



# World Bridge Productions Presents the **C**♠**avendish**<sub>wbp</sub> Invitational

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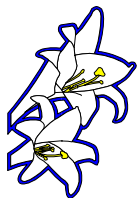
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## Brachman Blows Into Lead in 2003 Teams

The team captained by **Malcolm Brachman** (Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni) racked up a mind-boggling 87 out of 90 VPs in last night's second session to leapfrog from eighth to first place with 133 VPs. In second place, still reeling from the Brachman team's exhaust, is the team captained by **Perry Johnson** (Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Eric Greco, Jeff Hampson) with 125 VPs. Rounding out the top three is **Rose Meltzer** (Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lou Stansby) with 119 VPs with a 15-VP cushion over fourth place. The match-by-match results and overall standings after six matches can be found on page 3.

## Opening Brunch Buffet a "Consuming" Success

Judging from the pictures below, the opening brunch buffet was its usual success. Don't forget the lavish and exquisite Cavendish Pairs cocktail party and auction beginning at 6:30 this evening in the Cayman Court and Montego DEF.



### Dan Mordecai

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Dan Mordecai shortly after last year's Cavendish. Who could ever forget his courageous effort in last year's team event when he, Roger Bates, Sylvia Moss, Sue Picus and Chris Compton led the event after six matches, finally finishing eighth. Dan loved this tournament and it will not be the same without him. He will be missed.

### Gamblers Non-Anonymous

Those players intending to gamble at the Mirage during their stay are advised to register at the Players Club desk located in the casino area; or check with Billy Rosenbaum, who has cards for most players. It will be in your own best interest and that of the WBP for you to do so.

## Conditions of Contest: Expansions and Clarifications

In general, it is our intent to allow methods with which other contestants are expected to be familiar. It is also our intent to allow reasonable artificiality in auctions where the bidding side has guaranteed sufficient (high-card) values to invite game. Along with the new “prize-pool only” team format this year there will be no minimum play requirement for individuals; however, teams should make certain that all team members are listed on the entry before play commences. If you have any questions about your own or your opponents’ methods, the person to see is Barry Rigal.

### Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday, May 8	12:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> (final) Session, Teams	Montego ABC
	6:30 PM	Cocktail Party	Cayman Court and Montego DEF
	7:15 PM	Pairs Auction	Cayman Court and Montego DEF
Friday, May 9	12:30 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego ABC
	7:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego ABC
Saturday, May 10	10:30 AM	WBP Brunch	St. Croix
	11:00 AM	WBP Auction	St. Croix
	12:30 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego ABC
	12:30 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Session, WBP Pairs	Montego DEF
	7:30 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego ABC
	7:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, WBP Pairs	Montego DEF
Sunday, May 11	11:30 PM*	5 <sup>th</sup> Session, Pairs	Montego ABC
	12:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session, WBP Pairs	Montego DEF
	4:15 PM	Closing Party	St. Croix

\* expected

## John “Jocko” Roberts Team Rosters

Team #	Members
1	<b>Perry Johnson</b> , Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Eric Greco, Jeff Hampson
2	<b>Russ Ekeblad</b> , Ron Rubin, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman, Michael Seamon
3	<b>Malcolm Brachman</b> , Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, Claudio Nunes, Fulvio Fantoni
4	<b>Pierre Zimmermann</b> , Alain Levy, Herve Mouiel, Pierre Sapporta
5	<b>Drew Casen</b> , Richie Schwartz, Andrei Gromov, Aleksander Petrunin, Paul Chemla, Christian Mari
6	<b>Mike Katz</b> , Billy Miller, Curtis Cheek, Sidney Lazard, Bart Bramley
7	<b>Reese Milner</b> , Sam Lev, Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Bob Blanchard, Marc Jacobus
8	<b>George Jacobs</b> , Ralph Katz, Mitch Dunitz, Iftikhir Baqai, Boye Brogeland, Espen Erichsen
9	<b>Roy Welland</b> , Bjorn Fallenius, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Jimmy Cayne, Geir Helgemo
10	<b>Nick Nickell</b> (NPC), Bob Hamman, Zia Mahmood, Jacek Pszczola, Michal Kwiecien
11	<b>Mike Moss</b> , Joe Grue, Louk Verhees, Jan Jansma
12	<b>Juan Ventin</b> , Luis Lantaron, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Buratti, Guido Ferraro, Giorgio Duboin
13	<b>Rose Meltzer</b> , Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lou Stansby
14	<b>E.C. Angelini Parioli</b> , Benito Garozzo, Nicola Del Buono, Alfredo Versace, Valerio Giubilo
15	<b>Seymon Deutsch</b> , Paul Soloway, Ron Smith, Billy Cohen, Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski
16	<b>Lou Ann O'Rourke</b> , Fredrik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau, Peter Fredin, Magnus Lindkvist

# John "Jocko" Roberts Teams: VP Standings After Day 1 (6 Matches)

(Team Rosters on p. 2)

Team #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total	Rank
1		25	13		6							21			30	30	125	2
2	5			25		30					23	11	7				101	5
3	17			24	30					29				28		5	133	1
4		5	6			10	0		30	23							74	12
5	24		0			29						11	0	11			75	11
6		0		20	1			25	25		9						80	10
7				30				21	29				4	8		12	104	4
8						5	9		25		1		11		12		63	15
9				0		5	1	5		11					18		40	16
10			1	7					19		21				9	10	67	13
11		7				21		29		9		4			27		97	9
12	9	19			19						26		19	6			98	8
13		23			30		26	19				11		10			119	3
14			2		19		22					24	20			12	99	6/7
15	0							18	12	21	3					12	66	14
16	0		25				18			20				18	18		99	6/7

## John "Jocko" Roberts Teams Prize Awards



Place	Players
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$50,500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$37,800
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$25,200
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$15,000
Best 3rd Session (not in top 4)	\$7,500



### Special Notice: World Bridge Productions Pairs Pre-Auction

In order to generate interest and facilitate the live WBP Pairs auction, to be held on Saturday morning, May 10, provisions have been made to accept bids prior to the start of the live auction. Here's how it will work:

Arrayed around the Registration Desk will be preliminary owners' cards for all expected participants. (Not all of these pairs may attend, but the vast majority is expected.) If you wish to bid on a pair you may do so by entering the amount of your bid on the pair's card and signing your name opposite the bid amount (minimum bid = \$1000).

These bids will be considered binding, just as if they were made in the live auction. If your bid is not topped in either the pre- or live auctions you will become the owner of the pair and have all of the attendant rights and responsibilities. Remember, each pair must buy back 10% of their purchase price and may buy back up to 40% of themselves if they are so inclined.

Please confirm your bids with the appropriate parties at the Registration Desk.

## Entrants for the WBP Pairs 2003: Dedicated to the Memory of Joe Jabon

(Based on information available at press time. This is unofficial. Updates will be published as they become available.)

Pair #	Pair #
1 Barry Schaffer – Colby Vernay	14 Kent Mignocchi – Beverly Perry
2 Alan Graves – Brian Maksymetz	15 Vincent Demuy – Gavin Wolpert
3 Lenny Holtz – Renee Mancuso	16 Lynn Baker – Debbie Rosenberg
4 Terri Casen – Larry Cohen	17 Sheila Ekeblad – Michael Seamon
5 Roger Lord – Jaqueline Sincoff	18 Alan Cokin – Harold Lillie
6 Leonard Ernst – Richard Halperin	19 Lars Froeland – Aksel Hornslien
7 Mike Cappelletti Jr. – Lou Ann O'Rourke	20 Steve Cox – Marshal Lewis
8 Bob Blanchard – Reese Milner	21 Les Amoils – Darren Wolpert
9 Russ Samuel – Shawn Samuel	22 Simon Kantor – Jim Robison
10 Mark Lair – Jim Mahaffey	23 Garey Hayden – Barbara Kasle
11 Kyle Larsen – Jo Morse	24 Marjorie Michelin – Bob Morris
12 Rob Crawford – Dan Jacob	25 Ken Kranyak –
13 Dan Klein – George Mittelman	

## Entrants for the Cavendish Pairs 2003

(Based on information available at press time. This is unofficial. Updates will be published as they become available.)

Pair #	Pair #
1 Mike Passell – Eddie Wold	26 Jan Jansma – Louk Verhees
2 Andrei Gromov – Aleksander Petrunin	27 Joe Grue – Mike Moss
3 Billy Cohen – Ron Smith	28 Sabine Auken – Daniela Von Arnim
4 Michael Kwiecien – Jacek Pszczola	29 Russ Ekeblad – Ron Rubin
5 Eric Greco – Geoff Hampson	30 Bob Hamman – Zia Mahmood
6 Paul Chemla – Christian Mari	31 Andrea Buratti – Massimo Lanzarotti
7 Perry Johnson – Jeff Meckstroth	32 Drew Casen – Richard Schwartz
8 Ross Grabel – Jon Wittes	33 Rose Meltzer – Peter Weichsel
9 Glenn Milgrim – Chris Willenken	34 Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes
10 Dennis Dawson – Eric Rodwell	35 Bart Bramley – Sidney Lazard
11 Valerio Giubilo – Alfredo Versace	36 Peter Fredin – Magnus Lindkvist
12 David Berkowitz – Larry Cohen	37 Bjorn Fallenius – Roy Welland
13 Seymon Deutsch – Paul Soloway	38 Luis Lantaron – Juan Ventin
14 Alan Sontag – Lew Stansby	39 Doug Doub – Adam Wildavsky
15 Curtis Cheek – Billy Miller	40 Piotr Gawrys – Krzysztof Jassem
16 Boye Brogeland – Espen Erichsen	41 George Jacobs – Ralph Katz
17 Fred Stewart – Kit Woolsey	42 Marc Jacobus – Sam Lev
18 Pierre Sapporta – Pierre Zimmermann	43 Andy Robson – Rita Shugart
19 Chris Compton – Gaylor Kasle	44 Walid El Ahmady – Tarek Sadek
20 Alain Levy – Herve Mouiel	45 Nels Erickson – Gene Freed
21 Grant Baze – Michael Whitman	46 Nicola Del Buono – Benito Garozzo
22 Peter Bertheau – Fredrik Nystrom	47 Jimmy Cayne – Geir Helgemo
23 Gary Cohler – Harry Tudor	48 Giorgio Duboin – Guido Ferraro
24 Bill Passell – Aubrey Strul	49 Fred Gitelman – Brad Moss
25 Bobby Levin – Steve Weinstein	50 Czary Balicki – Adam Zmudzinski

## The John "Jocko" Roberts Teams: Day One

### Match One:

The first set saw two nearly impossible defenses, one for each pair. Unfortunately, neither of the pairs at the table we watched found this brilliancy—in fact, no one in the room (to the best of our knowledge) managed either defense.

Bd: 7	♠ AK8		
Dlr: South	♥ A875		
Vul: Both	♦ 93		
	♣ 7632		
♠ Q765		♠ 1043	
♥ K3		♥ QJ1096	
♦ Q1082		♦ 7	
♣ 1095		♣ KJ84	
	♠ J92		
	♥ 42		
	♦ AKJ654		
	♣ AQ		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
(1) Game force, might be balanced			

Reaching 3NT was fairly easy, and Levy found the ♥Q lead, overtaken by the king. Fantoni ducked, won the next heart as Levy followed low, then led a diamond to the jack and queen. Mouiel returned the ♠7 and Fantoni naturally hopped up with the ace, then discovered the very bad news in diamonds. He cleared the diamonds, then had to guess which black-suit finesse to take. But with both critical cards sitting right he could not go wrong. The winning defense is really difficult to find, particularly on this auction. Mouiel has to shift to a club at trick two, and now the defense has the tempo to set up two club tricks to go with their two diamonds and one heart.

The next deal saw Fantoni with the problem...

Bd: 8	♠ AJ864		
Dlr: West	♥ KJ62		
Vul: None	♦ QJ4		
	♣ A		
♠ Q1032		♠ K5	
♥ Q		♥ A107	
♦ K1062		♦ 8	
♣ J985		♣ KQ107642	
	♠ 97		
	♥ 98543		
	♦ A9753		
	♣ 3		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
	1♠	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The French did well to get to the notrump game since 5♣ is off three cashing tricks. Fantoni led the ♦Q and Mouiel won his king as Nunes signaled encouragement. Mouiel then drove out the ♣A and when Fantoni continued with jack and a third diamond declarer claimed nine tricks. The winning defense is for Fantoni to lead a low diamond to the ace at trick three and for Nunes to then shift to a heart. How would Nunes know to shift? Well, it's not 100% but if Fantoni had good diamonds he would cash the ♠A before leading the ♦4, setting up declarer's ninth trick (dummy's ♠K to go with his six clubs, ♦K and ♥A) to force South to return a diamond as the only way to beat the contract, thus removing any losing options for the defense. This was worth a game swing for the French but the Brachman team won the match comfortably nonetheless.

### Match Two:

Bd: 12	♠ K2		
Dlr: West	♥ KQ95		
Vul: N/S	♦ 765		
	♣ K743		
♠ AQ8643		♠ 975	
♥ A1074		♥ J63	
♦ J		♦ KQ82	
♣ Q10		♣ A96	
	♠ J10		
	♥ 82		
	♦ A10943		
	♣ J852		

There were two nice plays to report on Board 12, both in defense of 4♠.

Where Fallenius-Welland were defending 4♠, Fallenius led the ♥K. When Welland discouraged from his doubleton declarer saw no reason to hurry to draw trumps; instead, he tried the ♦J. Welland took his ace and returned to hearts to get his ruff, with the ♠K still to come for down one.

Where Bertheau-Nystrom defended 4♠, Bertheau led a diamond to his partner's ace. Nystrom returned a systemic ♥2 (consistent with honor-fourth or small doubleton) and Bertheau took the *king* to shift to a club. Can you blame declarer for flying with the ace, then cashing two diamonds to pitch a heart and club? From that point on he had to lose a spade and a heart for down one.

Bd: 13	♠ 1064		
Dlr: North	♥ Q1082		
Vul: Both	♦ 84		
	♣ K1074		
♠ 532		♠ AK87	
♥ AJ9643		♥ K75	
♦ KJ2		♦ A9765	
♣ 2		♣ J	
	♠ QJ9		
	♥ ---		
	♦ Q103		
	♣ AQ98653		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
	Pass	1♦	4♣
4♥	5♣	5♥	All Pass

Billy Cohen's boost to 4♣ forced Levin to commit to 4♥, and when Ron Smith raised the ante one more time it was tough for Weinstein to defend (and collect +500) rather than try for 5♥. On the ♣4 lead to the ace Cohen took his time before switching to the ♠J (the ruff and discard could be fatal on a different day). Levin took the ♠K, led a heart to the ace, then played on diamonds to find a home for his spade loser. The bad news for Levin-Weinstein was that all routes led to one down; the good news for them was that they won 5 imps on the deal when Deutsch-Soloway played in 6♥ down three at the other table.

Bd: 17	♠ KQ5		
Dlr: North	♥ J752		
Vul: None	♦ 9853		
	♣ 43		
♠ A109643		♠ J2	
♥ AK9		♥ Q10643	
♦ 72		♦ K6	
♣ A8		♣ KQ76	
	♠ 87		
	♥ 8		
	♦ AQJ104		
	♣ J10952		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦(1)	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass
(1) Game forcing			

Levin-Weinstein reached the only game that had chances, but ran into a nice defense. On the ♣J lead Weinstein took

the straightforward line of winning in hand and playing the ♠J to the queen. Back came a diamond to the king and ace and Cohen played two more rounds of the suit to force Weinstein to ruff in hand. Now Weinstein could cash the ♥AK, unblock the ♣A and draw two more rounds of trumps, but with the ♠K guarded offside and the clubs guarded on his left he had to go down a trick. But this was a flat board since 4♥ also went down at the other table on a less inspired line of play.

Bd: 18	♠ 7532		
Dlr: East	♥ A		
Vul: N/S	♦ 65		
	♣ KQJ1062		
♠ K4		♠ Q6	
♥ K87		♥ QJ643	
♦ AKJ82		♦ Q10973	
♣ 973		♣ 8	
	♠ AJ1098		
	♥ 10952		
	♦ 4		
	♣ A54		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦(1)	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦(2)	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
(1) Transfer to hearts			
(2) Invitational			

The Levin-Weinstein auction blew their opponents out of the water on a hand on which N/S were cold for eleven tricks in spades. Smith held the damage by beating 4♥: He led the ♣K and continued the suit to set up a force, eventually collecting the three aces and a trump trick. At the other table Balicki-Zmudzinski bid to 5♦ and lost their three aces for a slightly fortunate flat board for Deutsch.

### Match Three:

Bd: 22	♠ A109652		
Dlr: East	♥ K1083		
Vul: E/W	♦ ---		
	♣ 1075		
♠ J8		♠ 43	
♥ AQ74		♥ J652	
♦ AKQ765		♦ J3	
♣ A		♣ KJ962	
	♠ KQ7		
	♥ 9		
	♦ 109842		
	♣ Q843		

West	North	East	South
Moss	Hamman	Grue	Zia
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Zia had brought his red cards for use in this match and he was able to generate a couple of nice swings here.

His jump to 4♠ encouraged Moss to double (for takeout) and although 5♣ might have escaped unscathed, Zia doubled 5♦, secure in the knowledge that his partner had to have the hearts over Moss. That was a quick 500.

A couple of boards later it was Joe Grue's turn to feel the wrath of Zia's red cards.

Bd: 24	♠ 87		
Dlr: West	♥ KQ942		
Vul: None	♦ AQ53		
	♣ 104		
♠ J62		♠ 543	
♥ J865		♥ A73	
♦ K84		♦ J7	
♣ J97		♣ AKQ82	
	♠ AKQ109		
	♥ 10		
	♦ 10962		
	♣ 653		
West	North	East	South
Moss	Hamman	Grue	Zia
Pass	1♥	1NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♣	Dbl
All Pass			

Grue's 1NT overcall looked safe enough, but Zia's double persuaded him to retreat to the safety of 2♣—after all, who would be able to double that? Zia corrected him on that account and led the ♥10—after all, anyone could lead out the top spades. He had a bad moment at trick one, and when declarer turned up with five solid clubs he was even less happy. But all was well: declarer was held to his six top tricks and that was +300 for the Mad Doubler.



Bd: 25	♠ QJ109		
Dlr: North	♥ 43		
Vul: E/W	♦ 10872		
	♣ Q95		
♠ A76		♠ 5	
♥ A6		♥ KJ10852	
♦ K43		♦ A6	
♣ A10762		♣ KJ83	
	♠ K8432		
	♥ Q97		
	♦ QJ95		
	♣ 4		

Playing against George Jacobs (South) and Ralph Katz (North), Cezary Balicki (West) and Adam Zmudzinski (East) reached 7♣ on the auction: 1♥-2♣; 2♥-2NT(GF); 3♣-3♥; 3♣-(Dbl)-Rdbl; 4♣-4♦; 4NT-5♦(3 KCs); 5♣-5NT(no ♣Q); 6♥-7♣. Having arrived in such an ambitious contract Balicki then proceeded to draw a very fine inference to make it.

Zmudzinski had shown six hearts and three or four clubs in the auction, so when Zmudzinski was prepared to look for a Grand, Balicki hoped dummy would produce the ♣Q—or at the very least the ♣J. When Katz led the ♠Q Balicki decided that Jacobs figured to have some spade length but had not overcalled. Given the vulnerability (and the possibility that South might have a diamond honor) it looked reasonable to assume that North had the ♣Q. So Balicki won the spade lead, cashed the ♠A and led a club to the jack to score up his vulnerable Grand. Easy game!

#### Match Four:

Bd: 4	♠ 98632		
Dlr: West	♥ 10		
Vul: Both	♦ A7		
	♣ K10632		
♠ AJ		♠ 54	
♥ J8763		♥ KQ52	
♦ J62		♦ KQ104	
♣ AJ4		♣ Q97	
	♠ KQ107		
	♥ A94		
	♦ 9853		
	♣ 85		

How good are your opening leads? Most North's got to test their skills after the opponents uninterrupted auction: 1♥-2♦; 2♥-4♥ or 1♥-2NT(Jacoby); 4♥. After hearing the first auction we expected Joe Grue to lead an attacking club. But no, he led a spade and now declarer had no chance to avoid four top losers. On the "expected" club lead (which was found at many tables) declarer wins in hand and leads a heart. The defense can set up their club or a spade but not both, and declarer can shake his other black-suit loser on a diamond after drawing trumps.

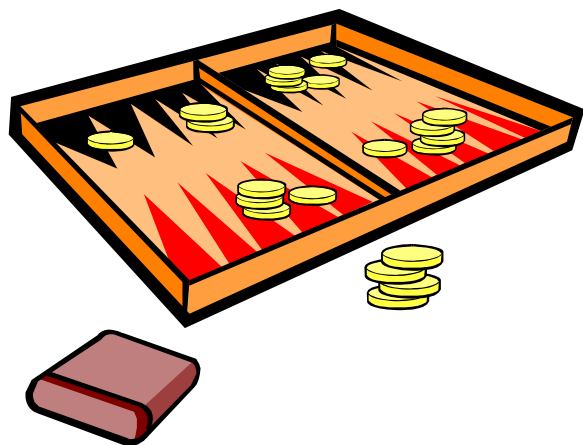
Bd: 8	♠ 943		
Dlr: West	♥ J104		
Vul: None	♦ Q1052		
	♣ Q109		
♠ AQJ105		♠ K876	
♥ ---		♥ Q32	
♦ A643		♦ 87	
♣ J862		♣ K743	
	♠ 2		
	♥ AK98765		
	♦ KJ9		
	♣ A5		

4♣ by West is a fascinating spot (yes, 5♥ by N/S might be equally fascinating). On a trump lead you win in dummy and lead a diamond. South puts up the king, which you allow to hold, and tries to cash the ♥K. Contrast what happened next at two tables. At the first table, the (unnamed) declarer ruffed the heart, played ♦A and ruffed a diamond, crossed to a trump and ruffed another diamond. Now he led a club and put in the eight. North won and played a second heart. Declarer ruffed and ducked a second club to the now bare ace. But a third heart tapped declarer out in both hands and trick thirteen was won by Garozzo's ♠9.

Eric Rodwell declared 4♠ doubled on the auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>			
1♠	Pass	2♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

He also scored the ♠6 at trick one, ducked the ♦K, ruffed a heart in hand and then played ♦A and ruffed a diamond. But next he ducked a club to North. If North returns a trump now declarer is in control—he ruffs a diamond and then ducks a second club; if North plays a second heart declarer ruffs and ducks a club, then ruffs a third heart, cashes his high trump, then crosses to the ♣K to draw the last trump and takes trick thirteen with a long club. So that was +590.



### Match Five:

Bd: 15	♠ AK2		
Dlr: South	♥ A43		
Vul: N/S	♦ J109		
	♣ KJ65		
♠ J76		♠ 10985	
♥ K98		♥ J107	
♦ Q7643		♦ K82	
♣ 92		♣ A108	
	♠ Q43		
	♥ Q652		
	♦ A5		
	♣ Q743		

At most tables N/S reached 3NT after a strong notrump and Stayman. East typically led the ♠10 and declarer won in hand and drove out the ♣A. Now it was up to East to find the shift: With declarer apparently having the ♣KJ and ♠AK, he was marked with a top heart honor for his strong notrump. Unless he is exactly 3=2=4=4 he is quite likely to be able to set up the thirteenth heart if East gives him time. The defense can get the thirteenth spade, together with a club and two hearts but no more. Does that mean that East can legitimately find the diamond shift? Maybe only with the sight of all fifty-two cards.

Chip Martel as East avoided the problem by ducking the second club. Now if declarer had played a third club Stansby could have played an encouraging diamond, so declarer changed his attention to hearts, leading low to dummy's queen and king. Stansby went back to spades, and that set up the defense's fifth winner before declarer had his nine, since Martel could win either the heart or club to lead a diamond through in good time.

### Match Six:

Bd: 19	♠ KQ972		
Dlr: South	♥ 9543		
Vul: E/W	♦ A		
	♣ K102		
♠ 4		♠ 103	
♥ AQJ762		♥ K10	
♦ K10		♦ QJ9875	
♣ J975		♣ AQ6	
	♠ AJ865		
	♥ 8		
	♦ 6432		
	♣ 843		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Lazard</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Levin</i>
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♠
All Pass			



Here's a cute hand reported to us by Bart Bramley. Against Weinstein's 4♠ contract Bramley led the ♠K. Lazard made the correct play of overtaking with the ace, but now he was at the crossroads. While the ♦K shift is seductive looking at dummy, watch what happens. Declarer wins the ace and sets about on a crossruff. He ruffs a heart, ruffs a diamond, and then ruffs another heart as East pitches a diamond. Another diamond ruff is followed by another heart and East is finds himself in a bit of a pickle in the following position:

	♠ KQ9	
	♥ 9	
	♦ ---	
	♣ K102	
♠ 4		♠ 103
♥ QJ		♥ ---
♦ ---		♦ QJ
♣ J975		♣ AQ6
	♠ AJ8	
	♥ ---	
	♦ 6	
	♣ 843	

If East pitches a club declarer can prevail by ducking two clubs to East. If East ruffs declarer can overruff, draw the two outstanding trumps with the ace, then exit with dummy's last diamond while pitching a club from his hand endplaying East. And finally, if East pitches another diamond declarer simply ruffs dummy's last diamond, draws trumps ending in dummy and plays a club, covering West's card and endplaying East. So East is squeezed in three suits—one of them trumps!

Did you find the way to defeat 4♠ at trick two? West must shift to either the ♣J or ♣9 (a low club won't do as declarer simply ducks and finesses West's ♣J later) and East, upon winning the trick, must exit in another suit and not try to give West a (nonexistent) club ruff.

Well, that's all for now. We'll complete our coverage of yesterday's play and the final three matches tomorrow.




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## A Profile of the Winning Pair

by Sam Leckie, Scotland

As most of you will know, I've correctly forecast the winners of this tournament for the past two years (and won plenty of your dollars in the process). There's no way I can expect you to bet against me a third time, because by now you will realize that I know what I'm talking about when it comes to picking the winner of this event. But to try to win back a few friends I've decided to help you sort out this year's winning pair.

The most important factor to look for is that the partnership is an established one, and has been through all the complicated situations that will arise. I'm talking about forcing or non-forcing sequences in an unusual bidding sequence, where absolute partnership confidence is a must.

Take the Hamman-Zia partnership. Every year I go home drooling at a wonderful hand one or both have played. But to win this tournament—no way! There are other great players who fall into this category this week: Helgemo, Meckstroth, Soloway, Rodwell and Lev to name but a few. (I know

Rodwell-Fleisher did it a few years ago but believe me lightning doesn't strike twice.)

Another important factor is that the pair can stand the heat when the going gets tough. Levin-Weinstein is a great example of this when last year they came from an "impossible" position to win it. Lesser established pairs would have thrown in the towel long before that.

My next two factors lead me on to touchy subjects: sex and age. All I'll say about the former is: sorry ladies, it's not your turn—just yet. I'll also eliminate any partnership where one of them is aged 65+. Out too are pairings where both players are relatively young. Why the latter? In the long run they will find the "money" pressure too much for them.

World Bridge Productions insists I say no more at this stage for fear it could affect the auction prices. If, however, you want me to narrow it down even further for you, watch this space (after the bids are in of course).