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AMERICANS CLAIM SENIORS TITLE



WBFF President José Damiani, right, with Pat McDevitt and Rich DeMartino, winners of the Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs

Two veteran players from New England, ACBL President Rich DeMartino and Pat McDevitt, held onto the lead they forged after three sessions to win the Hiron Trophy Senior Pairs. Both have North American championships to their credit.

Three pairs events will end today. In the Generali Open, leaders Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein took the lead and held it despite hot pursuit by Lixin Yang and Ban Xiang Zhang, who posted 65% to draw close. The Women's leaders with a session to go are Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer. Wolfe Thompson and Marc Zwerling are ahead in the IMP Pairs.

Holding a narrow lead in the World Mixed Swiss Teams are Steelers, an American team, just ahead of Hansen, a multi-national squad.

Also concluding today is the World Junior Championship for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy, with Israel leading France with one quarter to go. China defeated USA I for the bronze medal. The World Young-

sters Championship for the Damiani Cup has a set to go, with Poland leading England. The Netherlands won the bronze medal by defeating Israel.

World Youth Individual winners are Haakon Bogen, Juniors; Massimiliano Di Franco, Youngsters, and Andrew Jeng, Plate.

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New: Golden Opportunity Pairs 0-750 MPs,
Friday, Oct. 29Bracketed KOs, Bracketed Round Robin Teams;
Swiss TeamsSenior Pairs; Stratified Open Pairs, Newplicate
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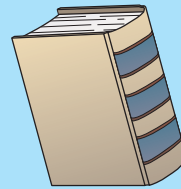
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www.bridge-district3.org**Correction**

In the interview with WBF President José Damiani, there was a slight misunderstanding. Subject to confirmation, it was Mr. Castro from Cuba who congratulated Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China on the victory of the China Ladies Team in the McConnell Cup.

Badges Needed for Prize Giving

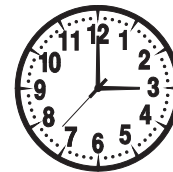
The Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony is on Saturday October 16th at 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom on the 5th floor of the Marriott Hotel for players who have registered to attend. Please note that you will need to show your badge to gain entry.

**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.

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS**

Mixed Swiss Teams
Final / Plate sessions 4, 5 at 10.00, 12.00

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy / Damiani Cup
Final session at 10.00

GENERALI World Open / Women's Pairs
Final session 5 at 10.00

IMP Pairs
Final session 5 at 10.00

Youth Individual Contest
Final session 3 at 10.00

WORLD MIXED SWISS TEAMS

QUALIFIERS – Ranking after 7 sessions

1	Hinze	141	36	Pin An	105
2	Hansa Narasimhan	136	37	Funbridge Girls FRA	103
3	Amigos	134		Isporski	103
4	Steelers	130	39	Harding	102
5	India Alizee	129	40	Ekeblad	101
6	Schwartz	128	41	Beijing Trinergy	100
7	De Botton	125		Cassini	100
8	Ida	122	43	Drunken Kangaroos	99
	Payen	122		Horn Lake 6	99
	Very Mixed	122		Istanbul	99
11	Kamras	121		Willenken	99
12	Gordon	118	47	Allison	97
	Hauge	118		Wheeler	97
14	Chagas	117	49	Gabrial UI	96
	Hansen	117		Team 913	96
16	Auken	115	51	Djarum	95
	Lay	115		Dulet	95
	Nice Girls	115		France Girls	95
19	Cayne	114	54	Levine	93
20	Green	113	55	Rasmussen	92
	Stienen	113		Rayner	92
22	Frind	112	57	Kahlenberg	90
23	O'Rourke	111	58	Fulton	89
24	Glasson	110	59	Hawkes	88
	Hargreaves	110		Latins	88
26	Cooper	109	61	Feldman	87
	Cushing	109		Giesler	87
	Hennings	109		Moscow	87
29	Goldstein	108	64	Meadow	83
	Karsiyaka	108		Reedinger	83
	Meltzer	108	66	Barrett	81
32	Ferlema	107		Solodar	81
33	Berg	106	68	Stober	78
	Callaghan	106	69	Argemex	66
	Harris	106			

WORLD MIXED SWISS TEAMS

FINAL – Ranking after 3 sessions

1	Steelers	190	13	Cayne	163
2	Hansen	188	14	Amigos	162
3	Hinze	187	15	Lay	161
4	Hansa Narasimhan	185	16	Auken	160
5	Ida	182	17	Schwartz	159
6	India Alizee	174	18	Chagas	157
7	Hauge	173	19	Nice Girls	156
8	Kamras	170	20	Frind	155
9	Payen	169	21	Glasson	152
10	O'Rourke	168	22	Stienen	149
11	De Botton	166	23	Very Mixed	144
12	Gordon	164	24	Green	141

PLATE – Ranking after 3 sessions

1	Cushing	166	19	Beijing Trinergy	142
2	Pin An	162		Moscow	142
3	Callaghan	161	21	Reedinger	141
4	Meltzer	159	22	Kahlenberg	140
5	Goldstein	158	23	Djarum	136
6	Ekeblad	155		Rasmussen	136
7	Allison	152	25	Horn Lake 6	135
8	Harding	151	26	Levine	134
	Hargreaves	151	27	Dulet	133
	Willenken	151	28	Cassini	131
11	Berg	148		Rayner	131
	Ferlema	148	30	Gabrial UI	129
	Harris	148	31	Argemex	125
14	Barrett	147	32	Latins	123
15	Hennings	146	33	Fulton	116
	Wheeler	146	34	Stober	114
17	Isporski	144	35	Giesler	112
18	Hawkes	143	36	Meadow	101

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS**Final Results after 4 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Bobby LEVIN - Steve WEINSTEIN	57.34	37	Honey B PRABHAKAR - Rajeshwar TEWARI	50.39
2	Lixin YANG - Ban Xiang ZHANG	56.30	38	Cezary BALICKI - Jacek PSZCZOLA	50.33
3	Vladimir MIHOV - Jerry STAMATOV	55.47	39	Tor HELNESS - Danny SPRUNG	50.22
4	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	54.81	40	Ashley BACH - Ishmael DELMONTE	50.20
5	Josef PIEKAREK - Alexander SMIRNOV	54.52	41	Bart BRAMLEY - Nikolay DEMIREV	50.01
6	Tim COPE - Glen HOLMAN	53.98	42	David BAKHSHI - Tom TOWNSEND	50.00
7	John HURD - Joel WOOLDRIDGE	53.85	43	Perry JOHNSON - Jeff MECKSTROTH	49.68
8	Bob HAMMAN - Mike PASSELL	53.65	44	Michael POLOWAN - Jacob MORGAN	49.51
9	Eric GRECO - Geoff HAMPSON	53.63	45	Bill POLLACK - Jeff ROMAN	49.27
10	Bjorn FALLENIIUS - Peter FREDIN	53.57	46	Janusz MAKARUK - Pawel NIEDZIELSKI	48.97
11	Jan JANSMA - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	53.39	47	Borislav POPOV - Stefan SKORCHEV	48.89
12	Stephen BURGESS - Michael COURTNEY	53.35	48	Franck MULTON - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	48.73
13	Taufik Gautama ASBI - Robert PARASIAN	52.77	49	Yury KHIUPPENEN - Vadim KHOLOMEEV	48.63
14	Martin FLEISHER - Mike KAMIL	52.57	50	Alexander DUBININ - Andrey GROMOV	48.60
15	Gheorghe SERPOI - Calin STIRBU	52.47	51	Curtis CHEEK - Joe GRUE	48.59
16	Ricco van PROOIJEN - Louk VERHEES JR	52.21	52	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	48.51
17	Marc BOMPIS - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	51.99	53	Karl GOHL - Neil KIMELMAN	48.34
18	Dawei CHEN - Kazuo FURUTA	51.70	54	Dominik FILIPOWICZ - Michal NOWOSADZKI	48.25
19	Tom HANLON - Hugh MCGANN	51.67	55	Xu HOU - Miao SHI	47.96
20	Rui LI - Jiang TONG	51.64	56	Kalin KARAIVANOV - Tony RUSEV	47.64
21	Jason FELDMAN - John KRANYAK	51.64	57	Marian KUPNICKI - Leszek MAJDANSKI	47.55
22	Steve GARNER - Howard WEINSTEIN	51.62	58	Marius IONITA - Corneli TEODORESCU	47.44
23	Zia MAHMOOD - Eric RODWELL	51.17	59	Ralph KATZ - Nick NICKELL	47.44
24	Dominique PILON - Lionel SEBBANE	51.15	60	Fred STEWART - Kit WOOLSEY	47.29
25	Jim FOSTER - Larry SEALY	51.12	61	Jie ZHAO - Zhong FU	46.89
26	William JACOBS - Ben THOMPSON	50.99	62	Shane BLANCHARD - Brad MOSS	46.85
27	John DIAMOND - Brian PLATNICK	50.99	63	Hailong AO - Jian-Jian WANG	45.63
28	Krzysztof JASSEM - Krzysztof MARTENS	50.95	64	Sherif NOSHY - Ahmed YOUSRY	45.61
29	Peter BOYD - Steve ROBINSON	50.92	65	Hemant LALL - Justin LALL	45.53
30	Piotr GAWRYS - Piotr TUSZYNSKI	50.90	66	Piotr WALCZAK - Jan ZADROGA	45.52
31	Brian GLUBOK - Philip GORDON	50.77	67	Doug DOUB - Adam WILDAVSKY	45.36
32	Eldad GINOSSAR - Ron PACHTMAN	50.73	68	Sunit CHOKSHI - Subhash GUPTA	45.20
33	Siu-Kau Samuel WAN - Derek ZEN	50.73	69	Xinli GAN - Qiang ZHANG	44.96
34	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Georgi MATUSHKO	50.61	70	Pierre SAPORTA - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	44.36
35	Boye BROGELAND - Gavin WOLPERT	50.50	71	Michael ROSENBERG - Warren SPECTOR	44.35
36	Alexander ALLFREY - Andrew ROBSON	50.50	72	Yuliy CHUMAK - Oleg ROVYSHYN	40.81

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS**Final Results after 4 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Lynn DEAS - Beth PALMER	57.19	19	Aida SALDZIEVA - Betty SPEELMAN	49.88
2	Susan CULHAM - Kismet FUNG	55.18	20	Cheri BJERKAN - Rozanne POLLACK	49.75
3	Xuefeng FENG - Yanhui SUN	54.65	21	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Carlyn STEINER	49.68
4	Carla ARNOLDS - Bep VRIEND	52.45	22	Maud KHOURI - Nada WATTAR	49.56
5	Victoria GROMOVA - Tatiana PONOMAREVA	52.41	23	Ellie HANLON - Maryse SAVKO	49.41
6	Georgiana GATES - Pat NORMAN	52.26	24	Lynn BAKER - Karen MCCALLUM	49.13
7	Angela DOSSENA - Luigina GENTILI	52.26	25	Maria GARATEGUY - Maria Elena IACAPRARO	49.13
8	Renee MANCUSO - Sheri WINESTOCK	52.12	26	Cynthia HINCKLEY - Diana SCHULD	48.43
9	Ling GU - Yan LU	52.10	27	Allison HOWARD - Pamela NISBET	48.26
10	Brenda BRYANT - Kathy SULGROVE	51.60	28	Sue PICUS - Shawn QUINN	48.07
11	Ping WANG - Shaohong WU	51.51	29	Nevena DJUROVIC - Pauline EVANS	47.70
12	Jet PASMANN - Anneke SIMONS	51.49	30	Agota MANDELLOT - Leda PAIN	47.34
13	Petra HAMMAN - Peggy SUTHERLIN	51.17	31	Jo CASEN - Mickie CHAMBERS	47.30
14	Pinpin DENG - Julie ZHU	51.07	32	Sylvia CALEY - Gail Moss GREENBERG	46.92
15	Sylvia MOSS - Judi RADIN	50.63	33	Ming SUN - Hongli WANG	46.65
16	Joan EATON - Candace GRIFFEY	50.52	34	Maddalena SEVERGNINI - Antonella SORESINI	46.36
17	Gen GEIGER - Gigi SIMPSON	50.16	35	Bing DU - Juan LI	44.67
18	Geeske JOEL - Tobi SOKOLOV	50.05	36	Patrizia CECCONI - Rita PASQUARE	43.68

IMP PAIRS**Final Results after 4 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Wolfe THOMPSON - Marc ZWERLING	4678.0	37	Isabella VARGAS DE ANDRADE - Stanley BARG	-166.0
2	Joao-Paulo CAMPOS - Miguel VILLAS-BOAS	4099.0	38	Alon APTEKER - Craig GOWER	-180.0
3	Kelley HWANG - John ZILIC	3891.0	39	Dario ATTANASIO - Guisepe FAILLA	-218.0
4	Thomas CHARLSEN - Thor Erik HOFTANISKA	3749.0	40	Phillippe SOULET - Maurice TCHENIO	-235.0
5	A GREENBERG - Billy MILLER	3746.0	41	Mehmet GUNEL - Naci YUKSEL	-260.0
6	Waldemar FRUKACZ - Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	3506.0	42	Andrew HOSKINS - Jason ROSENFELD	-342.0
7	Michal KOPECKY - Josef KURKA	3316.0	43	Masayuki INO - Tadashi TERAMOTO	-356.0
8	Julien GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	3290.0	44	Shireen MOHANDS - Andy BOWLES	-385.0
9	Gary COHLER - Eric ROBINSON	3073.0	45	Steve BEATTY - Ronald GERARD	-392.5
10	Willem van EIJCK - Nicolas HAMMOND	3000.0	46	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	-449.0
11	Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK	2939.5	47	Rajeev GUPTA - Joyjit SENSARMA	-490.0
12	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS	2906.0	48	Craig GANZER - R POPPER	-753.0
13	Daniel WILDERMAN - Kenneth ZUCKERBERG	2418.0	49	Chuck BURGER - Dennis KASLE	-830.5
14	Ricardo ANGELERI - Marcelo VILLEGAS	2037.0	50	R Jay BECKER - Robert SARTORIUS	-888.5
15	Andrew ROSENTHAL - Aaron SILVERSTEIN	1317.0	51	Anna ST CLAIR - Dee HARLEY	-1019.0
16	Serge BERGHEIMER - Jean-Claude FOUASSIER	1228.0	52	Volodymyr DANYLYUK - Vladimir PORHUN	-1180.1
17	Meng KANG - Shaolin SUN	1219.0	53	Karen Lee BARRETT - Carol Ann CLIFFORD	-1356.0
18	J BRYANT - Mark LAIR	1207.0	54	David WALKER - Kevin WILSON	-1452.0
19	Bruce FERGUSON - Robert HOLLMAN	1074.5	55	Manol ILIEV - Stefan STEFANOV	-1562.0
20	Bobby JONES - Jim KREKORIAN	912.0	56	Jiang GU - Xiaodong SHI	-1572.0
21	Onno ESKES - Vincent KROES	911.0	57	Gordon CAMPBELL - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	-1684.0
22	Kiran NADAR - Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA	826.0	58	Radu MIHAI - Paul WEINSTOCK	-1772.0
23	Harley BRESS - Garth YETTICK	700.0	59	Richard COREN - Barnet J SHENKIN	-1917.0
24	Adi KALIANIWALA - B WADIA	686.0	60	Richard MORGEN - Andy MUENZ	-2119.0
25	Jaroslaw CIESLAK - Piotr ZAK	618.0	61	Claire TORNAY - George TORNAY	-2275.0
26	Ahmed HUSSEIN - Apolinary KOWALSKI	481.0	62	Adam PARRISH - Randall RUBINSTEIN	-2434.0
27	Peter BERTHEAU - Gunnar HALLBERG	310.0	63	Irving LITVACK - William F. Eldon TUCKER	-2490.0
28	Bob ETTER - Bob MORRIS	274.0	64	Maurice DE LA SALLE - Michael YUEN	-2564.0
29	Barry SPECTOR - Randy THOMPSON	247.0	65	Makiko SATO - Kyoko SHIMAMURA	-2710.5
30	Morten BILDE - Jorgen HANSEN	242.0	66	Stanley DUB - Greg MICHAELS	-2816.0
31	Roberto BARBOSA - Paulo Roberto BRUM	231.0	67	Sally CLARK - Robin TAYLOR	-3040.0
32	Ralph BUCHALTER - Alexander ORNSTEIN	134.0	68	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	-3178.0
33	Alex GIPSON - Paul GIPSON	68.0	69	Robert HEITZMAN - Stan TULIN	-3408.0
34	Kaustubh BENDRE - Sandeep THAKRAL	-26.0	70	Samuel IEONG - Pedro Leonel Ioklon IEONG	-3603.0
35	Mckenzie MYERS - Robert TODD	-62.0	71	Ender AKSUYEK - Marco TER LAARE	-4357.0
36	Alejandro BIANCHEDI - Ernesto MUZZIO	-117.0	72	Maritha POTTENGER - Judy RIMER	-4527.0

HIRON TROPHY SENIOR PAIRS**Final Results after 4 sessions (subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Rich DEMARTINO - Patrick MCDEVITT	55.63	14	Lew FINKEL - Dan GERSTMAN	49.68
2	Kyoko OHNO - Akihiko YAMADA	54.70	16	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	49.50
3	Farid ASSEMI - Edward WOJEWODA	54.38	17	Dan MORSE - John SUTHERLIN	49.25
4	Julian KLUKOWSKI - Victor MARKOWICZ	53.88	18	Victor MELMAN - Shalom ZELIGMAN	49.07
5	Roald RAMER - Jerzy RUSSYAN	53.77	19	Bruce NODA - Mark RALPH	49.04
6	Sam LEV - Reese MILNER	52.78	20	Albert FAIGENBAUM - Romain ZALESKI	48.47
7	Art GULBRANDSEN - Michael SPERO	51.67	21	Makoto HIRATA - Tadashi YOSHIDA	48.29
8	Robert BITTERMAN - Jerry HELMS	51.50	22	Tom KNIEST - Don STACK	48.25
9	Amilcar MAGALHAES - Pedro MANDELLOT	50.93	23	Mohsen Mohamed KAMEL - Wael WATTAR	47.54
10	Jerry GAER - Markland JONES	50.85	24	Martin HIRSCHMAN - Franklin KASLE	47.47
11	Rebecca (Becky) ROGERS - John GRANTHAM	50.82	25	Cynthia COLIN - Jeff HAND (2)	46.97
12	Christian MARI - Stanley WALTER	50.71	26	Mickie KIVEL - Nadine WOOD	46.26
13	Ken COHEN - Neal SATTEN	50.43	27	Barbara KEPPEL - Carl BERENBAUM	45.44
14	Michael GORE - Walter SCHENKER	49.68	28	Arnold FISHER - Fred PAUL	43.02

New WBF President Embraces Challenges

by Brent Manley

At last year's world championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Gianarrigo Rona was elected president of the World Bridge Federation. The plan was for him to take over at the tournament in Philadelphia. He will go from president-elect to president tomorrow.

Rona's career as a bridge administrator has left him well prepared for his new job. He has held many posts, notably president of the Italian Bridge Federation and of the European Bridge League. Since his election as WBF president, he has been making plans, appointing committees and thinking about the enormous responsibilities of his new position.

There is much work to do, he acknowledges, but he is confident that he has assembled a good group to face the challenges to come. In a memo to the WBF board, Rona wrote: "I am convinced that we will be a great team and will achieve the best for bridge in the world."

During the past year, Rona has asked for opinions from various committees, and he has established a new one – the Youth Committee, chaired by Ata Aydin, former president of the Turkish Bridge Federation.

Clearly, Rona intends to focus on recruiting more young players to the game, and he has ideas for making that happen.

One of them is to establish a fund that would provide grants for smaller federations to assist them with training bridge teachers, who are on the front lines of recruiting younger players.

He would also use some of the funds to help increase the experience and professionalism of tournament directors. Both teachers and TDs, he says, could benefit by attending training seminars, for which the fund could help.

Rona's new Teaching Committee is charged with preparing documents to help smaller countries and NBOs to help teach teachers of bridge. "I want to have a cadre of teachers for bridge teachers," he says.

Many small federations, he says, are eager to promote bridge "but they don't have a chance to grow and learn, and they don't have the knowledge."

Rona says he plans to propose the establishment of the



fund to the WBF board of directors.

The key, he adds, is getting bridge into schools, and he plans to continue the efforts begun by his predecessor, José Damiani.

Rona's goal is "to get the message out that, for young people, bridge is much more than a card game. It teaches you valuable life lessons, logic, discipline, cooperation, making decisions – there is much young people can learn from bridge."

Many adults and school officials already realize the benefits of bridge, Rona says, noting that he has seen reports from schools that their bridge-playing students do better overall than those who don't play the game.

Once youngsters start to play in school, he says, they will naturally talk about the game with their peers and recruit others to the game.

Another of Rona's focuses will be improving the events at championships, attending to the needs of all players.

Rona is in accord with Damiani about the idea for having web cams at every table in the World Bridge Championships next year in Eindhoven, Netherlands. In fact, says Rona, the University of Eindhoven developed the web cams and is working on the program now.

With hookups to the Internet, having a web cam at each table will be like having 50 vugraphs at home.

"My credo," says Rona, "is to organize the championships for the players. We have a high-level of organization, but we have to continue to introduce new ideas to be better and better."

Rona is passionate about the game, and not just from the organizational viewpoint. He remembers back to his days as a toddler, overhearing his parents playing bridge. "It is not only a game, it is a discipline, and you can play it for a long time."

When Rona was elected last year in Sao Paulo, Brazil, he was given a strong endorsement by Damiani, who expressed the view that the right choice was made for his successor. Of Rona, Damiani said, "He is a very good bridge lover. He knows how to promote bridge."

Spectacular Highlights

by Brent Manley

On Friday morning, Zia Mahmood and Eric Rodwell were lying 38th in the field of 72 in the Generali Open Pairs and were hopeful of a big game in session three to put them in contention. It didn't happen – they were about average – but they did have their moments.

This was the first.

When van Prooijen led a low club against the doubled slam, Zia put up dummy's 10, and when the queen fell under his king, he had an overtrick for plus 1190 and 69 of the 70 matchpoints.

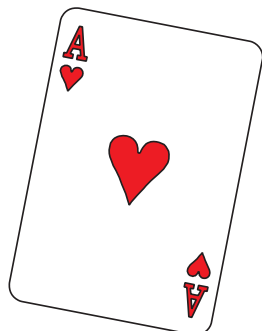
Later, Rodwell earned a fine score without bamboozling anyone. He did it by accurate reading of the cards.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia		Rodwell	
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass (!)	1♥	1♠	3♥
4♠ (!!)	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠ (!!!)	Pass	Pass	Dble
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Barry Rigal points out that in Zia's autobiography – *Bridge My Way* – there is a passage about a player known as Godzilla, who was his partner in an auction much like the one Zia perpetrated against Louk Verhees (South) and Ricco van Prooijen.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zia		Rodwell	
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Zia's 2♠ asked whether Rodwell was minimum, and 3♣ indicated he was not, so Zia bid the game.

South led a low club to the 4, 10 and jack. Rodwell played the ♠9 to dummy's king and called for the ♥4. When North followed with the 5, Rodwell played the 3, knowing his left-hand opponent was going to have to win the trick.

South thought for a moment and played the ♥Q and continued with the ♥8. Rodwell won in dummy and played a diamond to his 10 and West's queen. West exited with a spade, taken by Rodwell with the ace. Rodwell cashed the ♥A, and when he cashed two more spade tricks, West erred by discarding a diamond.

Rodwell then played the ♦7 from dummy, and when North followed low, Rodwell considered his play for a long time before playing the 5. South was down to the singleton ♦K and his clubs, so he was forced to concede Rodwell's ninth trick in the club suit. That was worth 63 matchpoints.

Not To Be Denied

by Phillip Alder

The official score at the start of the last 16 boards in the McConnell Cup was China 75 Netherlands 61. However, this was incorrect because of the 4-IMP score correction on Board 33. For some reason, the director's ruling never made it to the scoring department. But in this article, we are going to assume the correction was relayed.

And there was "trouble" on the first board of this session.

Board 49. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Simons	Lu	Pasman	Gu
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Wang	Verbeek	Sun	van Zwol
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Against 4♠, Jet Pasman (East) led her singleton diamond. Declarer won with dummy's ace, took the next trick with the ♠J, and played another trump. Anneke Simons (West) rose with her ace and shifted to a low club, ducked to East's king. The club return went to declarer's jack. Lu Yan drew the missing trumps and gave up a diamond to make her contract.

In 5♦, Wietske van Zwol (South) won the first trick with her ♥A, ruffed a heart in the dummy, played a trump to her ace, ruffed her last heart, led a trump to her king, and drove out the ♠A. Wang Hongli (West) shifted to a club, but declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed spades, getting both of her club losers away before West could ruff in.

Plus 420 and minus 400 gave China 1 IMP on the board.

What was the trouble? The Bridge Base Online broadcast and the World Bridge Federation scorecard have the Netherlands gaining 6 IMPs because supposedly Lu and Gu played in 3♠ and won only nine tricks. But their auction was game-forcing, so that is impossible. And if you play through the deal, you will see that North lost only one spade, one diamond and one club. (The Chinese Our Game broadcast has Lu in 4♠ and winning ten tricks.)

So, the correct score was now China 72 Netherlands 61.

China gained 5 IMPs on the next board for more accurate partscore bidding. Then came:



Yan Lu, China

Board 51. Dealer South. East-West Vul.

♠ A 9 8 ♥ J 9 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 5 ♣ K 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ Q J 6 2 ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ -- ♣ J 10 7 4 2	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ K Q 8 5 2 ♦ A ♣ A 6 5 3
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
<i>Simons</i>	<i>Lu</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Gu</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Wang</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>van Zwol</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Against 4♥, West led the ♠5. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called a diamond. Mysteriously and fatally, East discarded a spade. South won with her ace, played a club to dummy's king, and led the ♦K, ruffed and overruffed. After the ♣A and a club ruff, East did not ruff the ♦Q (not that it mattered), allowing declarer to throw a spade. Declarer ruffed the next diamond, ruffed another club in the dummy and lost only one spade, one heart and one club.



West also led a spade against 3NT. Declarer took the third round, played a diamond to her ace, and led a heart to dummy's jack. East won with her ace, cashed the ♠Q, and shifted to a club. South took West's queen with dummy's king and cashed the ♦K to give this position:

♠ -- ♥ 9 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ -- ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ -- ♣ J 10	♠ -- ♥ K Q 8 5 ♦ -- ♣ A
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On the ♦Q, East discarded the ♥3. Now declarer started thinking. She knew West had begun with either 3=2=6=2 or 3=1=6=3 distribution – but which?

Eventually van Zwol bravely ran dummy's ♥9, but it lost to the ten and West cashed the ♦J for down two.

Plus 420 and plus 100 gave China 11 IMPs and a lead of 27.

That deal is the sort on which championships rest. The game that can be defeated isn't, and the game that can make doesn't. If the Dutch had done everything right, the swing would have been 10 the other way and the margin only 6.

China gained 2 more IMPs over the next four boards, then came a huge result:

Board 56. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 6 4 2 ♥ A Q 9 4 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A 9 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 9 7 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q 7 4 2 ♣ K J 4	♠ Q 10 8 5 ♥ 5 2 ♦ K J 8 3 ♣ 10 8 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Simons	Lu	Pasman	Gu
Pass	1♦ (1)	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(1) Precision with at least zero diamonds!

West	North	East	South
Wang	Verbeek	Sun	van Zwol
Pass	1♣	1♦	Dble (1)
1♥ (2)	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠ (3)
Pass	5♣ (3)	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	All Pass	

- (1) Four or five hearts
- (2) In principle, a good diamond raise
- (3) Control-bids (cue-bids)

The Chinese auction in the Open Room was sensible and declarer had no trouble holding her losses to two diamonds and one club.

Why did van Zwol move over 4♥? Then she clearly took partner's redouble as suggesting they play there, given her earlier 3♣ rebid. But of course by then it did not matter that much.

Declarer, not willing to gamble on a 3-3 club break, lost two diamonds and two clubs for down two.

Plus 420 and plus 600 gave China 14 IMPs and the lead by 43. But even if Verbeek had gone down one in 5♥, China would still have gained 10 IMPs.

Things did not get better for the Netherlands. Pasman was caught speeding in 2♠ doubled to lose 8 IMPs. And on the following board Pasman went down in a 4♠ she should have made to lose another 11 IMPs.

A small Dutch rally started, with Verbeek and van Zwol defending correctly to beat a 3NT that Pasman made. But it was too little too late.

The final score was China 131 Netherlands 84.

This was a second consecutive women's world knockout team title for China, and to show the strength in depth, only Sun Ming and Wang Hongli played last year in Sao Paulo.



Last Chance Saloon

by Mark Horton

Having completed 129 of 130 deals in the semi final of the Generali Open Pairs Championship, Patrick Jourdain still had no story worthy of publication.

This was his final opportunity:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Matushko	Jourdain	Khokhlov
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

With North having no helpful gadget available, East/West had a free run. East might have rebid 3NT, but felt his diamonds were not really good enough.

South led a club and declarer won with the king.

He took his only chance by leading the king of diamonds and was pleased to see the queen appear on his right. A low diamond went to dummy's jack and declarer tried dummy's queen of spades. When that drew no reaction from North he went up with the ace, felling the king. Going back to diamonds gave him 10 tricks and an 85% score.

Over a late-night drink I presented it to Tacchi as a play problem. He also played the king of diamonds followed by a low diamond, but when South ducked he simply cleared the diamonds. Now when he cashed the rest of the suit North would no doubt part with a couple of spades giving declarer no less than 12 tricks. (Notice that if North's hearts were headed by the KQJ10 then the squeeze would be automatic.)

Another set-back for the Unlucky Expert from Wales!

Bid or Play – Your Choice

by David Stern

This interesting deal came up in the third segment of the Rosenblum Cup Round of 16. Decide whether you would prefer to play or defend 6♣ by South.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 7 6 5 4 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K J 8 7 6 ♣ Q	♠ 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 3 2 ♣ K J 10 7 3 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K 9 ♥ Q 9 4 2 ♦ 9 5 4 ♣ A 9 4	♠ Q J 10 8 2 ♥ A J 10 3 ♦ 10 ♣ 8 6 5	
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My first instinct looking at the board was that there may be a Morton's Fork situation.

The Morton's Fork Coup is a manoeuvre by which declarer presents a defender with a choice of taking a trick cheaply, or ducking to preserve an honour combination, either decision costing the defence a trick. If the defender wins the trick, he sets up an extra high card in the suit. If he ducks, his winner disappears because declarer has a discard possibility.

The name is derived from an episode in English history. Cardinal Morton, Chancellor under King Henry VII, habitually extracted taxes from wealthy London merchants for the royal treasury. His approach was that if the merchants lived ostentatiously, they obviously had sufficient income to spare for the king. Alternatively, if they lived frugally, they must have substantial savings and could therefore afford to contribute to the king's coffers. In either case they were impaled on "Morton's Fork".

In the hand in question if declarer plays a low heart from dummy then:

1. If East rises with the ♥A, declarer will be allowed to score both the ♥K and ♥Q, allowing declarer to score twelve tricks via 2-2-2 (finesse) and 6=12.

2. If East ducks the ♥A then declarer can play the ♠A and ♠K, pitching dummy's losing heart

But a closer inspection shows that if East does in fact duck declarer will be one trick short 2-1-2-6. Had the

trumps been 2-2, declarer could score a twelfth trick via a diamond ruff.

So back to the drawing board for more evaluation. The answer is that declarer will make 6♣ on any lead other than a spade and here is how. On a heart lead to the ten and queen declarer can cash his tricks and come to this position:

♠ 7 ♥ 8 ♦ K J 8 ♣ –	♠ 3 ♥ K ♦ 3 2 ♣ 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K 9 ♥ 9 4 ♦ – ♣ –	♠ Q J 10 ♥ A 10 ♦ – ♣ –	
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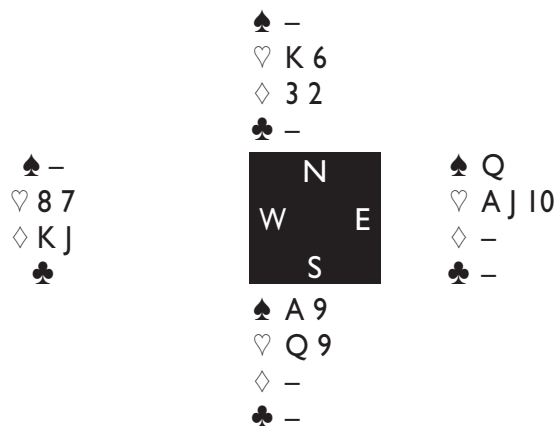
When North plays the club, East has a problem. If he pitches a heart, South throws the ♠9 and plays the ♥K from dummy to set up the ♥9 as his twelfth trick. If East throws a spade, declarer simply throws a heart and scores the ♠AK9 to make his contract.

On a spade lead, however, the squeeze is broken up as declarer will have no entry to the South hand in this position with East, South and West to discard:

♠ – ♥ 8 7 ♦ K J 8 ♣ –	♠ – ♥ K 6 ♦ 3 2 ♣ – <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 9 ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ – ♣ –	♠ Q J ♥ A J 10 ♦ – ♣ –	
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East simply discards the ♠J and whatever South discards the defence will survive. If South discards the ♠9 and

West the $\diamond 8$, a diamond from dummy will lead to immediate defeat, whereas a heart will see the defence score two heart tricks. If on the other hand declarer pitches a heart then he will reach the following position:



Again a diamond will lead to instant defeat. If a low heart is played, East simply rises and puts declarer back into the North hand with another heart. If declarer tries the $\heartsuit K$ from dummy, East simply ducks and the defence will prevail.

So if you have been able to follow me all the way through the hand the answer is play on anything but a spade lead. Note that if West holds any of the $\spadesuit Q$ or $\spadesuit J$ or $\spadesuit 10$ the hand will always fail.

Championship Diary



Around midnight on Wednesday evening the hotel's fire alarm went off for the umpteenth time (no doubt yet again a smoker had walked within 25 feet of the front door). Risking life and limb (and being on the 23rd floor) I decided to remain in my room, ignoring the advice to make my way to a fire exit and not use the elevators. I turned on the TV – and discovered the late night movie was *The Towering Inferno*.

Here's a joke Tacchi found on the Internet:
 What did the fish say when it ran into the concrete wall?
 Dam.

If you are a Baseball fan, don't miss the hilarious video on YouTube featuring Ron Rivera and the worst base running ever:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZ94rkwdTvQ

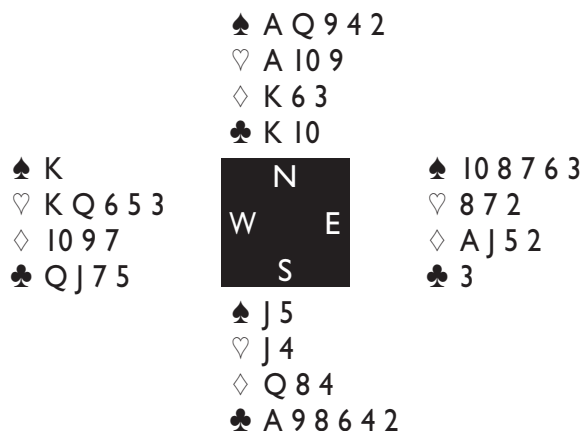
Jacks Step Aside

by Brent Manley

This deal is repeated from Daily Bulletin 14 because it was analysed incorrectly in that issue.

On this deal from the third qualifying session of the IMP Pairs, Steve Hamaoui of Venezuela skilfully got a jack out of the way at just the right time. His opponent had reason to regret not doing the same.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Hamaoui opened INT as North and was raised to 3NT. East led the $\spadesuit 6$ to the 5, king and ace. Hamaoui cashed the $\clubsuit K$ and played the $\clubsuit 10$, ducking when East showed out, pitching a heart. West took the $\clubsuit J$ and played the $\heartsuit K$, ducked by Hamaoui, who played the $\heartsuit J$ from dummy, unblocking. West might have done better to switch to the $\diamond 10$, but he persisted in hearts. Hamaoui took the $\heartsuit 10$ and cashed the ace, as East discarded a diamond.

Now Hamaoui played a low diamond from hand, winning the queen in dummy. He cashed the $\clubsuit A$, and East was caught. If he discarded his $\diamond J$, Hamaoui could cash the $\spadesuit J$ and exit with a diamond to the bare ace, forcing East to lead into the $\spadesuit Q 9$. The $\diamond K$ would be declarer's ninth trick.

If East discarded a spade, Hamaoui could still cash the spade and play a diamond. East would win the two diamonds but would still be endplayed in the spade suit, giving Hamaoui enough spade tricks for his contract.

The key play, as noted by Fernando Lema, was for East to play the $\diamond J$ on the first lead of the suit. If he did so, declarer would not have been able to come up with the endplay he found. Declarer could not overtake the $\spadesuit J$ without conceding the setting tricks, and if he cashed the $\spadesuit J$ and led a diamond, West's $\diamond 10 9$ would assure that he would gain the lead sooner or later to cash the setting tricks.

Dropping in for Matchpoints

by Phillip Alder

For the first of the final five sessions of the Generali Open Pairs I decided to watch a surprising pair using an even more surprising system: Bob Hamman (entering the event after playing in the Rosenblum) and Mike Passell playing Precision Club!

However, they did not have a lot of constructive bidding to do.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

(1) Forcing

I am guessing that Passell was one of the few players not to bid with his hand.

Against 4♥, South guessed to lead the ♣A. He continued with a second club, covered by the jack, queen and king. Tor Helness drew two rounds of trumps with his ace and dummy's queen, then took two top spades, ruffed a spade in the dummy, and called for a club. Hamman ruffed to hold the contract to 11 tricks.

Minus 450 gave North-South only 12 matchpoints out of 70. Probably at several tables South overcalled 2♦, West made a negative double, and East rebid 4♦, so West became the declarer. With a low diamond lead, West has to guess well to get that overtrick. Yes, 12 tricks can be made, but no one is going to finesse the ♠10 on the first round of the suit.

You pick up

♠ 10 5 4 ♥ Q J 8 4 3 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ Q 7.

Partner opens 2NT. Would you just raise to 3NT because it is matchpoints, or transfer?

Helness thought for some time, then transferred. Afterward he said that he would have bid 3NT with an extra queen.

On this deal, though, 3NT was the winner:

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

♠ A 8 7 6 3 ♥ 10 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ J 6 5 2	♠ K Q 9 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ A K 9 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ J 2 ♥ A 7 5 2 ♦ K 9 7 2 ♣ 10 8 3	♠ 10 5 4 ♥ Q J 8 4 3 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ Q 7	
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Plus 450 gave East-West only 21 matchpoints; plus 460 would have been worth 49.

Now Hamman and Passell moved to East-West.

On the first board of the second round, the dealer, South, opened 2♦ Multi holding:

♠ 6 5 ♥ K 10 8 5 4 ♦ Q ♣ Q 10 5 3 2

Responder inquired, opener showed a minimum weak two in hearts, and responder signed off in 3♥.

This went down one, but Hamman and Passell scored only 27 matchpoints. When South passed, it was easy for East-West to get into the auction and they were cold for 4♦. Fourteen East-West pairs made diamond contracts.

You hold:

♠ 4 ♥ 3 ♦ A 9 5 4 3 2 ♣ J 10 5 4 3

You are dealer with everybody vulnerable. The auction goes like this:



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

What would you lead?

Although there is a common saying about not leading a side-suit singleton with only one trump, Hamman chose the ♥3. One example proves nothing, but it did not work well when this was the full deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Cornel Teodorescu from Romania (South) won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, and claimed 12 tricks. This gave East-West only 15 matchpoints.

The ♦A lead would have worked because even if West had continued the suit, declarer could not have discarded all four of dummy's clubs. The ♣J lead would surely also have been successful because East would have had no reason to duck his ace or to play his partner for a singleton club. But part of the credit for the good North-South result must go to Marius Ionita for his 4♠ raise. He judged partner would have a full-value opening bid and it might pay not to give the defense extra information about his hand.

You hold

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K 9 8 7 2 ♣ —

Partner opens 1NT, 14-16 points. What would be your plan?

You might transfer into 4♣ via a 4♥ Texas transfer; you might transfer into spades at the two-level, then show your diamonds; you might transfer into spades at the two-level, then make a 4♣ splinter bid; or you might do what Passell did: transfer into spades at the two-level, then jump to 4♠ as a slam-try.

Either of the last two work well, especially the splinter sequence, because partner has:

♠ A 4 2 ♥ A J 10 7 6 ♦ A Q ♣ 10 9 6.

Over a club splinter, he will force to slam; over Passell's sequence, Hamman just jumped to 6♠. He got the ♥K lead, which helped, but diamonds were 3-3, so he was always going to take 12 tricks. Plus 980 was worth 53 matchpoints.

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Passell	Yousry	Hamman	Noshy
2♣ (1)	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass

(1) Precision

Sherif Noshy from Egypt (South) led the ♠3. Ahmed Yousry (North) won with his queen and shifted to the ♦J. South took East's king with his ace and returned a spade. North won with his ace and led another diamond. Hamman won with his queen, cashed dummy's top clubs discarding his ♠J, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥A, and played another heart.

Hamman knew the odds were to finesse, but if the finesse lost, a diamond back would tap the dummy and he would also lose a trick to the ♥10. So declarer put up dummy's king and dropped North's queen. Now Hamman had the rest. Plus 170 gained 56 matchpoints.

The boot was on the other foot in the next deal.



Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K ♥ 10 5 ♦ A J 4 ♣ K 9 8 6 5 3 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	♠ 6 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K 9 8 7 6 2 ♣ 10 7 4	♠ Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ A J ♠ A J 9 8 5 ♥ K Q J 9 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ Q
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West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
2♣	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	4NT (1)	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	All Pass	5♣ (2)

- (1) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (2) One key card

Perhaps Passell should have led the ♦A, but he actually chose a club. Declarer took the trick with his queen and cashed the ♠A. When the king dropped, he claimed all of the tricks and took 49 of the 70 matchpoints.

The next deal was an average, Hamman making 4♣ exactly. Then

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>S. Weinstein</i>	<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Levin</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT (1)
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

- (1) Forcing

East started the defense with the ace and another club. Steve Weinstein won with his king and led his diamond, East putting up his jack, but West overtaking with the queen and shifting to a trump. North took that with dummy's eight and called for a spade. West went in with his ace and led another trump. To hold declarer to eight tricks, West had to play a diamond now, which was very hard to see. North won in the dummy and played a spade, West ducking and North winning with his queen. After a spade ruff, declarer overtook dummy's last trump with his ace and conceded a spade. North had the last three tricks with his trump, a high spade and the ♣Q.

Plus 140 gave North-South 59 matchpoints.

On Board 10 Hamman made normal plays, misguessing everything, to go down two in INT and collect only 16 matchpoints.

Hamman made 3♦ on Board 11 for 45 matchpoints. Then Hamman took 11 tricks in 3♥ for 33 matchpoints. And Nick Nickell played carefully to take eight tricks in 2♠ and gain 44 matchpoints. Nickell played too quickly on this deal, though. What would you have done? (The deal has been rotated to make South the declarer.)

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q J 7 ♥ 8 ♦ J 9 ♣ A J 7 5 3 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	♠ K 4 2 ♥ A Q 10 4 ♦ A Q 10 7 3 ♣ 10	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Passell</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

You get the ♥2 lead, covered by the 8, K and A. How would you continue?

While you are thinking about that, Hamman and Passell next faced a Polish pair next, Janusz Makaruk and Pawel Niedzielski. On the first board, Passell led fourth-highest from his longest and strongest (A-J-9-4-3) against 3NT,

but it conceded a second overtrick, giving the Poles 47 matchpoints. The second deal, though, was another interesting declarer-play problem. (Again, the deal has been rotated.)

Dealer East. East-West Vul.

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ A K 10 3
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ Q J

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 6
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ 10 9 7 5
 ♣ A K 8 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Makaruk</i>	<i>Passell</i>	<i>Niedzielski</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣ (1)
Pass	6NT	All Pass	INT

(1) Polish Club: usually a weak notrump, but might be a strong hand

West leads the ♣2. What would you do?
 Now back to Nick Nickell's 3NT. This was the full deal:

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A Q J 7
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ A J 7 5 3 2

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ 6 5 2
 ♦ 6 5 4 2
 ♣ 9 6 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 4 2
 ♥ A Q 10 4
 ♦ A Q 10 7 3
 ♣ 10

♠ 10 6 3
 ♥ K J 9 7 3
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ K Q 8

Assuming the diamond finesse was winning, Nickell had 12 top tricks. To get all 13 he needed a squeeze. And that squeeze was available because East had the ♣ K-Q. But communications were a tad tenuous.

Nickell played a spade to dummy's jack and called for the ♦J, covered by the king and ace. Now declarer led a diamond to dummy's nine, which destroyed his communications for the squeeze. If he had been willing to assume he had five diamond tricks, he would have cashed his spades, overtaken the ♦9 with his ten (which would have been easy when East played the eight), and run the diamonds, bringing everyone down to three cards. Dummy would have three clubs, declarer the ♥ Q-10 and ♣10. But what could East retain? He couldn't keep both jack-doubleton in hearts and the ♣ K-Q.

Finally, we return to Niedzielski's horrible 6NT. This was the full deal:

♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ A K 10 3
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ Q J

♠ Q 9 4 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ K 4 3 2
 ♣ 10 7 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ Q J 8 4 2
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ 9 6 4

♠ A 6
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ 10 9 7 5
 ♣ A K 8 3

Declarer correctly realized that he needed one opponent to have jack-doubleton of diamonds. So, after taking the first trick with dummy's ♣J, he cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦Q.

West took this trick and returned a diamond. South won in his hand, cashed his last diamond discarding a heart from the dummy, played a club to the queen, took the ♥ A and ♥K, played a spade over to his ace, and cashed his top clubs, throwing dummy's last two diamonds.

Everyone was down to two cards. South had the ♠6 and ♥9 and North retained the ♠ K-J. Now came a spade. Was the finesse working or had East been squeezed in the majors?

The deal had counted out, so the odds favored playing West for the ♠Q, but declarer called for dummy's king and went down one.

Surprisingly, plus 50 gave Hamman and Passell only 50 matchpoints. But minus 990 would have been worth just 9.



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The Philadelphia Story

by Mark Horton

The Oscar winning movie of my title was made in 1940 and starred Hollywood greats Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn and James Stewart. It was adapted in 1956 as the musical *High Society*, starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong. The story line is a simple one:

When a rich woman's ex-husband and a tabloid-type reporter turn up just before her planned remarriage, she begins to learn the truth about herself.

My favourite line is when Tracy's ex-husband tells her she should have stuck with him longer and she retorts, 'I thought it was for life, but the nice judge gave me a full pardon.'

Bridge partnerships are much like marriages; some last forever, some eventually lead to divorce, while others are brief affairs, destined not to last.

The final of the Generali World Pairs Championship embraces all these combinations. Let's take a look at some of the action from the second session (a top was 70):

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 6 5 4 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ A 9 5	♠ A 3 2 ♥ Q 10 7 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ Q 10 8 6	♠ K Q 9 ♥ J 5 ♦ K 10 7 5 2 ♣ K 4 3	♠ J 10 8 ♥ A 9 6 4 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ J 7 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	All Pass		

Looking for ruffs North led the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. South switched to the jack of clubs and declarer won in hand with the ace and played a spade to the king. When that held he played a heart. South does best now to rise with the ace and play a second club, but when he played low declarer won with the

king and played another spade. When the queen held he played a third round, happy to see the ace and jack appear. The defenders cashed their heart tricks, but declarer had the rest. +140 was a poor result for N/S, 10/60.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 6 5 2 ♥ 8 6 4 2 ♦ 8 7 5 2 ♣ 9 6	♠ K 10 9 7 4 ♥ K 3 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ K J 2	♠ A J 8 3 ♥ A J 10 ♦ A 9 6 4 ♣ 8 7	♠ Q ♥ Q 9 7 5 ♦ K Q ♣ A Q 10 5 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Gohl</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Kimelman</i>
Pass	2♠	1♦	2♣
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led the seven of diamonds and East took the ace and returned the nine of diamonds. Declarer won, crossed to the jack of clubs and played the four of spades.

Had East played low declarer would have won with the king and set up a heart trick, bringing his total to ten. That would have been worth 58/12.

However, East made the fine play of rising with the ace. He cleared the diamonds, holding declarer to nine tricks and saving a lot of points, 37/33.

It was by no means routine to bid this game – it was missed at 13 tables.



Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Chokshi	Prooijen	Gupta
			1♥
3♣	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Hard to say why South doubled. North led the queen of spades and declarer ducked. He won the next spade and claimed nine tricks, +550.

If declarer ducks the second spade he can strip squeeze South in the red suits, eventually throwing him in with a heart to lead into the split diamond tenace, but it would not have changed the matchpoint result, 2/68.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Verhees	Chokshi	Prooijen	Gupta
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the four of hearts and East won with the ace, cashed the king of diamonds and switched back to hearts. Declarer won with the king, crossed to dummy with a club and took the losing club finesse. West was quick to play a diamond and that held declarer to nine tricks, +400, 25.7/44.3.

Obviously declarer could have done better – making 430 would have changed the score to 42.2/27.8.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Courtney	Delmonte	Burgess	Bach
	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the eight of hearts and declarer went up with dummy's ace, drew trumps and ran the ten of hearts. When that held he cashed two more hearts, discarding a club from his hand. He played a spade on which West



Ricco van Prooijen, Netherlands

made the dramatic discard of the ace of clubs. Declarer continued playing spades, keeping the $\heartsuit AQ$ and $\clubsuit 104$ in dummy. West, down to $\heartsuit K107$ and $\clubsuit K7$ was worried about being thrown in to lead into the diamond tenace (an optical illusion) and threw the king of clubs. Now declarer could play the jack of clubs, setting up a twelfth trick. +480 was one of those results you don't see very often, a complete top, 70/0.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Burgess</i>	<i>Bach</i>
Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass	1 \diamondsuit
Pass	4NT*	2 \clubsuit	2 \spadesuit
Pass	5 \diamondsuit *	Pass	5 \clubsuit *
Pass	6 \spadesuit	Pass	6 \diamondsuit
		All Pass	

Played by North, 6 \spadesuit was excellent. Declarer won the trump lead in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played a trump. The 2-2 break avoided any further complications, +1430 delivering 58/12.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<p>\spadesuit A 10 \heartsuit A 8 2 \diamondsuit A J 9 \clubsuit K J 9 4 3</p>

West	North	East	South
<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
Pass	2 \clubsuit *	Pass	2 \diamondsuit *
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the six of spades for the king and ace and declarer crossed to the ace of clubs (seeing West's eight) and played a club to the king (had he played the jack West would win and switch to the jack of spades). Declarer cleared the clubs, leaving East on lead. He switched to a diamond and West won with the king and played the jack of spades. Declarer still had nine tricks, +400. With 23 pairs failing in 3NT that was worth 54/16.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

<p>\spadesuit Q 10 8 2 \heartsuit A K 3 \diamondsuit A 5 3 \clubsuit J 6 2</p>

West	North	East	South
<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Prabhakar</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit
Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit
All Pass			

With ten easy tricks available missing game delivered a very poor score for no less than 19 pairs, 19/51.



Jan Jansma, Netherlands

For my money the blame lies with North. Once your five card suit is supported the fifth trump becomes a significant extra value, about the equivalent of an extra king.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8 6 4 2 ♥ – ♦ K J 10 5 4 ♣ Q J 7	<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	♠ A J ♥ A Q 8 7 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ K 10 9 4	♠ 7 5 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ Q 9 6 3 2 ♣ A 8 3
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West <i>Blanchard</i>	North <i>Khokhlov</i>	East <i>Moss</i>	South <i>Matushko</i>
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
	Pass	2♣	All Pass

South led the two of clubs and North took the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won in hand and ruffed a heart before playing a spade to the jack and queen. South returned a spade and declarer won, drew a round of trumps and ducked a heart to South's nine. Now South tried a low diamond. (A risky play – one simple way to hold the contract to nine tricks is to play the king of spades, removing declarer's last trump.) Putting up the king of diamonds would have given declarer the rest, but he played the jack. However, North withheld the queen, so declarer ruffed a diamond and cashed the ace of hearts – ten tricks, +130 and a massive 7-63. That extra trick cost a lot, -110 was worth 33/37.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠ A 9 5 4	♥ –
♦ A K 10 4 3	♣ Q 10 9 7

West <i>Allfrey</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Robson</i>	South <i>Sprung</i>
Pass	3♣	3♥	1♦
6♥	Dble	All Pass	6♣

With diamonds 4-4 6♣ cannot be defeated, so bidding 6♥ saved a few points. South led the king of diamonds, continued with the ace and then played the three. North ruffed, played a spade and South took the ace and played another diamond for North to ruff, down four, -1100. That was worth 47/23, while 6♣ would have collected 61/9.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A J 9 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A K Q 8 6 3 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 3 2 ♥ K Q 7 6 4 3 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ –	♠ K Q 8 5 ♥ 9 ♦ A K 9 8 6 4 ♣ 10 4
N						
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West <i>Gohl</i>	North <i>Ionita</i>	East <i>Kimelman</i>	South <i>Teodorescu</i>
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass			3NT

South took his partner very seriously when he bid 3NT. Passing would have netted an easy +300 and 54/16.

West cashed the queen of clubs and could have ensured one down by continuing the suit. However, he switched to a heart and declarer took East's queen with the king. If declarer now plays a spade West will have to duck. Then six rounds of diamonds followed by a club exit will see West forced to give declarer a ninth trick in one hand or the other. That would have been a unique result, +400 and 55/15. When declarer played back the jack of hearts a grateful East won and switched to a spade. West cashed out for one down, +50 and a massive 8/62.

As everyone prepares to return home let me leave you with WC Fields epitaph:

'On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia.'

ORTIZ-PATIÑO TROPHY

World Junior Championship

FINAL / PLAY OFF

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
1	Israel	58	28	48		134
	France	9	26	43		78
2	USA 1	24	15	22	–	61
	China	26	54	36	–	116

DAMIANI CUP

World Youngsters Championship

FINAL / PLAY OFF

Tbl		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
11	England	18	21	54		93
	Poland	45	64	18		127
12	Netherlands	47	55	19	–	121
	Israel	23	48	22	–	93

WORLD YOUTH INDIVIDUAL CONTEST

Final Results after 2 sessions (subject to confirmation)

JUNIORS			YOUNGSTERS			PLATE		
Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result	Rank	Names	Result
1	Haakon BOGEN	56.89	1	Massimiliano DI FRANCO	57.07	1	Andrew JENG	59.66
2	Sam KATZ	56.67	2	Adam GROSSACK	56.31	2	Yasuaki II	57.41
3	Dennis BILDE	56.22	3	Krisztina ORMAY	55.11	3	Mikael RIMSTEDT	57.14
3	Prajwal BACHIRAJU	56.22	4	Richard JENG	54.89	4	Vemund VIKJORD	55.16
5	Chun Ting Arthur LAU	54.89	5	Kristoffer HEGGE	54.04	5	Johan KARLSSON	54.63
6	Adam KAPLAN	54.44	6	Shan HUANG	53.56	6	Naozumi NAKAYAMA	54.50
7	K. KONTOMITROS	51.78	7	Magdalena HOLEKSA	53.51	7	Johan KARLSSON	54.63
8	Eric ARVIDSSON	51.11	8	Chun-Yao HUANG	53.20	8	Naozumi NAKAYAMA	54.50
8	Erlend SKJETNE	51.11	9	Daniel GULLBERG	52.76	9	Shunsuke GOTODA	53.70
10	Matthew MECKSTROTH	50.89	10	Barnabas SZIRMAY-KALOS	52.58	10	Vinoth Kumar RAGHAVAN	52.59
11	Joanna TACZEWSKA	50.67	11	Yujie JIANG	51.47	11	Ethan MACAULAY	52.12
12	Pui TSANG	50.44	12	Danuta KAZMUCHA	51.02	12	Kristian ELLINGSEN	50.26
13	Belinda GU	50.00	13	Csaba KONKOLY	50.89	13	Yoshiro KIDO	48.28
14	Marius BARTNES	49.78	14	Po-Hsiang HAO	50.00	14	Anurag MOHOTA	47.22
15	Michael BELL	48.89	15	Po-Yi LIN	49.29	15	Ethan KOTKIN	44.71
16	Yin Wai LEUNG	48.67	16	Kevin ROSENBERG	47.16	16	Peter KU	44.32
17	Raghavendra RAJKUMAR	48.44	17	Kornel LAZAR	46.89	17	Geoff WEBB	43.39
18	Vassilis VROUSTIS	48.00	18	Ola RIMSTEDT	46.62	18	Aled IABONI	40.61
19	Hiroki YOKOI	47.11	19	Mats EIDE	46.00	19	Malcolm McCOLL	34.52
20	Lars Arthur JOHANSEN	46.00	20	Manlin LUO	45.38			
21	Raja Sekhar GUTHI	45.33	21	Shih-Yao LEE	43.82			
22	Bruno FURLAN	44.44	22	Renjie TANG	43.64			
23	Mohit AGARWAL	41.78	23	Kai LU	43.47			
24	Hiroaki MIURA	40.22	24	Asya LADYZHENSKY	41.33			

Final – Session I

Ortiz-Patiño Trophy

Strong Showing

by Phillip Alder

The 48-board final of the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy was between France and Israel.

France was represented by Thomas Bessis, Frederic Volker, Christophe Grosset, Cedric Lorenzini, Nicolas Lhuissier, Quentin Robert, with Philippe Cronier the non-playing captain.

The Israeli team was Eliran Argelazi, Alon Birman, Lotan Fisher, Bar Tarnovski, with Gilad Ofir the npc.

The first session started well for Israel. On the second board, Lorenzini found out that two key cards were missing, but bid 6♥ anyway. Argelazi, who had the ♥K and ♣A sitting behind declarer, doubled.

That was down one and 13 IMPs to Israel when Fisher and Tarnovski stopped in 4♥.

With only the opponents vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ 10 ♥ 7 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 3.

The auction starts Pass-1♦-1♥ to you. What would you bid?

While you think about that, another sizable swing occurred on this deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Volker	Tarnovski	Bessis	Fisher
Argelazi	Grosset	Birman	Lorenzini
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣/♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

The auctions were effectively the same, the only difference being the bid used as checkback by North. Grosset employed 3♣ and Tarnovski 3♦.

Bessis made it easy for declarer by – understandably – leading the ♠Q. Tarnovski won with his ace and played a heart to dummy's king. West took his ace and shifted to the ♦5, dummy's ace taking East's jack. Two rounds of trumps followed, West winning with his jack and playing another diamond. East took his king and led the ♠5, but declarer finessed dummy's nine and claimed.

Birman led the ♦4. Grosset won with his seven, played a heart to the king, which held, returned to his hand with a spade, and played another trump. West took dummy's queen with his king, cashed the ♥J, and returned his second diamond to the jack and ace. Declarer gave up diamond to East, who switched to the ♠Q.

In a way, this was a restricted choice situation because East might have led the ♠J if he had both honors. And East, if he had the ♣Q, could not be sure declarer did not have the ♣J. North saw it that way, winning with dummy's king and running the ♠9, discarding a low club from his hand. But East won with the ♠J for down one.

Plus 420 and plus 50 gave Israel 10 IMPs.

Now back to the bidding problem. This was the full deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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

Argelazi bid 3♣ and Volker jumped to 5♣, both of which ended the auction.

Each North led the ♥3 and South won with his king.

Against Argelazi, Lorenzini sensibly shifted a trump and in the fullness of time declarer took two spades, one diamond and seven clubs for an overtrick.

Against Volker, Fisher led the $\diamond 2$ at trick two! Now all declarer had to do was play low from his hand and he would have had an eleventh trick. But never believing that South would lead away from the $\diamond K$, West went up with his ace and down two in his contract, losing one heart, two diamonds and one club.

That was 6 IMPs to Israel when it could have been 7 to France.

This deal was a bidding challenge for East-West.

Board 9. Dealer North. East-West Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A 7 6 2 \heartsuit 10 6 5 4 \diamond J 9 8 \clubsuit 9 2</p>	<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		<p>\spadesuit 5 \heartsuit K Q 8 2 \diamond A 10 4 3 \clubsuit Q 10 5 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 10 8 4 \heartsuit A J 3 \diamond K Q \clubsuit A K J 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Volker</i>	<i>Tarnowski</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 \clubsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \diamond (1)	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \clubsuit	Pass
4 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	Pass
5 \clubsuit	All Pass		

(1) Fourth-suit forcing

West	North	East	South
<i>Argelazi</i>	<i>Grosset</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
	Pass	1 \diamond	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass
2 \heartsuit (1)	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 \clubsuit	Pass	3NT	Pass
4 \clubsuit	Pass	4 \diamond (2)	Pass
4 \heartsuit (2)	Pass	4 \spadesuit (2)	Pass
4NT (3)	Pass	5 \clubsuit (4)	Pass
6 \clubsuit	All Pass		

- (1) Fourth-suit forcing
- (2) Control-bids (cue-bids)
- (3) Not RKCB
- (4) Nothing extra

Birman made it easier to reach the slam by opening, but he also made it harder because West's first bid was in spades, where highlighting the single loser was key. However, after finding the club fit, East's 4 \spadesuit control-bid, which was surely a singleton given the earlier bids, was just what West wanted to hear. Well bid – and a candidate for the International Bridge Press Association's annual award for the best-bid deal of the year.

At the other table, if West could have bid a 4NT Last Train, that would have been perfect, but perhaps he should have bid 6 \clubsuit anyway, given all of East's pushing.

With trumps 3-2, there were 12 easy tricks: four hearts, three diamonds, three clubs and one ruff in each hand.

Plus 1370 and minus 620 gave Israel 13 IMPs and the lead by 42.

Three flat boards were followed by...

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Volker	Tarnovski	Bessis	Fisher
	1♠	Pass	INT (1)
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Forcing

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Grosset	Birman	Lorenzini
	2♠	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♣	All Pass

The constructive weak two pushed Birman into 4♣, but he could have made it. South led a trump. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played a low heart, being allowed to take the trick with his queen. Now a diamond to dummy's ten would have been successful, but declarer finessed the queen. He cashed the ♠A and played a third diamond, on which Grosset discarded his ♥K. South returned his ♥J, North ruffing away dummy's ace. Now North did well, underleading his spades to put partner in with his queen to cash the ♥10. Dummy ruffed the spade return, the ♣A was cashed, and East's last spade disappeared on the ♥8, but the contract was down one.

Three spades did not play well. Declarer lost one heart, two diamonds and three clubs to go down two.

Plus 100 and plus 200 gave France 7 IMPs.

But Israel had another sizable gain on the penultimate board of the session.

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Volker	Tarnovski	Bessis	Fisher
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
3♣ (1)	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Maximum pass with spade support

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	Grosset	Birman	Lorenzini
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♦
3♦ (1)	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Maximum pass with spade support

Juniors have a reputation for bidding a lot, but notice that both Souths passed as dealer because they had four hearts. Fisher then brought hearts into the picture with his interesting negative double.

Grosset should have remembered that misfits are miserable and passed out 4♦, as Tarnovski did in the Open Room.

The play started identically at both tables. West led the spade king and continued with a low spade to his partner's ace. Then East cashed the diamond ace.

At this point, the correct shift was to a heart, which would have disrupted the communications for South's squeeze. But both Easts led a spade. Now, if the declarers had ruffed and ran all of their trumps, West would have been squeezed in hearts and clubs. Notice dummy's ♥8.

However, neither cashed them all, so both took only nine tricks.

Plus 500 and minus 100 gave Israel another 9 IMPs.

Israel gained a further 5 IMPs on the final board to win the session by an impressive 58 IMPs to 9.



Eliran Argelazi, Israel

Final – Sessions 1,2

Damiani Cup

Poland v England

by Brian Senior

While three of the finalist teams in the Damiani Cup and Ortiz-Patiño Trophy had enjoyed relatively comfortable passage through the semi-final stage, the English Youngsters had come back from a long way down to the Netherlands. Would that recovery prove to be a positive factor when the final got underway, giving them momentum, or would they take a while to settle down again?

The first major swing came on Board 2 and it could just as easily have gone in the other direction.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jochymski	Paul	Kazmierczak	McIntosh
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Robertson	Tuczynski	Paske	Jassem
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

hearts from the dummy. He cashed the diamonds then led a heart up. As Kazmierczak had thrown his hearts away, he now showed out and Paul just took his ace and the top spades for +600.

In the other room, Pawel Jassem bid much more aggressively with the South cards, first jumping to 3♥ then, when Piotr Tuczynski raised to 4♥, leaping to the diamond slam. Six Diamonds is playable but, as the cards lie, appears doomed to failure. However, Tom Paske led the queen of spades, which looks to be the normal choice, and Tuczynski could win the king, finesse the ten and take a heart pitch on the ace. A club from dummy saw Graeme Robertson win the ace and declarer had twelve tricks for +1370 and a mildly fortuitous 13 IMPs to Poland.

Midway through the 16-board set, Poland had extended the lead to 29-6. Then came another slam swing, this time in favour of England.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jochymski	Paul	Kazmierczak	McIntosh
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



For England, James Paul and Daniel McIntosh had a two-over-one auction in which McIntosh was able to show his red suits at an economical level, after which Paul elected to play the no trump game. Wojciech Kazmierczak led the five of clubs to the jack and ace. Paul ducked the continuation of the club ten but won the next round, pitching

West	North	East	South
Robertson	Tuczynski	Paske	Jassem
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

With West having so little wasted strength facing the spade shortage, 6♣ is an excellent contract.

Neither East opened the 1-4-4-4 11-count. The Polish Club auction failed to get the job done. One Club was either a weak no trump type or strong and artificial and 2♦ confirmed the strong type with at least three hearts. Tomasz Jochymski completed the picture of his hand by raising 2NT to 3NT and Kazimierz had no reason to bid on. McIntosh's low spade lead ensured that the defence got its three top tricks but that was all; +630.

Robertson opened a potentially short club and rebid 2NT then showed his three-card heart holding. When Paske cuebid 3♠, Jassem doubled, giving East/West extra bidding space as Robertson could pass and allow Paske to show his club support. Robertson's diamond cuebid was sufficient to get Paske to ask for key cards, though the response suggests that Robertson believed hearts to have been agreed. No matter, he knew to pass Paske's 6♣ and the play was quite straightforward after the ace of spades

and a diamond switch; +1370 and 12 IMPs to England. The rest of the set went mostly in favour of Poland, who led by 45-18 after 16 boards.

For Set 2, England retained the same line-up, while the Poles brought in Mateusz Mroczkowski and Adam Smieszko, while Jassem/Tuczynski switched rooms.

The score had moved on to 53-22 in favour of Poland when this next deal appeared.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tuczynski	Paul	Jassem	McIntosh
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Robertson	Mroczkowski	Paske	Smieszko
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Paul made a short-suit game try and, with much of his strength in hearts, McIntosh signed off in 3♠. Jassem led the six of spades to the jack, ducked. Tuczynski switched to the king of diamonds then back to spades. Paul won the ace and knocked out the diamond. Tuczynski cashed his trump winner and tried the ace of hearts. Paul ruffed and had a discard for his third club; +140.

Mroczkowski simply bid game facing the simple raise, hoping to make the defence more difficult. Unfortunately for him, there was no way that the defence could let this game through and, worse, Robertson had a pretty easy double of the final contract. Paske led a diamond so Robertson took two winners there then switched to a trump, ducked. He continued with a second trump.



Pawel Jassem, Poland

Mroczkowski won and threw one of dummy's clubs on the diamonds so was just one down for -200 and 8 IMPs to England.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 3 2 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ A Q 10 2 ♣ A K Q 7	<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 8 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 9 4 ♣ J 10 9 8 4 2	♠ A Q 9 7 6 ♥ 10 4 ♦ K J 8 6 5 3 ♣ -
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	S											
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
		1♠	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Mroczkowski</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Smieszkol</i>
		1♦	1♥
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Smieszkol led out the ace, king and a third heart, ruffed and over-ruffed, and in the fullness of time made his king of spades for down one; -100.

In response to Paul's lead-directing double, McIntosh led the seven of hearts. Paul won the queen and could not see why his partner was underleading an ace-king unless it was in an attempt to put him in to give a ruff. I'm not sure that this adds up, given the auction, but Paul switched to a club and the contract was home, the second heart loser going away on the clubs; +600 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Mroczkowski</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Smieszkol</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass	4♦	Pass

Paske used Drury and the English pair stopped safely in 4♥ after he had shown diamond values at his next turn. Mroczkowski cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a spade, so the club loser went away; +680.

Tuczynski opened with a Polish Club and the 2♥ rebid showed the strong variety with long hearts. Why Jassem thought that an immediate leap to 6♥ was correct I cannot imagine, but that is what he did, and it gave England the chance of a major swing. Paul led the ace of diamonds and McIntosh followed with the six. Paul continued with a second diamond and the swing was 13 IMPs to Poland



Piotr Tuczynski, Poland

instead of to England, their second fortunate slam swing of the match.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Mroczkowski</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Smieszkol</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Paske opened 1NT and played 3NT after a Stayman sequence. Jassem opened a Polish Club and showed the strong variety with three or more hearts at his next turn. He too declared 3NT.

Smieszkol led the nine of spades. Paske won the king of spades and led the nine of clubs from hand, Smieszkol winning the jack and leading a second spade to the ace. Paske cashed the ace of hearts and led a second heart to the jack and queen. His idea, of course, was to play hearts this way because he needed two dummy entries to first finesse in clubs then cash the thirteenth club on a three-three break. When the heart finesse failed, he was three down for -150.

McIntosh chose to lead his fourth-best diamond. That went to the queen and ace and Paul switched to a low club. Jassem put in the queen, McIntosh dropping the jack, and led a diamond to McIntosh's king, Paul pitching a spade. Now McIntosh led a spade. Jassem won and led a diamond to the jack, squeezing Paul out of another spade.

Jassem led a club next, ducking Paul's king, and the spades were cleared. The ace of hearts was followed by running the heart ten and, with no spade left, Paul returned a club. Jassem put in the nine and nine tricks for +400 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass	3♠	Pass	6NT

West	North	East	South
<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Mroczkowski</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Smieszkol</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Even the five level is not secure – there could easily be two clubs and a heart to be lost – so Mroczkowski/Smieszkol certainly outbid Paul/McIntosh by stopping in 5♥ rather than driving to slam.

From what we have seen earlier in the match, there is no reason to imagine that England were about to get lucky on a slam deal and they did not. The club was onside but the heart offside, so both declarers made 11 tricks; +650 to Poland but -100 to England, and 13 IMPs to Poland.

The set ended with Poland ahead by 109-39. There were 32 boards to play, but it was going to take a major reversal of both form and fortune for England to repeat their semi-final comeback.

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

2nd WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY KO, BKT#1

9 Tables			
22.01	1	Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Rumen Trendafilov, Varna Bulgaria; Peggy Allen, Chevy Chase MD; Denny Sacul	
15.41	2	Real Fradette, North Wales PA; Dennis Wick, Greencastle PA; Tony Zacchei, Lower Gwynedd PA; Elaine Clair, Gwynedd Valley PA	
8.80	3/4	Elaine Weintraub - Arlyne Shockman - Phyllis Taxin, Phila PA; Peggy Bruchansky, Marlton NJ	
8.80	3/4	Bruce Thiher, The Villages FL; Darla Petersen, Ajax ON; Lelvin Crowe, Cordova TN; Robert Levey, Bethesda MD	

2nd THURSDAY – FRIDAY KO, BKT#1

9 Tables			
24.80	1	Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Chris Larsen, Costa Mesa CA; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	
17.36	2	Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD; Lynn Jones, Timonium MD; Ed Bissell, State College PA; Anthony Aukstikalnis, Harvey Cedars NJ	
9.92	3/4	Christopher Seymoure, Mississauga ON; Sandy Wyley, Amarillo TX; Jagdish Goenka, Mumbai 400026 India; Mary Gorkin, Baldwinsville NY	
9.92	3/4	Albert Shrive, Dalton PA; Jim McKeown, State College PA; David Meyer, Scranton PA; Pierre Beauregard, Saint-Lazare QC; Daniel Denison - Mary Lou Denison, Solana Beach CA	

2nd FRIDAY COMPACT KO, BKT#1

12 Tables			
15.51	1	Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Randal Davidson, North York ON; Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal QC; Michael Kenny, Richmond Hill ON	
10.86	2	John Schwartz - C. Donald McLean - Bettie McLean, Macungie PA; Jane Havighurst, Allentown PA	
6.98	3	Jacco Hop - Vincout de Pagter - Joris van Lankveld - Berend van den Bos, Holland Netherlands	
5.43	4	Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA; Qing Yang, Cupertino CA; Ethan Yi Liu, Santa Clara CA	

2nd THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS

30.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
14.35	1			David Hoffner, Smithville NJ; Martin de Bruin, Egg Harbor Twp NJ	64.47%
10.76	2	1		John Miller, Vienna VA; Stephen Drodge, McLean VA	61.91%
8.07	3			Poddar Dipak - Solani Jitendra, Mumbai India	61.74%
6.05	4			Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Montreal QC; Randal Davidson, North York ON	57.69%
4.78	5			Paul Hackett, Manchester England; William Whyte, Edinburgh Scotland	57.39%
4.10	6			James Tucker Jr, Alexander City AL; Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL	57.16%
5.54	7	2	1	Steven Gewirtzman, Ambler PA; Clifford Wilson Jr, Skillman NJ	56.77%
4.15	8	3		Dennis O'Brien, Ambler PA; Joan Brandeis, Glenside PA	55.85%
3.11	9	4		Robert Zeckhauser, South Orange NJ; W Samuels Jr, Lafayette CA	55.45%
3.36		5	2	Thomas Gallagher, Tinton Falls NJ; Brian Kruse, North Haledon NJ	55.17%
2.23		6	3	Samuel Litzenberger, Hellertown PA; Maureen Connolly, Lakemont GA	52.72%
1.77			4	Maxine Goodman, Philadelphia PA; Siddhi Vasa, Cherry Hill NJ	51.21%

2nd FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

20.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
10.50	1			Christopher Young, San Diego CA; Craig Huston, Portland OR	60.51%
7.88	2			Marty Seligman, Philadelphia PA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX	59.75%
5.91	3			Irwin Kostal Jr, Indio CA; Neil Stern, Bermuda Dunes CA	58.17%
5.90	4	1		Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL	57.68%
3.50	5			Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Ruth Nakano, Kirkland WA	55.23%
4.43	6	2		Robert Zeckhauser, South Orange NJ; W Samuels Jr, Lafayette CA	54.79%
3.71		3	1	William Sedlis - Gregory Kiddy, Reading PA	54.58%
2.88		4		John Miller, Vienna VA; Stephen Drodge, McLean VA	54.19%
2.78		5	2	William Detterer, Reading PA; April Uhlenburg, King of Prussia PA	53.59%
3.50		6		Todd Fisher, Chicago IL; Bryan Delfs, Pleasant Prairie WI	53.32%
2.09			3	Guy Novello, Boothwyn PA; John Tampanello, King of Prussia PA	52.89%
1.57			4	Salvatore Marcello, Trenton NJ; Vincent Marcello, Hamilton NJ	50.38%

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