

# TEAMS GOING FOR THE KNOCKOUT

England leads a strong European contingent into the round of 16 in the Open series of the World Bridge Olympiad, averaging nearly 21 Victory Points per match in 17 round-robin matches (352 total)

Exactly half the field in the first knockout phase are European teams.

There would have been more Europeans except that Poland was overtaken on the last round by Egypt, 81-2 victors over Cyprus. Egypt finished 1 VP ahead of Poland for the final qualifying spot in Group C.

Other group leaders were the Netherlands, who narrowly edged the holders (Italy) in Group A; China, with the second-best score in the round-robin at 338, and France, well clear of second in their group.

As the knockout phase of the Open gets underway, the round-robins continue in the Women's series and the International Senior Cup. The women's round-robin concludes today. The top eight teams from each of the two groups will start knockout play on Sunday.

The Seniors will complete their event on Sunday when their round-robin concludes. The top three teams in the Seniors will earn gold, silver and bronze medals.



England, the top-scoring team from the round-robin.

## WBF Congress meeting



The WBF Congress meeting will be held on today 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. A cocktail will follow for all participants.

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.

### Time change



Turkey returns to standard time tomorrow, so before you go to bed, turn your watches and clocks back one hour – e.g. from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## VUGRAPH MATCHES

OPEN	Italy v USA	14:00
	<b>TO BE DECIDED</b>	<b>17:00</b>

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## OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 17 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
1	NETHERLANDS 318	1	CHINA 338	1	ENGLAND 352	1	FRANCE 322
2	ITALY 317	2	GERMANY 309	2	IRELAND 332	2	JAPAN 305
3	RUSSIA 316	3	TURKEY 306	3	HUNGARY 326	3	PAKISTAN 295
4	ICELAND 312	4	U.S.A. 304	4	EGYPT 321	4	SWEDEN 294
5	ARGENTINA 308	5	NORWAY 294	5	POLAND 320	5	SPAIN 291
6	LATVIA 271	6	LEBANON 288	6	DENMARK 310	6	BRAZIL 288
7	HONG KONG 264	7	AUSTRALIA 280	7	ISRAEL 286	7	INDONESIA 286
8	NEW ZEALAND 259	8	BULGARIA 277	8	AUSTRIA 280	8	GREECE 273
9	SCOTLAND 254	9	INDIA 268	9	SAN MARINO 266	9	SOUTH AFRICA 260
10	GEORGIA 248	10	CROATIA 251	10	ROMANIA 264	10	LITHUANIA 248
11	BELGIUM 244	11	ESTONIA 238	11	FINLAND 260	11	WALES 243
12	CANADA 234	12	SWITZERLAND 227	12	MALAYSIA 221	12	PORTUGAL 234
13	CHINESE TAIPEI 226.5	13	MARTINIQUE 216	13	VENEZUELA 173	13	BOSNIA/HZVNA 222
	SERBIA/MNGRO 226.5	14	LUXEMBOURG 212	14	PHILIPPINES 170	14	CZECH REP. 219
15	GUADELOUPE 211	15	TUNISIA 206	15	MEXICO 161	15	JORDAN 216
16	MOROCCO 198	16	CHILE 183	16	FR POLYNESIA 158	16	BOTSWANA 201
17	BANGLADESH 180	17	SINGAPORE 170	17	REUNION 145	17	BERMUDA 198
18	MAURITIUS 152	18	KENYA 158	18	CYPRUS 142	18	COSTA RICA 147

## WOMEN'S SERIES RANKING AFTER 18 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B	
1	CHINA 347	1	NETHERLANDS 342
2	AUSTRIA 327	2	U.S.A. 329.3
3	FRANCE 326	3	CROATIA 323
4	RUSSIA 324	4	GERMANY 312
5	ITALY 299	5	ENGLAND 309
6	FINLAND 293	6	POLAND 304.3
7	SWEDEN 289	7	NEW ZEALAND 301
8	SCOTLAND 282	8	SOUTH AFRICA 286
9	TURKEY 281	9	JAPAN 279
10	INDIA 279	10	ISRAEL 276
11	AUSTRALIA 275	11	DENMARK 275
12	CANADA 273		GREECE 275
13	SWITZERLAND 272	13	INDONESIA 270
14	BRAZIL 266		NORWAY 270
15	PAKISTAN 265	15	VENEZUELA 266
16	EGYPT 263	16	ARGENTINA 258
17	BULGARIA 262	17	IRELAND 237
	HUNGARY 262	18	WALES 204
19	SPAIN 245	19	MOROCCO 193
20	MEXICO 187	20	REUNION 179
21	JORDAN 143	21	KOREA 170
22	KENYA 117		

## SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 24 ROUNDS

1	NETHERLANDS 453
2	U.S.A. 452
3	FRANCE 417
4	GERMANY 411
5	ISRAEL 410
6	DENMARK 404
7	CHINA 398
8	PAKISTAN 397
9	JAPAN 393
	POLAND 393
	TURKEY 393
12	ENGLAND 383.5
13	SWEDEN 376.5
14	CANADA 375
15	AUSTRIA 372.5
16	ITALY 370.5
17	SCOTLAND 368
18	CHINESE TAIPEI 366
19	WALES 365
20	PORTUGAL 356
21	NEW ZEALAND 330.5
22	BELGIUM 324
23	SWITZERLAND 323
24	SPAIN 320
25	AUSTRALIA 312
26	IRELAND 277
27	GUADELOUPE 256
28	VENEZUELA 248.5
29	COSTA RICA 135

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	Argentina Hong Kong	14 36	10 20
2	Bangladesh Guadeloupe	20 39	11 19
3	Belgium Georgia	38 95	4 25
4	Canada Chinese Taipei	38 50	13 17
5	Iceland Scotland	71 8	25 3
6	Italy Russia	41 74	8 22
7	Latvia New Zealand	58 21	23 7
8	Mauritius Netherlands	51 76	10 20
9	Morocco Serbia & Montenegro	42 43	15 15

## GROUP C

Match		IMPs	VPs
19	Austria Reunion	110 19	25 0
20	San Marino Poland	46 63	11 19
21	Denmark Philippines	89 29	25 3
22	Egypt Mexico	90 17	25 1
23	England Malaysia	42 26	18 12
24	Finland Cyprus	72 26	24 6
25	French Polynesia Israel	12 50	7 23
26	Hungary Ireland	38 79	7 23
27	Romania Venezuela	50 49	15 15

## GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	Argentina Bangladesh	76 48	21 9
2	Belgium Scotland	42 43	15 15
3	Canada Russia	35 76	7 23
4	Chinese Taipei New Zealand	38 69	9 21
5	Georgia Netherlands	9 84	1 25
6	Guadeloupe Morocco	89 43	24 6
7	Hong Kong Mauritius	70 47	20 10
8	Iceland Latvia	50 29	19 11
9	Italy Serbia & Montenegro	65 43	20 10

## GROUP C

Match		IMPs	VPs
19	Austria Philippines	89 27	25 3
20	San Marino Mexico	85 46	23 7
21	Denmark Malaysia	76 20	25 4
22	Egypt Cyprus	81 2	25 1
23	England Israel	50 27	20 10
24	Finland Ireland	19 64	6 24
25	French Polynesia Hungary	21 61	7 23
26	Poland Romania	51 22	21 9
27	Reunion Venezuela	33 36	14 16

## GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
10	Kenya Australia	23 79	4 25
11	India Bulgaria	41 60	11 19
12	Germany Chile	97 7	25 0
13	Estonia China	43 52	13 17
14	USA Croatia	39 22	19 11
15	Turkey Lebanon	72 7	25 3
16	Tunisia Luxembourg	47 23	20 10
17	Switzerland Martinique	14 33	11 19
18	Singapore Norway	36 27	17 13

## GROUP D

Match		IMPs	VPs
28	Greece Bermuda	24 11	18 12
29	France Bosnia	71 14	25 4
30	Czech Republic Botswana	53 34	19 11
31	Jordan Brazil	44 26	19 11
32	Wales Costa Rica	28 25	16 14
33	Sweden Indonesia	41 34	16 14
34	Spain Japan	53 47	16 14
35	South Africa Lithuania	25 68	6 24
36	Portugal Pakistan	15 35	11 19

## GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
10	Chile Australia	55 48	16 14
11	USA Bulgaria	34 46	13 17
12	Turkey China	27 56	9 21
13	Tunisia Croatia	37 66	9 21
14	Switzerland Estonia	85 43	24 6
15	Singapore Germany	19 83	3 25
16	Norway India	73 38	22 8
17	Martinique Kenya	41 59	11 19
18	Luxembourg Lebanon	27 53	10 20

## GROUP D

Match		IMPs	VPs
28	Pakistan Bermuda	61 44	19 11
29	Lithuania Bosnia	38 63	10 20
30	Japan Botswana	57 23	22 8
31	Indonesia Brazil	70 47	20 10
32	Greece Costa Rica	80 38	24 6
33	France Jordan	52 27	20 10
34	Wales Czech Republic	32 66	8 22
35	Sweden Portugal	40 19	19 9
36	Spain South Africa	66 32	22 8

ROUND 16

ROUND 17

## WBF SENIORS CONGRESS

All seniors are invited to an open Congress on Sunday 31st October after play finishes (about 15.15) at Lobby 3 (F2) in the playing area. Also invited are federation presidents, WBF Executive members and NBO seniors officers.

### Agenda

1. Report of the WBF Senior committee meeting.
2. The Istanbul Seniors format and future format.
3. Rate of change of age limit from 55 to 60.
4. Systems policy.
5. Future Senior events.
6. AOB

The prize giving ceremony for the Seniors will be held at 18.00 on Sunday, place to be announced.

## SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

	OPEN	WOMEN	SENIORS
11:00	Round of 16	Round 19	
	Boards 1-16		
13:30	.....	.....	Round 25
14:00	Round of 16	Round 20	
	Boards 17-32		
15:45	.....	.....	Round 26
17:00	Round of 16	Round 21	
	Boards 33-48		
18:00	.....	.....	Round 27

# WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

## ROUND 16

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Brazil vs Australia	13 22	13 17
41	Kenya vs Austria	18 71	3 25
42	Turkey vs Bulgaria	48 41	16 14
43	Switzerland vs Canada	53 14	24 6
44	Sweden vs China	19 36	11 19
45	Spain vs Egypt	25 27	15 15
46	Scotland vs Finland	20 40	10 20
47	Russia vs France	35 24	17 13
48	Pakistan vs Hungary	25 36	13 17
49	Mexico vs India	42 31	17 13
50	Jordan vs Italy	15 51	7 23

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Croatia vs Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Denmark vs Argentina	35 27	17 13
52	Wales vs England	25 41	11 19
53	Venezuela vs Germany	35 29	16 14
54	USA vs Greece	55 3	25 4
55	South Africa vs Indonesia	39 26	18 12
56	Reunion vs Ireland	24 57	7 23
57	Poland vs Israel	12 34	10 20
58	Norway vs Japan	13 43	8 22
59	New Zealand vs Korea	42 18	21 9
60	Netherlands vs Morocco	40 15	21 9

## ROUND 17

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia vs China	35 35	15 15
41	Austria vs Canada	37 21	19 11
42	Brazil vs Bulgaria	39 26	18 12
43	Egypt vs Turkey	20 26	14 16
44	Finland vs Switzerland	67 31	23 7
45	France vs Sweden	37 22	18 12
46	Hungary vs Spain	44 30	18 12
47	India vs Scotland	35 53	11 19
48	Italy vs Russia	57 40	19 11
49	Jordan vs Pakistan	2 72	1 25
50	Mexico vs Kenya	18 35	11 19

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	New Zealand vs Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina vs Greece	36 44	13 17
52	Croatia vs Germany	31 29	15 15
53	Denmark vs England	12 51	6 24
54	Indonesia vs Wales	36 34	15 15
55	Ireland vs Venezuela	46 35	17 13
56	Israel vs USA	21 73	4 25
57	Japan vs South Africa	8 27	11 19
58	Korea vs Reunion	21 49	8 22
59	Morocco vs Poland	16 63	4 25
60	Netherlands vs Norway	37 11	21 9

## ROUND 18

### GROUP A

Match		IMPs	VPs
40	Australia vs Hungary	33 24	17 13
41	Austria vs France	28 7	20 10
42	Brazil vs Finland	49 24	21 9
43	Bulgaria vs Egypt	17 42	9 21
44	Canada vs China	7 29	10 20
45	India vs Turkey	45 68	10 20
46	Italy vs Switzerland	17 17	15 15
47	Jordan vs Sweden	8 49	6 24
48	Mexico vs Spain	35 33	15 15
49	Pakistan vs Scotland	58 51	16 14
50	Russia vs Kenya	92 1	25 0

### GROUP B

Match		IMPs	VPs
50	Poland vs Bye	0 0	18 0
51	Argentina vs Japan	27 27	15 15
52	Croatia vs Israel	56 19	24 6
53	Denmark vs Ireland	33 52	11 19
54	England vs Indonesia	24 53	8 22
55	Germany vs Greece	42 30	18 12
56	Korea vs Wales	22 43	10 20
57	Morocco vs Venezuela	30 42	12 18
58	Netherlands vs USA	37 38	15 15
59	New Zealand vs South Africa	20 55	7 23
60	Norway vs Reunion	31 31	15 15

### 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' Congress meeting will start at 15.15 in Lobby 3 (F2).

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 21

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	France	0 0	18 0
61	Venezuela	Austria	14 17 14 16
62	Belgium	Wales	17 54 5 25
63	Australia	Germany	33 24 17 13
64	Portugal	Poland	23 16 17 13
65	Canada	Costa Rica	30 20 18 12
66	Ireland	Japan	14 43 7 23
67	Pakistan	Chinese Taipei	46 8 25 5
68	China	England	19 26 13 17
69	Scotland	USA	19 24 14 16
70	Spain	Sweden	26 7 20 10
71	Turkey	Netherlands	28 33 14 16
72	Guadeloupe	Israel	12 37 8 22
73	Italy	New Zealand	60 24 24 6
74	Denmark	Switzerland	50 26 21 9

## ROUND 22

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	Australia	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Switzerland	Turkey	27 32 14 16
62	Ireland	Netherlands	24 21 16 14
63	USA	Belgium	55 33 21 9
64	Costa Rica	Germany	0 70 0 25
65	Pakistan	Israel	13 34 9 21
66	England	Venezuela	19 25 14 16
67	Poland	Austria	35 18 20 10
68	New Zealand	Scotland	4 50 3 25
69	Chinese Taipei	Sweden	31 23 17 13
70	Portugal	China	23 29 14 16
71	Canada	France	15 19 14 16
72	Wales	Italy	47 19 22 8
73	Japan	Denmark	17 21 14 16
74	Guadeloupe	Spain	1 57 1 25

## ROUND 23

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	Costa Rica	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe	28 24 16 14
62	Germany	France	16 44 8 22
63	Sweden	Israel	25 37 12 18
64	Scotland	Wales	59 12 25 3
65	Venezuela	Portugal	26 17 17 13
66	Ireland	Switzerland	23 26 14 16
67	Turkey	Japan	7 20 11 19
68	Australia	Canada	18 54 6 24
69	Belgium	New Zealand	48 12 24 6
70	Netherlands	Denmark	32 47 11 19
71	Poland	England	31 31 15 15
72	Spain	Pakistan	38 41 14 16
73	Italy	USA	35 5 23 7
74	Austria	China	22 37 11 19

## ROUND 24

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	Chinese Taipei	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Guadeloupe	Ireland	27 27 15 15
62	New Zealand	Poland	11 16 14 16
63	China	Wales	20 11 17 13
64	Portugal	Netherlands	22 29 13 17
65	USA	Venezuela	47 0 25 3
66	Belgium	Costa Rica	37 32 16 14
67	Sweden	Turkey	22 19 16 14
68	Australia	Italy	11 45 6 24
69	Germany	Spain	17 7 18 12
70	Austria	Switzerland	29 11 20 10
71	France	Scotland	40 4 24 6
72	England	Japan	71 0 25 0
73	Israel	Canada	1 18 10 20
74	Denmark	Pakistan	14 29 11 19

## Seniors Round Robin 16 scores - corrected

Match		IMPs	VPs
60	China	Bye	0 0 18 0
61	Canada	Poland	39 21 20 10
62	Pakistan	Netherlands	21 30 13 17
63	Guadeloupe	Switzerland	21 44 9 21
64	Sweden	Japan	1 39 5 25
65	New Zealand	Spain	37 23 19 11
66	Wales	Israel	21 34 11 19
67	Ireland	France	15 15 15 15
68	USA	Chinese Taipei	22 5 20 10
69	Australia	Denmark	27 19 17 13
70	Germany	Venezuela	62 32 23 7
71	England	Scotland	20 9 18 12
72	Portugal	Belgium	20 15 16 14
73	Austria	Italy	44 21 21 9
74	Costa Rica	Turkey	2 94 0 25

## 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.

# PROGRAM

## WOMEN'S TEAMS

### ROUND 19

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

### ROUND 20

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

### ROUND 21

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

### Top Priority – Most Urgent

On Thursday evening someone inadvertently took the wrong Championship bag from the table on the podium in the Open Room.

It is clearly marked Antonio on the outside.

It contains some important papers, so please everyone check your bag and return it as quickly as possible to Antonio Riccardi or any member of staff.

## SENIOR TEAMS

### ROUND 25

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

### ROUND 26

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

### ROUND 27

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

## WBFLaws Committee

A meeting will  
be held on Sunday,  
31st October at  
14.15 in the WBF  
meeting room.

## OPEN FINAL 16

Netherlands v Germany

Ireland v Sweden

France v Hungary

Turkey v Russia

China v Iceland

Japan v Egypt

England v Pakistan

Italy v USA

## Playing to Rule

by Mark Horton

Rule Number 1 'Declarer is always right.'

Rule Number 2 'If declarer is wrong, see rule number 1.'

*Dealer West. E/W Vul.*

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Against your normal 3NT contract, East produces the annoying lead of the jack of diamonds. Over to you.

Obviously it is possible that East has led from KJ10xx and in that case putting up the queen will simply leave you looking for overtricks. However if West has the king of diamonds it must be right to play low and win the trick with the ace. Then you simply play the ace of clubs followed by the queen. That will work in almost every scenario except the one where the lead is from ♦KJ10xx.

Do you agree?

If not, you are flying in the face of some formidable judges (superstars from Germany & France).

Well, I can tell you that unfortunately while you may have chosen the right line – see rule number 1 – unfortunately East has led from ♦KJ1097.

However, when I show you the full deal you will see that even so rule number 2 still applies!

### Women's Captains' Meeting

There will be a meeting for the captains of all qualifying teams in the Women's series of the World Bridge Olympiad at 9:45 in the meeting room on the Lobby 2 level.

### Transnational Teams

All pre-registered teams MUST confirm their registrations and pay their entry fees by Sunday at 12.00 noon in order to guarantee their place in the World Transnational Teams Championship. Teams coming later than this to confirm and pay may find their entry can no longer be accepted.

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

♠ 10 8 5  
♥ K J 10 3  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 8 7 5 2



♠ J 9 7 3  
♥ 9 8 6  
♦ K J 10 9 7  
♣ K

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

Of course, as Tacchi points out in Vaupillon there would never be a problem as once again the old 'cover an honour with an honour' rule would apply! Indeed, if declarer follows that up with a club to the ace all thirteen tricks will be safely gathered in via the squeeze on East.



### WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **WBF Women's Committee** was held on Thursday 28 October 2004 to discuss the future of Women's bridge in the world. The members of the Committee, and representatives of Women's bridge in their zone attended the meeting and presented a full report on the situation of Women's bridge in the various countries.

We could see that good progress was made in this sector since the last meeting in Monte Carlo.

We offer particular congratulations to Zone 6 - **China** and Zone 4 - **Asia and Middle East** for their activity!

Anna Maria Torlontano  
WBF Women's Committee Chairman

OPEN

## USA v Norway

ROUND  
11

Entering their match with USA in round 11 of the Open series, Norway was in need of a strong showing as time was running out for the team to get to the top four in their group. The Norwegians were up to the task, taking a 51-29 win from the Americans. The first significant swing of the match went to Norway after five relatively quiet deals.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Saelensminde	Zia	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	4♥	All Pass	3♦

Michael Rosenberg led his singleton diamond, and the defenders quickly took the first five tricks: ♦A, diamond ruff, club to the 10, diamond ruff, club to the queen, diamond ruff. That was plus 100, but not nearly good enough.



Michael Rosenberg, USA

West	North	East	South
Furunes	Welland	Helness	Fallenius
1♠	2♥	1♣	1♥
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♦
4♠	All Pass	Dble	4♥

Jon-Egil Furunes was aggressive in bidding with the West hand the first time, and the more he heard of the auction the better he liked his hand, so he bid the cold vulnerable game, taking 11 tricks for plus 650 and 11 IMPs to Norway.

USA got 11 IMPs back two deals later.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Saelensminde	Zia	Brogeland
1♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Erik Saelensminde started with the ♠K, ducked by Rosenberg. North had a chance to scuttle the contract



Jon-Egil Furunes, Norway



with a switch to a trump or a low club, but he naturally continued with a spade to declarer's ace. Rosenberg then ruffed a spade high in dummy and played a heart from dummy. Boye Brogeland rose with the ♠A and exited with a trump. Rosenberg correctly inserted the ♦9 from hand, cashed the ♥K, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and returned to hand with a club ruff to cash his two good diamonds and ♥J. for plus 400. It didn't go that well at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Furunes	Welland	Helness	Fallenius
1♥	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Roy Welland also started with the ♠K. On the bidding, Furunes did not seriously consider ducking, so he won the ace and returned a spade at trick two. Welland won and switched accurately to a low club (a heart would have been effective also). Furunes ruffed the club, ruffed a spade high and played a heart from dummy as Rosenberg had, but the club ruff earlier had destroyed his timing. When Bjorn Fallenius rose with the ♥A and returned a diamond, Furunes could win in hand, but he needed to ruff two hearts and a spade in dummy, and in the only way to get back to his hand enough times was to ruff clubs. When diamonds proved to be 3-1, the contract was doomed and Furunes ended up minus 50.

Norway broke back on top on the following board when USA went minus at both tables.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠A 8		
	♥A J 8 7		
	♦K 10 8 6 5 2		
	♣A		
♠K 9		♠Q J 5 3 2	
♥9 5 4		♥Q 10	
♦A 9 3		♦—	
♣J 8 7 5 3		♣K Q 10 9 6 2	
	♠10 7 6 4		
	♥K 6 3 2		
	♦Q J 7 4		
	♣4		
West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Saelensminde	Zia	Brogeland
2♠	Dble	1♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	5♣	Pass
		All Pass	

Rosenberg's 2♠ was described as a mixed raise of clubs, and when Saelensminde doubled for takeout, Zia applied preemptive pressure. Against 5♣ doubled, Brogeland did well not to lead his diamond sequence, giving Zia a chance to discard a losing heart. Brogeland started in-

stead with a low spade, and the defenders quickly had four tricks for plus 500.

West	North	East	South
Furunes	Welland	Helness	Fallenius
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	4♥	2♣	Dble
All Pass		4♠	5♦

Had Welland been able to see all the cards, he could have made the diamond game, but he eventually took a losing heart finesse for minus 100 and 12 IMPs to Norway.

USA was up by 1 IMP when Norway surged into the lead for good with a 17-IMP swing.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

In the open room, Saelensminde and Brogeland bid to 6♥ with the North/South cards and duly scored up plus 1430 when the diamond finesse proved successful.

At the other table, Welland and Fallenius found their way to 6NT, which can be made as the cards lie. Unfortunately for USA, it is a complex deal and Welland failed to take 12 tricks after East started with the ♦10.

The ♠9 in dummy plays a key role, as you will see. On the lead of the ♦10, declarer can win the queen and run five rounds of hearts. West can never release a club, nor can he come down to a singleton spade, so after the run of the hearts, this is the end position:

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

Declarer now runs three rounds of clubs, forcing East to release a diamond, then cashes the  $\diamond A$  and exits with a diamond, leaving East on lead in a two-card ending to lead away from the  $\spadesuit K$ . That put Norway in the lead for good.

The final swing occurred on board 16 when a Multi 2 $\diamond$  blew Zia and Rosenberg out of the water in the bidding, resulting in 11 more IMPs to the Norwegians.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	$\spadesuit Q 10 9 8 2$										
	$\heartsuit K 7 3 2$										
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	$\clubsuit 8 3$										
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	$\clubsuit K 5 4$										

West	North	East	South
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	Pass	1 $\clubsuit$	Pass
1 $\diamond$	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This contract was not challenging after the lead of the  $\spadesuit 10$ . Furunes went after diamonds right away, and when the suit proved to lie favourably and North did not find the heart switch when in with the  $\diamond K$ , declarer finished with 11 tricks for plus 660.

The Norwegians made life difficult for Zia and Rosenberg at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	2 $\diamond$	Dble	3 $\heartsuit$
Dble	All Pass		

Brogeland knew his side had a great fit in one of the majors, so he left little room for his opponents to find the right spot. Zia's pass of his partner's responsive double did not work out very well as there were only five tricks for the defense for plus 100, an 11-IMP loss.

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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

## Championship Diary

David Burn replies to the question we posed yesterday: It is (relatively) easy to see that the total number of bridge auctions is equal to:

$((4 * 2235) - 1) / 3$  and, since the numerator and denominator of this expression are both odd numbers, that the total number of auctions is odd. (Correct, although we confess we used logic to work it out rather than applied maths.)

The number of possible bridge auctions (which of course we calculated by hand) is: 128, 745, 650, 347, 030, 683, 120, 231, 926, 111, 609, 371, 363, 122, 697, 557.

Jean Paul Meyer always interviews some of the players just before the start of the VuGraph match. That has produced some interesting comments:

When he asked Bobby Levin which shares to buy the answer was 'The one's I sell!'

Jason Hackett suggested his brother would be well advised to earn his living watching football rather than playing bridge!

Zia advised against a Turkish massage as the masseurs are men!

You will recall the eternal bridge match. We understand the VuGraph commentator will be Barry Rigal.

Despite his continuing incapacity Brian Senior bravely returned to his post long enough to cover one of yesterday's matches. Watch out tomorrow for his thrilling blow by blow report on Croatia v Bye.

## Save Those Trumps

Waste not want not is a familiar maxim, and perhaps that sentiment was on North's mind as he participated – in a manner of speaking – in the play of board 12 from the round of 19 in the International Senior Cup. As reported by Canada's Jonathan Robinson, North's stingy approach to his trumps proved quite costly to the Irish team.

The Canadian East-West were Fred Hoffer and Don Piafsky. Their opponents shall remain nameless for reasons that should be all too obvious.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 4 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ K Q 10 6 4 ♣ 9 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 5 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A K Q 10 8 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A K J 7 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 9 4 2 ♦ 7 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ A J 9 8 2 ♣ J 6 4 3</p>
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This was the auction in one room.

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♣	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	All Pass

This contract made on the nose for plus 450.

West	North	East	South
Piafsky		Hoffer	
Pass	3NT	4♠	5♣
5♠	Pass	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

South started with the ♥A, and he switched to a club at trick two. Declarer ruffed and played a trump. When he played a second trump, both opponents showed out. A third trump was cashed and again both opponents discarded.

Now declarer played a low diamond, South taking the ace, and claimed down one.

Robinson reports that at that moment, North spoke up to say that he had a heart ruff coming. Indeed, South then gave his partner a heart ruff.

Until North spoke up, Hoffer had apparently not noticed that although he had played trumps three times, the opponents had followed only once each.

A tournament director was summoned and ruled that the established revoke and subsequent trick taken with a card that should have been played on the revoke trick would cost the offending side two tricks. That meant that the doubled slam had been made for plus 1210 to Canada, leaving North to reflect that perhaps silence is golden after all.



## Appeal No. 3

(released)

### The Netherlands v. Poland

**Appeals Committee:** R. Wolff (Chair), E.d'Orsi, G. Endicott, J. Gerard, J-P Meyer.

#### Women's teams, round 7.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 7 4 ♥ 10 7 3 2 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ Q J 3</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>♠ Q 9 3 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ 8 6 ♣ 10 8 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ A 10 5 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A K Q 9 3 ♣ 9 7 2</p>
<p><b>West</b> <i>Vriend</i></p>	<p><b>North</b> <i>Brewiak</i></p>	<p><b>East</b> <i>Arnolds</i></p>	<p><b>South</b> <i>Sarniak</i></p>
<p>Pass Pass Double</p>	<p>Pass 2♣ All pass.</p>	<p>Double Pass</p>	<p>INT Pass Pass</p>

#### Comments:

INT = 15-17

Double described in this position:

E>N 11+ any distribution

W>S: penalty.

**Contract:** 2♣ doubled.

Result: Six tricks, NS – 300

The Facts: the director was summoned at the end of the play and informed that before they had commenced to play the match North had asked about doubles of INT and was told that they were for penalties. The convention card says no more than this. North believed that since there were only 19 HCP outstanding, East having 11+, West's double must have been based on a club suit. If she had been told that East thought it was for penalties East may need fewer points. Had she played for clubs 3-3 she could have made the contract. In the play the ♣J had appeared at trick 5 and it could be a card seeking to persuade her to clear trumps, which she had not done.

**The Director:** was of the opinion that declarer had been given all the information she was entitled to.

**Ruling:** table score stands.

**Relevant Laws:** 75.

**North/South** appealed.


Present: all four players and the Polish captain.

The Players: East had told North that the double of 2♣ was 'take out'. The Polish captain observed that it was this that led declarer to fear a 4-2 break.

**The Committee:** in the evidence there was discussion of the nature of doubles of INT in the pass-out seat. This double had not been alerted and the explanation that it was for penalties had been conveyed in rather different terms by East and West, but not in the committee's view so as to affect the matter significantly. As for the double of 2♣, this might have been better expressed as 'values' but the fact was that the two sides were simply playing bridge and judging their actions accordingly. Following the penalty double of INT all further actions are dependent upon it. In the opinion of the committee there was not the slightest reason, at this level of play, to appeal the ruling. The committee was disappointed to have been called to such a case and urges strongly upon captains the need to have substantial reasons to come to appeal; in this case it might be thought that the appellant was more disappointed with the result of her own judgement in the play than with the information given her by opponents.

**The Committee's decision:** director's ruling stands.

**Deposit:** withheld by the committee.



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## England v Germany

ROUND  
8

by Tony Gordon

These were two of the fancied teams in group B, but neither of them could be completely happy with their performances so far as they occupied ninth and fifth places, respectively, going into this match. However, England would be a lot happier after this encounter as an emphatic win reversed their positions.

After partscore swings to each team in the first four boards, the next board produced something more substantial:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 10 5 4	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ 6
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	♠ 9							
	♥ K Q 10 5							
	♦ J 9 8 6 4							
	♣ 10 9 7							

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Michelle Brunner was happy to pass her partner's take-out double of Pony Nehmert's weak 2♠ opening and Rhona Goldenfield began with three rounds of clubs. That was one saving grace for declarer, but she was still facing an unappetising task. She exited with the ♦Q and the defence took their two top diamonds and the ♥A and then Goldenfield continued with the 13th club which Nehmert ruffed in hand. She crossed to dummy with a heart to lead the ♠9 and when Brunner covered with the ten she won with the jack. The ♠8 lost to the ten and Brunner's ♠4 exit let her win the last two tricks with the ♠A5 over declarer's ♠K3, so Nehmert was three down for +800 to England.

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
	2♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the other room Daniela von Arnim opted for 3NT instead of passing and Nicola Smith led a spade round to declarer's ten. After a club to the ace and a club back to the jack and queen, Smith switched to the ♥J. Von Arnim ducked this and the heart continuation but won the third round and played the ♣K. When the suit broke 3-3 she cashed the thirteenth club and her two top diamonds and then threw Smith in with a spade. That gave her nine tricks and +400, but it was still a loss of 9 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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	♥ 9 7 2							
	♦ K							
	♣ K J 8							

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
		Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Daniela von Arnim, Germany

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
3♥	4♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	5♠	5♥	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

At both tables West led from her heart sequence and East overtook and cashed a second heart before switching to a club which declarer correctly ducked, so the club ruff went begging. That only cost the second undertrick against 5♠, but cost the contract against 4♠, so Germany's more aggressive approach earned 11 IMPs. That gain put Germany ahead, but they missed a good slam on board 7 to trail 27-16 at the halfway point.

Germany pulled back 8 IMPs on board 10 when England played in the wrong partscore, but thereafter it was all one-way traffic in the opposite direction.

Board 14. Dealer East. Love All.

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

Andrea Reim led the ♦K against Goldenfield's 3♠ and when this held the trick she continued with a second round to the jack and ace. Now declarer ducked a spade, won the heart continuation and cashed the ♠A. She could now take a ruffing finesse against Reim's ♦Q and although Nehmert could overruff dummy and cash a heart, dummy's third club went away on the good ♦9 and Goldenfield had nine tricks for +140 to England.

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the German strong club auction, 1♥ was either natural or a strong balanced hand, 1♠ denied 5-7 HCP with a 5-card suit and 2♦ was the route to show a weak hand with spades. As a result Germany were able to stop a level lower but with the contract played from the other side of the table. Smith's ♥K lead was ducked by declarer, so she switched to a low club taken by the ace. When Sabine Auken continued with the ♦10 Heather Dhondy rose with the king and played a second club to the jack and king and declarer cashed the red aces and played a third diamond. To get home she had to discard dummy's remaining club, but she ruffed with the seven and Smith



Pony Nehmert, Germany



Heather Dhondy, England

overruffed with the ten and cashed her club winner. Now the thirteenth club ensured the defence came to two more trump tricks whatever declarer did, so Auken was one down for -50 and 5 IMPs to England.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ J 10 ♣ Q 5 4 3											
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West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At this table, where von Arnim's 2♣ rebid showed a non-minimum with at least six diamonds, Germany reached game from the less desirable side and Dhondy's club lead through dummy's doubleton ace quickly established three club tricks for the defence. After winning the ♣A on the second round declarer played a diamond to the king and ace and Dhondy cashed her two club winners before exiting with the ♦5. Auken, who had discarded two diamonds from dummy and a spade from hand on the clubs, now needed five heart tricks to bring home her contract, so she won the ♦Q, cashed the ♥K and then finessed the ♥J, but Dhondy won and cashed the ♦9 for two down and +100 to England.

West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The English sequence had the double benefit of hiding the long diamond suit and playing the hand from the more desirable side, but the fate of the contract still hung in the balance after Nehmert led the ♠Q. Brunner won in hand with the ace and played a diamond towards dummy on which Nehmert followed with the ten. Declarer can succeed by ducking this, but that would have been an inspired view, and she covered with the king. Reim won her ace and needed to find a club switch to defeat the contract,

but she played back a spade and declarer could now clear diamonds and get home with four diamond tricks, two spades, two hearts and a club for +400 and 11 IMPs to England.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ 9 6 5 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ J 10 5 2											
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West	North	East	South
Brunner	Nehmert	Goldenfield	Reim
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Brunner was allowed to play peacefully in 3♦ and she made the obvious nine tricks for +110 to England.

West	North	East	South
von Arnim	Smith	Auken	Dhondy
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♦	3♥	Dble	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

There was unsurprisingly more action at the other table where Smith's competitive raise in hearts encouraged Dhondy to go on to game and Auken expressed her opinion in the usual manner. Despite the ♥Q falling and the ♠A being onside, dummy had insufficient entries for declarer to lead towards her hand the necessary number of times in the black suits and a red suit lead would have resulted in one down, but von Arnim began with the ♠J and declarer duly emerged with ten tricks for +590 and 12 IMPs to England.

England won by 61-25 IMPs, 23-7 VPs, to move up to seventh while Germany dropped to ninth.

## DINNER

Will those attending the dinner at Buyuk Kulup  
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OPEN

USA v CHINA

ROUND  
13**Losing streak**

The USA team in the Open series entered play in round 13 in first place by a slim margin over China, their opponents in that round. When the 20 boards had been played, China had regained first place with an impressive victory over the Americans, who went on to lose the next two matches as well.

China wasted little time jumping out in front, although the swing was one play away from going the other way

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ 8 7 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 5 3 ♥ K Q 4 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 10 6 4</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 6 2 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ J 9 8 3 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ K 8 4 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ A 10 6 4 ♣ A J 9</p>												
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<p><b>West</b> Sun</p> <p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p><b>North</b> Levin</p> <p>2♣ 3♥</p>	<p><b>East</b> Xin</p> <p>Pass Pass</p>	<p><b>South</b> Weinstein</p> <p>1♦ 2NT 3NT</p>												

Shaolin Sun started with the ♥J to the king and ace, and the defenders had their first chance to scuttle the contract with a switch to diamonds, but Xin Li continued with the ♥9. The was ducked, giving Xin another chance, but he persisted in hearts and Steve Weinstein was soon claiming his contract.

The auction took a much difference turn at the other table, where Roy Welland and Bjorn Fallenius opposed Haojun Shi and Zejun Zhuang.

<b>West</b> Welland	<b>North</b> Shi	<b>East</b> Fallenius	<b>South</b> Zhuang
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

Fallenius took a long time after his partner's double to decide on his opening lead. Had he chosen dummy's first

bid suit, the outcome would have been much different, but he finally chose a low spade. Shi won the ♠Q in hand, entered dummy with a club and played a heart to the king. This was the last chance for Fallenius to find the killing diamond switch, but he didn't know about the five-card club suit in the North hand, so he ducked the heart. That was enough for Shi, who led a spade from hand, claiming his contract after Fallenius went in with the ♠A. Shi took five clubs, two spades, a heart and a diamond for plus 550.

China earned a larger swing on the next board when Welland and Fallenius bid to a very optimistic 6♠ that failed while their Chinese counterparts stopped in a sensible game.

The following deal turned out to be a push, but it could have been a swing for USA had only one card been different.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 ♥ A 10 9 6 3 ♦ 9 7 5 4 ♣ K Q 5</p>	<p>♠ J 8 5 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ K Q ♣ 9 7 6 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q 9 6 4 3 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 8 3 2 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ K J 8 5 ♦ A 6 ♣ A J 8 2</p>												
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<p><b>West</b> Welland</p> <p>2♠</p>	<p><b>North</b> Shi</p> <p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p><b>East</b> Fallenius</p> <p>2♦</p>	<p><b>South</b> Zhuang</p> <p>Dble</p>												

With spades splitting 3-3, Fallenius was able to land the part score for plus 110, which looked like a potential pick-up considering how many high-card points North/South were looking at.

Unfortunately, the duplication in diamonds was a liability for the contract chosen by Levin and Weinstein.

<b>West</b> Sun	<b>North</b> Levin	<b>East</b> Xin	<b>South</b> Weinstein
Pass	Pass	2♦	2NT
	3NT	All Pass	

Sun started with his singleton spade to the queen and ace. Weinstein won and played a heart from hand to dummy's queen. Now came a low club to the 10, jack and queen. It was not difficult for Sun to find the killing diamond switch. Had either the North or South hand con-

tained one extra diamond, the combined AKQ in the suit would have been good for more than two tricks. As it was, the diamond switch was sufficient to kill the contract and USA had to settle for a push instead of an 11-IMP gain.

More IMPs were in store for China on another deal which could have been a swing for USA on the following deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

In the closed room, Shi and Zhuang settled into a comfortable 4♠, just making for plus 420. Weinstein and Levin were more ambitious.

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
			Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West can always defeat the contract by leading a club honor and continuing the suit – the 4-1 trump split dooms the slam. It is equally effective to lead a high club and continue with a diamond, taking a vital late entry out of dummy.



Shaolin Sun, China

Sun, however, started with his low trump, giving Weinstein a chance. He won the ♠9 in hand and could have succeeded on this line of play: heart to ace, heart ruff, diamond to jack, heart ruff, ♠K, diamond to queen, pull trumps and claim, losing only the low club.

Weinstein, however, won the ♠9 in hand and took a diamond finesse at trick two. Now it was impossible to ruff the hearts good and get back to dummy to cash them after pulling trumps. Weinstein played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart, then played to dummy's ♦Q. The ♦A was ruffed and a club returned – one down and 10 IMPs to China, now leading 35-4.

Board 15 was especially painful for the Americans.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Welland	Shi	Fallenius	Zhuang
			Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

Fallenius's first bid showed a diamond suit, and he sensibly passed when Welland accepted the transfer. After the



Haojum Chi, China

lead of the ♣K, Welland lost two diamonds, a club and a spade for plus 110. The auction was not as good in the open room, but the result was tough for the Americans to take.

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
1♥	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

There is no legitimate play for this silly contract, but unfortunately for USA Weinstein chose the ♦10 for his opening lead. Levin ducked this to the jack. Declarer entered dummy with a heart and played a second diamond. Not unreasonably, Levin played the ♦A, and he could only grimace when Weinstein's queen appeared. From there, declarer lost only the ♠A, scoring plus 400 for another 7 IMPs to China.

The final score would have been much worse if not for the next-to-last deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Bjorn Fallenius, USA

West	North	East	South
Sun	Levin	Xin	Weinstein
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Levin made several tries to elicit a cuebid from Weinstein, simply leaping to slam when Weinstein refused all invitations. Xin started with the ♥7 and Sun inexplicably played low, allowing Levin to win the ♥9 in hand. He played a low trump from hand, and when the 10 popped up he simply played a second spade to the king, claiming 13 tricks when the queen fell. Even if West had held three spades to the queen, Levin's contract was secure since he could play hearts, discarding clubs, and engineer a club ruff in dummy.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Shi	Fallenius	Zhuang
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

Shi's 5♦ was Exclusion Key Card Blackwood, and 6♣ was a grand slam try, accepted by Zhuang.

Fallenius led the ♥8, and Welland correctly played the 10. Now Shi had two ruffs to take in dummy, but he was due to succeed because of the 4-4 heart split and the favourable lie of the trumps.

Declarer won the ♥A, then played a club to the king and another to the ace. Two high hearts from hand were good for two club pitches from dummy, and when North played his third club, East ruffed in with the 10. Declarer overruffed with the ace, playing a spade from dummy to the 9 and queen. One down was a 14-IMP gain for USA but the result was a 46-23 defeat.



Bobby Levin, USA

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