

CRUNCH TIME IN ISTANBUL

It's time to forget the should-haves and could-haves and go for the IMPs, especially in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad. With only two matches left in the qualifying round-robin, all eyes will be on the top four spots in the four groups that will make up the round of 16, starting on Saturday.

Competitors in the Women's series will have one more day to find out who will be going head to head in the race for the gold medal.

In the International Senior Cup, the Netherlands the USA are running neck and neck for first place, which will be awarded when the 29th match of the round-robin is completed on Sunday.

WBF Congress meeting

The WBF Congress meeting will be held on Saturday in the Vugraph Auditorium at the Grand Cevahir Hotel at 10:00 a.m. All countries represented in Istanbul are urged to send a delegate to this meeting.

Delegates can pre-register their names, if they have not already done so, with Carol in the WBF Secretariat office on level L2. Exceptionally, there will be no Vugraph presentation on Saturday morning.

VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	ROUND 16	10:00
	Lebanon v Turkey (GROUP B)	
OPEN	ROUND 17	14:00
	Indonesia v Brazil (GROUP D)	
WOMEN	ROUND 18	17:30
	The Netherlands v USA (GROUP B)	



Flags will be flying today – Republic Day in Turkey.

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OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 ITALY	289	1 CHINA	300	1 ENGLAND	314	1 FRANCE	277
2 ARGENTINA	277	2 TURKEY	272	2 HUNGARY	296	2 JAPAN	269
3 NETHERLANDS	273	U.S.A.	272	3 IRELAND	285	3 BRAZIL	267
4 RUSSIA	271	4 LEBANON	265	4 POLAND	280	4 SWEDEN	259
5 ICELAND	268	5 GERMANY	259	5 EGYPT	271	5 PAKISTAN	257
6 LATVIA	237	NORWAY	259	6 DENMARK	260	6 SPAIN	253
7 SCOTLAND	236	7 INDIA	249	7 ISRAEL	253	7 INDONESIA	252
8 NEW ZEALAND	231	8 AUSTRALIA	241	8 ROMANIA	240	8 SOUTH AFRICA	246
9 BELGIUM	225	BULGARIA	241	9 SAN MARINO	232	9 GREECE	231
10 HONG KONG	224	10 CROATIA	219	10 AUSTRIA	230	10 WALES	219
11 GEORGIA	222	ESTONIA	219	FINLAND	230	11 LITHUANIA	214
12 CANADA	214	12 LUXEMBOURG	192	12 MALAYSIA	205	PORTUGAL	214
13 SERBIA/MNGRO	201.5	SWITZERLAND	192	13 PHILIPPINES	164	13 BOSNIA/HZVNA	198
14 CHINESE TAIPEI	200.5	14 MARTINIQUE	186	14 MEXICO	153	14 JORDAN	187
15 MOROCCO	177	15 TUNISIA	177	15 FR POLYNESIA	144	15 BOTSWANA	182
16 GUADELOUPE	168	16 CHILE	167	16 VENEZUELA	142	16 CZECH REP.	178
17 BANGLADESH	160	17 SINGAPORE	150	17 CYPRUS	135	17 BERMUDA	175
18 MAURITIUS	132	18 KENYA	135	18 REUNION	131	18 COSTA RICA	127

WOMEN'S SERIES RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B	
1 CHINA	293	1 NETHERLANDS	285
2 FRANCE	285	2 CROATIA	266
3 RUSSIA	271	3 GERMANY	265
4 AUSTRIA	263	4 U.S.A.	264.3
5 CANADA	246	5 ENGLAND	258
6 INDIA	245	6 NEW ZEALAND	255
7 ITALY	242	7 POLAND	251.3
SWEDEN	242	8 ISRAEL	246
9 FINLAND	241	9 GREECE	242
10 SCOTLAND	239	10 DENMARK	241
11 TURKEY	229	11 NORWAY	238
12 BULGARIA	227	12 JAPAN	231
13 AUSTRALIA	226	13 SOUTH AFRICA	226
SWITZERLAND	226	14 INDONESIA	221
15 EGYPT	215	15 VENEZUELA	219
16 HUNGARY	214	16 ARGENTINA	217
17 BRAZIL	212	17 IRELAND	178
18 PAKISTAN	211	18 MOROCCO	168
19 SPAIN	203	19 WALES	158
20 MEXICO	144	20 KOREA	143
21 JORDAN	129	21 REUNION	135
22 KENYA	95		

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 20 ROUNDS

1 NETHERLANDS	395
2 U.S.A.	383
3 GERMANY	347
4 ISRAEL	339
5 TURKEY	338
6 DENMARK	337
FRANCE	337
JAPAN	337
9 CHINA	333
10 POLAND	329
11 PAKISTAN	328
12 SWEDEN	325.5
13 AUSTRIA	315.5
14 ENGLAND	312.5
15 CHINESE TAIPEI	310
16 WALES	302
17 NEW ZEALAND	301.5
18 CANADA	299
PORTUGAL	299
20 SCOTLAND	298
21 ITALY	291.5
22 SWITZERLAND	274
23 BELGIUM	270
24 AUSTRALIA	265
25 SPAIN	249
26 IRELAND	225
27 GUADELOUPE	218
28 VENEZUELA	198.5
29 COSTA RICA	91

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Morocco	Argentina	34	72	7 23
2	Mauritius	Bangladesh	33	51	11 19
3	Latvia	Belgium	76	27	25 5
4	Italy	Canada	24	10	18 12
5	Iceland	Chinese Taipei	25	16	17 13
6	Hong Kong	Georgia	74	12	25 3
7	Serbia & Montenegro	Guadeloupe	61	29	22 8
8	Scotland	Netherlands	40	33	16 14
9	Russia	New Zealand	74	25	25 5

GROUP C					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
19	Austria	Egypt	32	27	16 14
20	San Marino	Denmark	48	28	19 11
21	England	Romania	60	26	22 8
22	Finland	Reunion	52	25	21 9
23	French Polynesia	Poland	40	49	13 17
24	Hungary	Philippines	77	18	25 4
25	Ireland	Mexico	85	17	25 2
26	Israel	Malaysia	71	23	25 5
27	Cyprus	Venezuela	18	36	11 19

GROUP A					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Argentina	Canada	35	26	17 13
2	Bangladesh	Belgium	8	61	5 25
3	Chinese Taipei	Scotland	30	41	13 17
4	Georgia	Russia	39	77	7 23
5	Guadeloupe	New Zealand	53	19	22 8
6	Hong Kong	Netherlands	38	60	10 20
7	Iceland	Morocco	67	15	25 5
8	Italy	Mauritius	56	52	16 14
9	Latvia	Serbia & Montenegro	28	70	6 24

GROUP C					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
19	Austria	Hungary	7	47	7 23
20	San Marino	French Polynesia	86	33	25 5
21	Denmark	Finland	50	23	21 9
22	Egypt	England	37	39	15 15
23	Ireland	Romania	32	45	12 18
24	Israel	Reunion	44	44	15 15
25	Cyprus	Poland	1	60	4 25
26	Malaysia	Philippines	20	59	7 23
27	Mexico	Venezuela	14	79	3 25

GROUP A					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	Argentina	Italy	56	42	18 12
2	Bangladesh	Iceland	28	66	7 23
3	Belgium	Hong Kong	32	20	17 13
4	Canada	Guadeloupe	81	34	24 6
5	Chinese Taipei	Georgia	22	47	10 20
6	Latvia	Scotland	31	63	8 22
7	Mauritius	Russia	18	95	1 25
8	Morocco	New Zealand	50	71	11 19
9	Netherlands	Serbia & Montenegro	48	33	18 12

GROUP C					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
19	Austria	San Marino	43	30	18 10
20	Denmark	Romania	49	20	21 9
21	Egypt	Reunion	60	33	21 9
22	England	Poland	31	7	20 10
23	Finland	Philippines	50	42	16 14
24	French Polynesia	Mexico	57	45	17 13
25	Hungary	Malaysia	74	31	24 6
26	Ireland	Cyprus	80	33	24 6
27	Israel	Venezuela	76	19	25 4

ROUND 13

GROUP B					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
10	Germany	Australia	20	8	17 13
11	Estonia	Bulgaria	22	76	4 25
12	Croatia	Chile	71	41	21 9
13	USA	China	23	46	10 20
14	Turkey	India	62	39	20 10
15	Tunisia	Kenya	97	16	25 0
16	Switzerland	Lebanon	13	60	6 24
17	Singapore	Luxembourg	27	75	5 25
18	Norway	Martinique	37	45	14 16

GROUP D					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
28	Bermuda	Jordan	21	24	14 16
29	Bosnia	Costa Rica	51	24	21 9
30	Botswana	Brazil	31	52	11 19
31	Czech Republic	Sweden	27	39	13 17
32	France	Spain	36	29	16 14
33	Greece	South Africa	51	59	14 16
34	Indonesia	Portugal	48	6	24 6
35	Japan	Pakistan	40	25	18 12
36	Lithuania	Wales	56	63	14 16

ROUND 14

GROUP B					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
10	Australia	Bulgaria	38	42	14 16
11	Chile	Turkey	60	31	21 9
12	China	Tunisia	62	23	23 7
13	Croatia	Switzerland	50	22	21 9
14	Estonia	Singapore	27	23	16 14
15	Germany	Norway	32	52	11 19
16	India	Martinique	26	19	16 14
17	Kenya	Luxembourg	46	37	17 13
18	Lebanon	USA	40	22	19 11

GROUP D					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
28	Bermuda	Lithuania	10	78	2 25
29	Bosnia	Japan	25	49	10 20
30	Botswana	Indonesia	57	23	22 8
31	Brazil	Greece	42	25	19 11
32	Costa Rica	France	12	75	3 25
33	Jordan	Czech Republic	38	36	15 15
34	Pakistan	Sweden	47	8	23 7
35	Portugal	Spain	44	40	16 14
36	South Africa	Wales	55	32	20 10

ROUND 15

GROUP B					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
10	Norway	Australia	42	36	16 14
11	Martinique	Bulgaria	32	37	14 16
12	Luxembourg	Chile	69	22	24 6
13	Lebanon	China	20	54	8 22
14	Kenya	Croatia	27	89	3 25
15	India	Estonia	35	32	16 14
16	USA	Germany	36	48	13 17
17	Turkey	Singapore	59	39	19 11
18	Tunisia	Switzerland	25	50	10 20

GROUP D					
Match		IMPs		VPs	
28	Sweden	Bermuda	67	27	23 7
29	Spain	Bosnia	39	25	18 12
30	South Africa	Botswana	64	34	21 9
31	Portugal	Brazil	29	56	9 21
32	Pakistan	Costa Rica	51	29	20 10
33	Lithuania	Jordan	44	53	13 17
34	Japan	Czech Republic	15	52	7 23
35	Indonesia	France	27	16	17 13
36	Wales	Greece	48	40	16 14

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 13

GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Turkey vs Australia	42 43	15 15
41	Switzerland vs Austria	36 21	18 12
42	Sweden vs Brazil	53 27	21 9
43	Spain vs Bulgaria	33 29	16 14
44	Scotland vs Canada	22 18	16 14
45	Russia vs China	40 12	22 8
46	Pakistan vs Egypt	45 48	14 16
47	Mexico vs Finland	30 31	15 15
48	Jordan vs France	9 44	7 23
49	Italy vs Hungary	18 30	12 18
50	Kenya vs India	1 55	3 25

GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Korea vs Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Wales vs Argentina	9 64	3 25
52	Venezuela vs Croatia	7 34	9 21
53	USA vs Denmark	34 25	17 13
54	South Africa vs England	8 16	13 17
55	Reunion vs Germany	14 71	3 25
56	Poland vs Greece	11 13	15 15
57	Norway vs Indonesia	18 27	13 17
58	New Zealand vs Ireland	61 6	25 3
59	Netherlands vs Israel	48 5	25 5
60	Morocco vs Japan	53 46	16 14

ROUND 14

GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia vs Bulgaria	19 23	14 16
41	Austria vs Brazil	53 16	24 6
42	Canada vs Turkey	10 36	9 21
43	China vs Switzerland	41 15	21 9
44	Egypt vs Sweden	9 42	7 23
45	Finland vs Spain	45 13	23 7
46	France vs Scotland	18 18	15 15
47	Hungary vs Russia	7 41	7 23
48	India vs Pakistan	39 26	18 12
49	Italy vs Mexico	44 17	21 9
50	Jordan vs Kenya	45 36	17 13

GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Netherlands vs Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina vs England	12 26	12 18
52	Croatia vs Denmark	22 53	8 22
53	Germany vs Wales	56 16	24 6
54	Greece vs Venezuela	26 19	16 14
55	Indonesia vs USA	10 34	9 21
56	Ireland vs South Africa	17 45	8 22
57	Israel vs Reunion	60 13	25 4
58	Japan vs Poland	46 47	15 15
59	Korea vs Norway	11 32	10 20
60	Morocco vs New Zealand	23 43	10 20

ROUND 15

GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia vs Mexico	61 36	21 9
41	Austria vs Jordan	42 34	17 13
42	Brazil vs Italy	21 40	11 19
43	Bulgaria vs India	16 26	13 17
44	Canada vs Hungary	22 38	11 19
45	China vs France	34 25	17 13
46	Egypt vs Finland	44 43	15 15
47	Pakistan vs Turkey	3 40	6 24
48	Russia vs Switzerland	27 19	17 13
49	Scotland vs Sweden	47 18	22 8
50	Spain vs Kenya	67 17	25 4

GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	South Africa vs Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina vs New Zealand	47 57	13 17
52	Croatia vs Netherlands	36 32	16 14
53	Denmark vs Morocco	73 12	25 2
54	England vs Korea	66 0	25 1
55	Germany vs Japan	25 53	8 22
56	Greece vs Israel	7 36	8 22
57	Indonesia vs Ireland	53 48	16 14
58	Norway vs Wales	51 40	17 13
59	Poland vs Venezuela	33 36	14 16
60	Reunion vs USA	49 30	19 11

Changes in starting times

The program for the Seniors on Saturday and Sunday has been changed as follows:

On Saturday there will be three matches with starting times of 13.30, 15.45 and 18.00.

On Sunday there will be two matches with starting times of 10.45 and 13.30.

After these two matches, the Seniors' meeting will start at 15.15.

For the Women's series, the starting time for the final three rounds on Saturday have been changed to 11.00, 14.00 and 17.00.

Check your scores, please!

All team captains please are asked to be sure that they check the scores with their opponents and hand in their FULLY COMPLETED results sheets to the Results Desk as soon as possible after the end of play.

The Results Desk is situated outside the Main Ball Room in Lobby 2, opposite the main (marble) staircase.

Captains failing to hand in their results delay the publication of results and cause inconvenience to the organisers and to other teams waiting to see the results.

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 17

Match		IMPs		VPs		
60	Venezuela	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Japan	Guadeloupe	30	33	14	16
62	Israel	USA	24	53	7	23
63	Spain	Wales	32	38	14	16
64	Switzerland	Pakistan	15	17	14	16
65	Turkey	Australia	52	0	25	2
66	China	Canada	31	7	21	9
67	Poland	Germany	41	44	14	16
68	Italy	England	31	39	13	17
69	Chinese Taipei	New Zealand	39	20	20	10
70	Belgium	Austria	29	46	10	20
71	France	Denmark	8	20	12	18
72	Scotland	Portugal	18	41	9	21
73	Costa Rica	Ireland	14	41	8	22
74	Netherlands	Sweden	32	12	20	10

ROUND 18

Match		IMPs		VPs		
60	Turkey	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Denmark	Canada	19	21	14	16
62	England	Pakistan	2	38	6	24
63	Spain	Belgium	9	33	9	21
64	Netherlands	Venezuela	31	15	19	11
65	Guadeloupe	Portugal	15	14	15	15
66	Ireland	Germany	7	46	5	25
67	Scotland	Israel	12	19	13	17
68	Austria	Sweden	27	4	21	9
69	Wales	Australia	16	27	12	18
70	USA	Costa Rica	63	0	25	0
71	Switzerland	China	16	28	12	18
72	Chinese Taipei	Italy	26	30	14	16
73	Japan	Poland	4	42	5	25
74	New Zealand	France	15	29	11	19

ROUND 19

Match		IMPs		VPs		
60	Denmark	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	Germany	Turkey	35	23	18	12
62	Venezuela	Japan	8	55	3	25
63	Sweden	Portugal	26	20	16	14
64	Israel	Belgium	22	24	14	16
65	Pakistan	Austria	30	39	13	17
66	Costa Rica	New Zealand	5	63	1	25
67	England	Guadeloupe	44	30	19	11
68	Poland	Switzerland	29	10	20	10
69	France	Wales	35	12	21	9
70	Italy	Spain	19	37	10	20
71	Canada	Ireland	45	33	18	12
72	Chinese Taipei	Scotland	24	10	19	11
73	Australia	USA	26	38	12	18
74	China	Netherlands	17	8	17	13

ROUND 20

Match		IMPs		VPs		
60	Ireland	Bye	0	0	18	0
61	USA	France	12	8	16	14
62	Japan	China	18	27	13	17
63	Belgium	Chinese Taipei	20	47	8	22
64	Spain	Scotland	23	43	10	20
65	Turkey	Canada	14	28	11	19
66	Germany	Denmark	50	14	24	6
67	Netherlands	Poland	46	7	25	5
68	New Zealand	Australia	35	12	21	9
69	Austria	Guadeloupe	4	41	5	25
70	Switzerland	Venezuela	26	13	19	11
71	Wales	Costa Rica	55	24	23	7
72	Portugal	Pakistan	30	28	16	14
73	Sweden	England	24	9	19	11
74	Israel	Italy	19	15	16	14

Playing times

Open and Women's:

Round	10.00
Round	14.00
Round	17.30

Seniors:

Round	10:45
Round	13:30
Round	15:45
Round	18:00

No Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in ANY lobby area other than the area near the hotel's main reception desk. Smoking is also prohibited in any areas of the Congress Centre, including the Press and Bulletin rooms, the WBF Main Office, the Scoring and Results Room and the VuGraph Auditorium.

Violations of this policy will subject you to a fine of 2VPs. Continued violations will result in the player being prohibited from playing and the team not being admitted to the playing area.

World Championship Book 2004



The official book of these 2004 World Championships will be published around the end of March, price £22-00. You can order a copy in advance during the championships at the special reduced price of US\$30-00 or 25 Euros, inclusive of surface mail, by going to the Press Room and filling in one of the forms available there and handing it, along with your preferred currency, to Jan Swann, who is in charge of the Press Room.

As always, the chief analysts will be Eric Kokish, Brian Senior and Barry Rigal. The book will consist of 336 large pages, and will feature every deal of the finals and semi-finals of both Open and Women's events, plus extensive coverage of the earlier stages, and also the Senior, University and Transnational events. There will be a full listing of all the teams taking part, a full results service, and many photographs.

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 16

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Morocco	Argentina	10 Germany	Australia	19 Austria	Egypt	28 Bermuda	Jordan
2 Mauritius	Bangladesh	11 Estonia	Bulgaria	20 San Marino	Denmark	29 Bosnia	Costa Rica
3 Latvia	Belgium	12 Croatia	Chile	21 England	Romania	30 Botswana	Brazil
4 Italy	Canada	13 USA	China	22 Finland	Reunion	31 Czech Rep.	Sweden
5 Iceland	Chinese Taipei	14 Turkey	India	23 Fr Polynesia	Poland	32 France	Spain
6 Hong Kong	Georgia	15 Tunisia	Kenya	24 Hungary	Philippines	33 Greece	South Africa
7 Serbia & M'gro	Guadeloupe	16 Switzerland	Lebanon	25 Ireland	Mexico	34 Indonesia	Portugal
8 Scotland	Netherlands	17 Singapore	Luxembourg	26 Israel	Malaysia	35 Japan	Pakistan
9 Russia	New Zealand	18 Norway	Martinique	27 Cyprus	Venezuela	36 Lithuania	Wales

ROUND 17

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1 Argentina	Canada	10 Australia	Bulgaria	19 Austria	Hungary	28 Bermuda	Lithuania
2 Bangladesh	Belgium	11 Chile	Turkey	20 San Marino	Fr Polynesia	29 Bosnia	Japan
3 Chinese Taipei	Scotland	12 China	Tunisia	21 Denmark	Finland	30 Botswana	Indonesia
4 Georgia	Russia	13 Croatia	Switzerland	22 Egypt	England	31 Brazil	Greece
5 Guadeloupe	New Zealand	14 Estonia	Singapore	23 Ireland	Romania	32 Costa Rica	France
6 Hong Kong	Netherlands	15 Germany	Norway	24 Israel	Reunion	33 Jordan	Czech Rep.
7 Iceland	Morocco	16 India	Martinique	25 Cyprus	Poland	34 Pakistan	Sweden
8 Italy	Mauritius	17 Kenya	Luxembourg	26 Malaysia	Philippines	35 Portugal	Spain
9 Latvia	Serbia & M'gro	18 Lebanon	USA	27 Mexico	Venezuela	36 South Africa	Wales

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 16

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Turkey	Australia	51 Wales	Argentina
41 Switzerland	Austria	52 Venezuela	Croatia
42 Sweden	Brazil	53 USA	Denmark
43 Spain	Bulgaria	54 South Africa	England
44 Scotland	Canada	55 Reunion	Germany
45 Russia	China	56 Poland	Greece
46 Pakistan	Egypt	57 Norway	Indonesia
47 Mexico	Finland	58 New Zealand	Ireland
48 Jordan	France	59 Netherlands	Israel
49 Italy	Hungary	60 Morocco	Japan
50 Kenya	India	Bye	Korea

ROUND 17

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Australia	Bulgaria	51 Argentina	England
41 Austria	Brazil	52 Croatia	Denmark
42 Canada	Turkey	53 Germany	Wales
43 China	Switzerland	54 Greece	Venezuela
44 Egypt	Sweden	55 Indonesia	USA
45 Finland	Spain	56 Ireland	South Africa
46 France	Scotland	57 Israel	Reunion
47 Hungary	Russia	58 Japan	Poland
48 India	Pakistan	59 Korea	Norway
49 Italy	Mexico	60 Morocco	New Zealand
50 Jordan	Kenya	Netherlands	Bye

ROUND 18

GROUP A		GROUP B	
40 Australia	Mexico	51 Argentina	New Zealand
41 Austria	Jordan	52 Croatia	Netherlands
42 Brazil	Italy	53 Denmark	Morocco
43 Bulgaria	India	54 England	Korea
44 Canada	Hungary	55 Germany	Japan
45 China	France	56 Greece	Israel
46 Egypt	Finland	57 Indonesia	Ireland
47 Pakistan	Turkey	58 Norway	Wales
48 Russia	Switzerland	59 Poland	Venezuela
49 Scotland	Sweden	60 Reunion	USA
50 Spain	Kenya	South Africa	Bye



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SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 17

61	Japan	Guadeloupe
62	Israel	USA
	Venezuela	Bye
63	Spain	Wales
64	Switzerland	Pakistan
65	Turkey	Australia
66	China	Canada
67	Poland	Germany
68	Italy	England
69	Chinese Taipei	New Zealand
70	Belgium	Austria
71	France	Denmark
72	Scotland	Portugal
73	Costa Rica	Ireland
74	Netherlands	Sweden

ROUND 18

61	Denmark	Canada
62	England	Pakistan
63	Spain	Belgium
64	Netherlands	Venezuela
65	Guadeloupe	Portugal
66	Ireland	Germany
67	Scotland	Israel
68	Austria	Sweden
69	Wales	Australia
70	USA	Costa Rica
71	Switzerland	China
72	Chinese Taipei	Italy
73	Japan	Poland
74	New Zealand	France
	Bye	Turkey

ROUND 19

61	Germany	Turkey
62	Venezuela	Japan
63	Denmark	Bye
	Sweden	Portugal
64	Israel	Belgium
65	Pakistan	Austria
66	Costa Rica	New Zealand
67	England	Guadeloupe
68	Poland	Switzerland
69	France	Wales
70	Italy	Spain
71	Canada	Ireland
72	Chinese Taipei	Scotland
73	Australia	USA
74	China	Netherlands

ROUND 20

61	USA	France
	Bye	Ireland
62	Japan	China
63	Belgium	Chinese Taipei
64	Spain	Scotland
65	Turkey	Canada
66	Germany	Denmark
67	Netherlands	Poland
68	New Zealand	Australia
69	Austria	Guadeloupe
70	Switzerland	Venezuela
71	Wales	Costa Rica
72	Portugal	Pakistan
73	Sweden	England
74	Israel	Italy

From The World Puzzle Federation

The World Puzzle Federation (WPF) has been organizing the World Puzzle Championships (WPC) annually since 1992. Each country is represented by a team of four individuals regardless of sex. There is both team and individual competition in the championships. The puzzles are culture and language-neutral, ranging from logical, analytical to mechanical and perceptual.

On behalf of the WPF, the Turkish National Puzzling Team wants to reach out to puzzle enthusiasts, of which they believe the bridge Olympiad family contains many. It is the WPF's goal to increase participation and gain new members from all over the world. For this purpose, they will provide a welcome leaflet prepared by the WPF in addition to some sample puzzles from previous championships, which the participants of the Bridge Olympiad will find on the hospitality desk until the end of the Olympiad.



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION
YOUTH COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **WBF Youth Committee**
will take place on

Sunday 31 October 2004, at 10.30 am
in the Kristal Room, Floor F1,
of the Grand Cevahir Hotel.

All members present in Istanbul
are invited to attend.

The agenda of the meeting
is available at the WBF Office.

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National Holiday Today

Today is Republic Day – a national holiday – in Turkey, so expect some traffic congestion on account of parades.

Most restaurants will remain open, but some shops will be closed at least part of the day.

Republic Day celebrates the founding of the Turkish republic in 1923.

WOMEN

USA v Poland

ROUND
9

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewicz	Montin
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Two similar auctions saw the respective Souths declare 3NT with all of West's suits having been bid by her opponents. Ewa Miszewska chose the best lead of the ♠3, which ran to the king and back came a second spade to dummy's ace. Randi Montin played a diamond to her ace then a club to the ten and jack. Back came a diamond to dummy's king and, with no entry to hand, Montin was



Ewa Miszewska, Poland

obliged to play ace and another club to West's eight. She eventually established the long club but that gave only seven tricks for down two; -200.

Tobi Sokolow preferred the lead of a low heart and, when running that to the ten proved to be successful, Anna Sarniak was much better placed. She too finessed the ♣10 and back came a heart. She won in dummy and played ace and another club and back came a third heart. Sarniak won, gave up a club and, after Sokolow had cashed the heart winner, back came a diamond. Sarniak rose with the king, cashed the long club and took the diamond finesse for her ninth trick; +600 and 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Meyers	—	Montin
All Pass	—	—	INT

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
—	—	—	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Janice Seamon-Molson ventured a double of INT where Ewa Banaskiewicz did not have that systemic option.

Against Montin, Miszewska led a club to the ten, jack and king. Montin passed the ♠9 to the king and Banaskiewicz switched to a low heart, run to dummy's ten. The ♦J was run to the queen and back came a club. Montin won and played a diamond to the ten then a diamond to the king and ace. Miszewska plugged away with another club and Montin won, cashed the established diamond, and conceded the rest for down one; -100.

Sokolow also led a club, the nine, which lost to the queen. Sarniak led the ♠9 to Molson's king and she switched to a low heart to declarer's king. The ♠8 was ducked and now Sarniak cashed the top clubs before ex-

iting with the ♠J and hoping that someone would have to give her a diamond trick. It was not to be. Molson won the ♠A, cashed the hearts and played a diamond through and that was down two for -500 and 9 IMPs to USA.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 4 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ J 9 6	<table border="1" 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		♠ 7 ♥ A Q 6 5 3 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ K Q 3	♠ A K Q 10 9 3 ♥ — ♦ A 6 2 ♣ 8 7 4 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewicz	Montin
—	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
—	1♠	Dble	2NT
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

Banaskiewicz's 2♥ overcall put a lot more momentum into the auction than did Molson's take-out double. Despite the big heart fit, Sokolow was only prepared to go as far as 3♥ at this vulnerability when facing what might have been only a three- or four-card heart suit, so Grazyna Brewiak was allowed to play 4♠. Brewiak ruffed the heart lead, cashed the ♠J, ruffed a heart and played ace and another club. Molson won the ♣Q, cashed the ♣K, and had to give the eleventh trick with her next lead; +450.

Facing an overcall, Miszewska was happy to compete first to 4♥ then to 5♥ over 4♠. Now Jill Meyers, who had big spades and relatively little defence, misjudged the hand by going on to 5♠, where she was doubled. She too ruffed the heart lead and cashed a top spade but now she saw a different possibility for success. She played a low diamond now and Banaskiewicz hopped up with the king and played ♣Q to dummy's ace. Meyers ruffed the heart then cashed two diamond winners before exiting with a club, hoping that the trick would be won by a hand that had begun life with a doubleton honour. Not this time, as the defence took club tricks for down one; -100 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 9 6 2 ♥ — ♦ K Q 10 9 8 5 3 2 ♣ 10 2	<table border="1" 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 8 7 4 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ 6 4 ♣ 9 8 7 4	♠ K J 10 3 ♥ A 9 5 2 ♦ — ♣ A K J 6 3
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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewicz	Montin
—	—	—	1♥
3♦	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
—	—	—	1♥
4♦	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

There would have been two disappointed North/South pairs when it came to score up this deal with their teammates. Sokolow made the normal 4♦ pre-emptive overcall and Brewuiak cuebid 5♦ then went on to slam over Sarniak's sign-off, making a grand slam try along the way. Perhaps, if North's bidding is to be trusted, there is a case for a spade lead now, who knows? Sokolow led a diamond and Sarniak could win, lead the queen of hearts to the ace and play four rounds of clubs to discard the spade loser; +980.



Janice Seamon-Molson, USA

Miszewska underpre-empted with 3♦ and that left room for Meyers to wheel out Exclusion Key Card. Alas, the 1430 response meant that the Americans were too high, at least in theory. Surely, after the use of EXCB, West should choose a black-suit lead? No, Miszewska led a diamond and the same line of play produced the same twelve tricks and 'just another dull flat board' at +980.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠— ♥Q J 2 ♦A Q 10 9 8 6 3 2 ♣9 2					
♠10 9 5 3 ♥7 6 5 ♦5 ♣A K 5 4 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠A K J 8 7 6 4 ♥8 4 3 ♦K ♣Q 6	
N						
W E						
S						
	♠Q 2 ♥A K 10 9 ♦J 7 4 ♣J 10 8 7					

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewicz	Montin
—	3NT	4♠	5♣
Dble	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
—	4♦	4♠	All Pass

Meyers/Montin use a 3NT opening to show a four-level pre-empt in an unspecified minor and that North hand seems to fit the bill nicely. When Banaskiewicz overcalled 4♠, Montin bid 5♣, pass or correct, and Miszewska first doubled then went on to 5♠ over Meyers' conversion to 5♦. Three rounds of hearts followed by the ace of dia-

monds meant a quick two down for -200.

Brewiak opened with a natural 4♦ pre-empt and Sarniak allowed Molson to play 4♠. Again, three rounds of hearts followed by the top diamond meant down one; -100 but 3 IMPs to USA.

Notice that if declarer is going to drop the ♦K, it takes three rounds of clubs to defeat 5♦. Maybe that is easy if West is on lead, but certainly not if 5♦ is played by North.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠Q ♥10 8 5 ♦K 9 8 ♣A J 10 4 3 2					
♠J 9 8 5 3 ♥J ♦A J 7 6 ♣8 7 6	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠A 10 7 4 2 ♥K 9 6 ♦Q 10 4 3 ♣5	
N						
W E						
S						
	♠K 6 ♥A Q 7 4 3 2 ♦5 2 ♣K Q 9					

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewicz	Montin
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Sokolow led a spade to the ace and Molson switched to her singleton club. Sarniak suspected that, with the ♠A already seen to be in the East hand, the ♦A would be on-



Tobi Sokolow, USA



Grazyna Brewiak, Poland

side more often than not. In that case a club ruff was the big danger and she therefore played ace and another heart. Alas, Molson won, put her partner in with the diamond, and duly received her club ruff for down one; -50.

Miszewska led a club and now declarer could not be sure who had the shortage in the suit. Also, she did not know about the ♠A and so had less reason to feel good about the diamond position. While the play of ace and another heart is still tempting, it appears to be less attractive than at the other table. Nonetheless, Montin put in dummy's ♣J, led a low heart off the dummy then, after a few moments pause, went up with the ace and followed the same line as at the other table. That was a chance missed for USA; down one for -50 and a flat board.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 4 2 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ J 7 5 3 ♣ A 9	♠ 8 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ K J 7 5 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; position: relative;"> N S W E </div> </div>	♠ Q 7 6 3 ♥ K J 6 ♦ K 8 ♣ 10 8 6 3	♠ A K J 5 ♥ Q 10 7 3 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ Q 2
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West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Meyers	Banaskiewicz	Montin
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Brewiak	Molson	Sarniak
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I am sure that Sarniak's 2♥ rebid was systemic facing the 2♣, two-over-one response. Certainly, the Poles had no trouble in stopping at a safe level. Sokolow led the ten of spades to the queen and ace and Sarniak played the ♣Q. Sokolow took her ace and switched to a low diamond, which was run to the eight (an interesting play from Molson) and nine. Sarniak cashed a top spade, throwing a diamond from dummy, then took the 'marked' diamond finesse, losing to the king. Back came a spade to her jack and she played three rounds of clubs, establishing the fifth card in that suit while losing a club and a spade; nine tricks for +600.

I am less sure if Montin's 2♥ rebid was systemic, though my main evidence to the contrary is the fact that Meyers went on over 3NT, which she might not have done had she been aware of her partner's handtype. Anyway, Montin bid a firm 4NT and there matters rested.

Here the lead was the ♠9 to declarer's jack. Montin led the ♦10 now and Miszewska broke a basic rule of defensive signalling when she followed with the seven, a card she could not afford. Banaskiewicz won the ♦K and returned a spade to declarer's ace. Montin played the queen of clubs and Miszewska won the ace and returned a club, keeping declarer out of her hand. Montin won the club and cashed the other club winner, cashed the ♦A, then exited with a club, establishing the fifth card in the process. The play of cashing the ♦A had removed East's safe exit in that suit, but all she needed to do now was to exit with a spade and declarer would be a trick short. But Banaskiewicz erred badly by switching to a heart and there was no losing option for declarer who suddenly had a second heart trick, an entry to the spade winner, and ten tricks in all; +630 and 1 IMP to USA instead of 12 the other way.

Poland won the match by 36-20 IMPs, 10.25-18.25 VPs, after a slow play penalty. Both teams were still looking good for the knockout stages.

Oceans of Elevens

by Barry Rigal

♦ J	♠ A 6 5 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; position: relative;"> N S W E </div> </div>	♦ Q 10 9 7 4 ♦ K 8 3	
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This was the diamond suit on Board 11 of Round 11. Notice the bare ♦J (also an '11' if your mind works that way!)

Contrast the diamond suit on Board 3, also of Round 11 – this time in the Seniors, who are playing nominally different, boards:

♦ J	♠ A 7 4 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; position: relative;"> N S W E </div> </div>	♦ Q 10 9 6 5 ♦ K 8 2	
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I guess the computer just likes the number eleven...

Pharaonic Magic

When Egypt met Israel in Round 10 of the Open series the men from Cairo were in tremendous form, as witness this deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>El Ahmady</i>	<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Sadek</i>	<i>Podgur</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♥

Expecting the jack of hearts to be in the dummy, Tarek Sadek found the brilliant opening lead of the nine of hearts. Naturally declarer played low, as West signalled encouragement with the three. The ten of hearts came next, and when declarer again played low East was able to continue with the king of hearts, ensuring that the defenders would come to five tricks.

That was just one of the boards that contributed to Egypt's 94-13 IMP win.



The Positional Factor

By Maureen Dennison

This deal from round 9 of the Women's series in the Olympiad looks relatively innocuous, but looks can be deceiving.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

At most tables, East/West played 4♠ making, though a fair sprinkling played in 2♠ making four. Jill Casey, Welsh Camrose player, played in 1♠.

What's remarkable about that, of course, is that Jill was sitting North!

West opened a strong club, and Jill's 1♠ showed two suits of the same rank. East's pass indicated fewer than 5 points. After South passed, West decided she had nowhere to go and she, too, passed. The contract drifted four off for minus 200.

Jill's teammates, by the way, were up to bidding the spade game, so the team earned a 6-IMP swing.

Mobile phones

No one is allowed to have a mobile phone in the playing rooms. The line up desk is accepting phones of those who brought them to the playing area. The best solution, of course, is not to carry a mobile phone.

— Ton Kooijman

Captains' meeting

There will be a meeting for the captains of all qualifying teams in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad today at 17.15 in the WBF meeting room on the Lobby 2 level.

Theory & Practice

Scotland's Douglas Piper reported this devilish defensive play by New Zealand's Martin Reid and Peter Newell from their Round 11 match:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 8 6 3 ♥ A K 3 2 ♦ — ♣ K 9 7 5 2					
♠ K 9 4 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ K 10 7 3 2 ♣ J 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 5 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ Q 9 5 4 ♣ Q 10 8	
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ Q J 7 2 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A J 8 6 ♣ A 6 3					
West	North	East	South			
Reid	Murdoch	Newell	Piper			
	2♥*	Pass	2NT*			
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT*			
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*			
Pass	4♠	All Pass				

In theory Four Spades cannot be defeated, but the difference between theory and practice can be considerable.

West led the jack of clubs and when declarer played low from dummy East played the queen in perfect tempo. Declarer won and played the queen of spades, which lost to East's ace. Back came a trump and East won with the king and played the four of clubs.

That gave declarer a decision, and when he finessed, East won and gave his partner a ruff to defeat the 'undefeatable' game.

(The same combination of plays was also made by Serbia & Montenegro's Vladimir Kal

The Bravest Player?

Wied Polle, playing captain of the Netherlands team in the International Senior Cup, believes he knows who is the bravest player at the Istanbul tournament.

He offers as evidence this deal from round 13 (opponents not to be named). Polle's teammates were Onno Janssens and Willem Boegem.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K 7 6 4 ♥ A K J 5 ♦ — ♣ A J 8 6 3					
♠ A J 3 ♥ Q 10 7 6 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ K 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q J 9 8 7 6 5 4 ♣ 10	
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W E						
S						
	♠ Q 10 9 2 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 9 7 4 2					
West	North	East	South			
	Janssens		Boegem			
	1♣	3♦	Pass			
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♣			
4NT	5♣	5NT	Pass			
Pass	Dble	All Pass				

To Polle, East's 5NT bid qualifies him as the bravest player in Istanbul. That's debatable, of course, considering that East did not actually have to play the contract.

Another way to look at it is that West probably qualifies for the most patient partner in the tournament.

SISKOM

OPEN

England v Hungary

ROUND
12

England's Hungarian Rhapsody

by Mark Horton

Round 12 saw England, the runaway leaders of Group C, face Hungary, one of the teams fighting for a qualifying spot. It proved to be a match of few swings and both teams missed chances. However, England generally had the better of things and added another good win to their collection.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	1NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♣	Dble	All Pass

The Hackett twins aggressive bidding style makes them difficult opponents, but on this occasion they ran into trouble once Justin decided to make a second bid over West's double.



Gabor Macskásy, Hungary

East led the five of hearts and West won with the king and returned the two, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer played a spade to the king and a low club. East went in with the queen and played a spade, West winning and giving his partner a ruff. There were still two trumps and a diamond to come so the contract was two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdble*	2♣	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Despite the 4-1 trump break Two Diamonds was a comfortable spot, and when North led the ace of clubs it simplified matters for declarer who soon emerged with eight tricks, +90, but 5 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
			3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

South's atypical gung ho preempt meant West would be taking a risk to bid 3NT with only two tricks (nevertheless one that many would take) and when he passed North raised the ante. The commentators felt East had to bid Five Hearts and had he done so West would almost certainly have gone on to the lay down slam. It took a while for the tray to come back and for a brief moment a director was at the table. He might have been needed again if East had bid over West's double, but as it was North/South were going to post an excellent result.

West led the two of spades and declarer won with jack and played back the queen. West took the ace (it would

probably be better to duck in order to see a couple of discards from partner) as East discarded the seven of clubs (high discouraging/odd/suit preference according to the convention card). West switched to the two of clubs (3rd & 5th) and East took the king and returned the nine – he might have cashed the ace of hearts first – West winning with the queen. Now West was faced with a nasty guess as to the whereabouts of two cards, the ace of hearts and the eight of clubs. When he tried to cash the ace of clubs declarer was home, a remarkable +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
			2♠
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The weak two gave East/West plenty of room to investigate but they could not discover the perfect fit that existed. With decent controls West might have gone on with Four Spades, or East might have made at least one more move. How pleasant to discover that +680 was worth 15 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
		1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♠	Dble	INT*
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After the strong club opening North/South did well to bid the spade game that cannot be defeated. East led his spade and declarer won in dummy and played the king of diamonds. East won and returned the nine of diamonds to dummy's queen. When a club to the ten forced East's ace declarer was in control. East cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the queen. Declarer took dummy's king,

crossed to the king of clubs, played two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and advanced the nine of clubs, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
		1♦	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Declarer made the same ten tricks, but that represented a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
			1♥
INT	Dble	2♣	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

In order to defeat Three Diamonds, West must lead a heart, the point being that declarer has no convenient way to hand to play a trump towards dummy. His actual choice of ace and another diamond saw declarer win in hand and play a third trump to dummy's queen. At this point declar-



Justin Hackett, England

er must play a low club from dummy, not easy to see, but instead he ran the ten of hearts to West's queen. West played back a heart and declarer won with dummy's jack and played a club. Now East must go in with the queen and play a spade. As long as West ducks, wins the next spade and cashes the ace of clubs, declarer must lose a heart at the end for one down. East should perhaps have found this play, as with the ace of clubs South would undoubtedly have raised 2NT to game. As it was, declarer was home when the ten of clubs forced the ace, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
INT	Dble	3♣	1♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

3NT would certainly have failed, but when South ran West decided to rest his case. West led the ace of clubs, followed by the ace of spades and a heart. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a club and played a diamond. West went in with the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. The play record stops at this point, but the contract was two down, so we can infer that when East played a club declarer did not ruff it high. -100 and 5 IMPs to England.

Round about here Canada's Joey Silver, who had briefly joined the audience in the VuGraph theatre, took his leave. As he departed he called out, 'I've never seen so many sleepy people in my life - wake up everybody, this is really interesting.'

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠KJ98	♠632	♠A754
♥AJ862	♥109	♥754
♦9	♦752	♦KQ1043
♣KJ5	♣98762	♣3
		♠Q10
		♥KQ3
		♦AJ86
		♣AQ104

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
2♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer won the opening lead of the king of hearts, North dropping the ten, drew trumps when the suit behaved and played a diamond to the king and ace. He won the diamond return with the ten and played the seven of hearts, eventually putting up dummy's jack. +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
2♥	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Four Clubs was a ghastly contract, but luckily for North/South no one could double. East led the king of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played the ace of clubs followed by the queen. West won, drew another round of trumps and played a spade to East's ace. When East cashed the queen of diamonds declarer claimed for three down, -300, but a gain of 3 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠AK3	♠J7
♥A7	♥J98543
♦Q7	♦AK1063
♣A987532	♣—
♠AQ86	♠109542
♥KQ6	♥102
♦J98	♦542
♣Q64	♣KJ10

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Szalay	Justin	Macskásy	Jason
INT	3♣	3♥	All Pass

Obviously you want to be in game, but clearly West did not think he had an automatic raise to Four Hearts. Declarer made eleven tricks, +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Winkler	Gold	Dumbovitch
1♠	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The English pair made no mistake, +450 and 6 IMPs that helped England to a 52-19 IMP win that translated into 22-8 VP.

Championship Diary

Birthday presents are always welcome, but Hans-Olof Hallen was pleasantly surprised yesterday morning to discover he had been promoted to membership of the WBF Laws Commission – for WBF read Swedish. We might also mention that he was present as a player at the first Olympiad, as was South Africa's Petra Mansell.

Talking of Olympiad records, we now know that Eric Murray & Sami Kehela played together for Canada between 1960 & 1980, a total of six consecutive appearances. Nicola Smith, of Great Britain and England has played in the last eight Olympiads, but with several partners. It would have been nine, as she won the trials in 1972, but it is rumoured the selectors thought the team so weak they decided not to send one.

Just in case you missed it at least two teams have collected a maximum 75 VP in a single day, the English open team, and the Canadian women. As far as we know, no team has ever collected three zeros in a day.

Time for a bit of Baseball, which has been at the top of our sporting interest since the Championships started.

In 1918 the Boston Red Sox won their 5th World Series, the most by any club at that time. One of the stars of the Boston championship franchise was a young pitcher by the name of George Herman Ruth, aka The Babe or The Bambino.

In 1920, however, Red Sox owner Harry Frazee needed money to finance his girlfriend's play, so he sold Babe Ruth's contract to Colonel Jacob Ruppert's New York

Yankees for \$100,000 (plus a loan collateralized by Fenway Park).

Since then, the Yankees, who had never won a World Championship before acquiring Ruth, have gone on to win 26, and are arguably one of the greatest success stories in the history of sport.

Meanwhile, the Boston Red Sox have appeared in only four World Series since 1918, losing each one in game seven. Many consider Boston's performance after the departure of Babe Ruth to be attributable to "The Curse of the Bambino."

So, you will understand why our Chief Editor was in high spirits yesterday, as the Red Sox, who he has supported for forty years, won their first World series for 86 years. Brent is lucky, as a whole generation of Red Sox supporters lived and died without seeing their team collect the pennant. That curse having been broken, perhaps next year it will be the turn of the Chicago Cubs, who, thanks to the 'Curse of the Goat' have not won since 1908 (and have not even made the final since 1945 when the curse was made.)

Ray Lee of Master Point Press fame poses the question: 'Is the number of all possible legal auctions odd or even?'

While Brian Senior is indisposed our coverage of the Seniors will of necessity be reduced. Meanwhile the remaining (surviving) Editors are working out how to divide his salary.



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Two Roman Diamonds

by Chris Dixon

"We play Multi", announced England senior John Collings firmly to his partner David Jones.

"If we must", sighed David.

"Weak 2 in a major or a Roman two diamond type", said John

"What on earth is Roman 2D?" asked David, too young to remember this convention.

"17 plus with 4-4-4-1 any singleton", replied John

John went through the responses but David knew that the chances of one occurring in the 200 or so deals that they would be required to play were slim. So his eyes glazed over as John droned on about trump asking bids, control showing relays and cue bids of queens and jacks. But David had not counted on the fiendish cunning of the hand dealing program for the Seniors Cup which produced no fewer than 5 examples in the first half of the event.

Here was the first case:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

David (East) opened 2♦ and over the 2♥ relay response rebid 3♣ to show the singleton diamond. John bid 3♦ and waved the Alert card. His screenside opponent (can't remember his name - grey hair, glasses, slightly overweight and hard of hearing - you must know who I mean) scribbled a question mark on the pad and John wrote down "7ABW-2. In response to a polite enquiry for further information, John raised his eyes to heaven and explained; "Seven Ace Blackwood minus two" as if this was the most normal method ever encountered. Anyway, David bid 3NT (4 of 7 Aces) and John reluctantly signed off in 4♠ knowing two keycards to be missing. Eleven tricks made despite the 4-0 trump break and the 6-1 heart break.

In round 12 came this hand:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

This time it was John to open but you know the system now. The bidding was identical to that in the last example. No problems in the play – 10 tricks and 11 IMPs.

A couple of matches later another one comes along (like London buses, these Roman 2♦ hands – you wait for ages then three come along all at once).

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠9 7 5 3 ♥Q 8 3 ♦3 2 ♣A Q 9 5</p>	<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		<p>♠K Q J 4 ♥10 ♦A Q J 10 ♣K J 4 3</p>
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John Collings, England

2♦ from David (North) and this time a 3♦ rebid showing a singleton heart. Not quite good enough for 7ABW, John raised invitationaly to 4♦ which David passed then raked in 10 tricks and 5 IMPs.

There were a couple more, but England's captain had made the mistake of sitting John and David out for those matches – or sitting them in the wrong room. Have a look at this monster from round 9:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7</p> <p>♥ A K 5 2</p> <p>♦ A K 9 4</p> <p>♣ A K Q 10</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ Q J 8 5</p> <p>♥ J 9 4</p> <p>♦ Q J</p> <p>♣ J 9 7 5</p>
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	<p>♠ K 10 3 2</p> <p>♥ Q 10 8 3</p> <p>♦ 10 8 7</p> <p>♣ 8 6</p>					

Now who has a system which can cope with this one?

“We have”, crows John. “I open 2♦ and rebid 3♥ showing the singleton spade. Partner bids 3NT and I bid 4♥ showing 1-4-4-4 and 23 points in the 4 card suits – any good?”

“Pretty good, John”, I admitted.

Finally, in round 14.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 6 5 2</p> <p>♥ K J 8 2</p> <p>♦ Q 10 4</p> <p>♣ 9 4</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ A K 4 3</p> <p>♥ A Q 4 3</p> <p>♦ K J 6 3</p> <p>♣ A</p>
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	<p>♠ 8</p> <p>♥ 7</p> <p>♦ A 8 7 2</p> <p>♣ K Q 8 7 5 3 2</p>					
	<p>♠ J 10 9 7</p> <p>♥ 10 9 6 5</p> <p>♦ 9 5</p> <p>♣ J 10 6</p>					

“How do you bid this one, John”, I asked.

“Easy”, says John. “Rebid 2NT to show the singleton club and partner bids 3♣ which is the ubiquitous 7 Ace Blackwood.” (John didn't actually use the word ubiquitous, but it is a nice word). “Response of 3NT shows 5 Aces and Kings and partner now can bid 6♥ carefully se-

lecting the suit in which he holds the Jack – no problem”.

“Spades are 4-1, John”, I said

“No problem, I said”, repeated John.

“Trumps 4-1 also, John”, I pointed out.

“No problem, I said”, repeated John.

“Diamonds are 4-2”, said I.

“They'll probably misdefend”, said John.

And, you know, he might even be right”

Poisoned Kiss

by Dan Catone – Romania

Australia's Barbara McDonald produced great technique on this deal from the match against Romania in Round 13 of the Seniors.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 9 7</p> <p>♥ K J 10 4 3</p> <p>♦ 9 2</p> <p>♣ K Q</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ J 5 3 2</p> <p>♥ 8 7 2</p> <p>♦ 10 7</p> <p>♣ J 10 8 5</p>
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	<p>♠ K 8 6</p> <p>♥ Q</p> <p>♦ K Q J 8 6</p> <p>♣ 9 6 3 2</p>					

West	North	East	South
Doremans	Walsh	Trouwborst	McDonald
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West decided to lead the jack of hearts.

Apparently declarer has three losers, but Barbara played low from dummy and the jack received the poisoned kiss of the queen of hearts. Now declarer drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy, cashed the ace of hearts to pitch a club, played a spade to the queen and a spade. West could win and play a heart, but declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade and played the ace of clubs and a club to force West to concede a ruff and discard.

Bravo, Barbara!

Divide and Rule

by Marijke van der Pas

In the match Netherlands-Hong Kong (round 14) Jan Jansma made 3NT in a very fine way, especially when you consider that at the other table 3NT was doubled and went two down.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A J 8 5 2 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 7 6 4 3 ♥ Q J ♦ K Q 6 ♣ J 8</p>	<p>♠ K 9 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A J 8 4 ♣ A K 9 6 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S	
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wan	Verhees	Zen	Jansma
Pass	2♣*	1♠	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦*

West led ♣4, fourth best. Jansma took the jack with the king, and cashed ♠K, West discarding a heart. Now Jansma knew almost the whole hand. He ducked a heart to East's jack, won the club return, crossed to the ♥A and played a diamond. When East split his honours, declarer let him hold the trick. It was plain sailing from there. He made 3 spades, 1 heart, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs, being careful to overtake the nine of spades with the jack in the ending.

West	North	East	South
Brink	Chan	Prooijen	Sze
Pass	2NT	1♠	2♣
Dble	All Pass	Pass	3NT

East led the ♦K and when it held switched to the ♣J. Declarer took the ace, crossed to the ♥A and played a diamond to the eight. West won and played ♣Q. After taking the trick with the king declarer played a heart and West ducked, allowing East to win. East continued with the ♦Q. Declarer won, cashed a diamond, the ♠K and then let ♠9 run. East however ducked the trick and declarer had to give West the rest: two down +500 and 15 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Strange that neither West led a heart which would have defeated the contract in simple fashion. Editor.



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