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THE HUNT FOR VICTORY POINTS



WBF President José Damiani, second from left, poses with Barbara Nudelman, Jay Baum, Joan Gerard and Bill Pollack at a party hosted by the ACBL and the USBF to recognize the president's outstanding service to bridge. See story on page 17

Round robin play in the Rosenblum and McConnell is under way as 145 teams in the open and 31 in the women's are pressing hard for precious victory points, needed to get to the next stage.

The top four teams in each of the 16 brackets of the Rosenblum will advance to the round of 64 on Friday, while the women will start the KO phase with 16 squads, the top eight from each of the two brackets.

The leaders after three matches in the round robin in the open are the Chinese squad, Hengyuanxian Heji with 69 VPs. In the women's, the Joyce Hampton squad amassed 100 VPs in their five RR matches to lead the field.

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ROSENBLUM CUP*(Standings after Round Robin 3 – subject to confirmation)*

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Coldea	68	1 Nickell	60	1 Auken	59	1 Lavazza	63
2 Zimmermann	54	2 Pauncz	53	San3PDXI	59	2 China Open	62
3 Consus Red Poland	51	Rossard	53	3 Rumelhart	57	3 Rayner	58
Payen	51	4 Zen	49	4 Siwik BT	50	4 D'Orsi	56
5 Gamerman	46	5 GIB	47	5 Cayne	49	5 Alizee	51
6 Granovetter	43.25	6 Berg	43	6 Guangdong	48	6 Cortex	43
7 Bramley	40.25	7 Sher	42	7 Belgium Cooreman	40	7 Kahn	42
8 Café de Colombia	32	8 Lagoudinoi	37	8 Bennett	25	8 Himani	25
9 Sao Paulo	26	9 Onix	29	9 Colombia Bogotà	21	Itaven	25
						10 St Clair	23
GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G		GROUP H	
1 British Lions	56	1 Fredin	65	1 Hampton	61	1 Josef and cards	62
Mahaffey	56	2 Dipak Poddar	63	2 Parimatch	56	Team Pharmaservice	62
3 Begijnt JE	51	3 Italian Stallions	59	3 Oz Juniors	53	3 Strul	52
4 Bernardes	47	4 Fleisher	57	4 Schwartz	43	4 Gwadteam	48
5 China Nangang Power	45	5 www.funbridge.com	48	5 Rigal	42	5 Strasser	45
6 Villa Fabbri	43	6 Rio de Janeiro	39	6 Chevalier	41	6 Tunisia	40
7 Brazil34	39	7 Chile	35	7 Vito	40	7 Lall	35
Koneru	39	8 Fenerbahce USA	29	8 Lara	39	8 Fox	33
9 Priebe	37	9 Karukera	4	9 Hungary	37	9 Impaired	32
GROUP J		GROUP K		GROUP L		GROUP M	
1 Pinot Noir	63	1 Diamond	66	1 Martens	60	1 Zambonini	59
2 Canada	62	2 Italia Mista	58	2 Gogo Fans	53	2 Ecuador	53
3 Deutsch	55	3 Indonesia Gabriel UI	56	3 Moss	52	JapCan	53
Wang Dade	55	4 Marinna	54	4 Rosen	51	4 Hauge	51
5 Hollman	43	5 Dhampur Sugar Mills	43	Wolfson	51	5 Nadar	50
6 Krizel	41	Klinger	43	6 Pascal Bernard	40	6 French Juniors	47
7 Apteker	34	7 Camberos	42	Yu Tong	40	7 Kamras	39
8 Rodihade	31	8 Four and a half men	32	8 All Bulgarian Stars	36	8 China Geely Auto	33
9 Consus White Poland	29	9 Todd	17	9 Michelin	31	9 Lavee	26
GROUP N		GROUP O		GROUP P		GROUP Q	
1 Meltzer	63	1 Hengyuanxian Heji	69	1 Budimex Poland	66	1 Green Machine	64
2 Beijing Shouchuang	62	2 Agsar	60	2 Japan Youth	58	2 Bilal	50
3 Allfrey	55	Chateau Rossenovo	60	3 Kranyak	57	Rerhaye	50
4 Derrico	44	4 O'Rourke	55	4 Zaleski	52	4 Carmichael	48
5 Delmonte	40	5 Bergheimer	54	5 De Botton	45	5 Gordon	47
6 Hughes	37	6 Robinson	46	6 Beijing Trinergy	44	Texan Aces	47
7 Griffiths	34	7 Miyacuni	27	7 Azure Hooda	34	7 Ping an	38
8 Argentina U26	27	8 Feldman	25	8 Feo	30	8 True Blue	35
		9 Harris	8	9 Izmir	22	9 Oy vey	32.50

Important Notices

WBF Laws Committee



The committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 8, in Room 303.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Saturday, 9th October at 10 a.m. (a change from previous notice) in José Damiani's office on the 3rd floor at the Marriott.

WBF Women's Committee

The Women's Committee will meet on Thursday 7th October at 4 p.m. in Conference Suite 1 on the 3rd floor.

WBF Congress Meeting



The notice in the World Bridge Series Championship programme regarding the WBF Congress meeting is in error. The meeting is scheduled for **Friday, Oct. 8 at 09.30** in the Liberty Ballroom.

Amendment to the Programme Senior Teams



Please note that the Rand Cup for Senior Teams will start on Friday 8th October at 10.30 a.m., and not as shown in the programme. The Schedule in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest is correct.

Playing Cards



Decks of playing cards from WBF Championships are available from the Jannersten Stand on the 4th floor. New deck IUS\$ per deck. Used deck 0.70 US\$ per deck.

Looking for a partner or teammates?

Pairs looking for teammates for Senior teams, or players seeking partners may go to the registration area on the 5th floor and they will try and help.

McCONNELL CUP

*(Standings after Round Robin 5
subject to confirmation)*

GROUP R

1 Westheimer	93
2 Joel	92
3 Fairy Tale	90
4 Netherlands	87
5 Venezuela	86
6 CanUSA	82
7 Fireman	81
8 Indonesia Djarum	74
9 Sombra e agua fresca	71
10 Goodman	69
McGarry	69
Woolsey	69
13 Tunisia	65
14 Stewart	59
15 Reunion Island	55
16 Balkin	48

GROUP S

1 Hampton	100
2 Eisenberg	93
3 Glasson	86
4 Full Spectrum Auctions	84
Mercosul	84
Moss	84
7 Egypt	83
8 Italia	77
Singapore	77
10 China Ladies Team	68
11 Angus	66
Sweden	66
13 Canada	63
14 Bloom	62
15 Veladies	39

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today and Tomorrow)

10.30	Rosenblum RR
10.30	McConnell RR
12.20	McConnell RR
14.00	Rosenblum RR
14.50	McConnell RR
16.40	McConnell RR
17.00	Rosenblum RR
18.30	McConnell RR



A Slamfest

by Phillip Alder

To start, here is a tough defensive problem.

Dealer South. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
3♣ (2)	Pass	Pass	INT (1)
Dble (3)	Pass	Pass	3♥
			Pass

- (1) 15-17
- (2) A decent hand
- (3) Extras

You lead the ♣Q: 6, 9 (upside-down), 3. What would you do next?

With only 36 percent of the field to qualify, many pairs needed a good third session to make the final. I decided to watch Jan and Chip Martel, who were in 168th position after the first day.

They started badly, but got back on track when their opponents went overboard here:

Board 18. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chip		Jan	
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♣ (1)	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣ (1)	Pass	4♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	5♠

(1) Gerber

This is an auction for two-over-one users to discuss. Should South rebid 2♥ to describe her shape irrespective of strength, or should a reverse promise extra values?

Here, North should have settled for an invitational 4NT. North also misguessed the play, going down three to give the Martels 401.7 out of 414 matchpoints.

The third round was against Becky Rogers, winner of this title eight years ago in Montreal with Jeff Meckstroth. This time she was playing with Eric Rodwell, the other half of the dynamic Meckwell partnership.

Board 21. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chip	Rodwell	Jan	Rogers
2♣ (3)	1♣ (1)	Pass	1♦ (2)
Pass	Pass	3♣ (4)	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

- (1) Artificial and strong.
- (2) Artificial and weak.
- (3) Majors or minors.
- (4) Pass or correct.

Rogers judged well to pass out her partner's takeout double since eight tricks were the limit in either minor. Plus 100 gave North-South a near-top: 406.8 matchpoints.

Then came the second slam deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chip</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Rogers</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Chip wanted to raise to 6♣ but Jan had taken quite a long time to bid 5♣.

Notice that this is a bad deal for Kickback (using the strain above the agreed suit as Roman Key Card Blackwood). If 4♦ is a control-bid, that is perfect; but if it is RKCB, East has a real problem, not wanting to bid as high as 4♠ or 4NT (the substitute diamond control-bid). Maybe Kickback should apply only when the trump suit has been agreed below the four-level.

Plus 620 was worth only 57.4 matchpoints; plus 1370 would have garnered 340.2

The Martels moved to another table and came up against another slam.



Lost Property



A brown pair of glasses (Anne and Valentin) was lost. If you found it, please bring it to the Press Room (305 – 3rd floor)

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chip</i>	<i>Pacareu</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Sulgrove</i>
		2♠	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Joaquin Pacareu from Chile chose the wrong slam, 6♣ being laydown on the 3-2 trump break. Declarer can succeed even with a heart lead because the defender with three trumps also has three diamonds. In 6♦, though, Kathy Sulgrove from the United States had to lose one heart and one club, giving the Martels 394.7 matchpoints. Minus 1370 would have given them only 6.1.

The subsequent round also included a slam:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

The Martels went plus 2000 when their opponents had a bidding misunderstanding that ended in 4♠ doubled.

Twenty-four pairs got to 7♦, including Jo Ann and Danny Sprung, who had this sequence:

West	North	East	South
Danny		Jo Ann	
1♦	2NT (1)	3♣ (2)	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥ (3)	Pass
4NT (4)	Pass	5♣ (5)	Pass
5♠ (6)	Pass	7♦	All Pass

- (1) Heart-club two-suiter
- (2) Five-plus spades, game-invitational or stronger
- (3) RKCB in diamonds
- (4) One key card
- (5) "Do you have the ♦Q, partner?"
- (6) "Yes, and I have the ♠K but do not have the ♥K."

The Martel cause took a big tumble on Board 7 when Jan misdefended to let a no-play 3NT through, giving them only 9.1 matchpoints. They got a lot of the points back on Board 8 by making 3♠, which could have been defeated.

Onto the next round and you'll never guess – a slam.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chip	Mayantz	Jan	Budkin
Pass	4NT (2)	Pass	2♥ (1)
Pass	7♥	All Pass	5NT (3)

- (1) Weak with at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor
- (2) RKCB in hearts
- (3) An odd number of key cards and a void

Mario Mayantz decided the grand slam was worth the risk. Who knows what would have happened if Chip had found a spade lead?

When he chose the ♥J, Diana Budkin won with dummy's ace and cashed the ♥K, glad to see the 2-2 split. Up to 12

tricks (one spade, five hearts, three diamonds, one club and two club ruffs in the dummy), declarer played diamonds from the top, discarding two spades. If diamonds had been 5-3, she would have had to guess who held the ♠K. But when diamonds were 4-4, she could claim.

Plus 1510 gave the Argentinians 361 matchpoints.

Things were looking grim, but suddenly the Martels were given a gift. The declarer was laydown for 4♠ in the end-position but erred to go down one, turning 369.3 matchpoints into a surprisingly high 188.7.

After a couple of flatish rounds, up came... surprise, surprise... a slam.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chip	Cope	Jan	Robertson
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Simon Cope from England gambled with 4NT, but bought a great dummy with that key singleton. (South, Marion Robertson, presumably felt she was not strong enough for a 4♦ splinter on the second round.)

There are always 13 tricks. On a trump start, North would have established dummy's clubs. After East led a low spade, declarer took one spade, six hearts, one diamond, two clubs and three diamond ruffs in the dummy for plus 1010 and 356.2 matchpoints.

These points came back when South misdefended against 4♥ on the next deal, given the Martels 379.5 matchpoints. The penultimate round kept the Martels in the hunt, gaining 95.6 percent of the points when first an opponent took fewer tricks than almost anyone in 3NT. Then the same pair missed game.

This was the decisive deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West Vul.

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

Chip judged well not to retreat to 4♣, because that would have gone down one, probably doubled.

Against 3♥ doubled, Jan led the ♣Q. Then, to defeat the contract, she had either to shift to the ace and another diamond, or to lead a low club to partner's jack, so that he could switch to the ♠9 and get a spade ruff.

However, East continued with a high club before playing two rounds of diamonds.

Then John Hurd (North) timed the play perfectly. He unblocked the ♦Q under East's ace, took the next diamond in the dummy, and called for the ♥J, covered by the queen and ace. Then came a low spade. East went in with her king and returned another spade. Declarer won in the dummy, played a heart to his eight, and claimed.

Minus 530 gave East-West only 4.1 matchpoints; plus 100 would have gained 324.9.

The Martels finished in 174th place, but only 140.6 matchpoints behind 156th, the last qualifying position. You can do the math.



Rosenblum and McConnell KO phase

At the end of the round robin in the Rosenblum and McConnell, the knockout phase will begin. The brackets will be formed taking into account both the WBF master points and the ranking in the round robin.

A Tenner Wasted

by Jon Sveindal

Lots of people play upside-down carding these days. But discouraging with a high card may be dangerous. Boye Brogeland seized the opportunity when the defenders gave him an upside-down chance of an overtrick in this 3NT in the third Mixed Pairs qualification session.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

East led a low heart.

The ♥K took the first trick, and West continued with another heart to remove the entry to the club suit. Had North had three clubs only, it would have been a good defense. A club to the jack was followed by another. East shed a spade, and West grabbed his ace because there was no reason to hold up. He set up his hearts (yes, a diamond would have been better), and Boye entered dummy with a club (East discarded a diamond) and took the spade finesse. Another club produced a spade from East, while West upside-downed with the ♦10. That card ended any hope the defense might have had about holding the contract to nine tricks. When the last club was cashed, West and North discarded diamonds. East had to discard yet another spade because a diamond discard would give declarer two diamond tricks by force. East put up the king when a spade was led to the ace, but the Norwegian was convinced that he did the right thing when he next tabled the ♦5. East won the 9, but was endplayed for the overtrick. Plus 630 yielded a 90% score.

Coach is Watching

by Mark Horton

My title needs a little explanation. A few years ago Isabelle Smith (one half of my featured partnership) formed a partnership with Linda Lee (of Master Point Press) and they were part of the team that represented Canada in the 2005 Venice Cup. In an unguarded moment they asked me to help them in a few areas and I did a limited amount of watching as they practiced on BBO. In awkward situations they would remind each other, 'careful, Coach is watching'.

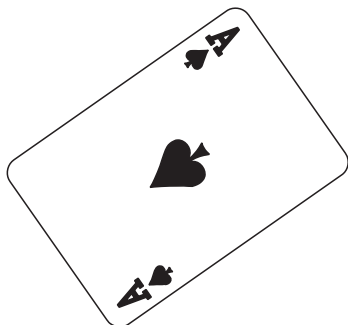
Here in Philadelphia Isabelle is partnering her husband Steve in the final of the World Bridge Series Mixed Pairs and having recently won the Canadian team trials will also represent Canada in the McConnell.

The thrilling finish to the Ryder Cup meant I only arrived at their table as they were in the middle of bidding Board 6.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ 9 8 3 2 ♦ J 8 7 6 2 ♣ 7 6 5	<table border="1" 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 9 5 2 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ 10 9 2	♠ K J 6 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ A Q J 8
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ Q 10 7 4 ♥ A K Q 6 4 ♦ 3 ♣ K 4 3											

Just as I was about to record the auction the combination of a passing waiter and Ron Tacchi was enough to



distract me, but I can tell you after 1♥-1♠ North/South had no difficulty reaching 6♠ but that scored only 69/85 as many pairs bid 6NT and collected 140/14.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 4 ♥ Q J 9 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 8 6 5 3	<table border="1" 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		♠ 8 7 5 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ A K 7 6 ♣ Q 9 4	♠ J 6 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ Q 9 8 5 4 ♣ A K
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ A K Q 9 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ J 7 2											

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Smith	Sanborn	Smith
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♦*

The intermediate 2♠ reminds me of a system that was developed in my home town, called Nottingham Club.

West led the two of diamonds but declarer went up with the ace, drew trumps and ran the ten of diamonds, claiming when East won with the queen and switched to the king of hearts. +620 was worth 81/73.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q J 10 7 5 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 9 6 ♣ Q	<table border="1" 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 8 ♥ K 2 ♦ 7 4 3 2 ♣ 8 6 5 4 3	♠ A K 6 4 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ A 10 2
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ - ♥ A Q J 10 8 5 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ K J 9 7											

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Smith	Sanborn	Smith
4♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West's imaginative opening bid worked well when East risked a direct raise. (The technical approach would be to bid 5♦, asking West to cue bid a heart control.) The opening lead of the king of hearts must have raised her heart rate, but West was kind enough to deliver a singleton. As you would expect it was a poor score for N/S, 31/123.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Padhye	Smith	Misra	Smith
Dble 4♥	2♣ All Pass	3♥	1♠ Pass

With spades 4-3 4♥ made in comfort, but the lead indicator had some modest value, as on a club lead by North



Kalpana Misra, India

(after say 2NT-3♦-3♥-4♥) declarer can pitch two spades on clubs and with careful play arrive at eleven tricks. North/South collected 105/49 (and -650 would have been worth only 30 matchpoints).

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Padhye	Smith	Misra	Smith
1♣ INT	1♥* All Pass	1♠ Pass	Pass Pass

1♥ Spades

North led the ace of spades and switched to the three of diamonds. Declarer won and played a heart to the king and ace. North won the spade switch and played another diamond and declarer won and cashed out for +90. That was 61/93.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cooper	Smith	Munson-Cooper	Smith
All Pass			

As a well know co-ordinator on BBO would say, a 20/20 deal. But passing it out was a disaster for N/S who scored only 15/139.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cooper	Smith	Munson-Cooper	Smith
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Dble 4 or 5 spades

I am not a great fan of having to double with five spades and although it may be a playable method here it led to a dreadful result.

North led the nine of spades for the king and ace and South, being just about 100% certain that North held the ace of hearts (no diamond lead meant West must have a diamond honour) cashed the king of hearts before switching to the eight of diamonds. North won with the ace and returned the jack of diamonds and declarer won in hand, played a club to the jack and the queen of diamonds. South ruffed with the four of spades and declarer overruffed and played a heart. North won and should now play a diamond to ensure another trump trick for South. When he exited with a club declarer won in dummy, ran the eight of spades and played winners from the dummy to trump coup South. That was worth only 14/140 but -110 would only have added 8 points to North/South's total.



Waiting Rewarded

by Jon Sveindal

I sat down behind Tor Helness when the Mixed Pairs kicked off. He usually provides good copy. It didn't start well - for the kibitzer. Helness was unable to excel, being dummy on the first board. The two that followed were nothing to write home about either. But patient waiting got its reward on the next one.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Lead: ♥9

Not having opened 1♥, Connie Goldberg took the consequence and introduced her second suit at the three level. Helness suggested 3 NT, North produced a red card, and everybody was happy.

Tor played low from dummy, and South took her ace to return the spade jack. The queen lost to the ace, and North introduced a third suit by leading and taking the next trick with the ♣K. The jack was also allowed to win, but Tor used his ace on the third round of clubs. Dummy said goodbye to three diamonds. Four heart tricks were cashed, and South discarded her remaining spades. A spade to the queen came next, and South comfortably shed her low club. She had no good response to the ♠10, though. The ♣Q was sacrificed, and Tor took the rest with the ♣9 and the ♦A. A homer!

Of course the contract could have been set, in contrast to the heart game that some pairs reached. So in theory Tor chose the wrong game. But in practice he was right in doing so! The big field offered 10 consolation match points to N-S, whereas 550 produced a massive 404 for E-W.

Mixed Pairs Final Session Two

by Brian Senior

The overnight leaders in the Mixed Pairs final were the American pairing of Yvonne Hernandez and Lu Kohutiak. Naturally enough, I went along to see if they could sustain their challenge in session two. Alas, I did not bring the leaders much luck.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Compton	Kohutiak	Rivers	Hernandez
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♦	Pass
3♣	Dble	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Clearly, the leaders play a sound opening style, as I imagine that most Norths would have opened. Kohutiak over-

called at his next turn and, when Chris Compton forced with a 3♣ cuebid, doubled to stress his interest in the suit. That was enough to discourage Loretta Rivers from bidding 3NT but Compton made that call himself and 3NT was a much better prospect from his side of the table.

Kohutiak led the jack of clubs. Compton won the king and rattled off the diamonds. With the spades coming in he had all 13 tricks for a very useful +720.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Compton	Kohutiak	Rivers	Hernandez
		Pass	INT
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Compton doubled the weak no trump and, though Hernandez tried to wriggle, there was no escape. Rivers led the jack of spades and, eager to get a heart lead through the king, Compton overtook his partner's winner and played two more rounds of the suit, forcing Rivers to ruff. She duly led the two of hearts, ducked to the queen, and Compton switched to the ace of diamonds then cashed the heart ace before reverting to diamonds. Kohutiak unblocked dummy's queen to create an entry to hand. Now Rivers misjudged the situation, leading a heart to dummy's king, and Kohutiak threw his last spade then tried to come to hand with the jack of diamonds. Compton ruffed and led a club to the king and ace. There was the jack of clubs to come for down four; -800.



Chris Compton, USA

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q ♥ AK96 ♦ KQ865 ♣ AQ6	N W E S	♠ A973 ♥ 743 ♦ J974 ♣ 85	♠ J62 ♥ J105 ♦ A10 ♣ K10432
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West	North	East	South
N Chambers	Kohutiak	D Chambers	Hernandez
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Six Clubs is a pretty good spot on this one but perhaps not so easy to reach. Neil and Donna Chambers had a chance. Donna's 3♣ facing the reverse showed a decent hand as 2NT would have covered all bad hands, and now Neil felt that he was worth an advance cuebid followed by a jump to game. Donna had only a jack wasted opposite the marked shortage but her trumps were not as good as they might have been and she settled for the safe game.

Hernandez led a spade to the ace and Kohutiak continued the suit. Declarer ruffed in dummy and cashed the ace and queen of trumps, crossed to the ace of diamonds and drew the last trump. Ruffing out the diamonds provided the twelfth trick for +420.



Lu Kohutiak, USA

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J763 ♥ 4 ♦ A10982 ♣ A102	N W E S	♠ - ♥ KJ97653 ♦ KJ5 ♣ KJ6	♠ Q10942 ♥ AQ ♦ Q43 ♣ Q93
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West	North	East	South
N Chambers	Kohutiak	D Chambers	Hernandez
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♥	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Neil made a splinter raise of Donna's overcall and Kohutiak saved in 5♥. It is hard to blame him, looking at seven hearts and a spade void facing a heart raise, but it worked out badly as Hernandez had good enough spades to beat the spade game – South can lead both minors in time to get North's two kings.

Five Hearts was doubled by Donna, who had no reason to imagine that 5♠ would be making. She led a spade so Kohutiak was able to pitch two clubs on the ace and king. He continued with a heart to the queen. Donna cashed the ace of hearts then exited with a spade. Kohutiak ruffed and led the king of clubs. Neil won and returned the suit and Kohutiak was forced to lead diamonds from hand so lost two of those for down three; -500.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J4 ♥ Q9862 ♦ K873 ♣ 102	N W E S	♠ 86 ♥ A74 ♦ J42 ♣ Q9863	♠ AKQ10 ♥ 105 ♦ Q109 ♣ AK54
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♠ 97532 ♥ KJ3 ♦ A65 ♣ J7	
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West	North	East	South
Hopkins	Kohutiak	Lewis	Hernandez
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Three No Trump is not a great contract looking just at the East/West cards, but it appears to be unbeatable as the cards lie. Joan Lewis could not have been disappointed to receive a diamond lead to the jack and her queen. She played back the diamond ten, which held the trick, then ran the ten of hearts. When that lost to the ace and a spade came back, winning in hand and repeating the heart finesse would have resulted in an overtrick, but that would have risked the contract had North falsecarded when holding all the heart honours. Playing safely, Lewis instead played the nine of diamonds, won the spade return with the jack and cashed the thirteenth diamond then cashed her black winners for +400.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hopkins	Kohutiak	Lewis	Hernandez
		Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♦(i)	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

(i) Fit, at least nine red cards

For the second time in three deals, Kohutiak saved at the five level against a contract that was not about to make. He did have extreme distribution and could not expect partner to know how valuable club honours would be, but there is the old adage that the five level belongs

to the opposition. Lewis led a heart so the diamond loser went away. Kohutiak ran the ten of spades to the king and now Lewis tried the queen of clubs. Robert Hopkins ducked that to the king. Kohutiak crossed to the nine of spades and led a club, losing two of those for one down; -200.

On Board 19, Kohutiak/Hernandez had a misunderstanding and stopped in 4♦ when Kohutiak was on a slam hunt. There was no slam available, but +150 was a rather inadequate score.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hayden	Kohutiak	McKee	Hernandez
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Garey Hayden and Tina McKee stopped just in time and Kohutiak led his singleton diamond. Hayden won in dummy and led the jack of hearts. Kohutiak won immediately and tried a spade, Hayden putting in the ten and pitching a club from hand. He could draw the remaining trumps now and pitch his other club loser on the ace of spades; +680.

Very little had gone right for the first-session leaders and they must have been relieved when I left the table. Things went a little better in my absence and the session scored around 44%, but that was surely enough to put paid to any hopes they had for a medal as they slumped to 42nd after two sessions.



Come Out With Your Hands Up!

by Jim Gordon

September, 2010

This is one of the final articles written by Jim Gordon, who died at the hotel earlier in this tournament. The article was originally published on the Bridge Topics web site: www.bridgetopics.com.

The recent Italian Teams Clubs Championships gave vanguard spectators the chance to see four great pairs slug it out, head-to-head, for an extended match. Five of the six segments featured Duboin-Sementa vs Helgemo-Helness and Bocchi-Madala vs Fantoni-Nunes. That Allegra pulled out a 1-IMP victory over Angelini on the final board of the match was icing on a very rich cake.

The second board of the match provided one of the more interesting layouts that we've seen in quite a while: Sitting West, you hold: ♠A9842 ♥854 ♦96 ♣65. Partner opens 1♦ and RHO overcalls INT. You call 2♣, Mitchell Stayman for the majors. LHO jumps to 3NT, ending the auction. Your lead... (Would you change your choice if we revealed that there's only one card that leaves declarer no counter?). Helgemo chose the ♠9 and dummy hit with: ♠K1065 ♥K93 ♦52 ♣J1042. Declarer let this ride around to his queen (partner playing the 3) and played the ♠7 to the 10 in dummy (partner discarding the ♦7). Next came the ♦2: 4, J, 6 and the ♠J to your ace (partner discarding the ♣9). You're back in the spotlight, and again there's only one card that leaves the defense in control...

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

N	E
W	S

After long thought, Helgemo chose the ♥J, which wasn't the needed card, but which left Madala unsure of the position of the ♥10. When he chose to play Helgemo for that card (and ran the heart to the queen in his hand), he could no longer come to nine tricks.

The full deal:

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

N	E
W	S

♠ Q J 7	♠ Q J 7
♥ Q 7 2	♥ Q 7 2
♦ K J 10 8	♦ K J 10 8
♣ A Q 3	♣ A Q 3

The deal is (overly) rich in complexities. From the auction, declarer can be reasonably sure that the major-suit aces are split between the two defenders. To succeed, declarer needs dummy entries. His initial plan is to lead diamonds twice, but he may adjust this as the distribution is revealed. On this layout, or if East held the ♠A doubleton, the winning play at trick one is the 10 from dummy. The only holding to which that loses is if East held the ♠A singleton. (All of which helps explain Helgemo's choice of spot card for his lead).

As for the winning lead/shift, fans of Kelsey (as well as of old-time crime movies) might have recognized the fascinating variation on a surround play represented by the ♥8. (The complete, and totally unlikely, winning line on the lead of the ♠9 is ♠10, diamond to the jack, ♣Q ducked all around, ♠Q. If West takes the ace and returns a spade, declarer wins the king and East has no good pitch:

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

N	E
W	S

♠ -	♠ -
♥ Q 7 2	♥ Q 7 2
♦ K 10 8	♦ K 10 8
♣ A 3	♣ A 3

If East pitches a heart, declarer leads a low heart from dummy. If East plays low, he'll be end-played when declarer ducks the second round of hearts. If East rises with the ace and exits with a heart, the third round of hearts will leave declarer in dummy and force another pitch from East. If East pitches a second club, Declarer leads a club honour from dummy. East must duck else Declarer has

three tricks in clubs, ending in dummy. After East ducks, declarer reverts to diamonds and East will be thrown in to lead from his heart holding. If East pitches a third diamond, declarer leads dummy's remaining diamond and East will be end-played. If West ducks the ♠Q, declarer overtakes in dummy and leads another diamond to again threaten an end-play.

Caught in the Crossfire

by Mark Horton

This deal from the second session of the World Bridge Series Mixed Pairs final was a cracker:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Rosen		Seal
	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With his balanced hand Neil Rosen rejected the 5-3 spade fit and was off to a good start when East led an attacking three of hearts and dummy's jack took the trick.



Neil Rosen, England

When a club to the queen saw East's seven appear declarer was already alive to the possibility that it might be from ♣107. A spade to the jack saw West win with the queen and declarer ducked the heart return and took the next heart, discarding dummy's nine of diamonds. He then ran the spade suit, reaching this five card ending:

♠ - ♥ 6 ♦ J 7 ♣ A 9	<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 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 10	♠ 8 ♥ - ♦ A ♣ J 8 6
	N											
W		E										
	S											

When he played the eight of spades West was in big trouble. If he parted with a club declarer would play the jack, pinning East's ten, then cross to the ace of clubs and go back to dummy with a diamond to cash the eight of clubs. So, West discarded the queen of diamonds, but now declarer could run the jack of clubs, then cash the ace of diamonds and cross to hand with the ace of clubs for a magnificent +660.

As a small aside, once declarer has ducked a heart West can break up the ending by switching to the king of diamonds. However, if declarer takes the ace of hearts at once and cashes his spades West will still be squeezed. In the six-card ending he will have to part with his last heart and now if declarer reads the position he can run the jack of clubs, then play ace of diamonds and a diamond, scoring the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and the jack of diamonds.

Be Careful

by Barry Rigal

On this deal from the second qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs, I'm guessing the majority of the field opened as North or South.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Whatever the case, few reached the absolute par with the East-West cards of 3♥. A notrump partscore was the norm – ideally played by North, but beggars can't be choosers. At our table, the ♥10 from an interior sequence lost to the king.

Be honest now: how many of you as South cashed the ♣K but forgot to unblock the 8? Then you will find that the 3-1 club break prevents you from running the clubs. Of course, if the ♠A or ♠Q J were onside, you could have recovered, but did you deserve that?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

The room played 3NT by West. On the lead of the ♥4 (yes, there is a case for leading the 9), declarer is faced

with playing for a defensive error by playing the 6 from dummy or the legitimate play of the ♥10. West went for the legitimate play, and when the ♥10 was covered by the jack, West ducked. I won the next heart in hand, drove out the ♦A, and Stanley Tulin as North did well to duck his ace to the third round, then shifted to the ♠J. Not quite good enough... declarer won the ♠A, then cashed the ♥K and ♦Q. Janice Seamon-Molson was squeezed without the count. She had to reduce to the ♠K and the ♣J 10 3 2. Declarer reduced to two spades and the ♣A K Q and ducked a spade, then claimed the rest.

5-0 trumps? No problem

by Barry Rigal

The world played in 4♠, some doubled, on the following deal from the third qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

The ♥Q was led to the ace, leaving East awkwardly placed. When East returned a diamond, declarer was in with a shout. West takes the ♦A and returns the suit to dummy's king. Now a high spade from dummy reveals the bad trump split and a spade goes to South's 10. The club finesse works and a diamond ruff drops the queen. A second club finesse wins and the ♦J forces East to ruff. Declarer overruffs, cashes the ♥K and ruffs a heart low. Dummy's ♠Q is the 10th trick.

Declarer scores four plain-suit tricks, the ♠A and ♠10 plus four other trumps scored separately.

Points of View

by Brent Manley

It's surprising at times how bridge players can differ so widely in their views of the same deal. This wild one was played in the second round robin session of the Rosenblum, and it shows just how far apart the opinions can be.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

The board was played 128 times, producing 26 different results in 17 different contracts.

Here is the list, starting with a hard-to-believe 3NT by East, making all 13 tricks despite the fact that the play record indicates South led a diamond (perhaps it was actually a heart):

Contract	Result	Frequency
3NT	520	1
4♦X	+910	2
4♦X	+1110	1
4♥	-100	1
4♠	+510	4
4♠X	+890	2
5♣	+420	1
5♣	+440	2
5♦	+600	4
5♦X	-500	1
5♦X	+750	43
5♦X	+950	12
5♦X	+1150	1
5♥X	-500	1
5♠	+450	1
5♠	+510	8
5♠X	+650	1
5♠X	+850	10

6♣	+920	6
6♣	+940	1
6♦	-100	2
6♦X	-200	17
6♦X	+1540	1
6♠	+1010	1
6♠X	+1310	3
6♠XX	-200	1

America Honours José

On Monday evening the ACBL and the USBF staged a gala reception at Reading Market honouring José Damiani for his extraordinary service to the WBF and bridge throughout the world.

Joan Gerrard acted as MC and introduced the CEO of the ACBL, Jay Baum, who declared that José had put his heart and soul into bridge.

Bill Pollack, President of the USBF announced that henceforth José would be an honorary Life Member of the ACBL, with free entry to all NABC events, whereupon José immediately declared he would attend every one from now on!

With the formalities completed, the party got into full swing, starting with spirited renditions of the Marseilles and God Bless America, followed by a compilation that included some tracks from the legendary 'Chairman of the Board', Ol' Blue Eyes himself, Frank Sinatra.

As the party continued one reveler was heard to enquire as to what time the coach would arrive to take people back to the hotel.

When proceedings finally came to a close the remaining guests departed to the strains of Hernando's Hideaway.

The consensus was that it was the best party since Bermuda 2000.

Brick without much straw

by Barry Rigal

On this deal from the third qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs, both Jan van Cleeff and I were prepared to reveal our lines of play for a result of plus 490.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 9 3 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ K Q 8 2 ♣ K	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ 8 6 2 ♥ 10 7 6 3 ♦ 9 7 6 3 ♣ 6 3
N		E									
W											
	S										
	♠ 7 5 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ A Q J 7 4										

Both reached 3NT (guess which one overcalled INT with the North cards over 1♠ by West).

On a spade lead, they won and led a club to the ace, finessed in hearts, then ran three more clubs, then the hearts. This was the ending.

♠ J 10 ♥ - ♦ K Q 8 ♣ -	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ Q 4 ♥ - ♦ J 5 ♣ 2
N		E									
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	S										
	♠ 8 6 ♥ 10 ♦ 6 3 ♣ -										
	♠ 7 ♥ - ♦ A 10 4 ♣ 4										

On the last club, West is caught in a variety of strip squeeze. If he lets go a diamond, declarer ducks a diamond. If West pitches a spade, declarer leads his spade to the queen and runs the ♦J to endplay him.



Second in the Mixed Pairs: Kismet Fung and Brian Glubok



Third in the Mixed Pairs: Robert Hopkins and Joan Lewis



Winners of the Mixed Pairs Plate: Zijian Shao and Jing Rong Ran with USBF President Bill Pollack and former WBF President Ernesto D'Orsi



Second in the Plate: Leslie Paryzer and Stephen Goldstein with WBF President José Damiani and Pollack



Third in the Plate: Shannon Cappelletti and George Colter

Home Town Favorites

by George Retek

My wife, Mari, and I have been playing bridge with Evi (a successful travel planner) and David Kirsh (a fellow chartered accountant) in Montreal for more decades than we care to remember. The first time we played together at the World Championships in New Orleans, we faced the formidable national team from Israel.

At our table, we had high expectations after the Israelis made 12 sophisticated asking and control bids to arrive at 7♦ – missing the ace of trumps.

When we compared, this turned out to be a push board. When somehow, politically incorrect, I inquired if at the other table anyone asked for the number of aces, Evi proudly announced that she did, whereupon David provided the correct reply, but Evi did not believe him!

In Philadelphia, we met as opponents in the last round of the Mixed Pairs (fourth session), where I was West and Evi was my screenmate.

preferred the 4♣ bid that occasionally may lead to a club slam. After a few minutes, our pleasant discussion was interrupted by the other side of the screen. They wanted to know why I delayed making the opening lead.

Evi's step response, of course, made her the declarer. She said she would trust me to make my usual lead (of course, my usual leads can turn out to be disastrous) even when I know her cards.

Fortunately, the lead did not matter this time. Evi played the two top hearts, discarded two diamonds on the spades and played clubs, claiming her contract with two overtricks.

This was the next deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 2♥ One ace or two kings
- 3♦ Transfer to hearts

North might have bid 3♣ instead of the unorthodox 3♣, but when we would have missed a story.

While waiting for East to make the opening lead, Evi showed me her hand, inquiring what I would have bid. I

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

The spade lead was ruffed, followed by two rounds of high trumps and another spade ruff. Evi was able to claim the slam and 90% of the matchpoints.

I don't always enjoy playing against these two.



Duplimate Discounts



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Master points for the Rosenblum and McConnell

For the Round Robin, teams will win 15 Master Points for each match won.

In the knockout phase, a total of one-third of the boards played by a team must be played in order to qualify for master points. It is, however, acceptable for a player to play 25% of the boards in any one match, provided he or she attains the one-third played over all matches.

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

MONDAY OPEN PAIRS

27.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.95	1			Renee Mancuso, Los Angeles CA; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL	63.25%
9.71	2			Riki Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	61.14%
7.28	3			Ender Aksuyek, Istanbul Turkey; Marco Ter Laare, Schiedam Netherlands	60.85%
5.46	4			Bjorn Fallenius - Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY	59.94%
4.32	5			Candace Kushner - Marshall Kushner, Reston VA	58.33%
3.70	6			Seymon Deutsch, Laredo TX; Fred Chang, Flushing NY	57.86%
3.34	7			Julie Berdock - Michael Kenny, Richmond Hill ON	57.34%
2.88	8			Teresa Young, Singapore; Lutz Dohnert, Miami FL	55.05%
7.08		1		Everette Harris, Lawrenceville NJ; Robert Umfer, Lansdale PA	54.41%
5.31		2	1	Frank Opshinsky, Dalton PA; Dann Davies, Clarks Summit PA	54.25%
3.98		3	2	Yacob(Jacob) Rubinstien, Holland PA; Jack Glass, Jenkintown PA	53.86%
2.99		4		Jimmy Ritzenberg, Bethesda MD; Jim Gaarder, Columbia MD	52.32%
2.36		5		Phyllis Weber, Jenkintown PA; Gertrude Singer, Elkins Park PA	51.86%
2.34		6		Vittorio Ginzburg, Philadelphia PA; Judith Albert, Voorhees NJ	51.12%
3.67			3	Judy Golden, Philadelphia PA; Judith Simkins, Meadowbrook PA	50.39%
2.14			4	Mimi Schneirov, Elkins Park PA; Michael Belman, Wynnewood PA	47.76%
1.48			5	Charles Page, Brisbane Australia; Midori Wakabayashi, Philadelphia PA	46.79%

SUNDAY – MONDAY KNOCKOUT

9 Tables

17.12	1	Joyce Lelah, Los Angeles CA; Ling-Li Bates, Taipei 12 Taiw Taiwan; Jane Choo, Singapore 30909 Singapore; Jackie Thompson, Silver Spring MD; Gemma Mariano, Metro Manila Philippines
11.98	2	Mike Ash, Edinburgh SC; Paul Gipson, Duns Td 13pz Scotland; Alex Gipson, Orpington England; Alan Goodman, Edinburgh United Kingdom
6.85	3/4	Hank Stern - Gerrie Stern, Bala Cynwyd PA; Ilene Garlin, Huntingdon Vly PA; Margery Bleiman, Jenkintown PA

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