

# France leads Indonesia; China 20 up on U.S.

## Open Olympiad

Yesterday was one of the most exciting days in the history of bridge. At the conclusion of the semifinals, Denmark whooped and hollered because they had just beaten Indonesia and had earned a berth in the Open Olympiad final. France had staged off a tremendous comeback on the part of Chinese Taipei to keep their chances for a repeat victory in the Open competition.

And then it happened – the Indonesians compared scores and they discovered the match was a dead tie. When the Danish fans heard this, they found it hard to believe – why, the vugraph plainly showed that they had won by 5.

And that was the problem – one of the early boards had been misreported to the vugraph room, and Denmark had been credited with 5 more IMPs than they were entitled to. The official scorecards of both teams showed the same result – a 217-217 tie. That meant an eight-board playoff.

Going into the final board of the playoff, more drama! Denmark apparently had the match won, but the Danish adherents suddenly became apprehensive. It appeared that Dennis Koch-Palmund and Jens Auken were probing for slam – and the vugraph screen indicated that the slam would NOT make. Sure enough, Denmark got to the slam while Indonesia stopped in game. The swing was enough to make Indonesia the winner, 230-226.

In the other semifinal, France made a huge gain on Board 93 – bidding a grand slam that made while Chinese Taipei stopped in 3NT. That put the match just about out of reach of the Far East team, and France went on to win, 209-190. Nevertheless, it was a fine showing by a spirited Chinese Taipei team. (Incidentally

Denmark made the same 16-IMP gain against Indonesia on Board 93 – Denmark making the grand slam at one table and Indonesia stopping in 3NT at the other.)

Of course the final between France and Indonesia was late in starting. France came roaring out of the starting gate, taking a 59-10 lead after 16 deals. They picked up another 2 IMPs in the second segment, so they will begin today's 64 boards with a lead of 96-45. This is a 128-board match – the final 32 boards will be played tomorrow.

## Women's Olympiad

The United States, ahead by 13 going into yesterday's deals, poured it on against defending champion Austria. They gained an additional 26 IMPs over the first 16 hands, then closed out the match with a 40-38 segment. That put the United States in the final, 264-223.

China was already a lock for a final berth before yesterday's play started. Canada stayed around to play 16 boards, but at that point they were trailing by 200, 306-106, and they withdrew.

China started fast in the final, racking up 56 IMPs to only 20 for the Americans in the first segment. The U.S. gained back 16 over the next 16 deals, so the score going into today's final 64 boards is China 91, U.S. 71. This 96-board event will conclude today.

## Bronze medal playoffs

Chinese Taipei and Denmark decided to play only 32 boards to determine third place and the bronze medal in the Open competition. Denmark was the victor, 84-71.

In the Women's playoff, Canada and Austria

agreed to play the full 48 boards scheduled. Canada had two outstanding set, 40-16 and 46-1, totalling 86-17 with only 16 boards to go. That makes it appear that Canada is the likely medal winner.

## Mixed Teams

The battle for the four semifinal spots in the World Championship Mixed Teams is coming to a climax today. There are three more Swiss matches today, leading to tonight's 30-board semifinal. The winners will play for the title tomorrow in a 32-board match.

After 12 matches, the leader by 15 Victory Points was the Heather Dhondy team made up of players from Iceland and Great Britain. A team captained by Mark Feldman, USA was second. The leader going into yesterday's matches, Mrs. Nahmens of France, now is third, another French team captained by Mrs. Faivre ranks fourth.

The teams are extremely closely bunched, with more than a dozen teams right on the heels of the leaders.



The Danish players discover that the match with Indonesia was tied, not won, as they compare scores.

## Semi-final Results

### OPEN

Country	1st Sess.	2nd Sess.	3rd Sess.	4th Sess.	5th Sess.	6th Sess.	Extra 8 Boards	Total
INDONESIA	52	25	40	44	25	31	13	230
DENMARK	42	31	29	25	47	43	9	226
CHINESE TAIPEI	8	28	42	44	45	23		190
FRANCE	51	31	26	25	13	63		209

### LADIES

Country	1st Sess.	2nd Sess.	3rd Sess.	4th Sess.	5th Sess.	6th Sess.	Total
AUSTRIA	57	64	26	30	10	38	223
UNITED STATES	75	33	15	65	36	40	264
CHINA	59	37	89	83	37	Canada Concedes	306
CANADA	34	11	6	38	17	the match	106

## Final Score

### OPEN

Country	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
FRANCE	59	37	96
INDONESIA	10	35	45

### LADIES

Country	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
CHINA	56	35	91
UNITED STATES	20	51	71

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## Save the last board for Lauria

By T.P.O.T.O.

Italy won its round-robin, of course. In the last match vs. Latvia, Lorenzo Lauria was playing, as usual, with care – but more relaxed. Maybe he was already thinking of dinner.

*Maybe Suvlaky, or Dolmades, and why not Mussakas? Oops! It's the last hand – I have to play 3NT. Let me pay more attention.*

The very last 13 cards of the the round-robin:

Board 16. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Lauria, as usual, was in the North seat. East led the ♣5 which ran to the jack.

*A gift. Well, I'll start testing the diamonds, the long suit .*

... The ♦A and another diamond to the jack, queen and king.

*Why the ♦K immediately? Let's wait and see ...*

West produced the ♠5 (2, 6, 7), and on the second round of the suit, Lauria took the trick with his ace.

*I don't believe in friendly diamonds. Perhaps there are two or three things to do before ...*

Small club to the ace (West discards a spade) and the ♠J. West ducked (other options?) and Lauria ...

*Maybe Dolmades, light and tasty ...*

♦10 (discarding the ♠4) and the ♦5 (getting rid of the very useless ♣K!) The ♦9 of the desolate West won the trick, the third for the defense. No more chances for the defense – they couldn't get another trick. Nine tricks against the eight in the other room (and many other rooms).

*Or Tzatziki, Ghemista and feta cheese?*

## A Hellenic gift

The Hellenic Bridge Federation has a fine gift for all the teams and journalists attending the Olympiad. It is a diskette with all the deals from the Round-Robin and the Knockout phase.

The Diskette will be available in the Press Room after the final.

The deals also will be available on Internet on the WBF web site: WWW.Bridge.GR.

**Ton Kooijman**  
Operations Director

## Jewish Sabbath ceremonies

Anyone interested in taking part in Jewish Sabbath ceremonies late this afternoon should contact Matthew Granovetter, Room 201, Rodos Palace, or come to Room 201 before 17.00.

# A VETERAN FULFILLS HIS CONTRACT

By Daniel Auby, Sweden

Mats Nilslund is the veteran of the Swedish team. Though only 45 years old he made his debut in the European Championship in Estoril, Portugal, in 1970 at the age of 19. He sometimes loses in Appeals Committees, but at the table he's a winner. Watch how he makes this 2♣ contract (deal rotated to make South the declarer.)

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
	Fallenius		Nilslund
INT <sup>(1)</sup>	2♣ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	2♦
Dble	Rdbl <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> 13-15 HCP

<sup>(2)</sup> Stayman!

<sup>(3)</sup> Equal length in the majors

You are declarer as South.

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

West leads a small spade won in dummy, and a heart is led back to West's queen. Another spade to dummy was followed by a second heart to West's king. He plays his third spade to dummy, East contributing the jack.

At this point Mats played a third heart to West's ace. West, out of spades, exited with the ♠10, which went to the jack, queen and ace. Time to take stock. The position is:

♠ 3  
♥ 7  
♦ 2  
♣ K 7 6



♠ -  
♥ -  
♦ Q 8 5 4 3  
♣ 9 5

West has shown long diamonds, so he appears to be 3-3-5-2, possibly 3-3-4-3 or 3-4-4-2. He has one but not both top diamond honors. You must win either four club tricks or three clubs and a diamond. How do you proceed? If East had ♣Q8xx you must go to dummy with a ruff, finesse in clubs and somehow reenter dummy to cash the last club. How can this be done?

To keep East out for the moment, Mats exited with the ♦Q! West covered obediently with the king and shot back a diamond, best, which Mats ruffed with dummy's last spade while East contributed the ace. Since East now seems marked with four clubs, he is a 4-2 favorite to hold the ♠8. Mats therefore led and passed the ♣6, which won the trick.

Now it was time for the heart loser. He led it to East's jack and . . . discarded the blocking ♣9 from dummy! East was endplayed at trick 11 and at trick 12 had to play a club up into Mats' K 7 tenace. Eight tricks in the bag!

It was Board 7 from Round 31 of the Open Teams. The board is not rotated in this diagram.

Game All. Dealer South.

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

## APPEAL

By Rich Colker

World Transnational Mixed Teams, Round 6.

Board 35. East/West Game. Dealer South.

Yukelic		Paulissen	
♠ 9 6		♠ A 10 8 4	
♥ J 10		♥ A Q 9 7 6 3	
♦ Q J 10 9 4		♦ A 7	
♣ K 8 7 4		♣ 5	
Ivancic		West	
♠ Q 7		Pass	1♦
♥ K 4		2♥	Pass
♦ K 3 2		Pass	5♣
♣ A Q 10 6 3 2			
North		East	
1♦		1♥	
Pass		4♥	
5♣		Dble	
South			
1♣			
2♣			
Pass <sup>(1)</sup>			
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Hesitation

**Facts:** Five clubs doubled went down two, plus 300 for E/W. The Director was called to the table at the end of the auction. E/W stated that South's pass of 4♥ was slow. South stated that she was generally a prompt bidder, but admitted that she took around 15-20 seconds to pass 4♥. After consultation, the Director ruled that pass by North was a logical alternative to 5♣. Under Law 16A the score was adjusted to 4♥ by East made four, plus 620 for E/W.

**The Appeal:** N/S appealed the Director's ruling. In addition to the facts presented above the committee heard North testify that he had not noticed any hesitation when the tray was returned after South's and

West's passes over 4♥. North stated that he passed 2♥ in order to see what E/W would do, intending to bid 5♣ if they bid to game. He said that he refrained from raising South's clubs because he did not want to disclose the N/S fit to E/W in case it would make bidding their game easier. However, when they finally bid 4♥ he bid 5♣, realizing that it would be somewhat of a "gamble" (i.e. the save might be a phantom). North believed that anyone would bid 5♣ with his hand.

**The Committee's Decision:** The committee considered three questions in deciding this case. First, was there a hesitation by South over 4♥? They agreed that there was. Second, could the hesitation have made the winning bid of 5♣ with the North hand more attractive? Again the answer was yes. Third, would some number of North's peers have passed 4♥ had there been no hesitation (i.e. was pass by North a logical alternative to 5♣)? Once again the committee answered in the affirmative. The result on the board was therefore adjusted as the Director had done originally to 4♥ by East made four; plus 620 for E/W. Finally, the appeal's merit was considered. Given President Damiani's wishes that the atmosphere for this event be relaxed and social, and that enjoyment be the primary objective, and also given the relative newness of the Croat players to world bridge competition, the committee decided by the narrowest of margins to return N/S's deposit.

**Committee:** Richard Colker, USA, chairman; Tommy Sandmark, Norway; Steen Moeller, Denmark; Grattan Endicott, Great Britain, and Paul Hackett, Great Britain.

## IBPA names d'Orsi Honor Member

Ernesto d'Orsi of Brazil, past president of the World Bridge Federation and now a member of the WBF Executive, was named the 1996 Honor Member of the International Bridge Press Association. Only one member of the bridge world is so honored each year.

D'Orsi has an exemplary history of achievement in bridge. He was the chairman of the 1972 Bermuda Bowl World Championships in 1972, then ran one of the best World Championships ever held in 1979 in Rio de Janeiro. He repeated the feat at the World Championships in Sao Paulo in 1985.

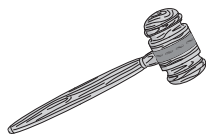
An outstanding player in his own right, d'Orsi also has been the major force for bridge in South America for about two decades. He has been president of the Brazilian Bridge Federation and the South American Bridge Federation.

He has been a key figure in the World Bridge Federation for many years, and he served as president in 1991.

He also has served the bridge press as a member of the Executive of the IBPA.

## The Victory Gala

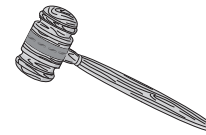
The Victory Gala and prize-giving ceremony will be held in the Jupiter Room. Please note – this is a change of venue.



# APPEALS

## CASES 23 - 24

By Tommy Sandsmark and Rich Colker



### 23 Olympiad Open Teams Quarterfinals Poland vs. Chinese Taipei

**The Committee:** Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman); Ron Anderson, USA; Barbara Nudelman, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Edgar Kaplan, USA; George Retek, Canada, and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

Board 21. Love All. Dealer North.

	<b>Balicki</b>		
	♠ A 3		
	♥ K Q J 3		
	♦ 10 7 5		
	♣ K 10 5 4		
<b>Huang</b>	N	E	<b>Kuo</b>
♠ Q 10 5 2	W	S	♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 9 7 6 4			♥ A 10
♦ A K 3 2			♦ 6
♣ J			♣ A Q 8 7 6 2
	<b>Zmudzinski</b>		
	♠ K 9 6		
	♥ 8 5 2		
	♦ Q J 9 8 4		
	♣ 9 3		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	1♣	2♣	2♦
Dble	All Pass		

Table result: down two = +50 E/W.

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table at the end of the play. South claimed there had been different explanations on either side of the table as to the double of 2♦. East had explained to North: "Penalty". West to South: "Probably take-out - has not been discussed". North claimed that if his partner had had the same info as he was given by East, he would go only one down. The play went: ♠J to the ♠K and ♠A. ♠Q (heart discard from West) and ♠2 to the ♦Q (another heart discard from West). South then played the ♠6 to the ♠A, another spade to the ♠K and South's last spade, ruffed with the ♦5. The ♥K was played and East won the ♥A leaving this position:

	<b>Huang</b>		
	♠ -		
	♥ Q J 3		
	♦ 10 7		
	♣ 10		
<b>Huang</b>	N	E	<b>Kuo</b>
♠ Q	W	S	♠ J
♥ 9			♥ 10
♦ A K 3 2			♦ 6
♣ -			♣ 8 7 6
	<b>Zmudzinski</b>		
	♠ -		
	♥ 8 5		
	♦ J 9 8 4		
	♣ -		

Now followed the ♠6 from East. South ruffed with the ♦J. West pitched his last heart, and the contract had to go two down, the defense winning two club tricks, four diamond tricks and one heart trick.

**TD's ruling:** The TD believed the wrong explanation not to be of consequence to the bad score. The result stands. North/South appealed.

**The parties involved:** South maintained that he thought that West had 5-5 or 5-4 in the major suits and therefore misplayed the hand. He knew that East was likely not to hold more than three diamonds, as West turned out to hold only a single club. E/W stated that they thought South had misplayed the hand at trick eight (diagram). If South simply discards a heart on East's

♣6, West will have to ruff, and Declarer will have one more trick.

**The Committee:** The Committee believed E/W when they said that they had no agreement as to the double of 2♦. This is confirmed by the fact that East did not pull out in spite of his poor diamond holding. In addition, West had told South that he was in doubt himself. West had made a bid which was clear-cut to him, and it didn't matter how his partner would perceive it, as he also held both the majors. The committee agreed with the TD that South's claim of damage was not the cause of the bad score. South misplayed the hand at trick eight.

**The final result:** The Committee upheld the TD's decision. If you misplay your hand, you should never try the double shot of a replay by the Appeals Committee. The deposit was therefore forfeited.

### 24 Women's teams Quarterfinals

Germany vs. Canada

**The Committee:** Bobby Wolff, USA (Chairman); Ron Anderson, USA; Virgil Andersen, USA; Barbara Nudelman, USA; Joan Gerard, USA; Edgar Kaplan, USA; George Retek, Canada; Steen Moeller, Denmark, and Tommy Sandsmark, Norway (Scribe).

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

	<b>Auken</b>		
	♠ A Q J 9		
	♥ K 9 8 5		
	♦ J 9 2		
	♣ K Q		
<b>Gordon</b>	N	E	<b>Reus</b>
♠ 10 8 5	W	S	♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 3 2			♥ A 10
♦ 8 6			♦ A K Q 10 4 3
♣ A J 9 4 3			♣ 7 6
	<b>von Arnim</b>		
	♠ 6 4 2		
	♥ J 7 6 4		
	♦ 7 5		
	♣ 10 8 5 2		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	INT <sup>(1)</sup>	Dble <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
Pass	2♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> 14-16 HCP

<sup>(2)</sup> Good one-suited hand (defensive tricks) or a 17-18 balanced hand

<sup>(3)</sup> Alerted and explained by North to East: "Either ♦, or if I run, 4-4 in the majors". Not alerted by South

<sup>(4)</sup> Forcing

Table result: down one = +100 E/W.

**TD's statement of facts:** TD was called to the table at the end of the session. E/W claimed that they had been damaged by South's failure to alert the 2♦ bid. With the right explanation, E/W would have found 3 NT.

**TD's ruling:** The score stands.

**The parties involved:** West claimed that the lack of an Alert of 2♦ made her believe that the bid was natural. In that case, East's ♦ holding could be less, and she expected East to have the strong, balanced type. After the forcing pass by East, she therefore decided to dou-

ble, whereas she would nearly always have bid 2NT otherwise. North said that she had left the agreed system and only tried to be fair, telling her screenmate what she was actually holding, which she expected her partner to understand.

**The Committee:** The Committee found proof on N/S's convention card that North had other bids at her disposal than the one she applied to describe her hand. Thus North had only tried to be ethical when she actually described her own hand to East. It would, however have been more correct if she had stated the facts, that there was no system agreement to the bid she made. Her explanation did, however, constitute convention disruption. This put her partnership in a very disadvantageous situation, as the TD is obliged to rule misexplanation on both sides of the screen.

As to E/W, the committee unanimously agreed that East had displayed poor bridge judgement when doubling 2♦. She was sure to know that North would run to the majors, and had nothing to gain by the double. 2NT or 3NT would have been far better. West, on the other hand, could have been misguided by the convention disruption, and nobody can blame her for doubling 2♥.

**The final result:** The Committee decided that due to East's poor bidding, the result stands for E/W. However, since there had been a misexplanation that could have damaged West, the committee decided to award N/S a procedural penalty of 2½ IMPs for convention disruption. The deposit was returned.



## THE ISRAEL BRIDGE FEDERATION

The Israel Bridge Federation invites all players, delegates, officials, journalists and guests attending the 1996 World Bridge Olympiad to the two upcoming International Bridge Festivals in Israel.

(1) *The second Red Sea International Bridge Festival* will be held at The Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat, from November 17-24, 1996. The program features Open Pairs, IMP Pairs and Swiss Teams competitions, with prizes totalling more than \$10,000.

(2) *The 31st Israel Bridge Festival*, Israel Convention Centre, Tel Aviv, will be held from February 13-22, 1997. The program includes Mixed Pairs and Teams, Open and Women's Pairs, Swiss Teams and an Invitation event.

We hope to see you in the Holy Land,

**David Birman**  
Festivals Chairman

**Dr. Nissan Rand**  
President Emeritus, Israel Bridge Federation

P.S. - All those who register for either festival during the Olympiad here in Rhodes will receive a further 15% discount off their registration and hotel costs.

Please register with either D. Birman (Room 1322).

# Denmark v Indonesia

Open Semifinal – Set Four

Midway through their semifinal match, Indonesia held a narrow lead of 15 IMPs. On the third board of the second half the lead was almost doubled.

Board 51. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Giovanni Watulingas showed a balanced 20-22 and Sance Panelewen bid 3♠, both minors. Watulingas bid 4♣, natural and showing willingness to consider a slam. Panelewen just jumped straight to 6♣. A heart was led and declarer took what looked to be his best chance of an overtrick by finessing the ♦10 after drawing trumps. That lost but the spades went on the diamonds for +920.

Jens Auken also showed a strong balanced hand and Denis Koch-Palmund jumped to 6NT. Eddy Manoppo led a spade to the ten and ace and Auken cashed four rounds of clubs then paused to take stock. It seemed that a squeeze was probable if he could read the ending but it was all a little unclear. In practise, cashing the fifth club would have put East under too much pressure, but eventually Auken decided on the simple 50% shot of a diamond to the ten and was one down; -50 and 14 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 53. North/South Game. Dealer North.

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

Here, Auken showed a limit raise of Koch-Palmund's 1♠ opening and Koch-Palmund went on to game but there were four inevitable losers; -100.

Panelewen also opened 1♠ and when Soren Christiansen doubled Watulingas bid 2♥, showing a constructive spade raise. Panelewen bid 3♣ and made nine tricks there for +140 and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 54. East/West Game. Dealer East.

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



Photograph courtesy of Kodak's new digital camera

Henky Lasut, Indonesia

After three passes, Koch-Palmund opened 1♥ and raised the 1♠ response to game. Manoppo led ♣10 to the ace and Auken tried a diamond to the ten and jack. Back came another club to the king. Now Auken embarked on a crossruff, playing ace and another heart, but the bad heart break was too much for him and East was able to eventually overruff a diamond and lead a trump; one down for -50.

In the other room, Lars Blakset opened 1♥ in third position and Panelewen overcalled INT. Christiansen doubled and Blakset removed to 2♦, which ended the auction. The lead was a top club followed by ♠Q and, when that was ducked, ♠10. Blakset won the second spade, ruffed a spade and played a club. Panelewen won and switched to his trump to the queen and ace and Blakset cashed ♦J, getting the bad news. He exited with ♥K to the ace and Panelewen played queen and a third heart. Blakset ruffed with dummy's now lone king and led a club to make his last trump; two down for -200 and 6 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 57. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

The Danes had made a couple of modest gains which we have not seen, but finally they got a major swing. In the Open Room, Koch-Palmund opened 1♦ and Auken responded 1♥. Manoppo overcalled 1♠ and, when Koch-Palmund made a splinter raise in hearts with 3♠, Henky Lasut bid 4♣. That was promptly doubled by Auken. After a club lead and heart switch it went three down for 800 to Denmark.

The Indonesians had a free run in the Closed Room. After 1♦ - 1♥ - 3♠ (splinter), Watulingas used RKC then bid 6♥. Christiansen doubled for an unusual lead and Panelewen decided that the mathematics of the situation favoured a redouble - he did, after all, have

a void where it might have been a singleton. Sure enough, Blakset led the ♠ and Watulingas rose with the ace, ruffed. He won the club switch and pitched his diamond loser on the second club then set about a crossruff - minus 200 and 14 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 64. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Indonesia missed a chance on the last board of the set but still picked up a useful swing.

In the Open Room, Manoppo opened 1♠ as dealer and Lasut responded INT. Auken overcalled 2♥ and when that came back round to Lasut he bid 3♣, ending the auction. Every important card was lying badly and Lasut had to go one down; -100.

In the Closed Room, Blakset also opened 1♠ and the response was again INT. Blakset rebid 2♣ and Christiansen relayed with 2♦ then bid 3♥, showing a feature, over the 2♣ reply. That gave Watulingas a chance to double to show his hearts. Blakset passed and Christiansen bid 3NT.

The Danish sequence had limited both hands and they were known to be in game on marginal values so Panelewen, as he was the first to admit, might have doubled, given his spade holding. He passed, however. Watulingas led a heart and Christiansen won in hand, crossed to a diamond and took the club finesse. Watulingas switched to a spade and a heart return sealed declarer's fate; four down for -400 and 7 IMPs to Indonesia.

Indonesia had won the set by 44-25 IMPs and took a handy lead of 34 IMPs into the final 32 boards the next day.



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Denny Sacul, Indonesia

# Austria v United States

Women's Semifinal – Boards 65-80

The United States led by 13 IMPs, 88-75, as the fifth set of deals went into play yesterday morning. The first major swing went to the Americans.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

In the Closed Room the auction was short and sweet – 2NT by North, 3NT by South. East led a heart, and Irina Levitina easily raked up 10 tricks. But the bidding went altogether differently in the Open Room.

Maria Erhart opened third hand with a forcing club. Terry Weigkricht bid a negative 1♦ – and Lynn Deas had room to bid a lead-directing 1♠. Erhart still got to 3NT, but Juanita Chamber's spade lead let Deas set the contract off the top – 10 IMPs to the U.S.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Austria bought the contract in both rooms, but neither contract succeeded.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fischer	Levitina	Bamberger	Blanchard
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Doris Fischer, West, did not bid over 4♥, but when Gabriele Bamberger carried on to 5♣, she decided her singleton and ace plus three trumps would prove very helpful. Bamberger won the ♠K opening lead, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart. Then came a diamond ruff and another heart ruff – but Levitina overruffed. There was no place to get rid of the spades, so declarer was beaten two tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Deas	Erhart	Chambers	Weigkricht
2♦	Pass	3NT	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Strangely enough, clubs were never bid. Deas led the ♦J to the ace, and Chambers led a suit-preference ♣10. This was ruffed, and Terry Weigkricht led the ♥K to knock out the ace. Chambers won, led a spade to Deas' ace and ruffed the diamond return. Later the

defense got another spade trick to inflict a 300-point set for a 9-IMP gain.

12 IMPs rested on Chambers' difficult decision at trick 11 of the next hand.

Board 9. East/West Game. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Asks partner to bid 2♦ as a relay

<sup>(2)</sup> 16-17 HCP, three spades and a singleton somewhere

Deas and Chambers both knew that they were going to play in a 4-3 fit no matter which major they chose to play in. Chambers became the declarer in 4♥. After winning the opening ♣Q lead, she cashed two diamonds and ruffed a third. She got back with a club ruff, crossed to the ♠A and ruffed another club. After cashing the ♠K, she ruffed another diamond with the ace. When she led the ♣10, North ruffed and Chambers pitched her spade.

Then Erhart led a trump, and Chambers was at the moment of truth. She still had the ♥Q-10, but the king and jack were both missing. If South had the king, she must play the 10, but if South had the jack, she had to go up with the queen. Chambers, usually a very speedy player, thought and thought and thought and finally played ... the 10! Down one for a crucial push on the deal.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fischer	Levitina	Bamberger	Blanchard
4♣	1♥	1♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♦
6♣	Dble	All Pass	6♥

As you can see, North-South would have had no problem with the heart slam – with the cards lying as favorably as they do, they could even make seven, as indeed Denmark did in their match against Indonesia. The obvious three aces were taken against 6♣ – 500 to



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Jovanka Smederevac, Austria

the U.S., which looked a possible gain for Austria. But look at what happened at the other table.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	5♥
5♣	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> Either a weak two in spades or a weak two-suiter in hearts and a minor.

It was clear that East/West were going to compete a long way in spades when Deas had six cards in the suit her partner overcalled. Deas started to pick up her bidding cards when the tray was pushed through after the 5♣ bid, but Weigkricht stopped her, then went into deep thought. She finally rejected the 6♥ possibility and passed. So the deal turned into a major 9-IMP gain for America when Chambers was beaten only one trick undoubled.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Deas	Erhart	Chambers	Weigkricht
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

This was the only board in this entire set on which Austria scored. After a canape auction they reached a heart game on only 21 HCP and scored it up. The Americans at the other table stopped in a heart partial, so Austria gained 10 IMPs.

## The fatigue factor

By Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Poland

The Polish Open team consisted of five household names and one debutante. Although Grzegorz Gardynik is a top Polish player, this tournament featured his debut as a member of the national team.

He proved during the round-robin that he deserved his place on the team.

This was from the Round 29 match against Luxembourg:

Love All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ Q 9 7 ♥ A 9 7 4 ♦ J 6 ♣ A J 6 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 3 2 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ 10 5 ♣ Q 9 5</p> <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center;"> <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> <p>♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 ♣ 4</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ K 4 3 2 ♣ K 10 8 7 3</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 ♣ 4</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
	Gardynik		Przybora									
	Pass	1♦	Pass									
1♥	1♠	Dble	Pass									
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass									

East's double promised three-card heart support and invitational values.

North's first problem was what to lead? A spade might be into the ace-queen, whilst diamonds and hearts had been bid. So it would have to be a club.

Which one?

Gardynik went for the ♣9, the only card to give declarer any problems.

The first trick was completed by the four, king and ace, and declarer ran the ♦J which lost to the king. The return of the ♣7 was ducked and declarer made a small mistake when he discarded a heart from dummy.

South switched to his spade and North's ten was allowed to hold.

Gardynik found the good exit of the ♥J, taken by dummy's king. Declarer cashed four diamonds to leave this ending:

<p>♠ Q 7 ♥ A ♦ - ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ K J 3 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q</p> <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center;"> <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> <p>♠ A 6 5 ♥ 8 ♦ - ♣ -</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A 6 5 ♥ 8 ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A 6 5 ♥ 8 ♦ - ♣ -</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ Immaterial ♥ ♦ ♣</p>											

When declarer played a heart to his ace, North, despite his good defense, was helpless.

He discarded the ♠3 but, he after so many matches, declarer failed to notice that he could have exited with the ♣J to endplay North. Instead laid down the ♠A and was one down.

## Bubu's Brilliancy

By Mark Horton

Germany's Nedju Buchlev is nicknamed "Bubu" – please don't ask me how he acquired it.

In 1994 he and his partner here, Andrea Rauscheid, were the only mixed pair to qualify after playing from the start for the World Open Pairs final in Albuquerque. On this deal he was able to bring home a contract that was defeated by two tricks in the other room:

North/South Game. Dealer West.

<p>♠ 10 4 ♥ 5 3 ♦ K J 9 6 4 2 ♣ Q 10 6</p>	<p>♠ K 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ K J 8 7 4 ♦ A 3 ♣ -</p> <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center;"> <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> <p>♠ A 9 3 ♥ - ♦ 10 8 7 5 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4 2</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q J ♥ A Q 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q ♣ A K J 3</p>	<p>♠ Q J ♥ A Q 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q ♣ A K J 3</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
	Rauscheid		Buchlev									
3♦	4♦	Pass	4♠									
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass									

West led the ♠4.

Declarer won the ♠A and started on a crossruff. After three club ruffs and two heart ruffs, these cards remained:

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

Declarer cashed the ♠K and was pleased to find the remaining cards in the suit dividing. He took the ♦A to remove East's possible exit card and got off play with the ♥K.

There was nothing East could do – he was eventually forced to concede a trick to dummy's ♥10.

+790 went well with the +500 collected in the other room against 4♠ doubled.

## GAME-GOING GOTARD

By Mark Horton

Barbara and Tomasz Gotard were the Geman Mixed Pairs champions in 1965. On this deal Barbara brought home a game that was defeated in the other room.

North/South Game. Dealer North.

<p>♠ 7 5 3 ♥ 10 6 ♦ A K Q 8 6 3 ♣ J 7</p>	<p>♠ J 10 2 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q 5 3 2</p> <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center;"> <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> <p>♠ A K 8 4 ♥ Q 9 8 5 2 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ 9</p>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ A K 3 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ 10 8 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ A K 3 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ 10 8 6 4</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
	Gotard		Gotard									
	1♣	Pass	1♥									
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl									
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥									
Pass	4♥	All Pass										

West started with two top diamonds. Barbara ruffed and cashed the ♠A-K to get rid of her remaining diamond. She then ran the ♠J and a second spade went to the queen and her ace.

She played a heart to the seven. East won with a deceptive ace and returned a club.

Reading the position perfectly, Barbara ruffed with the ♥Q and played another trump from hand. The appearance of West's ten was a happy sight and she was able to claim ten tricks.

## Congratulations and thanks!

By the Grand Danois

Dear Editor:

Do you realize that the number of readers of your Daily News has increased enormously during the past few years? For decades, only players, kibitzers and organizers present at the Championships have read the bulletins. However, new technology (computers and Internet) has made it possible for bridge players and journalists to follow the play and the results – almost on-line.

Today the World Bridge Federation, several NCBOs and even bridge clubs have their own home page. Due to a lot of volunteers, bridge news as well as software and other valuable material are now available to everyone.

On behalf of the gentlemen of the press, I want to thank the pioneers, in particular Chyah Burchard (USA), Niels Wendell Pedersen (Denmark), Hans van Staveren (Netherlands) and Ivan Calame (Switzerland). They have done an outstanding job with Championship bulletins from everywhere (downloading, transmitting, repairing, etc.). Thanks to them and to the organizers of the Championships, it is now possible to inform the rest of the bridge world just shortly after the results are published on the Internet.

### Special announcement for players born in 1941 or earlier

The two highest ranking teams (where all team members were born prior to 1942) in the Swiss, who did not qualify for the semifinal, will play a 30-board playoff at 20h on Friday, November 1. The winning players will receive a certificate of recognition as the best senior mixed team and 50 WBF master-points.



# OPEN SEMIFINAL - THE FINAL SET

After an excellent morning set, Chinese Taipei went into the last 16 boards of their semifinal match against defending champions, France, with a useful but hardly impregnable lead of 21 IMPs. Meanwhile, Indonesia's lead over Denmark had shrunk to just 12 IMPs.

## FRANCE v CHINESE TAIPEI

France picked up an overtrick IMP on the first board. Then, after two pushes, came something a little more substantial.

Board 84. Game All. Dealer West.

<p>♠ J 9 5 ♥ 7 ♦ A K Q 2 ♣ J 10 9 8 2</p>	<p>♠ A K 8 4 3 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ 10 9 4 3 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ A K J 4 3 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K 5 3</p>
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In the Closed Room, Lin opened a Precision 1♦ as dealer and Christian Mari overcalled 1♠. Shen bid 2♥ and competed to 3♥ over Marc Bompis' raise to 2♠. Bompis led a spade and Mari won, cashed a second spade and switched to his singleton club. Three rounds of clubs meant one down; -100.

In the Open Room, Herve Mouiel did not open the West hand and now his side had a free run to 3♥. With no spade bid from partner, there was no reason for Patrick Huang to lead the suit and 3♥ came home with an overtrick; +170 and 7 IMPs to France, trailing now by only 13 IMPs.

Board 85. North/South Game. Dealer North.

<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ J 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ K J 10 2 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ A K 6 5 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A K 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 8 7 5 4 ♣ Q 10 6 4</p>
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Disaster for Chinese Taipei! After eight rounds of bidding in a strong club auction, 6♥ was bid as a grand slam try in spades and was passed! That was five down. In the other room, Bompis opened a strong no trump out of turn and nobody noticed. He bid 2NT over Mari's Stayman enquiry, showing both majors. Mari bid 4♦ now, a transfer to 4♠, and then he raised to 6♠. He hoped that by giving West a blind lead the slam would make sometimes even when it was a bad one. Lin led his club and Bompis won, drew trumps, gave up a club and ruffed them out for +1430 and 18 huge IMPs to France, who were now in the lead.

## INDONESIA v DENMARK

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Koch-P	Lasut	Auken
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass	Rdbl	Pass	4♠

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Sacul	Christiansen	Karwur
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

The natural auction in the Open Room didn't get the job done. Auken used the fourth suit but then just jumped to game when Koch-Palmund showed no extra distributional feature. I always thought that this fourth suit then jump to game sequence showed a hand too good for 4♣ on the previous round but without a diamond control. Obviously not in Denmark.

Sacul had to open a Precision 1♦ so clubs became the fourth suit and he raised to show length in the suit. He was happy to cuebid when Karwur agreed spades and now a jump to 5♠ asked for good trumps, making it automatic for Sacul to bid the slam. There were no problems in the play, of course, so that was 13 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 90. Game All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A 9 8 3 2 ♥ K 9 7 5 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ K J 7 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ K Q 9 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 5 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 5</p>
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## FRANCE v CHINESE TAIPEI

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mouiel	Kuo	Levy	Huang
1♠	INT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♥
		All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Mari	Shen	Bompis
Pass	INT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♣
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, Herve Mouiel's 1♠ overall simplified the auction as Che-Hung Kuo was happy to play no trump now that his spades appeared to be well placed. But 3NT was swiftly beaten. A spade to the ace and a spade back to the jack and queen and the suit was cleared. A losing diamond finesse let West in to cash his spades, though at least the ♦10 was an entry to hand after unblocking the clubs so Kuo was only one down; -100.

Lin did not overcall in the Closed Room, and I confess to finding the French auction a little puzzling. What is Mari doing bidding 3♠, presumably asking, when he has a good stopper in the suit and could just bid 3NT? Perhaps Mari was right, but certainly Bompis was not on the same wavelength. He bid 4♣ and Mari raised himself to five. With two nicely placed kings, a sure spade trick and

evidence of a bad trump break, Lin doubled 5♣. A spade to the ace and a spade back gave Mari a problem. He took the king then finessed in diamonds but that lost and a third spade forced him to ruff with dummy's ace. That left him with three trump losers; -800 and 12 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, who were back in the lead.

In our other match, Indonesia played 4♥-2 and Denmark 3NT-1 for 3 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 91. Love All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ J 10 9 5 3 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K 7 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ A K 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ A K Q 10 9 5 3 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ 9 8</p>
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There were major swings in both semifinals on this board.

## FRANCE v CHINESE TAIPEI

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Mari	Shen	Bompis
Pass	1♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Mari did well to bid 4NT, two places to play, over Bompis' value-showing double. Bompis chose diamonds, of course, and Shen thought his defense merited a double. He led a heart and switched to a spade to Mari's king. Mari led the ♦10 and ran it then a second diamond to Shen's ace. Mari ruffed the heart continuation, cashed the ♦K and played a club to hand. Knowing that East was short in the black suits, Mari cashed the other top club and ran the trumps, squeezing West; +550.

In the other room, Kuo passed Huang's double but they could not find the difficult defense to beat 4♥ so that was another 590 to France and 15 IMPs, again we had a new leader.

## INDONESIA v DENMARK

Denmark declared the same two games as had France, but only 5♦ was doubled. In the Closed Room, Blakset opened 2♣, weak with spades and a minor, and raised Christiansen's forcing 3♥ response to game. Franky Karwur led ♣J, ducked, and he switched to a trump. Christiansen won and played a club to the queen and king and Denny Sacul switched to his low spade to put Karwur in for another trump lead. But Karwur didn't read the position and tried to cash a second spade instead, now Christiansen was home; +420.

The Open Room saw the more popular start to the auction of 1♦ from North, 4♥ from East. Jens Auken now made the intelligent bid of 4♣, rather than double. His passed hand status meant that he could not really have more than five spades so there was an implication that he had tolerance for some alternative strain. Dennis Koch-Palmund bid 4NT for the minors over Manoppo's penalty double of 4♣ and Henky Lasut doubled both that and the run out to 5♦. It is all very well to double 5♦, but it is another thing to beat it. No problem to Lasut. He led his singleton spade and Koch-Palmund won in hand to run the ♦9. But Lasut won the next diamond and underled his heart honors to put Manoppo in to give him his spade ruff; one down for -100 but still 8 IMPs to Denmark.



Board 93. Game All. Dealer North.

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

FRANCE v CHINESE TAIPEI

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lin	Mari	Shen	Bompis
	1♠	3♥	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The weak jump overall made life difficult for the French pair as the diamond suit, the crucial source of tricks, could never be shown. Mari/Bompis had had a reasonable set up to now with the exception of the -800 in 5♣ doubled, but it was nothing spectacular and it was clear that they were worried that they had missed an important chance. They need not have been concerned as +1460 proved to be worth +13 IMPs to France. In the other room, Kuo opened a strong no trump and, with East remaining silent, Huang just used Stayman then raised the 2♠ response to game. No slam was under consideration, let alone the grand.

As it turned out, that was the last swing of any note in the match and France had turned it around, winning the set by 63-23 IMPs and taking the match by 19 IMPs overall. The reigning champions had made it back to the final once more.

INDONESIA v DENMARK

Sacul also opened a strong no trump with the North hand. Here, Christiansen did intervene with 3♥ and Karwur, who presumably did not have a takeout double available, made a fairly surprising bid of 3NT. There were 13 tricks, of course, but +720 looked rather inadequate.

And so it proved to be. Koch-Palmund opened 1♠ and Lasut did not intervene, or at least not immediately. Auken made a forcing raise via 2NT and Koch-Palmund now bid 3♣, denying any shortage but also saying that he was not minimum. Now Lasut wandered in with 3♥ and Auken bid an encouraging 3♠, showing a singleton club. Koch-Palmund asked with 4♥, getting 4NT showing first-round heart control and one ace in total. Next, Koch-Palmund asked with 5♦ and heard 5NT, second-round diamond control plus the trump queen. Finally, Koch-Palmund asked for a further heart control, but Auken could see the potential of his diamond suit. Since he knew the partnership held all the controls, he jumped to 7♣. An excellent effort to bid the cold grand and it earned the Danes 16 IMPs. The scores were tied with three boards to go!

Board 94. Love All. Dealer East.

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

In the Open Room, Lasut did not open the East hand and Manoppo opened a Precision 1♦ in third seat. Lasut responded 2NT, showing diamonds, and Manoppo passed. Auken led a spade, ducked to the king, and back came a club. When Auken won that with the ten, the suit was blocked. Lasut could duck the next club then go about his business and he eventually established eight tricks; +120. In the other room, Christiansen did open the East hand, with a weak no trump. Blakset used Stayman and that gave Sacul a chance to double for the lead. They subsided in 2NT but that was too high as Karwur obediently led the ♣K. Christiansen was two down and Indonesia had a 6 IMP swing and a 6 IMP lead. Two boards to go.

Board 95. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

Karwur passed as dealer and Blakset opened 1♣. The Danes had a free run to 3NT by Christiansen and that made exactly when the ♦K obligingly fell under the ace; +400. Auken opened the South hand with 2♦, showing a weak hand with at least 4-4 in the majors. Manoppo overcalled 2♥, takeout with better clubs than diamonds, and Koch-Palmund preempted with 4♥. Lasut tried 5♦ and that ended the auction. Auken led a heart and Lasut led the ♦Q at trick two, trying to pin a bare jack offside. That was not a success, but with a loser in each sidesuit, it only meant an extra undertrick; -100 and 11 IMPs to Denmark and a 5-IMP lead.

The final board was a dull 3NT+1 for East/West at both tables; no swing. So Denmark were in the final! Or were they? As the crowds were streaming out of the vugraph theatre congratulating the Danes, the unhappy Indonesians got together and scored up. According to their calculations, the match was an exact tie! It transpired that a wrong score had been transmitted to the vugraph technicians and an early board had come in as 1NT+1 instead of 1NT-1. That made a 5-IMP difference. Sure enough, the scores really were tied.

You can imagine how the two teams felt. A great reprieve for Indonesia and a sudden crash down to earth for the Danes. The conditions of contest stated that in the event of a tie the two teams would play a further eight boards. Meanwhile, it was decided to put back the start of the finals to allow time for the teams to have a break between the extra eight boards and the start of the finals.

THE LAST EIGHT

The vugraph crew were hurriedly put back on duty and the first board appeared on the screen. To allow comparisons throughout, the Closed Room began with Board 8. At the time, we could never have imagined how perfectly that was going to work out.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Jens Auken was West on vugraph and he opened 2♠, weak. Henky Lasut made one of the most miserable 3♦ overcalls I have seen and Dennis Koch-Palmund competed with 3♠. Eddy Manoppo had a go at 3NT and that was that. Manoppo won the low spade lead in hand and took the diamond finesse. When that lost the defense took five spade tricks; two down for -100.

Giovanni Watulingas opened 2♦, multi, and Soren Christiansen doubled, either 13-16 balanced or some big hand. Sance Panelewen bid 2♠, showing interest in hearts, and Lars Blakset bid a natural 2NT. When that got round to Panelewen, he competed with 3♥. Watulingas gave that a bit of a dirty look, after all, his partner had shown interest in hearts and not spades on the previous round. He eventually got it right and converted to 3♠, ending the auction. Blakset led a diamond to the ace and Christiansen switched to a heart to the king and ace. Back came a club for the ace then a second heart. Panelewen won and played a spade to the ace, unblocked the ♣K and played a second spade; +140 and first blood to Indonesia, albeit only 1 IMP.

Board 1 was flat then the respective Wests had a bidding problem. At favorable vulnerability, you pick up:

♠ K 8 7 6 5 4 3  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ K 8 6 5

Partner opens 1♥ and you respond a spade. Over 2♦ from partner you bid 2♠ and now Panelewen bid 2NT and Koch-Palmund 3♦. What do you fancy in each case?

Opposite the 2NT bid, Watulingas jumped to 4♠, while facing the 3♦ bid Auken bid only 3♠. Partner was 0-5-5-3 and there were two aces and three spade tricks to be lost; 2 IMPs to Denmark, ahead by 1 IMP.

Board 3. East/West Game. Dealer South.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Lasut	Koch-P	Manoppo
			1♦
Pass	1NT	2♥	3♦
4♥	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Watulingas	Christiansen	Panelewen	Blakset
			1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

In the Open Room, it rather sounded as though North/South were saving against 4♥, so Koch-Palmund doubled. A heart was led and Manoppo won, drew one round of trumps, and played ♣Q to the king. Koch-Palmund cashed his other top spade then switched to the singleton club and got his ruff; two down and 300 to Denmark.

In the Closed Room, it sounded as though Blakset was bidding to make - he was. Nobody saw fit to double 5♦ and Watulingas also led a heart. Blakset led his low club at trick two and Watulingas rose with the ace in case it was a singleton. It was not easy to give the

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# China v United States

Women's Final – Boards 1-16

China was first to get on the scoreboard in the Women's final against the United States.

Board 2. North/South Game. Dealer East.

<p>♠ 6 ♦ A J 10 8 6 ♥ K 8 4 ♣ A Q J 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 3 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A J 9 ♣ K 10 9 8 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ 10 7 6 3 ♣ 7 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sun	Deas	Wang	Greenberg
		Pass	1♠
Dble	Redbl	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Zhang Ya	Chambers	Gu
		Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Neither Sun Ming nor Shawn Quinn would let the opponents play in their spade game, but they had different ways of handling the situation. Sun decided to save, and she went down only 500, which figured to gain 3 IMPs against the spade game. But Quinn didn't think Gu Ling could make 4♠, so she doubled. That was 790 to China for the first 7 MPs of the match.

China decided to save again on Board 5 – and again it was the right thing to do.

Board 5. North/South Game. Dealer North.

<p>♠ K Q ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ K 10 8 7 ♣ 8 7 3</p>	<p>♠ J 8 7 ♥ K J 8 6 ♦ Q 6 5 4 3 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 5 2</p>
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<p>♠ A 10 9 6 5 4 2 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ – ♣ A K 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 5 2</p>
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W E					
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Both North/South pairs got to 4♠, but only Gu got to play it there, making five – plus 650. At the other table Sun took the save in 5♣. The opening lead was the ♠A, a choice Gail Greenberg would regret. It permitted declarer to get rid of a losing heart and escape for down one doubled. That translates to 11 IMPs to China, who now led, 20-0.

Board 8 was another big gain for China.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

<p>♠ K 6 5 3 ♥ A J 3 2 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ J 5</p>	<p>♠ Q J 7 2 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A 10 8 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A 10 8 4 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 8 4 3 ♣ K Q 2</p>
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<p>♠ 9 ♥ Q 10 9 8 7 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ 9 7 6</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 10 8 4 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 8 4 3 ♣ K Q 2</p>
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W E					
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Once again both teams reached 4♠. The bad trump break of course causes serious problems, and the American declarer, Juanita Chambers, suffered a one-trick defeat. But Wang managed to work her way through to 10 tricks.

The opening lead was a club to the jack and ace. A second club went to the king, and Wang started the trumps right by leading to the king. North split her honors on the second trump lead, and Wang won the ace. She led a diamond and won with the king when South ducked. Lynn Deas ruffed the ♦Q and cashed the high trump.

Then a club to the queen let Wang discard a diamond from dummy. She led the ♦J, covered by the ace and ruffed in dummy. Next came the ♥A and a heart ruff to her hand where she had all good diamonds for her contract and 10 IMPs.

Seven-IMP gains on Boards 9 and 11 increased China's lead to 44-3.

The Americans finally made a major gain on Board 14.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ K 10 7 ♥ 5 ♦ K 10 7 3 2 ♣ K 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 2 ♥ Q J 10 2 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ A Q 9 2</p>	<p>♠ J 6 5 4 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 10 8 6 5</p>
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<p>♠ A Q 9 3 ♥ A K 9 8 3 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ J</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ J 6 5 4 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 10 8 6 5</p>
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W E					
S					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sun	Deas	Wang	Greenberg
		Pass	1♥
Dble	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

This contract presented no problems – plus 450 for the U.S.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Zhang Yalan	Chambers	Gu
		Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Zhang Yalan and Gu were a bit too optimistic with their Precision Club auction here. There was no serious source of tricks in no trump, and the ambitious slam suffered a three-trick set – 12 IMPs to the U.S.

But China got all but one of those IMPs back on the final board when Zhang Yalan was allowed to play in 4♥ and scored 10 tricks. At the other table, Deas and Greenberg probed for slam, but stopping in 5♥ didn't help much – down two for an 11-IMP loss.

The first segment of the 96-board final was almost all China, who were leading, 56-20.



## Greetings from the Nafsika Room

By Athanasios Nonymous

After eight losses we still weren't in last place, but we were playing at Table 43 nevertheless.

A truly transnational team composed of players from Hong Kong, Singapore, Montreal, Toronto and Istanbul handed us defeat No. 9. One mistake against a team from across the water, from Izmir, made it ten in a row.

We were now last, but we had a chance of catching a dropout who of course would remain at 136 VPs. The dropout also meant we were playing in a three-way match for the final two rounds of the day. In Germany this is known as a Sandcastle because it resembles three groups of four children playing on the beach and scooping IMPs in their sandbuckets.

In the Sandcastle we met a Pakistani foursome and a French team that included Dutch international Japp van der Neu. This proved very droll indeed. It actually proved to be a great advantage to be playing in the Nafsika Room – that meant we could follow the exciting finish of the Open semifinals. I do believe that Isabelle played far more contracts than usual – and Jaap probably saw every board in the Denmark-Indonesia playoff. By now desperate for a victory, we finally managed it against Pakistan.

Board 15. North/South Game. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
A.N.		Partner	
			1♦
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

As I was putting down my cards, my partner asked me what my double meant, but she proceeded to make her contract. After the heart lead and return, she ruffed six times and only then threw her next-to-last diamond on the ♥Q.

Our first win was in the bag, and by now we were hoping that not too many more teams will decide to drop out. We want to stay in our familiar Nafsika.

## CORRECTION

There were two errors in the report on Set One of the Women's quarterfinal match between Canada and China on pages 8 and 9 of Thursday's Daily News. On Board 2, Cimon's opening lead against 4♥ was the ♦A and not a trump as reported. And on Board 15, we inadvertently swapped round the Canadian East/West pair. In fact, Cimon was West and Saltsman East, as they were for the rest of the set.

Our apologies to the players concerned.

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club ruff now and Blakset must have felt a surge of hope when a second heart hit the table. He ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, and cashed the ♣Q. The 4-1 break meant he could not establish the clubs so he led a spade and was one down. But that was worth 6 IMPs to Denmark who led by 7 IMPs at the half-way point in the set. Denmark picked up an overtrick IMP on the next board to lead by 8 IMPs, then came a flat game and a flat partscore. That left one last chance for Indonesia.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ 3          ♥ K J 10 2          ♦ 10 6          ♣ A Q J 10 7 3</p> <p>♠ A K 7 4          ♥ -          ♦ A K 8 7 5 4 2          ♣ K 8</p>	<table style="margin: 0 auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W     E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table> <p>♠ J 9 8 5 2          ♥ A 9 4 3          ♦ Q J          ♣ 6 2</p> <p>♠ Q 10 6          ♥ Q 8 7 6 5          ♦ 9 3          ♣ 9 5 4</p>	N	W     E	S
N				
W     E				
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What a final deal! Both Wests began with 1♦ and their partners doubled the 2♣ overcall. Both cuebid 3♣. Panelewen bid the obvious 3♠ and Watulingas had to decide how to try for slam. He bid 4♦ and Panelewen cuebid 4♥. Even the five level is dangerous for East/West and Watulingas must have been sorely tempted, but he bid a quiet 4♠, leaving any further move to his partner because of his worrisome club situation. Panelewen passed 4♠ and Blakset led a club. That held the contract to ten tricks; +620.

In the other room, Koch-Palmund responded 3♦ to the cuebid. So far as I am aware, that was just a very good bid, rather than systemic, in that it allowed Auken to bid his major, if he had one, and right-side the final contract. Sure enough, Auken bid 3♠ and Koch-Palmund raised to 4♠. Auken thought how best to proceed then and (I think) decided to bid 4NT and assume that a one key card response would be the ♥A rather than the ♣A. Sure enough, Koch-Palmund bid 5♣, consistent with one key card. Now Auken bid 5♦ to ask for the trump queen. Had Koch-Palmund denied the trump queen, Auken would have settled for 5♠ and Denmark would have been in the final, but Koch-Palmund had only promised four spades so far and judged that the fifth trump made it correct to claim possession of the queen. He bid 6♠ and the vugraph audience erupted. Lasut led ace and another club and Auken had no reason to do other than lay down the ace of trumps.

Indonesia had gained 12 IMPs on the final board (shown on vugraph) of the extra eight to win by 4 IMPs. In a match which had been 'won' by both teams, it was Indonesia who would go through to their first ever final. They would take on France, the defending champions, over 128 boards for the title of World Team Olympiad Open Champions.

## Rodos Palace Hotel closes down

Please note that Rodos Palace Hotel will close down for the winter on Monday, the 4th of November. However, some parts of the hotel will not be operational as of Sunday.

Accordingly, participants staying until Monday who are presently in apartments or standard rooms will be asked to move to the executive wing on Sunday afternoon. There will be no additional charge for the room upgrade.

## So you think you know your history, Sam?

By Alan Truscott

I read the history questions offered by Sam Leckie in Monday's Daily News at breakfast. I was pleased to find that I could answer them all without consulting the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge. Some were not obvious.

These were the questions:

1. Olympiad Teams
  - a. Where was the first Bridge Olympiad held?
  - b. In what year?
  - c. Who were the finalists?
  - d. Who won?
2. Women's Olympiad
  - a. Who won this event played in the same year?
3. Bermuda Bowl
  - a. When was the first Bermuda Bowl played?
  - b. Who were the finalists?
  - c. Who won?
4. Venice Cup
  - a. When and where was it first played?
  - b. Who were the finalists?
  - c. Who won?
5. What was unique about the teams that competed in the 1974 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup?
6. Finally, what did Henry Francis say when I suggested that all who get 100% on this quiz should receive a copy of his Encyclopedia of Bridge?

Extra question for Sam Leckie, and everyone else. What two players have won world titles representing two different countries?

I then turned to the official Leckie answers, and I was astonished. Here are the correct answers.

1. Part c. The final consisted of six teams, who finished in this order: 1st France; 2nd Britain; 3rd U.S.A. 4th U.S.A. 5th U.S.A. 6th Italy.
2. The U.A.R. is the right answer. But what was the U.A.R.? Answer: a temporary merger between Egypt and Syria. The players were all Egyptian.
3. b. There were no "finalists". It was a three-team round-robin between U.S.A., Britain, and a Sweden-Iceland combination representing Europe.
4. b. There were no "finalists". It was a challenge match between Italy, representing Europe, and a United States team.
5. Again, there were no "finalists" in the Venice Cup. The accurate answer is: "For the only time in history, the concluding boards in the Open and Women's involved the same teams - in this case Italy and the United States.
6. A slightly better answer from Henry Francis: "The only correct solution would be from Alan Truscott, who edited the Encyclopedia and does not need one.

**Extra question:** Rixi Markus won the World Women's Teams in Budapest in 1937 representing Austria, and World Women's Pairs in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, in 1974 with Fritzi Gordon; Loula Gordon won the World Women's Teams in 1960 representing U.A.R., and the World Mixed Pairs with Tony Trad in 1974 representing Switzerland.

## Bridge on the Internet

By Panos Gerontopoulos

This Olympiad will go on record as the first international bridge tournament to enjoy full coverage on the Internet. While matches were played here in Rhodes, people all over the world were able to follow the Olympiad by contacting the Internet address: [www.bridge.gr](http://www.bridge.gr)

Updated five times every day, the WBF server at this address carried each round's results, the classification after each round, a short writeup with the "News of the Day" and a regular feature, the "Hand of the Day." The Daily News publications were available for downloading every morning.

This coverage is only part of the electronic information service that the WBF is launching on the Internet. The service was initiated, experimentally, last summer with regular broadcasts from Cardiff, Great Britain, site of the European Youth Championships. This was appreciated by many people and formed the basis on which the coverage of the Rhodes Olympiad was designed. As the "hits" (information requests) are yet to be analyzed, at this stage we do not know exactly how many people benefited from the Olympiad broadcasts.

However, we do know that the electronic traffic was enormous throughout the Olympic fortnight, and the server was continuously busy answering requests around the clock.

The WBF Internet server will not be limited to covering international tournaments only. New services are about to be introduced. Plans include lists of WBF member NCBOs with contact addresses, telephone and fax numbers. Information on national membership, tournaments organized around the world and how to enter, a database with Championship results throughout bridge history, etc., will be available.

There will also be various bridge departments offering information and possibility for exchange of opinions (forums), etc. - as, for example, systems, bridge law and appeals committee decisions, bridge promotion, Junior bridge, etc. Major projects like bridge teaching, bridge play, etc. will follow later.

The WBF Internet server, the official electronic outlet of the World Bridge Federation, is not the first bridge service to be made available on the "information superhighway." Similar to the printed world, there are many private, national and commercial services already running.

No doubt many others will follow as the electronic world expands at incredibly fast rates. This is very positive for the development of our game. Unlike TV, bridge is particularly appropriate to the computer world, and we can look forward to a great many benefits from our presence on the Internet.

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# Olympic Bridge Festival

## FRANCES AND TORRES WIN TODAY'S OPEN PAIRS EVENT

Final ranking Pairs tournament October 30th

	<b>I Frances</b>	<b>Torres</b>	<b>66.25 %</b>
2	Tirtadji	Bojoh	64.47 %
3	Skordas	Hadjopoulos	62.01 %
4	Skaanning-Norris	Henriksen	61.72 %
5	Shimamura	Hanayama	60.28 %
6	Mizuko	Akio	59.57 %
7	Borisenko	Zabuga	59.15 %

## PROGRAM OF NEXT DAY'S ONE SESSION EVENTS

FRIDAY	1/11	18.00	OPEN PAIRS
SATURDAY	2/11	11.00	OPEN PAIRS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

After the request of many players, the Olympic Bridge Festival will be continued.

There will be independent Open Pair sessions daily and the prizes will be 60% of the entry fees.

**Today, 1 November 18:00**  
**at Capsis Metropolitan Hotel**

Entry fees : \$20 or 5,000GRD



All journalists present are hereby cordially invited to the annual

## WBF PRESS CONFERENCE

**TODAY, 1st November 1996**

in the  
**APOLLO ROOM**

at  
**10.00 a.m.**

On the panel:

**Mr. José Damiani**, *President of the WBF*

**Mr. Henry Francis**, *President of the IBPA*

**Mr. Nartis**, *President of the Hellenic Bridge Federation*

**Mr. Yannopoulos**, *Mayor of the town of Rhodes*

**Mr. Panos Gerontopoulos**, *IBPA and WBF Liaison Officer*

After the Press Conference, and after the 1st match, at 12.30, the WBF cordially invites all journalists present for a drink in La Terrasse Bar.