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# Italy's Dramatic Open Victory USA Claim Women's Title



Italy's **Fulvio Fantoni** and **Claudio Nunes** are the new World Open Pairs Champions. As the final session reached its climax they overturned the seemingly insurmountable lead built up by **Zia Mahmood** and **Michael Rosenberg**.

Some sporting legends are famous because of what they did not achieve. Ken Rosewall couldn't win Wimbledon, Ted Williams never captured the World Series and Stirling Moss didn't become World Motor Racing Champion. Everyone hopes that Zia will eventually secure the World Championship he clearly deserves. Meanwhile another great showman, Brazil's **Gabriel Chagas** alongside **Diego Brenner** finished third.

It was **Karen McCallum**, she also won in 1990 with Kerri Sanborn, and **Debbie Rosenberg**, who is already planning her new book *My Life with Michael*, who captured gold in the Women's Pairs, followed by **Anne-Frederique Levy** and **Blandine de Heredia** who took silver for France with **Kerri Sanborn** and **Irina Levitina** finishing third.

# PRESIDENT'S CLOSING SPEECH

## Montreal, Canada - Saturday, 31st August 2002

Tonight I cannot hide my disappointment at the level of participation in these World Championships specially in the Women's field with only 36 teams and 99 pairs and also in the juniors unfortunately.

Thank God you, the champions, were all here, and big names won medals in each event - my congratulations go to you all. However we are missing the masses and it is hard to understand why.

Except of course, as I have said many times, the political and economical environment is not good at the moment.

Still, with 434 Mixed Pairs, 160 Rosenblum Teams, 328 Open Pairs, 31 Senior Teams and 72 Senior Pairs, together with 146 IMP pairs the event was a good size, and the CAN-AM Regional seems to have been a success.

Having said that and considering all the difficulties arising in such a tournament, I am glad to acknowledge that you appreciated Montreal as it deserves, a very nice city with very kind people who I thank warmly on your behalf, especially the Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Gérald Tremblay and Paul Desmarais of the Power Corporation.

I would also like to thank, besides the Canadian and Montreal staff who have already been rewarded by George, the international WBF team of hard workers and organizers coming mainly from France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, the U.S. and many other countries as far as the directors are concerned. Also the logistic support of the ACBL, the Dutch, French and Italian Federations.

Nobody is perfect, myself included, but everyone worked hard for your comfort and benefit.

Let us give a big hand to Mari Retek who was responsible for the ceremonies; our formidable team of Tournament Directors under the leadership of Bill (Kojak) Schoder, Max Bavin, Dimitri Ballas, Antony Ching, Pierre Collaros, Maurizio Di Sacco, Bertrand Gignoux, Richard Grenside, Dietlinde Kellner, Charlie MacCracken, Magdy Shody Mesdary, Rui Marques, John McGregor, Jeanne van den Meiracker, Jean-Louis Pennec, Guillermo Poplawski, Antonio Riccardi, Matt Smith, Vishy Viswanathan and Sol Weinstein. Our VuGraph commentators Eric Kokish, Barry Rigal and Sami Kehela and Bobby Wolff, with Elisabeth Antelme, Jean-François Chevalier and Elisabeth Piganeau working behind the



scenes and Bernard Delange, Paul Binisti and Bernadette Pasquier on the video. Thanks too to Jean-Paul Meyer the Bulletin Coordinator, Mark Horton, Brent Manley, Brian Senior, George Hatzidakis and Ron Tacchi on the Bulletin with George Georgopoulos and Marco Marin on the Internet; our Press Room under the leadership of Elly Ducheyne; Chris Diment on the Systems Desk and Jan and Corrie Louwerse on the Line Ups; Marc van Beijsterveldt, Eric van Dijk, Harvey Fox and Franz Lejeune for the scoring and results and Franco Crosta, Monica Gorreri, Anna-Maria Orlandi and Nadia Protogène for the duplication. In the Secretariat we had the able services of Carol von Linstow, Christine Francin and Anna Gudge. Particular thanks go to Mark Newton, our IT manager, without whom we would have had no press, bulletin or scoring rooms and to Ton Kooijman who was in charge of operations. Following the success of Salt Lake City, which attracted a lot of press and TV coverage, Bruce Keidan was again responsible for press relations here in Montreal. He was helped by the presence of Bill Gates playing in the World Mixed Pairs Championship and again the press coverage and information spread world wide, bringing Bridge and our Bridge Champions to the front pages.

I would also like to say a special thank you to SNC-Lavalin for the loan of the computers and printers for the World Championships and to Extreme Networks for the loan of the network hubs.

As you probably all know, now in a first step Bridge, as well as chess, has been declared ineligible, according to the Commission, for the Olympic programme. This has still to be officially endorsed by the IOC session in Mexico and Prague. This was not wholly unexpected.

It is not the end of the world.

Bridge existed before and it will continue to exist.

Hopefully, many more NBOs will be included in their National Olympic Committees and that will make life easier for them.

We will now concentrate on our own developing programme towards schools and on finding suitable venues for our next championships.

This is our duty. We will just have to face the problems as they surface.

We will do our best for you.

## CLOSING REMARKS

Those of you who observe many things in life probably noticed that the car licence plates in our province say: Je me souviens - I remember.

At the conclusion of the first full scale World Championships held in Montreal, we have lots to remember. Although attendance was less than expected, those of you who came here had a chance to sample everything that Montreal could offer and, I believe, to have had a great time. This event proved that great co-operation between the WBF, the ACBL and the CBF is beneficial to all of us.

The results, the success, the victories of this tournament are well known by now. We are indebted, of course, to the WBF staff for their usual excellent service but these Championships couldn't have taken place without the dedicated support of hundreds of Montreal volunteers. Time does not permit me to mention all their names, so with your permission, I will call upon the Chairmen of the Organization Committee to step forward and accept a plaque in recognition on behalf of all the volunteers:

Dr. Tibor Bertalan and Agi Bertalan

Réjean Blanchette

Jean-Guy Doust

Monique Laurin

Barbara Corcoran

Jean Castonguay

Roger Dunn

Brian Fraser

Jean Beaulieu

Cecile Rodier

Guy Lapointe

Marie Retek

For the rest of your lives you can remember this moment and the past two glorious weeks with pride.

At this point I would like to pay a special tribute to two great Montrealers who help to put Montreal on the bridge map over the years:

Ralph Cohen who has served us in many ways and was for several years CEO of the ACBL

Johnny Wisser, the most knowledgeable, diplomatic and well-liked tournament director, who is responsible as well for developing the next generation of directors including Henry Cukoff and Solly Weinstein.

To José Damiani who made this event possible, to our sponsors, Tourism Montreal and Power Corporation, our heartfelt thanks.

To our friends who came from near and far we trust that you have enjoyed yourselves, collected lots of pleasant memories. I wish you bon voyage and hope you will return to us soon.

**George Retek - President of the ACBL**

## Montreal, Real Olympic City

Montreal proved to be a worthy Olympic City. This World Championship is not so easy to organize. It is always a mixture of precise regulations and arrangements on one side and flexibility on the other. The latter is due to unknown applications and quite different approaches between zones. The pre-registration for the Open Pairs, for example, showed over 400 pairs, of which more than 70 didn't show up. It is difficult to decide on the format in advance under such circumstances. Quite a few nights of work.

Given all those inevitable complications, and also given the fact that we were playing in two hotels, I consider this World Championship to be the best I have been in. No real problems and some lucky outcomes. A scoring problem going into the finals of the Open Pairs created an 'extra' pair that expected to enter. It was solved by the drop out of another pair. Where else than in an Olympic City this can happen?

So my honest congratulations go to the Canadian organizers who offered us many dedicated workers as recorders, caddies and strong men. Also congratulations go to both hotels for their very co-operative attitude and staff. Zone 2 really out-classes the European hotels where we have played European Championships, where nobody seems to understand that service is needed to let it work.

I want to thank especially the scoring and the duplication staff who fulfilled jobs of the highest importance in a fantastic performance. I am not going to mention any names, but you will see me walking around this evening to thank many others for their contribution to this greatly successful World Championship.

**Ton Kooijman**



The Executive Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of William 'Kojak' Schoder as WBF Chief Tournament Director, who retires after many years of service to the WBF.

At its final meeting in Montreal, the Executive Council unanimously approved the President's appointment of Max Bavin as the new WBF Chief Tournament Director.

Refusal to take the drug test required by the Conditions of Contest is deemed by the Olympic Authorities to be equivalent to failing the test. The Executive Council of the WBF has imposed sanctions on the player who did refuse and will refer the matter to the NBO.

# The Italians at their Best

by Sam Leckie

We were down to the last four in the Power Rosenblum. The all powerful Lavazza team (my favourites to win the trophy) were playing Fredin of Sweden.

In the closed room I watched Bocchi-Duboin against Henner (the sister of Marilu Henner - star of Taxi) and Rosenbloom (I guess you have to try and win a trophy that already has your name on it, sort of).

It did not take long for a deserved 11 IMP swing to the Italians.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A K Q 9 5 ♥ K J 10 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ 9 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 ♥ A 9 8 3 ♦ A K 10 9 6 ♣ 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 7 3 2 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A K J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ J 6 4 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ Q 8 5 2</p>
<p>West Duboin</p>	<p>North Pass Pass</p>	<p>East Bocchi INT 2♠ 4♠</p>	<p>South Pass Pass All Pass</p>



Giorgio Duboin

On the king of diamonds lead West eventually scored a diamond ruff for ten tricks.

In the other room they reached the alternative game via INT - 3NT and a diamond lead left declarer with only eight tricks.

Board 12 produced another big swing for the Italians

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 6 4 3 2 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 9 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A J 8 5 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ Q J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 ♥ K Q J 10 7 ♦ A Q 5 3 ♣ A</p>	
<p>West Duboin Pass 2♥</p>	<p>North Pass Pass</p>	<p>East Bocchi 1♥ 4♥</p>	<p>South Pass All Pass</p>

South led his singleton spade and North played the jack. Declarer won with the queen and continued with the ten of spades on which South discarded the five of clubs. North won and returned the jack of diamonds and declarer took the ace, drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the nine of spades and played a trump to dummy for ten tricks.

In the replay a club lead forced declarer to try for diamond ruffs and North's ability to overruff led to two down and another 11 IMPs.

At the quarter the Italians had outplayed their opponents and led 50-8 IMPs.



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Championships, and to **Extreme Networks** ([www.extremenetworks.com](http://www.extremenetworks.com)) for the loan of the network hubs.



# Exerting pressure

In the final of the Open Pairs, there are no easy marks, to which Ishmail Del Monte can attest based on this deal from the fourth final session.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Even after two passes, many if not most players would open the North hand with 3♠, allowing East to try a nervous 3NT, which makes with careful play, whereas 4♥ by West (the possible product of a takeout double by East) is easily defeated if North leads his singleton diamond or switches to it after cashing the ♠A at trick one.

Del Monte, however, could not bid 3NT over North's opening of 4♠ and the Australians' zero was booked. Del Monte doubled and West, Peter Fruewirth, gave Del Monte his choice of contracts with a bid of 4NT. Double-dummy, Del Monte might have passed that bid, but he apparently interpreted it as showing minors, so he contracted for 11 tricks in diamonds.

The spade lead went to the ace and the heart switch produced a ruff with North's singleton trump. Del Monte saved a trick by finding the ♣Q, allowing him to cash three rounds of clubs and crossruff the rest, but it was a hollow victory. Minus 200 was still zero out of 70 matchpoints.

In round four, the leaders - Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg - faced Philippe Cronier and Paul Chemla. This was the first deal.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West <i>Cronier</i>	North <i>Rosenberg</i>	East <i>Chemla</i>	South <i>Zia</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♦	Dble
4♥	4♠	Dble	3♠
			All Pass

Chemla was going to make his heart game if he guessed clubs, so Rosenberg could salvage some matchpoints if he could take eight tricks - not an easy task given the foul break in spades. Rosenberg managed, however, with assistance from the defense. Chemla started with the ♥K, continuing with the 3 when Cronier signaled encouragement. Rosenberg ruffed in dummy and played the ♦K, taken by Chemla, who persisted in hearts. Rosenberg ruffed with the ♠10, cashed the ♦Q and played the ♦9 to Chemla's 10, pitching a club, as did Cronier.

Chemla erred at that point by cashing the ♣A, following with the ♣10. Rosenberg made no mistake, playing low from dummy and taking Cronier's queen with the king. Rosenberg then played a spade to the ace and the ♦8, discarding his fourth club when Cronier ruffed in with the ♠9. This was the end position:

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	♠ J ♥ - ♦ 8 ♣ J					



Philippe Cronier

Whichever of his three cards Cronier chose to play next, Rosenberg could not be prevented from taking the rest of the tricks. A low spade would ride to the jack, followed by a trump coup. The ♥A would be ruffed in hand and overruffed in dummy for the same result. That was down two for minus 500 - not a great score (27 out of 70 matchpoints) but minus 800 would have been a near-total disaster (only 3 matchpoints).

On the next round, Americans Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway played cat-and-mouse with Poles Piekarek and Gotard on both deals, and although the Poles emerged with more matchpoints on the round, the damage might have been worse.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Piekarek	Hamman	Gotard	Soloway
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A low diamond would have given Hamman and Soloway a chance to hold declarer to nine tricks for a near top, depending on how Gotard attacked spades. Soloway, however, started with a low spade. Gotard played low from dummy, winning the 10 when Hamman inserted the 7. A spade came right back, and Soloway put in the king, taken by the ace. Declarer cashed two high hearts, entering dummy with the ♥10, on which Soloway discarded the ♦2. Declarer was now in a position to emerge with 11 tricks, if he cashed dummy's ♠Q, then played three round of clubs, ending in hand. He could then exit with a club, forcing Soloway to cash or lead away from the ♦A.

All this is double-dummy, of course, and the course of the play had not given declarer many clues about the distribution of the spade suit. Declarer was more likely to try to endplay Soloway in spades.

After considerable thought, Gotard led up to the ♦K. Soloway won the ace and returned a low diamond. Gotard inserted the 9, Hamman won the 10 and returned the suit. The defenders had their three tricks and about half the matchpoints.

The next deal also took some opportunistic defensive work for Hamman and Soloway to avoid a disaster after they had missed out in the bidding.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Piekarek	Hamman	Gotard	Soloway
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> Transfer.

Should Hamman have overcalled 2♣ on the North cards at unfavorable vulnerability? He has a good overall hand but at unfavorable vulnerability with only five not-so-robust clubs, it's certainly risky. As you can see, of course, North-South can make 10 tricks in clubs, so bidding on this occasion would have been a winner.

Hamman started with his ♣Q, which went to the 10, 6 and ace. Declarer ruffed a club in dummy, played a heart to his hand and ruffed his last club. When Piekarek called for a low spade from dummy, Soloway made the excellent play of the king, switching to the ♦10. Hamman won the ♦K and, fully aware of what was going on, cashed his ♠A before cashing the ♦A and giving Soloway a ruff. A third round of spades promoted Hamman's ♥J to the setting trick. It was good for only 31.9 matchpoints, but letting 2♥ make would have scored only 9.3.



Paul Soloway

## OPEN PAIRS FINAL

### (Final Standings)

		5th	Total						
1	<b>Fantoni - Nunes</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>65.67</b>	<b>57.35</b>	37	Bocchi - Ferraro	ITA	45.46	50.19
2	<b>Mahmood - Rosenberg</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>59.62</b>	<b>57.05</b>	38	Feldman - Osberg	USA	42.20	50.08
3	<b>Brenner - Chagas</b>	<b>BRA</b>	<b>53.54</b>	<b>55.02</b>	39	Padye - Ray	IND	53.64	49.93
4	Martel - Stansby	USA	57.09	54.62	40	Panina - Rosenblum	RUS	39.95	49.72
5	Gawrys - Jassem	POL	60.25	54.02	41	Sprung - Stansby	USA	46.60	49.57
6	Eisenberg - Kass	FRA	53.63	53.91	42	Gierulski - Skrzypczak	POL	55.50	49.48
7	Bizon - Kowalski	POL	54.50	53.60	43	Forrester - Robson	ENG	57.89	49.43
8	Kwiecien - Pszczola	POL	57.78	53.50	44	Jones - Krekorian	USA	49.85	49.39
9	Bianchedi - Muzzio	ARG	62.05	53.45	45	Bessis - Rombaut	FRA	47.53	49.35
10	El Ahmady - Sadek	EGY	57.02	52.88	46	Finberg - Lair	USA	45.14	49.05
11	Levin - Weinstein	USA	50.67	52.88	47	Landen - Rajadhyaksha	USA	46.02	49.01
12	Sontag - Weichsel	USA	54.31	52.78	48	Andersson - Bergdahl	SWE	51.98	49.00
13	Gitelman - Moss	USA	54.50	52.78	49	Shenkin - Shivdasani	USA	46.08	48.91
14	Kowalski - Tuszyński	POL	52.03	52.73	50	Chokshi - Venkatraman	IND	47.76	48.73
15	Assael - Zorlu	TUR	57.70	52.69	51	Bakkeren - Bertens	NED	48.70	48.70
16	Hamman - Soloway	USA	57.70	52.42	52	Stewart - Woolsey	USA	46.80	48.52
17	Greco - Hampson	USA	54.42	52.22	53	Boyd - Robinson	USA	48.87	48.52
18	Del Monte - Fruewirth	AUS	46.38	52.05	54	Le Poder - Mus	FRA	42.37	48.42
19	Johnson - Meckstroth	USA	53.43	51.45	55	Cheek - Miller	USA	49.28	48.31
20	Stoppa - Stretz	FRA	55.17	51.35	56	Hallberg - Wright	ENG	52.60	48.10
21	Fredin - Lindqvist	SWE	52.16	51.22	57	Bramley - Weinstein	USA	44.21	47.60
22	Brink - Van Prooijen	NED	54.59	51.13	58	Wan - Zen	HKG	50.32	47.53
23	Chemla - Cronier	FRA	51.01	51.11	59	Lortz - Ohlrich	USA	48.86	47.45
24	Levy - Mouiel	FRA	47.44	51.03	60	Armstrong - Levy	ENG	43.67	47.28
25	Efrainsson - Morath	SWE	44.88	51.01	61	Maas - Ramondt	NED	44.80	47.14
26	Madala - Ravenna	ARG	42.34	50.95	62	Eber - Sapire	RSA	39.23	47.03
27	Gotard - Piekarek	GER	50.87	50.91	63	Becker - Schwartz	USA	49.85	46.79
28	Berkowitz - Cohen	USA	51.84	50.84	64	Roren - Svendsen	NOR	43.76	46.57
29	Hackett - Hackett	ENG	49.00	50.80	65	Baqai - Dunitz	USA	44.61	46.51
30	Nab - Paulissen	NED	42.90	50.70	66	Bertheau - Nystrom	SWE	45.52	46.30
31	Bompis - Mari	FRA	50.24	50.68	67	Asbi - Parasian	INA	43.60	46.19
32	Passell - Seamon	USA	59.79	50.65	68	Cuenca - Potier	FRA	46.34	46.05
33	Jafer - Sultan	PAK	49.52	50.64	69	Frukacz - Iglewski	CAN	48.18	45.20
34	Cohler - Katz	USA	51.77	50.61	70	Sebbane - Thuillez	FRA	43.45	43.05
35	Li - Sun	CHI	50.87	50.57	71	Bates - Klar	USA	46.54	42.81
36	Atabey - Kolata	TUR	49.77	50.23	72	Fouillet - Kremer	FRA	36.71	42.63

## WOMEN PAIRS FINAL

### (Final Standings)

		5th	Total						
1	<b>McCallum - Rosenberg</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>54.20</b>	<b>55.17</b>	17	Baker - Schulle	USA	47.82	49.91
2	<b>Levy - De Heredia</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>53.54</b>	<b>54.59</b>	18	Capriata - Golin	ITA	57.39	49.90
3	<b>Sanborn - Levitina</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>51.39</b>	<b>54.48</b>	19	Steiner - Letizia	USA	49.81	49.42
4	Sutherland - Allison	USA	48.62	54.45	20	Popilov - Zur-Campanile	ISR	54.19	49.33
5	Quinn - Breed	USA	51.18	52.90	21	Moretto - Blouquit	FRA	53.05	49.18
6	Deas - Palmer	USA	53.38	52.00	22	Berkowitz - Glasson	USA	47.96	48.73
7	Radin - Westheimer	USA	53.46	51.78	23	Pasman - Simons	NED	52.51	48.58
8	Pollack - Eythorsdottir	USA	52.18	51.49	24	Zhang - Wang	CHI	44.44	48.50
9	Gwozdziński - Wexler	USA	52.23	51.42	25	Hamman - Jackson	USA	43.40	48.19
10	Meyers - Montin	USA	49.81	51.14	26	Ling - Zhang	CHI	50.56	48.06
11	Van der Pas - Vriend	NED	49.54	50.94	27	Jeanin-Naltet - Lemaitre	FRA	48.94	47.61
12	Cronier - Willard	FRA	54.71	50.77	28	Brock - James	ENG	42.60	47.17
13	Erhart - Weigkrigt	AUS	51.04	50.74	29	Renoux - Menil	FRA	46.50	46.58
14	Clement - Dumon	FRA	50.51	50.63	30	Eaton - Clinton	CAN	53.86	46.25
15	Hoogweg - Van Zwol	NED	44.61	50.50	31	Ohta - Setoguchi	JPN	39.79	45.65
16	Wang - Sun	CHI	55.15	50.49	32	Trent/Wood - Michaels	USA	42.35	43.62

## Never give up

by Sven-Olov Flodqvist

Christian Mari is well known for his abilities as a card player as well for his fighting spirit. Those qualities came in handy on this deal in the second session of the Open Pairs final.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mari	Morath	Bompis	Efrainsson
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the king of clubs, ducked by West. When Morath understandably did not find the diamond shift, Mari run six hearts to reach this ending:

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

On the last heart North had to let go a diamond, and he pitched the ace, while dummy got rid of the club ten and South shed his small diamond.

As North had missed unblocking his diamond jack, Mari could have exited with a small diamond, either endplaying North or forcing South to win the king, making the diamond queen good.

Since South had played the spade jack at some point, Christian preferred to play the spade queen to the king and ace and then a diamond towards the queen.

Contract just made!

## CAN-AM 2002

### VEND PM - FRI AFT PAIRS

38 Pairs

	A	B	C	
4.40	1			Diane Majdell, Mont-Royal PQ; Doug Fraser, Mount Royal PQ 108.00
2.89	2/3			Beverly Levy - Alvin Levy, Commack 101.00
3.64	2/3	1		Paul Raboin, Montreal PQ; Padmini Divakaran, Madras, 600018 II 101.00
2.73	2			Mary Hoffman, Montreal PQ; Elaine Wadding, 96.00
2.24	3	1		B Zuccarelli, Staten Island NY; Yvan Filion, Montreal PQ 95.86 Barbara Monet, Montreal PQ 94.00
1.68	2			Patricia Graham, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Alice Brown, Midlothian VA 91.00
1.26	3			Joelle Boustany, Beaconsfield PQ; May Yared, 83.70

### VENDREDI SOIR - FRIDAY EVE CONTINUOUS

44 Pairs

	A	B	C	
4.85	1	1	1	Sakir Sarimsakci - Korkut Ergun, Istanbul TK 140.50

### 2ND FRIDAY / VENDREDI OPEN PAIRS

40 Pairs

	A	B	C	
10.85	1			John Laufer, Toronto ON; Juliette Fajgelzon, Saint-Laurent PQ 276.50
7.12	2/3			Michel Carriere, Saint-Bruno PQ; Gilbert Lambert, New Westminster 261.00
7.12	2/3			Herve Chatagnier, St-Aug-Desmau PQ; Pamela Nisbet, Long Sault ON 261.00
6.24	6	1		Agi Bertalan, Cote Saint-Luc PQ; Paul Lord, Montreal PQ 242.00
4.68	2			Richard Grenside-Suzanne Grenside 236.00
3.51	3	1		Hoda Saba, Montreal PQ; Mohamed Hichmat, 227.00
2.21	2			Robert Gauvin - Jean Garceau, 216.50
1.65	3			Alain Lariviere, Saint-Bruno PQ; Claude Doucet, 211.50

### PAIRES CONTINUES 5 - OVERALL

356 Players

9.80	1/2	Kevin Paul Gregoire, Saint-Lambert PQ 129.82%
9.80	1/2	Robert Morin, Brossard PQ 129.82%
6.83	3	Diane Majdell, Mont-Royal PQ 127.72%
7.43	4/5	Peter Neufeld, Pierrefonds PQ 125.49%
7.43	4/5	Ian Karper, Mont-Royal PQ 125.49%
5.99	6/7	Maurice Vezeau, Montreal PQ 124.18%
5.99	6/7	Martin Girard, Sainte-Therese 124.18%