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TWO IN A ROW FOR HACKETT



Rand Cup winners: Gary Hayden, John Holland, Gunnar Hallberg, Reese Milner and Paul Hackett

The Anglo-American team captained by Paul Hackett stormed out to a 72-11 lead in the first set of the Rand Cup Senior Teams final and defeated Team Markowicz 155-83. For three members of the team – Hackett, John Holland and Gunnar Hallberg of England – it was the second Senior world title in a row. They won an equivalent event in Sao Paulo, Brazil, last year. They were joined in Philadelphia by Americans Gary Hayden and Reese Milner.

Three members of the losing team – captain Victor Markowicz, Julian Klukowski and Jerzy Russyan – faced Hackett in the final in Sao Paulo.

In the Rosenblum, the semifinals are set: Zimmermann v. Diamond and Wolfson v. Nickell. In Monday's action, Zimmermann dispatched Strul 116-69; Diamond topped Vito 143-26, the latter withdrawing after three sets; Wolfson beat Fleisher 108-92 and Nickell routed Robinson 132-65.

Today's McConnell final will pit the China Ladies against the Netherlands. China beat Fireman 137-96, and the Dutch women defeated Hampton, who withdrew after three sets trailing 133-36.

In the Generali pairs contests, the leaders entering the semi-final rounds are Cezary Balicki/Jacek Pszczola in the Open and Sylvia Moss/Judi Radin in the Women's.

VUGRAPH DAILY

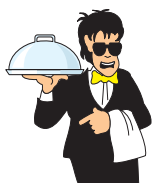
Vugraph will be shown in the Liberty Ballroom at 10.00. The ballroom is located in the Deluxe Tower of the Marriott across the bridge on level three.



Important Notices

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

Saturday October 16th
5 pm
Grand Ballroom – 5th floor Marriott



WORLD EVENT PLAYERS must RSVP by 3 pm on Thursday October 14th at the 5th floor registration area. Please show your badge for entry to the Ceremony

REGIONAL PLAYERS are invited to attend for \$25 cash only. Tickets are available for purchase from 5th floor registration at the Marriott Hotel, starting on Tuesday October 12th.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today) **TUESDAY**

Rosenblum Cup
Semi Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

McConnell Cup
Final / Play Off sessions from **10.00**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy
Round Robin sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30

Damiani Cup
Round Robin sessions at
10.00, 12.00, 14.30, 16.30

Rona Cup
Round Robin sessions begin at **10.00**

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Semi Final sessions 2, 3 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

(Tomorrow) **WEDNESDAY**

Rosenblum Cup
Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.50, 18.30
Play Off sessions at **10.00, 13.00**

McConnell Cup
Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.50, 18.30
Play Off sessions at **10.00, 13.00**

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy
Round Robin sessions 16,17 at
10.00, 12.00
Quarter Final sessions at **14.00, 17.15**

Damiani Cup
Round Robin sessions at **10.00, 12.00**
Quarter Final sessions at **14.00, 17.15**

Rona Cup
Final / Play Off sessions begin at **11.00**
GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Semi Final sessions 4, 5 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs
Qualifying sessions at **11.00, 16.00**

VUGRAPH MATCHES



Morning Match (10.00)

BBO.1-VG: Table 1 Zimmermann - Diamond (Ros.C.)
BBO.2: Table 2 Wolfson - Nickell (Ros.C.)
BBO.3-O.G: Table 33 China Ladies - Netherlands (M.C)

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Rand and McConnell prize giving

Prize giving for the Rand Cup and McConnell Cup will take place today at 8:30 p.m. in the Vugraph Theater.



WORLD BRIDGE SERIES RESULTS



ROSENBLUM CUP

Quarter Finals (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Zimmermann	34	26	37	19	116
	Strul	23	16	14	16	69
2	Vito	3	7	16	0	26
	Diamond	61	31	51	0	143
3	Wolfson	44	22	30	12	108
	Fleisher	11	40	18	23	92
4	Robinson	8	10	34	13	65
	Nickell	39	29	29	35	132

McCONNELL CUP

Semi Finals (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
33	China Ladies Team	64	16	26	31	137
	Fireman	6	15	47	28	96
34	Hampton	5	16	15	0	36
	Netherlands	64	8	61	0	133

RAND CUP SENIOR TEAMS

Finals (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
41	Hackett	72	39	44	155
	Team Markowicz	11	39	33	83

Play Offs (subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
41	Gabrial UI	44	57	0	101
	Cohen	19	13	0	32

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS

Final Qualifying Results

Rank	Names	Result			
1	Jessica HAYMAN PIAFSKY - Nicolas L'ECUYER	57.57	59	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	52.85
2	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	56.87	60	Alain BENOIT - Olivier GIARD	52.80
3	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	56.58	61	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	52.75
4	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	56.56	62	Ramratnam KRISHNAN - K. R.VENKATARAMAN	52.69
5	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	56.42	63	Chris COMPTON - Martin SELIGMAN	52.68
6	Michal KWIECIEN - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	56.29	64	R GOKHALE - Satya RAMI	52.65
7	Rajesh DALAL - Anil PADHYE	56.20	65	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	52.60
8	Ai-Tai LO - Alan SCHWARTZ	56.12	66	Mark AQUINO - Richard BINDER	52.50
9	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	55.92	67	Walter JOHNSON - Doug SIMSON	52.38
10	Andrew STARK - Franco BASEGGIO	55.83	68	Aneurin GRIFFITHS - Bobby RICHMAN	52.36
11	Louis GLASTHAL - Michael MASSIMILLA	55.59	69	Greg HINZE - David YANG	52.34
12	Jingsheng BIAN - Yong LIAN	55.55	70	Olivie DAVID - Jean Claude LEVY	52.33
13	Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - Godefroy De TESSIERES	55.49	71	Mike KENNY - Jonathan STEINBERG	52.29
14	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Matt GRANOVETTER	55.26	72	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	52.26
15	Tomasz GOTARD - Slawek HENCLIK	55.08	73	Atanas IVANOV - Antony Ivanov NIKOLOV	52.16
16	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	55.07	74	Ole BERSET - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	52.07
17	Neil ROSEN - Martin JONES	55.03	75	Nikos DELIMPALTADAKIS - K. KONTOMITROS	51.97
18	Stanislaw GOLEBIOWSKI - Jacek KALITA	54.97	76	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	51.94
19	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	54.95	77	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Desislava POPOVA	51.78
20	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	54.78	78	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	51.74
21	Uttam GUPTA - Nr KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY	54.75	79	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	51.74
22	Joquin PACAREU - Benjamin ROBLES	54.74	80	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	51.71
23	Kenneth EICHENBAUM - Kenneth J. REXFORD	54.72	81	Dipak PODDAR - Jeetu SOLANI	51.70
24	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	54.49	82	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppa FAILLA	51.70
25	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	54.35	83	George MITTELMAN - Mike MOSS	51.68
26	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	54.30	84	Greg BURCH - Rick ROWLAND	51.66
27	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Philippe TOFFIER	54.20	85	Richard SCHWARTZ - Peter WEICHSEL	51.59
28	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	54.18	86	Ramavatar AGARWAL - Keshav S. SAMANT	51.59
29	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	54.14	87	Darrian Bogdan COTESCU - Dragos IORDACHE	51.56
30	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	54.12	88	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	51.55
31	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	54.01	89	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	51.54
32	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Vassilis VROUSTIS	53.89	90	Stephen CASTELLINO - Paul CORNELIUS	51.48
33	Wafik ABDU - Chris LARSEN	53.88	91	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	51.47
34	David BECHER - Alan WATSON	53.75	92	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	51.44
35	Raphael GUENOUN - Bernard LAUGIER	53.61	93	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	51.42
36	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	53.50	94	Leslie AMOILS - Jeff SAPIRE	51.39
37	Mark COHEN - Milton ROSENBERG	53.47	95	Alexander ALLEN - Abe PINELES	51.36
38	Franky Steven KARWUR - Widi PANCONO	53.47	96	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	51.36
39	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	53.39	97	Jim BARROW - Don CATON	51.33
40	Allan FALK - Peter FRIEDLAND	53.28	98	Borislav BORISOV - Yordan GACHEV	51.20
41	Jose Roberto BRUM - Roberto De MELLO	53.28	99	Bernard PASCAL - Baher RAMADAN	51.19
42	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	53.27	100	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	51.18
43	Daniel NUSSBAUM - Mark OSPECK	53.27	101	Alexander PERLIN - Michael PRAHIN	51.11
44	Andrew MCINTOSH - Nicklas SANDQVIST	53.27	102	Khalid MOHIUDDIN - Gulzar BILAL	51.10
45	Jens AUKEN - Jon SVEINDAL	53.17	103	Ajay KHARE - Raju TOLANI	51.10
46	Yuwei WU - Shangjie WU	53.16	104	Ethan LIU - Qing YANG	51.07
47	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	53.10	105	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	51.04
48	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	53.06	106	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	51.04
49	Eric DEBUS - Rutger VAN MECHELEN	53.05	107	Vladislav Nikolov ISPORSKI - Valentin KOVACHEV	51.01
50	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	53.02	108	Philippe CAPUTO - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	50.97
51	Serge CHEVALIER - Jacques CLOUTIER	53.00	109	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	50.96
52	Boguslaw PAZUR - Marek WOJCICKI	52.98	110	George KRIZEL - Albert SHEKHTER	50.94
53	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	52.96	111	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	50.85
54	Javier GRAUPERA - Juan PONT	52.94	112	Salvador ASSAEL - Ali YALMAN	50.84
55	Shireen MOHANDÉS - Andy BOWLES	52.93	113	Ya Fu LIN - Jian WANG (2)	50.80
56	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	52.90	114	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	50.78
57	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	52.89	115	Omer EKINCI - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	50.78
58	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	52.89	116	Iftikhar BAQAI - Mitch DUNITZ	50.64
			117	Robert BLANCHARD - Shane BLANCHARD	50.60

118	Krzysztof BURAS - Bob HAMPTON	50.58	181	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	47.82
119	Dominique GERIN - Ivan RUE	50.57	182	Paolo PASQUINI - Jose Maria VALDES	47.75
120	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	50.52	183	Jaroslav CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	47.73
121	Lassad JEDIDI - Mohamed REBAL	50.52	184	Nishat ABEDI - Fawad HAKIM	47.61
122	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	50.46	185	Diana WYLIE - Wendell WYLIE	47.59
123	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	50.42	186	Jerry CLERKIN - Stewart CRAMER	47.57
124	Richard CHAN - Peter WONG	50.41	187	Jaime CARRERA - Herbert JORDAN	47.54
125	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Abdelkamel RERHAYE	50.33	188	Glenn MILGRIM - Eugene SAXE	47.50
126	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	50.31	189	Kostandin KAPO - Artan XHORI	47.47
127	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan PEICHEV	50.26	190	Edgar DE SOUZA - Anil TIKARE	47.36
128	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	50.24	191	Erick HERDOIZA - Carlos RENDON	47.36
129	Niccolo FOSSI - Peter PAUNCZ	50.18	192	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	47.32
130	Mehmet Ali KORDOV - Kutluhan UNAL	50.13	193	Stephen TU - Tien-Chun YANG	47.26
131	Pete PLUHTA - David WESTFALL	50.10	194	Janet DE BOTTON - Artur MALINOWSKI	47.19
132	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	50.10	195	Marshall BAUM - Serge BONDAR	47.10
133	Eva CAPLAN - Karin WENNING	50.09	196	Barbara KASLE - Howard PARKER III	47.09
134	Sheng Hong CHEN - Rui WANG	50.09	197	Dave BLACKMAN - Tony WATKINS	47.07
135	Robert CAPPELLI - Robert KATZ	50.05	198	Veronel LUNGU - Viorel MICESCU	47.06
136	Mike MCNAMARA - Elliot SHALITA	50.04	199	Malcolm EWASHKIW - Robert HOLLOW	46.94
137	Elly SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	50.00	200	Richard BOWDERY - Simon COPE	46.83
138	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	49.93	201	Doug FISHER - Bob TODD	46.78
139	Rui LI - Jjiang TONG	49.92	202	Kathleen FORTNEY - Charles FORTNEY	46.60
140	Roeland MAAT - Mark De MEER	49.86	203	Igor MILMAN - Oleg RUBINCHIK	46.56
141	Ruth NAKANO - Dick YARINGTON	49.84	204	Alan APPLEBAUM - Victor KING	46.50
142	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	49.82	205	Shelley LAPKOFF - Vandana VIDWANS	46.48
143	Fred HOFFER - Don PIAFSKY	49.79	206	Patrick K. H. HUANG - Edmund TSE	46.42
144	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	49.78	207	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	46.34
145	David OLSON - James OLSON	49.75	208	Jacqueline SINCOFF - Roger LORD	46.30
146	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	49.73	209	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	46.28
147	Charles GARNIER - Luc SOUDAN	49.60	210	Ed SCHULTE - Jay WHIPPLE III	46.26
148	Naveed ATHER - Saleh FETOUH	49.60	211	Donna MORGEN - Howard KAHLENBERG	46.25
149	Willem van ELJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	49.59	212	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - Miguel REYGADAS	46.24
150	Xueliang CAO - Yu Xiong SHEN	49.55	213	Ahmed KCHAOU - Anas MESTIRI	46.10
151	Arun BAPAT - Ashok Kumar GOEL	49.42	214	Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU	46.00
152	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	49.41	215	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	45.89
153	Daniel BOYE - Larry SUNSER	49.35	216	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	45.85
154	Ranald DAVIDSON - Marc-Andre FOURCAUDOT	49.34	217	Salih Murat ANTER - Ata AYDIN	45.84
155	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	49.31	218	Odette ZIGHELBOIM - Steve HAMAOU	45.81
156	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	49.19	219	Rachael MOLLER - David GURVICH	45.73
157	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	49.17	220	Justin BLANCHARD - Vincent DEMUY	45.41
158	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	49.13	221	Daryl DREW - James ZINKAND	45.35
159	Luis GAMIO KLAPIC - Tariq LATIF	49.12	222	Khalil BENSOUA - Abdellatif CADITAZI	44.92
160	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	49.06	223	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	44.76
161	Seth COHEN - Jeff RUBEN	49.04	224	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	44.12
162	Joao BARBOSA - Antonio PALMA	49.02	225	Julio Alberto ALFONSIN - Victor MARINESCU	44.07
163	COQUILLETTE - MOSCOW	49.01	226	Irfan ASHRAF - Lino D'SOUZA	44.06
164	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	48.98	227	Thomas BANDY - Scott STEARNS	44.05
165	Marshall LEWIS - James MATES	48.69	228	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG - Samuel IEONG	43.81
166	Allen KAHN - Jeffrey ROTHSTEIN	48.69	229	Lutz DOHNERT - Donald VANCIL	43.67
167	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN	48.46	230	Wissem BELLAZREG - Chahir MAKNI	43.61
168	Craig GANZER - R POPPER	48.44	231	Jacqueline PAVEL - Horia GEORGESCU	43.01
169	Nicole STRASSER - George BILSKI	48.38	232	Eleanor SEAMAN - Jerry GOLDBERG	42.74
170	Michel LABEL - Bernard PAYEN	48.20	233	Stephannie RUSSO - Maria TSOUKALAS	41.47
171	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	48.09	234	Leila FEHRI - Paul HU	40.90
172	Henry LORTZ - Wayne OHLRICH	48.08	235	Enis FANI - Rasim HAMZARAJ	40.23
173	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	48.06	236	Al CHANEY - Bob WALSH	40.19
174	Emilio LA ROVERE - Luiz Ronaldo LIMA	47.99	237	BENALI - Said SBILI	40.00
175	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	47.98	238	David AMSTERDAM - Brad BARRY	39.73
176	Ron BISHOP - John DUQUETTE	47.95	239	Frank COLE - John LUTE	38.32
177	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	47.90	240	Maria ABRAVANEL - Eduardo VARGAS	36.70
178	Grazyna BREWIAK - Janoslaw PIASECKI	47.85			
179	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	47.82			
180	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	47.82			

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS**Final Qualifying Results**

Rank	Names	Result			
			29	Nancy TURNER - Laurie VOGEL	50.96
1	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	57.73	30	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	50.88
2	Valerie BLOOM - Ora LOURIE	55.70	31	Irene ELKIN - Maria Elena SUAREZ	50.75
3	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	54.76	32	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	50.66
4	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	54.15	33	Jo MORSE - Sally STRUL	50.47
5	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	53.82	34	Kathrin BOARDMAN - Barbara TRAVIS	50.32
6	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	53.75	35	Jalila BELHASSEN - Ferdaouss TRABELSI	50.30
7	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	53.73	36	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	50.12
8	Ruth GOLD - Barbara SIMS	53.69	37	Gail BELL - Gila GUTTMANN	50.11
9	Maria PANADERO - Agata PIDAL	53.52	38	Leora DUBROVSKY - Donna RODWELL	49.57
10	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	53.02	39	Diana BALKIN - Marina BREYTENBACH	49.23
11	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	52.98	40	Jane SEGAL - Judy WOLFF	48.19
12	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	52.88	41	Mine BABAC - Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU	48.08
13	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	52.72	42	Silvia Elena BOLDT - Gloria IRIBARREN	48.00
14	Patricia CUMMINS - Jacqueline THOMPSON	52.69	43	Monica ANGUS - Dorothy NEATE	47.91
15	Merle MODLIN - Margi NIEHAUS	52.57	44	Angela FENTON - Joyce PEARSON	47.36
16	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	52.51	45	Catherine PHILIPPE PASCAL - Hoda SOLIMAN	47.15
17	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	52.13	46	Amanda JEGER - Estera LISKER	46.93
18	Joan JACKSON - Nancy PASSELL	52.13	47	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	46.59
19	Bing DU - Juan LI	52.12	48	Meta GOODMAN - Margaret MILLAR	46.55
20	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	52.02	49	Sharon JABBOUR - Shirley PRESBERG	46.53
21	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Morella PACHECO	51.98	50	Muguette PELI - Anny TRACOL	45.50
22	Anna DOSSEVA - Helen JOHNSTON	51.91	51	Lyudmila ANTONOVA - Gutierrez HERRERO	45.15
23	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	51.89	52	Hedia BACCAR - Hedia SELLAMI	44.85
24	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	51.82	53	Layla BADAWI - Nadia TAYMOUR ARABI	44.31
25	Marguerite HOMSY - Lily KHALIL	51.74	54	Roglyn HINDS - Yvonne SEALE	43.48
26	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	51.74	55	Marie Helene BERTI - Sylviane BOULOGNE	42.80
27	Ann INGRAM - Felicity MOORE	51.48	56	Toni BALES - Sara CHAPLEAU	41.76
28	Wendy KRAUSE - Linda WYNSTON	51.24	57	Noemi LICITRA - Delia VICENTE	40.25

Playing Cards

Decks of playing cards from WBF Championships are available from the Jannersten Stand on the 4th floor. New deck

1 US\$ per deck. Used deck 0.70 US\$ per deck.

WBF Laws Committee

The committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, in Room 303.

OurGame Broadcasts

There will be one OurGame match per round. You can connect at <http://worldbridge.ourgame.com>

Marriott Internet use

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GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS**Semi Final Results – Session I (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Cezary BALICKI - Jacek PSZCZOLA	63.33	61	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	52.69
2	Dominik FILIPOWICZ - Michal NOWOSADZKI	61.53	62	Nicholas FITZGIBBON - Adam MESBUR	52.63
3	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	61.22	63	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	52.59
4	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	60.21	64	Jan JANSMA - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	52.55
5	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	60.17	65	Louis GLASTHAL - Michael MASSIMILLA	52.46
6	Rui LI - Jiang TONG	60.09	66	Walter JOHNSON - Doug SIMSON	52.41
7	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	59.57	67	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	52.35
7	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	59.57	68	Piotr GAWRYS - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	52.23
9	Stephen CASTELLINO - Paul CORNELIUS	59.31	68	Ricardo ANGELERI - Marcelo VILLEGAS	52.23
10	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	58.37	70	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	52.20
11	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Vassilis VROUSTIS	58.35	71	Ruth NAKANO - Dick YARINGTON	52.15
12	Marius IONITA - Cornel TEODORESCU	58.29	72	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	51.95
12	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	58.29	73	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	51.93
14	Alexander DUBININ - Andrey GROMOV	58.22	74	Vladislav N. ISPORSKI - Valentin KOVACHEV	51.81
15	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	58.07	74	Uttam GUPTA - Nr KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY	51.81
16	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	57.82	76	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	51.69
17	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	57.60	77	Eva CAPLAN - Karin WENNING	51.56
18	Richard SCHWARTZ - Peter WEICHSEL	57.46	78	Greg BURCH - Rick ROWLAND	51.41
19	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	57.42	79	Michal KOPECKY - Josef KURKA	51.38
20	Yury KHIUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	57.39	80	Robert CAPPELLI - Robert KATZ	51.35
21	Jimmy CAYNE - Michael SEAMON	57.18	81	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	51.26
22	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	56.65	82	Ramavatar AGARWAL - Keshav S. SAMANT	51.24
23	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Philippe TOFFIER	56.35	83	Rajesh DALAL - Anil PADHYE	50.96
24	Jose Roberto BRUM - Roberto De MELLO	56.17	84	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	50.84
25	Aneurin GRIFFITHS - Bobby RICHMAN	55.92	85	Niccolo FOSSI - Peter PAUNCZ	50.82
26	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	55.65	86	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	50.76
27	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	55.47	87	Eric DEBUS - Rutger VAN MECHELEN	50.69
28	Franky Steven KARWUR - Widi PANCONO	55.26	87	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	50.69
29	Salvador ASSAEL - Ali YALMAN	55.06	89	Bjorn FALLENIOUS - Peter FREDIN	50.52
29	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	55.06	90	Iftikhar BAQAI - Mitch DUNITZ	50.49
31	Tomasz GOTARD - Slawek HENCLIK	55.00	91	Boguslaw PAZUR - Marek WOJCICKI	50.13
32	Gulzar BILAL - Khaled MOHIUDDIN	54.98	92	Dominique PILON - Lionel SEBBANE	50.05
33	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	54.96	93	Allan FALK - Peter FRIEDLAND	50.03
34	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	54.87	94	Xu HOU - Miao SHI	49.97
35	Jens AUKEN - Jon SVEINDAL	54.82	94	Patrick JOURDAIN - David KENDRICK	49.97
36	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	54.81	96	Ramratnam KRISHNAN - K. R. VENKATARAMAN	49.95
37	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	54.76	97	Wafik ABDOU - Chris LARSEN	49.94
38	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Abdelkamal RERHAYE	54.72	98	Atanas IVANOV - Antony Ivanov NIKOLOV	49.81
39	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN	54.70	99	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	49.55
39	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	54.70	100	Ya Fu LIN - Jian WANG (2)	49.53
41	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	54.68	101	Dominique GERIN - Ivan RUE	49.30
42	Daniela von ARNIM - Sabine AUKEN	54.62	102	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	49.29
43	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	54.49	103	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Matt GRANOVETTER	49.27
44	Robert BLANCHARD - Shane BLANCHARD	54.44	104	Jessica HAYMAN PIAFSKY - Nicolas L'ECUYER	49.25
45	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	54.31	105	Win ALLEGAERT - Jaggy SHIVDASANI	49.25
46	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	54.26	106	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Georgi MATUSHKO	49.17
47	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	54.21	106	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	49.17
48	Dario ATTANASIO - Guiseppe FAILLA	53.79	108	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	49.12
49	Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - Godefroy De TESSIERES	53.78	109	Meng KANG - Shaolin SUN	48.98
50	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	53.72	110	Shireen MOHANDÉS - Andy BOWLES	48.96
51	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER	53.66	111	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	48.93
52	Mark COHEN - Milton ROSENBERG	53.56	112	David LINDOP - Nader HANNA	48.91
53	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	53.55	113	Leslie AMOILS - Jeff SAPIRE	48.84
54	Piotr WALCZAK - Jan ZADROGA	53.54	114	Daniel KORBEL - Darren WOLPERT	48.69
55	Andrew STARK - Franco BASEGGIO	53.51	115	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	48.40
56	Neil ROSEN - Martin JONES	53.50	116	Kevin BATHURST - Daniel ZAGORIN	48.32
57	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	53.37	117	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	48.29
58	Yuliy SCHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	53.33	118	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	48.25
59	Elly SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	53.14	119	Ionut COLDEA - Iulian ROTARU	48.17
60	Andrew MCINTOSH - Nicklas SANDQVIST	52.75	120	William JACOBS - Ben THOMPSON	48.16
			121	Jim BARROW - Don CATON	48.12

122	Christopher Henry BOSENBERG - Neville EBER	48.05	153	Mark AQUINO - Richard BINDER	45.02
123	Philippe CAPUTO - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	47.73	154	Jingsheng BIAN - Yong LIAN	44.59
124	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	47.71	155	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	44.00
125	Dipak PODDAR - Jeetu SOLANI	47.55	156	David BECHER - Alan WATSON	43.97
126	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	47.41	157	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	43.53
127	Nikola BARANTIEV - Ivan PEICHEV	47.29	158	Omer EKINCI - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	43.38
128	Zdzilaw BELING - Gregor LEWACIAK	47.16	159	R GOKHALE - Satya RAMI	43.35
129	Javier GRAUPERA - Juan PONT	47.07	160	Ai-Tai LO - Alan SCHWARTZ	43.24
130	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Desislava B. POPOVA	47.03	161	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	43.05
131	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Jacek KALITA	46.85	162	Michal KWIECIEN - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	42.84
132	Ajay KHARE - Raju TOLANI	46.76	163	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	42.53
133	Dennis BILDE - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	46.65	164	Alexander PERLIN - Michael PRAHIN	42.01
134	Alexander ALLEN - Abe PINELES	46.60	165	Gabriel CHAGAS - Alain LEVY	41.91
135	Mehmet Ali KORDOV - Kutluhan UNAL	46.56	166	Olivie DAVID - Jean Claude LEVY	41.79
136	Mike KENNY - Jonathan STEINBERG	46.56	167	Chris COMPTON - Martin SELIGMAN	41.26
137	Joaquin PACAREU - Benjamin ROBLES	46.48	168	Roeland MAAT - Mark De MEER	41.18
138	Mike MCNAMARA - Elliot SHALITA	46.36	169	Kenneth EICHENBAUM - Kenneth J. REXFORD	41.06
139	Jie LI - Jing LIU	46.28	170	Sheng Hong CHEN - Rui WANG	40.98
140	Darrian Bogdan COTESCU - Dragos IORDACHE	46.14	171	Lassad JEDIDI - Mohamed REBAI	40.58
141	Ole BERSET - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	46.09	172	George KRIZEL - Albert SHEKHTER	40.53
142	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	45.84	173	John CARROLL - Tommy GARVEY	40.17
143	Richard CHAN - Peter WONG	45.73	174	Serge CHEVALIER - Jacques CLOUTIER	39.94
144	Borislav BORISOV - Yordan GACHEV	45.71	175	Christal HENNER-WELLAND - Roy WELLAND	39.53
144	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	45.71	176	Ethan LIU - Qing YANG	39.27
146	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	45.57	177	Krzysztof BURAS - Bob HAMPTON	37.76
147	Raphael GUENOUN - Bernard LAUGIER	45.51	178	Xiaoyi LI - Qinghong ZHOU	37.11
148	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	45.47	179	Daniel NUSSBAUM - Mark OSPECK	36.81
149	Bernard PASCAL - Baher RAMADAN	45.43	180	Pete PLUHTA - David WESTFALL	34.88
149	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	45.43	181	Greg HINZE - David YANG	33.82
151	Alain BENOIT - Olivier GIARD	45.42	182	Nikos DELIMPALTADAKIS - K. KONTOMITROS	31.00
152	Weimin WANG - Zejun ZHUANG	45.17			

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS

Semi Final Results – Session I (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	64.07	24	Ellie HANLON - Maryse SAVKO	51.23
2	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	60.76	25	Sue PICUS - Shawn QUINN	50.92
3	Joan EATON - Candace GRIFFEY	57.36	26	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	50.79
4	Patricia CUMMINS - Jacqueline THOMPSON	57.18	27	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	50.40
5	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	56.62	28	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	50.02
6	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	55.06	29	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	49.37
7	Sylvia CALEY - Gail Moss GREENBERG	54.74	30	Mildred BREED - Valerie WESTHEIMER	48.90
8	Nancy TURNER - Laurie VOGEL	54.66	31	Marguerite HOMSY - Lily KHALIL	48.47
9	Renee MANCUSO - Sheri WINESTOCK	54.39	32	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	48.44
10	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	53.46	33	Cheri BJERKAN - Rozanne POLLACK	47.35
11	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	53.43	34	Geeske JOEL - Tobi SOKOLOV	47.19
12	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	53.19	35	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	46.78
13	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	53.16	36	Maria PANADERO - Agata PIDAL	46.44
14	Connie GOLDBERG - Jo Ann SPRUNG	52.77	37	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	46.26
15	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	52.21	38	Joan JACKSON - Nancy PASSELL	45.48
16	Maddalena SEVERGNINI - Antonella SORESINI	52.10	39	Valerie BLOOM - Ora LOURIE	44.96
17	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	51.65	40	Bing DU - Juan LI	42.18
18	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	51.57	41	Anna DOSSEVA - Helen JOHNSTON	41.97
19	Brenda BRYANT - Kathy SULGROVE	51.55	42	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Katherine WEI-SENDER	41.94
19	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Carlyn STEINER	51.55	43	Ann INGRAM - Felicity MOORE	39.89
21	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	51.52	44	Merle MODLIN - Margi NIEHAUS	39.64
22	Angela DOSSENA - Luigina GENTILI	51.48	45	Rury ANDHANI - Suci Amita DEWI	39.17
23	Ruth GOLD - Barbara SIMS	51.46	46	Wendy KRAUSE - Linda WYNSTON	36.31

Poker Pro, Astronaut Endorse Bridge

by Brent Manley



On the podium at the press conference: Joan Gerard, Phil Gordon, WBF President-elect Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President José Damiani, Astronaut Col. Greg Johnson and WBF Press Liaison Panos Gerontopoulos

Two men with high profiles in other walks of life but with a passion for bridge are visiting Philadelphia during the World Bridge Series, and they talked about their favorite game at a press conference on Monday morning.

The guests at the WBF-hosted meeting were Astronaut Col. Greg Johnson and Phil Gordon, professional poker player and North American bridge champion.

WBF President José Damiani kicked off the meeting with compliments to both guests. "They are fine players and they love our sport," he said.

Johnson gained notice in the bridge world a couple of years ago when he took an ace of spades on a shuttle flight that covered more than 6.5 million miles.

He has made several appearances at ACBL tournaments to play and to profess his love for the game.

"Being here is an honor," said Johnson. "I love the (bridge) community and I love the intellect of this group."

Johnson said he has played bridge for 20 years but not seriously until recently. At tournaments, he said, "I realize how much I don't know."

Gordon described himself as a professional poker player, adding that "if I could do it all over again, I might change my mind and become a professional bridge player."

Poker, he said, is the way he makes his living. His passion is for bridge: "I like bridge a lot more than I like poker."

Gordon has been playing bridge for about 25 years, and two years ago he added a major North American championship – the Roth Open Swiss Teams – to his resumé.

His primary fame, however, comes from poker. He is part of the team for Full Tilt Poker, an Internet site for poker play. He said that although he is a top player, "there are 5,000 poker players in the world significantly better than I am."

Gordon said poker is more popular among the masses than bridge "because it's a simple game. I could teach you to play Texas hold 'em in five minutes, and people can visualise themselves at the poker table when they watch on television. It's an Everyman's game."

Bridge, he said, is more complicated, and the average person today has a short attention span, not the right frame of mind to learn a complex game such as bridge.

"That's why," said Damiani, "we have to teach bridge in schools. I have encouraged all my friends to focus on getting bridge in schools."

Gordon told the WBF officials gathered at the press conference – including President-elect Gianarrigo Rona – that the 2012 Mind Sports Games, which already include bridge, will attract more attention from the press "if you get the top (poker) pros involved." He said the best plan would be to invite top pros to participate in a heads-up (one-on-one) tournament as part of the MSG.

Gordon also offered to work with the WBF and other bridge entities to develop videos and other marketing tools that could be used on the Internet to promote bridge.

Quarter Finals – Session 2 McConnell Cup

Strength Against Strength by Phillip Alder

This match pitted two strong teams against each other. After the first 15 boards, the Netherlands – Carla Arnolds/Bep Vriend, Jet Pasman/Anneke Simons and Martine Verbeek/Wietske van Zwol – led Full Spectrum Auctions from the United States – Lynn Baker/Karen McCallum, Lynn Deas/Beth Palmer and Irina Levitina/Kerri Sanborn – by 42 IMPs to 29. More than that margin came on Board 4, when South had to lead against 6♥ holding:

♠ 5 4 2 ♥ A 10 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 10 8 7 6 5 2

Vriend chose a club, got in immediately with the trump ace, and led another club, which partner ruffed for down one. Baker tried the ♦10, then had to hope her teammates had reached 6NT, which was cold. (Only Michal Kopecky and Josef Kurka for the Martens team played in 6NT. Every other table was in 6♥.)

Plus 100 and plus 1430 gave the Netherlands 17 IMPs.

The second session began with both East-West pairs overbidding to 3NT with 15 opposite 9 that included a useless jack. Then the same pairs reached 4♠ on the diamond finesse, which worked. On the third deal, Full Spec-

trum Auctions bought the contract at both tables, went down at both, and lost 4 IMPs.

Those IMPs were recovered immediately, but it could have been 8 if Deas and Palmer had defended more accurately.

After two flat boards and an overtrick IMP to the Netherlands, came this deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 5 3 2 ♥ A K 10 ♦ 8 3 ♣ Q 7	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 4 ♥ 7 6 ♦ J 10 9 4 ♣ 10 9 8 6 2	♠ A K J ♥ J 9 5 ♦ A K Q 7 6 ♣ K 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Van Zwol</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) Precision – 16-plus points

Pasman called her hand 22 points by opening 2♣ and re-bidding 2NT. Then Simons transferred and asked for good trumps, which East had.

At the other table, Palmer was very cautious in not moving over 4♥.



Martine Verbeek, Netherlands

Although having no spade loser is only 53 percent, if an opponent has queen-third of spades, you are still all right if there is no club lead and diamonds are 3-3.

Sanborn led the ♣A: minus 1430. Verbeek led the ♣10, but van Zwol put in her jack: minus 710 but 12 IMPs to the Netherlands. Then:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 10 5 2 ♥ J 9 4 3 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ 9 8	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ K 8 ♦ Q 10 7 5 ♣ A K 4	♠ Q ♥ A Q 10 7 5 ♦ K 9 6 ♣ 10 6 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Levitina</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
2♥ (1)	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) 5-10 HCP, 5 hearts and 4-plus in a minor

West	North	East	South
<i>Deas</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Van Zwol</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Simons discounted her ♠Q and disliked her bad clubs, but did not want to pass, so she opened 2♥.

Levitina led the ♣9. Declarer won with dummy's ace and conceded a spade to North, who played a second club. Declarer won in the dummy and led another club. South won (North threw a spade) and accurately shifted to a trump to the nine and king. A spade ruff was followed by the ♣10. North correctly ruffed with the ♥J and cashed the ♦A, but then should have led a spade to guarantee one more trump trick. When she played a second diamond, declarer claimed the remainder for plus 140.

If you are going to open poor 11-count hands with a one-bid, responder should invite with 12-pointers.

Against 3NT, South led the ♣5. Declarer won with dummy's ten, played a heart to her king, and led her second heart, getting the bad news when South discarded the ♠3.

Now Palmer guessed very well. She won with dummy's ♥A, played a diamond to her queen, and returned a diamond to dummy's nine. North won with her ace and led her second club, declarer winning and cashing out for down one.

That gave 5 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Deas had sensed the trend of the set. Two boards later she and Simons picked up:

♠ K 10 3 2 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ Q ♣ J 7 6 2

Partner dealt and opened 1♦, they responded 1♥, and partner rebid 1♠. What would you do now?

Simons invited game with 3♠, but Deas settled for 2♣. Deas was right – both declarers made eight tricks to give Full Spectrum Auctions 5 IMPs.

Over the last four boards, the Dutch gained one more point, leaving the score at halftime as the Netherlands led 64-38.



WBF President José Damiani poses with Thomas Y. Hsiang, executive vice president of the International Go Federation, guest of honour, with his wife during their visit to the World Bridge Series at the Marriott

Round of 16 – Session I

Rosenblum Cup

Slow Start

by Brent Manley

The match between the Nick Nickell and Krzysztof Martens teams pitted one squad that is perennially in contention for championships and a tough foursome from Poland. The match did not start well for the Americans, who were seeking revenge for their loss to the Polish team that included the two Krzysztofs – Jassem and Martens – in the Open Teams at the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing, China, two years ago.

There were only three tricks available to the defense, so Michal Kopecky scored up plus 420. Nickell and Ralph Katz were never in the auction at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Martens	Katz	Jassem
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Whereas Josef Kurka had the right shape to double at the other table after the black suits had been bid, it was more difficult for Nickell because of his inadequate support for clubs.

Martens did not strain himself to take nine tricks after Katz led his singleton diamond. The defenders got one trick in each suit, and Martens had plus 140, an 11-IMP gain.

Nickell got some back on this board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kurka	Hamman	Kopecky	Zia
	2♠	Pass	3♣
Dble	4♣	4♥	All Pass

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kurka	Hamman	Kopecky	Zia
	INT	2♦	Pass
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Kurka led the ♥10 to East's queen, Zia falsecarding with the jack. The ♥K was cashed and ♥A was next. Zia ruffed with the ♠J and played a diamond from hand. West won the ♦A and played a diamond to dummy's king. Zia cashed the ♠A, ruffed a diamond, played a club to dummy's queen and cashed the ♣A and ruffed a diamond. He finished



Michal Kopecky, Czech Republic

with eight tricks for plus 110. Martens and Krzysztof Jassem got overboard at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Martens	Katz	Jassem
			Pass
Pass	1♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Katz started with three high hearts, Martens ruffing with the jack at trick three. He played a diamond to his king and a low diamond, taken by Katz with the 9. Martens won the club exit with dummy's king, and he played a spade to his 10. Katz won the ♠Q and played a club, taken by Martens in hand. He ruffed a diamond but took only one more trick from there for minus 150.

A huge loss followed for Nickell.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kurka	Hamman	Kopecky	Zia
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The weak INT helped Kurka and Kopecky find the right spot. With his own balanced hand and 20 high-card points, it was natural for Kopecky to bid the slam in notrump. There was nothing to the play as Kurka easily chalked up plus 1440.

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Martens	Katz	Jassem
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Krzysztof Jassem hit on the killing lead of a low club, and when he came in with the ♥A, he played a second round, ruffed by Martens. That was 17 IMPs to the Poles.

Nickell recovered 8 IMPs with a game swing on board 8, but there was more bad news for the team on the next deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kurka	Hamman	Kopecky	Zia
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Zia started with the ♥A, switching to a low club at trick two. Kopecky took the 10 with the queen and played a diamond to dummy's queen, Hamman ducking. The ♣K was taken by Zia with the ace, and declarer went up with the ♥K when Zia switched to that suit. Declarer now cashed dummy's top spades and ruffed a heart. Dummy was all diamonds at that point, and Hamman's king fell when declarer played the ace, but Hamman was able to make his ♠10 on the third round of diamonds. Still, it was plus 620 for Martens.

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Martens	Katz	Jassem
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The notrump game had no chance. Martens led a low heart to the 5, 8 and king. It would not have helped for Nickell to duck. He cashed five spade tricks then took his

best shot by playing the $\diamond 9$ from dummy. Martens won the $\diamond K$ and the defenders cashed out for plus 200 and a 13-IMP gain. Martens was ahead 46-14.

A non-vulnerable game swing gave Nickell another 6 IMPs, but that was the extent of the scoring by the Americans.

This board could have been a big gainer for Nickell, but it turned into a small loss.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 3 \heartsuit A K Q 10 9 \diamond K Q 9 2 \clubsuit 6 5</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>\spadesuit K 4 2 \heartsuit J 8 5 3 \diamond 10 3 \clubsuit Q J 8 4</p>	
<p>\spadesuit Q 7 6 5 \heartsuit 7 6 4 2 \diamond 8 5 4 \clubsuit K 10</p>	<p>\spadesuit A J 10 8 \heartsuit - \diamond A J 7 6 \clubsuit A 9 7 3 2</p>		

Against Nickell and Katz, Martens and Jassem bid the North/South cards to 3NT, taking 11 tricks for plus 660.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kurka</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Zia</i>
	1 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \clubsuit
Pass	2 \diamond	Pass	3 \diamond Pass
Pass	3 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \spadesuit
Pass	4 \diamond	Pass	5 \clubsuit
Pass	5 \diamond	All Pass	

Kopecky started with a low spade to the jack and queen, and it wasn't long before Hamman was claiming 12 tricks (getting rid of his club loser on a spade after finessing in that suit).

The slam looks to be in jeopardy on a club lead, but Norberto Bocchi, playing for the Lavazza team against Diamond, showed how to make it anyway.

East (Brad Moss) led the $\clubsuit Q$ and Bocchi put up the ace, playing another club at trick two. West (Fred Gitelman)



won the $\clubsuit K$ and played a trump to the 10 and jack. Now Bocchi ruffed a club with the king, played the $\diamond Q$, then cashed the top three hearts, pitching spades from dummy. He then played a spade to the ace, ruffed a club and ruffed a spade. The $\diamond A$ picked up the last trump, and dummy's long club was trick 12.

The 46-20 score for Marten was amended to 56-20 based on a director's ruling after Hamman and Zia gave different explanations about a bid by Hamman on board 5. The ruling was appealed but upheld by the appeals committee.



Executive Council 2010 Erratum

The list of the Executive Council published in issue No.10 should have read as follows:

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The Expert's Expert

by Jan van Cleeff

In pop music and in the world of rock'n'roll, musicians sometimes reach larger than life status. The *Beatles*, *Rolling Stones*, and not to forget *Bob Dylan*, are clear examples. Other artists may obtain a different type of fame; for the connoisseur, so to speak. A group like *Little Feat* for instance is often described by colleagues as the musicians' musicians.

In bridge we have a similar situation. Everybody is well acquainted with the *Zias*, the *Helgemos*, the *Laurias* and the *Fantonis*. But amongst his peers, *Michael Rosenberg* seen as the expert's expert. But even expert experts don't always have answers to all questions:

Rosenblum Cup, Round of 32 Wolfson v Apteker

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 8 4 ♥ 6 5 4 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ A 8 7	<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 5 2 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ K J 9 4	♠ 10 9 7 ♥ K J ♦ J 4 3 2 ♣ Q 6 5 2
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South	North
Willenken	Rosenberg
1♣	2NT*
3NT	

2NT Balanced game force

East led the ♠10. Rosenberg won in dummy and advanced the ♣10. West hopped up with the ace and switched to a diamond: jack and ace. Rosenberg ran the ♥10 to East's jack. West won the diamond continuation and continued a third round of the suit. Declarer cashed out in spades. On the last spade all players pitched a club. At this point declarer had eight tricks and still had to find a ninth:

North	South
♠ -	♠ -
♥ A 8	♥ Q 9 7
♦ -	♦ -
♣ K J	♣ 3

It looked as if the heart finesse would do the job. Finessing in clubs also had its charms, because why did West play the ♣A at first occasion? Instead, Michael Rosenberg played a club to his king and just when I thought he would exit with the ♣J for an endplay, he simply cashed his ♥A felling the king and even made an overtrick.

When the play was over, West put his head under the screen asking declarer why he played it this way. "Not a clue", Michael responded, "I guess I was plain lucky." Actually I was glad West posed his question, since I hadn't the courage to argue with success.

Talking about expert experts.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Six Diamonds is a great contract and on a good day you might even bid and make seven. In the match between Nickell and Allfrey, however, at both tables the declarer went down in Six Diamonds: club lead to the ace, three top diamonds, heart to the jack, two top hearts. When East ruffed the third heart with his jack, the defence still got its spade trick. Just to save you time, here are the names of the unfortunate declarers: Andrew Robson and Jeff Meckstroth.

Partnering an expert expert brings some obligations as New Yorker Chris Willenken showed on the same board. He also declared Six Diamonds and with the same lead he managed to make the slam. After winning the ♣A Willenken continued with ♠A, spade ruff, club ruff, spade ruff, club ruff, AKQ of diamonds and AK of hearts. An idle card from dummy scored the twelfth trick en passant. No finesse, no squeeze, still made. Cool.

Round of 16 – Session 3

Rosenblum Cup

Gaining Ground

by Phillip Alder

After 28 of the 56 boards, Krzysztof Martens/Krzysztof Jassem, Michal Kopecky/Josef Kurka led Nick Nickell/Ralph Katz, Bob Hamman/Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth/Eric Rodwell by 28 IMPs. Could Nickell reclaim some lost ground?

The session started quietly, with Nickell gaining 3 IMPs on the first six deals. Then came:

Board 35. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

At both tables East led the ♣K. In the Closed Room, Kopecky won with his ace and returned his second club. Meckstroth won with his queen and, upon seeing partner signal upside-down suit preference with the ♣3, shifted to the ♠K. He continued with another spade, declarer ruffing. North cashed dummy's ♣J for a spade discard, but now had to be psychic. He had to cross to his hand and lead a low heart toward the dummy. Instead, he played a heart to his ace and ruffed his last spade with dummy's ♥Q. East got two trump tricks for down one.

Hamman led the ♠10 from his hand at trick two. East should have risen with his king, but he played low. West won with his ace and shifted to a low diamond. North took his ace and led his remaining club, East winning with his queen and exiting safely with a club. Declarer pitched his ♠5 on dummy's ♣J, then led a diamond, West playing a deceptive queen. North won and ruffed the ♠J. Now declarer had to discard his last spade on the ♦J and play a trump to his ace to get home. But Hamman ruffed the diamond jack, cashed the ♥A and ruffed the ♠Q, so he went down one as well for a flat board.

In second position with neither side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ A 8 6 5 4 3 ♥ – ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ J 7 2.

The dealer on your right opens 1♥. What would you do, if anything?

If you overcall 1♠, it goes 4♥-Dble-Pass to you. What now?

This was the full deal:

Board 36. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
1♥	1♠	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both contracts went down one, so Nickell gained 2 IMPs. But if Hamman had run to 4♠, he would have made that. The diamond suit becomes frozen and he would have lost only two spades and one club.

Two boards later there was a big swing:

Board 38. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
3♥	4♠	2♥ (1)	2♠
5♥	Dble	5♦	Pass
		All Pass	

(1) At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	2NT (1)	3♠
		All Pass	

(1) At least 5-5 in the red suits

Against 5♥ doubled, Zia led the ♣9. Hamman won with his ace and shifted to a spade. Declarer pitched a diamond, threw another on the ♣K, then crossruffed twice in spades and diamonds. When the last spade came from the dummy, Hamman ruffed with his ♥K and cashed ♥A.

Declarer still had to concede a trick to South's ♦A to go down two.

In 4♠ Kurka had to lose two spades, one diamond and one club to go down one.

Plus 500 and plus 100 gave Nickell 12 IMPs.

More IMPs changed hands on this deal:

Board 39. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
Pass	3♦ (1)	Pass	INT
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	4♦



Krzysztof Jassem, Poland

(1) At least 5-5 in the minors, game-forcing, diamonds better than clubs

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	3NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	Redble
All Pass			5♦

At both tables East started the defense with three rounds of clubs.

Hamman ruffed low in the dummy and was overruffed for down one. Kopecky ruffed with the ♦A, then ran the ♦9 to make his contract.

Plus 50 and plus 420 gave Martens 10 IMPs.

In second position with both vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ 6 4 3 2 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ 8 5.

They bid 1♥-2♥-4♥-Pass. What would you lead?

Would you change your answer if their sequence was 1♥-2♣-2NT(15-17)-3♥-4♥-Pass?

At both tables, East led a diamond – jackpot! Partner had the ace-king, and they got two trump tricks. Any other choice and declarer would have gotten a diamond loser away.

When the final deal was flat Nickell had gained 11 IMPs on the set to trail by 17 going into the final session.

However, that last board was very interesting in the Diamond-Lavazza match.

Board 42. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Sementa	Greco	Duboin
1♦	2♣	Pass	1♣
2♠	3♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass		Pass	6♣

West	North	East	South
el Ahmady	Gitelman	Sadek	Moss
Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♠ (2)	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(1) Inverted minor-suit raise

(2) Singleton (or void)

Brad Moss took ten tricks in 3NT after Waleed el Ahmady led a spade: two spades, one heart, one diamond and six clubs. There was much more at stake when the Italians left no values unshown.

Against 6♣, Geoff Hampson led the ♥5.

Declarer had 11 top tricks: two spades, one heart, two diamonds (with the necessary finesse) and six clubs. He needed a squeeze for the twelfth winner, and there was East holding all of the key major-suit cards.

If declarer had called for dummy's ♥K, he surely would have made the slam. East would have won with his ace and returned the ♥J. (It would make no difference if he shifted to the ♠Q. The squeeze would have operated similarly.) Duboin would have taken that trick in his hand, played a diamond to the queen, returned a club to his ace, dropping West's queen, and run winners to bring about this position:

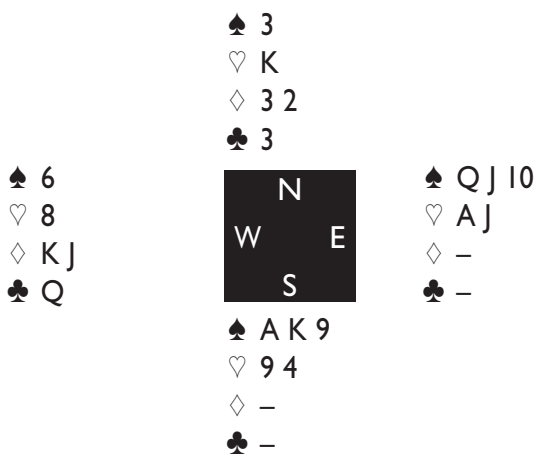
♠ 6	♠ 3	♠ Q J 10						
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Dummy's last trump would have squeezed East in the majors.

However, Duboin played low from the dummy at trick one and East put in the ten. Did that kill the slam?

Well, Duboin went down. He took Greco's ten with his queen, cashed the ♣A, and played a club to dummy's ten. Now he called for the ♥K, but Greco won with his ace and shifted to the ♠Q, destroying the communication for the squeeze.

But Duboin could have made his contract via a squeeze without the count. After winning with his ♥Q and drawing two rounds of trumps, he had to cross to his ♣9, play a diamond to dummy's queen, and run winners to produce this end-position:



South needs four tricks, and the last club squeezes East. If he discards a spade, declarer throws a heart and gets three spade tricks. If East pitches the ♥J, declarer jettisons the ♠9 and calls for dummy's ♥K.

This board cost Lavazza 10 IMPs, but if Duboin had made the slam, his team would have gained 10 IMPs. With 14 boards to go, Diamond was ahead of Lavazza by 31 IMPs instead of 11.

As we now know, because Lavazza gained only 6 IMPs in the final session, it would not have mattered ... or would it? The psychology of the players would have been different, and the bidding and play would have changed. But we will never know for sure.



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Round of 16 – Session 4

Rosenblum Cup

The Day VuGraph Caught Fire

by Mark Horton

The inspiration for my title comes from a 1961 British science fiction disaster movie, *The Day the Earth Caught Fire*.

The film, which was made on location in London and Brighton, used matte painting to create images of abandoned cities and desolate landscapes. The production also featured the real *Daily Express* using the paper's own headquarters, the Daily Express Building, in Fleet Street, London.

The film is told in flashback. A lone man walks through the sweltering streets of a deserted London. Peter Stenning was an up-and-coming journalist with the *Express* but a messy divorce has thrown his professional and private life into disarray. His editor no longer has time for him and has begun to give him lousy assignments. Stenning's only friend, Bill Maguire, is a veteran Fleet Street reporter, who offers him encouragement and has occasionally covered for him by writing his copy.

Meanwhile, after the Soviet Union and USA detonated nearly simultaneous nuclear bomb tests, strange meteorological events begin to affect the globe. Stenning is sent to the British Met Office to get some facts and figures on mean temperatures. While there he meets Jeanie, a young telephonist.

Stenning then discovers that the atomic weapons tests have had grave consequences for the Earth. He asks Jeanie to obtain any information that could help him. It becomes clear that the Earth has been shifted from its orbit and is moving closer to the sun; increasing heat has caused water to evaporate and mists to cover Britain.

The government imposes martial law, evacuates the cities and starts rationing supplies. Scientists conclude that the only way to bring the Earth back into a safer orbit is to detonate a series of nuclear bombs in western Siberia. Stenning, Maguire and Jeanie gather at a bar near the newspaper building and await the outcome. As the countdown reaches zero, the bombs are detonated thousands of miles away; about 30 seconds later, as the shock wave travels round the world, dust can be seen falling from the roof of the bar, an indication of the film-makers'

attention to detail. Two versions of the front page of the *Daily Express* have been prepared for the presses: one reads 'World Saved', the other, 'World Doomed'.

The film contains a small cameo by Michael Caine, who three years later shot to fame in *Zulu*. Caine is one of only two actors nominated for an Academy Award for acting (either lead or supporting) in every decade from the 1960s to 2000s (the other one being Jack Nicholson).

So, why the title?

Well, as the round of 16 Rosenblum match between Nickell and Martens drew towards a dramatic conclusion two headlines were possible, 'Nickell Saved' or 'Nickell Doomed'.

As the players settled into their seats, Martens led 88-71 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 6 4 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A Q ♣ K Q J 4 3 2	♠ Q J 9 ♥ A 7 5 3 2 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ 10 8	♠ A K 10 7 3 ♥ – ♦ K 10 9 7 6 5 ♣ 7 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white;"> <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	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
2♣*	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	All Pass

2♣ Precision style

5♥ is a good save, costing only 500, but East correctly decided to press on. South led the eight of diamonds and declarer won in dummy, cashed two top spades, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played the king of clubs. He lost a trick in each black suit, +650.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	3♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	All Pass

2NT Puppet to 3♣, either weak in clubs or a game-forcing two-suiter

Obviously there was no swing. My first thought was that 6♣ is on, and that is true if North leads a heart. However, a trump lead is effective, and leading the queen of spades, which at first glance looks fatal, also works in an interesting way. Declarer wins in dummy, crosses to hand with a diamond and ruffs a heart. Another diamond is followed by another heart ruff. Then declarer comes to hand with a diamond and plays a high trump. South wins and exits with a spade. Now declarer has no way to hand to draw the outstanding trumps.

Three scoreless deals were followed by:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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♠ 9 6 5 3 2											
♥ 9 5 2											
♦ A Q 9											
♣ 6 5											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

- 3♣ Good hand for spades
- 3♥ Retransfer



East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won in hand and knocked out the ace of spades. East switched to a heart, but declarer simply claimed ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When East duplicated the lead made at the other table declarer had the same ten tricks, +620 and 10 IMPs, stretching the lead to 98-71.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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♥ A Q 6 2											
♦ A Q 10											
♣ 9 6 3											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT Maximum with three spades

There must be some reason why North/South came to rest in 3NT rather than 4♠, but its not obvious. Maybe they felt the session was going badly and it was a reasonable way to try for a swing.

West led the five clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and guessed to play a heart to the queen. West won and the defenders cashed out for two down, -200.

Did you notice that declarer rejected his own advice? His Bols Bridge Tip of advancing the jack of hearts and then going up with the ace (if they don't cover they don't have it) and relying on the diamond finesse would have brought home the bacon.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ Invitational +
- 2♥ Maximum with three spades

East led the seven of hearts and West won with the king and switched to the five of clubs. Declarer won, drew trump and played a diamond to the ten, +680, 13 IMPs to Martens, now ahead by 40, 111-71 IMPs.

Things were looking grim for the Americans – Nickell Doomed?

The one consolation was that Martens was on 111 – Nelson – a notoriously unlucky number which is a piece of cricket slang terminology and superstition.

It is thought by the superstitious that bad things happen on that score. Umpire David Shepherd made popular the longstanding practice of raising a leg or legs from the ground on Nelson in an effort to avoid ill fate. When crowds noticed this, they would cheer his leg-raising. (There is no truth in the rumour that your reporter was standing on one leg.)

West led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with the dummy's ace, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. The BBO file now says declarer played a spade and claimed – clearly wrong, as it is easy for the defenders to score a club ruff.

However, it is just possible that declarer played a club and put up dummy's queen when West played low. Whatever, he scored +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
		Pass	Pass
1♦*	Dble	Rdbl*	1♠
2♠*	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

- 1♦ 10-15, 2 + ♦
- Rdbl 4+ hearts
- 2♠ 4 hearts, maximum

Four Hearts was going down, but South was not willing to risk it. West led the queen of diamonds and when it held he switched to a spade. East won with the queen and switched to clubs. That was a rapid two down, +300 and 10 IMPs on the long road back.

Plus, Martens was still stuck at 111.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
		Pass	Pass
1♦*	Dbl	Rdbl	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
	1♦	1♥	1♠
2♣*	2♦	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass
2♣	Non forcing		

When East bid 3♦ he was clearly showing club support, so you might have expected West to take a stab at 3NT. When he showed some modest heart support should East have bid 5♣, or did he consider that now 4♣ must be forcing (you would certainly imagine that it should be – after all, if West’s red king had been in hearts 6♣ would be just about laydown)?

When the deal was over there appeared to be some discussion as to what had gone wrong. There were 11 easy tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Kurka</i>
	INT	Dble	2♠*
3NT	All Pass		

With the king of diamonds protected this was gin. When North attacked with the ace of diamonds declarer had an overtrick, +630 and 10 IMPs. That impressive lead had been halved and there were still 4 deals to play.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Zia</i>
		Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Four Hearts looks like a good two way shot – it might make, or keep East/West quiet.

Not easy for West to lead a low diamond (I suppose Peter Fredin might have found it) and when West led the jack of spades declarer was out of danger. He combined drawing trumps with a few club ruffs before running the jack of diamonds, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Kopecky</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Kurka</i>
		Pass	3♥
All Pass			

That gave Nickell a third 10 IMP pickup and the deficit was down to the same number. That III can be cruel.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

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

4♣ looks hopeless, but let’s see how the play developed. West led the jack of spades and declarer put up dummy’s king, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a

McConnell roster corrections

The Phyllis Fireman team was omitted from the list of McConnell osters in the Monday edition. The team is Fireman, Shannon Cappelletti, Catherine D’Ovidio, Daniele Gaviard, Victoria Gromova and Tatiana Ponomareva. Paul Fireman is coach.

The listing for Full Spectrum Auctions had the wrong non-playing captain. The team’s npc is Sam Dinkin.

diamond. A heart to the king was followed by another diamond, ruffed and overruffed. Declarer won the club switch, cashed the ace of spades and gave up a diamond. He was one down, -50.

There is a winning line at double dummy, but it relies on both playing for trumps to be 4-2 and playing on hearts rather than diamonds, which makes it a non starter.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East rejected the unbid suit and led the five of hearts. The king won perforce and with entries at a premium declarer played the ace of diamonds followed by a low diamond. West won and switched to the king of clubs. Declarer took the ace and played a diamond. West won and played the jack of spades. Declarer won and played a spade to the ace and a club. West cashed his winners and exited with a club to force dummy to give him a heart trick, two down, +100 and 2 IMPs. Only 8 behind now.

At this point I'm told that Bob Hamman rose to leave the table, thinking the match was over. Not quite.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ A Q 10 6 3
♥ 10 6
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ 8 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

East's response picked off the suit in which North/South could make a lot of tricks. However, they missed the boat completely. I'm not sure what inference was available to East given the absence of a 2♣ opening by West.

North led the queen of clubs and declarer had soon amassed 12 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
2♣*	Dble	3♣	4♠
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, cashed two top hearts and ruffed a heart with the jack of clubs. When a club to the ace felled the queen he claimed, the overtrick making it +650 and 10 IMPs to Nickell, ahead at last by 2 IMPs.

Nickell Saved?

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 6
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ K Q J 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Hamman	Martens	Zia
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

North had not guaranteed five hearts, so South corrected to spades.

West led the two of diamonds (low from a doubleton) and when declarer played low from dummy East put in the jack and declarer won with the queen. The king of clubs was covered by the ace and declarer ruffed. He

played a low heart from dummy and East went in with the king and played the six of diamonds.

At this point the screen went blank – an minutes later it flashed up +110.

What had happened?

Say declarer puts in the eight of diamonds. He then cashes a club and plays a heart to the ace, noting West's queen. The ten of hearts is passed, declarer discarding a club as West ruffs and the club return is ruffed by the eight, East overruffing and playing the jack of hearts, ruffed by the six and overruffed. The next club is ruffed by each player in turn and declarer has two aces to cash for eight tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kopecky	Meckstroth	Kurka
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

If Zia had gone down in 2♠ declarer would have been playing a potentially match-winning contract.

The club lead was covered by the jack and ace and declarer ruffed. The nine of diamonds went to the jack and queen. A trump looks a good idea now but declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and played two top clubs discarding spades from his hand. East ruffed and switched to a spade. West won with the king and played another club, East overruffing declarer's nine with the jack, cashing the king of diamonds for West to discard a spade and playing a spade for West to ruff. There was a trump still to come, down 1, -100 and 5 IMPs for Nickell.

Saved!



Some of the caddies working at this tournament, listed in alphabetical order: Joan Brandeis, Marianne Johnson, Trisha Jorgenson, Kelly Kozell, Dale Richards and Trish Richards

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by Anna Maria Torlontano

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World Junior Championship (Results subject to confirmation)

ROUND 6

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	China Hong Kong	USA 2	13 - 0	19 - 11
2	India	China	13 - 23	12 - 18
3	Argentina	Israel	13 - 14	15 - 15
4	France	Australia	18 - 21	14 - 16
5	Canada	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
6	Japan	Netherlands	54 - 9	25 - 3
7	Russia	Italy	15 - 29	11 - 19
8	USA 1	Norway	14 - 26	12 - 18
9	Sweden	Germany	3 - 36	6 - 24

ROUND 7

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	India	35 - 3	24 - 6
2	China	Argentina	27 - 13	19 - 11
3	Israel	France	11 - 33	8 - 22
4	Australia	Canada	9 - 5	16 - 14
5	Japan	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
6	Netherlands	Italy	0 - 0	12 - 12
7	China Hong Kong	USA 1	7 - 33	7 - 23
8	Norway	Sweden	26 - 19	17 - 13
9	Germany	Russia	19 - 26	13 - 17

ROUND 8

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Argentina	USA 2	10 - 22	12 - 18
2	France	China	1 - 15	11 - 19
3	Canada	Israel	21 - 34	11 - 19
4	Japan	Australia	25 - 26	15 - 15
5	Italy	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
6	Russia	Netherlands	15 - 11	16 - 14
7	USA 1	India	22 - 37	11 - 19
8	Sweden	China Hong Kong	19 - 5	19 - 11
9	Germany	Norway	25 - 33	13 - 17

ROUND 9

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	France	27 - 11	20 - 10
2	China	Canada	43 - 39	16 - 14
3	Israel	Japan	29 - 22	17 - 13
4	Australia	Italy	26 - 6	21 - 9
5	Netherlands	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
6	Argentina	USA 1	21 - 12	17 - 13
7	India	Sweden	27 - 35	13 - 17
8	China Hong Kong	Germany	1 - 21	9 - 21
9	Norway	Russia	15 - 39	8 - 22

ROUND 10

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Canada	USA 2	30 - 9	21 - 9
2	Japan	China	29 - 35	14 - 16
3	Italy	Israel	4 - 11	12.5 - 16.5
4	Netherlands	Australia	20 - 2	19.5 - 9.5
5	Russia	Bye	9 - 0	18 - 0
6	USA 1	France	27 - 9	20 - 10
7	Sweden	Argentina	19 - 24	14 - 16
8	Germany	India	15 - 37	8 - 22
9	Norway	China Hong Kong	14 - 17	14 - 16

RANKING AFTER 10 ROUNDS

1	USA 1	177
2	Israel	167.5
3	Netherlands	167
4	Australia	157.5
5	China	156
6	France	155
7	Germany	154
	Japan	154
9	Canada	148
10	Russia	146
11	Sweden	144
12	India	143
13	Norway	141
14	Argentina	140
15	USA 2	138
16	Italy	132.5
17	China Hong Kong	130.5

DAMIANI CUP**World Youngsters Championship (Results subject to confirmation)****ROUND 5**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	Norway	28 - 25	16 - 14
12 Hungary	Chinese Taipei	34 - 14	21 - 9
13 Canada	Germany	14 - 34	9 - 21
14 USA 2	England	12 - 30	10 - 20
15 China	Sweden	41 - 15	23 - 7
16 Uruguay	Netherlands	32 - 28	16 - 14
17 USA 1	Australia	18 - 26	13 - 17
18 Israel	Poland	41 - 2	25 - 4

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 Chinese Taipei	France	5 - 16	12 - 18
12 Germany	Hungary	16 - 23	13 - 17
13 England	Canada	12 - 20	13 - 17
14 Sweden	USA 2	30 - 14	20 - 10
15 Netherlands	China	22 - 10	18 - 12
16 Poland	Uruguay	24 - 11	19 - 11
17 Australia	Norway	16 - 14	16 - 14
18 Israel	USA 1	6 - 42	5 - 25

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	Germany	30 - 17	19 - 11
12 Hungary	England	4 - 36	6 - 24
13 Canada	Sweden	1 - 30	7 - 23
14 USA 2	Netherlands	13 - 44	6 - 24
15 China	Uruguay	30 - 24	16 - 14
16 Chinese Taipei	Australia	23 - 21	16 - 14
17 Norway	Israel	19 - 33	11 - 19
18 USA 1	Poland	16 - 28	12 - 18

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 England	France	45 - 6	25 - 4
12 Sweden	Hungary	52 - 32	21 - 9
13 Netherlands	Canada	15 - 42	7 - 23
14 Uruguay	USA 2	25 - 25	15 - 15
15 Poland	China	40 - 24	20 - 10
16 Australia	Germany	11 - 15	14 - 16
17 Israel	Chinese Taipei	36 - 24	18 - 12
18 USA 1	Norway	24 - 12	18 - 12

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11 France	Sweden	31 - 13	20 - 10
12 Hungary	Netherlands	9 - 28	8.5 - 20.5
13 Canada	Uruguay	20 - 3	20 - 10
14 USA 2	China	20 - 25	14 - 16
15 England	Australia	44 - 4	25 - 4
16 Germany	Israel	8 - 16	13 - 17
17 Chinese Taipei	USA 1	10 - 12	14 - 16
18 Norway	Poland	31 - 22	17 - 13

RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

1	England	164
2	Germany	153
3	Poland	151
4	Israel	148
	Sweden	148
6	Norway	146
7	USA 1	139
8	China	137
9	France	135
10	Netherlands	128.5
11	Canada	125
12	Hungary	120.5
13	Chinese Taipei	120
14	Australia	114
	Uruguay	114
16	USA 2	109

RONA CUP (Young Ladies)**RESULTS OF SESSIONS 1, 2**

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	IMPs	VPs
21	France	23	25	48	14
	Poland	27	29	56	16
22	USA	15	27	42	11
	China	27	38	65	19

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ROUND 11

1	USA 2	Japan
2	China	Italy
3	Israel	Netherlands
4	Australia	Bye
5	Canada	USA 1
6	France	Sweden
7	Argentina	Germany
8	India	Norway
9	China Hong Kong	Russia

ROUND 12

1	China Hong Kong	India
2	Sweden	Canada
3	Israel	Bye
4	Russia	Australia
5	Italy	USA 2
6	Netherlands	China
7	Norway	Argentina
8	Germany	France
9	USA 1	Japan

ROUND 13

1	Israel	Australia
2	India	Russia
3	France	Norway
4	Italy	USA 1
5	Japan	Sweden
6	China	Bye
7	Argentina	China Hong Kong
8	Canada	Germany
9	USA 2	Netherlands

ROUND 14

1	China Hong Kong	France
2	Sweden	Italy
3	USA 2	Bye
4	Australia	China
5	Russia	Israel
6	Norway	Canada
7	Germany	Japan
8	India	Argentina
9	USA 1	Netherlands

ROUND 15

1	France	India
2	Netherlands	Sweden
3	Japan	Norway
4	Italy	Germany
5	China	Israel
6	Argentina	Russia
7	USA 1	Bye
8	Canada	China Hong Kong
9	USA 2	Australia

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

ROUND 10

11	Uruguay	Hungary
12	USA 1	Germany
13	Norway	Chinese Taipei
14	Poland	USA 2
15	Israel	England
16	Netherlands	France
17	China	Canada
18	Australia	Sweden

ROUND 11

11	Canada	USA 2
12	England	USA 1
13	Chinese Taipei	Poland
14	Germany	Norway
15	Netherlands	Australia
16	Hungary	China
17	Sweden	Israel
18	France	Uruguay

ROUND 12

11	USA 2	Hungary
12	USA 1	Sweden
13	Poland	Canada
14	Norway	England
15	Israel	Netherlands
16	Chinese Taipei	Germany
17	China	France
18	Australia	Uruguay

ROUND 13

11	China	Australia
12	Germany	Poland
13	England	Chinese Taipei
14	Hungary	Canada
15	Netherlands	USA 1
16	Sweden	Norway
17	Uruguay	Israel
18	France	USA 2

RONA CUP

World Young Ladies Championship

SESSIONS 3, 4

21	Poland	USA
22	China	France

SESSIONS 5, 6

21	France	USA
22	Poland	China

Round 5 **Damiani Cup**
Israel v Poland *by Brian Senior*

Two powerhouses of European Youth bridge, Israel and Poland met in Round 5 of the Youngsters Championship. The match went very much the way of Israel, who won by 41-2 IMPs, translating to 25-4 VPs. I don't think I have ever sat and watched a Polish team in any of the Youth categories lose a match so heavily.

After cashing the second diamond, it is still possible to defeat the contract. South must play a third diamond for partner to ruff away one of the ten winners. Now the defence will come to a heart trick. But is there any way the defence can work this out?

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Damty</i>
Pass	Pass	4♠	2♦
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

For Israel, Oshri Damty opened with a weak 2♦ and, when that came around, Pawel Jassem leaped to 4♠, doubled on the way out by Dror Padon.

Damty led the king of diamonds. Seeing that cashing the ace would set up two diamond winners in dummy, he switched to a club for the king and ruff. Jassem played ace, king and jack of spades to the queen, ruffed the club return and drew trumps. All he could do from here was to cash the top hearts; down two for -500.

In the other room, Adam Smieszkol opened the South hand a level higher. Moshe Meyuchas also overcalled 4♠ and was doubled by Alan Lazar. Smieszkol also led a top diamond but, seeing that the second winner would cash and that he had no sure re-entry, took it before switching to a club. Meyuchas ruffed and played three rounds of spades but, with the diamond winners already established, could ruff the club return, draw trumps and had four red winners for +790 and 15 IMPs to Israel.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 ♣ A Q J 9 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 2 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ 10 3	♠ A Q J 9 ♥ 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ 6 4 ♠ K 8 7 5 3 ♥ A ♦ J 9 3 ♣ K 7 5 2
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W		E										
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Damty</i>
3♦	2♥	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass	4♦	Pass

Padon opened with a classical example of a weak two bid and Tuczynski overcalled 3♦ then, in response to the 3♥ ask, showed his second suit. When Jassem gave preference to diamonds, Tuczynski went on to game.

Padon led the king of hearts to his partner's bare ace. Damty switched to a low club and Tuczynski put in the queen, led a diamond to the king and a diamond back to the ten. As it happened, the three-three split meant that the finesse was unnecessary. He cashed the remaining diamonds, pitching hearts from dummy, and that squeezed South, who would have been powerless even had he held the ten of spades. Damty came down to three cards in



each black suit. Tuczynski took the spade finesse, which lost – there was no point in ducking – and back came a club. Tuczynski finessed the jack and had eleven tricks for a nicely played +400.

In the other room, Meyuchas responded 3NT to the 3♦ overcall and found that his stopper was just fine. He made ten tricks for +630 and 1 IMP to Israel.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Damty</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Padon made a slightly heavy simple preference to 2♦ and Damty tried for game. Padon judged that to show spade values was the least committal positive action he could take and that encouraged Damty sufficiently that he jumped to the diamond game.

Tuczynski led the two of hearts, second and fourth, and Damty ducked it to the king. Jassem switched to the jack of clubs. Damty took his ace, led a heart to the jack and took a club pitch on the heart ace. He continued by taking and repeating the diamond finesse, drew the last trump and played a spade to the jack followed by ace and another, ruffing the fourth spade in dummy for +600.

In the other room, Smieszkol and Mateusz Mroczkowski bid it: 1♦ – 1♥ – 1♠ – INT – 2NT – 3NT. Meyuchas led the jack of clubs, ducked to the king, and the club return established the suit for the defence. The contract was down two for –200 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Round 1

Rona Cup

Poland v France

by Brian Senior

The Young Ladies Championship sees four teams play a round robin of 24-board matches played in two sets of 12, to qualify the top two to the final. Poland led France by 27-23 at the half and extended that to an overall 56-48 for a 16-14 win. Meanwhile, China beat USA 19-11.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The second set was all about slam deals.

West	North	East	South
<i>Cannone</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

After a pass from Danuta Kazmucha, Justyna Zmuda opened a Polish Club, either a strong club or a weak no trump, and the 1♥ response showed a natural positive. Two Diamonds showed the strong type with three plus hearts and 3♣ showed a fifth heart and extra values. Kazmucha cuebid then took control, the 6♣ bid showing two key cards, the queen of hearts and two kings.

Marion Cannone led a spade but Kazmucha made short work of the hand, drawing trumps and knocking out the ace of diamonds to establish twelve tricks for +1430.

In the other room, the French North/South pair stopped in game so that was worth 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cannone</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>
1♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass	4♦	Pass

Jessie Carbonneaux described a decent six-five with good diamonds and Marion Cannone jumped to the small club slam. Kazmucha led the seven of spades, middle of three in Polish style.

It is possible to make twelve tricks in clubs by playing on either red suit. Carbonneaux elected to play on diamonds. She won the spade lead on table and led a diamond to her ace then led a low one and ruffed it. There was no recovery from here. She cashed the king and

queen of trumps, came to the king of spades and cashed the club ace then the diamond king. When the queen did not oblige she had to go one down for -100.

If declarer chooses to play on diamonds, which looks correct in six, it must be right to start by cashing the ace and king. When an honour appears the play is straightforward, drawing trumps and conceding a trick to the other diamond honour. The actual play seems to have no upside - if the King diamond is getting ruffed, the chosen play of ruffing the second round will not make the contract.

In the other room, Natalia Sakowska and Ewa Grabowska bid to 7♣ and declarer went two down in an attempt to make it. France gained 3 IMPs, when Carbonneaux must have imagined they would lose 16.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cannone</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Carbonneaux could set trumps with a forcing raise to 3♠ but this did not get the job done as Cannone had nothing to cuebid. This West hand is precisely the reason why East's second bid should be a 4♥ splinter, which might have encouraged West because of her powerful spade suit, though it is still not automatic to go past game. There were, of course, twelve tricks for an easy +480.

In the other room, the French South made a weak jump overcall of 3♥ and Sawowska cuebid 4♥. North raised to 5♥ and, when Grabowska made a forcing pass with the strong spades, Sawowska went on with 5NT, asking for key cards. The North/South pre-emption had actually helped slam to be reached and the Poles had their second 13 IMP swing of the set earned by bidding a cold slam missed at the other table.



Danuta Kazmucha, Poland

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

SATURDAY – SUNDAY KO, BKT#1

9 Tables

29.67	1	Mark Gordon, Purchase NY; Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Venice FL; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Jorgen Molberg, Trondheim Norway
20.77	2	Dennis Thompson, Lake Hiawatha NJ; Bob Gwirtzman, Brooklyn NY; Daisy Goecker, Yardley PA; Raymond Raskin, King of Prussia PA
11.87	3/4	Diana Holt, Palm Beach FL; Andy Kaufman, Smyrna DE; Andrew Stayton, Newark DE; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA
11.87	3/4	Greta Pineles, Jackson NJ; Sandra DeMartino, Riverside CT; Margaret Coe, Linwood NJ; Marianne Goff, Margate City NJ

SATURDAY – SUNDAY KO, BKT#2

12 Tables

19.56	1	Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; David Cohen, Thornhill ON; Ken Collins, Richmond Hill ON
13.69	2	Paul Irvine - Margaret Irvine, Allentown PA; Arup Mukherjee - Bagisa Mukherjee, Bethlehem PA
7.82	3/4	Ronald Orr, Falling Waters WV; Timothy Smith, Kearneysville WV; Kelly Zeller - Michael Zeller, York PA; Sylvie Basinski - Stefan Basinski, Thorndale PA
7.82	3/4	C. Buddy Carls, Huntington Bh CA; Alan Blake, East Brunswick NJ; Claude Le Feuvre, Van Nuys CA; Jagdish Goenka, Mumbai 400026 India

SATURDAY – SUNDAY KO, BKT#3

12 Tables

11.93	1	Barry Davis - Bill Rumpa, Yardley PA; Yacob(Jacob) Rubinstien, Holland PA; Janis Kritzer, Newtown PA
8.35	2	Edward Kung - Bill Schlaepfer - Loretta Westler, Philadelphia PA; Neeta Mone, Livingston NJ
4.77	3/4	A William Schmidt, Morton PA; Theodore Levy, Cherry Hill NJ; Paul Fried, Monroe Twp NJ; Dolores Dodi Ballard, Brielle NJ
4.77	3/4	June Kantor, Penn Valley PA; Thomas Dugdale, Bryn Mawr PA; George McConchie, Springfield PA; Estelle Bogart, Glen Mills PA

2nd SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS

25.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
12.25	1			Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA; Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA	60.42%
9.19	2	1		Ibrahim Mady, Alexandria VA; Omar Okaily, Lansdale PA	60.19%
6.89	3			David Berkowitz - Dana Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	59.03%
5.17	4			Barry Gorski - Kathleen Del Corso, Reading PA	58.80%
4.23	5			Ellie Hanlon - Mary Savko, Tequesta FL	58.22%
3.50	6			Abbie Cole, New York NY; Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL	58.10%
5.54	7	2		Roberto Verthelyi, New York NY; Robert Barrington, Liverpool NY	57.99%
4.15		3		Peter Clark - Jess Jurkovic, New York NY	53.24%
3.11		4		Robert Killen, Mount Laurel NJ; Ilko Dossev, Pickering ON	52.31%
2.29		5/6		Karen Yellin - Stanley Yellin, Bethlehem PA	51.50%
2.29		5/6		James Stormes, Chevy Chase MD; William Zane, Woodbridge VA	51.50%
4.20			1	Tilghman Moore, Gretna LA; Geoff Chichester, Metairie LA	51.27%
3.15			2	Lewis Shapiro, Baltimore MD; Witold Palosz, Cookeyville MD	50.46%
2.12			3/4	H Jacobson - N Brody, Mt Laurel NJ	48.73%
2.07			3/4	Mark Sanders - B J Sanders, Austin TX	48.73%
1.40			5	Theresa Choma, Wyckoff NJ; Debbie Tzimoulis, Englewood NJ	45.72%

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