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Zakrzewski has best record in Vivendi Rosenblum

The Polish team, Zakrzewski has 215 VPs out of a possible 250 to lead Jan Westerhof's Dutch team by 36 VPs in Group D. Next biggest score is the 207 of Gabriel Chagas of Brazil. That gives them a lead of 21 VPs over Marino of Italy in Group E.

Two-thirds of the way through the group stage, the cream is gradually making its way to the top of the various groups but there are still some heavyweight teams with a lot of work to do. Maas of the Netherlands lies only seventh in Group B behind leaders, Calderwood (GBR) and Svoboda (CZR) with four to qualify; Sussel of France lies ninth in Group E; Bramley (USA) is seventh in Group F.

The group leaders are as follows:

A - Yalcin , Switzerland, 202;	Walvick , USA, 181.
B - Calderwood , Great Britain, 180;	Svoboda , Czech Republic, 170.
C - Nilsson , Sweden, 204;	Burgay , Italy, 193.2.
D - Zakrzewski , Poland, 215;	Westerhof , Netherlands, 179.
E - Chagas , Brazil, 207;	Marino , Italy, 186.
F - Westra , Netherlands, 189.5;	Spiljak , Croatia, 181.
G - Angelini , Italy, 195;	Klar , USA, 168.
H - Rocafort , France, 192;	Lindkvist , Sweden, 185.
I - Robinson , USA, 198;	Price , Great Britain, 187.
K - Cronier , France, 191;	Schaffer , Denmark, 174.
L - Beauvillain , France, 174;	Wolff , USA, 172.
M - Bitran , France, 189;	Kowalski , Poland, 185.5.
N - Izisel , France, 195;	Sundelin , Sweden, 186.
P - Dufour , France, 187;	Schwartz , USA, 180.5.
R - Ross , USA, 197;	Wu , China, 194.
S - Hackett , Great Britain, 195;	Thuillez , France, 184.

Erhart still has best record in Louis Vuitton McConnell Teams

Maria Erhart's Austrian squad still leads Group Z of the McConnell Teams with 160 VPs, three ahead of Karen Allison of USA with 157. The qualification in this event is the top eight teams from each group so there are few top teams in danger of not making the cut.

Other group leaders are:

W - Modica , Italy, 156;	Blouquit , France, 146.5.
X - Morse , USA, 151;	Wood , USA, 146.
Y - McGowan , Great Britain, 149.5;	Munson , USA, 146.5; Solodar , USA, 146.5.

Italy Wins Lipton Ice Tea Junior Teams

The first stage of the Junior Triathlon ended yesterday with a win for Italy in the Junior Teams. The INTONTI team (Intonti, Marino, Pagani, Medusei) lost their last match against a French team by 14-16 VPs, but that was just sufficient to hold off MADSEN (Denmark), who finished with a maximum but were just too far behind. Another Italian team, GUARIGLIA, won their last match by 16-14 when they needed 24 VPs to overtake their compatriots. INTONTI finished 2 VPs ahead of MADSEN with GUARIGLIA a further 5 VPs behind the Danes.

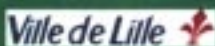
Late arrivals

Yesterday an unexpectedly large number of 'late arrivals' were given out - and NOT just for the first match of the day!

The Conditions of Contest are clear and rightfully severe. Besides the discourtesy to the opponents, the loss of 'playing time' to discuss systems, the play of difficult hands, etc., late arrivals are destructive to the orderly progress of the game. Events of the impressive size of the Rosenblum and McConnell Championships cannot effectively take place without attention to the schedule.

The alternative to penalties is to do what the railroads do - they leave on time and YOU miss the train! Completely!

William Schoder
Chief Tournament Director



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VIVENDI ROSENBLUM CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 10 rounds)

GROUP A			
1	YALCIN	CHE	202
2	WALVICK	USA	181
3	GAL	HUN	176
4	NARTIS	GRC	171
5	SCHOU	DNK	170
6	FARABET	FRA	164
7	ARMSTRONG	GBR	154
8	NADAR	IND	153.5
9	KAPLAN	FRA	142
10	HAMEL	REU	140
11	SHIMIZU	JPN	135
12	ALART	FRA	129.5
13	AWAD	INC	129
14	BIONDIC	HRV	117
15	YALMAN	INC	87

GROUP B			
1	CALDERWOOD	GBR	180
2	SVOBODA		170
3	CAPAYANNIDIS	GRC	168
4	PODDAR	IND	163
5	EKEBLAD	USA	162
6	AXA TEAM	FRA	159
7	MAAS	NLD	157
8	GRAVERSEN	DNK	151
9	AUBRY	FRA	150.5
10	AUBY	SWE	149
11	BRESLAW	REU	141.5
12	COUTURIER	FRA	139
13	LEBELY	FRA	138
14	CLEARY	IRL	116
15	ABE	JPN	112

GROUP C			
1	NILSSON	SWE	204
2	BURGAY	ITA	193.25
3	HOOGENKAMP	NLD	173.25
4	TEAM PROKOM	POL	169
5	WOLFSON	USA	166
6	MUNKSGAARD	DNK	163
7	DARNICHE	FRA	160
8	ADAD	FRA	158
9	WEISS	CHE	143
10	SMITH	USA	141
11	PIPER	INC	139
12	GHOSH	IND	129
13	PIROIRD	FRA	123
14	JIN	CHN	107
15	GOLICHEFF	FRA	90

GROUP D			
1	ZAKRZEWSKI	POL	215
2	WESTERHOF	NLD	179
3	BIRMAN	ISR	172
4	BARRETT	INC	167.5
5	VANHOUTTE	FRA	165.5
6	BARBAROUX	FRA	159
7	FORNACIARI	ITA	159
8	COVO	FRA	157.5
9	ZOBU	TUR	155
10	BROWNSTEIN	USA	146
11	BHARDWAJ	KEN	123
12	SPENCER	GBR	123
13	LACROIX	FRA	116
14	NANIWADA	JPN	116
15	BOURGOIS	FRA	93.5

GROUP E			
1	CHAGAS	BRA	207
2	MARINO	ITA	186
3	SAPORTA	FRA	177.5
4	LANTARON	ESP	171
5	MACNAIR	GBR	167
6	SHIVDASANI	IND	160
7	WENNING	DEU	157.5
8	GAUTHEY	FRA	157
9	SUSSEL	FRA	155
10	ZIMMERMANN	CHE	151
11	HERON	CAN	131.5
12	BRUNO	USA	125
13	BUSSENOT	FRA	109.5
14	DOHNERT	VEN	99.5
15	KERENYI	HUN	95.5

GROUP F			
1	WESTRA	NLD	189.5
2	SPIJAK	HRV	181
3	BOLLE	BEL	171.5
4	JOFFE	ZAF	168.5
5	MARSTON	AUS	165.89
6	LEVENT	TUR	163
7	BRAMLEY	USA	161
8	DEFRANCHI	FRA	148
9	FAZLI	PAK	145
10	BO	FRA	141.5
11	CAWLEY	LUX	137
12	LJUNG	SWE	125.59
13	NA	CHN	118
14	GALLOU	FRA	117.5

GROUP G			
1	ANGELINI	ITA	195
2	KLAR	USA	168
3	SOSLER	USA	162
4	POLETYLO	POL	160
5	BLUMENTHAL	FRA	156
6	PARAIN	FRA	155
7	LEVENDAAL	NLD	154
8	BOUHANNA	FRA	151.5
9	KRETCHNER	FRA	147
10	LIGGINS	GBR	146
11	REPS	DEU	145
12	TOLANI	IND	131
13	WALLIS	AUS	128
14	BAUSBACK	DEU	126
15	SILABUSIDDHI	THA	124

GROUP H			
1	ROCAFORT	FRA	192
2	LINDKVIST	SWE	185
3	ROCHE	CAN	169.5
4	KEJRIWAL	IND	167.5
5	MOSCA	ITA	166.5
6	JACOBS	USA	165
7	TEAM MULTIDRIK	DNK	152
8	BALIAN	FRA	149
9	TESTU	FRA	146
10	BENICHOU	GLP	144
11	PINTO	PRT	133
12	HAGA	NOR	127
13	HURPAUL	MUS	121
14	NOEL	FRA	117.5

GROUP I			
1	ROBINSON	USA	198
2	PRICE	GBR	187
3	MATEOS RUIZ	FRA	175
4	SMITH	GBR	171
5	ENGEL	DEU	170
6	REIPLINGER	FRA	167
7	NORRIS	DNK	164
8	SHAY	USA	160
9	ELIASSON	SWE	158
10	FAYAD	LBN	150
11	SCHWARZ	FRA	125
12	COLLAROS	CHE	118
13	WARTELLE	FRA	96
14	NG	HKG	92

GROUP K			
1	CRONIER	FRA	191
2	SCHAFFER	DNK	174
3	PINTO	PRT	172
4	DELPOUX	FRA	168
5	SONDAKH	IDN	168
6	GWINNER	DEU	166
7	BERNASCONI	ITA	164
8	POLESCHI	ARG	164
9	PATHERPHEKAR	IND	161
10	CUVILLIER	FRA	132
11	ALEXANDER	GBR	129
12	SEGUIN	FRA	127
13	HENAF	FRA	125
14	TOUBASI	PAL	98

GROUP L			
1	BEAUVILLAIN O.	FRA	174
2	WOLFF	USA	172
3	MITTELMAN	CAN	169.5
4	MEJANE	FRA	169
5	REKOUNOV	RUS	166.5
6	FU	CHN	165
7	ZUKER	FRA	161
8	OTVOSI	POL	154.5
9	LEIBOVITZ	ISR	145.8
10	YALMAN	TUR	145
11	KONIG	AUS	134
12	DAS	IND	133
13	JAMAR	BEL	122
14	MONSTED	DNK	120.5

GROUP M			
1	BITRAN	FRA	189
2	KOWALSKI	POL	185.5
3	BRACHMAN	USA	174.5
4	BEAUVILLAIN E.	FRA	173
5	HADIMARTONO	IDN	166
6	VAN MIDDELEM	BEL	157.5
7	GEITNER	FRA	153
8	CIAFFI	ITA	151.25
9	AGARWALA	IND	151
10	ISMIR	FRA	139
11	LESTER	AUS	136
12	SPENGLER	CHE	135
13	OLTMANS	NLD	132
14	NAKAMURA	JPN	120
15	ROGOV	RUS	101

GROUP N			
1	IZISEL	FRA	195
2	SUNDELIN	SWE	186
3	STERNBERG	USA	184
4	YILDIZ	TUR	168
5	CHEN	CHN	161
6	SCHALTZ	DNK	157
7	ARAUJO	PRT	150
8	DE LUNA	FRA	149
9	YAMADA	JPN	146
10	HOYLAND	NOR	145
11	MARTIN	FRA	140
12	SCAVUZZO	URY	137
13	DUROT	FRA	124
14	MAH	MAR	114
15	HAMAOU	VEN	113

GROUP P			
1	DUFOUR	FRA	187
2	SCHWARTZ	USA	180.5
3	SCHRODEL	DEU	177
4	NOBLE	AUS	168
5	ELLIA	FRA	160
6	KURBALIJA	GBR	153
7	INNOCENTINI	SMR	150
8	RUIA	IND	149
9	YUREKLI	TUR	145
10	GRINBERG	ISR	143
11	MONBALLIU	BEL	134
12	KLIS	FRA	131
13	BONNIER	FRA	130.5
14	GERIN	GLP	124

GROUP R			
1	ROSS	USA	197
2	WU	CHN	194
3	GOODMAN	GBR	179
4	GUNNELL	USA	178
5	CONTE	FRA	177
6	DE RAEYMAEKER	IRL	169
7	HENRI	BEL	165
8	DOUSSOT	FRA	163
9	PROTEGA	SVN	160
10	GILBOA	ISR	140
11	PATEL	IND	125
12	VARELA	PAN	114.5
13	BONNAUD	FRA	82
14	SARTEN	AUS	65

GROUP S			
1	HACKETT	GBR	195
2	THUILLEZ	FRA	184
3	ALBERTI	DEU	170
4	GROMOV	RUS	168
5	TEAM MAGIC	SWE	167
6	SANDSMARK	NOR	160
7	VERDIER	FRA	156
8	RIGAL	USA	152
9	AVON	FRA	151
10	VIVES	INC	148
11	MACHHAR	IND	142
12	BRACCINI	ITA	127
13	BIGDELI	BEL	122.5
14	DONG	CHN	96
15	FRANCOIS	INC	94



LOUIS VUITTON McCONNELL CUP

(Round-Robin Standings after 8 rounds)

GROUP W				GROUP X				GROUP Y				GROUP Z			
1	MODICA	ITA	156	1	MORSE	USA	151	1	MC GOWAN	GBR	149.5	1	ERHART	AUT	160
2	BLOUQUIT	FRA	146.5	2	WOOD	USA	146	2	MUNSON	USA	146.5	2	ALLISON	USA	157
3	BERINGER	FRA	127.5	3	FARHOLT	DNK	143	3	SOLODAR	USA	146.5	3	LIU	CHN	152
4	VANDONI	ITA	126.5	4	MANSELL	ZAF	143	4	FRANKEN	NLD	139	4	TRUSCOTT	USA	139.5
5	WEI SENDER	USA	125.5	5	BESSIS	FRA	140	5	AUKEN	DEU	131.75	5	CIVIDIN DE SARI	ITA	124.75
6	NAKAKAWAJI	JPN	124.5	6	BAHNIK	CZE	137	6	VARENNE	FRA	126.5	6	FAVAS	FRA	117.75
7	DE LAVILLE MONT	FRA	119	7	BEN HASSINE	TUN	135	7	EL SHAFIE	EGY	123	7	LANGER	CHE	114
8	KAPLAN	ZAF	115.5	8	KITABGI	FRA	128	8	ZUR ALBU	ISR	121	8	LESGUILLIER	FRA	109
9	STEIN	USA	113.5	9	POCOCK	CAN	110	9	TAN	JPN	115.5	9	MARCHESSE	ARG	103.5
10	WADDINGTON	GBR	110	10	TAK TAK	MAR	101	10	KROGULSKA	POL	108.5	10	SPEELMAN	NLD	100
11	VOLINA	RUS	109	11	LECLERCQ	FRA	87	11	LEGER	FRA	107	11	DEORA	IND	98
12	WEBER	DEU	108	12	SARAF	IND	85	12	ADRRAIN	ZAF	89.75	12	BENHAMOU	FRA	97
13	TEJOWIJOYO	IDN	105.5	13	MIRKOVIC	NOR	77	13	WINESTOCK	AUS	74.5	13	BIRR	DEU	95
14	CHORUS	NLD	82	14	BOLLIER	FRA	74	14	TOUKAN	JOR	67.5	14	GOTHE	SWE	92



Lipton Ice Tea sponsors
the Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon

Lipton Ice Tea Junior Triathlon

Final Standings

1	INTONTI	ITA	194
2	MADSEN	DNK	192
3	GUARIGLIA	ITA	187
4	WOOLDRIDGE	USA	168
5	BENSO	FRA	164.5
6	KOLUDA	POL	164
7	BJARNARSON	DNK	163.5
8	BESSIS	FRA	163
9	FREY	FRA	163
10	BAKHSHI	GBR	158
11	JAGNIEWSKI	POL	153
12	SKALSKI	POL	152
13	VERBEEK	DEU	152
14	GRZEJDIK	POL	149
15	BRINK	NLD	148.5
16	ZWERVER	NLD	147
17	GACKOWSKI	POL	146
18	AMBARD	FRA	140
19	KREGLEWSKA	POL	140
20	JOURDY	FRA	140
21	GARRIGOU	FRA	138.5
22	LOUVEAUX	BEL	137
23	OMLO	NLD	137
24	HOBEIKA	FRA	134
25	TERMAAT	NLD	131
26	FLIPO	FRA	131
27	GIELEN	BEL	124
28	BENECH	FRA	115
29	CANNON	FRA	103.5



WBFF Congress

*The World Bridge Federation Congress meeting
will be held in the Eurotop Auditorium (fifth floor)
on Wednesday, 26 August, at 9:30 a.m.*

All countries are urged to send a delegate.

A cocktail-buffet will be served to delegates at lunch time.

European Seniors Committee and Delegates Meeting

Please note that this meeting is to be held 15 minutes after the end of play on Wednesday 26 August. The room in which this meeting is to be held is the SEPTENTRION ROOM on the 5th floor.

The agenda:

- Roll Call
- Chairman's Introduction
- General senior activities within the framework of the European Bridge League
- The 5th European Senior Pairs Championship in Poland in March 1999
- The European Senior Teams Championship, June 1999, Malta
- Discussion on ideas to promote senior bridge in Europe
- Plans for Bermuda Bowl type tournament among senior teams
- Miscellaneous

Convention cards

The regulations for the World Championship stated that all players should register their convention cards for all events upon their arrival in Lille. These regulations were put in place:

1. To ensure that only correctly completed convention cards would be in use.
2. To ensure that no pairs would use unauthorised methods.
3. To ensure that players would be aware of their responsibilities with regard to full disclosure.
4. To encourage players to use the WBF CCE in order to complete their cards and to assess the popularity of the CCE.

It was never intended that the Systems Desk should provide a photocopying service when cards are registered. It is the responsibility of the individual pairs to ensure that they bring sufficient copies of their cards to enable them to register one copy and to provide copies to their opponents at the table.

It has now been decided, because of the size of the field, that there will be no registration of systems for pair events.

However, players are reminded that no Brown Sticker conventions are permitted in any event other than the knockout stages of the Rosenblum and McConnell Teams. Further, players are responsible for full disclosure of their system and methods on their cards. Pairs failing to comply with these regulations face severe penalties.

John Wignall

Double dummy problem

Pietro Bernasconi has come up with another of his famous double dummy problems. Bernasconi is the man who set up the problems that caused 34 experts so many headaches in the Jean Besse Foundation Par Contest, sponsored by Compaq Computers, a couple of days ago.

As he handed us this problem, Bernasconi said, "I want Michael Rosenberg to present me with the solution." Rosenberg was the winner of the \$35,000 first prize in the Par Contest. The hand:

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

The contract is 4♥, and the opening lead is the ♣K. Make 4♥ against the best possible defence. You may submit your solutions to the Daily Bulletin office on the seventh floor.

Schedule of events

(Today)

- 10:45 Vivendi Rosenblum Cup
(Round-Robin)
- 10:45 Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup
(Round-Robin)
- 10:45 Lipton Ice Tea Junior Pairs
(Triathlon)
- 10:45 Coralia Continuous Pairs

(Tomorrow)

- 10:45 Vivendi Rosenblum Cup
(Round of 64)
- 10:45 Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup
(Round of 32)
- 10:45 Lipton Ice Tea Junior Pairs
(Third and fourth sessions)
- 10:45 Senior Teams
- 10:45 Coralia Continuous Pairs

French justify 4♥ calls

by Peter Gill (Australia)

Board 20 of Session One of the J.M. West-on Mixed Pairs final has already been written up twice, but my French opponent, whose name I did not see, justified his 4♥ bid with splendid play.

Board 20. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

North	South
INT	2♣
2♦	3♠
4♥	6♥
Pass	

The 3♠ bid promised four spades and five

hearts. North's 4♥ call was to prove superior to the 3NT chosen by North in the earlier article.

North received a spade lead, picking up the queen. He cashed all his major-suit winners, coming down to:

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

East still had to discard and had just been criss-cross squeezed - a nasty punishment for an inferior choice of opening lead. +1460 was worth 226 matchpoints; the other declarers in hearts made only twelve tricks.

More French card-play skills were exhibited on Board 14 from the second qualifying session, when again my French opponent justified a 4♥ bid with splendid play.

Board 14. Nil Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
Dble	3♣	Pass	2♠
		4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣J and East smoothly ducked it, a cost-free play missed by almost every other declarer. North tanked but eventually decided that the danger of partner having ♣J107 and ♦Qx (or ♥Qxx) outweighed the chance of declarer having ♣1073, so ducked. Declarer was eventually able to pitch a club from dummy on the jack of spades to bring home her contract. +420 was worth most of the matchpoints.

J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs

Final-Session Two



Treading Water

We guess that everyone has been doing that so far here in Lille as the weather has been just a trifle on the damp side. In keeping with the conditions outside all four leading pairs found the second session of the J.M. Weston Mixed pairs Championship hard work.

The following boards were typical of the Auken's session.

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Kaliakmani</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Zotos</i>
Pass	Pass	3♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		Pass

South's opening bid promised a weak two-suiter and Jens Auken found himself with a bidding problem at his second turn. 3NT was one possibility and he may even have considered some move towards a slam. Eventually he settled for a middle of the road approach and raised Sabine to game.

South led the ♠J and Sabine won in hand and took a club finesse. Now she could discard one of her losing diamonds, but the timing was wrong for the spade ruff that would have given her 12 tricks. She cashed the ♠K, but when she came back to hand via a club ruff North was able to discard a spade and could now overruff the dummy.

It was not impossible for East-West to reach 6♥ as witness the events at another table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Martel</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Martel</i>	<i>Chambers</i>
INT	Pass	4♣	Pass
Redble	Pass	4♦	Dble
6♥	All Pass		Pass

4♣ promised hearts and South was perhaps unwise to double. When West redoubled

to show first-round control East was able to cuebid in diamonds. That was enough for Chip Martel. He won the opening diamond lead and took the club finesse to get rid of a losing diamond. He then played three rounds of spades ruffing in hand. He cashed the ♥A and played a club. He could not be prevented from drawing the outstanding trumps without loss.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Kaliakmani</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Zotos</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

South led a heart, but all roads lead to 11 tricks and many pairs reached this game.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Hiramori</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Miyakuni</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
2♥	All Pass	2♣	Dble

North led a club and after winning with the ace Jens played a spade to his king and a diamond to the king and ace. South switched to a trump and declarer won and ducked a spade to South's jack. He took the next

trump and started to cross ruff. The fall of the ♠A meant he had 10 tricks and a solid result as few pairs bid game and many only made nine tricks.

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Hiramori</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Miyakuni</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3NT	Pass

Sabine's first thought was that 3♦ was a mini-splinter, but then she decided it was just promising a good hand. When Jens went back to hearts she realised she had been right the first time. South led the ♠10, and although Sabine did not divine the trump position, the lie of the club suit gave her 11 tricks. After she had discarded one losing spade on the established club she exited with the ♠Q so she could ruff a second losing diamond in the dummy. Another reasonable result but it only added up to the bronze medal position.

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Who was Saving?

McGowan (GB) v Winestock (Australia) in the McConnell Cup qualifying stage featured a deal on which it was right to sacrifice against a grand slam when your side held two aces.

This was the deal:

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

In the Open Room, we are assured that East opened 4♥ and played there for +650. This looks to be a mildly eccentric choice of opening bid but who are we to argue?

There was a lot more action in the Closed Room.

West	North	East	South
McGowan	Balog	Dhondy	Winestock
		1♥	Dble
4♥	4♠	5♣	5♠
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♦
7♣	7♦	Dble	All Pass

This table also featured an off-centre 4♥ bid. Though 1♥ promised a five-card suit, it doesn't look right to jump to 4♥ on a hand with three first-round controls. Anyway, the 4♥ bid put a lot of momentum into the auction as Balog (Australia) was pretty well forced to bid 4♠ with the North cards when she would probably have settled for a lesser bid had McGowan bid at a lower level.

It was natural for Heather Dhondy to show her club suit now, which told McGowan of the double fit. Winestock ploughed on with 5♠, also suspecting that there was a double fit around, and McGowan bid 6♣. When the music stopped, the Australians had saved in 7♦ over the laydown 7♣.

McGowan should have led a spade as it is hard to imagine that partner is not ruffing the suit. However, she chose the ♥A, on which Dhondy deposited the king. We would have thought that the ♥K was merely showing a solid heart sequence (the ♥Q or ♥J would be a better suit preference signal as it would discourage partner from continuing hearts), but it woke McGowan up and she now switched to a low spade. Dhondy ruffed, led a club to the ace and received a second ruff. She cashed the ♥Q next and that was it for the defence; four down for -1100. It's a hard life when you have to find a save like this one and still lose 10 IMPs.

Promotional Play

This deal from the J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs saw a neat defence by one of the top Italian pairs.

Board 21. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
	Zucchini		Azzimonti
	1♥	Pass	INT
2♠	All Pass		

Hoping to set up some ruffs for his partner North started with the two of hearts which went to the seven, jack and ace. Declarer played a diamond to the 9 and king and doubtless thought he was well on the way to making his contract. South switched to the ♣4 and North took his ace and returned the ♥3. West put up the king and was disappointed to see South ruff. Back came the ♣2 taken by dummy's king as declarer got rid of the ♥10. He played a spade to the jack and ace and North continued with the ♥4. South was wide awake and ruffed with the ♠K in order to return the ♣9. That ensured a further trump trick for the defence and the contract was one down.

The least expensive mistake in the world championships

by Johan De Grave & Herman De Wael

J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session I

Board 23. All Vul. Dealer South.

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

Hubert Janssens has to lead from ♠QJ109 ♥A86 ♦A4 ♣Q875 to a contract of two clubs. The queen of spades did not tax his opening lead skills.

The lead is taken on the table and a diamond goes to the jack, king and ace. Hubert crosses to partner's ♦Q, and she plays her trump king. West returns a diamond, ruffed with the seven. Hubert plays the ♠J to the King, and West tries another diamond. If Hubert ruffs this, the contract will fail.

Instead he threw a heart, allowing the contract to make. This proved far from expensive.

But how did they get there in the first place?

Greet De Grave in South thought it was time to do something, so she opened 1♥. West bid 2♣, and Hubert Janssens passed, expecting partner to reopen the bidding, but she didn't.

-90 scored 81.4% of the available match points, with most pairs going down in 2, 3 or 4 hearts.

+100 would have been 84.1%.

The victims? Lavazza - Duboin!

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Hesitations by screenmate

The tournament directing staff report that there have been many instances of a player calling for a director to report a hesitation by his screenmate - while the bidding is still in progress!

Clearly this should never be done! Automatically such a call confers illegal information. Under no circumstances should any player call a director concerning a hesitation by a screenmate during the auction period.

The Par Contest - Problem I

E/W Vul. Dealer South.

North

♠ A J 6 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8 7 6
♦ 9 6
♣ -

South

♠ K 7
♥ A K Q
♦ Q J
♣ J 8 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
			INT
2♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
2NT	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Transfer to hearts

West leads the ♦A.

After the ace of diamonds, West cashes the king of diamonds, then exits with a small club. West's 2NT bid is an attempt to bail out of a desperate situation in the hope of finding a fit in one of the minor suits. Such tight-rope walking, when vulnerable, can only be justified if his distribution is 5-0-4-4.

Had West exited with a spade at trick two, the contract would be easily won as follows: South wins with the king and continues a

spade to the jack, which must be ruffed by East who exits with a trump. After ruffing two clubs in dummy and two spades in hand, dummy still has enough trumps left (three) to draw East's two remaining trumps and cash the ace of spades for the tenth trick.

West's counter-play in clubs shortens dummy's trumps and thus foils the above line of play. However, it opens the way to another winning line: setting up the club suit.

Solution

South ruffs the club in dummy, comes to hand with the king of spades at trick four, ruffs a second club and presents a small spade from dummy. East must ruff and return a trump, otherwise declarer cannot be prevented from making his nine trumps separately on a cross-ruff.

Another club is ruffed to reach the following position:

♠ Q 10 9	♠ A J 6	♠ -
♥ -	♥ J 10	♥ 5 4
♦ x	♦ -	♦ xxx
♣ A	♣ -	♣ -

♠ -	♠ -
♥ A K	♥ 5 4
♦ -	♦ xxx
♣ J 8 7	♣ -

North to lead.

Declarer needs to make all the remaining tricks. The ace of spades is played, which East must ruff (otherwise south throws a club and cross-ruffs the rest), South over-ruffs, ruffs a fourth club in dummy and returns to hand by drawing East's last trump to cash the two remaining clubs.

The full hand:

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

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

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

Note

If West's distribution, though unlikely, had been 5-1-3-4 or 5-1-4-3, the recommended line of play would have come to the same result.

Suppose his distribution were 6-0-4-3 or 6-0-3-4 (unlikely, since he would have stayed in 2♠ doubled), the contract would be unmakeable, for East/West would have no trouble scoring two spade ruffs and two top diamonds.

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Novotel Englos	10.00	09.00	09.00	09.00	09.00	09.00	09.00	09.00	09.00	09.00
Mercure Englos	09.45	08.45	08.45	08.45	08.45	08.45	08.45	08.45	08.45	08.45
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Round Robin

Round 6



Vivendi Rosenblum Cup

Cronier vs. Seguin

Eight boards were pushes in the first match we watched today. Philippe Cronier's team scored 4 IMPs each on the other two boards to win, 17-13 in Victory Points and 8-0 in IMPs. Their opponents were captained by Patrick Seguin. Interestingly enough, the most exciting board was a push.

Board 1. None vul. Dealer North

♠ 9	♠ A K Q 10 6 3	♠ 7 5 2	
♥ K J 9 8 5 4 3	♥ 10 7 6	♥ A 2	
♦ K 5 4	♦ J 8	♦ 9 7 6 3	
♣ K 5	♣ 10 6	♣ A Q 7 3	
	♠ J 8 4		
	♥ Q		
	♦ A Q 10 2		
	♣ J 9 8 4 2		
West	North	East	South
<i>de Sainte Marie</i>	<i>Pignot</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Buba</i>
	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

It's quite amazing that the swing on this deal was only 4 IMPs. André Buba raised his partner's weak two-bid to game, but that didn't stop Thierry de Sainte Marie from coming in - he tried 5♠. D. Pignot had two aces, so he raised to slam. But there were still two aces missing, and the defence took them to set the contract one trick.

West	North	East	South
<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Lebel</i>	<i>Drouet</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The bidding here does not seem as if it can be on the same hand. Michel Lebel decided his hand was worth an opening bid, and Cronier raised to two. And that was the end of the bid-

ding! Once again declarer had to lose only two aces, so Lebel was plus 200. That was 4 IMPs to CRONIER, a truly strange result.

But it wasn't as strange as the bidding on the following deal.

Board 5. N/S vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>de Sainte Marie</i>	<i>Pignot</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Buba</i>
	Pass !	1♥	1♠
2♥	Pass !!	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass !!!		

The bidding diagram is NOT in error. North NEVER bid with his 8-5. It appears that 5♦ will go down only one trick for a good save. Clearly it was the unfavourable vulnerability that convinced Pignot to pass - but would you have been able to maintain silence throughout the auction? Certainly the auction must have been different at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Lebel</i>	<i>Drouet</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
	Pass !	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass !!	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass !!!		

It was! South didn't even bid 1♠! Otherwise it was the same for a push. Michel Lebel also decided the North hand was not worth a bid.

Board 8. None vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>de Sainte Marie</i>	<i>Pignot</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Buba</i>
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
INT	All Pass		

After a spade opening lead, declarer had time to knock out the ♦A and set up the clubs, so he took 10 tricks - plus 180.

West	North	East	South
<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Lebel</i>	<i>Drouet</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
1♦	1♠	All Pass	

Moussa, with his good spade holding, decided to let Lebel play in 1♠. He and Didier Drouet managed to defeat this contract one trick, but that still was 4 IMPs to CRONIER.

Board 10. Both vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>de Sainte Marie</i>	<i>Pignot</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Buba</i>
		3♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Transfer to hearts.

Pignot wasn't willing to let his opponents play in a heart partial - he doubled and Buba bid 4♦. This went down one trick because of the 5-1 split of the outstanding trumps.

West	North	East	South
<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Lebel</i>	<i>Drouet</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Lebel and Cronier were silent throughout, so Drouet was allowed to play unmolested in 2♥.

He took the obvious eight tricks for a push.

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The Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup - Liu v Truscott

For our first visit to the McConnell Cup we take a brief look at the match between Liu of China and Truscott of the United States. LIU is the team which, with one change in personnel last year, has been runner-up in the last two World Teams Championships. Truscott leads an experienced American squad.

The boards were very dull in general so we are limiting this report to the two swing boards.

Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanders	Z Yalan	Truscott	Gu Ling
2♠	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Carol Sanders opened a natural weak two bid and, when Zhang Yalan overcalled 3♥, Dorothy Truscott raised to 4♠. The defence started with a heart and a heart. Now came a diamond switch to the 10 and queen. Declarer also had to lose a trump trick and two diamonds for down two; -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wenfei W	Sokolow	Z Yu	Sprung
2♦	2♥	3♥	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Wenfei Wang opened a multi and Tobi Sokolow overcalled 2♥. Zhang Yu bid 3♥ as a game try in spades, assuming spades to be partner's suit after the overcall. Joann Sprung had an awkward hand. She wanted to do something but nothing was quite right on the South cards. When you are unsure what to do and supporting partner is one of the options, it is usually most practical to offer support, and that was what Sprung chose. Zhang Yu doubled.

Zhang led the ♣A and switched to a trump on seeing the dummy. Sokolow won in hand and played a club up, Zhang taking the king. She switched to a low diamond to the 10 and queen and Wang returned a low spade. Zhang won the ace and played back a second diamond. Sokolow rose with the ace and played a winning club, ruffed and overruffed. She

ruffed a spade and led another club winner and this one stood up, allowing her to pitch the remaining spade loser. That was one down for -200 and 7 IMPs to LIU.

Board 14. None Vul. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wenfei W	Sokolow	Z Yu	Sprung
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♣	4♠	Dble	1♠
		All Pass	

4♠ was quickly one down when Wang led the ♥7 and Sprung had little option but to play low. Zhang won the ♥K and switched to a club to the ace. There was no way to avoid a diamond and a spade loser; one down for -50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanders	Z Yalan	Truscott	Gu Ling
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

The Chinese strong club action made North declarer, which was a good idea on this deal. Of even greater importance was the fact that declarer's side suit had not been revealed during the auction. Truscott led a club, the only suit not to give the contract immediately. Sanders won the ♣A and had to find a switch. We can all see that a heart switch would have beaten the contract, but Sanders had little to go on and from her point of view a diamond was at least as likely to be what was required. She duly switched to the ♦10 and Zhang hopped up with the ace, played two top spades, then gave up a diamond. Truscott could cash her spade now but was then endplayed, forced to lead away from the ♥K or give a ruff and discard (her actual choice), either of which would be equally fatal to the defence; +420 and 10 IMPs to LIU. That was a definite gain for the Chinese methods.

The final score in the match was 19-3 IMPs to LIU, which translates to 20-10 VPs.

A 9% grand slam

by Philippe Brunel, France

It wasn't all that good a grand slam - only 9% - but all that doesn't matter when the contract makes. The deal occurred in the seventh match of the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams round-robin.

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

West	North	East	South
Mina	Gautret	Pasquino	Saporta
	1♥	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Of course Saporta scored up his grand - the diamonds broke 3-3 and both honours were onside. Saporta took that necessary double finesse. The gain was enough to hold the Italian team to a 15-15 tie.

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Appeal No. 3

Reported by David Stevenson (England)

Appeals Committee:

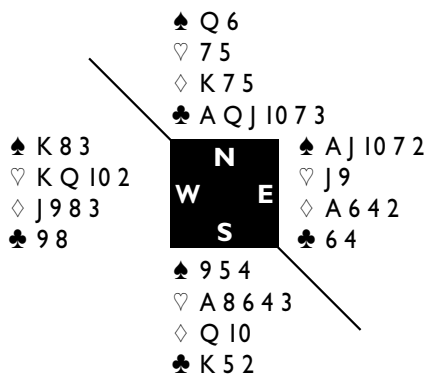
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Tournament Director:

AS Viswanathan

Mixed pairs Round 3 Belgium v Lebanon

Board 1. Dealer North. No-one Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble ⁽¹⁾
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Facts:

The second double by South (1) was after an agreed hesitation. The TD was called at the end of the auction and recalled at the end of the hand. South's first double was negative: promised hearts or extra values.

Result at the table:

4♣ minus one.

TD's decision:

3♠ doubled by East making: -530 to N/S. Law 73.

Appellant:

North/South appealed.

The players:

The lady players did not attend the Committee hearing, one of them being unwell.

North explained that South showed extra values by her second double. He said it could not have spades. Since he was minimum in defensive values he did not pass.

The Committee considered the reasons given for not passing the double were self-serving. When players hesitate they must expect the worst result if their partners have a choice of action available and choose one that could be suggested by the hesitation.

While there was no doubt that North/South would receive -530, there was some consideration as to whether East/West should get the full +530 since certain defences make it difficult to get 9 tricks.

The Committee also considered whether to keep the deposit, and it was a close decision to return it.

The Committee commended the TD on his presentation of the case.

The Committee's decision:

The Committee ruled: 3♠ doubled by East making: -530 to N/S. Deposit returned.

Appeal No. 4

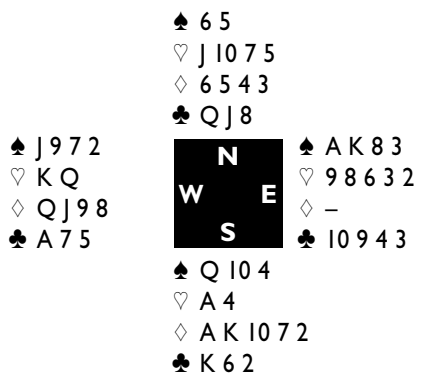
Reported by David Stevenson (England)

Appeals Committee:

Joan Gerard (Chairman, USA), Chris Compton (USA), Jean-Louis Derivery (France), Barbara Nudelman (USA), David Stevenson (England).

Mixed pairs Round 3 France v Netherlands

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vulnerable.



West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♦(1)	Pass	2♥(A)	3♦
Dble	All Pass		

(A) = alerted

Facts:

The meaning of 2♦(1) was that it showed diamonds plus either hearts or spades. On West's convention card it said "DON'T". West did not speak English or Dutch and attempted to explain

the meaning using first pen and paper and subsequently the bidding cards. South did not speak English or French. The original description written on the paper was "R = 4: H or S = 4" and was far from clear. The TD was called at the end of the auction and recalled at the end of play.

Result at table:

3♦ doubled minus two.

TD's decision:

N/S 60%. E/W 40%.

Appellant:

East/West appealed.

The players:

East interpreted for West who spoke only Dutch. South, who spoke French and a very small amount of English, was accompanied by a friend as an interpreter.

West explained that he had attempted to explain in writing what the bid meant. When that failed he used the bidding cards. He was adamant that he used the bidding cards at that time, and again after the TD arrived. East was extremely surprised that the description "DON'T" on her convention card could be considered inadequate.

South explained that "R = 4" meant nothing to her, R not being a suit as far as she was concerned, and while she did not really understand what was being written she eventually decided West was showing one or both of the majors. She was adamant that the bidding cards were not used as a description at that time, only later after the TD

was called. She said she would never have bid 3♦ if she had known that West had four diamonds.

The Committee believed that this was a pure misunderstanding. West did his best to make clear the meaning of the bid, and South had tried to understand it. However, a correct explanation had been made, and it was up to South to understand it or seek help via the Tournament Director.

The Committee also felt that West would have done better to call for help from the Tournament Director, once he realised there was a problem in understanding his explanation.

The Committee noted the regulation in the Conditions of Contest that Appeals Committees would not consider matters that were solely caused by one side's inability or unwillingness to express themselves in English but considered it did not apply to this case. They also noted the regulations concerning filling in of convention cards, and considered that the use of the name of a convention that is not a standard worldwide convention was completely inadequate. They also did not understand why an artificial adjusted score had been awarded. They also comment that if writing descriptions it is more sensible to use suit symbols, which everyone understands, rather than suit initials, which are different in different countries.

The Committee's decision:

The Committee ruled: Table score stands (3♦ doubled minus two). Deposit returned. 15% of a top Procedural Penalty to East-West for Inadequate description of convention on convention card and failure to explain it helpfully.

Wright was right - But the Price was wrong...

by Hans Werge, Denmark

It's not just the average player who needs a repetition of the most important rules from time to time. I suppose British experts Lionel Wright and David Price might have had some discussion after this board from Monday's match against Team Norris from Denmark. It seems to me that East must have forgotten the BOLS tip given by Gabriel Chagas - 'Never spoil your partner's brilliancy.'

Love All. Dealer North.

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

At one table, Halberg-Wrang had bid the N/S cards to a reasonable 3NT, making 12 tricks with the favourable club position. At the other table E/W were Wright-Price. N/S Nis Graulund-Thomas Berg bid the poor slam this way:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥ ⁽²⁾	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Game forcing

⁽²⁾ 4th suit

On the heart lead, Berg played a club from dummy, hoping for either A-Q or Q-10 in the East hand. Against most players, he would have had an easy task when East plays the 10 on the first trick. But Lionel Wright found the brilliant play of the queen of clubs!

So everything was ready for a wrong guess by declarer. But when West took South's ♣K with his ace, there was no longer a loosing option, and that meant 10 IMPs to the Danes, instead of 11 for their opponents.



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The Noblest Icelander of them all

Catherine d'Ovideo told us a wonderful story from the J.M. Weston Mixed Pairs Championship. It happened in the first qualifying round when a pair from Iceland opposed the French superstars.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

		♠ 9 7		
		♥ K 9 7 4		
		♦ A Q 5 2		
		♣ 8 5 3		
♠ A K Q J 5			♠ 6 4 3	
♥ 2			♥ J 10 8 5	
♦ 8 4 3			♦ 6	
♣ J 7 4 2			♣ A K Q 9 6	
		♠ 10 8 2		
		♥ A Q 6 3		
		♦ K J 10 9 7		
		♣ 10		
West	North	East	South	
	Chemla		d'Ovideo	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West's fourth in hand opening was an upgraded weak two and East used a relay to discover that her partner was maximum with a club feature. Worried about something she decided not to go on to game and Paul Chemla led the ♥4 to Catherine's ace. It looks natural to switch to the singleton club hoping for a ruff, but she realised that it might lead to declarer dropping a hypothetical singleton king of spades in her partner's hand. So she continued with a heart on which declarer discarded a diamond! Chemla won and switched to a club. Declarer won and played a diamond! Chemla won and gave his partner a club ruff.

Declarer claimed the rest and takes our award for gallantry by working overtime to justify his partner's bidding!

Honour pins available

Nils Jensen of Sweden, former vice president of the World Bridge Federation, has brought a number of special honour pins that will be offered for sale at Per Jannersten's book desk on the third floor. There are spade pins for Grand Masters, heart pins for World Masters, diamond pins for International Masters, and club pins for other contestants. These pins were originally offered for sale at the 1983 Bermuda Bowl World Championships in Sweden.

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GROUP

1998 TGR Auction Pairs

Overseas players dominated the first major auction pairs event to be staged in the UK that was played in London last weekend. Many of them were taking the opportunity to practice for these Championships, but doubtless had a mild interest in the first prize of £100,000!

Fourteen pairs qualified for the final and this is how they finished:

		IMPs
1	Howard Weinstein-Steve Garner	USA 101.8
2	Maria Joao Lara-Manuel Capucho	Portugal 73.23
3	Lauge Schäffer-Mathias Bruun	Denmark 55.04
4	Franco Pietri-Mario DiMaio	Italy 52.25
5	Geza Szappanos-Miklós Dumbovich	Hungary 31.06
6	Geir Helgemo-Geir Olav Tislevoll	Norway 28.07
7	Willie Whittaker-Derek Patterson	England 19.28
8	Espen Erichsen-Boye Brogeland	Norway 12.49
9	Wayne Chu-Jason Hackett	Ch./Engl. 8.0
10	Howard Cohen-Nick Sandqvist	Engl./Swed 3.2
11	Bob Brinig-Victor Silverstone	England 2.6
12	Grant Baze-Ralph Katz	USA -4.8
13	Unal Durmus-Norman Selway	England -22.6
14	Dave Kendrick-Mark Horton	England -58.4

Here are some highlights from both the qualifying rounds and the final.

This deal illustrated the vagaries of system - and the differing judgement of several expert players.

Game All. Dealer North.

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

The runners-up had an excellent result after this auction:

West	North	East	South
	Lara		Capucho
	1♠	Pass	4♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbf	Pass	Pass	Redbl
All Pass			

It wasn't easy for West to realise he had to retreat to 6♥. Minus 200 would have been rather cheaper than the actual -1200!

Grant Baze and Ralph Katz were playing five-card majors, but there are exceptions to every rule and Baze knew when to break one. It led to an identical auction except Katz, probably wise-

ly, declined to redouble.

Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent of the London Times was partnering former Junior World Champion Tom Townsend. He declined to open the North hand and then remained silent, allowing West to declare 4♥. Not so strange but South had opened with a weak two in spades! Mind you, knowing his partner's style Robert was probably concerned that the opponents might have a slam.

When North opened 1♣ it was more difficult for his side to push on to 5♠.

This board offered scope in both the bidding and the play.

North/South Game. Dealer West.

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

♠ A 5 4 3 2
 ♥ Q 8 6
 ♦ A K 6
 ♣ A 2

At first sight 4♠ has no chance as West can start with three rounds of hearts. However, if North is the declarer the defence is helpless! Declarer wins the opening lead, draws trumps and eliminates the diamonds, discarding a club. Exiting with ace and another club then endplays whoever wins the trick.

Opening 4♥ on the West hand tended to rebound as North ended up declaring a spade contract, whilst opening 1♥ usually allowed East-West to find their diamond fit and the good save.

This board gave one of your editors the chance to compare notes with a world champion.

Dealer East. North/South Game.

♠ 10 ♥ A Q J 5 ♦ K 8 7 5 2 ♣ K 9 8	♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ A ♣ 10 6 5 4 3
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You are in 3NT from the West side. North, playing fourth best, leads the ♠3 despite East having mentioned his spade suit. How do you plan the play?

It seemed to the unsuccessful declarer that he would need the heart finesse, two tricks from spades and one from clubs. Not wanting South to win the opening lead and switch to a diamond, he put up the queen at trick one.

The other, a certain Geir Helgemo, went for the alternative of playing low from dummy at trick one. One declarer made seven tricks, the other nine. Who is your money on?

This was the full deal:

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

♠ K 8 7 4
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ 10 9 3
 ♣ Q J 7 2

When South was able to capture the ♠Q with the king and return the suit, declarer had no chance. At Helgemo's table South ducked and after winning with the ♠10 Geir tried a low club from hand with a gratifying effect. He also made a good point about the bidding of this hand:

♠ K J 9 6 5 ♥ 6 5 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ K 10 5

Your partner opens 1♥ and you respond 1♠. He rebids 2♣ and you give preference with 2♥. He continues with 2♠. Your bid?

The vast majority of the field passed and made 11 or 12 tricks! This was partner's hand:

♠ A 7 2 ♥ A Q J 8 3 ♦ 4 ♣ Q J 9 4

Of course when East follows this route he must have a fair hand - otherwise he would have simply raised 1♠ to 2♠. Or perhaps you play it differently?

We'll conclude with something more light-hearted.

Dealer East. Game All

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

♠ -
 ♥ K J 9 6
 ♦ K 10 9 6
 ♣ A K J 5

West	North	East	South
Dumbovitch	Whittaker	Szappanos	Paterson
	1♠		Dbf
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	3NT!	Dbf	Pass
Pass	Redbl	All Pass!	

We leave it to you to decide who was more naïve here, North or South. At least declarer could claim admission to the "2800 Club!"

Small gain or big loss

by Barry Rigal

In our second-round match we had the opportunity to make a small gain instead of a big loss. It all came down to a double dummy position.

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

We defeated 3NT by North after I had opened 1♣. Danny Sprung led a club, of course - that was minus 660.

Our teammates got to declare 3♠ doubled after West rather randomly doubled in a game-forcing auction. The defence actually cashed both minor suit aces - but it did not matter. Declarer has the opportunity to play off the top plain suit cards, then ruff a club to hand.

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

When South, on lead, tries the ♥J, what is West to do? If he ruffs with the jack or king, he concedes at once. If he ruffs with the 5 it is overruffed with the 8 and 10. East leads the ♠7, South ducks, and it's curtains for West. So West ruffed with the 9 and the diamond was pitched from dummy. East overruffs with the 10 and plays the ♠7 to the queen and king (declarer can duck the 7, but this is more exotic). West is endplayed now to concede the last two tricks.



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WRONG IS RIGHT

by Alan Truscott

'There is a demand nowadays,' said the Latin writer Publius Terentius Afer, usually known as Terence, 'for the man who can make wrong appear right.' On the following deal from the first session of the Mixed Pairs final, wrong was decidedly right. Unfortunately.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

It was normal for North-South to play in a heart part-score, making nine tricks, or for East-West to play in a club part-score making ten tricks. But at our table North-South foolishly failed to find their heart fit, the victims of our weak no-trump. Or perhaps not so foolishly.

West	North	East	South
INT	Dble	Redble ⁽¹⁾	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Requiring two clubs, and showing either club length or two suits other than clubs.

We had 23 high-card points, and we had them in the wrong contract. Three rounds of diamonds forced the declarer, and she led a spade to the king. She then finessed the ♠10, and I took the ace and forced declarer with another diamond. When declarer cashed her ♠Q, that left my partner with the only trump, but it did us no good. The declarer led the heart jack and finessed. The finesse was repeated, and my partner's trump was all we could get.

So the wrong contract was a triumph: In the right contract you are not doubled. The declarer wrote down 470, and I had to tell her she had made an overtrick for 570. Not that it mattered.

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A long life cut short

A middle aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table she has a near death experience. During that experience she sees God and asks if this is it. God says no and explains that she has another 30-40 years to live.

Upon her recovery, she decides to just stay in the hospital and have a Face lift, liposuction, breast augmentation, tummy tuck, etc. She even has someone come in and change her hair color. She figures since she's got another 30 or 40 years she might as well make the most of it. She walks out the hospital after the last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding up to the hospital.

She arrives in front of God and asks, "I thought you said I had another 30-40 years?"

God replies, "I didn't recognize you."

Round Robin **Round 6**

Louis Vuitton McConnell Cup

At the end of the first day's play, Maria Erhart's Austrian squad were leading Group Z of the McConnell Cup qualifying round while the Dutch Speelman team were lying bottom. When the two teams met in round six, the Austrians must therefore have been hoping for another big win. In fact, the match proved to be close throughout.

The Dutch took the lead on Board 12.

Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Speelman</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Debets</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Why 2NT is the right call with the North cards is not clear to me as even when South has not guaranteed a club suit there must surely be some number of spades which is fourth-suit-forcing. However, 2NT put the right hand on lead from North/South's point of view.

Doris Fischer chose her fourth highest club, to the ten and jack. Speelman played the ♠10 then a spade to the jack, which also held. Now she tried the ♦5 to her queen and Fischer's king. Fischer cashed her two top clubs, Weigkricht throwing a spade, then switched to a low heart to the jack and ace. Speelman cashed the club on which Weigkricht pitched a diamond. She played a diamond to the jack and a spade. Weigkricht took the ♠A and exited with a diamond, giving declarer three diamonds, two spades, two clubs and a heart; +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doedens</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

This time South was declarer and West, Pauline Doedens, had an attractive diamond lead. She led the ♦9 (either short or from 10-

9), and this ran to declarer's jack. Sylvia Terraneo played a spade to the ten and continued spades, Doedens winning the third round as Anke Wijma pitched a low heart. Doedens played a second diamond and Terraneo rose with the ace and played a low club from the dummy. When Wijma ducked smoothly, Terraneo put in the nine. When that lost to the ten, she was down. Doedens actually put her in hand with the fourth spade and Terraneo threw dummy's low heart. She played a club now but the defence could win and play a heart and come to the rest; -100 and 6 IMPs to SPEELMAN.

Board 14. Nil Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Speelman</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Debets</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1♣

The Dutch auction was simple and uninformative. Fischer led a low club and Speelman won and cleared the suit. Weigkricht discarded the ♥2 then the ♠8, so Fischer switched to a low diamond to the ace. A second diamond went to the ten and jack and Fischer played another diamond to the queen and king. Declarer had nine tricks now, just giving up a spade; +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doedens</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♣

It is common to respond 1♠ on a three-card suit in the Austrian style and Maria Erhart assured her partner at length that she should therefore have passed the 3NT rebid. Well, that is all very well, but if North's sequence is

so clearly denying four spades then perhaps we should have seen more alerts at the table than was actually the case.

Wijma led a low diamond and Erhart chose to discard a heart from dummy in the hope of preserving trump control. Doedens won the ♦A and switched to her singleton club and declarer had little option but to run it. Wijma won the ♣K, gave her partner a ruff, and got back in with the ♠A to give a second ruff. Declarer lost another trick in the wash for three down; -150 and 11 IMPs to SPEELMAN.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Weigkricht</i>	<i>Speelman</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Debets</i>
2♥	2NT	3♥	1♦
			All Pass

When Terri Weigkricht made a weak jump overcall of 2♥, Betty Speelman bid a natural 2NT. Fischer competed with 3♥ and that ended the auction.

Speelman led the ♣Q to her partner's ace and back came a heart to the eight. Declarer used her two diamond entries to hand to ruff clubs and conceded two trumps and a spade; +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Doedens</i>	<i>Erhart</i>	<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
3♥	3NT	4♥	1♠
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

In the Austrian style, the South hand is a 1♠ opening, and this put some momentum into the auction when Doedens made a weak jump overcall at the three-level. Erhart bid the obvious 3NT and now Wijma bid 4♥ as a two-way shot. As it happened, neither shot came off, as 3NT is easy to beat and 4♥ also failed.

Erhart doubled and led the ♣K. When that

held she switched to the \diamond . The choice of the jack might have been important on a different layout but not today as declarer had both the missing honours. Doedens took her two club ruffs and gave up a spade and two hearts for the same nine tricks as at the other table; one down for -100 and 6 IMPs to Austria.

Terri Weigkricht took full advantage of a defensive error on this deal.

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

<p>\spadesuit A 5 2 \heartsuit K 10 8 \diamond 10 8 3 2 \clubsuit K 9 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit J 9 8 4 \heartsuit Q J 5 \diamond 9 6 \clubsuit Q 10 8 5</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q \heartsuit A 9 7 4 3 2 \diamond A 7 \clubsuit J 7 6 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West Doeders	North Erhart	East Wijma	South Terranaeo
	Pass	Pass	1 \heartsuit
1 \spadesuit	Dble	3 \spadesuit	4 \heartsuit
4 \clubsuit	Dble	All Pass	

North led the \spadesuit 2, and that solved one of declarer's problems. She won with the king and returned a spade. North put up the ace, South discarding the \heartsuit 3, and played her remaining trump. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to her king. She had no reason to do anything other than play for a 3-3 diamond break, but the actual lie meant she had to lose a club and go one down.

West Weigkricht	North Speelman	East Fischer	South Debets
	Pass	Pass	2 \diamond ⁽¹⁾
2 \spadesuit	Dble	3 \spadesuit	Pass
4 \clubsuit	All Pass		

⁽¹⁾ Multi



Terri Weigkricht (Austria)



Doris Fischer (Austria)

North led the \heartsuit 10 and South took the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. For most partnerships North's \diamond 2 would have been discouraging, making it easy for South to switch to a club but here it simply showed an even number of cards in the suit.

When North continued with the \diamond 7 Terri won and flipped the king of spades onto the table. The appearance of South's queen was a happy sight and she was soon able to claim ten tricks and record an 11 IMP gain.

Both sides missed a chance on this deal.

Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

<p>\spadesuit 9 8 7 \heartsuit Q 5 4 \diamond 7 5 3 \clubsuit J 7 5 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit J 5 4 \heartsuit 10 9 7 6 3 \diamond 10 4 \clubsuit K Q 10</p>	<p>\spadesuit A 10 6 2 \heartsuit K J 8 \diamond J 8 \clubsuit 9 8 6 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West Doeders	North Erhart	East Wijma	South Terranaeo
	Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass
2 \diamond	Pass	3 \diamond	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass		All Pass

North found the excellent lead of the \heartsuit 5 to hold declarer to 10 tricks.

West Weigkricht	North Speelman	East Fischer	South Debets
	Pass	1 \diamond	Pass
1 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass
2 \diamond	Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1 \clubsuit was blue and after a standard 1 \diamond response 1 \heartsuit was also artificial, promising a powerful hand. 2 \clubsuit promised 4-6 and the next two bids were natural. When Terri made a waiting bid of 2NT Doris Fischer might have shown where her values were with a bid of 3 \clubsuit but it is still far from easy to reach the excellent 6 \diamond .

North led the \clubsuit 4 and when the diamonds behaved declarer claimed 12 tricks to pick up a couple of IMPs.

As it happened the next board was also a bidding problem which wasn't solved at either table.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

<p>\spadesuit A K Q 3 \heartsuit 7 4 \diamond 7 6 4 \clubsuit J 8 6 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit 9 4 \heartsuit A Q 10 8 3 \diamond 3 2 \clubsuit A K 4 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit 10 6 2 \heartsuit K 9 \diamond A K Q 9 8 \clubsuit Q 7 5</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West Doeders	North Erhart	East Wijma	South Terranaeo
	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Dble
2 \heartsuit	2 \spadesuit	3 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \heartsuit	3 \spadesuit	All Pass	

3 \spadesuit was quickly defeated. East started with her top clubs and ignored North's cunning false cards of the eight and jack of clubs to give her partner a ruff. She then took the ace of hearts and played her last club allowing her partner to overruff the dummy.

West Weigkricht	North Speelman	East Fischer	South Debets
	Pass	1 \heartsuit	2 \diamond
Pass	2 \heartsuit	Dble	3 \diamond
All Pass			

When South elected to rebid her five-card suit rather than show her heart guard the excellent game that was available had been missed for the second time. Of course 3 \diamond could not be defeated so the Dutch team picked up 5 IMPs.

Since both a take-out double and a simple overcall seem to be flawed perhaps South should try a pushy INT at her first turn. Reaching game would be no problem now!

The final score was 24-22 IMPs in favour of the team from The Netherlands, 16-14 VPs.

Devious Del'Monte Denied

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

West	North	East	South
Del'Monte	Moss	Hopkinson	Shenkin
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♣	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

Brad Moss and Barnet Shenkin (USA) sailed into the excellent 7♦ on this board from the qualifying stage of the Vivendi Rosenblum. Knowing that the club honours had to be in dummy, Kim Del'Monte of Australia found the fine lead of the ♣9!

Barnet Shenkin, a former British international now resident in the States, won the ♣A, drew four rounds of trumps, then played ace, king and another spade, ruffing. Next he led a low club towards the dummy and the four appeared.

'What are your leads?' he asked.

'I lead low from an honour and second highest from weak holdings,' was the reply.

Barnet thought about that for a while and realised that if the ♣9 was a true card he had no chance of success as it would be from a doubleton. Finally, he decided to go with the odds by finessing the ten and when that held he could ruff another spade and claim his grand slam.

At the other table the contract was 6♠ down one so bringing home the vulnerable grand was worth 20 IMPs to the Moss/Shenkin team.

Have you noticed that if Kim had led the ♣6 instead of the nine, and Judy Hopkinson had co-operated by following to the first trick with the seven, the carding would have been consistent with the lead being from ♣9654? Now Barnet would really have had to be on form to get the position right.

Play or Defend?

by Alan Truscott

Would you care to play or defend 4♠ on the following deal?

N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

In the third qualifying round of the Mixed Pairs, Shapour Mohtashami of Paris played skillfully to bring home the game. When hearts were led and continued, he ruffed and led the ♦J. When West ducked he put up the king and led the ♠9 for a finesse. West won with the king and led a third heart for another ruff. South crossed to the ♣K and took another spade finesse, reaching this position:

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

South could have drawn the last trump, but instead made the better play of a diamond. This provided for the slight chance that East had held up the ♦A. He won the club return, drew the missing trump and claimed his game.

So it may seem that South should elect to play 4♠. But not so. As Mohtashami points out, an improbable shift to a club at the second trick defeats the contract. West will eventually lead a third round of clubs to promote a trump trick for his partner.

The Aberlour VIP Club News



Yesterday the VIP Club Aberlour was honoured by a visit from Monsieur Antoine Ellena the Director of Sales for the world famous Pernod Company. His busy schedule included hosting a reception in the VIP Club, watching part of the Championships and attending the 40th anniversary dinner of the World Bridge Federation.

Good sportsmanship

by Patrick Jourdain

In the match between the first team from Wales ever to play in the Vivendi Rosenblum Teams and the top seed in the section (Mike Becker, Ron Rubin, Robert Levin and Steve Weinstein) my table finished late. The tournament director informed us, "You will both be fined."

"But it was our fault," Becker stated at once, even though he knew he might have lost the match. A true example of good sportsmanship.

For the record, Wales beat the American team, 16-14, without the penalty.

'I can sleep here'

Antonio Ricardi of Italy is happy to be working as a tournament director at this tournament - it means he can get some sleep.

Back home he and his wife are busy all the time taking care of their little ones - the older is 2 and the younger is 13 months. "I get much more sleep here than I can ever get at home," he smiled.

Anglo-American

Great Britain's Tony Forrester attends all the major tournaments in America. This was clearly demonstrated when he was spotted on his way to yesterday's morning match wearing a pair of sneakers!



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