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First Gold to USA

While the **USA** celebrate their victory in the 1st Senior International Cup, it is crunch time for teams in the Olympiad Open and Women's series.

Only two rounds remain in both series, with many teams in contention to qualify for further play.

Europe is still dominating, as **Poland, England** and **Italy** lead three of the four groups in the Open (USA is the other), and **Norway** and **France** sit atop the round-robin standings in the Women's. **Australia** had led Group B for much of the tournament, but they were defeated twice on Friday, by **Finland** and **Monaco**, and dropped to fifth.

In the Senior event, **France** and **Sweden** earned the silver and bronze respectively, after 23 rounds of play.

University Bridge Prize-giving

The Prize-giving Ceremony will be held at:
Fort S'-Pieter, Luikeweg 101
At 19.00 Hrs Saturday
Please take your Invitations with you

Senior Pairs

The Senior Pairs today will be played in the lobby of the main building (rooms 0.4 and 0.5) and starts after the prize giving and cocktail. The event consists of two short sessions.

Open and Ladies Captains' Meeting

Today at 17.30 Hrs - Room 2.1, Second Floor MECC

TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS - REGISTRATION

Teams are required to register with Hospitality in order to participate in this event, but they may not do so until they have paid the entry fee.

A member of each team should see Mrs Christine Francin in the WBF Office, Room 2.3 on the Promenade Floor of MECC to pay the entry fee for his team BEFORE registering with Hospitality. Please note that even teams that have already paid must obtain a receipt before registering.

No registration will be accepted from any team without a receipt from Mrs Francin.

Mrs Francin will be available from 10.00 - 12.00 and 14.30 - 18.00 daily on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and from 10.00 - 12.00 on Tuesday.

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 13

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Wales	45 - 47	15 - 15
2 Brazil	Switzerland	64 - 26	23 - 7
3 Austria	Spain	63 - 41	20 - 10
4 Tunisia	Canada	62 - 85	10 - 20
5 Singapore	Colombia	33 - 66	8 - 22
6 Belgium	Hong Kong	38 - 59	11 - 19
7 Croatia	Tanzania	101 - 10	25 - 0
8 Ireland	Pakistan	65 - 23	24 - 6
9 Poland	Slovenia	49 - 48	15 - 15

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Romania	35 - 57	10 - 20
12 Hungary	Liechtenstein	64 - 47	19 - 11
13 Bangladesh	Chinese Taipei	10 - 75	3 - 25
14 Philippines	Russia	18 - 86	2 - 25
15 Greece	USA	35 - 29	16 - 14
16 Monaco	Guadeloupe	24 - 70	6 - 24
17 Finland	Luxemburg	65 - 23	24 - 6
18 Lebanon	Australia	26 - 77	5 - 25
19 Portugal	Scotland	44 - 27	19 - 11

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	Sweden	42 - 53	13 - 17
22 India	Venezuela	72 - 37	22 - 8
23 Germany	Malta	85 - 44	23 - 7
24 France	Yugoslavia	43 - 47	14 - 16
25 San Marino	Indonesia	20 - 85	3 - 25
26 Latvia	Japan	27 - 58	9 - 21
27 Israel	Cyprus	83 - 7	25 - 1
28 Egypt	Uruguay	42 - 34	16 - 14
29 Czech Republic	England	34 - 57	10 - 20

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	Palestine	93 - 22	25 - 2
32 New Zealand	Bulgaria	66 - 45	19 - 11
33 Botswana	Malaysia	18 - 51	8 - 22
34 Argentina	Thailand	103 - 25	25 - 1
35 Italy	Iceland	40 - 23	19 - 11
36 Bermuda	South Africa	20 - 43	10 - 20
37 Martinique	Morocco	56 - 71	12 - 18
38 Norway	Ukraine	66 - 37	21 - 9
39 La Reunion	Turkey	23 - 82	4 - 25

ROUND 14

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Switzerland	Denmark	20 - 66	6 - 24
2 Spain	Brazil	28 - 20	16 - 14
3 Slovenia	Austria	46 - 84	7 - 23
4 Canada	Wales	42 - 67	10 - 20
5 Colombia	Tunisia	52 - 44	16 - 14
6 Hong Kong	Singapore	62 - 21	23 - 7
7 Tanzania	Belgium	13 - 117	0 - 25
8 Pakistan	Croatia	37 - 84	6 - 24
9 Poland	Ireland	54 - 25	21 - 9

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Liechtenstein	Netherlands	25 - 59	8 - 22
12 Chinese Taipei	Hungary	77 - 24	25 - 5
13 Scotland	Bangladesh	61 - 26	22 - 8
14 Russia	Romania	43 - 28	18 - 12
15 USA	Philippines	124 - 2	25 - 0
16 Guadeloupe	Greece	31 - 44	12 - 18
17 Luxemburg	Monaco	69 - 53	18 - 12
18 Australia	Finland	35 - 62	9 - 21
19 Portugal	Lebanon	29 - 23	16 - 14

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Venezuela	Mexico	23 - 63	7 - 23
22 Malta	India	21 - 101	0 - 25
23 England	Germany	49 - 43	16 - 14
24 Yugoslavia	Sweden	26 - 77	5 - 25
25 Indonesia	France	24 - 48	10 - 20
26 Japan	San Marino	52 - 15	23 - 7
27 Cyprus	Latvia	36 - 73	7 - 23
28 Uruguay	Israel	26 - 65	7 - 23
29 Czech Republic	Egypt	25 - 62	7 - 23

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 Bulgaria	China	67 - 29	23 - 7
32 Malaysia	New Zealand	56 - 61	14 - 16
33 Turkey	Botswana	69 - 1	25 - 2
34 Thailand	Palestine	78 - 56	20 - 10
35 Iceland	Argentina	43 - 51	14 - 16
36 South Africa	Italy	54 - 81	9 - 21
37 Morocco	Bermuda	23 - 44	11 - 19
38 Ukraine	Martinique	66 - 66	15 - 15
39 La Reunion	Norway	24 - 32	14 - 16

ROUND 15

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Spain	44 - 62	11 - 19
2 Brazil	Austria	35 - 54	11 - 19
3 Switzerland	Canada	49 - 47	15 - 15
4 Wales	Colombia	80 - 13	25 - 2
5 Tunisia	Hong Kong	25 - 50	10 - 20
6 Singapore	Tanzania	36 - 33	16 - 14
7 Belgium	Pakistan	87 - 27	25 - 3
8 Croatia	Poland	49 - 67	11 - 19
9 Ireland	Slovenia	57 - 30	21 - 9

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Chinese Taipei	87 - 21	25 - 2
12 Hungary	Bangladesh	69 - 28	23 - 7
13 Liechtenstein	Russia	52 - 75	10 - 20
14 Romania	USA	29 - 51	10 - 20
15 Philippines	Guadeloupe	47 - 76	9 - 21
16 Greece	Luxemburg	61 - 12	25 - 5
17 Monaco	Australia	66 - 28	23 - 7
18 Finland	Portugal	34 - 60	10 - 20
19 Lebanon	Scotland	23 - 52	9 - 21

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 15

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	Malta	77 - 21	25 - 4
22 India	Germany	18 - 71	5 - 25
23 Venezuela	Yugoslavia	20 - 86	2 - 25
24 Sweden	Indonesia	55 - 37	19 - 11
25 France	Japan	21 - 56	8 - 22
26 San Marino	Cyprus	54 - 27	21 - 9
27 Latvia	Uruguay	49 - 40	17 - 13
28 Israel	Czech Republic	38 - 70	8 - 22
29 Egypt	England	24 - 86	3 - 25

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	Malaysia	53 - 37	18 - 12
32 New Zealand	Botswana	85 - 20	25 - 3
33 Bulgaria	Thailand	81 - 41	23 - 7
34 Palestine	Iceland	41 - 92	5 - 25
35 Argentina	South Africa	55 - 48	16 - 14
36 Italy	Morocco	58 - 39	19 - 11
37 Bermuda	Ukraine	71 - 40	21 - 9
38 Martinique	La Reunion	47 - 44	16 - 14
39 Norway	Turkey	83 - 43	23 - 7

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 15

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Spain	21 - 35	12 - 18
42 Italy	Sweden	55 - 66	13 - 17
43 Austria	Denmark	108 - 39	25 - 2
44 Brazil	Norway	51 - 51	15 - 15
45 USA	Indonesia	54 - 40	18 - 12
46 England	Jamaica	88 - 16	25 - 2
47 Israel	Ireland	69 - 26	24 - 6
48 Japan	Croatia	52 - 29	20 - 10
49 Russia	New Zealand	67 - 39	21 - 9
50 Chinese Taipei	Finland	87 - 45	24 - 6

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Scotland	55 - 37	19 - 11
52 Pakistan	Mexico	44 - 67	10 - 20
53 China	Egypt	46 - 49	14 - 16
54 South Africa	Wales	50 - 17	22 - 8
55 Morocco	Argentina	71 - 26	24 - 6
56 Greece	Germany	12 - 52	7 - 23
57 Venezuela	Australia	51 - 53	15 - 15
58 India	Canada	39 - 113	1 - 25
59 Turkey	Poland	32 - 78	6 - 24
60 Netherlands	France	41 - 48	14 - 16

ROUND 16

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Sweden	Hong Kong	61 - 7	25 - 4
42 Denmark	Italy	42 - 76	8 - 22
43 Finland	Austria	19 - 73	4 - 25
44 Norway	Spain	67 - 14	25 - 5
45 Indonesia	Brazil	50 - 50	15 - 15
46 Jamaica	USA	21 - 91	2 - 25
47 Ireland	England	19 - 75	4 - 25
48 Croatia	Israel	25 - 72	6 - 24
49 New Zealand	Japan	44 - 41	16 - 14
50 Chinese Taipei	Russia	67 - 37	21 - 9

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Mexico	Czech Republic	49 - 20	21 - 9
52 Egypt	Pakistan	61 - 32	21 - 9
53 France	China	46 - 28	19 - 11
54 Wales	Scotland	25 - 76	5 - 25
55 Argentina	South Africa	37 - 47	13 - 17
56 Germany	Morocco	125 - 17	25 - 0
57 Australia	Greece	34 - 52	11 - 19
58 Canada	Venezuela	69 - 4	25 - 3
59 Poland	India	88 - 29	25 - 4
60 Netherlands	Turkey	52 - 20	22 - 8

ROUND 17

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Denmark	20 - 75	4 - 25
42 Italy	Austria	52 - 57	14 - 16
43 Sweden	Norway	53 - 26	21 - 9
44 Spain	Indonesia	35 - 34	15 - 15
45 Brazil	Jamaica	56 - 28	21 - 9
46 USA	Ireland	69 - 12	25 - 4
47 England	Croatia	43 - 26	19 - 11
48 Israel	New Zealand	56 - 58	15 - 15
49 Japan	Chinese Taipei	42 - 41	15 - 15
50 Russia	Finland	48 - 63	12 - 18

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Egypt	35 - 29	16 - 14
52 Pakistan	China	7 - 76	2 - 25
53 Mexico	Wales	44 - 44	15 - 15
54 Scotland	Argentina	43 - 16	21 - 9
55 South Africa	Germany	47 - 57	13 - 17
56 Morocco	Australia	40 - 44	14 - 16
57 Greece	Canada	50 - 42	16 - 14
58 Venezuela	Poland	28 - 34	14 - 16
59 India	Netherlands	55 - 47	16 - 14
60 Turkey	France	60 - 41	19 - 11

OPEN RANKINGS**AFTER 15 ROUNDS****GROUP A**

1	POLAND	294.00
2	BELGIUM	287.00
3	AUSTRIA	285.50
4	DENMARK	274.50
5	BRAZIL	273.00
6	IRELAND	262.50
7	CROATIA	255.00
8	SPAIN	249.00
9	HONG KONG	236.50
10	SLOVENIA	232.00
11	CANADA	213.00
12	SWITZERLAND	209.00
13	WALES	195.00
14	PAKISTAN	174.50
15	COLOMBIA	163.00
16	TUNISIA	143.00
17	SINGAPORE	137.00
18	TANZANIA	99.00

GROUP B

1	USA	304.00
2	NETHERLANDS	285.00
3	RUSSIA	275.00
4	HUNGARY	263.00
5	AUSTRALIA	262.00
6	GREECE	253.00
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	237.00
	PORTUGAL	237.00
9	FINLAND	232.00
10	SCOTLAND	227.00
11	LIECHTENSTEIN	219.00
12	ROMANIA	202.00
13	LEBANON	201.00
14	GUADELOUPE	199.00
15	LUXEMBURG	179.00
16	MONACO	176.00
17	BANGLADESH	160.00
18	PHILIPPINES	88.00

GROUP C

1	ENGLAND	314.00
2	SWEDEN	288.00
3	INDONESIA	284.50
4	FRANCE	279.00
5	JAPAN	266.00
6	ISRAEL	265.00
7	GERMANY	259.00
8	INDIA	251.00
9	YUGOSLAVIA	225.00
10	EGYPT	215.50
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	211.00
12	MEXICO	195.00
13	LATVIA	176.00
14	VENEZUELA	171.50
15	URUGUAY	155.00
16	SAN MARINO	145.50
17	CYPRUS	140.50
18	MALTA	119.00

GROUP D

1	ITALY	313.00
2	ARGENTINA	285.00
	NORWAY	285.00
4	NEW ZEALAND	272.00
5	ICELAND	269.00
6	CHINA	254.00
	SOUTH AFRICA	254.00
8	BULGARIA	250.25
9	MOROCCO	239.00
10	TURKEY	232.00
11	LA REUNION	224.25
12	MALAYSIA	201.00
13	THAILAND	186.50
14	BERMUDA	180.00
15	MARTINIQUE	177.00
16	UKRAINA	174.00
17	BOTSWANA	92.00
18	PALESTINE	66.00

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
AFTER 17 ROUNDS**GROUP A**

1	NORWAY	325.00
2	AUSTRIA	323.00
3	USA	309.60
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	306.25
5	ENGLAND	304.00
6	ISRAEL	280.50
7	FINLAND	276.00
8	JAPAN	275.00
9	DENMARK	259.50
10	SWEDEN	259.00
11	ITALY	244.50
12	NEW ZEALAND	243.00
13	INDONESIA	242.00
14	SPAIN	227.00
15	CROATIA	222.25
16	BRAZIL	221.00
17	RUSSIA	215.40
18	HONG KONG	205.00
19	IRELAND	184.00
20	JAMAICA	130.00

GROUP B

1	FRANCE	328.00
	GERMANY	328.00
3	CANADA	314.00
4	NETHERLANDS	298.00
5	POLAND	297.00
6	CHINA	290.00
7	SCOTLAND	278.00
8	SOUTH AFRICA	273.00
9	GREECE	268.00
10	MEXICO	251.00
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	244.00
12	AUSTRALIA	239.00
13	VENEZUELA	234.00
14	EGYPT	230.00
15	MOROCCO	224.00
	ARGENTINA	224.00
17	WALES	192.00
18	TURKEY	190.00
19	PAKISTAN	176.00
20	INDIA	167.00

SENIORS' RANKINGS**Final Standings**

1	USA	435.25
2	FRANCE	414.00
3	SWEDEN	412.25
4	ENGLAND	403.00
5	AUSTRALIA	398.00
6	GERMANY	392.25
7	SCOTLAND	392.00
8	CANADA	383.00
9	EGYPT	381.00
10	POLAND	381.00
11	ITALY	361.00
12	BELGIUM	340.00
13	TURKEY	338.00
14	SWITZERLAND	332.00
15	ISRAEL	330.00
16	NETHERLANDS	327.50
17	FINLAND	324.00
18	SAN MARINO	321.50
19	IRELAND	314.00
20	CZECH REPUBLIC	307.25
21	ARUBA	281.00
22	NETH. ANTILLEN	224.00
23	WALES	220.00
24	VENEZUELA	156.00

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**AFTER 20 ROUNDS**

1	AUSTRIA	414
2	ITALY	405
3	DENMARK	368
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	361
5	GERMANY	353
6	NETHERLANDS	351
7	FRANCE	348
8	POLAND	339.5
9	NORWAY	328
10	INDONESIA	322.5
11	USA	314
12	CHINESE TAIPEI	304
13	JAPAN	287
14	CHINA	278.25
15	SINGAPORE	262
16	BELGIUM	257
17	ENGLAND	255
18	HONG KONG	242
19	YUGOSLAVIA	194
20	IRELAND	164.5
21	BOTSWANA	152
22	LATVIA	152

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 16

GROUP A

1	Austria	Denmark
2	Slovenia	Brazil
3	Canada	Spain
4	Colombia	Switzerland
5	Hong Kong	Wales
6	Tanzania	Tunisia
7	Pakistan	Singapore
8	Poland	Belgium
9	Ireland	Croatia

GROUP B

11	Bangladesh	Netherlands
12	Scotland	Hungary
13	Russia	Chinese Taipei
14	USA	Liechtenstein
15	Guadeloupe	Romania
16	Luxemburg	Philippines
17	Australia	Greece
18	Portugal	Monaco
19	Lebanon	Finland

GROUP C

21	Germany	Mexico
22	England	India
23	Yugoslavia	Malta
24	Indonesia	Venezuela
25	Japan	Sweden
26	Cyprus	France
27	Uruguay	San Marino
28	Czech Republic	Latvia
29	Egypt	Israel

GROUP D

31	Botswana	China
32	Turkey	New Zealand
33	Thailand	Malaysia
34	Iceland	Bulgaria
35	South Africa	Palestine
36	Morocco	Argentina
37	Ukraine	Italy
38	La Reunion	Bermuda
39	Norway	Martinique

ROUND 17

GROUP A

1	Denmark	Brazil
2	Austria	Canada
3	Spain	Colombia
4	Switzerland	Hong Kong
5	Wales	Tanzania
6	Tunisia	Pakistan
7	Singapore	Poland
8	Belgium	Ireland
9	Croatia	Slovenia

GROUP B

11	Netherlands	Hungary
12	Bangladesh	Russia
13	Chinese Taipei	USA
14	Liechtenstein	Guadeloupe
15	Romania	Luxemburg
16	Philippines	Australia
17	Greece	Portugal
18	Monaco	Lebanon
19	Finland	Scotland

GROUP C

21	Mexico	India
22	Germany	Yugoslavia
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25	Sweden	Cyprus
26	France	Uruguay
27	San Marino	Czech Republic
28	Latvia	Egypt
29	Israel	England

GROUP D

31	China	New Zealand
32	Botswana	Thailand
33	Malaysia	Iceland
34	Bulgaria	South Africa
35	Palestine	Morocco
36	Argentina	Ukraine
37	Italy	La Reunion
38	Bermuda	Norway
39	Martinique	Turkey

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 18

GROUP A

41	Austria	Hong Kong
42	Finland	Italy
43	Norway	Denmark
44	Indonesia	Sweden
45	Jamaica	Spain
46	Ireland	Brazil
47	Croatia	USA
48	New Zealand	England
49	Chinese Taipei	Israel
50	Russia	Japan

GROUP B

51	China	Czech Republic
52	France	Pakistan
53	Wales	Egypt
54	Argentina	Mexico
55	Germany	Scotland
56	Australia	South Africa
57	Canada	Morocco
58	Poland	Greece
59	Netherlands	Venezuela
60	Turkey	India

ROUND 19

GROUP A

41	Hong Kong	Italy
42	Austria	Norway
43	Denmark	Indonesia
44	Sweden	Jamaica
45	Spain	Ireland
46	Brazil	Croatia
47	USA	New Zealand
48	England	Chinese Taipei
49	Israel	Russia
50	Japan	Finland

GROUP B

51	Czech Republic	Pakistan
52	China	Wales
53	Egypt	Argentina
54	Mexico	Germany
55	Scotland	Australia
56	South Africa	Canada
57	Morocco	Poland
58	Greece	Netherlands
59	Venezuela	Turkey
60	India	France

UNIVERSITY TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 21

71	France	Latvia
72	Ireland	Netherlands
73	Hong Kong	Yugoslavia
74	Botswana	Italy
75	Czech Republic	England
76	Poland	Norway
77	Belgium	Singapore
78	USA	Chinese Taipei
79	Germany	China
80	Indonesia	Japan
81	Austria	Denmark

Bridge Olympiad Maastricht Drug Testing University Bridge World Cup



Paul Magerman of the EBL Executive, Lode Lamberts of FISU and Koos Vrieze, Treasurer of the NOCO, made the draw to select the students who would be tested.

On request of the World Bridge Federation, DO-CONED (Doping Control Nederland) carried out a drug testing at the University Bridge World Cup on Friday 1 September 2000. Eight players were picked out at random to present themselves for the testing. The results will be published as soon as the lab analyses are known.

Let us hope that this testing carried out by an officially recognised organization will convince all sceptics that Bridge definitely is a proper sport.

OPEN

Argentina v China

ROUND 12

Entering Round 12 of the Olympiad Open series, China and Argentina were both in qualifying positions - Argentina was third with 205 Victory Points, while China was in the next position, 8 VPs back. Thus, the match between the two countries was an important one.

Argentina had all the answers, however, thumping their opponents, 62-23, to move into second in Bracket D. China dropped to seventh with the defeat.

Argentina, leading 2-0 early on increased the margin when Zhong Fu went down in a makeable slam.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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Bianchedi and Rizzo had stopped in 4♥ at the other table, easily making six on the lead of a low diamond.

West	North	East	South
Ju	Lambardi	Zhong	Lucena
		1♥	Pass
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ 13+ HCP

Lucena led a low club and Zhong cashed the ace and king, discarding his ♦J. He went to hand with the ♦A and played the ♥6, letting it ride. Another heart went to the ten, a diamond was ruffed, and another heart picked up South's king. All Zhong could do at that point was hope for spades to be 3-3. The play may have been reasonable - the slam is cold if hearts are 2-2 or spades 3-3, and that might be better odds than finding North with both diamond honors, or either player with a singleton diamond honor or the doubleton ♦KQ. There was also the small matter of getting to hand to take the heart finesse. All in all, not a great contract. It did, however, have the virtue of being a maker.

Searching for Transnationals

As a result of a car accident, Pokorna/Kurka of the Czech Republic are looking for team-mates, especially a good pair from Europe. If you are available, please advise the Hospitality Desk.

Argentina picked up another 5 IMPs on an unusual deal in which the contract at both tables was 2♥, but by South and by West!

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 7 2 ♥ K 8 7 5 3 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 5 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ A Q 6 5 ♥ - ♦ 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ K 9 8 7</p>
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♣	J 8 6										
West	North	East	South								
Rizzo	Dai	Bianchedi	Shi								
	1♦	Pass	1♠								
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥								
All Pass											

Rizzo led a club and the contract drifted off one for minus 100. With the 5-0 trump split, the contract had no realistic chance.

West	North	East	South
Ju	Lambardi	Zhong	Lucena
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

On the bidding, it was pretty tough for East-West to find their eight-card diamond fit. Zhong showed good discipline in passing partner's balancing bid. Anything he did might have started the doubling. As it was, he probably wanted to redouble anyway, but that was not a legal option. North/South quickly got a crossruff going in spades and diamonds, and Ju finished with six tricks for minus 100.

China struck back with a game swing a couple of boards later.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ 10 7 5 3 ♦ A J 6 3 ♣ K Q 5</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ K 8 6 ♥ Q 9 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ 10 9 7 6 2</p> <p>♠ 10 7 4 3 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 8 4 3</p>
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South played 3NT in both rooms and got the lead of the ♠7. Lucena played low from dummy and took East's jack with his king. Next came the ♦Q. Lucena apparently was hoping to drop the doubleton (or even singleton) ♦J or perhaps pick up the diamond honor with a finesse on the second round. That plan may have had some merit, but it wasn't working this time. West won the ♦A and continued hearts. Lucena won in dummy and floated the ♦7 to West's jack. A third round of hearts cleared the suit, and Lucena cashed two diamonds before playing a spade to the king and a spade to his jack. When West produced the ♠Q, the contract was down one.

At the other table, Shi won the opening heart lead in hand and simply banged down the ♣A and ♣J. That produced three club tricks fairly easily, and it wasn't difficult to come to a ninth in diamonds. Shi might have failed had someone held four clubs to the king queen and ducked the second round, but the card gods were with Shi on this deal.

Argentina picked up a swing when a lot of bidding with very little in the way of high cards talked Ju and Zhong out of a slam.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 ♥ Q 8 6 5 2 ♦ 8 ♣ K 8 7 6		♠ 6 ♥ A K J 9 7 3 ♦ Q 10 6 4 ♣ A 10	♠ 8 7 5 3 ♥ - ♦ A K J 5 3 ♣ J 9 5 3
West <i>Rizzo</i>	North <i>Dai</i>	East <i>Bianchedi</i>	South <i>Shi</i>

1♥ 3♦ ⁽²⁾ 3NT 5♣	Pass Pass Pass Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾ 3♥ 4NT 6♥	Pass Pass Pass All Pass
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⁽¹⁾ Game-forcing heart raise
⁽²⁾ Diamond shortness

There was nothing to the play and Argentina chalked up plus 980. At the other table, Lambardi and Lucena did their best to muddy the water, with considerable success.

West <i>Ju</i>	North <i>Lambardi</i>	East <i>Zhong</i>	South <i>Lucena</i>
1♥ 4♥	Dble 4♠	2NT 5♥	Pass 3♠ All Pass

East might have suspected the opponents were up to something. In any event, 6♥ seems worth a shot with the East cards. The same 12 tricks were there, so China lost 11 IMPs.

The next deal belongs in the Department of What Might Have Been.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q 10 4 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 6 5 2 ♣ 8 6 3		♠ 8 7 ♥ K 6 5 3 ♦ A K Q 9 8 7 4 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ Q J 8 7 ♦ J 3 ♣ K Q J 10 7 5 2
West <i>Rizzo</i>	North <i>Dai</i>	East <i>Bianchedi</i>	South <i>Shi</i>

As you can see, 7♣ cannot be defeated, even if played by South with a trump lead. It is always possible to ruff two diamonds in the South hand and, with the good spots in hearts, declarer can come to seven club tricks, four hearts and two diamond ruffs. In fact, at least one pair in the Open series made 7♣ doubled.

Neither North/South pair came close to bidding the maximum in the Argentina-China match.

West <i>Rizzo</i> Pass	North <i>Dai</i> Pass	East <i>Bianchedi</i> 5♦	South <i>Shi</i> All Pass
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This contract can be defeated with a spade lead, ruffed, followed by a heart to the ace and a second spade ruff. South started with the ♣A, however, and that was that; Plus 420.

West <i>Ju</i> 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ Pass 4♣ ⁽³⁾	North <i>Lambardi</i> Pass 3♣ Pass	East <i>Zhong</i> 2♠ ⁽²⁾ 3♦ 5♦	South <i>Lucena</i> Pass Pass All Pass
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⁽¹⁾ Multi
⁽²⁾ Signoff if the major is spades
⁽³⁾ Diamond support

Lambardi's first pass seems very conservative, even considering the vulnerability. As the auction developed, South no doubt could not imagine North with such a good club suit, or he might have competed further. From the West seat, 5♦ could not be defeated. North led the ♥Q, ducked. With the heart continuation, Ju wrapped up 12 tricks with ease.

Late in the match, two straight double-digit swings buried the Chinese.

Appeals Committees

9 am - Saturday, Sept. 2

The following are requested please to attend:

Euphrates room: Robert S. Wolff, J. Gerard, E. d' Orsi, J. Polisner, D.W. Stevenson (and to scribe)

St. Laurence room: J. Wignall, R. Colker, N. Rand, G. Endicott, H. De Wael (and to scribe).

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Lambardi and Lucena stopped in 4♣ after Lambardi began with a strong 1♣ and Lucena showed a club suit with a bid of 1♠. Thus Lucena was declarer. He got the ♦J lead and took no chances. He won the ♦A and proceeded with a diamond ruff, ♣A, spade to the ace, diamond ruff, followed by hearts. West ruffed the fourth round of hearts and cashed the ♠K, but when the jack dropped, dummy was good; Plus 650.

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Dai	Bianchedi	Shi
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Splinter raise of spades

Despite the fact that South was in a slam missing KJ10 to five in his trump suit, the slam could be made if declarer guessed correctly. Unfortunately for China, he did not. Rizzo led the ♦J, and the desperate Shi put in the queen. He knew he could not manage the trump suit and ruff diamonds, too. When the ♦Q held, Shi played a spade to the jack, queen and king. The ♦K was returned, and Shi played low in dummy, ruffing. He had the spots to pick up four spades to the ten with West, so he played the ♠9 from hand and let it go. Down one was good for 13 IMPs to Argentina.

On the next deal, Ju's judgment was more than a little suspect, and the partnership paid for the folly.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



Alejandro Bianchedi, Argentina

In the Closed Room, Dai as North played INT, taking nine tricks with relative ease.

Argentina got a bigger bite of the apple in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Ju	Lambardi	Zhong	Lucena
Pass	Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Dble
3♦ ⁽²⁾	Dble	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Precision: could be short

⁽²⁾ Preemptive

Lambardi's double showed values, and Lucena, looking at a nice defensive hand, was happy to convert. True, Ju had six-card support for his partner's opener, but his dull shape and lack of strength - not to mention the unfavorable vulnerability - argued for restraint.

Lucena started with the ♦K, making Argentina partisans in the vugraph audience nervous about a possible continuation with the ace, but Lucena switched to the ♥9, taken by Lambardi with the ace. He got the ♦Q on the table before an accident befell it, then played the ♣10 to the queen and ace. The unhappy Zhong had six tricks and no more for minus 800, and 12 more IMPs to Argentina.

China finished with a vulnerable game swing for 10 IMPs, but that was one of the few good results they posted, as the loss dropped them to seventh in their bracket with time running out.

Back to the Future

After Yesterdays Daily Bulletin (dated 1 August 2000!) several teams will doubtless be disappointed to learn that the event will not be replayed!!



WBF Seniors Congress & Prize-Giving Ceremony

The 1st WBF Seniors Congress will take place today, 2nd September 2000 at 10:00 in the WBF Meeting Room 2.1 on the Promenade Level of the MECC.

Members of the WBF Executive Council, NBO Presidents, Senior Liaison Officers, Captains, Players and Officials of the Seniors Teams at the Maastricht Olympiad are all invited to attend.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome from the WBF President and the Chairman of the WBF Seniors Committee
2. Any comments on the 1st International Seniors Cup in Maastricht
3. Definition of the age for Senior players
4. Future Senior events
 - a) Senior Pairs and Teams in Europe
 - b) Senior Tournament in Bali
5. Various

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at 11:30 and be followed by a cocktail/reception.

Following the prize-giving ceremony and cocktail reception, the Transnational Senior Pairs tournament will take place at the University playing room, Nos. 0.4 and 0.5 on the Promenade level of the MECC.

First session: 12.30 - 15.30 (22 deals)

Second session: 16.00 - 19.00 (22 deals)

José Damiani
WBF President

Nissan Rand
Chairman of
WBF Seniors Committee

Playing Cards

If the Captains of the following teams would care to call at the Hospitality Desk, they can each collect 100 packs of WBF playing cards:

Tunisia	Bangladesh	Ukraine
Tanzania	Yugoslavia	Botswana
Russia	Latvia	Palestine
Romania	Bulgaria	

World Seniors International Cup Final Butler Standings

Nr	Pair	Team	Boards	IMPs	IMPs/ Board
1	J. Mohan-J. Sutherlin	USA	192	202	1.05
2	L. Alfredsson-S. Ekberg	Sweden	192	189	0.98
3	G. Mattsson-H. Humburg	Germany	180	167	0.93
4	S. Robinson-K. Woolsey	USA	180	147	0.82
5	D. Morse-B. Wolff	USA	180	140	0.78
6	F. Leenhardt-C. Mari	France	204	148	0.73
7	K. Stanley-W. Townsend	England	180	127	0.71
8	J. McHale-A. Montwill	Ireland	168	117	0.70
9	H. Hallen-L. Backstrom	Sweden	180	107	0.59
10	B. Goldenfield-W. Hirst	England	180	106	0.59
11	F. Badir-C. Wannufel	Belgium	168	98	0.58
12	C. Delmouly-J. Roudinesco	France	180	103	0.57
13	B. von Gyorffy-N. Chmeik	Germany	180	103	0.57
14	F. Weiss-L. Weiss	Switzerland	276	157	0.57
15	A. Milde-W. Stobieki	Poland	192	108	0.56
16	P. Schwartz-R. Cohen	Canada	228	128	0.56
17	J. Pochron-L. Wesolowski	Poland	168	85	0.51
18	N. Rand-M. Katz	Israel	204	102	0.50
19	J. Lester-G. Lorentz	Australia	180	86	0.48
20	J. Borin-W. Haughie	Australia	180	85	0.47
21	G. Jepson-P. Littlewood	England	192	85	0.44
22	D. Frew-D. Liggat	Scotland	180	70	0.39
23	S. Radwan-O. Sharif	Egypt	276	99	0.36
24	A. El Shafie-M. Kamel	Egypt	276	98	0.36
25	R. Klingner-A. Walsh	Australia	192	66	0.34
26	Z. Jansa-M. Polak	Czech Republic	192	65	0.34
27	P. Adad-M. Aujaieu	France	168	45	0.27
28	G. Gigli-A. Latessa	Italy	180	43	0.24
29	M. Ricciarelli-F. Baroni	Italy	180	35	0.19
30	A. Morath-H. Gothe	Sweden	180	23	0.13
31	A. Audenaert-J. Hendrickx	Belgium	180	17	0.09
32	S. Szenberg-A. Wilkosz	Poland	192	17	0.09
33	T. Honkavuori-R. Honkavuori	Finland	276	14	0.05
34	W. Schneider-W. Gromoller	Germany	180	0	0.00
35	A. Oskam-C. Schutte	Netherlands	204	-12	-0.06
36	G. de Boer-O. Janssens	Netherlands	168	-11	-0.07
37	O. Dan-N. Saxon	Israel	180	-17	-0.09
38	H. Schippers-E. Schippers	Netherlands	180	-24	-0.13
39	P. Sisselaar-H. Kreijns	Aruba	252	-49	-0.19
40	G. Resta-E. Longinotti	San Marino	240	-53	-0.22
41	L. Capodaglio-M. D'Andrea	Italy	192	-43	-0.22
42	A. Bardin-G. Maci	San Marino	240	-67	-0.28
43	G. McKenzie-J. Okeefe	Ireland	192	-97	-0.51
44	R. Rimón-J. Tolvanen	Finland	276	-152	-0.55
45	P. Barry-D. Jackson	Ireland	180	-104	-0.58
46	Y. Sagiv-A. Schwartz	Israel	168	-99	-0.59
47	A. Verhees-T. Valk	Aruba	264	-164	-0.62
48	J. Henri-G. Jauniaux	Belgium	180	-112	-0.62
49	P. Hebak-J. Nosek	Czech Republic	192	-122	-0.64
50	J. Patrick-D. Patrick	Wales	192	-128	-0.67
51	W. Achterberg-H. Bigat	Switzerland	276	-186	-0.67
52	L. Balvers-I. van den Ende	Neth. Antillen	252	-199	-0.79
53	D. Jenkins-E. Jenkins	Wales	180	-146	-0.81
54	G. Kroeger-F v Hellenberg Hubar	Neth. Antillen	252	-245	-0.97
55	J. Chvalina-F. Krizek	Czech Republic	168	-169	-1.01
56	M. Devletian-Z. Diebold	Venezuela	192	-271	-1.41
57	R. Amirata-A. Piontowski	Venezuela	168	-248	-1.48
58	P. Duncan-Ph. Duncan	Wales	180	-301	-1.67
59	M. Bernazzani-M. Tagliavia	Venezuela	156	-302	-1.94

Duel in the Dutch Sun

by Ron Klinger, Australia

Occasionally one comes across a deal where there is thrust and parry, thrust, parry until only one combatant is left standing. Witness Board 2 from Open teams Round 7:

Australia v Russia

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 3
♥ A K 10 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ K 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 5 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 8 7 6 5 4 2
♣ -

♠ J 2
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ 10
♣ Q J 7 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Shudev	Burgess	Avdeev	Marston
		3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠6: 4 - J - Q.
Out came the ♦K. Thrust.
Taken by the ace. Parry.
♠K from North. Thrust.
Ducked in dummy and ♠10 unblocked. Parry.
♠7 from North. Thrust.
♠8 from dummy wins. Parry.
♠A from dummy, discarding the blocking ♦Q. Thrust.
♦J from dummy ... parry by Lady Luck ... diamonds fail to break.
One down; + 50 to Australia.
At the other table, Matthew Thomson, West, and Peter Newman, East, have an uncontested big club auction culminating in 3♠ by East; +130.
5 IMPs to Australia.

Question Time

By Barry Rigal

Questions about the most expensive call, lead or play at the tournament are always going to be raised. But who can beat this one? Here is your hand:

Dealer North. None Vul.

West

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6 5 3
♦ 3
♣ A Q 10 8 2

After North opens with a weak Two Diamonds, South bids Four Clubs to ask for aces, and you try to muddy the waters by bidding Four Hearts. North bids Five Clubs, promising two aces without the queen of diamonds. That is enough for South to jump to Seven Diamonds.
Pass or Double?

The player who held the hand doubled to attract a non-heart lead (hoping no doubt that this called specifically for a club!). Alas, the defender not on lead assumed that her opponents held the requisite number of aces, and that thus the best way to defeat the hand would be to take a ruff.

Holding ♠J985 ♥10842 ♦54 ♣763 East came forth with a spade. This was the full deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

As you can see, the fact that spades do not break means that even on a non-club lead declarer must lose a club trick in the end game - except on a spade lead. So the double plus the opening lead converted +50 and a 14 IMP gain into -1630 and a loss of 12 IMPs.

World Championship Book 2000

Order the Official book of these Championships while here in Maastricht and save money! On publication, the price will be US\$29.95, but here the price is just **\$25** or **60 Guilders**. Please see **Elly Ducheyne** in the **Press Room** on the bottom floor of the MECC. The World Championship Book will be edited by Brian Senior. Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Eric Kokish and Barry Rigal. There will also be guest writers from around the world. The book will include coverage of all the best of the action from all the events being held in Maastricht, including every deal of the finals and semi-finals. There will be a complete listing of all participants, all the final rankings and statistics, and many photographs. Estimated publication date is late February 2001.

Botswana Open Team leap to Fame in Bridge Olympiad 2000

From our special correspondent in Maastricht



Miss Pinard is smiling in front of the camera

Many of the teams taking part in these magnificent Championships know that it will be difficult to compete against the more powerful nations. However, they can still aspire to greatness, and who knows what dreams may come?

In this article, Elizabeth Pinard imagines how it might be one day for the players from Botswana.

A little known country with an even lesser known team has commanded the attention of everyone in its flight to victory at the Maastricht Bridge Olympiad 2000.

The Botswana team comprising Nancy Minwalla, Diniar Minwalla, Xioolun Yi, Tianxiang Zhang, Glynis Dorran and Janet Pinard, coached by Ms Elizabeth Pinard (who played with Val Bloom in the 1997 Bermuda Bowl), has been a terrific success, bringing fame to its country.

Their 25-4VP victory over the renowned Icelandic team catapulted them into an early lead in their group, and they went from strength to strength in the following matches, decisively beating some of the best teams in the world, only narrowly losing to Austria and Morocco.

The knock out stages proved to be no less straightforward, and in the final Botswana swept to victory over the other surprise team of the tournament, Ukraine.

This phenomenal march to victory has made a mark in the pages of bridge history, showing what dedication to a sport really is.

In an interview the coach, Ms Elizabeth Pinard, revealed that the team had trained at high altitude for several weeks on typical Dutch food: pea soup, brown beans and apples. She had always been confident that the team would give everyone a good run for their money.

Revenge is Sweet

When Germany faced Malta in Round 13 of the Open series, Klaus Reps struck a significant blow for his side on the penultimate deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stankiewicz	Reps	Dix	Ludewig
Pass	2♠!	Dble	2♥
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It was not easy to expose North's psyche, and find a route to the cold slam in spades. Of course 3NT was quickly defeated by a heart lead, and the only consolation for the Maltesers was that in the other room the German pair did not get past 4♠.

With only one board to play, it looked as if Malta would have to wait at least four years to get their own back, but there was a surprise in store.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stankiewicz	Reps	Dix	Ludewig
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Mario Dix's gentle raise led to a situation where North felt constrained to re-open, and it was normal for South to convert. Unfortunately, there was no defence, and Malta had their revenge.

That sinking feeling

It has happened to everyone at one time or another, but you never get used to making the only lead to let through a slam. What is your choice with this hand,

♠ Q 10
♥ K 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ J 9

You are East and this is the auction:

West	North	East	South
All Pass	3NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	6NT

⁽¹⁾ Gambling: long, solid minor, no outside ace or king

What is your opening lead?

Jugoslav Cirovic reports that in the Women's series match between Hong Kong and Brazil, the Brazilian East selected as her opening lead the ♥10. That was not a success, as this was the full deal.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

The desperate declarer had no choice but to duck the ♥10 opening lead. Imagine her relief when West followed low. Had justice been served, clubs would have been 4-0, but it was not the day for that, and declarer romped home with 13 tricks. It's hard to fault East for her very reasonable opening lead, but that's small consolation when one is entering minus 1020 on a deal which could have produced plus 250.

The Real Pub Drive

Play took place in various pubs in the inner city of Maastricht and, although the players enjoyed nice weather and a relaxed atmosphere, they **fought hard for every point**. The next pub drive will be on Monday September 4th.

Hi, Editors,

Next time you give the result of the Pub Drive, you might say that the players '**fought hard for every pint**' (Ron Klinger . . . no desire for attribution)

D.O.N.T. let them lead!

In Round 17 of the Universities Championship, the Czech Republic faced Ireland.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pekny		Vozabal	
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When South opened with a 12-14 no trump, East protected with a double that promised a single-suited hand, part of the D.O.N.T. convention.

If East had held a six-card major, he would have opened with a multi 2♦, so it was clear to West that his partner's suit was a minor, and he could afford to pass. He led the ace of diamonds, and the defenders took the first nine tricks.

The result was +500 to E/W.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	Martynek		Jelinek
	INT	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

When North opened with a mini, 9-11, no trump, East was able to make a natural overcall in diamonds. North led a low heart against 2NT, and the defence took seven major-suit tricks for down two, and 12 IMPs to the Czech Republic.

You want fries with that?

It shouldn't be surprising that the town of Maastricht is behind the 11th Olympiad. It is a major event for this historic city. As an example, a Dutch player visited the Daily Bulletin office to say that she had gone to a McDonald's Restaurant on the other side of Maastricht from the MECC and found, pinned to the wall, a copy of the Daily Bulletin for the public to read.

Round 12 Slams

Israel v Japan (Open). Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalish</i>		<i>Podgur</i>	
		1♠*	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

South led the three of clubs. Podgur won and played a diamond for the queen and ace. He took the trump finesse and drew all the trumps. The jack of diamonds was pitched on the king of clubs and the ♦10 led off the dummy. Had North covered, the ♦9 would have been declarer's 12th trick, so the slam was not in doubt. However, North actually ducked, so Podgur threw a spade away. Podgur ruffed a club now and ran all his trumps to catch North in a squeeze for the overtrick and 11 IMPs.

Egypt v Cyprus (Open). Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Shorbagy</i>		<i>Azzam</i>	
			Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

No doubt there are other routes to the cold grand slam, but the Egyptian pair of Emad El-Shorbagy and Ayman Azzam had a very nice auction. Four Diamonds showed solid spades, a minimum of seven to the ace, king, queen, plus a side ace or king. Four Hearts was a general slam try and 4♠ said that Shorbagy had nothing extra. Azzam went on with a club cuebid and now 5♦ showed the ace or king of diamonds. For the grand slam, Azzam needed not only that the diamond control be the ace, but also that the spades be truly solid. Five No Trump showed a singleton or void spade and invited seven.

Shorbagy was able to bid seven as he had both of the key features. Had East held three aces plus a source of tricks, he could have jumped to 5NT immediately, so his actual sequence clearly showed only two aces and, had Shorbagy held solid spades but only the king of diamonds, he would have settled for the small slam.

Egypt v Cyprus (Open). Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Kotb</i>		<i>El-Shazly</i>
2♠	3♣	3♦	4♦
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	6♣
Dble	All Pass		

I am sure that almost every team has a story to tell about this deal, but the only pair to come to talk to us about it were the Egyptians, Medhat Kotb and Yehia El-Shazly. Their Cypriot West opponent opened 2♠, weak with five spades plus a second suit, and Kotb overcalled 3♣. When East bid his diamonds, it gave El-Shazly an easy cuebid to express his club support and good hand. West showed his diamond support, of course, and now Kotb's hand was not rich enough in controls for him to take further action. However, looking at a diamond void and facing a partner who had doubled 5♦, El-Shazly went on with the South cards, making a second cuebid of 5♥. That was doubled on his left and when that came back to him he settled for the small slam.

There was nothing to the play. Kotb ruffed two diamonds in dummy and took the heart finesse for the overtrick; +1740. At the other table, Egypt played 5♦ doubled down one on the East/West cards. Actually, while +100 for North/South is a pretty awful result, and meant a swing of 17 IMPs to Egypt, we should congratulate the Cyprus pair for beating 5♦, as that requires them to take two spade ruffs, a by no means automatic defence to find.

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By Marc Smith courtesy of 

The Only Card



Milton Kostic, Yugoslavia

The Yugoslavian team may not be in contention for a medal in the University Championship but they have still had their moments.

In their match against Poland, Milton Kostic produced a defense that is surely a contender for the 'Best Defensive Play' award.

Board 3. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

The Polish South played in Four Spades and, sitting West, Kostic led a heart to his partner's ace. East returned a heart to the king and declarer led a trump to the nine in dummy. A diamond to the ten lost to West's queen and Kostic returned a second diamond to the jack.

Now declarer led a second round of trumps and Kostic made another key play by ducking again. He took the third round of trumps with the ace and produced the only card to defeat the contract - the queen of hearts. This forced South's last trump and left declarer with no route to dummy to draw the last trump. West thus scored a diamond ruff to set the game.

Never Give Up

Even the most hopeless of contracts can sometimes come home if declarer doesn't give up on them. Take this example from the Women's Round 11 match between England and Italy.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A Q J 7 3		
	♥ J 6 4 2		
	♦ -		
	♣ J 10 9 4		
♠ 4 2		♠ K 9 8	
♥ K 5		♥ Q 9 8 7	
♦ 9 5 2		♦ K Q 10 7	
♣ A Q 8 6 5 3		♣ 7 2	
	♠ 10 6 5		
	♥ A 10 3		
	♦ A J 8 6 4 3		
	♣ K		
West	North	East	South
	Brunner		Goldenfield
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Michelle Brunner's light opening bid propelled her side into what appears to be a hopeless game as the cards lie. The opening lead was the two of clubs - systemically normal from a doubleton - to the king and ace. West made a serious error now by continuing with the ♣Q, ruffed in dummy. Brunner ran the ten of spades now and East won immediately and returned a spade. Brunner won, drew the remaining trump, and played a heart to the ten and king. When West returned a club, Brunner ran all her black winners and caught East in a heart/diamond squeeze to make her contract.

Of course, West could have broken up the squeeze by returning a heart when she won the king. Her failure to do so, combined with her play at trick two, would put her in line for the Hammer Films Award for the defensive horror story of the championships, were we offering this award in Maastricht.

The Golden Oldies

by Ron Klinger

At lunch with partner Alan Walsh on Thursday, I met Monique Sanders and Ed Lakerveld, two Dutch assistants here.

Monique: 'Ah, you are from Australia? You are a doing very well.'

Ron: 'Not as well as the Australian Open Team. We are from the Seniors.'

Ed: 'I have been at the Seniors venue. Around here everyone seems rather tense but at the Seniors venue it is much more relaxed.'

Alan: 'Yes, when we used to play in the Open we were also tense. Now we are past tense.'

Montreal Mondial 2002!

(16-31 August 2002)

Visit the bilingual city of Montreal in 2002 for the World Bridge Championships!

Montreal is an island city of over two million people, situated in the Hochelaga Archipelago at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers. Home to the Iroquois until Paul de Chomedey de Maisonneuve - the founder of Montreal - and four dozen colonists began constructing Ville-Marie (Montreal) in 1642. Despite the ravages of city developers in the 1970s, enough of Montreal's historic architecture still remains to make the city a delight for citizens and visitors alike.

Montreal is a genuinely bilingual city; English is widely spoken but Montreal also has the second biggest French speaking population of any city in the world. It is a fitting venue for the biggest of the World Championships in the WBF's four-year cycle. These are the biggest of the World Championships because permitted entries are almost unlimited.

The Championships feature the **World Open Pairs**, the **World Women's Pairs**, the **World Mixed Pairs**, and the **Rosenblum and McConnell** teams. There is a new championship, the **IMP Pairs**, plus **World Seniors Pairs** and **Teams Championships** and the **Junior Triathlon**. Alongside the championship events is a full **North American Regional** and players will earn both **WBF** and **ACBL Master Points** in both the Regional and the World Championships.

The Daily Bulletin interviewed **George Retek** who, as well as being WBF Treasurer and Vice-president, is also the WBF Liaison Officer for the 2002 Championships. George started by thanking WBF President, Jose Damiani for his efforts, which have obtained substantial sponsorship for the Championships. He told us that the Championships will be held in two host hotels, the **Bonaventure Hilton** and **Queen Elizabeth**, where 800 rooms have been reserved for the bridge players. Rates for a standard room (single or double occupancy) in the Queen Elizabeth will be US\$120 and in the Bonaventure Hilton US\$160 - a substantial saving over the normal rates. These rates are for bed only, without breakfast.

In all, around 2000 rooms will be required for the Championships, and a block-booking has been made. These can all be found within 5-15 minutes walk of the host hotels, with prices ranging from US\$75-120 for three-and four star accommodation. At some of these hotels, either free parking or a free night's accommodation will be offered for bookings of 10 nights or more. While not pre-booked, cheaper accommodation can also be found if required, starting from as little as US\$30 per night. Anyone needing details, please contact George Retek. It is advised that visitors make their reservations early through the central reservations bureau, especially for the host hotels. A full list of hotels and room rates will be available by the end of the year. Anyone who would like a copy sending to them may leave their name at the **WBF Office** on the top floor of the MECC here in Maastricht

Montreal is one of the least expensive major cities in the world and probably the least expensive on the North American continent. All prices for hotel accommodation and merchandise purchased are subject to 15% Value Added Tax, but this is fully



Justin & Kayleish are looking forward to welcome visitors in the hospitality suite at the Montreal World Championships

refundable to visitors to Canada, and forms for this purpose will be included in the registration bag at the Championships.

There are hundreds of restaurants in the hotel and within 10 minutes walk of the venue. Almost all kinds of cuisine can be found to suit all tastes, and with prices ranging from C\$5-100, all pockets can also be catered to.

The bilingual nature of the city allows visitors to have the best of both traditions - French charm and English practicality (certainly better than the other way around). The Montreal bridge community, led by **Chairman Tibor Bertalan**, is already hard at work making preparations to see that all visitors feel at home and comfortable during their stay.

Montreal is a city where people talk to each other, where the city is as lively at night as it is during the day. There is a fabulous range of night life and the bars and restaurants stay open well into the night. You can take the **métro** (the subway) or wander through the city centre and its many neighbourhoods without fear of being

mugged, and can sip café au lait on a sidewalk terrace or indulge in the best smoked meat sandwich on the continent. Montrealers are passionate about culture, politics, and food. There is a famous **underground city** with sparkling stores, eating places and bars. This is fully air-conditioned, as are all the hotels, so that visitors need not worry about the weather.

The **Montreal International Film Festival** is taking place at the same time as the Championships, which is great news for cinema buffs. There are, of course, all the museums and art galleries you would expect of a major world city. Sports fans will also be well catered for. The dates for 2002 have not yet been set, but in 2000 a major **Women's tennis** tournament was held in Montreal ending around the date that the bridge championships are to begin in two years time, and the tennis will be held again in 2002.

Subject to demand, **optional excursions** will be run to the **Laurentian Mountains**, **Niagara Falls**, and **New York City**.

So, why not plan to come to the marvelous city of Montreal for what should be the truly memorable 2002 World Bridge Championships.

Anyone seeking further information about the 2002 Championships, please contact George Retek here in Maastricht or Chairman Tibor Bertalan in Montreal (e-mail: superdentist@toothfairy.com).



Double Defensive Delight

Carlos Lucena and Pablo Lambardi of Argentina are one of South America's leading pairs. They enjoyed Argentina's Round 7 match against Palestine in the Open series, with these two nice defensive performances the highlights.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 ♥ K Q J 8 5 3 2 ♦ 9 ♣ A 2		♠ Q 10 8 7 2 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ A K 10 5 3 ♣ -	♠ K 6 4 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ J 8 4 2 ♣ K 5 4
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Lambardi</i>		<i>Lucena</i>
		1♠	Pass
2♣	3♥	Pass	3NT
4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

Four Hearts would have made comfortably enough, but the Palestinian West player saw little defensive potential in his hand and took a dubious save, given that both sides were vulnerable. However, it takes accurate defence to take a large enough penalty to compensate North/South for their lost game.

Lambardi led his singleton diamond to the ten, jack and queen, and declarer tried to slip the six of clubs past him. But Lambardi wanted his ruff and rose with the ace of trumps. Lambardi did not play a heart next but cashed the ace of spades and, liking what he saw, continued with the ♠9. Lucena won the ♠K and dealt his partner a diamond ruff for down three; -800.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 5 3 ♥ K J 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 4 ♣ 7		♠ 10 6 ♥ Q 10 7 6 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K J 6 5 2	♠ Q J 9 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ A Q 9 4 3
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Lambardi</i>		<i>Lucena</i>
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	5♥	2♠
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Lucena's 2♣ opening was Precision-style and attracted a fairly ugly overcall from West and a negative double from North. It might have been better for East to raise to 4♥ now, putting his opponents under pressure, but he passed and only bid after the Argentinians had bid to the cold spade game. It was easy now for Lambardi to double 5♥.

Lambardi led his club to the queen and Lucena switched to the jack of spades, promising the queen. That was covered by the king and ace and Lambardi switched to the jack of diamonds, showing the queen and denying the king. The defenders were perfectly poised to take the maximum and they made no mistake. Lucena won the ace of diamonds and, without cashing the ♠Q, played ace and another club. Declarer was powerless to prevent Lambardo from getting two trump tricks. He could ruff high and lead a heart towards the queen but, because the defence had kept their communications intact, Lambardi could rise with the ♥K and cross to the spade to get another club through to make the ♥J. The card-perfect defence meant a penalty of 1100 and a handy swing to Argentina.

Memories of Maastricht [2]

By David Stevenson, England

A brilliant start: a lovely article about Marc Smith's driving, Annelie Kooijman's hair driers and Max Bavin's badges, and it does not get attributed! Of course the Editor blames me, and I blame the Editor, but I hope everyone realises the article in Bulletin No 2 was by me, since I always do the 'Memories of ...' series.

Herman De Wael and I found a lovely Italian restaurant. We were lucky to find room, since we had not booked, but we got the last table, so the proprietor [with tears in his eyes] had to turn away the next people wanting a table, including Omar Sharif. We were surprised the proprietor did not suddenly remember our table had been booked for Omar! The next night I sampled the delights of Japanese cooking [a first for me] and found the knowledgeable sounding player they sat me next to was Kit Woolsey.

Having tried to persuade my hotel that I am leaving on the 10th [not the 9th as they think] they finally decided to believe me. They were so excited that they told me - immediately! So at 7.46 am [NOT MY favourite time] my TV played loud music, and when I managed to get my eyes open, there was this exciting message! Grrrrr!

Thanks to Daniel Auby, not for removing my hospitality bag, but for returning it, when he found the set of appeals decisions, which he did not find as interesting as I do! Herman De Wael is punctilious at attending appeals - but he relied on the hotel's system for waking him in the morning, and they didn't. The Appeals Committee has fined the Tulip Hotel two VPs for failure to alert!

SENIORS **France v England** **ROUND 21**

With three rounds to play in the World Seniors' Cup, England lay second and France third, both well in touch with the leaders, USA. Their Round 21 clash was likely to be crucial in deciding what colour of medal, if any, the two teams would take home with them.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stanley	Leenhardt	Townsend	Mari
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Keith Stanley, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aujaleu	Jepson	Adad	Littlewood
INT	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Natural

Keith Stanley and Bill Townsend outbid Pierre Adad and Maurice Aujaleu to reach the playable 4♥ game rather than the hopeless 5♣. Alas for the English, 4♥ was also hopeless on the lie of the cards. The 5-1 trump break and 3-1 club split meant that 4♥ was the same two down as 5♣, when a 2-2 club break and 4-2 or better trump split would have seen 4♥ coming home for a big English gain.

England might still have gained on the deal, had Graham Jepson risked a double of 5♣.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stanley	Leenhardt	Townsend	Mari
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aujaleu	Jepson	Adad	Littlewood
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♣	Dble	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Would you get involved on the West cards, facing a passed partner? Keith Stanley was happy to defend 1♠ so passed it out. The contract was three down for 150 to England.

In the other room, Peter Littlewood opened an 11-13 no trump and Aujaleu could bid 2♣ to show both majors. Jepson doubled to show clubs, and Adad was happy to invite a heart game. Littlewood led the ten of clubs to declarer's ace. Adad led the queen of spades to the king and ace, then played three more rounds of spades, throwing both his diamonds away. Jepson won the fourth spade and, having nothing very attractive to lead, tried the ace of diamonds. Adad ruffed and took the heart finesse. From here he cross-ruffed the minors and came to an overtrick;

+450 and 7 IMPs to France.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, Stanley/Townsend got to 2NT, making exactly on the East/West cards.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aujaleu	Jepson	Adad	Littlewood
		1♣	1♦
INT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Perhaps discretion is sometimes the better part of valour, but I am sure that I too would have bid a second time with Littlewood's hand. Aujaleu doubled 2♦ and led the queen of spades followed by a second spade, ruffed by declarer. Littlewood played ace and ten of clubs and Aujaleu won the king to play a third spade. Littlewood ruffed again and ruffed a club low. Next, he ruffed a spade with the ace of trumps while Aujaleu threw a heart then led a winning club. If Aujaleu pitches another heart on this trick, declarer can ruff with the jack and play ace and another heart, discarding from hand. Left with nothing but trumps, West is endplayed, obliged to ruff and lead into the ♦Q9 to give declarer his eighth trick. But Aujaleu had seen this sort of position before. He ruffed the fourth club and, when Littlewood tried the suggested line anyway, had a heart with which to follow to the second round. Adad had the lead and could push a trump through for one down; -200 and 2 IMPs to France.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Christian Mari, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stanley	Leenhardt	Townsend	Mari
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aujaleu	Jepson	Adad	Littlewood
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Christian Mari opened 2NT and Francois Leenhardt transferred to clubs then, when Mari said that he was not interested, made a natural invitational raise to 4NT. Mari passed that and made a peaceful +660.

Jepson's 3♦ response in the other room was the Flint convention, usually an attempt to play in three-of-a-major, but also possibly a diamond slam try. Littlewood said that he wanted to play game opposite either major and 4NT was Blackwood. Over the two-ace response, Jepson bid 6NT. As he put dummy down, he told declarer that he didn't have what he was expecting - a fair comment!

The opening lead was a heart to the ten, queen and king. Littlewood played ace and another club then a spade to the king, hoping that even if the ace were offside a second spade might not be returned, leaving some prospects in the endgame. Aujaleu, of course, cashed a second spade for down one; -100 and 13 IMPs to France.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 5		
	♥ AKQ92		
	♦ K9764		
	♣ 64		
♠ J1082		♠ A94	
♥ J8		♥ 10653	
♦ J105		♦ 82	
♣ J952		♣ Q873	
	♠ KQ763		
	♥ 74		
	♦ AQ3		
	♣ AK10		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stanley	Leenhardt	Townsend	Mari
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aujaleu	Jepson	Adad	Littlewood
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Again Mari/Leenhardt stopped in 4NT. Leenhardt showed both his suits and Mari said that he was not interested; +460.

Rather than show his diamonds, Jepson raised to 4NT. Littlewood accepted the invitation by showing his aces as if 4NT had been Blackwood, and now Jepson suggested 6♦ as a possible spot. There was no problem in the play; +920 and 10 IMPs to England.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ AQ109		
	♥ 5		
	♦ 9865		
	♣ A1076		
♠ K75		♠ 642	
♥ KQ962		♥ AJ83	
♦ AK43		♦ Q102	
♣ J		♣ Q93	
	♠ J83		
	♥ 1074		
	♦ J7		
	♣ K8542		

Both Wests declared 4♥ after North had made a take-out double. Leenhardt led a diamond against Stanley. Declarer put in dummy's ten and there was no recovery. With Mari able to win the defensive club trick and switch to a spade, the defence was

in control and came to three spade tricks and a club for down one; -100.

In the other room, Jepson started with the ace of clubs and switched to the nine of diamonds. With his communications opened up, a winning diamond view would have seen Aujaleu home. However, like Stanley, he thought that the finesse was the better shot. The ten was covered by the jack and king. Aujaleu drew trumps and ruffed a low club. Then he played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing the last one, and confidently led the queen of clubs, expecting to be able to discard a spade and have North winning and forced to lead a spade up to his king. Alas, the king of clubs was not where it was supposed to be. When Littlewood covered the club, Aujaleu ruffed and led a low spade from hand. He had to lose three spades for one down and a flat board.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ QJ		
	♥ 8754		
	♦ A873		
	♣ Q53		
♠ 53		♠ 9872	
♥ Q10		♥ AKJ932	
♦ Q9652		♦ J	
♣ AK97		♣ J4	
	♠ AK1064		
	♥ 6		
	♦ K104		
	♣ 10862		

Stanley/Townsend stopped in 3♥, where a defensive slip allowed declarer to make an overtrick; +170.

In the Open Room, Adad was in game after Littlewood had overcalled 1♠ and Jepson raised to 2♠ in competition. Littlewood led a top spade and Jepson dropped the queen, promising the jack. A trump switch would have beaten the contract easily enough, but Littlewood was afraid that his partner would have ♥jxxx and that this should be the fourth defensive trick. He underled the king of spades to the jack. Now Jepson switched to ace and another diamond. That might have been correct if Littlewood had held a singleton diamond, but couldn't he then have switched to it himself? As it was, Adad could ruff two diamonds to establish the suit and come to ten tricks; +420 and 6 IMPs to France.

The final score was 29-15 IMPs to France, converting to 19-11 VPs. France had moved into second place with two matches to go, but USA had chalked up a big win and were looking good for the gold medal.

International Communications

By Grattan Endicott

At the dinner to which I was graciously invited this week by the President of the European Bridge League, I had the good fortune to be seated between a Croatian and an Italian. The Croatian spoke in Italian but clearly had a fine understanding of English, whilst the Italian was determined to speak in English although I believe he has also a command of Italian. I speak both languages and the conversation flowed to and fro in harmonious international understanding.

Appeal No. 5

Appeals Committee:

Joan Gerard (Chairman, USA), David Stevenson (Scribe, England), Grattan Endicott (England), Jeffrey Polisner (USA), Bobby Wolff (USA).

Norway v Latvia

University Teams Round 9

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K J 10 6 3 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ A 8 7 4 ♣ Q</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ 10 ♣ K 10 8 5</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ J 10 8 5 3 2 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ A 9 3</p>
<p>West Hagen Pass</p>	<p>North Gaigals 1♥ 2♥⁽²⁾</p>	<p>East Kristofferson Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South Germanis INT⁽¹⁾</p>

Comments:

- ⁽¹⁾ Forcing for one round (explained both sides of screen)
⁽²⁾ West asked South: South said less than 16, but not minimum, +/- 15-16

Contract:

Two hearts, played by East.

Result:

Eight tricks, NS +110.

The Facts:

West stated that if he had known North could have been weaker (as he was) he could have balanced. The Convention card just said that 1♥-INT-2NT showed 16+, nothing about 1♥-INT-2♥.

The Director:

We felt West had been damaged but:

1. East/West had been cautious until now; on balancing it is less plausible to reach game
2. Only a few pairs reached 4♠ (10 out of 22)

Therefore we adjusted the score.

Ruling:

Score adjusted to 2♠+2 by West; N/S -170 to both sides.

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players.

The Players:

East/West said: On a balance vulnerable versus non-vulnerable, we always have a good hand, especially when opponents haven't shown a fit. As East I would have considered bidding either 3♥, showing a good 3♣ raise with ♥ values, or maybe a direct jump to 4♠. We feel that the side who is hurt (us) should be given a beneficial judgement (+620). (I know we have ten spades and the opener has the ♣A.)

The Committee:

Noted that West's "question" was merely a look. South proffered an explanation: he was slightly confused, and in fact the correct description of 2♥ is 12-15 or 12-16. At the Committee South agreed that he gave the wrong explanation.

The Directives of the Code of Practice laid down that the Appeals Committee should take full account of that ruling, and this was done in the deliberations. Furthermore the Committee took into account the level of competence of the event.

Relevant Laws:

Law 21C, 12C3.

The Committee's decision:

There was misinformation. It was possible that East would balance with correct information, and possible that, if so, game would be reached.

Score adjusted to:

50% of 2♥= by North, NS +110; 20% of 2♠+2, NS -170; 30% of 4♠=, NS -620 to both sides.

Deposit:

Returned.



The Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony takes place on Wednesday, 6th September at 10 a.m. in room 2.1 on the top floor of MECC (the WBF Meeting Room).

The AGM will be followed by a lunch hosted by the Dutch Bridge Federation, to be held in the Golden Tulip Hotel (next door to MECC, the Garden Restaurant of Barbizon Room) at 1 p.m. All IBPA members are cordially invited and must register in the Press Room if they wish to attend.

The next Meeting of the IBPA Executive will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4th September. Meet in the Press Room.

Olympic Champions of the Future

Bridge can be learned at an early age. The Dutch Bridge Federation has developed the so called '**Minibridge**', which is based on the same rules as the game of bridge. **Minibridge** is meant for children aged eight to twelve. An excellent introduction to 'adult' bridge.

Minibridge is divided in two parts: basic techniques and advanced play technique. The learning methods consist of theory, quizzes and games. Children are taught how to play **Minibridge** in eight lessons for the basics and another 10 lessons for the technique of playing. In this way, going step by step, it is easy to teach them at last the technique of bidding.

Minibridge can be played at home with four players, but it is also possible to take part in matches with many players.

Starting so young with the game in a pleasant way, it may remain a challenging hobby for the rest of their lives.

On Saturday 2 September, a demonstration of **Minibridge** is given from 11.00-12.00 hrs and 13.30-15.00 hrs, in the Passage of the MECC. So come and see it for yourself!

*Loes Hoefnagels
from the netherlands*



Norwegian Endplay in Duplo

by Jon Sveindal, Norway

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: Heart King
In Rounds 8 and 7 respectively, the Norwegian Bravehearts

and the Open team both encountered New Zealand. After the above bidding, Soelvi Remen proved that skilled declarer play is one of the many qualities of the bravehearted Norwegian girls. She won the ace of hearts, played a diamond to the ace, and two more rounds of the suit. The club shift was ducked, but the ace took the next club trick. Then she cashed her diamond and spade winners, and led the nine of hearts. West had no answer - she had to give Soelvi her ninth trick in hearts. Well played! The New Zealander declarer lost grip of things when she ducked the heart king, and continued to duck two round of clubs. She ended up two down.

"Turbo" Furunes, for the lads, almost duplicated Soelvi's nice declarer play. The only variation was that he let East win the second diamond trick. Eventually he too endplayed West in hearts for the contract.

At the other Open Teams table, South ducked the heart king, and Geir Helgemo switched to a spade. After having given the defense a diamond trick and ducked a round of clubs, declarer took his diamond and spade tricks. The total number of tricks was seven when he led the nine of hearts from dummy - and was stuck there when Geir let it win! "Pil" Austberg took two club tricks for one down. But had South played the blocking nine of hearts to the first trick, even Geir would have been endplayed to give declarer two heart tricks - and the contract.

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 20

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Wales	Venezuela	34 - 30	16 - 14
86 Sweden	Scotland	46 - 24	21 - 9
87 Finland	Poland	5 - 56	2 - 25
88 Italy	England	17 - 26	13 - 17
89 Switzerland	San Marino	69 - 17	25 - 2
90 France	Aruba	52 - 38	19 - 11
91 Neth. Antillen	Canada	23 - 39	11 - 19
92 Netherlands	Turkey	29 - 25	16 - 14
92 Israel	Australia	38 - 23	19 - 11
93 Czech Republic	Germany	33 - 25	16.25-12.25
94 USA	Egypt	26 - 19	17 - 13
95 Ireland	Belgium	36 - 41	14 - 16

ROUND 21

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 USA	Venezuela	66 - 15	25 - 2
86 Turkey	Egypt	29 - 31	14 - 16
87 Canada	Aruba	56 - 12	25 - 4
88 Wales	Netherlands	12 - 61	3 - 25
89 Czech Republic	Ireland	37 - 51	11 - 19
90 Scotland	Belgium	34 - 27	17 - 13
91 France	England	29 - 15	19 - 11
92 San Marino	Neth. Antillen	78 - 31	25 - 3
93 Sweden	Israel	35 - 11	21 - 9
94 Australia	Switzerland	46 - 13	24 - 6
95 Germany	Finland	23 - 44	9 - 21
96 Poland	Italy	21 - 33	12 - 18

ROUND 22

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	Germany	17 - 32	11 - 19
86 Neth. Antillen	Finland	20 - 30	12 - 18
87 England	Belgium	19 - 3	19 - 11
88 USA	San Marino	28 - 10	20 - 10
89 Australia	Poland	47 - 15	23 - 5
90 Egypt	Italy	23 - 11	18 - 12
91 Scotland	Netherlands	26 - 12	19 - 11
92 Ireland	France	31 - 31	15 - 15
93 Turkey	Sweden	9 - 28	10 - 20
94 Israel	Czech Republic	21 - 35	11 - 19
95 Switzerland	Canada	11 - 46	6 - 24
96 Aruba	Wales	30 - 22	17 - 13

ROUND 23

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Switzerland	Venezuela	47 - 13	24 - 6
86 France	Canada	36 - 16	20 - 10
87 Netherlands	Italy	24 - 29	14 - 16
88 Germany	Ireland	60 - 17	25 - 4
89 Israel	Aruba	40 - 1	25 - 5
90 Finland	Wales	29 - 16	19 - 11
91 Egypt	San Marino	31 - 23	17 - 13
92 Poland	Scotland	34 - 17	20 - 10
93 Neth. Antillen	Turkey	2 - 24	9 - 21
94 Sweden	Australia	30 - 20	18 - 12
95 Czech Republic	England	30 - 7	21 - 9
96 Belgium	USA	13 - 37	9 - 21

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 17

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	Yugoslavia	22 - 51	7 - 23
72 Indonesia	Belgium	38 - 33	16 - 14
73 Botswana	Germany	16 - 53	5 - 25
74 England	Chinese Taipei	33 - 32	15 - 15
75 Ireland	Czech Republic	13 - 59	3 - 25
76 Singapore	Italy	21 - 59	5 - 25
77 China	Austria	29 - 41	12 - 18
78 Denmark	Poland	26 - 30	14 - 16
79 Norway	Japan	17 - 31	11 - 19
80 France	Hong Kong	73 - 8	25 - 0
81 USA	Netherlands	42 - 38	16 - 14

ROUND 18

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Poland	Latvia	66 - 6	25 - 1
72 Italy	England	18 - 23	14 - 16
73 France	Singapore	72 - 15	25 - 1
74 Yugoslavia	Denmark	0 - 49	3 - 25
75 Norway	Germany	7 - 48	4 - 25
76 Belgium	USA	50 - 26	21 - 8
77 Czech Republic	China	52 - 27	22 - 8
78 Hong Kong	Netherlands	1 - 71	0 - 25
79 Austria	Ireland	79 - 0	25 - 0
80 Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	22 - 55	6 - 24
81 Japan	Botswana	49 - 18	23 - 7

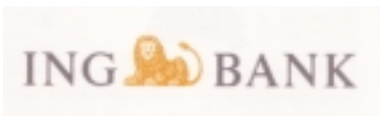
ROUND 19

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	Netherlands	18 - 53	6 - 24
72 USA	Yugoslavia	40 - 16	21 - 9
73 Chinese Taipei	Belgium	35 - 28	17 - 13
74 Poland	Hong Kong	33 - 14	20 - 10
75 Austria	Singapore	59 - 10	25 - 3
76 England	Japan	22 - 37	11 - 19
77 Germany	Czech Republic	12 - 24	12 - 18
78 Indonesia	Botswana	61 - 6	25 - 2
79 China	Norway	25 - 26	15 - 15
80 Denmark	Italy	24 - 30	14 - 16
81 Ireland	France	5 - 45	5 - 25

ROUND 20

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Japan	Poland	31 - 44	11 - 19
72 Denmark	England	40 - 17	21 - 9
73 Netherlands	Indonesia	29 - 25	16 - 14
74 China	Belgium	20 - 15	16 - 14
75 Yugoslavia	Ireland	31 - 30	15 - 15
76 Singapore	Germany	30 - 29	15 - 15
77 Italy	France	35 - 19	19 - 11
78 Czech Republic	Austria	16 - 41	8 - 22
79 Hong Kong	USA	29 - 17	18 - 12
80 Norway	Chinese Taipei	34 - 24	18 - 12
81 Botswana	Latvia	18 - 44	8 - 22

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ING also sponsors the Bridge Olympiad, for instance the Dutch vugraph (Auditorium I). Next to the entrance of this Auditorium is a special **ING** corner, where you can find the portrait gallery of top bridge players, that also was exposed in the Theater aan het Vrijthof during the opening ceremony.

ING's sponsorship of bridge was a logical choice, since a lot of **ING** clients play bridge.

Member of the board of management, Leonard van der Hoeven doesn't play bridge himself, but he thinks that bridge and banking have much in common. In both worlds it comes to development of a strategy, cooperation and anticipation.

Today's Press Conference Captains Choose Opponents

Today at 17.30 hrs, there will be a press conference in the MECC (room 2.1). During this press conference the captains of the Open Teams and Women's Teams will make public their choice for an opponent in the round of 16 (knockout phase).

All journalists are invited to visit this press conference.

VUGRAPH

Auditorium I <i>(Dutch commentary)</i>	Time	Auditorium II <i>(English commentary)</i>
Poland v Belgium <i>(OPEN)</i>	10.00	Austria v Denmark <i>(OPEN)</i>
The Netherlands v Hungary <i>(OPEN)</i>	14.00	To be decided



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Ed's Column door Ed Hoogenkamp

Slapeloze nachten

Al dagen loop ik met een spel in mijn hoofd. Het was er eentje uit de wedstrijd Nederland-Libanon met Bauke Muller als leider. Hij speelde het spel voor zijn doen snel af, maar vond het achteraf toch wel moeilijk. Als toeschouwer (ik zag alleen de dummy) was het allemaal aan me voorbij gegaan. Later ging ik over het spel nadenken tot op de dag van vandaag.

♠ A V 3
 ♥ A H 10 9 3
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A 7 3 2

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♠ B 9 7 6
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ A H B 4
 ♣ 10 5 4

West kwam uit met ♦2, oost ♦8 en de leider nam ♦B. Wat is het beste speelplan? Mijn gevoel zegt: drie maal ruiten en dan ♥A, ♥H en ♥10 na.

Als de hartens 3-3 of 4-2 verdeeld zitten met een honneur in de doubleton dan is 3SA gemaakt. Muller keek dieper.

♠ 10 8 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ V 7 5 2 ♣ V B 9 6	♠ A V 3 ♥ A H 10 9 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A 7 3 2	♠ H 5 4 ♥ V B 4 2 ♦ 10 9 8 6 ♣ H 8
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♠ B 9 7 6
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ A H B 4
 ♣ 10 5 4

Hij nam nog een hoge ruiten mee en speelde toen schoppen naar de vrouw. Oost nam ♠H (ten onrechte) en vervolgde met ruiten. Muller incasseerde ♣A en ♣H en speelde een derde harten. Oost nam en speelde ruiten voor west, die naar klaveren switchte. Muller nam en ging door met ♠A en schoppen na. Hij had inmiddels redelijk zicht op het zitsel en legde ♠B waaronder de tien viel; ♠9 was de negende slag.

Het plan van Muller zag er goed doortimmerd uit, maar er zijn vele andere opties. Misschien is het psychologisch beter meteen de schoppensnit te nemen alvorens ruitens te incasseren. Immers, het is zeer verdacht als de leider de kleur doorspeelt die west is uitgekomen. Zoals het nu ging zou oost eigenlijk gealarmeerd moeten zijn. Hij had kunnen bedenken dat hij ♠H moest duiken, zodat de leider niet meer in zijn hand kon komen.

Het bezwaar van de psychologische aanpak is dat als ♠V houdt, de tegenpartij na drie rondjes harten doorheeft dat de leider zijn hand niet meer kan bereiken. 'Misschien moet zuid de eerste slag dan met ♦H nemen', suggereerde iemand.

Zelden heb ik een simpel ogend spel met zoveel varianten gezien. Analisten onder u, ik hoor graag uw mening.

Aida in the MECC

On 2, 3, 8 and 9 September, Giuseppe Verdi's opera Aida will be played in the MECC in Maastricht. It promises to be a great spectacle. The opera starts at 20.00 daily (Sunday 16.00), but it is advised to be at the location an hour earlier.

Entrance: Dfl. 60-130. Reservation at the Uitbalie Maastricht: (043) 350 5555.

Cultural Market in Maastricht

This weekend the Parours will be held. This yearly cultural market takes place in the city of Maastricht. Just follow the red carpet and you can enjoy performances of artists and watch the stands of several cultural organizations.

The opening will take place today on 19.00 hrs at the Henri van Veldekeplein. The orchestra 'Intro' will present you a spectacular open-air concert for carillon and electronics. After that Maastricht will be a big theatre full of musicians, dancers, actors and other artists.

Transportation to the Reception of the Dutch Bridge Federation

Those who are invited to the reception of the Dutch Bridge Federation (NBB) on Monday September 4th at 19.00 hrs. will be picked up at the Golden Tulip Hotel at 18.15 hrs. and at the Van der Valk Hotel at 18.15 hrs.

Buses will return to the hotels at 22.00 hrs. which enables you to attend Monday's closing session.