the queen, and Fantoni pondered his next move for a few moments. Guided by his partner's helpful play of the ♦10 at trick one, Fantoni made the killing play – a heart. That took an entry from dummy that declarer needed to play up to his ♦J, but that could be done only after the trumps were drawn. Soldiering on, Aa played a spade to his king and Fantoni's ace. The second heart doomed the contract. Aa's only hope was that North did not have a third trump, but when Aa played a diamond, Nunes rose with the king and gave his partner a ruff for one down. It was still 5 IMPs to Norway, but it would have been 12 if Aa had made the game.

Board 30 had to have been frustrating for Norway partisans.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Semeta</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Duboin and Semeta stole the deal despite holding only 16 high-card points between them. Helness started with the ♥K to the ace. Duboin passed the ♦7 to North's 8, and he got out with the ♠4: 5, 2, 6. Duboin ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed a heart in hand, played a club to dummy's ace and ruffed another heart. He could not be prevented from taking two more tricks for plus 110. Norway had a chance to push the board at the other table, but the defense was not up to it.

West <i>Aa</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Molberg</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♦*	Dble	Redbl	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A club lead would have held declarer to five tricks, but that's strictly double dummy. At the table, Aa started with the ♠Q, on which Molberg unblocked ♠9. In with the ♠K,

Nunes played a heart to dummy, ducked by Molberg. He took the second heart and could have assured two down – and a curious push for his side – by returning a spade through declarer's 10 7 2. Instead, he played the ♣J to the king in dummy. A grateful Nunes claimed immediately for plus 400 and 11 IMPs to Italy.

With one board to go, Italy was ahead 108-34. Norway desperately needed some good news. They got it on the last deal of the second set thanks to some luck and excellent play by Aa.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Aa</i>	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East <i>Molberg</i>	South <i>Nunes</i>
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Fantoni led the ♦A and continued the suit at trick two. Aa played a club to his ace at trick three and ran the ♠10 to Nunes' jack. The ♥J was returned to the queen, king and ace. Aa played the ♣J and then called for the ♠K. Nunes covered, Aa ruffed, returned to dummy with the ♣K and played spades from the top. The fall of the ♠9 from North meant all of Aa's losing hearts went away and he recorded a well-earned plus 600. At the other table, Helness withheld his diamond preempt for one round, which produced a better result.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Semeta</i>	South <i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Helgemo led the ♦Q to his partner's ace, and the ♦J was returned to Semeta's king. Semeta played the ♥A and a heart to the jack, queen and king. A low spade went to the king and Helgemo's ace. The spade return was ruffed in dummy, and Semeta tried dummy's last heart, hoping for a good split. Helgemo won the ♥9 and played a third spade. The 9 from Helness knocked out declarer's queen and Helgemo had two more tricks for plus 300 and 14 IMPs to Norway.

Beijing Boulders

by Tim Bourke

CROSS PURPOSES

Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ 10 8 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 4 2
♣ 9 8 4 3



♠ A K Q J 5
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 6
♣ A K 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠
All pass			

West leads the nine of diamonds, so you can expect East to have at least seven diamonds. When you cash the ace and king of trumps you are mildly surprised to discover that East follows suit. How do you plan the play?

Solution see page 15.

Today's Coverage

Final - 11.00

Italy - England (O)	VG
England - China (W)	BBO2
USA - Japan (S)	BBO3
Germany - Norway (O-playoff 3rd place)	BBO4

Final - 2nd & 3rd Sessions to be decided

Press Conference on Saturday



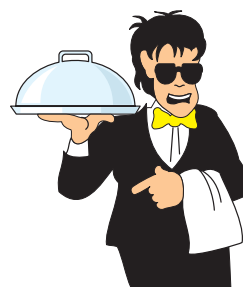
A press conference has been arranged by the International Mind Sports Association, bridge federations participating in this year's championships and the organizing committee for the 1st World Mind Sports Games.

The event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday on the second floor of the BICC. All journalists and players are invited to attend.

Seniors meeting

All Senior players and officials are invited to a meeting Friday, Oct. 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the WBF Meeting Room on the fourth floor. The meeting is expected to last about one hour.

Invitation for Closing Ceremony



The closing ceremony for the 1st World Mind Sports Games will be held at 17:00 on Oct. 18. The Chinese Organizing Committee welcomes captains, coaches, and players participating in the Open Teams, Women's Teams, Men's Individuals, Women's Individuals, U28 Teams, U26 Teams, U21

Teams, Youth Pairs, and Youth Individuals, and WBF officials and technical personnel to the ceremony. Captains are kindly requested to register on 15th and 16th (11:00-19:30) the number of people wishing to be present at the ceremony and pick up the invitation letters on 17th (11:00-19:30) at the volunteer service desk in the north hall of the competition venue in CNCC, or the desk of the Chinese Organizing Committee in No. 1 Meeting Hall on the second floor of BICC.

Georgia says thanks

The Open team from Georgia wishes to thank the World Bridge Federation and the Chinese Organizing Committee for the 1st World Mind Sports Games. The team also wishes to thank their sponsor, VD Group, who made the teams participation in the WMSG possible.

Thanks from Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Open team of Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to thank the sponsors who made their participation in the 1st World Mind Sports Games possible. Their main sponsor was Agfa Graphics. Others were companies Gorenje, Interagent, Triglav osiguranje and Dataprojekt.


SEMI FINALS - SET 3

The Swingometer

by Mark Horton

So far the deals in the semi finals have generally been full of swing potential – here are just a few from the third session.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣*	Dble	4♣	All Pass

The Chinese pair stayed out of the decent slam that would almost certainly have made. As a theoretical aside I would mention that some pairs play that the double of a splinter bid asks for the lead of the suit under or over the splinter – an interesting idea.

It would also be reasonable to assign some meaning to East's direct bid of Four Spades. For instance would a pass, whilst denying a first-round club control (with which she would redouble) suggest no other controls but good spades?

Declarer took twelve tricks, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Breed</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Letizia</i>	<i>Liu</i>
1♦	Dble	1♥*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		


I am not a fan of North's double, but you pays your money and you takes your choice.

West made no move at all towards a slam and that may

have persuaded South that she had a profitable sacrifice. In a sense she was right – but it was her opponents who were on the right side of the bargain.

West cashed the king of diamonds, followed it with the ace and then switched to the jack of spades. East took the ace and returned the six of hearts and West won, cashed the queen of diamonds and played a fourth diamond, promoting a trump trick for East – an excellent +800 and 8 IMPs to the USA.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

With her 'Eau de Cologne' distribution (4711) North did not fancy 3NT (it makes on a low spade lead, but goes down if West leads a heart) and removed to what she hoped would be a playable game.

East led the six of hearts (she was never going to find a spade lead) and declarer won and advanced the jack of diamonds, putting up dummy's ace when East discarded. She pitched a spade on the second round of clubs and could ruff two hearts in dummy for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Breed</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Letizia</i>	<i>Liu</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With the spade suit eliminated, West led the queen of hearts. Declarer put up dummy's ace and led the two of diamonds. When East discarded the two of clubs West was allowed to win with the king and she played back the seven of hearts. East took the king and played a third heart and West cashed out for one down, +50 and 10 IMPs.

Meanwhile, England were piling up the points against Turkey – this same deal proving to be the latter's only bright spot amidst a sea of English IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Babac</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Yavas</i>
Pass	4♦	3♣	3♠
All Pass		Pass	5♦

East led the two of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and then the queen of clubs, pitching her spade for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Erbiz</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Erdogan</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
Pass	2♦	3♣	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♣	Dble
All Pass			1♠

East policy of wait and see paid a massive dividend – there were only three tricks to lose and +710 gave her side 15 IMPs.



Anne Rosen, England

To redress the balance, here is one of the many English gains. As they have done on so many of the deals they outbid their opponents:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Babac</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Yavas</i>
INT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Dble
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

Declarer had to lose three aces, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Erbiz</i>	<i>Draper</i>	<i>Erdogan</i>	<i>Rosen</i>
Pass	2♥	2♠	1♥
3NT	All Pass		Pass

On a heart lead this contract had absolutely no chance and was swiftly two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to England.

In the Open Germany also misbid to 3NT – but only lost 5 IMPs when England got no higher than Two Spades.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Sokolow</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the opening heart lead, crossed to the king of clubs, unblocked the ace of spades and played a club to the ace, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Breed</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Letizia</i>	<i>Liu</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	6♣*	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

West led the two of diamonds and declarer won with the nine, cashed the king of clubs and played a club to the....jack.

Bravo!

No doubt she was influenced by West's failure to lead a trump against a Grand Slam, but it was still a brave play – not matched by such luminaries as England's Sandqvist or Norway's Helgemo.

It gave China +2140 and 13 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led his spade and West won and returned the six, East ruffing the cashing the ace of clubs and continuing with the queen (perhaps the nine is more subtle). Declarer cashed the ace and king of hearts, crossed to the ace of spades, ruffed a club and when the jack did not appear he had reached this position:

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

Because declarer had not unblocked the jack of hearts he could not play for the show up squeeze that was possible, but he simply ran the ten of diamonds to record +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Elinescu</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Play developed along similar lines, but after cashing the king of hearts North tried a spade to the ace. East ruffed that for one down and when declarer got the diamonds wrong he was two down, -200 and 13 English IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
2♦*	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♦	Pass

North led the seven of spades and ignoring the rule of eleven declarer ran it to his king, eventually recording ten tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West <i>Townsend</i>	North <i>Wladow</i>	East <i>Gold</i>	South <i>Elinescu</i>
		1♦	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Such is David Gold's skill that the commentators though he had a fair chance of getting the spade suit right.

There were no heroics on the opening lead, South opting to cash the ace of clubs and then switching to the five of hearts.

Declarer won in dummy, cashed three rounds of trumps, cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club to reach this position:

	♠ J 10 8 7 3										
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	♥ J 9 8 2										
	♦ —										
	♣ 7										

Declarer had some clues, but they were evidently inconclusive. He crossed to the queen of diamonds, ruffed a heart, played a top spade from his hand and was one down, -100 for 10 German IMPs.

Had he made it he would have been a contender – maybe certainty – for hand of the year. (More to the point your reporter would have been in pocket!)



David Gold, England

SOLUTION

The contract will make if either hearts or clubs are 3-3. In fact, the contract is a certainty provided that East has at least seven diamonds and at least one card in both hearts and clubs. Draw the last trump and then lead the five of clubs. Suppose East wins and plays a second diamond, West following.

You should ruff then cash the king of clubs followed by the king and queen of hearts. Under our assumption that East has seven diamonds, his possible distributions are

- (1) 2-1-7-3
- (2) 2-2-7-2
- (3) 2-3-7-1
- (4) 3-1-7-2
- (5) 3-2-7-1

When East has two trumps and discards on the second heart (case 1) then the clubs are 3-3; cash the ace of clubs and claim. Similarly, when East has two trumps and only one club, then hearts will be 3-3. When East has three trumps or two trumps and two cards in each of the round suits, then West will have at least four cards in both hearts and clubs and will come under pressure when the last trump is played. Suppose the full deal is something like this:

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

Consequently, the equivalent of these cards will remain:

	♠ —										
	♥ A										
	♦ 4										
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	♠ J										
	♥ 9 6										
	♦ —										
	♣ A										

When you ruff the four of diamonds West will have to reduce to one card in one of the round suits. As you will have an exact count of the West hand, you will know what to do; cash the ace of the suit he unguards, setting up a winner there, and return the hand it is in by using the ace in the non-discarded suit.

Finally if it turned out that East began with eight diamonds, then West would definitely guard both hearts and clubs and you would know West's original distribution and make the contract in a similar fashion to the case when West began with 2-5-2-4 distribution.

OPEN TEAMS S-FINAL - 2ND

England v Germany

by Phillip Alder

Here are two quick questions, with the answers below.

1. Board 28. Dealer West. North-South vul.

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



West	North You	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♣!	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

You lead the diamond queen: ace, ten (normal), five. Declarer runs the spade ten: eight, three, queen. What would you do now?

2. Board 30. Dealer East. None vul.

♠ 4 3
♥ K Q J 10
♦ A J 8 6
♣ K 6 3

West	North You	East	South
		Pass	Pass
2♠ ^(a)	Dble	All Pass	

(a) Six spades, or five spades and a four-card minor, and 10-14 points

What would you lead?

If you had taken a bet that Germany would reach the semifinals of the Open teams, you would surely have got generous odds and made a nice profit.

I decided to see how they played by watching this session against England. I went into the closed room, where the Doktors, Entschow Wladow and Michael Elinescu, were playing East-West against Nicklas Sandqvist and Artur Malinowski. We had a Bulgarian and a German facing a Swede and a Pole!

In the other room, twins Jason and Justin Hackett took on Michael Gromoeller and Andreas Kirmse.

Germany had taken an 8-IMP lead after the first 16 boards. This session started very quietly, with only 12 IMPs changing hands over the first nine boards, 9-3 to Germany. But six of the last seven deals were exciting.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both vul.

♠ K 5
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ A 7 6 2

♠ A 6
♥ Q J 10 9 6 5 3
♦ A J 3
♣ J



♠ Q 10 7 4
♥ A 8
♦ 10 4
♣ K Q 9 8 5

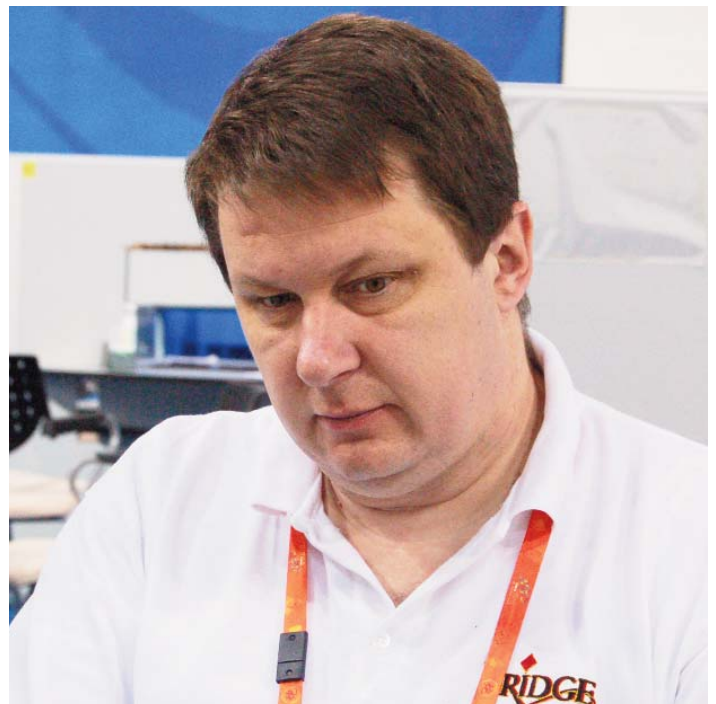
♠ J 9 8 3 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ 10 4 3

West Jason	North Gromoeller	East Justin	South Kirmse
		1♠ ^(a)	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(a) Canapé is possible with a minimum opening bid.

West Elinescu	North Sandqvist	East Wladow	South Malinowski
		1♦ ^(a)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

(a) They use a strong-club system with five-card majors, but he could have opened two clubs.



Michael Gromoeller, Germany

In the open room, the play was trivial for West. North tried a low-club lead. Declarer took it with his singleton jack, cashed the diamond ace, and played another diamond. A moment later, West ruffed his last diamond in the dummy and eventually lost one spade, one heart and one club.

At the other table, Sandqvist found the much better lead of a low trump. If declarer had taken the finesse, he would have been all right. He would have won the first trick and driven out the club ace while he still had the heart ace as a dummy entry. But Elinescu called for dummy's heart ace, and now he had to fail. He played a club to his jack, but North won with the ace, cashed the heart king, and shifted to a diamond. Declarer took South's king with his ace, drew the outstanding trump, and played a diamond, but North rose with his queen and exited with a diamond. West had to lose a trick in each suit.

Plus 620 and plus 100 gave England 12 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jason	Gromoeller	Justin	Kirmse
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
All Pass			2♠



Jason Hackett, England

West	North	East	South
Elinescu	Sandqvist	Wladow	Malinowski
Pass	1♠	2♣	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

It was a strange decision by Wladow to overcall two clubs instead of making a takeout double, but it worked well when it persuaded Malinowski to make a pre-emptive jump to three spades despite 4-3-3-3 and ten losers. North, expecting a little more distribution, raised to four spades.

East carefully avoided leading away from the heart king, so North lost one spade, one heart and two clubs to go down one.

In two spades at the other table, North was favored by a low-heart lead, so took ten tricks, giving Germany 6 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. North-South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jason	Gromoeller	Justin	Kirmse
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Elinescu	Sandqvist	Wladow	Malinowski
1♠	Pass	2♣!	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Three notrump by West stood no chance after a club lead. Declarer eventually lost two spades, one diamond and four clubs to go down three.

Wladow decided to muddy the waters by responding two clubs instead of two diamonds. And if he had rebid two or three notrump, he would surely have received a red-suit lead and cruised home. But he undid his good start by raising to four spades. North led his singleton diamond queen. Declarer won with dummy's ace and ran the spade ten: eight, three, queen. North would have defeated the contract if he had shifted to a heart, and led another heart when in with his spade ace. (Note that

South dropped his spade eight as a suit-preference signal, but from North's angle it might have been a singleton.) When North switched to the club eight, West won and led the spade king, North winning and leading another club. Now it was easy for declarer to draw the missing trump, enter dummy with a heart, and play a diamond toward his jack.

Plus 150 and plus 420 gave Germany another 11 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. Both vul.

♠ A Q 5 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A Q J 9 7 2 ♣ A	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ K 7 3 ♥ A Q J 10 4 ♦ K ♣ K Q 10 5
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W E					
S					
♠ J 8 6 2 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 7 6 3 2		♠ 10 9 4 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 10 8 6 5 3 ♣ J 8 4			

West <i>Jason</i>	North <i>Gromoeller</i>	East <i>Justin</i>	South <i>Kirmse</i>
	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♥	3♦	4♥	All Pass
West <i>Elinescu</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Wladow</i>	South <i>Malinowski</i>
	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♥	Dble	Redble	3♦
3♥	4♦	4♥	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The vulnerability and his relatively balanced hand must have dissuaded Kirmse from sacrificing in five diamonds. And he would have been right if he had led the spade ten, but he selected a diamond. North won with his ace and cashed the club ace, East carefully playing his ten. A low spade came next, declarer winning with his king, drawing trumps and claiming.

The bidding diagram for the closed room does not tell the full story. Sandqvist's double showed a strong hand. (He would have opened one club with an eighteenth point.) After East doubled five diamonds, South and West took all of their bidding cards from the tray, forgetting that North still had a call. North had not forgotten, and more on principle than anything else, he sat there, contemplating a redouble. But he recalled that partner had not even bid two diamonds over one heart, so had to be very weak.

Five diamonds doubled was handled nicely by Sandqvist. He won the club-king lead with his ace, cashed the diamond ace, and exited with a heart. East went in with his

jack, then continued with a low heart. West won with his king and returned a club. Declarer ruffed, then ruffed his last heart in the dummy, ruffed the club jack high, played a trump to dummy, then led a spade to his queen. It lost, but East was endplayed. If he led a spade, it would pick up West's jack; if East tried a heart or club, it would concede a ruff-and-discard. North claimed.

Plus 620 and minus 200 gave England 9 IMPs, reducing the deficit to 11.

Board 30. Dealer East. None vul.

♠ 4 3 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ A J 8 6 ♣ K 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ 9 5 ♥ A 9 8 7 4 ♦ 7 ♣ A J 10 8 2
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S					
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West <i>Jason</i>	North <i>Gromoeller</i>	East <i>Justin</i>	South <i>Kirmse</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	All Pass
West <i>Elinescu</i>	North <i>Sandqvist</i>	East <i>Wladow</i>	South <i>Malinowski</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♠ ^(a)	Dble	All Pass	

(a) Six spades, or five spades and a four-card minor, and 10-14 points

The defense was not perfect against two clubs, declarer collecting 11 tricks.

In the other room, Elinescu borrowed some points because he was third in hand. Then, after North made a take-out double, South gambled a pass.

What did you lead against two spades? The only start to beat it is a trump. Probably North, expecting at most a singleton spade in the dummy, thought that that might pick off something in his partner's hand. But when he led the heart king, declarer won with dummy's ace and gave up a diamond. South went in with his queen and shifted to a low spade. Declarer should have won with his queen, but he

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played the six. All was fine, though, because North did not have a higher spade. West ruffed a diamond in the dummy, ruffed a heart in his hand, and led the club nine. North went in with his king, so declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed another heart and had eight tricks: five spades, one heart, one diamond ruff and one club.

Minus 150 and plus 470 gave Germany 8 IMPs.

Germany gained an overtrick IMP on the penultimate board, then ...

Board 32. Dealer West. East-West vul.

♠ 10 ♥ Q 8 7 5 ♦ 10 5 ♣ A Q 8 7 5 3	<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		♠ 9 3 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ A J 9 7 6 4 3 ♣ 9	♠ K Q 8 6 5 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ K J 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Jason</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Justin</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
Pass	3♦	3♠	All Pass

Jason handled five clubs perfectly. North led the ace and another diamond. Declarer played a trump to his ace, then ran the spade ten. South took his jack and shifted to the heart jack, covered by the queen, king and ace. South covered the spade king with his ace, so West ruffed, played a trump to dummy's king, and cashed the spade queen, discarding a heart. The fall of the nine was a beautiful sight. Declarer took dummy's club jack and discarded two more hearts on high spades.

Wladow's decision to overcall three spades did not work nearly so well. South led the diamond queen, North winning with his ace and shifting to his singleton club. Declarer won with dummy's queen and ran the spade ten, but South won and gave his partner a club ruff. East took the next trick with his diamond king and led the spade king, but South won with his ace and played his last club. Declarer drew trumps and got the hearts right, but that was still down one.

Plus 600 and plus 100 gave England a big 12 IMPs.

The set had been 36-35 to England, so Germany led by 7 with 64 boards to play.

Another easy IMP!

by Mark Horton

The latest round of IBPA awards having just been made, we journalists are already on the lookout for contenders for 2009.

This deal – from the Transnational Mixed Teams – might have a chance in the bidding category:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Auken</i>	
1♦	1♠	Dble*	2♦*
2♥	3♠	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

When Krzysztof Martens, overcalled Sabine Auken started with a simple cue bid in support of her partner's suit. When North jumped to show his extra length South cue bid her diamond control and North did the same in hearts. A cue bid in clubs saw North mark cleverly mark time with Five Diamonds and when South showed the vital heart control North judged everything was working and jumped to the slam. There were a couple of holes in the black suits, but declarer negotiated both suits successfully to record +1430.

Scoring up East/West confessed to having a poor result on the board as they revealed a score of 5♦x -5, -1400 – but they still came out ahead!



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