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THE QUEST FOR VICTORY POINTS



In the laptop jungle: Harvey Fox, the WBF's IT manager.

Just more than half way through the qualifying stages of the Open, Women's and Senior series, teams are starting to watch their IMPs and victory point totals more closely.

This is especially true in the Open and Women's competitions, where only about a quarter of the field in each of the groups will qualify for knockout play at the end of the round robin.

In the Seniors, half of the field in each of the two groups will make it to the round of 16 when the qualifying rounds are over.

Only a few teams in any of the groups are truly out of contention, and at this stage teams do not want to sustain the kind of "accident" that happened to Brazil Monday evening against Italy. The 94-4 whipping by the Italians dropped Brazil from their place near the top of the standings in Group A all the way down to ninth. There is still plenty of time for a comeback, of course, but time soon will begin to grow short.

Through nine matches in the Open and Women's series, the top performers are Israel with 194 VPs (86%).



Today's Schedule

- 11.00 Senior Teams Round 9
- 11.00 Open - Women Teams, Round 10
- 14.20 Senior Teams, Round 10
- 14.20 Open - Women Teams, Round 11
- 17.10 Senior Teams, Round 11
- 17.10 Open - Women Teams, Round 12



OPEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 10

GROUP A

1 Denmark	Pakistan
2 Ireland	Brazil
3 Italy	Estonia
4 Albania	Kenya
5 Trinidad	South Africa
6 Canada	Slovakia
7 Finland	Bye
8 Japan	France
9 China Macau	Romania

GROUP B

1 Latvia	Sweden
2 Israel	Scotland
3 China Hong Kong	Austria
4 Argentina	Hungary
5 Portugal	China
6 India	Russia
7 Mexico	French Polynesia
8 Netherlands	San Marino
9 Korea	Jamaica

GROUP C

1 Iceland	Singapore
2 Spain	Guadeloupe
3 Belgium	Norway
4 Morocco	Georgia
5 New Zealand	Poland
6 Bangladesh	Egypt
7 Bulgaria	Bermuda
8 Chile	Bosnia
9 Ukraine	Chinese Taipei

GROUP D

1 Indonesia	England
2 Serbia	Lebanon
3 Germany	Thailand
4 Belarus	USA
5 Venezuela	Jordan
6 Switzerland	Philippines
7 Greece	Botswana
8 Reunion	Turkey
9 Australia	Lithuania

ROUND 11

GROUP A

1 Pakistan	Japan
2 Romania	Denmark
3 Bye	Canada
4 Slovakia	Trinidad
5 South Africa	Albania
6 Kenya	Italy
7 Estonia	Ireland
8 Brazil	China Macau
9 France	Finland

GROUP B

1 Sweden	Netherlands
2 Jamaica	Latvia
3 French Polynesia	India
4 Russia	Portugal
5 China	Argentina
6 Hungary	China Hong Kong
7 Austria	Israel
8 Scotland	Korea
9 San Marino	Mexico

GROUP C

1 Singapore	Chile
2 Chinese Taipei	Iceland
3 Bermuda	Bangladesh
4 Egypt	New Zealand
5 Poland	Morocco
6 Georgia	Belgium
7 Norway	Spain
8 Guadeloupe	Ukraine
9 Bosnia	Bulgaria

GROUP D

1 England	Reunion
2 Lithuania	Indonesia
3 Botswana	Switzerland
4 Philippines	Venezuela
5 Jordan	Belarus
6 USA	Germany
7 Thailand	Serbia
8 Lebanon	Australia
9 Turkey	Greece

ROUND 12

GROUP A

1 Romania	Brazil
2 China Macau	Estonia
3 Denmark	Japan
4 Italy	South Africa
5 Albania	Slovakia
6 Trinidad	Bye
7 Canada	France
8 Finland	Pakistan
9 Ireland	Kenya

GROUP B

1 Jamaica	Scotland
2 Korea	Austria
3 Latvia	Netherlands
4 China Hong Kong	China
5 Argentina	Russia
6 Portugal	French Polynesia
7 India	San Marino
8 Mexico	Sweden
9 Israel	Hungary

GROUP C

1 Chinese Taipei	Guadeloupe
2 Ukraine	Norway
3 Iceland	Chile
4 Belgium	Poland
5 Morocco	Egypt
6 New Zealand	Bermuda
7 Bangladesh	Bosnia
8 Bulgaria	Singapore
9 Spain	Georgia

GROUP D

1 Lithuania	Lebanon
2 Australia	Thailand
3 Indonesia	Reunion
4 Germany	Jordan
5 Belarus	Philippines
6 Venezuela	Botswana
7 Switzerland	Turkey
8 Greece	England
9 Serbia	USA

WBF Meeting of Congress

Thursday 09 October 2008 – 10.30 am



The WBF Meeting of Congress will be held on Thursday 09 October at 10.30 am in the Auditorium (Vu-Graph Theatre) at the Beijing Intercontinental Beichen Hotel. Each country should send a delegate to this important meeting, and if you have not already done so you are invited to register your delegate at the WBF Secretariat's Office on the 4th Floor of the BNCC as soon as possible, or if you wish you can email anna@ecats.co.uk to make your registration.

The meeting will be followed by a cocktail hosted by the President of the WBF to which all delegates are invited.

WOMEN TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM



ROUND 10

GROUP E

1 Portugal	Thailand
2 Brazil	Reunion
3 USA	Egypt
4 Poland	China Hong Kong
5 Palestine	Trinidad
6 Italy	Belarus
7 India	Guadeloupe
8 Japan	England
9 Lithuania	Norway

GROUP F

1 Scotland	Serbia
2 Russia	Indonesia
3 Canada	Estonia
4 Finland	Venezuela
5 France	Spain
6 Denmark	Argentina
7 China	Kenya
8 Australia	Philippines
9 Jordan	Bermuda

GROUP G

1 Mexico	Turkey
2 Greece	Jamaica
3 Korea	Morocco
4 Netherlands	Singapore
5 Barbados	Sweden
6 Ireland	New Zealand
7 Hungary	South Africa
8 Pakistan	Latvia
9 Chinese Taipei	Germany

ROUND 11

GROUP E

1 Thailand	Japan
2 Norway	Portugal
3 Guadeloupe	Italy
4 Belarus	Palestine
5 Trinidad	Poland
6 China Hong Kong	USA
7 Egypt	Brazil
8 Reunion	Lithuania
9 England	India

GROUP F

1 Serbia	Australia
2 Bermuda	Scotland
3 Kenya	Denmark
4 Argentina	France
5 Spain	Finland
6 Venezuela	Canada
7 Estonia	Russia
8 Indonesia	Jordan
9 Philippines	China

GROUP G

1 Turkey	Pakistan
2 Germany	Mexico
3 South Africa	Ireland
4 New Zealand	Barbados
5 Sweden	Netherlands
6 Singapore	Korea
7 Morocco	Greece
8 Jamaica	Chinese Taipei
9 Latvia	Hungary

ROUND 12

GROUP E

1 Norway	Reunion
2 Lithuania	Egypt
3 Portugal	Japan
4 USA	Trinidad
5 Poland	Belarus
6 Palestine	Guadeloupe
7 Italy	England
8 India	Thailand
9 Brazil	China Hong Kong

GROUP F

1 Bermuda	Indonesia
2 Jordan	Estonia
3 Scotland	Australia
4 Canada	Spain
5 Finland	Argentina
6 France	Kenya
7 Denmark	Philippines
8 China	Serbia
9 Russia	Venezuela

GROUP G

1 Germany	Jamaica
2 Chinese Taipei	Morocco
3 Mexico	Pakistan
4 Korea	Sweden
5 Netherlands	New Zealand
6 Barbados	South Africa
7 Ireland	Latvia
8 Hungary	Turkey
9 Greece	Singapore

World Championship Book 2008



The official book of these championships will be available around the end of March. On publication the official retail price will be £24 Sterling plus postage. You can pre-order a copy at the championships at the reduced price of US\$35 (240 Rmb) including surface mail, by seeing Jan Swaan in the Press Room at the CNCC, or Brian Senior in the Bulletin Room at the BICC (through the back of the Open playing room).

The 2008 book will consist of 380 large pages, 44 more than normal, and this explains the price increase on previous years, which is also partly to offset the higher postal costs. The increased size is to cater to the fact that we have all the Youth events here which have not previously been a factor in the World Championship book. By adding extra pages, we don't need to reduce the coverage of the Open etc.

There will be substantial coverage of all events, including every board of the final and semi-finals of the Open and Women's Teams, with full results listings, Butler rankings, photographs etc. Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal and John Carruthers. This year's guest writers are Mark Horton, Geo Tislevoll and Marc Smith.

If you have a possible hand for inclusion, do feel free to send it to me at bsenior@hotmail.com.

There have been some problems with copies of last year's book being lost in the post. If you bought a copy in Shanghai and it has still not reached you, speak to Brian Senior in the Youth Daily Bulletin Office, at the BICC. I have a few copies with me.

SENIOR TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 9

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Sweden	New Zealand	1 Italy	Egypt
2 France	Pakistan	2 Ireland	India
3 Hungary	South Africa	3 Canada	Poland
4 Kenya	Denmark	4 Finland	China
5 Chinese Taipei	Estonia	5 Belgium	Guadeloupe
6 USA	Brazil	6 Thailand	Germany
7 Wales	Japan	7 Netherlands	Indonesia
8 England	China Hong Kong	8 Australia	Reunion

ROUND 10

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 Sweden	Wales	1 Italy	Netherlands
2 New Zealand	China Hong Kong	2 Egypt	Reunion
3 Brazil	Chinese Taipei	3 Germany	Belgium
4 Estonia	Kenya	4 Guadeloupe	Finland
5 Denmark	Hungary	5 China	Canada
6 South Africa	France	6 Poland	Ireland
7 Pakistan	England	7 India	Australia
8 Japan	USA	8 Indonesia	Thailand

ROUND 11

GROUP K		GROUP L	
1 China Hong Kong	Pakistan	1 Reunion	India
2 England	South Africa	2 Australia	Poland
3 Wales	New Zealand	3 Netherlands	Egypt
4 Hungary	Estonia	4 Canada	Guadeloupe
5 Kenya	Brazil	5 Finland	Germany
6 Chinese Taipei	Japan	6 Belgium	Indonesia
7 USA	Sweden	7 Thailand	Italy
8 France	Denmark	8 Ireland	China

IBPA Annual General Meeting



The Annual General Meeting of the International Bridge Press Association will be held on SUNDAY 12th October at 10 a.m. Please note this is different to the announcement in the IBPA Bulletin. The venue will be published in the Daily Bulletin in the next few days.

Bulgarian bravado – or two tricks down!

by Maureen Dennison

Georgi Karakolev, sitting North, began to think the gods were against him in the match against Norway. He played, not very happily, in 4♥ on board 21 and was down two. Scoring up, he must have been delighted to find teammates had doubled the same contract for down three and 800!

Not to be deterred, on the next board, he protected with 2NT over a weak 2♥ opening by East on this hand:

♠ J 7 2 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ A K 6 ♣ Q J 10 7!

You certainly could not call him a coward! Partner raised to 3NT with his random 8 count. This, too, was not a success, failing again by two tricks!

Things quietened down until hand 26. This was the layout:

Board 26. Dealer East. Game All.

♠ 10 2 ♥ A Q J ♦ J 7 4 3 ♣ K J 7 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		♠ J 9 6 ♥ ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ A Q 10 8 6 5 4	♠ A K 8 4 3 ♥ K 10 7 6 3 2 ♦ A ♣ 9
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W		E										
	S											
West Helness	North Karakolev	East Helgemo	South Danailov									
5♣ Pass	6♣ 6♥	3♣ Pass All Pass	Pass 6♦									

East cashed the ♣A and led a diamond. The ♠Q gave entry to the table for the heart finesse at trick three. East covered with the jack but when East showed out, claimed two down. I cannot understand Norwegian, but I think Helness was quietly enquiring from his partner why no double with two certain trump tricks!

On the next deal, our intrepid hero bid all the way to 5♦. East led ♠K, dummy's singleton, overtaken with the ace for a heart switch through declarer. This time he conceded two down at the second trick! The next problem hand was Board 29. In the closed room, North-South were allowed to play peacefully in the solid 4♠ making six when the opponents slipped a trick in the wash. Helgemo was not so kind! He made one more sacrifice bid of 5♣ for the road. Georgi would not be denied. Holding

♠K 6 3 ♥A 4 ♦A Q 6 5 3 2 ♣K 5,

he took the push but chose 6♦! This time it went to trick 11 before the regulation two under tricks went to the defence! In spite of all this, Bulgaria finished ahead by 31 IMPs for a 22-8 win!

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	BYE	France	0 - 0 0 - 18
2	Slovakia	Pakistan	49 - 44 16 - 14
3	South Africa	Japan	49 - 48 15 - 15
4	Kenya	Finland	25 - 31 14 - 16
5	Estonia	Canada	47 - 72 9 - 21
6	Brazil	Trinidad and Tobago	35 - 32 16 - 14
7	Ireland	Denmark	38 - 33 16 - 14
8	China Macau	Italy	24 - 27 14 - 16
9	Romania	Albania	33 - 18 18 - 12

GROUP C			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Bermuda	Bosnia & Herzegovina	65 - 28 24 - 6
2	Egypt	Singapore	44 - 19 21 - 9
3	Poland	Chile	56 - 27 22 - 8
4	Georgia	Bulgaria	52 - 54 15 - 15
5	Norway	Bangladesh	44 - 42 15 - 15
6	Guadeloupe	New Zealand	33 - 35 15 - 15
7	Spain	Iceland	38 - 49 13 - 17
8	Ukraine	Belgium	46 - 44 15 - 15
9	Chinese Taipei	Morocco	58 - 19 24 - 6

GROUP A			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Ireland	China Macau	37 - 36 15 - 15
2	Italy	Romania	55 - 28 21 - 9
3	Albania	Brazil	48 - 70 10 - 20
4	Trinidad and Tobago	Estonia	28 - 68 6 - 24
5	Canada	Kenya	68 - 19 25 - 4
6	Finland	South Africa	52 - 42 17 - 13
7	Japan	Slovakia	52 - 38 18 - 12
8	Denmark	France	41 - 19 20 - 10
9	Pakistan	BYE	0 - 0 18 - 0

GROUP C			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Spain	Ukraine	48 - 46 15 - 15
2	Belgium	Chinese Taipei	49 - 53 14 - 16
3	Morocco	Guadeloupe	40 - 86 5 - 25
4	New Zealand	Norway	26 - 66 6 - 24
5	Bangladesh	Georgia	63 - 27 23 - 7
6	Bulgaria	Poland	21 - 43 10 - 20
7	Chile	Egypt	36 - 55 11 - 19
8	Iceland	Bosnia and Herzegovina	32 - 56 9 - 21
9	Singapore	Bermuda	40 - 37 13 - 17

GROUP A			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	France	Pakistan	48 - 32 19 - 11
2	BYE	Japan	0 - 0 0 - 18
3	Slovakia	Finland	22 - 56 7 - 23
4	South Africa	Canada	70 - 16 25 - 3
5	Kenya	Trinidad and Tobago	43 - 52 13 - 17
6	Estonia	Albania	36 - 28 17 - 13
7	Brazil	Italy	4 - 94 0 - 25
8	Romania	Ireland	50 - 63 12 - 18
9	China Macau	Denmark	24 - 76 4 - 25

GROUP C			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Singapore	83 - 27 25 - 3
2	Bermuda	Chile	78 - 37 24 - 6
3	Egypt	Bulgaria	33 - 36 14 - 16
4	Poland	Bangladesh	55 - 3 25 - 4
5	Georgia	New Zealand	26 - 38 12 - 18
6	Norway	Morocco	60 - 48 18 - 12
7	Guadeloupe	Belgium	14 - 42 8 - 22
8	Chinese Taipei	Spain	33 - 27 16 - 14
9	Ukraine	Iceland	80 - 43 24 - 6

ROUND 7

GROUP B			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	French Polynesia	San Marino	32 - 53 10 - 20
2	Russia	Sweden	26 - 42 11 - 19
3	China	Netherlands	41 - 52 13 - 17
4	Hungary	Mexico	31 - 25 16 - 14
5	Austria	India	13 - 79 1 - 25
6	Scotland	Portugal	33 - 71 6 - 24
7	Israel	Latvia	86 - 9 25 - 0
8	Korea	China Hong Kong	31 - 75 5 - 25
9	Jamaica	Argentina	17 - 51 7 - 23

GROUP D			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Botswana	Turkey	39 - 75 7 - 23
2	Philippines	England	33 - 61 8 - 22
3	Jordan	Reunion	42 - 34 17 - 13
4	USA	Greece	49 - 24 21 - 9
5	Thailand	Switzerland	50 - 15 23 - 7
6	Lebanon	Venezuela	50 - 31 19 - 11
7	Serbia	Indonesia	43 - 48 14 - 16
8	Australia	Germany	17 - 56 6 - 24
9	Lithuania	Belarus	44 - 56 12 - 18

ROUND 8

GROUP B			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Israel	Korea	67 - 14 25 - 3
2	China Hong Kong	Jamaica	60 - 24 23 - 7
3	Argentina	Scotland	76 - 24 25 - 4
4	Portugal	Austria	32 - 57 9 - 21
5	India	Hungary	44 - 57 12 - 18
6	Mexico	China	16 - 94 0 - 25
7	Netherlands	Russia	37 - 40 14 - 16
8	Latvia	San Marino	30 - 71 6 - 24
9	Sweden	French Polynesia	33 - 39 14 - 16

GROUP D			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Serbia	Australia	44 - 46 15 - 15
2	Germany	Lithuania	80 - 41 24 - 6
3	Belarus	Lebanon	36 - 25 17 - 13
4	Venezuela	Thailand	25 - 105 0 - 25
5	Switzerland	USA	17 - 104 0 - 25
6	Greece	Jordan	46 - 37 17 - 13
7	Reunion	Philippines	29 - 37 13 - 17
8	Indonesia	Turkey	32 - 30 15 - 15
9	England	Botswana	81 - 20 25 - 2

ROUND 9

GROUP B			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	San Marino	Sweden	24 - 61 6 - 24
2	French Polynesia	Netherlands	31 - 42 13 - 17
3	Russia	Mexico	51 - 33 19 - 11
4	China	India	49 - 53 14 - 16
5	Hungary	Portugal	49 - 43 16 - 14
6	Austria	Argentina	58 - 20 24 - 6
7	Scotland	China Hong Kong	47 - 53 14 - 16
8	Jamaica	Israel	37 - 49 12 - 18
9	Korea	Latvia	22 - 66 5 - 25

GROUP D			
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Turkey	England	18 - 58 6 - 24
2	Botswana	Reunion	46 - 68 10 - 20
3	Philippines	Greece	39 - 19 20 - 10
4	Jordan	Switzerland	22 - 52 8 - 22
5	USA	Venezuela	25 - 22 16 - 14
6	Thailand	Belarus	22 - 89 1 - 25
7	Lebanon	Germany	55 - 56 15 - 15
8	Lithuania	Serbia	28 - 41 12 - 18
9	Australia	Indonesia	41 - 73 7 - 23

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP E

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Guadeloupe England	11 - 29	11 - 19
2	Belarus Thailand	61 - 14	25 - 4
3	Trinidad and Tobago Japan	19 - 57	6 - 24
4	China Hong Kong India	41 - 40	15 - 15
5	Egypt Italy	23 - 60	6 - 24
6	Reunion Palestine	47 - 42	16 - 14
7	Brazil Portugal	22 - 24	15 - 15
8	Lithuania USA	31 - 43	12 - 18
9	Norway Poland	33 - 54	10 - 20

GROUP F

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Kenya Philippines	10 - 72	2 - 25
2	Argentina Serbia	25 - 35	13 - 17
3	Spain Australia	40 - 38	15 - 15
4	Venezuela China	45 - 31	18 - 12
5	Estonia Denmark	37 - 40	14 - 16
6	Indonesia France	16 - 35	11 - 19
7	Russia Scotland	43 - 59	11 - 19
8	Jordan Canada	35 - 43	13 - 17
9	Bermuda Finland	19 - 45	9 - 21

GROUP G

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	South Africa Latvia	58 - 63	14 - 16
2	New Zealand Turkey	21 - 33	12 - 18
3	Sweden Pakistan	28 - 30	15 - 15
4	Singapore Hungary	25 - 38	12 - 18
5	Morocco Ireland	42 - 16	21 - 9
6	Jamaica Barbados	20 - 57	6 - 24
7	Greece Mexico	53 - 62	13 - 17
8	Chinese Taipei Korea	58 - 21	24 - 6
9	Germany Netherlands	50 - 10	24 - 6

GROUP E

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Brazil Lithuania	78 - 32	25 - 5
2	USA Norway	50 - 27	20 - 10
3	Poland Reunion	58 - 26	23 - 7
4	Palestine Egypt	21 - 47	9 - 21
5	Italy China Hong Kong	50 - 32	19 - 11
6	India Trinidad and Tobago	21 - 54	7 - 23
7	Japan Belarus	69 - 15	25 - 3
8	Portugal England	16 - 65	4 - 25
9	Thailand Guadeloupe	54 - 33	20 - 10

GROUP F

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Russia Jordan	54 - 33	20 - 10
2	Canada Bermuda	69 - 43	21 - 9
3	Finland Indonesia	30 - 48	11 - 19
4	France Estonia	31 - 33	15 - 15
5	Denmark Venezuela	71 - 14	25 - 3
6	China Spain	37 - 42	14 - 16
7	Australia Argentina	69 - 34	23 - 7
8	Scotland Philippines	44 - 36	17 - 13
9	Serbia Kenya	42 - 25	19 - 11

GROUP G

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Greece Chinese Taipei	22 - 44	10 - 20
2	Korea Germany	15 - 58	5 - 25
3	Netherlands Jamaica	94 - 0	25 - 0
4	Barbados Morocco	35 - 40	14 - 16
5	Ireland Singapore	42 - 38	16 - 14
6	Hungary Sweden	20 - 71	4 - 25
7	Pakistan New Zealand	51 - 28	20 - 10
8	Mexico Latvia	53 - 58	14 - 16
9	Turkey South Africa	57 - 38	19 - 11

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP K

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	France England	60 - 11	25 - 4
2	Hungary China Hong Kong	41 - 33	17 - 13
3	Kenya Pakistan	38 - 64	9 - 21
4	Chinese Taipei South Africa	50 - 28	20 - 10
5	USA Denmark	41 - 24	19 - 11
6	Wales Estonia	37 - 27	17 - 13
7	Japan New Zealand	29 - 30	15 - 15
8	Sweden Brazil	53 - 59	14 - 16



GROUP L

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Ireland Australia	3 - 66	2 - 25
2	Canada Reunion	66 - 29	24 - 6
3	Finland India	11 - 32	10 - 20
4	Belgium Poland	61 - 56	16 - 14
5	Thailand China	45 - 61	11 - 19
6	Netherlands Guadeloupe	52 - 12	24 - 6
7	Indonesia Egypt	57 - 21	23 - 7
8	Italy Germany	38 - 47	13 - 17

GROUP K

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Japan Sweden	58 - 51	16 - 14
2	Brazil Wales	32 - 47	12 - 18
3	Estonia USA	34 - 45	13 - 17
4	Denmark Chinese Taipei	37 - 53	11 - 19
5	South Africa Kenya	67 - 16	25 - 4
6	Pakistan Hungary	43 - 46	14 - 16
7	China Hong Kong France	57 - 30	21 - 9
8	New Zealand England	9 - 60	4 - 25



GROUP L

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Indonesia Italy	47 - 14	23 - 7
2	Germany Netherlands	77 - 11	25 - 1
3	Guadeloupe Thailand	63 - 46	19 - 11
4	China Belgium	79 - 13	25 - 1
5	Poland Finland	64 - 51	18 - 12
6	India Canada	51 - 49	15 - 15
7	Reunion Ireland	50 - 61	13 - 17
8	Egypt Australia	50 - 53	14 - 16

ROUND 7

ROUND 8

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 9

GROUP E

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	England Thailand	103 - 3	25 - 0
2	Guadeloupe Japan	45 - 53	13 - 17
3	Belarus India	32 - 40	13 - 17
4	Trinidad and Tobago Italy	27 - 62	7 - 23
5	China Hong Kong Palestine	72 - 23	25 - 4
6	Egypt Poland	41 - 63	10 - 20
7	Reunion USA	14 - 93	0 - 25
8	Norway Brazil	55 - 36	19 - 11
9	Lithuania Portugal	63 - 50	18 - 12

GROUP F

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Philippines Serbia	40 - 35	16 - 14
2	Kenya Australia	13 - 77	2 - 25
3	Argentina China	24 - 123	0 - 25
4	Spain Denmark	51 - 31	20 - 10
5	Venezuela France	39 - 67	8 - 22
6	Estonia Finland	10 - 85	0 - 25
7	Indonesia Canada	29 - 34	14 - 16
8	Bermuda Russia	53 - 50	16 - 14
9	Jordan Scotland	31 - 38	14 - 16

GROUP G

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	Latvia Turkey	67 - 54	18 - 12
2	South Africa Pakistan	47 - 32	18 - 12
3	New Zealand Hungary	20 - 58	6 - 24
4	Sweden Ireland	37 - 38	15 - 15
5	Singapore Barbados	58 - 24	23 - 7
6	Morocco Netherlands	31 - 29	15 - 15
7	Jamaica Korea	45 - 40	16 - 14
8	Germany Greece	78 - 28	25 - 4
9	Chinese Taipei Mexico	22 - 63	6 - 24



Today's Coverage

ROUND 10 - 11.00

Denmark - Pakistan (O)	VG
New Zealand - Poland (O)	BBO
India - Russia (O)	BBO
USA - Egypt (W)	BBO
Israel - Scotland (O)	OurGames
Denmark - Argentina (W)	OurGames

ROUND 11 - 14.20

USA - Germany (O)	VG
Sweden - Netherlands (O)	BBO
Norway - Spain (O)	BBO
South Africa - France (S - 10th Round)	BBO
China - Argentina (O)	OurGames
Spain - Finland (W)	OurGames

ROUND 12 - 17.10

Argentina - Russia (O)	VG
France - Canada (O)	BBO
Italy - South Africa (O)	BBO
Chinese Taipei - Japan (S - 11th Round)	BBO
China Hong Kong - China (O)	OurGames
China - Serbia (W)	OurGames

Introducing Ian Thomson

by Ron Klinger

Readers can follow Australia's progress in Ron's blog of the Championships at www.ronklingerbridge.com

This is the first world championship for Australia's Ian Thomson, affectionately known as 'Thommo'. He brought 3NT home neatly on this deal from Round 5.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
	<i>Richard Brightling</i>		<i>Ian Thomson</i>

1♣	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Lead ♥2

The queen of hearts won and a club to the queen held. A diamond to the queen was followed by a club to the jack and ace. West exited with a club, taken by the king. Thommo played a spade to his eight and West's nine. This was the position

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This time West exited with the ten of diamonds, taken by the ace. After cashing the thirteenth club (South and West throwing a heart) Thommo played the five of spades: jack – queen – ace. West returned the four of spades and dummy's six held. Making nine tricks for +400.

OPEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D					
1	Italy	185	1	Israel	194	1	Poland	191	1	Germany	191
2	Denmark	165.50	2	India	175	2	Norway	184.50	2	USA	183
3	Estonia	162	3	Netherlands	169	3	Spain	161	3	England	170
4	Canada	155.50	4	China	165	4	Chinese Taipei	158	4	Indonesia	165
5	South Africa	152	5	Hungary	157	5	Guadeloupe	150	5	Turkey	163
6	Romania	145.50	6	Russia	148	6	Bulgaria	146	6	Belarus	156
7	Ireland	144		Portugal	148	7	Egypt	141	7	Thailand	147
8	France	141.50	8	Sweden	146	8	Belgium	139	8	Lebanon	142
9	Brazil	141	9	Argentina	142	9	Ukraine	138.75	9	Serbia	137
10	Japan	136	10	Austria	141	10	New Zealand	130	10	Greece	131
11	Pakistan	132	11	China Hong Kong	138	11	Bangladesh	125.50	11	Reunion	127
12	Finland	125	12	San Marino	129	12	Georgia	124	12	Jordan	117
13	China Macau	121	13	Scotland	120	13	Bosnia & Herzegovina	118		Switzerland	117
14	Slovakia	113	14	Latvia	115	14	Iceland	115.50	14	Australia	113.50
15	Trinidad & Tobago	103	15	Mexico	87	15	Bermuda	107.50	15	Philippines	109
16	Kenya	101	16	Jamaica	83	16	Chile	103	16	Lithuania	87
17	Albania	69.50	17	French Polynesia	80	17	Singapore	98	17	Botswana	72
			18	Korea	45	18	Morocco	60.75	18	Venezuela	63.60

WOMEN SERIES RANKING AFTER 9 ROUNDS

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G				
1	England	193	1	Spain	175	1	Germany	187
2	USA	172	2	China	173.50	2	Sweden	169
3	Italy	167	3	Finland	167	3	Hungary	162.50
4	Poland	157	4	France	159	4	Singapore	162
5	China Hong Kong	151	5	Philippines	156	5	Netherlands	156
6	Japan	146	6	Russia	149	6	Turkey	143
7	Brazil	144	7	Venezuela	148	7	South Africa	141
8	Norway	133		Denmark	148		Morocco	141
9	Lithuania	130	9	Australia	145		Chinese Taipei	141
10	India	129.50	10	Scotland	143	10	Mexico	134
11	Belarus	127.25	11	Indonesia	131.50	11	Korea	121
12	Egypt	122	12	Canada	130		Greece	121
13	Portugal	113	13	Serbia	122	13	Latvia	120
14	Guadeloupe	108	14	Argentina	107	14	Ireland	117
	Thailand	108	15	Estonia	106	15	Barbados	116
16	Trinidad and Tobago	107	16	Jordan	105	16	New Zealand	109
17	Palestine	100	17	Bermuda	72	17	Pakistan	102
18	Reunion	95.50	18	Kenya	46	18	Jamaica	59.50

SENIOR SERIES RANKING AFTER 8 ROUNDS

GROUP K				GROUP L							
1	USA	168	9	New Zealand	117	1	Indonesia	166	9	Netherlands	112
2	Japan	156	10	Wales	116.50	2	Australia	163	10	Italy	105
3	France	131	11	Estonia	114	3	Canada	147	11	Belgium	101.50
4	China Hong Kong	128	12	Pakistan	110.50	4	Poland	145.50	12	Guadeloupe	97
4	England	128	13	Denmark	107.50	5	Germany	133	13	Ireland	94.50
6	Chinese Taipei	126.50	14	Sweden	104	6	Egypt	125	14	Finland	87.50
7	South Africa	124	15	Brazil	94	7	India	124	15	Thailand	85.50
8	Hungary	118	16	Kenya	61	8	China	113.50	16	Reunion	73

Will someone please shut me up!

by Marc Smith

Let's start with a bidding problem. With your side only vulnerable, your hand is...

♠ Q 7 5
♥ A 10 9 6
♦ Q 3
♣ 9 8 5 3

You hear the auction begin:

RHO	You	LHO	Pard
—	—	INT	2♠
3♦	?		

The INT opening is 15-17, partner's Two Spades can be expected to deliver a 6-card suit, and RHO's Three Diamonds is forcing. This looks like a straightforward choice between 'Pass' and 'Three Spades'. Which do you prefer?


Would it make the problem more interesting if I tell you that your choice is going to make a difference of 18 IMPs?

Practice makes perfect, or so they say. Whether you are trying to iron out glitches in your golf swing, get to the stage where you can find third gear without grinding it, or make your competitive bidding effective, repeatedly doing something the right way time after time is an effective way to make it an automatic action. Unfortunately, most of us do not learn the first time we are told something. Some of us need to be told more often than others, and I'm sure the average golf or driving instructor would claim that no one could need telling more often than some of his students.

Experience suggests that bridge players, whether you are teaching beginners, intermediates, advanced players or even coaching internationals, can need reminding more than once before they start doing something automatically. My long-term students (yes, some do come back more than once) eventually learn that the most effective way to shut me up is by simply doing what I tell them over and over.

In my view, one of the most important lessons to learn about competitive bidding is: 'when you have support for partner's suit, raise'. (At this point, you will have worked out what I think you should do with the hand above.) Most of my students will tell you that they've heard me say this a hundred times and yet, occasionally, some still decide that "it doesn't apply here because..." You can fill in your own end to that sentence – the most common explanation (excuse?) usually ends with "I only had ... points".

One player on the opening day of this championship learned the hard way why I repeat this same mantra over and over. This was the full deal from the second match in the Open Championship...

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

At one table, the auction was fairly straightforward and not unreasonable...

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

Declarer was not tested and easily wrapped up 10 tricks; N/S +790.

At the other table, N/S were playing one of the three worst conventions ever devised, but that in itself was not what cost them. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
—	—	INT	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♦	Pass!!	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South's Two Club overcall was Cappelletti, showing any single-suited hand, and when West's double was passed back to him he revealed his suit. West's Three Diamond bid now put the North player in the same effective position as I posed at the top of this article. His pass suggests that he has not yet heard me say 'when you have support for partner's suit, raise' often enough.

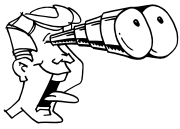
Predictably, East tried 3NT. When this was passed back to North he had, presumably, discovered the ace of hearts that he hadn't noticed earlier, so he now considered his motley collection worthy of some action. He clearly wasn't worth Four Spades and Three Spades was no longer an option, so he expressed his opinion with a double.

Suitably encouraged by this development, South dutifully led a low spade. Unfortunately, declarer is still cashing winners now – 12 of them in all. N/S -850 and an 18-IMP swing.

Yes, of course, had South been clairvoyant he would have led a low heart and the defenders would have taken the first nine tricks for a penalty of 1100. Yes, if North had bid Three Spades in the actual auction and it had continued (3NT)-4♠-(Dbl) East might have 'saved' in Five Diamonds, but we'll never know. (Of course, I could then blame Cappelletti for the lost IMPs.) Yes, South might have pulled the double to Four Spades since he had seven of them, but he had already shown a 6-card suit and to expect him to get this sort of decision right is just putting too much pressure on a partnership.

The point is, had North followed the simple rule -- 'when you have support for partner's suit, raise' (see, you're already fed up with hearing it) – he would have given his side a much better chance of flattening the deal and avoiding 18 IMPs in the minus column. Hopefully, though all is not lost – the next time he has support for his partner and is thinking of passing, perhaps he will stop and think "If I don't raise and it's wrong I'm going to have to listen to Smith and his stupid ditties again, so I'll raise just to shut him up."

Mission accomplished, Captain.



Deep finesse

No, the headline is not a reference to the fine software created by Bill Bailey and used by bridge writers (sometimes to excess) all over the world. The phrase does apply to the fine declarer play exhibited by Ahsan Qureshi of Pakistan on this deal from round two of the Open series. Pakistan's opponent was Romania.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 5 ♥ Q 10 9 6 5 4 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 6	<table style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ 9 7 6 ♥ — ♦ A J 10 9 7 ♣ J 10 7 5 2	♠ Q J 4 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ K Q 5 4 3 ♣ 8 3
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W E						
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West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
		5♣	All Pass

North led the ♦K, taken in dummy with the ace as South signaled with the 8. Qureshi looked at dummy's nearly solid diamond suit and ran the 7 to North's queen, pitching the ♠5 from hand. North played the ♠Q, won by Qureshi in hand. A heart ruff was followed by the ♦J, ruffed by South with the 9 and overruffed by Qureshi with the queen. Qureshi cashed the ♠K, ruffed a heart to dummy and played the ♦10. South ruffed with the ♣K, declarer overruffed with the trump ace and followed with the ♣6 to dummy's 7, necessary if North had started with three trumps. Qureshi pulled trumps and conceded a spade at the end for a well-earned plus 600.

Unfortunately, the team lost 13 IMPs on the deal anyway. At the other table, this was the bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♦	INT	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

That was five down and minus 1400. Three rounds later, Qureshi's partner, Jahangir Ahmed, had his own chance to shine.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ 10 5 4 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ Q 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid green; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ K J 9 6 5 2 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 8	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ Q 3 ♦ J 10 7 6 4 ♣ J 9 4
N						
W E						
S						

	West	North	East	South
		Ahmed		Qureshi
	Dble	Redbl	Pass	1♦
	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East started with a low diamond. Ahmed could have done very well by ducking, but he put up dummy's king. West won the ♦A and shifted to a low spade, taken by Ahmed with the jack. Three rounds of clubs put West back on lead, and he continued with the ♦2. Ahmed pitched a spade and took the ♦J with the queen. The top two hearts brought the good news when the queen dropped, but the defenders still had a stopper. Ahmed cashed the ♥J and put West in with the ♥10. With nothing left but spades, West had to surrender the ninth trick to declarer.

This time, the good result was a push.

World Transnational Mixed Teams

The registration desk for the Transnational Mixed Teams is by the Line Up Desk on the 4th floor at the CNCC. The opening hours will be:

11.00 – 13.00 hours 14.20 – 16.00 hours
17.10 – 19.00 hours

Players seeking partners and/or teammates may put their names on the lists at the desk, leaving contact details (hotel and room number or cell phone) so that they can be contacted by others wishing to play.

If you already have a complete team, please register their names at the Line Up Desk – we need to have a paper with : • the team name • the players' names (first name – last name) • country

Please print everything in block capitals.

Please register your team as soon as possible so that we can have some idea of the number of teams. Teams will be accepted as long as we have sufficient space.

WOMEN TEAMS R6 RUSSIA V CANADA

The Hare & the Tortoise

by Mark Horton

Everyone must be familiar with Aesop's classic fable telling how the slow but sure Tortoise overcame the lightning fast hare – so join me now for the bridge equivalent, a contest between the Russian women's team, Olympiad winners in Istanbul, and a Canadian team that had scored an upset victory in their Country's final trial.

If Three Spades was looking for some help in the suit East had to judge if her ♠J10 was what partner needed. It was not enough this time, and South's automatic spade lead left declarer with little option but to hope that both heart honours were onside. That meant she was two down, -100 and the Russia hare had raced into an 11 IMP lead.

The match started with a very tough deal:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobeychikova</i>	<i>Gaudreaule</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>
	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

The Russian pair, playing Polish Club, did well to steer clear of the doomed 3NT and declarer made light work of the diamond game. She won the spade lead with the ace and played three rounds of clubs to get rid of dummy's remaining spade. She ruffed a spade and ran the ten of diamonds. South took the ace and switched to a heart and declarer put in the queen, cashed the king of diamonds and claimed twelve tricks, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobeychikova</i>	<i>Gaudreaule</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>
			Pass
1♣*	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	All Pass



Olga Vorobeychikova, Russia

With four-card support one might have expected South to chose an alternative to Two Hearts, but even with plenty of room the Russian pair could not locate their nine card fit. A minor suit game depends not least on how declarer views the club suit – and the overcall combined with the location of the ace of spades should ensure that declarer does not go wrong.

North led a heart and declarer put up the ace, led a spade, won the diamond return, ruffed a spade and played a club to the jack, which quickly led to eleven tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Here too East led her diamond and with that suit good for three tricks declarer cashed the king of clubs. The 5-0 break was disclosed, but declarer's pips were good enough, and she lost only one trump trick, +1370 being worth 16 IMPs.

You might wish to consider the best line in Six Clubs on a passive lead. Suppose East tries a spade. One possibility is to win with the ace and play a club, intending to put in the eight if East follows. You expect to win the return, cash the king of clubs and if the suit breaks, play to ruff a heart. That will give you twelve tricks without needing to hazard the diamond finesse.

On Board 26 the West players were looking at: ♠102 ♥AQJ ♦J743 ♣KJ72 and, at game all, saw partner open Three Clubs. When South passes what should you do?

Vorobeychikova chose to raise to Four Clubs while Culham tried a sneaky 3NT. Neither stopped North/South finding their ten card heart fit, and Four Hearts was flat at +620.

Anyone for an obvious Five Clubs? Surely you should bid to the level you would like your opponents to play at?

That would surely have pushed North/South overboard, as North held: ♠AK843 ♥KI07632 ♦A ♣9.



Susan Culham, Canada

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble*	Pass	3♣	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

This time it was Canada's turn to do well in the bidding.

Declarer won the heart lead and played a spade to the king. When that held she elected to cross ruff the majors and then exit with the king of clubs. North could take the ace, but the only other trick for the defence was the trump queen, +600 and 10 IMPs to Canada.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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


Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobeychikova</i>	<i>Gaudreaule</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Dble	6♣	All Pass	

South's Two Spade transfer established the club fit, and North/South were soon in a slam. East's diamond lead went to the jack, queen and ace and declarer's next, spectacularly unsuccessful move, was to play a low club to the king ace.

That technical error meant she was one down, -100.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobeychikova</i>	<i>Gaudreaule</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>
			1♥
1♠	Dble	2NT*	3♦
3♠	5♦	All Pass	

West led the ace of spades and when East followed with the queen she accurately switched to the queen of clubs, so the contract was two down, -100.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
			1♥
2♠	3♣*	3♠	4♦
All Pass			

As before, West led the ace of spades and East played the queen. The club switch also came, but this time West played the six. When declarer ducked in dummy East won with the king – and switched to a heart. That was all the help declarer needed. She finessed and West won and went back to clubs. It was too late, declarer taking the ace, drawing trumps, and setting up the hearts for +130 and 6 IMPs that left Russia ahead.

With two deals left Russia led 38-13, but the tortoise was about to come up on the rails.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobeychikova</i>	<i>Gaudreaule</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	


West led the seven of clubs for the eight, jack and ace and declarer played two rounds of spades. Rather than play a second club, giving declarer a guess she would surely have got right, West switched to a heart. East won and exited with a spade, but declarer could win and play on hearts, establishing the game going trick, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Culham</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Ponomareva</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Play started along similar lines, but when West got in with a spade she did play a second club and declarer put in the nine, claiming nine tricks when it held. That was +150 but a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vorobeychikova</i>	<i>Gaudreaule</i>	<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Lacroix</i>
1♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Only East knows why she passed her partner's double of Four Spades.

Declarer won the heart lead, drew the outstanding trump and gave up a heart. West continued with a heart and declarer ruffed and played the nine of clubs. When East put up the ace declarer had a second overtrick, +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Culham	Gromova	Fung	Ponomareva
1♥	Dble	1NT	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

With four-card spade support was North wise to pass her partner's double? Not in my book.

She may have though it promised extras, whereas we can see it was Lightner style – and indeed had North found a club lead Five Hearts would have been defeated.

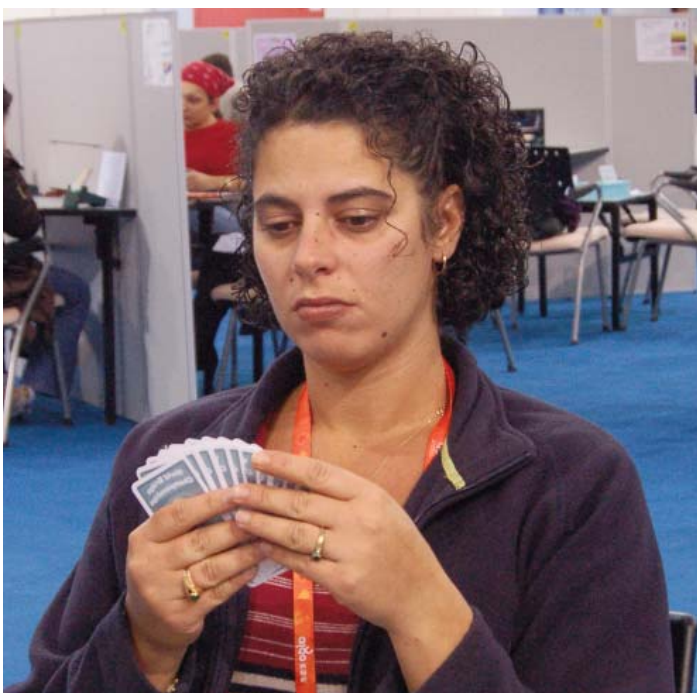
North led the ten of spades and declarer ruffed and led the ten of hearts. When that held she played the king of hearts, ruffed the spade return and drew the outstanding trumps, North throwing both her remaining spades.

When declarer cashed her top diamonds South discarded a spade. The contract was secure and the only question for declarer was that of a possible overtrick via the club finesse.

You may call me old fashioned, but would South overcall Four Spades on ♠AQ98652 ♥8743 ♦10 ♣K, or, perhaps more to the point, would North fail to bid Five Spades with ♠KJ1074 ♥A9 ♦J865 ♣109?

Of course this is all very easy from the comfort of my armchair, and we are only talking about one extra IMP. Declarer played safe for +850 and 17 IMPs.

The Canadian's tortoise had prevailed over the Russian's hare 40-38.



Pascale Gaudreault, Canada

Fight for the Finnish

Round Six Qualifying

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Board 23 of round six provided a real declaring test for E/W if the defenders found the best opening lead. On Vu-graph we saw the Swedish declarer make 4♥ easily on a black-suit lead. But for the Chinese we saw 4♥ declared by East after West overcalled 2NT over 1NT to show hearts and clubs. The ♦K lead saw declarer in deep trouble. The winning solution is to cash ♥A and play three rounds of clubs pitching a diamond from dummy, then lead the fourth club and pitch another diamond. Now North can ruff in from his remaining honour, but declarer will ruff a diamond to hand and finesse in trumps, to hold his loser to a spade and two trumps.

In fact declarer committed a slight inaccuracy and should have been punished. He played three rounds of clubs before taking the trump ace. Now North could have ruffed in and shifted to a spade. South takes the ace and plays a second diamond, giving dummy no entry to finesse in trumps after the ace is cashed.

In fact North missed the point and did not ruff in so the contract was now cold.

Although we do not yet have all the technology in place for a detailed survey, I was able to review all the tables in play on this deal. About half the field reached 4♥, mainly from the West seat, and thus only rarely on a diamond lead. Most declarers who DID receive a diamond lead went down; the honourable exceptions being the Finns, who made 4♥ in all three series, in each case on a diamond lead! Well done them!



Open Series Round 5 Denmark vs. Italy

by Phillip Alder

Fresh from their stunning loss to Albania in the fourth round, Italy was determined to right the listing ship against Denmark, the team lying second in the group, 12 victory points ahead of Italy.

I went into the Open Room to see the new Italian partnership of Giorgio Duboin and Antonio Sementa take on Morten Bilde and Jorgen Hanson.

In the other room, Fulvio Fantoni and Claudio Nunes played against Michael Askgaard and Gregers Bjarnarson.

Italy got on the scoreboard immediately.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ J 9 7 4 2 ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ — ♥ K 8 2 ♦ K J 7 6 5 2 ♣ Q J 5 2
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W E					
S					
♠ 3 ♥ Q 10 6 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A 10 8 7 6 4 3	♠ A K Q 10 8 6 5 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ K				

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦ ^(a)
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT ^(b)
Pass	4♠	All pass	

(a) Spade support.

(b) In case partner is slamming, not just trying for game, South is suitable.



Gregers Bjarnarson, Denmark

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
	1♠	2♦	4♣
Dble	4♠	5♣	5♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, South's four-club response really backfired. West doubled to show club length, and East "sacrificed" in five clubs over four spades. Notice what five clubs costs -- it costs North-South minus 400 or 550. South went on to five spades, but that was one too high. Both declarers lost one heart, one diamond and one club. Plus 420 and plus 50 gave Italy 10 IMPs

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South vul.

♠ J 10 8 7 3 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ K Q J 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 5 ♥ A 7 5 4 3 2 ♦ K 10 6 5 ♣ 9
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West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
		1♥ ^(a)	Pass
2NT ^(b)	Pass	3♣ ^(c)	Pass
3♠ ^(d)	Pass	4♣ ^(e)	Pass
4NT ^(f)	Pass	5♣ ^(g)	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

(a) Four-plus hearts; Bilde and Hanson use Acol.

(b) Four-plus hearts, game-invitational or stronger.

(c) A minimum opening.

(d) Asking for a singleton.

(e) Singleton or void club.

(f) Roman Key Card Blackwood.

(g) One key card.

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
		2♥ ^(a)	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbe	All Pass		

(a) Five-plus hearts, 10-13 points (or a good 9).

Sementa thought for a while about bidding three spades over two notrump, but the adverse vulnerability persuaded him to pass. At the other table, though, from Askgaard's point of view, West could have been trying for some daylight robbery.

Five hearts was unlucky to go down one, losing two hearts and one diamond.

Against four spades doubled, East led his singleton club, West winning with the ace and giving his partner a ruff. The defense still had three trump tricks to come for down two. Plus 50 and plus 500 gave Italy 11 IMPs.

On the third board, with only his side vulnerable, Bilde held:

♠ J 7
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ 10 3 2

South passed, West opened one weak notrump, and North passed. What would you do?

Many would pass, expecting the auction to end, or for South to bid a suit. But Bilde responded two clubs, not Stayman but a puppet to two diamonds. Then he passed when partner, as requested, rebid two diamonds.

This was not a great spot opposite

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ A J 4 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A 9 8

The defenders could have taken this down four, but they badly lost their way, letting declarer take seven tricks for down one.

In the other room, West went down two in two hearts and Denmark gained 3 IMPs.

After an overtrick IMP to Italy, these were the East-West cards:



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South vul.

♠ A 9	N W E S	♠ 10 5 3	
♥ A J 10 6 2		♥ 8 7 5 4	
♦ K J 9 3 2		♦ 10 5	
♣ 4		♣ A 10 7 5	
West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠ ^(a)	Pass	3♥	All pass

(a) Michaels Cue-Bid

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣ ^(a)
Dble ^(b) 4♥	Redble	2♥	2♣
	All Pass		

(a) Precision: 16-plus points.

(b) At least 4-4 in the reds or blacks.

Four hearts was laydown, and four spades would have gone down two. Minus 140 (Bilde played cautiously) and plus 420 gave Italy 7 IMPs.

Now let's have three bidding problems.

1. With the opponents vulnerable, you pick up:

		♠ 10 9 4	
		♥ Q J	
		♦ 9 7 3	
		♣ 10 8 7 5 3	
West	North <i>You</i>	East	South
Pass	Pass	INT ^(a)	Dble ^(b)
Pass	?	Redble ^(c)	Pass

(a) 12-14 points.

(b) For penalty.

(c) Forced.

What would you do?

2. With both sides vulnerable, you have:

		♠ 2	
		♥ A 9 8 6	
		♦ 7 2	
		♣ K Q J 10 4 3	
West	North	East <i>You</i>	South
1♠	Pass	?	1♣

What would you do?

3. With both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 6 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 6
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A K 8

The bidding starts like this:

West	North You	East	South
		Pass	1♦
Dbl.	Redble ^(a)	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass ^(b)	Pass	2♣
Pass	?		

- (a) Do you agree?
- (b) Double would have shown two or three spades.

What would you do?

On the first quiz hand, Sementa ran to two clubs. Correct! He made that and one notrump redoubled would have come home.

At the other table, Bjarnarson made two spades to gain an IMP.

On the second hand, Bilde cautiously passed. In theory correct, in practice wrong. If he had bid one notrump, the final contract would surely have been three notrump, which would have made unless the opponents were psychic.

At the other table, South did not open the 3=2=3=5 11-count and Nunes ended in three notrump, which made when his opponents were not psychic.

Minus 110 and plus 600 gave Italy another 10 IMPs and the lead by 49-4.



Morten Bilde, Denmark

This was the full deal for the third quiz question:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

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

West <i>Hanson</i>	North <i>Sementa</i>	East <i>Bilde</i>	South <i>Duboin</i>
		Pass	1♦
Dble	Redble	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass ^(a)	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass!	Pass	

- (a) 0, 1 or 4-plus spades.

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Askgaard</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Bjarnarson</i>
		Pass	1♦
Dbl.	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	All pass	

I think most players would bid one spade over West's double with that North hand. And Askgaard brought home two spades.

Sementa did well to pass out two clubs, which just made. But after the opening bid had been made and before seeing the dummy, Duboin asked in Italian, "Do you have four spades or five?"

Sementa did not reply.

"Oh, no, six!!"

One spade doubled could have been beaten by three tricks for plus 800.

This deal gave Denmark 1 IMP.

Over the last six boards, Italy scored 4 unanswered IMPs to win by 53 imps to 6, or 25-4 in victory points.

The ship had been steadied.

Notice



If you would like to take the shuttle buses to the airport when leaving, please register your flight information at the Volunteer Service Desk in the competition venue of BICC and CNCC.

Quiet please, Maestro at work

by Marc Smith

There are plenty of world class players here in Beijing this week, and even a few living legends, so there is every chance that during the two weeks of this championship we will be treated to some spectacular plays. In Sunday's head-to-head match between the two favorites in the Open Series Group D, England vs USA, multiple World Champion Jeff Meckstroth treated the gallery to a performance worthy of Pavarotti...

On a deal that saw most N/S pairs floundering in a failing partscore, it will come as no surprise to hear that Meckstroth/Rodwell were in game. For mere mortals, the saying goes that 'when you have eight tricks in 3NT there are usually nine to be found'. Meckstroth began with rather less than the eight you and I usually need....

Game All. Dealer East. IMPs

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

Meckstroth's opponents were the Hackett twins, Justin and Jason, so hardly a pair of chimps just off the banana boat.

West led a heart, the unbid suit, to queen and king, and now declarer had five top tricks plus one by force in diamonds. He crossed to a top club and led dummy's ♦9, covered all around. We can all see now that a club is the best exit, but that's hardly obvious and the heart continuation is understandable, hoping to find partner with the nine.

With four heart tricks in the bag, declarer now established his long club with two more rounds of that suit. West won the ♣Q and got out with a third round of hearts and declarer cashed his rounded-suit winners.

As this was happening, East had one last chance to defeat the contract. That he missed it is understandable, as I'm sure you will agree. This was the position when declarer cashed his long club...

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

When declarer now cashed his club, East discarded the ♠4. What could be more normal?

Declarer now played a low diamond, won with the ♦6, and East exited with his last spade. Or, at least, he tried to. Unfortunately, his last spade was the TEN and not the four. When the spade ten rode around to dummy, Meckstroth simply called for dummy's nine, allowing East to win the trick and forcing him to lead away from his ♦J at trick 12.

Bridge is all about taking advantage of opponents' mistakes, and although E/W here hardly did anything that could be described as stupid, they erred just sufficiently for Meckstroth to capitalize. Could you ask for a better illustration of a great champion?

Tricky Partnership Defence

by Helmut Häusler

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

The third-round match versus Germany did not start well for the Venezuelan West when she arrived late at the table. Worse was to befall her in play. Michael Gro-moeller (North) passed over 1♠ but balanced with a takeout 2NT when 2♠ came round to him. With his maximum raise East bid 3♠, the final contract.

North led ♣A, South (Andreas Kirmse) played ♣4, showing an even number. North switched to ♦2, showing an odd number. South took ♦Q and played back ♣9. North ruffed with ♠10 and returned ♠Q, as the contract will be defeated anyway if West has one more diamond. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy and then advanced ♦K. When South played low without a flicker, declarer placed the ♦A with North and ruffed. After the ♣K, she crossed to ♣Q in dummy to try her luck in hearts, playing low to her ♥K. Now it was North's turn to duck a red king smoothly. Declarer, who by now knew the distribution, was taken in again. Misplacing the red aces, she played ♥7, hoping to lose to the bare ♥A. But South took the trick with the bare ♥J and later on North got ♥A for the setting trick, a well-earned reward for this tricky partnership defence.

OPEN TEAMS R3

TURKEY V USA

Plenty of action

by Brent Manley

After one day of play in the qualifying rounds of the Open series, USA was at the top of Group D and Turkey was close behind in third place.

Things started slowly, but fireworks are likely whenever Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell are at the table. The first big boom was on the fourth deal of the set.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Goksu	Compton	Bedir	Hamman
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	All Pass		

There were five unavoidable losers, so Hakan Goksu was one off for minus 100.

At the other table, the level was the same, but the contract was different – and doubled.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kandemir	Meckstroth	Kolata
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

Rodwell's 3NT showed a solid seven-card or longer suit with an outside ace or king. Ismail Kandemir expressed doubt that Rodwell could make game, and he started with the ♠K. He switched accurately to the ♥6 at trick two. Rodwell put up the ♥Q, covered by the king and ace, and started running diamonds.

Kandemir followed suit, but on the fourth round of diamonds, he erred by discarding the ♥3. At that point, Rodwell could have made the contract, but he did not read the situation. Instead of pitching hearts and retaining the guarded black queens, he discarded two clubs from dummy and had to concede one down after running the diamonds.

Kandemir can always defeat the contract by simply holding his second heart and waiting with the ♠A and ♣A K.

That was 3 IMPs to Turkey.

The Americans got 5 IMPs back on the next deal when Kandemir and Suleyman Kolata got much too high in the bidding.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

At the other table, East-West (Goksu and Bedir) played a calm 2♠, making eight tricks for plus 110.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Kandemir	Meckstroth	Kolata
1♥	Pass	1♦	Dbl
All Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

Rodwell's 1♥ bid showed spades, so Meckstroth started with a low spade. Declarer put in the queen, taken by Rodwell with the king. Rodwell played a club through declarer's king and took a club ruff. The defenders still had two diamond tricks to come. That was minus 300 in a voluntarily bid game.

A slip by the Turkish defenders gave USA another swing on the next deal.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West Goksu	North Compton	East Bedir	South Hamman
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Goksu started with the ♣K. Hamman won and played a low heart from hand at trick two. Goksu won the ♥K, but instead of switching to a trump, which would have doomed the contract, he cashed two clubs and played the ♠K. Hamman won in dummy and played the ♥Q. East won the ace and switched to a trump. Hamman inserted the ♦9, picking up the queen. He ruffed a spade to hand, ruffed the heart loser in dummy and was soon claiming plus 110.

West Rodwell	North Kandemir	East Meckstroth	South Kolata
		Pass	Pass
INT	2♦	2♥	All Pass

Kandemir's 2♦ apparently showed a long major, certainly spades on the bidding. South led his singleton spade, and North captured the king with his ace, switching to the ♦K and a second diamond to South's ace. A third round of diamonds was ruffed by Meckstroth with dummy's ♥K. Meckstroth followed with a low heart to his jack. He then played a club from hand. South won the ace and played a fourth round of diamonds, allowing the uppercut from North with the ♥Q, promoting South's 9. Declarer still had eight tricks, however, for plus 110.

The Americans were leading 18-15 when they suffered setbacks on consecutive deals.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West Rodwell	North Kandemir	East Meckstroth	South Kolata
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Kandemir had a nice hand for his INT opener. Unfortunately for him, he had only five tricks. He could not avoid two down for minus 200. No matter, his teammates at the other table had him covered.

West Goksu	North Compton	East Bedir	South Hamman
INT	Dble	Redbl	All Pass

Bob Hamman had nowhere to run after Bedir redoubled for business over Chris Compton's card-showing double of the weak INT. Compton might have run to 2♦, which goes one down on competent defense. He braved the redouble, however, and paid the price.

Compton started with a low diamond, taken by Goksu in hand with the 8. All he had to do from there was play back the ♦Q to establish his seventh trick for plus 560 and an 8-IMP swing.

More IMPs went to Turkey on the next deal.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West Goksu	North Compton	East Bedir	South Hamman
	Pass	Pass	2♠

All Pass

Goksu started with a low club to the king and ace. Hamman played a heart at trick two. West played the ace and continued with a heart. Hamman inserted the jack, pitching a club, then cashed the ♥K, pitching another club. He played a low spade to his 9 and West's 10. The ♦A was cashed and the defenders had two more trump tricks coming, but Hamman still recorded plus 110.

West Rodwell	North Kandemir	East Meckstroth	South Kolata
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♣*	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♥	Dbl	All Pass	

North's 2♣ showed diamonds, so South started with the ♦J against 4♥ doubled. Meckstroth rose with the ace, played a spade to his ace and took a losing heart finesse. The defenders did not have difficulty taking two hearts, three clubs and a diamond for plus 800 and a 12-IMP gain on their way to a 39-21 victory.

Airport tax clarification

The notice regarding airport taxes published on page 4 of Daily Bulletin No. 3 applies only to free Air China tickets.