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DIAMOND TRIUMPHS IN ROSENBLUM



WBF President José Damiani and Joan Gerard, at left, congratulate the winners of the Rosenblum Cup: Eric Greco, John Diamond, Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson, Brian Platnick and Brad Moss

The team captained by John Diamond, trailing after the first quarter, pulled away in the second and went on to an impressive 121-78 win over the Nick Nickell team. The winners are Diamond, Brian Platnick, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco.

It was the second big win for Diamond this year. The team won the Spingold Knockout Teams at the ACBL's Summer NABC in New Orleans.

Nickell, reigning Bermuda Bowl champs, played with Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood.

The Pierre Zimmermann team won the playoff for the bronze medal over the Jeff Wolfson squad.

In the Young Ladies Teams, Poland defeated France 131-97.

The final stages of four pairs events begin today: the Generali Open and Women's Pairs, IMP Pairs and Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs. The leaders: Cezary Balicki and Jacek Pszczola, Open; Angela Dossena and Luigina Gentili, Women's; Peter Bertheau and Gunnar Hallberg, IMP, and Dan Morse and John Sutherlin, Seniors.

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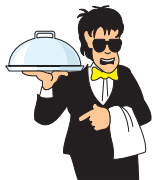
ROSENBLUM CUP

Finals / Play Offs (results subject to confirmation)

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Diamond	34	42	14	31	121
	Nickell	39	17	13	9	78
2	Zimmermann	61	37	-	-	98
	Wolfson	12	34	-	-	46

Last Chance to Sign Up! 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.

Lost iPhone

An iPhone was lost on Monday. It has a black skin cover. The owner will give a reward for more than the value of the phone. In about two days, it will no longer have service. If you find it, deliver it to the Daily Bulletin office on the third floor at the Marriott.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Morning Match (10.00)

BBO.I-VG: Table I Israel - USA I (Juniors)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



(Today)

Mixed Swiss Teams
Qualifying sessions begin at **10.30**
Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Semi Final sessions at
10.00, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Final sessions 1, 2 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Final sessions 1, 2 at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs
Final sessions 1, 2 at **11.00, 16.00**

Youth Individual Contest
Qualifying sessions 1, 2 at **11.30, 16.00**

(Tomorrow)

Mixed Swiss Teams
Qualifying sessions begin at **10.30**
Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Final / Play Off sessions at
10.00, 13.10, 15.50

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Final sessions 3, 4 at **11.00, 16.00**

Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs
Final sessions 3, 4 at **11.00, 16.00**

IMP Pairs
Final sessions 3, 4 at **11.00, 16.00**

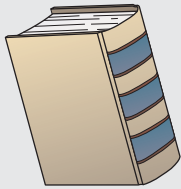
Youth Individual Contest
Final sessions 1, 2 at **11.30, 16.00**
Plate sessions 1, 2 at **11.30, 16.30**

Age Old Dealing Problem Solved

The developers of PlayBridgeDealer4 which uses optical recognition to read and deal standard playing cards, rather than relying on special bar coded cards, have introduced a new development at this tournament. The age-old problem of the cards being dealt into the wrong board has been resolved by the introduction of a sticker on the board, which is read by PlayBridgeDealer4. This is very simple technology but the developers of PlayBridgeDealer4 are the first to introduce it. If you would like to see the system in operation please ask for Terry Collier in room 404 or visit www.playbridgedealer4.com

We are sorry to say that we have sold all of the machines that have been used at this tournament but anyone that is interested in purchasing a new machine should have a chat with Terry – he is offering a great deal!

World Championship Book Philadelphia 2010



The official book of these championships in Philadelphia will be available in March 2011, when the official price will be US\$34 plus postage (\$35 from some suppliers). Advance orders can be made through Jan Swaan in the Press Room on the third floor at the discounted price of US\$30, with free postage and packing.

The principal writers will again be Brian Senior, John Carruthers, Barry Rigal and Geo Tislevoll. There will also be guest contributors including Donna Compton on the Mixed (likely with substantial input from Fulvio Fantoni).

There will be a full listing of all participants in world championship events, a full results service and many photographs. Coverage will include every deal from the final and semi-finals of the Rosenblum plus the pick of the action from the earlier stages and the other championship events.

Better To Defend

by Brian Senior

On this deal from the third session of the Rand Seniors Cup final it was better for West to defend INT than to play the hand himself, despite holding a 21-count.

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	♣ Q 8 2										

West	North	East	South
<i>Hallberg</i>		<i>Holland</i>	
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
All Pass			

South opened light third in hand and Gunnar Hallberg doubled. North redoubled to show strength then penalty doubled Hallberg's 1♠ run-out. South sheepishly rescued himself into INT and there the matter rested.

Hallberg led a low spade. Declarer put in the jack and led the queen of diamonds and, when that was ducked, a second diamond for the king and ace. Hallberg played a second low spade and declarer called for dummy's king. Now he tried a heart to the queen and king. Rather than simply cash his spades, Hallberg accurately underled to John Holland's ten and Holland led a club. The jack forced dummy's ace and declarer next guessed well by running the nine of hearts to the ace. But that still meant one down as Hallberg had two more spades and the king of clubs to cash. Nicely defended and +100 was worth 5 IMPs to East/West as West was allowed to open 2NT in the other room, where he went down two for another -100.

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

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Cezary BALICKI - Jacek PSZCZOLA	60.58	55	Meng KANG - Shaolin SUN	51.38
2	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	59.68	56	Jimmy CAYNE - Michael SEAMON	51.34
3	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	57.87	57	Anna MALINOWSKI - Rune HAUGE	51.26
4	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	56.18	58	Neil ROSEN - Martin JONES	51.19
5	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	55.86	59	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	51.19
6	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	55.72	60	Jose Roberto BRUM - Roberto De MELLO	51.17
7	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	55.39	61	Marianne HARDING - Sven Olai HOYLAND	51.13
8	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	55.08	62	David LINDOP - Nader HANNA	51.13
9	Alexander DUBININ - Andrey GROMOV	55.06	63	Robert LEBI - Dan JACOB	51.12
10	Piotr GAWRYS - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	55.06	64	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER	51.11
11	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	54.91	65	Franky Steven KARWUR - Widi PANCONO	51.08
12	Vladislav Nikolov ISPORSKI - Valentin KOVACHEV	54.73	66	Majja ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	51.08
13	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	54.64	67	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	51.02
14	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	54.45	68	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	51.02
15	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	54.30	69	Dario ATTANASIO - Guisepe FAILLA	51.01
16	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	54.28	70	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	51.00
17	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	54.14	71	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Desislava B. POPOVA	51.00
18	Dominik FILIPOWICZ - Michal NOWOSADZKI	53.95	72	Michal KWIECIEN - Wlodzimierz STARKOWSKI	50.98
19	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	53.76	73	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	50.87
20	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	53.76	74	Michal KOPECKY - Josef KURKA	50.85
21	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	53.73	75	Uttam GUPTA - Nr KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY	50.78
22	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	53.68	76	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN	50.60
23	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	53.67	77	Ari David GREENBERG JR - Billy MILLER	50.60
24	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	53.59	78	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	50.59
25	Marius IONITA - Cornel TEODORESCU	53.57	79	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	50.55
26	Krzysztof JASSEME - Krzysztof MARTENS	53.51	80	Jingsheng BIAN - Yong LIAN	50.54
27	Rui LI - Jiang TONG	53.50	81	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	50.52
28	Yury KHIUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	53.40	82	Robert BLANCHARD - Shane BLANCHARD	50.49
29	Piotr WALCZAK - Jan ZADROGA	53.27	83	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	50.43
30	Bjorn FALLENIUS - Peter FREDIN	53.17	84	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	50.36
31	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	53.15	85	Salvador ASSAEL - Ali YALMAN	50.30
32	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	53.11	86	Boguslaw PAZUR - Marek WOJCICKI	50.28
33	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	53.04	87	Daniel KORBEL - Darren WOLPERT	50.27
34	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	52.91	88	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	50.25
35	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	52.78	89	Greg BURCH - Rick ROWLAND	50.19
36	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	52.76	90	Andrew STARK - Franco BASEGGIO	50.13
37	Jan JANSMA - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	52.75	91	Patrick JOURDAIN - David KENDRICK	50.09
38	Xu HOU - Miao SHI	52.72	92	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Matt GRANOVETTER	49.99
39	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	52.66	93	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	49.93
40	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	52.50	94	Daniela von ARNIM - Sabine AUKEN	49.81
41	Dominique PILON - Lionel SEBBANE	52.46	95	Kevin BATHURST - Daniel ZAGORIN	49.63
42	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	52.44	96	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	49.57
43	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	52.27	97	Stephen CASTELLINO - Paul CORNELIUS	49.43
44	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	52.24	98	Ole BERSET - Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL	49.30
45	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	52.14	99	Ajay KHARE - Raju TOLANI	49.29
46	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	52.01	100	Ramavatar AGARWAL - Keshav S. SAMANT	49.25
47	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Georgi MATUSHKO	51.99	101	Andrew MCINTOSH - Nicklas SANDQVIST	49.20
48	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	51.87	102	Joaquin PACAREU - Benjamin ROBLES	49.20
49	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	51.77	103	Mike KENNY - Jonathan STEINBERG	49.17
50	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	51.62	104	Thierry De SAINTE MARIE - Philippe TOFFIER	49.15
51	William JACOBS - Ben THOMPSON	51.58	105	Dominique GERIN - Ivan RUE	49.14
52	Aneurin GRIFFITHS - Bobby RICHMAN	51.57	106	Greg HINZE - David YANG	49.06
53	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	51.53	107	Alain BENOIT - Olivier GIARD	49.05
54	Louis GLASTHAL - Michael MASSIMILLA	51.43	108	Gabriel CHAGAS - Alain LEVY	49.04
			109	Tomasz GOTARD - Slawek HENCLIK	49.01

110	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	49.01	142	Richard CHAN - Peter WONG	47.04
111	Raphael GUENOUN - Bernard LAUGIER	48.97	143	R GOKHALE - Satya RAMI	47.00
112	Mike MCNAMARA - Elliot SHALITA	48.95	144	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	46.96
113	Iftikhar BAQAI - Mitch DUNITZ	48.91	145	Rajesh DALAL - Anil PADHYE	46.94
114	Wafik ABDOU - Chris LARSEN	48.83	146	Mark AQUINO - Richard BINDER	46.90
115	Ricardo ANGELERI - Marcelo VILLEGAS	48.80	147	Zdzilaw BELING - Gregor LEWACIAK	46.90
116	Javier GRAUPERA - Juan PONT	48.79	148	John CARROLL - Tommy GARVEY	46.89
117	Nicholas FITZGIBBON - Adam MESBUR	48.76	149	Robert CAPPELLI - Robert KATZ	46.88
118	Jessica HAYMAN PIAFSKY - Nicolas L'ECUYER	48.59	150	Gulzar BILAL - Khaled MOHIUDDIN	46.87
119	Abdellah ELGHRARI - Abdelkamal RERHAYE	48.56	151	Jie LI - Jing LIU	46.81
120	Eric DEBUS - Rutger VAN MECHELEN	48.50	152	Sam PUNCH - Tim REES	46.80
121	Lynn JOHANNESSEN - Dale JOHANNESSEN	48.49	153	Jens AUKEN - Jon SVEINDAL	46.67
122	Jim BARROW - Don CATON	48.42	154	Pete PLUHTA - David WESTFALL	46.58
123	Philippos KARAMANLIS - Vassilis VROUSTIS	48.37	155	Jean-Baptiste FANTUN - Godefroy De TESSIERES	46.51
124	Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI - Jacek KALITA	48.35	156	Alexander PERLIN - Michael PRAHIN	46.43
125	Christopher Henry BOSENBERG - Neville EBER	48.29	157	Bernard PASCAL - Baher RAMADAN	46.24
126	Chris COMPTON - Martin SELIGMAN	48.29	158	Nikos DELIMPALTADAKIS - K. KONTOMITROS	46.24
127	David BECHER - Alan WATSON	48.22	159	Ramratnam KRISHNAN - K. R. VENKATARAMAN	46.15
128	Shireen MOHANDDES - Andy BOWLES	48.18	160	Ionut COLDEA - Iulian ROTARU	46.12
129	Nikola BORANTIEV - Ivan PEICHEV	48.16	161	Daniel NUSSBAUM - Mark OSPECK	45.74
130	Borislav BORISOV - Yordan GACHEV	48.06	162	Dipak PODDAR - Jeetu SOLANI	45.54
131	Walter JOHNSON - Doug SIMSON	48.03	163	Olivie DAVID - Jean Claude LEVY	45.34
132	Allan FALK - Peter FRIEDLAND	47.92	164	Sheng Hong CHEN - Rui WANG	45.23
133	Richard SCHWARTZ - Peter WEICHSEL	47.91	165	Omer EKINCI - Ellis FEIGENBAUM	44.87
134	Dennis BILDE - Hans Christian GRAVERSEN	47.88	166	Philippe CAPUTO - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	44.36
135	Atanas IVANOV - Antony Ivanov NIKOLOV	47.79	167	Mehmet Ali KORDOV - Kutluhan UNAL	44.09
136	Weimin WANG - Zejun ZHUANG	47.78	168	Eva CAPLAN - Karin WENNING	43.70
137	Kenneth EICHENBAUM - Kenneth J. REXFORD	47.69	169	Ruth NAKANO - Dick YARINGTON	43.34
138	Mark COHEN - Milton ROSENBERG	47.66	170	Ethan LIU - Qing YANG	43.29
139	Niccolo FOSSI - Peter PAUNCZ	47.62	171	George KRIZEL - Albert SHEKHTER	40.98
140	Ai-Tai LO - Alan SCHWARTZ	47.59	172	Roeland MAAT - Mark De MEER	40.06
141	Elly SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER - Rene STIENEN	47.56			

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS

Semi Final Results (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Angela DOSSENA - Luigina GENTILI	56.15	22	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	50.47
2	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	55.52	23	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	50.45
3	Brenda BRYANT - Kathy SULGROVE	55.30	24	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	50.06
4	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	55.20	25	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	49.86
5	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	54.27	26	Ellie HANLON - Maryse SAVKO	49.82
6	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	53.97	27	Sue PICUS - Shawn QUINN	49.75
7	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	53.54	28	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	49.56
8	Joan EATON - Candace GRIFFEY	53.31	29	Maddalena SEVERGNINI - Antonella SORESINI	49.18
9	Sylvia CALEY - Gail Moss GREENBERG	52.74	30	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Cathy STRAUCH	48.69
10	Renee MANCUSO - Sheri WINESTOCK	52.72	31	Marguerite HOMSY - Lily KHALIL	48.38
11	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	52.30	32	Nancy TURNER - Laurie VOGEL	47.85
12	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	52.13	33	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	47.46
13	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	51.54	34	Ann INGRAM - Felicity MOORE	46.99
14	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	51.49	35	Ruth GOLD - Barbara SIMS	46.98
15	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	51.28	36	Cheri BJERKAN - Rozanne POLLACK	46.93
16	Patricia CUMMINS - Jacqueline THOMPSON	51.27	37	Valerie BLOOM - Ora LOURIE	46.49
17	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	51.15	38	Wendy KRAUSE - Linda WYNSTON	46.35
18	Bing DU - Juan LI	51.02	39	Rury ANDHANI - Suci Amita DEWI	46.29
19	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Carlyn STEINER	51.00	40	Merle MODLIN - Margi NIEHAUS	45.88
20	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	50.97	41	Joan JACKSON - Nancy PASSELL	45.66
21	Geeske JOEL - Tobi SOKOLOW	50.69	42	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Katherine WEI-SENDER	45.65
			43	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	43.36

IMP PAIRS

Final Qualifying Results (subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Peter BERTHEAU - Gunnar HALLBERG	10553.6	48	Jim RUSSELL - Colby VERNAY	1385.7
2	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	8876.8	49	Robert HEITZMAN - Stan TULIN	1315.9
3	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	8447.3	50	John RAYNER - Michael ROCHE	1272.1
4	Jaroslawn CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	8167.6	51	Craig GANZER - R POPPER	1271.4
5	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	8097.7	52	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN	1218.1
6	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	7375.8	53	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	1162.1
7	Marjorie MICHELIN - Carlos PELLEGRINI	7192.3	54	Syarifah Nina Tirta AYU - Gemma TAN	1068.4
8	Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE - Stanley BARG	6881.8	55	Debbie BENNER - Arthur CRYSTAL	1025.8
9	Bob ETTER - Bob MORRIS	6395.1	56	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	876.5
10	Paul THURSTON - Mike RIPPEY	5789.5	57	Stephen TU - Tien-Chun YANG	796.6
11	Richard COREN - Barnet J SHENKIN	5597.8	58	Diana WYLIE - Wendell WYLIE	734.8
12	Odette ZIGHELBOIM - Steve HAMAOU	5580.5	59	Veronel LUNGU - Viorel MICESCU	627.0
13	Alex GIPSON - Paul GIPSON	5399.3	60	COQUILLETTE - MOSCOW	608.3
14	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	5363.8	61	Roman GRZELAK - Jacek ROMANSKI	564.3
15	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	5362.8	62	Erick HERDOIZA - Carlos RENDON	428.0
16	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	5358.2	63	Ronald DAVIDSON - Marc-Andre FOURCAUDOT	419.5
17	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	5145.1	64	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	314.3
18	Kelley HWANG - John ZILIC	4995.3	65	Jacqueline PAVEL - Horia GEORGESCU	186.5
19	Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG - Samuel IEONG	4855.3	66	Shelley LAPKOFF - Vandana VIDWANS	58.8
20	Malcolm EWASHKIW - Robert HOLLOW	4547.5	67	Grazyna BREWIAK - Janoslaw PIASECKI	50.2
21	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	4484.6	68	Ralph BUCHALTER - Alexander ORNSTEIN	44.2
22	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	4324.9	69	Prakash BHANDARI - Ashok Kumar GOEL	-49.5
23	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	4261.3	70	Hans FRERICHS - Ulrich WENNING	-74.7
24	Philippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	4041.7	71	Wolfe THOMPSON - Marc ZWERLING	-78.3
25	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	3957.0	72	Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY	-232.8
26	Gary COHLER - Eric ROBINSON	3953.8	73	Virginia LIFTON - Jerry CLERKIN	-363.5
27	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	3483.8	74	Franco GUSSO - Alfredo VERSACE	-577.9
28	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	3467.3	75	Mike ASH - Alan GOODMAN	-700.1
29	Barry SPECTOR - Randy THOMPSON	3381.8	76	Anne DAWSON - Geoffrey S Jade BARRETT	-713.8
30	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	3364.4	77	Linda Jane BALL - Meyer KOTKIN	-835.0
31	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	3190.7	78	Luis GAMIO KLAPIC - Tariq LATIF	-947.3
32	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	3113.9	79	Ron BISHOP - John DUQUETTE	-1179.3
33	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	3095.9	80	Saul AGRANOFF - Shekhar SENGUPTA	-1281.1
34	Irving LITVACK - William Ferguson TUCKER	3054.5	81	Thomas BANDY - Scott STEARNS	-1295.2
35	Mckenzie MYERS - Robert TODD	3042.4	82	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - Miguel REYGADAS	-1325.8
36	Fred HOFFER - Don PIAFSKY	3020.3	83	Henry LORTZ - Wayne OHLRICH	-1439.3
37	Mine BABAC - Lale GUMRUKCUOGLU	2890.3	84	David OLSON - James OLSON	-1535.1
38	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	2847.2	85	Joel DATLOFF - Paul OBRIEN	-1617.6
39	Sharon JABBOUR - Shirley PRESBERG	2827.5	86	Irene ELKIN - Maria Elena SUAREZ	-2027.8
40	Guilherme JUNQUEIRA - Ernesto D'ORSI	2558.7	87	Gail BELL - Gila GUTTMANN	-2056.5
41	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	2272.8	88	Jeroo MANGO - B.N. PARASRAMPURIA	-2105.3
42	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	2101.7	89	Stephannie RUSSO - Maria TSOUKALAS	-2245.6
43	Doug FISHER - Bob TODD	2052.4	90	Naveed ATHER - Saleh FETOUH	-2408.4
44	Donna MORGEN - Howard KAHLENBERG	1903.8	91	Dave BLACKMAN - Tony WATKINS	-2454.7
45	Igor MILMAN - Oleg RUBINCHIK	1858.5	92	Marshall LEWIS - James MATES	-2519.8
46	Stanley DUB - Greg MICHAELS	1769.8	93	Jacqueline SINCOFF - Roger LORD	-2570.6
47	Jay APFELBAUM - Andy KAUFMAN	1628.3	94	Alan APPLEBAUM - Victor KING	-2580.9
			95	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	-2661.3

96	David COHEN - Ken COLLINS	-2800.8	110	Bruno FURLAN - Marcello LA ROVERE	-4984.8
97	Barbara KASLE - Howard PARKER III	-2900.2	111	Cetin OKCUOGLU - Appaji P.TADIKONDA	-4994.6
98	Mary Lou DENISON - Daniel DENISON	-2920.8	112	Al CHANEY - Bob WALSH	-5020.8
99	Kathy BENJAMIN - Edward SCOLNICK	-2958.5	113	James MCKEOWN - Albert SHRIVE	-6021.2
100	Lino D'SOUZA - Edgar DE SOUZA	-2991.5	114	Roglyn HINDS - Yvonne SEALE	-6023.5
101	Leora DUBROVSKY - Donna RODWELL	-3068.5	115	Amanda JEGER - Estera LISKER	-6153.8
102	Kathleen FORTNEY - Charles FORTNEY	-3160.3	116	Morella PACHECO - Fernando Alfredo LEMA	-6925.7
103	Nicole STRASSER - George BILSKI	-3189.8	117	Monica ANGUS - Dorothy NEATE	-6995.5
104	Radu Mihai CUCUIU - Michael MYERS	-3340.9	118	Marshall BAUM - Serge BONDAR	-7252.9
105	Chris COFFMAN - Roger COFFMAN	-3632.6	119	David AMSTERDAM - Brad BARRY	-8091.5
106	Bryan DELFS - Todd FISHER	-3693.1	120	Theresa ANDINO - Greg HUMPHREYS	-10185.1
107	Rachael MOLLER - David GURVICH	-3947.6	121	Neeta MONE - James ZINKAND	-11544.8
108	Rupa BAKERI - Ashish PATEL	-4082.5	122	Lyudmila ANTONOVA - Gutierrez HERRERO	-12201.8
109	Fabrizio BIASIOLO - Paul SIDIKMAN	-4335.7	123	Maria ABRAVANEL - Eduardo VARGAS	-13106.5

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Final Qualifying Results *(subject to confirmation)*

Rank	Names	Result			Result
			34	Pierre BEAUREGARD - David MEYER	49.96
1	Dan MORSE - John SUTHERLIN	59.16	35	J BRYANT - Mark LAIR	49.75
2	Julian KLUKOWSKI - Victor MARKOWICZ	56.92	36	Ahmed HUSSEIN - Apolinary KOWALSKI	49.74
3	Bruce NODA - Mark RALPH	56.78	37	Adi KALIANIWALA - B WADIA	49.57
4	Rich DEMARTINO - Patrick MCDEVITT	56.58	38	Jagdish Prasad GOENKA - Garey HAYDEN	49.56
5	Christian MARI - Stanley WALTER	56.52	39	Paul D HACKETT - William WHYTE	49.42
6	Ken COHEN - Neal SATTEN	56.16	40	Marilyn GARCIA - James Spike LAY	48.87
7	Lew FINKEL - Dan GERSTMAN	55.96	41	Gene SIMPSON - Hamish BENNETT	48.70
8	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	55.25	42	Gloria SILVERMAN BART - Les BART	48.60
9	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	55.16	43	Steve MAGER - Mike MIKYSKA	48.42
10	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	54.18	44	Natalie HERTZ - Daniel HERTZ	48.42
11	Robert BITTERMAN - Jerry HELMS	54.17	45	Alvin LEVY - George RETEK	48.30
12	Michael GORE - Walter SCHENKER	53.97	46	Pirjo JUURI-OJA - Erkki JUURI-OJA	48.29
13	Arnold FISHER - Fred PAUL	53.21	47	Gerald NEHRA - Mitchell SNYDER	48.06
14	Mohsen Mohamed KAMEL - Wael WATTAR	53.00	48	Abby HEITNER - Louis REICH	48.01
15	Rebecca (Becky) ROGERS - John GRANTHAM	52.92	49	William SAMUELS JR - Robert ZECKHAUSER	47.81
16	Art GULBRANDSEN - Michael SPERO	52.49	50	Chuck BURGER - Dennis KASLE	47.65
17	Makoto HIRATA - Tadashi YOSHIDA	52.09	51	Jay BERKE - Dennis O'BRIEN	47.45
18	Mickie KIVEL - Nadine WOOD	51.90	52	Irwin KOSTAL - Neil STERN	47.42
19	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	51.48	53	Carolyn JACKSON - Chuck SAID	46.92
20	Roald RAMER - Jerzy RUSSYAN	51.36	54	Gaylor KASLE - James TUCKER JR	46.84
21	Barbara KEPPEL - Carl BERENBAUM	51.35	55	Bob AUTREY - Doug HILL	46.55
22	Amilcar MAGALHAES - Pedro MANDELLOT	51.17	56	Janak HATHIRAMI - Girdharlal MANWANI	46.51
23	Tom KNIEST - Don STACK	51.16	57	Craig HUSTON - Christopher (Kit) YOUNG	46.50
24	Jerry GAER - Markland JONES	50.95	58	Eeva PARVIAINEN - Vaino KELHA	45.98
25	Sam LEV - Reese MILNER	50.72	59	Grace LLOYD - Harold FELDHEIM	45.83
26	Martin HIRSCHMAN - Franklin KASLE	50.72	60	Petra von MALCHUS - Walter HOEGER	45.47
27	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	50.55	61	C. Buddy CARLS - Claude LE FEUVRE	45.16
28	Cynthia COLIN - Jeff HAND (2)	50.52	62	Vandana JHAWAR - Pradeep JHAWAR	44.99
29	Michael B. HARTONO - Munawar SAWIRUDDIN	50.45	63	Lynda NITABACH - John SOLODAR	43.99
30	Robert KROCHMALIK - Paul LAVINGS	50.39	64	Seppo CASTREN - Matti SIHVOLA	43.31
31	Pam LASHELLE - Roger WOODIN	50.32	65	Marie-Therese HUMBLE - Jacques HUMBLE	42.26
32	Major S. K. HOODA - Ashok V.VAIDYA	50.12	66	Alvaro DUENAS - John KOLB	38.53
33	Lynn FELDMAN - Barry SCHAFFER	50.00			

Final – Session I

McConnell Cup

High-Level Competition

by Phillip Alder

The semifinals had been one-sided, bringing the top-seeded Chinese team (Gu Ling-Lu Yan, Sun Ming-Wang Hongli and Feng Xuefeng-Sun Yanhui) against the Netherlands (Carla Arnolds-Bep Vriend, Jet Pasman-Anneke Simons and Martine Verbeek-Wietske van Zwol) for the 64-board final.

The match started well for the Dutch.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wang</i>
	1♦ (1)	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) Precision: 11-15 points with at least zero diamonds!

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
	Pass	1♣ (1)	Pass
1NT (2)	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) Precision: 16-plus points

(2) Balanced 8-13 or 16-plus

In the Open Room, Wang led the diamond four. Pasman inserted dummy's nine, took North's king with her ace, cashed the ♣A, played a diamond to dummy's jack, and ran the ♣J. When the finesse worked, East played a heart to her queen, then led the ♠Q. South won with her ace and returned a spade, but declarer had nine tricks: one spade, one heart, three diamonds and four clubs.

The auction in the Closed Room shows why many strong-club pairs use transfer responses to 1♣, trying to get the big hand to be the declarer.

Arnolds led the ♠J: queen, ace, eight. Back came a spade, declarer taking the third round. With no chance double-dummy, West played a heart to dummy's queen and ducked a heart. North won with her ♥J, cashed the ♥A, and led her last spade, the two. South now carefully returned a diamond to endplay the dummy. North had to score the ♣Q for down one.

Plus 400 and plus 50 gave the Netherlands 10 IMPs.

The second deal featured another swing.

Board 2. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wang</i>
		1♥	1♠
Dble	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
		1♥	1♠
Dble	2♥	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, 4♠ could not be defeated. Declarer used dummy's heart spots to establish the ♥7, but she always had ten tricks via four spades, four diamonds and two club ruffs in the dummy.

The swing would depend upon the result in 5♥ doubled. The defenders began with three rounds of diamonds, East

ruffing the last. Declarer cashed her ♠A to get the bad news, played a club to dummy's king, and called for a club, North discarding (ruffing would not have helped). East took her ♣A, played a spade to dummy's ace, ruffed a spade in her hand, and cast adrift with a club. That was six tricks in and she had to get two more trump tricks with her king-jack for down three.

Minus 500 and plus 620 gave the Netherlands 3 IMPs.

Did you notice that the defense could have got 800? North had to overtake the ♦K at trick one and shift to her singleton club. That would have disrupted declarer's timing.

On the third deal, both East-West pairs went down one in a hopeless 3NT with 8 points opposite 18. Then:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wang</i>
1♣	1♦	2♥ (1)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) 6-plus spades, 5-plus points (1♥ would have shown 4 or 5 spades)

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
1♣ (1)	Pass	1♠ (2)	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) 16-plus points

(2) 5-plus spades, 8-plus points

The Dutch pre-empted their own auction, and West never seems to have showed the strength of her hand. Declarer won the diamond lead in the dummy, ran the ♣J, took the next diamond, and cashed her clubs, on which South discarded some hearts. So West took 12 tricks: one spade, four hearts, two diamonds and five clubs.

The Chinese benefited from the extra space afforded by the strong-club opening and Lu's careful 2NT bid that left Gu room to show her secondary club support. Then control-bidding (cue-bidding) and Roman Key Card Blackwood completed the job.

North led a sneaky ♠6, but declarer won with dummy's ace, took her two top hearts, dropping North's ten and queen, ruffed the ♥4 in the dummy, and ran the ♣J. When it lost, West claimed.

Minus 690 and plus 1370 gave China 12 IMPs on the board.

The Netherlands gained an overtrick IMP; then:

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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



Wang Hongli, China

West	North	East	South
Simons	Sun	Pasman	Wang
		3♦	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT (1)	Pass	5♣ (2)
Pass	5♦ (3)	Pass	5♥ (4)
Pass	6♥	Dble	All Pass

- (1) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (2) One key card
- (3) Do you have ♥Q?
- (4) No

West	North	East	South
Lu	Arnolds	Gu	Vriend
		Pass	1♣ (1)
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠ (2)	Pass	3NT (3)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- (1) 2-plus clubs (1♦ guarantees at least four)
- (2) Relay
- (3) Maximum balanced hand with four hearts

The adverse vulnerability had an effect on each East player, but less on Pasman than on Gu.

Pasman made a Lightner double and got the spade lead she wanted. Of course, she also noticed that the ruff was



Jet Pasman, Netherlands

with her natural trump trick! However, partner had her covered with two club tricks for down two.

Against 4♥, Gu led the ♦J. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played a trump, Wu falsecarding with her jack. Now Gu's silence worked to her benefit. North, never guessing that the diamonds were 7-1 and worried about hearts 4-1, tried to cash her ♦A. Lu ruffed with her ♥2 and shifted to the ♣K. When allowed to hold the trick, West led a spade, ruffed by East. With West still to get a club trick, that was down one.

Plus 300 and minus 50 gained the Netherlands 6 IMPs, but it could easily have been 12.

Over the next five boards each side gained 1 IMP. Then:

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Simons	Sun	Pasman	Wang
Pass	1♦ (1)	Pass	2♦ (2)
Dble	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (1) Precision with at least zero diamonds!
- (2) Game-forcing; like a two-over-one 2♦ response

West	North	East	South
Lu	Arnolds	Gu	Vriend
1♦ (1)	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (1) Precision with at least zero diamonds!

Vriend's raise to 2NT looks cautious to me. When you know where the opposing high cards lie, you play the cards more accurately. And she was vulnerable at IMPs.

Of course, she can argue that she was right because 3NT could have been defeated, but it wasn't at either table.

Against Sun, Pasman led the ♠10. North called for a low spade, and Simons made a fatal error: she won the trick. This gave declarer three spade tricks when she was due only two.

West shifted to a low heart, North winning with her king and ducking a diamond. East returned the ♥J, which did not pain declarer. West won with her ace and tried a low club. North put in her queen and had ten tricks: three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

Against 2NT, Gu led the ♦Q. Arnolds won with dummy's ace and ducked a diamond. East shifted to the ♠10, and again West erred by taking the trick. But West now led a club, holding declarer to nine tricks. However, plus 630 and minus 150 gave China 10 IMPs and a 1-point lead.

The next board was flat; then China gained an overtrick IMP. Then:

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South Vul.

♠ K ♥ J 7 6 3 ♦ A Q 8 6 4 3 ♣ 7 5	♠ Q 10 6 4 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ 7 2 ♣ A K Q 10 <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> ♠ A J 9 8 7 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ K ♣ J 9 8	♠ 5 ♥ 10 9 8 4 ♦ J 10 9 5 ♣ 6 4 3 2	
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Sun Ming, China

West	North	East	South
Simons	Sun	Pasman	Wang
2♦	3♦	4♦	1♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♣

West	North	East	South
Lu	Arnolds	Gu	Vriend
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♥
Dble	4NT (2)	Pass	4♦ (1)
Pass	5♠	All Pass	5♥ (3)

- (1) Singleton or void diamond
- (2) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (3) Two key cards but no ♠Q

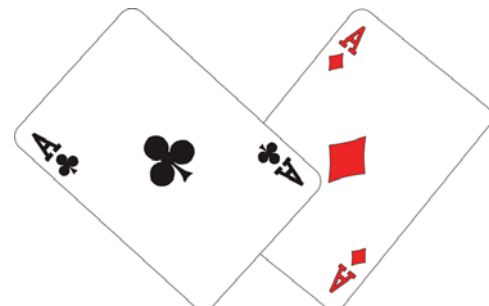
Although Wang had shown some slam interest with her 4♥ control-bid, if Sun's jump to 5♠ asked only for a diamond control, she could have reached a no-chance slam. But here everything was all right when Wang, following the percentages, played a spade to her ace. Interestingly she did not even lead the queen from the dummy to tempt a cover.

Edgar Kaplan was not a fan of Roman Key Card Blackwood because, as he used to say, a king is not an ace. Arnolds could not bid 6♣ because they could have been missing two aces. Perhaps she should have passed over West's double, hoping South could wheel out RKCB.

Whatever, it was 13 IMPs to China.

The Netherlands took a "forced" overtrick IMP on the last board. Gu was able to play peacefully in 4♠ and take her ten top tricks. At the other table, Wang sacrificed in 5♣, which would have cost only 300 with best defense. But Simons insisted on 5♠, which would have required declarer to take the successful heart finesse with a singleton opposite ace-queen-third – except that the opening lead was a heart into the ace-queen.

This all left China ahead 37-23.





WBF President-elect Gianarrigo Rona, far left, and WBF President José Damiani, second from left, pose with the Paul Hackett squad, winners of the Rand Cup for Senior Teams. At far right is former WBF President Ernesto D'Orsi



Second place in the Rand Cup went to Team Markowicz



This squad from Indonesia competed as Gabriel UI and earned the bronze medal in the Rand Cup for Senior Teams



The Netherlands team poses with the silver medals they earned in the McConnell Cup (women's teams)



This team, with pairs from the USA, France and Russia, earned the bronze medal in the McConnell Cup

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No Spades, partner?

In WBF Championship tournaments the law on enquiring about revokes is applied as written. Viz:

1. Declarer may ask a defender who has failed to follow suit whether he/she has a card of the suit led.
2. (a) Dummy may ask declarer (subject to no loss of rights under Law 43B2[b].)
(b) Dummy may not ask a defender.
3. Defenders may ask declarer and (at the risk of creating Unauthorized information) may ask one another.

Semi Finals – Session 2

Rosenblum Cup

Diamond Polishes Off Zimmermann *by Mark Horton*

Zimmermann trailed 37-40 IMPs as the second set of their semi-final against Diamond got under way. Things soon got worse:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	2♣
Dble*	2♠	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the king of clubs and South played the queen. Declarer ducked, won the next club, pitching a diamond from dummy, and played a spade to the king, making exactly nine tricks when the ace was with the man who bid the suit, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	3♣
3♦	All Pass		

South led his spade and North won and returned the two for South to ruff. Declarer took the club switch with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the ace and a diamond. That was +130, but 10 IMPs to Diamond.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	Pass	1♦*	INT
Dble	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

East's wafer-thin opening bid saw his side reach a game that could not be defeated.

North led the four of diamonds and declarer ducked South's queen. He won the next diamond and played the top hearts, South ducking both of them. Knowing where all the high cards were located, declarer cashed the king



John Diamond, USA

of diamonds discarding a club and played a spade to the king and ace. South exited with the jack of spades and declarer won, cashed two more spades, played a club to the ace and exited with a heart. South, down to ♣KJ and ♥A was endplayed, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*

Declarer could not avoid the loss of six tricks, two spades, two hearts and two trumps, but -200 was still good for 5 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

West led the four of clubs and East won with the king and switched to the seven of spades. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a club and played the ten of diamonds. East won with the king and elected to force dummy with the ace of clubs. After ruffing, declarer played a diamond to the jack and ace and West exited with a club. Declarer had to lose a heart and a diamond, down one, -50 and 5 more IMPs for Diamond.

How unlucky was declarer, who might have run the spade switch to dummy and played a low diamond?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
INT	2♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

East cashed the ace of clubs, switched to the king of diamonds and then played the six of spades. South won and ran the nine of hearts. When that held he played a heart to the queen and ace and claimed nine tricks, +140 and 5 IMPs.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2♥*	3♣	All Pass	Pass

I doubt East gave any thought to doubling 3♣. I will make two observations. A lot has been written about not doubling a contract because the opponents might find a better spot. In my experience they don't run very often so I am all for doubling what is under your nose. Here I don't think East is worth a double because he has little defence outside the club suit. However, there is a case for West to double. Then South would have to be inspired to look for a better spot.

East led the queen of hearts and West took the ace and returned the two of hearts, declarer discarding a diamond from hand and winning with the five. He played the jack of hearts, pitching a second diamond as East ruffed. A diamond went to West's ace and he exited with a heart, ruffed with the four and overruffed. Declarer ruffed the

diamond exit, cashed the ace of clubs and played the jack of clubs. He was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Greco</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	Pass
Dble	3♠	All Pass	2♠

Declarer won the club lead with dummy's ace and played the king of hearts. West won and switched to the ace of diamonds, diamond, East winning and playing a third round. Declarer won in dummy, played king of spades, spade, ruffed a heart felling the queen and had ten tricks, +170 and 9 IMPs.

Diamond had won the set 42-8 and led 82-45.

Don't Forget To Cover

by Brian Senior

Gunnar Hallberg took advantage of an opponent's error to bring home an impossible game on this deal from the Rand Seniors Cup final.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hallberg</i>		<i>Holland</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	3♠

John Holland made a mildly cautious simple club raise then showed his fifth spade and Gunnar Hallberg raised himself to the club game, knowing that there would be possibilities to take red-suit ruffs in the dummy.

East led a trump. Hallberg won dummy's ten and attempted to cash the top hearts. However, West ruffed the second heart and returned a trump. Hallberg won in hand and advanced the nine of spades. Had East covered with the queen, there would have been no story – declarer can create one extra spade trick but is a trick short of his contract. But East played low and Hallberg ran the nine to West's ten. He won the diamond return, ruffed a heart and cashed the ace of spades. When the queen fell he took a ruffing finesse against the king and this gave two extra spade tricks and eleven in all for +600. The result in the other room was 6♣ down three so that meant 14 IMPs to Hallberg/Holland's team.

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It's a Single

by Phillip Alder

There was only one sizable swing in the second final session of the McConnell Cup match between the China Ladies Team and the Netherlands. It occurred on this deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 9 5 2 ♥ 10 9 8 5 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 10 8 2	♠ A Q J 7 6 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ – ♣ A Q J 7 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> ♠ K 10 8 ♥ A Q J 7 6 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ 3	♠ – ♥ K 4 ♦ K Q 10 7 6 3 2 ♣ K 9 6 5	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Wang</i>
Pass	1♠	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>van Zwol</i>
Pass	1♠	3♦	Dble
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

The Dutch auction was confused. Both players knew that 5♦ was Voidwood – Exclusion Key Card Blackwood. Martine Verbeek (North) was hoping it would be read as for spades, but Wietske van Zwol (South) took it as hearts, showing one key card (excluding the ♦A). She also wondered if partner was thinking about a club contract because her second-round double would usually have been with a hand shorter in diamonds and longer in clubs.

North continued with 5NT, not willing to give up on a grand slam and wanting to know which suit partner be-

lieved to be trumps. South, on the same wavelength at this point, bid 6♥.

Now North should have bid 6♠, which South would have raised to 7♠ with the ♠K, a second key card. But North jumped to 7♠ hoping for the best and forgetting that partner's key card could have been the ♥K, not the ♥A!

The play was identical at both tables. East led the ♦K. Declarer discarded a club on dummy's ♦A, played a club to the ace, crossruffed three clubs and three diamonds, drew trumps, and claimed.

That gave a not-unfortunate 13 IMPs to the Netherlands.

The other 15 boards went 16-7 in favor of the Netherlands to leave the halftime match score at Netherlands 52 China 44. If China had won by 1 IMP, Gu would have received the praise. She was in 6NT with a diamond suit of A-8-6-3-2 opposite K-Q-9. Needing four tricks from this suit, she cashed her king. When lefty dropped the jack, Gu went to the dummy in another suit and played a diamond to her nine. This garnered five diamond tricks and turned a 2-IMP gain (the Dutch were in 6♦ just made) into a 3-point plus.



Wietske van Zwol, Netherlands

Matching Set

by Ron Klinger

Bulletin 10, page 26, featured a deal where Marshall Lewis in 3NT held:

♣ Q 10 9 8 7 4 opposite ♣ A 6.

He led dummy's ♣Q and ran it successfully when LHO did not cover with K-J-2.

Marshall was involved in two other deals where the key holding was A-x.

The following deal is rotated to make South declarer.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Russo		Lewis
1♠	2♠ (1)	Dble	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣ (2)
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

(1) Limit heart raise or better

(2) 0 or 3 key cards

Lead: ♠10.

With East's double strongly indicating the ♠K, South rose with the ♠A and led the ♥2. East unwisely played the ♥7 and South's ♥Q won. As the ♥A was with East, the ♣A and the ♦K figured to be with West, so South continued with the ♣J. West took the ♣A and continued with the ♠9: queen – king – ♥3.

The ♣4 was ruffed in dummy and South ruffed the ♠7. Next came the ♣K, ♣Q, leaving this ending:

♠ 8 5 4 ♥ – ♦ K 6 ♣ –	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ – ♥ A ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ –	♠ – ♥ J 10 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ –
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South exited with the ♥J and picked the position on the forced diamond exit.

Fast forward to the Open Pairs Qualifying Session 3 and this time Marshall, playing with James Mates, was on the receiving end. The opponents were Dessy Popova and Ann Fuglestad.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mates	Popova	Lewis	Fuglestad
	1♦	Dble	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

East led the ♣K to the ace and North played the ♥Q at trick two. East was not going to cover and set up three tricks for North's potential ♥Q J10 9. When West followed low, North had her slam.

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

2nd MONDAY – TUESDAY KO, BKT#1

9 Tables

29.85	1	Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50 Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn 304G Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands
20.90	2	Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; David Berkowitz - Lisa Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL
11.94	3/4	Renate Hansen - Andreas Babsch - Alexander Wernle - Jorankca Smederevac, Vienna Austria
11.94	3/4	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Portola Valley CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Sjoert Brink, Rotterdam 3 Netherlands; Bas Drijver, Capelle Aan Den Netherlands

2nd MONDAY – TUESDAY KO, BKT#2

9 Tables

11.15	1	Charan Garg - Uma Garg, Voorhees NJ; George Subt - Robert Wilke, Southampton NJ
7.81	2	Elaine Weintraub - Arlyne Shockman, Philadelphia PA; Linda Censits, Naples FL; Irene Oppenheim, Midland TX
4.46	3/4	Carol Shannon, Ft Washington PA; Julie Hough, Horsham PA; F Rudnick, Oreland PA; Adele Lubowitz, Elkins Park PA
4.46	3/4	Dan Parlin - Audrey Parlin, Media PA; Michele Saland - Stephen Kalstein, Philadelphia PA; Estelle Bogart, Glen Mills PA

2nd MONDAY – TUESDAY KO, BKT#3

12 Tables

8.53	1	Deborah Crisfield - Jane Grewcock - Karen Haines, Summit NJ; Jennifer Feltes, New Vernon NJ
5.97	2	Lynn Lonker, Philadelphia PA; Sheila Goodman, Narberth PA; Anita Kaufman, Gladwyne PA; Siham Mamo, Bala Cynwyd PA
3.84	3/4	Preston Kuptsow, Lansdale PA; Helen Mintzes - Howard Schneier, Langhorne PA; Allan Rubin, Newtown PA

2nd TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS

28.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.30	1			Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD; Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA	66.19%
9.98	2			Daniel Boye, Farmington NY; John Marks, Langhorne PA	62.50%
7.48	3			Susan Kestenbaum, Huntingdon VY PA; Jack Mendelsohn, Erdenheim PA	60.82%
5.61	4			Jerzy Stepka, Philadelphia PA; Janusz Lysko, Crum Lynne PA	57.05%
4.12	5/6			Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil, New York NY	56.73%
4.12	5/6			William Allison, Decatur GA; Charles Galloway, Thornhill ON	56.73%
3.33	7			Martin Rabinowitz, Narberth PA; Gilbert Sacks, Bala Cynwyd PA	56.25%
2.96	8			Alan Lechner - Elliot Sternlicht, New York NY	55.93%
7.38		1	1	Diana Stein, Boca Raton FL; Harold Mathews, Wynnewood PA	55.45%
5.54		2		Edward Bauman, Verona NJ; Ralph Croskey, Brigantine NJ	55.37%
4.15		3	2	Miles Ettman, West Windsor NJ; Sidney Friedenberg, Princeton Jct NJ	54.81%
3.11		4		Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA; Jeremy Siegel, Philadelphia PA	54.73%
2.78		5	3	Daryl Drew, Homosassa FL; Amanda Carter, Arlington VA	54.09%
3.13		6		Karen Barrett, Norwalk CT; Douglas Thompson, Acton MA	53.93%
2.09			4	Geoff Chichester, Metairie LA; Tilghman Moore, Gretna LA	53.77%
1.77			5	Anne Levin, Bryn Mawr PA; Janet Kronfeld, Haverford PA	50.24%
2.11			6	Theodore Levy - Christina Van Leeuwen, Cherry Hill NJ	49.52%

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Building Their Lead

by Phillip Alder

The third final session of the McConnell Cup match between the Netherlands and the China Ladies Team had a wild first deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Wang</i>
	3♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>van Zwol</i>
	1♠	Dble	2♣
Dble	2♠	Pass	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

Many players would have opened that North hand with 4♠. Then it might have gone double-all pass, probably down one. To beat it two, East must lead a low heart or the ♥A and another heart.

When Sun Ming opened 3♠, Carla Arnolds made a slightly dangerous takeout double, and Bep Vriend did well to bid 3NT, not pass.

North cashed her top spades, then shifted to a club. West, knowing that South had all of the missing honors, should have won with dummy's king and played a diamond. Assuming South took her king, she would have had to return a club to break up the potential squeeze. If, for example, she shifted to her ♥K, declarer would win with dummy's ace, play a diamond to her hand, cash the ♠J discarding a heart from the dummy, and take her last two diamonds. When the last one was led, everyone would be

down to four cards. West would have the ♥J and ♣A-J-3. Dummy would contain two hearts, one diamond and one club. And South would be keeping the ♥Q and three clubs. But the last diamond would squeeze her.

However, declarer immediately played a club to her jack, cashed the ♠J, and took the losing diamond finesse. South returned the ♥K, and West conceded down one.

Wietske van Zwol (South) surely should have passed over 2♠ – no double, no trouble.

Against 3♣ doubled, Lu Yan (West) led the ♥J. Gu Ling (East) won with her ace and shifted to her low trump. West won with her jack and switched to the ♦9. East won with her ace and returned a heart to South's king. The next round of trumps was won by East, who went back to diamonds, declarer ducking this trick, taking the next diamond, and leading the ♣Q. West correctly won with her ace, but instead of endplaying declarer with a trump to give East the ♦J, West strangely led a spade.

Still, down two, plus 300, and plus 50 gave China 8 IMPs, tying up the match... or so it seemed. It transpired that



Bep Vriend, Netherlands

North was told the double of 2♣ was for penalty and South was told it was takeout. So North, thinking her partner had bid 3♣ into the face of a penalty double, had no reason to run. But if she had known her partner was told the double of 2♣ was takeout, North would have run to 3♥ (or 3♠).

The tournament director, Sol Weinstein, ruled that South should suffer for her 3♣ bid, but that North be permitted to run. Since both 3♥ doubled and 3♠ doubled go down one, the score was corrected from minus 300 to minus 100. So China gained only 4 IMPs, not 8.

Four more boards saw China gain 1 IMP; then:

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Wang</i>
		Pass	1♦ (1)
1♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(1) Precision: zero or more diamonds

West	North	East	South
<i>Lu</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>van Zwol</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♥	2♥ (1)	3♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

(1) 6-plus spades, 7-plus points

This deal has an interesting symmetry. Can you see it? In the Open Room, Vriend should have raised to 4♥: with a ten-card fit, bid to the ten-trick level. North would surely have doubled, and South would probably have passed. Yes, South might have continued with 4NT and reached 5♦, but that would have failed.

When Vriend left her opponents extra bidding room, they conducted a sensible sequence.

Against 4♠, East led the ♥8. West won with her ace and returned a heart. Declarer won and played her club to dummy's king and West's ace. Back came another heart. North ruffed in her hand, led a spade to dummy's ten, and cashed the ♠A. Then she conceded down one, losing two spades, one heart and one club.

Against 4♥ doubled, North led a spade. South took dummy's jack with her ace and shifted to her trump. West won with her ace and conceded a diamond, North winning to cash the ♥A. But when the club finesse worked, declarer had ten tricks: one spade, five hearts, two clubs and two diamond ruffs in the dummy.

Minus 50 and plus 790 gave China 12 IMPs and the lead by 9.

What was the symmetry? Each defense could have done a trick better if the opening leader had chosen her singleton. Then the Netherlands probably would have gained 7 IMPs.

The boards went back to being quiet. The score over the next six deals was 2-2. Then China gained 6 IMPs when Sun-Wang stopped in 3♠ but Verbeek-van Zwol stretched to a hopeless 4♠. They bid 2♦ Multi-2NT (ask)-3♦ (bad weak two in spades)-3♠ (to play)-3NT-4♠-Pass. North's 3NT was imaginative with six spades to the queen and king-queen-jack-triplet of clubs, but she would have had only eight tricks.

With the opponents vulnerable, you, West, pick up:

♠ Q 10 9 8 5	♥ K J 3	♦ J	♣ J 7 5 2
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It goes three passes to your partner, who opens 1NT either 14-16 or 15-17. You transfer with 2♥ and partner re-bids 2♠. What would you do now, if anything?

Understandably Lu, opposite the weaker notrump, passed. But Vriend continued with 2NT.

Partner had:

♠ A 7	♥ 10 9 7 2	♦ A K 3	♣ K Q 10 9
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At both tables, the opening lead was a low diamond, dummy's jack scoring. Arnolds played a spade to her ace and a spade, South contributing the jack. A moment later South got in with the ♣A and shifted to a low heart, but declarer got that right to get home with an overtrick: four spades, one heart, three diamonds and three clubs.

Gu also won ten tricks, losing one spade, one heart and one club. But that was 6 IMPs to the Netherlands.

The last board was flat, leaving the set at 27-9 in favor of China, who now led by 10 IMPs with 16 boards to go.

Declarer had to lose a trump and a spade, -50 and 10 IMPs for Nickell, 99-75 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦*
All Pass		Pass	2♠

West led the seven of clubs and declarer won with the ace, cashed the queen of hearts and played a diamond. West went in with the ace and switched to the king of spades. When that held he played another spade and East took the ace and played a third spade.

South won with the queen, played a club and could claim, +110.

As it happens, switching to the king of spades was a mistake. If West plays a diamond the defenders will be in control. Say declarer wins and plays a club. East wins and now plays a spade. Three rounds of spades will ensure one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
		Pass	INT
All Pass			

West led the four of diamonds and the defenders made no mistake, cashing their tricks in the pointed suits for one down and 5 IMPs.

Over the next ten deals Wolfson outscored Nickell 6-3, so with three deals to go the score was 107-81. Things were looking bleak for Wolfson – but as Wellington said, ‘Night or the Prussians must come.’

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

There are only eleven tricks in no trumps, so it was just as well North/South stopped short. +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
2♥	Forcing		
3♣	Forcing		
5NT	Pick a slam		

That was very well done indeed. East led the king of diamonds and declarer won, unblocked dummy’s clubs, came to hand with a heart, drew trumps and played a diamond. That was +1370 and 12 IMPs. 107-93 Nickell.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Zia</i>
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♠ Clubs			
3♥ Shortage			

I know some players who would have come in over East's INT – 2♣ to show hearts and another suit is one option – but it's a very pushy action.

With a free run East/West reached a dreadful contract that appeared to have two chances, slim and none. Still, at the probable state of the match you cannot blame them.



Michael Rosenberg, USA

At least the defenders could not hold up the ace of clubs twice.

South led the two of diamonds and declarer won with the queen, played a club to the king, a diamond to the ace and a club. South took the ace and had to find a spade switch. Had he done so North would have had to find a heart switch. However, South elected to cash the king of diamonds before playing a spade and that presented declarer with a ninth trick, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
		INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣*	All Pass

- 2♠ invitational in NT or clubs
- 3♣ maximum, accept NT invitation

South led the five of spades and North won with the ace and switched to the nine of diamonds. Declarer put up the ace and played a trump. South took the ace, cashed the king of diamonds and, taken in by his partner's false card in spades, played the ten of diamonds. North ruffed with the seven but declarer could overruff with the eight. An eight, an eight, my kingdom for an eight. +110 held the loss to 7 IMPs, one down would have been 10 IMPs. Nickell 107-100.

If North had won the first spade with the king declarer would have been alive to the possibility of a ruff, and might have pitched a spade on the ace of hearts after taking the ace of diamonds. As the cards lie that would have ensured the contract. So, we should credit North with creating a possibility – it was simply too difficult for South to work it out.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 4 2 ♥ K J 7 2 ♦ 8 ♣ J 8 5 2	♠ K 10 7 6 5 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ 6 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ – ♥ A 10 8 6 5 ♦ Q 9 5 4 2 ♣ K 10 9
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	♠ A Q 8 3 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 10 3 ♣ A Q 7 3					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Hamman	Pachtman	Zia
Pass	1♠	2♥	4♥*
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Splinter

South cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to his trump. Declarer won with dummy's jack and played a club to the ten and queen. He ruffed South's low spade continuation and played the king of clubs. South took the ace and returned a club for North to ruff. He exited with a heart and there was still a diamond to lose, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Rosenberg	Meckstroth	Willenken
Pass	1♠	2♥	4♥*
Dbl	4♣	All Pass	

4♥ Splinter

To win North/South would have to bid and make 6♠, if they happened to collect 800 the match would go into overtime.

However, the 4-0 trump split meant 6♠ had little play – East would have to lead the ace of hearts and then switch to a low diamond.

Stopping in game meant the match was over. Declarer scored ten tricks, +620, 3 IMPs leaving Nickell ahead 107-103 IMPs.

As the dummy appeared Willenken remarked 'nice match.' Indeed it had been.

Nickell had prevailed, but it had been a damn close run thing.



Small But Tasty

by Brian Senior

Often, it is the smaller examples of various foodstuffs that have the best flavour, and that can also hold true for low-level contracts at bridge. Certainly, new Rand Seniors Cup World Champion John Holland found this little morsel tasty enough.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hallberg		Holland	
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Holland opened a heavy INT and Gunnar Hallberg transferred him into a rather unappetising-looking 2♠ contract.

North led a heart, so Holland cashed three of those, pitching a diamond from dummy. He continued with the queen of trumps, which ran to North's king. Back came a club, which Holland ducked to the jack. South had a number of winning options now but he got greedy, leading his low spade in hope of finding partner with the ten. That put Holland in hand. He led a heart and South discarded a club. Away went a club from dummy. The fifth heart saw the same action, club discards from both South and West.

Holland ruffed a club now and led a diamond up. When North ducked, Holland won the king and led his last club, making another small trump in dummy en passant. That was the ninth trick for a delicious +140 and 6 IMPs as 2♠ was defeated in the other room.

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

ROUND 16

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	Israel	USA 2	43 - 39	16 - 14
2	Russia	China	15 - 22	13 - 17
3	USA I	Australia	14 - 30	10 - 20
4	Sweden	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
5	Germany	Netherlands	19 - 3	20 - 10
6	Norway	Italy	29 - 32	14 - 16
7	China Hong Kong	Japan	3 - 16	11 - 19
8	India	Canada	17 - 35	10 - 20
9	Argentina	France	10 - 46	5 - 25

ROUND 17

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	USA 2	China	24 - 30	14 - 16
2	Israel	USA I	59 - 1	25 - 0
3	Australia	Sweden	19 - 22	14 - 16
4	Germany	Bye	9.5 - 0	18 - 0
5	Netherlands	Norway	15 - 25	12 - 18
6	Italy	China Hong Kong	15 - 32	10 - 20
7	Japan	India	76 - 5	25 - 0
8	Canada	Argentina	25 - 26	15 - 15
9	France	Russia	31 - 27	16 - 14

FINAL QUALIFYING RANKING

1	Israel	307.5
2	France	289
3	USA I	267
4	China	264
5	Germany	261
	Russia	261
7	Sweden	259
8	Australia	257.5
9	Canada	257
	Netherlands	257
11	Italy	248.5
12	USA 2	247
13	Japan	246
14	India	245
15	Norway	239
16	China Hong Kong	219.5
17	Argentina	211

QUARTER FINALS

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	Total
1	Israel	74	34	108
	Russia	37	18	55
2	Sweden	41	31	72
	USA I	70	28	98
3	China	66	39	105
	Australia	25	39	64
4	Germany	27	4	31
	France	19	34	53

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

ROUND 14

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	Canada	France	16 - 25	13 - 17
12	Poland	Hungary	16 - 25	13 - 17
13	Australia	USA 2	32 - 14	20 - 10
14	Israel	China	19 - 23	14 - 16
15	USA I	Uruguay	48 - 25	22 - 8
16	Norway	Netherlands	18 - 45	7 - 23
17	Chinese Taipei	Sweden	2 - 21	9 - 21
18	Germany	England	27 - 43	10 - 20

ROUND 15

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	France	Hungary	40 - 25	19 - 11
12	Canada	Australia	7 - 68	0 - 25
13	USA 2	Israel	10 - 52	3 - 25
14	China	USA I	47 - 8	25 - 4
15	Uruguay	Norway	0 - 48	2 - 25
16	Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	34 - 27	17 - 13
17	Sweden	Germany	42 - 1	25 - 4
18	England	Poland	38 - 26	18 - 12

FINAL QUALIFYING RANKING

1	England	284
2	Sweden	260
3	Israel	259
4	France	239
5	Poland	238
6	China	235
7	Netherlands	233.5
8	Hungary	229.5
9	USA I	229
10	Germany	219
11	Norway	216
12	Canada	196
13	Chinese Taipei	195
14	Australia	189
15	USA 2	177
16	Uruguay	169

QUARTER FINALS

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	Total
11	England	54	65	119
	Hungary	34	28	62
12	Netherlands	37	74	111
	Sweden	57	23	80
13	Israel	19	71	90
	China	33	2	35
14	Poland	52	62	114
	France	24	33	57

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

SEMIFINALS (10.00, 13.10, 15.50)

1	Israel	USA I
2	China	France

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

SEMIFINALS (10.00, 13.10, 15.50)

11	England	Netherlands
12	Israel	Poland

World Youth Individual Contest

(Qualifying sessions 11.30, 16.00)

Poland is the first winner of the Rona Cup and the World Young Ladies Team Championship. The Poles defeated France in yesterday's 48-board final by 131-97 IMPs, having led for most of the match. Congratulations to Ewa Agnieszka Grabowska, Magdalena Holeska, Danuta Kazmucha, Natalia Sakowska, Joanna Taczewska, Justyna Zmuda, npc Mirosław Cichocki and coach Rudolf Borusiewicz.

The French runners-up were Marion Cannone, Jessie Carbonneaux, Aurelie Thizy, Carole Puillet, Clairs Chaugny and npc Jerome Rombaut.

China – Xiufen Chang, Xing Li, Yanjiao Liu, Wei Meng, Lulu Peng, Xingxing Shan, npc Li Xuan Li and coach Honghi Lu, won the third-place play-off, beating USA by 114-97.

RONA CUP

World Young Ladies Championship

RESULTS FROM FINALS

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	Ses3	Total
21	Poland	41	31	59	131
	France	21	28	48	97

RESULTS FROM PLAY OFFs

Tbl		Ses1	Ses2	Ses3	Total
22	China	34	47	33	114
	USA	28	36	33	97



Gold: Poland



Silver: France



Bronze: China

Junior Teams Quarter-final Set One

by Brian Senior

Israel qualified first in the Juniors Championship, clinching that with a 25-0 VP demolition of USA1 in the last qualifying round. Despite this result, USA1 qualified in third behind France, with China taking fourth spot. The remaining qualifiers were Russia, Germany, Sweden and Australia. Canada and the Netherlands missed out by just half a VP. For me, the big surprise was the failure of the Dutch team to make it into the knock-outs.

Israel chose to play Russia in the quarter-finals, the remaining pairings being Sweden v USA1, China v Australia and Germany v France.

For Set One, we take a look at the Israel v Russia match.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ A 10 9 7 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ A 5	<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		♠ J 4 2 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ A Q 9 7 4 ♣ K 7	♠ 9 5 ♥ K Q J 5 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ Q J 8 3
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West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Volozhenin	Birman	Nekrasova

INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Veselov	Tarnovski	Dobrin	Fisher

INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Both West players opened INT and both Easts transferred to hearts, Eliran Argelazi, for Israel, jumping to 3♥ while Russia's Ivan Veselov simply completed with 2♥. Both Wests, however, soon found themselves in the heart game and both received a heart lead.

Argelazi won in dummy and led a spade to his king then crossed to dummy in trumps in order to lead a second spade, Ksenia Nekrasova pitching a club. Nekrasova took her ace of spades, Ivan Volozhenin dropping the jack, and switched to the jack of diamonds for the king and ace. Volozhenin cashed the queen of diamonds before exiting with a trump and Argelazi had three pitches on the ♠Q10 and ♦10 for dummy's clubs, just making for +420.

Veselov also won the trump in dummy and led a spade to the king then a heart to dummy and a second spade up. Lotan Fisher took his ace but Bar Tarnovski retained his jack. Fisher switched to the six of diamonds and Veselov put up the king. Tarnovski took the ace and queen of diamonds then exited safely with a trump and waited to make his club king for the setting trick; -50 and 10 IMPs to Israel.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 4 2 ♥ A K Q 6 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 8 5	<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 10 9 6 ♥ 7 4 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K 7 6 2	♠ K J 3 ♥ 10 9 5 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A J 9 4
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West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Volozhenin	Birman	Nekrasova

1♥	Pass	1♣	1♦
4♦	Dble	Rdbl	2♦
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Veselov	Tarnovski	Dobrin	Fisher

4♥	Pass	1♣	2♦
	All Pass		

Nekrasova made a simple overcall and Argelazi bid a quiet 1♥. When Alon Birman redoubled to show three-card heart support, Argelazi splintered then accepted Birman's sign-off.

Ivan Volozhenin led the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. To beat the hand, Nekrasova had to switch to a spade and Volozhenin win and return the suit. Perhaps, if you trust West's 4♦ bid, that is the indicated defence. In practice, Nekrasova tried the queen of diamonds. Argelazi ruffed, cashed two top trumps and passed the eight of clubs to the queen. He ruffed the diamond return, picked up the clubs and took a spade pitch on the fourth round. A heart to hand followed by a winning spade play meant +420

Fisher made a jump overcall of 2♦ and Veselov simply blasted 4♥. Tarnovski found the killing lead of the nine of spades. Veselov put in the jack, losing to the queen. Fisher switched to a trump. Veselov won, drew a second round and passed the eight of clubs to the queen. Fisher returned a spade to the ace and a diamond through meant down one for -50 and another 10 IMPs to Israel.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Volozhenin	Birman	Nekrasova
1♥	Dble (1)	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	1♠
All Pass			4♣

(1) Transfer to spades.

West	North	East	South
Veselov	Tarnovski	Dobrin	Fisher
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Argelazi overcalled 1♥ and Volozhenin doubled, transfer to spades. When Nekrasova just completed the transfer,

Volozhenin splintered and that did not please Nekrasova one little bit. She signed off in 4♠, ending the auction.

Nekrasova won the heart lead with the ace and ruffed a diamond. She continued with two top clubs, the second being ruffed and over-ruffed, ruffed another diamond, played another club, ruffed and over-ruffed, then a heart to her king and a fourth club, again ruffed and over-ruffed. Now she ruffed a heart with her last trump and played a club. Had she pitched the ♦J on this she would have made an overtrick, but she actually ruffed low and was over-ruffed. She still came to the ace of diamonds so had ten tricks for +420.

Veselov did not overcall and Fisher had an awkward rebid over the 1♠ response. He elected to invent a heart suit and reverse into 2♥. When Tarnovski supported hearts, he jumped to 5♣ to clarify that he had a huge club suit and fewer than four hearts, and Tarnovski ended the auction with a jump to 6NT.

While 6♣ would have been at worst on a spade guess, 6NT was doomed by Denis Dobrin's diamond lead. That went to the queen and ace and Tarnovski crossed to the king of hearts and cashed all eight clubs, hoping for something good to happen. Had West held everything, he might have been embarrassed, but not today. Tarnovski led a heart to his ace and had to concede the last two tricks for down one; -50 and 10 IMPs to Russia.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Volozhenin	Birman	Nekrasova
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

West	North	East	South
Veselov	Tarnovski	Dobrin	Fisher
		1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Argelazi used FSF but then settled for game despite Alon Birman's jump response. In the other room, Veselov's GF 2♥ response allowed Dobrin to agree trumps then go on over Veselov's sign-off and the cold slam was reached.

Both declarers lost a trick to the ace of spades; +480 to Argelazi but +980 to Veselov and 11 IMPs to Russia.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Volozhenin	Birman	Nekrasova
1♣	INT	2♥	Pass
			All Pass

West	North	East	South
Veselov	Tarnovski	Dobrin	Fisher
1♣	INT	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After identical auctions as far as 2♥, Fisher competed with the weak but shapely South hand while Nekrasova went quietly. Nekrasova defended 2♥, which made exactly. The play began with the jack of diamonds to the king and Volozhenin cashed the second diamond then exited with a low heart to Birman's queen. When the jack of spades was run to the king, Volozhenin cashed the club ace, losing the sixth defensive trick; +110.

Fisher saw his partner invite a spade game and accepted, hoping for not too much heart wastage in the North hand. Veselov led the ace of hearts. Fisher ruffed and played the queen of clubs to the king and ace, cashed the top diamonds and threw his low club on the ♥K then led a club to the jack and a spade up. When the king won he played a second spade and had an overtrick for +650 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Volozhenin	Birman	Nekrasova
Pass	4♦	4♥	Pass
5♣	4♠	4NT	Pass
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Veselov	Tarnovski	Dobrin	Fisher
3NT	1♠	2♥	Pass
	All Pass		

Volozhenin opened 4♦, showing a good 4♠ opener, and Birman overcalled 4♥. When that came back to him, Volozhenin bid 4♠ and now Birman bid 4NT for take-out, getting all three suits into the game.

Argelazi chose the obvious 5♣ and played there on the lead of a top spade. He ruffed and led dummy's king of clubs to the ace. There were twelve easy tricks for +420.

Tarnovski opened with a quiet 1♠ and Dobrin overcalled 2♥. When Veselov leapt to 3NT, Tarnovski judged well to go quietly and defend. He led ace then three of spades and had six spades to cash when he got in with the ace of clubs; down four for -200 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

An action-packed set ended with Israel ahead by 74-37, with one more 20-board set to play.

Tough Day

by Kees Tammens

Day Two saw the Dutch Youth team have a tough time of it with nothing coming easily.

How about this thriller against Australia in Round 10?

West	North	East	South
van der Bos		van Lankveld	
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

East, Joris van Lankveld, could accept 2♦ doubled making, but redoubled? His hand was:

♠ Q 10 8 7 3
 ♥ J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10

What would you do?

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

East passed and was rewarded with 200 points when the redoubled contract went down one. Yours truly is still thinking what he would have done himself. Still the second day of the qualification brought the Netherlands 66.5 VPs and a lot of work to be done in the next seven matches.



The Only Ones

by Brian Senior

Everyone reached slam on this deal from Round 10 of the Juniors, with four pairs bidding to seven – one 7NT and three 7♣. Only one pair bid and made a grand slam, Raghavendra Rajkumar and Anurag Mohota of India against Germany.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rajkumar		Mohota	
1♣	1♥	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

One Club was 17+ and 2♣ a natural positive, after which natural bidding saw Rajkumar agree clubs and Mohota take control asking for key cards. Five Diamonds showed zero or three key cards and 5NT was a grand slam try, 6♦ showing extras with the king of diamonds. Now Mohota counted seven club tricks, three diamonds by ruffing out the suit, and two major-suit aces. Six Hearts asked Rajkumar to bid 7♣ with the king of hearts or extras and otherwise 6NT. Rajkumar liked his queen-jacks and bid the grand.

After a club lead, the play was straightforward. Where other declarers had a decision about which major-suit finesse to try, the 1♥ overcall made it clear to Rajkumar that spades was the better bet. With the ♠K onside, he had 13 tricks and India had 16 IMPs – 7♣ failed in the other room. This went a long way towards India's 22-8 VP victory.

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By car: From Berlin: Motorway A2 approx. 300 km (part of the highway is under re building)

By train: From Berlin or from Warsaw approx. 3 hours

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - BOOKING

All details and reservations on the website: www.poznan2011.pl

ENTRY FEES To be paid in cash (Euros or Polish Zloties) or by Credit Card at the Tournament Reception and Registration Desk at the venue:

Mixed Teams: € 800 – **Mixed Pairs:** € 270 – **Open/Women/Senior Teams:** € 950

Open, Women & Senior Pairs: € 400

The entries are calculated on the basis of approximately 20 Euro per person per qualifying session (and semi-final in pairs). There is no extra cost for players reaching the Pairs Finals or the KO phase of the Team events. Players from the finals of the Teams can drop into the Final of the Pairs event of the same category free of charge.

A 25% reduction on the entry fees will be recognized to all the players entering the four events. A personalized identification badge will certify this agreement.

AWARDS European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners in each category will receive the title of European Open Champions. Honour prizes will be presented to the best ranking pairs and teams in each category. WBF, EBL and ACBL Master Points will also be awarded.

CHAMPIONS' PRIZES The Teams and Pairs winning the European title in Poznan will be hosted by the EBL at the 6th European Open Championship to be held in 2013 for one week (the winners of the Mixed events will be invited to the Mixed playing week, the winners of the Open / Women's and Seniors events will be invited to the O/W/S playing week) with free entry and B&B Hotel accommodation in a double room.

CASH PRIZES

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
1st	4000	2500	2500
2nd	2000	1500	1500
3rd	1250	1000	1000
4th	1000	750	750
5th	750	500	500
6th to 10th	500	6th to 10th 400	6th to 10th 400
11th to 15th	400		