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## IT'S A RACE AGAINST TIME



Registration continues on the fifth floor at the Marriott

Three matches remain in the round robin qualifying stage of the Rosenblum, and by the end of today some favored teams no doubt will be wishing that play could be extended. With time running out, at least five highly regarded teams were not in qualifying position (top four in each group): Bramley, All Bulgarian Stars, Lavazza, Delmonte and Robinson after six matches.

In the McConnell, the women's event, five 10-board matches remain. Sixteen teams, eight from each of two groups, will begin knockout play on Saturday. The top scoring teams so far are Hampton (USA) and Netherlands.

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## Important Notices

### WBF Laws Committee



The committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 8, in Room 303.

### WBF Women's Committee

The Women's Committee will meet on Thursday 7th October at 4 p.m. in Conference Suite 1 on the 3rd floor.

### WBF Congress Meeting



#### Friday 8th October

The WBF Meeting of Congress will be held in the Liberty Ballroom.

A continental breakfast (assorted pastries, muffins & coffee) will be served beforehand from 9.00 am and all delegates are invited to attend.

**The Meeting will start promptly at 9.30.**

The Liberty Ballroom is on the 3rd floor of the Marriott Hotel, just across the bridge to the Convention Centre on the right. There will be signs to direct delegates.

### Looking for a partner or teammates?

Pairs looking for teammates for Senior teams, or players seeking partners may go to the registration area on the 5th floor and they will try and help.

### Rosenblum and McConnell KO phase



At the end of the round robin in the Rosenblum and McConnell, the knockout phase will begin. The brackets will be formed taking into account both the WBF master points and the ranking in the round robin.

### Registration for the Open and Women's Pairs

All players not yet registered for the Open and Women's Pairs are requested to do so as soon as possible.

This also applies to players qualifying for the knockout stages of the teams and wishing to drop into the pairs.



**NOTE that failure to register in advance will forfeit the right of players qualifying for the knockout stages to drop into the pairs.**

You are reminded that players from the Rosenblum may only drop into the Open Pairs and players from the McConnell may only drop into the Women's Pairs.

### Registration for the Rand Cup Senior Teams

It is important to know which teams wish to play in the Rand Senior Teams if they do not qualify for the knockout stage of the Rosenblum or McConnell.

**Please register now if you wish to play** – if you subsequently reach the knockout stage we will, of course, withdraw your registration and if you have paid, refund the entry fee.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Saturday, 9th October at 10 a.m. (a change from previous notice) in José Damiani's office on the 3rd floor at the Marriott.

### Amendment to the Programme Senior Teams



Please note that the Rand Cup for Senior Teams will start on Friday 8th October at 10.30 a.m., and not as shown in the programme. The Schedule in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest is correct.

### Team Acronym

Grace Jeklin stopped by the Daily Bulletin office to tell about one of the teams in the Rosenblum. She saw the name of the squad – Josef and the cards – and wondered about it.

This is what she found out: Josef is Josef Piekarek, the “cards” are

- C**hristal Henner-Welland
- A**lexander Smirnov
- R**oy Welland
- D**aniela von Arnim and
- S**abine Auken

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Today)

Rosenblum Cup  
Round Robin sessions at  
**10.30, 14.00, 17.00**

McConnell Cup  
Round Robin sessions at  
**10.30, 12.20, 14.50, 16.40, 18.30**

(Tomorrow)

Rosenblum Cup  
Round of 64 sessions at  
**10.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30**

McConnell Cup  
Day Off

Rand Cup Seniors Teams  
Round Robin begins at **10.30**

Swiss Teams Plate  
Sessions begin at **10.30**



### McConnell Trophy



The top 8 teams from each group will qualify for the round of 16, which will be played on Saturday October 9th. **There will be no play in the McConnell Cup on Friday 8th October**, but the teams may play free of charge in the teams plate if they wish.

### The Swiss Teams Plate

All teams that fail to qualify for the knockout stages of the McConnell or Rosenblum may play in the Swiss Teams plate free of charge but they **do need to register in advance**. Other teams who have not played in these events may join the Swiss Teams Plate by registering and paying the requisite entry fee.

### Rand Cup for Senior Teams

The qualification consists of a Swiss Teams consisting of 10 rounds of 10 boards, 5 rounds on Friday 8th and 5 rounds on Saturday 9th. The first match will be at 10.30 and the detailed schedule will be in Friday's bulletin.

The qualification will be followed by a knockout stage, with the Quarter and Semi Final on Sunday 10th October, each of 24 boards. The Final and play-off will be played on Monday 11th over 3 rounds of 16 boards each. The non-qualified teams will have the opportunity to play free of charge in the Seniors Plate, the format of which will be decided when final numbers are known.

# McCONNELL CUP

(Standings after Round Robin 10 – subject to confirmation)

## GROUP S

1 Netherlands	186	9 Woolsey	149
2 Fireman	184	10 Sombra e agua fresca	148
3 Westheimer	178	11 CanUSA	147
4 Joel	161	12 Stewart	139
5 Indonesia Djarum	159	13 Goodman	131
6 Fairy Tale	155	14 Reunion Island	122
7 McGarry	154	15 Tunisia	117
8 Venezuela	151	16 Balkin	102

## GROUP T

1 Hampton	196	9 Sweden	151
2 Glasson	178	10 Egypt	140
Moss	178	Singapore	140
4 Full Spectrum Auctions	171	12 Bloom	132
5 Eisenberg	164	13 Canada	124
Italia	164	14 Angus	114
Mercosul	164	15 Veladies	86
8 China Ladies Team	153		

**ROSENBLUM CUP***(Standings after Round Robin 6 – subject to confirmation)*

<b>GROUP A</b>		<b>GROUP B</b>		<b>GROUP C</b>		<b>GROUP D</b>	
1 Zimmermann	113	1 Nickell	116	1 Auken	118	1 Rayner	114
2 Consus Red Poland	110	2 Rossard	103	2 Cayne	113	2 Alizee	109
3 Coldea	108	3 Berg	94	3 San3PDXI	99	3 China Open	108
4 Payen	99	4 Pauncz	92	4 Belgium Cooreman	98	4 D'Orsi	103
5 Bramley	90.25	5 Zen	90	5 Guangdong	92	5 Lavazza	102
6 Sao Paulo	83	6 Sher	88	6 Rumelhart	87	6 Kahn	96
7 Gamerman	81	7 Lagoudinoi	86	7 Siwik BT	86	7 Cortex	84
8 Granovetter	79.25	8 GIB	80	8 Bennett	80	8 St Clair	64
9 Café de Colombia	58	9 Onix	77	9 Colombia Bogotà	47	9 Himani	62
10 Itaven						10 Itaven	47
<b>GROUP E</b>		<b>GROUP F</b>		<b>GROUP G</b>		<b>GROUP H</b>	
1 Begijnt JE	105	1 Italian Stallions	120	1 Parimatch	123	1 Josef and cards	122
Bernardes	105	2 Fleisher	119	2 Hungary	107	2 Strul	116
3 British Lions	103	3 Fredin	104	3 Schwartz	101	3 Team Pharmaservice	114
4 Mahaffey	96	4 Chile	102	4 Hampton	97	4 Gwadteam	97
5 Koneru	91	5 www.funbridge.com	94	Vito	97	5 Lall	81
6 Villa Fabbriche	88	6 Dipak Poddar	92	6 Oz Juniors	86	6 Fox	78
7 Brazil34	83	7 Rio de Janeiro	82	7 Rigal	84	Tunisia	78
8 China Nangang Power	78	8 Fenerbahce USA	73	8 Lara	74	8 Impaired	68
Priebe	78	9 Karukera	21	9 Chevalier	54	Strasser	68
<b>GROUP J</b>		<b>GROUP K</b>		<b>GROUP L</b>		<b>GROUP M</b>	
1 Deutsch	116	1 Diamond	115.50	1 Rosen	118	1 Zambonini	107
2 Canada	115	2 Indonesia Gabriel UI	112	2 Martens	110	2 JapCan	103
3 Wang Dade	106	3 Marinna	106.50	Moss	110	3 Hauge	99
4 Pinot Noir	105	4 Camberos	104.50	4 Gogo Fans	105	4 Nadar	98
5 Apteker	99	5 Italia Mista	95	5 All Bulgarian Stars	91	5 Kamras	88
6 Krizel	77	6 Klinger	92	Wolfson	91	6 French Juniors	84
7 Consus White Poland	75	7 Dhampur Sugar Mills	84	7 Pascal Bernard	77	7 Ecuador	83
8 Hollman	72	8 Four and a half men	59	8 Yu Tong	75	8 China Geely Auto	81
9 Rodihade	61	9 Todd	54.50	9 Michelin	47	Lavee	81
<b>GROUP N</b>		<b>GROUP O</b>		<b>GROUP P</b>		<b>GROUP Q</b>	
1 Allfrey	119	1 O'Rourke	124	1 Budimex Poland	117	1 Green Machine	120
Beijing Shouchuang	119	2 Chateau Rossenovo	113	2 Zaleski	109	2 Bilal	109
3 Meltzer	112	3 Agsar	109	3 De Botton	102	3 Gordon	107
4 Griffiths	85	Hengyuanxian Heji	109	4 Beijing Trinergy	96	4 Carmichael	105
5 Hughes	83	5 Robinson	106	5 Kranyak	93	5 Ping an	87
6 Delmonte	82	6 Bergheimer	83	6 Japan Youth	88	6 Texan Aces	81
7 Derrico	75	7 Feldman	63	7 Feo	80	7 Rerhaye	77
8 Argentina U26	68	8 Harris	59	8 Azure Hooda	74	8 Oy vey	68.50
		9 Miyacuni	51	9 Izmir	59	9 True Blue	64



Round 2

Rosenblum Cup

The Paradox of Choice

by Mark Horton

There are many reasons that determine why a match is selected for scrutiny. One of the more obscure is the potential to use a particular headline.

If the result of the Round 2 Rosenblum match I followed had gone in a particular way I was planning to entitle my report *The Wrath of Khan* (the second film in the Star Trek science fiction franchise). You can find details of that movie on the IMDB Internet database, but despite extensive searching I cannot locate anything entitled *The Froth of Lavazza*.

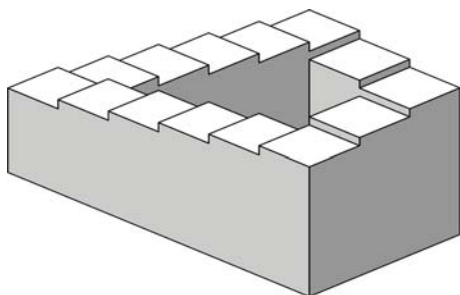
As it turned out this was not one of the most exciting sets I have ever seen – here are the brief points of interest:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lusky	Bocchi	Pickett	Ferraro
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
		Dble	All Pass



The Paradoxical Staircase by M.C. Escher

This was not the real auction (I am hoping to discover the details before we go to press) but the final contract was 5♦ doubled.

East led a trump, took the queen of hearts with the ace and played a second trump. That meant declarer could discard all four spades from dummy on the hearts, +950.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Sementa	Herman
INT*	2♥	1♠	Pass
3♥*	5♦	Dble	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

You can understand why West bid 3♥, but never mentioning those clubs along the way somehow goes against the grain. There was no overtrick at this table so Lavazza picked up 5 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lusky	Bocchi	Pickett	Ferraro
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦

You would expect North/South to get near to bidding a slam on this deal, but hands with a perfect fit are notoriously difficult. Once South had (for whatever reason) bypassed the spade suit any realistic chance had gone.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Sementa	Herman
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

South did bid spades at this table, but it still proved impossible to reach the slam. We spent some time discussing this deal – eventually concluding that perhaps North should bid 4NT rather than 3NT. So, the board was a push at +490.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

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



Ira Herman, USA

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Lusky	Bocchi	Pickett	Ferraro
	1♠	2♦	All Pass

It looks as if South was intending to play for penalties when he passed, but North refused to cooperate by re-opening.

Declarer won the opening lead of the queen of spades with the ace and played the jack of diamonds. South won with the king and played a second spade to dummy's jack. When declarer played a heart North put up the ace and returned the five of spades for South to ruff. A club to the ace and a spade, ruffed and overruffed, the king of clubs and a club ruffed by North meant three down, -150.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Rosenberg	Sementa	Herman
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♣
All Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT

Here South's actions led to the notrump game, so there was sure to be a swing. West led a diamond and declarer took East's jack with the ace and played a heart to the queen and king. East cashed the king of spades and switched back to the nine of diamonds. South won with the ten and played the queen of spades. East took the ace and switched to a club. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade, setting up the suit. However, there was no way to untangle his winners and he finished one down, -100 and 6 IMPs to Lavazza.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Lusky</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Pickett</i>	<i>Ferraro</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♣	All Pass	

East's choice of actions turned out badly as there are nine easy tricks in notrumps.

Declarer ruffed the heart lead and played the king of spades. East won and switched to the two of diamonds, covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer ruffed a spade, cashed the jack of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. He ruffed a spade with the king of clubs and West over-ruffed and played the ace of hearts, ruffed with the six and overruffed with the eight. Declarer could take two more tricks with the top trumps in dummy but that was all, one down, -50.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Herman</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Dbl	3♣	Dbl*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



*John Lusky, USA*

North's Michaels cuebid was perfectly reasonable, but the Italian's had no difficulty reaching the top spot. +600 was worth 11 IMPs.

Over the next eight deals each team picked up one overtrick IMP.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Lusky</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Pickett</i>	<i>Ferraro</i>
			3♦*
Pass	3♥*	All Pass	

South's transfer preempt must have been music to North's ears.

East led the jack of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the jack and king. He took West's switch to the jack of spades with dummy's king and played a diamond, West winning with the ace and switching to the three of clubs. East won with the nine and played the queen of spades. Declarer won, cashed the queen of diamonds discarding a spade and ruffed a spade. He had to lose two trump tricks, -100.

**Closed Room**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Herman</i>
			2♥
All Pass			

West cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a club. Declarer put up the ace and played a diamond, setting up an eight trick, +110 giving Kahn 5 IMPs.

Lavazza had won a low scoring affair 24-8 IMPs, 19-11 VP.

# From Dallas and Ostia to Philadelphia Gold

by Phillip Alder

The winners of the Mixed Pairs, Donna Compton from Dallas and Fulvio Fantoni from Ostia (the port town outside Rome), came close to taking this title eight years ago in Montreal. Older, wiser and less nervous, they benefited from the lack of carryover because they almost failed to get into the final.

In the last round of the qualifying session, they played against Fantoni's wife of just over three months, Iolanda, and Thomas Bessis. This was the first deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fulvio</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Compton</i>	<i>Iolanda</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥ (1)
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

(1) The correct response in their system

Fulvio found the best lead of a spade. Compton, believing that they had no chance to qualify, was willing Iolanda to make her grand slam.

Declarer, thinking that her husband wouldn't underlead a king against her in a grand slam, won with dummy's ace, cashed two high diamonds, discarding two spades, and ran the spade queen, throwing a club.

That was not the best line, but table presence should never be underestimated. Minus 1510 gave Compton-Fantoni only 53 matchpoints out of 414.

On the final deal, North-South overbid badly to 3NT. Fantoni doubled and the contract went down two. This gave Compton-Fantoni 401.7 mps. They finished only

181.4 matchpoints ahead of 157th, so an average last board would have kept them from qualifying.

In the final, they were consistency personified, having 56.34, 58.34 and 58.45 percent sessions to win by two-thirds of a board over Kismet Fung and Brian Glubok, with Joan Lewis and Robert Hopkins a close third. Fung is Canadian, the others American.

Here is a deal from the first session of the final:

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>		<i>Compton</i>	
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

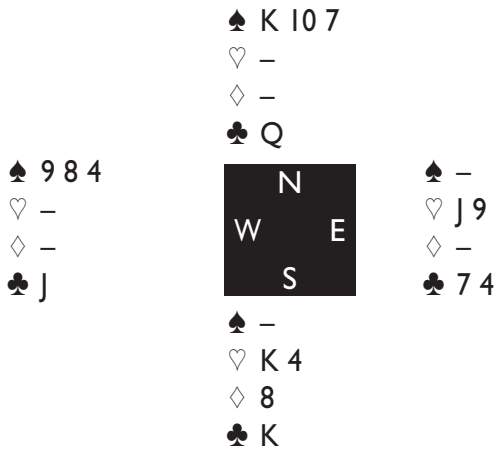
Fantoni said that he prefers to declare rather than defend – hence his 3♠ bid. Note, though, that North would probably have gone down three in 3♥.

North led the ♥6, covered by the 5, 3 and A. Declarer played a club to dummy's nine, South taking the trick with her ten and shifting to the ♠Q. West won with his ace, played a club to dummy's ace, and called for the ♦Q. Surprisingly, South did not cover. So, after the queen held, declarer played a diamond to his jack and led the ♦A, North and dummy discarding hearts. After a diamond ruff (North threw another heart) and a heart ruff, declarer had taken eight tricks and was guaranteed a trump trick from ♠ 9-8-4 opposite ♠ J, with North having ♠ K-10-7.

However, plus 140 gained only 61 matchpoints out of 154 because several North-South pairs were going for numbers.



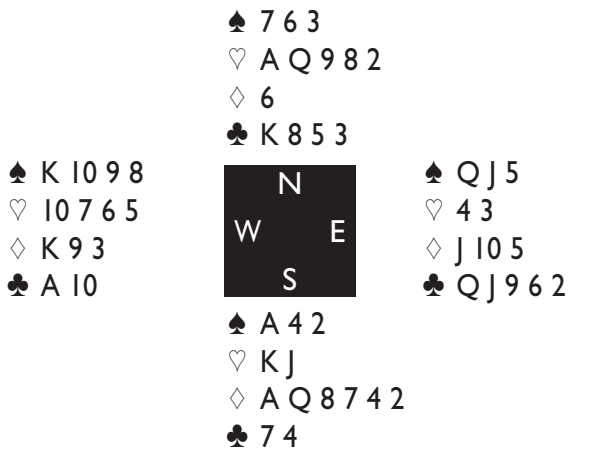
What would have happened if South had covered the  $\diamond Q$ ? West would have won with his ace, cashed the  $\diamond J$ , and crossruffed two diamonds and two hearts to give this position:



Now a club exit would have assured one more spade trick for the contract.

In the final session Compton and Fantoni sat North-South for the first time. This was a great result:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.



West	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East	South <i>Compton</i>
		Pass	1 $\diamond$
Pass	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	2 $\diamond$
Pass	2 $\heartsuit$	All Pass	

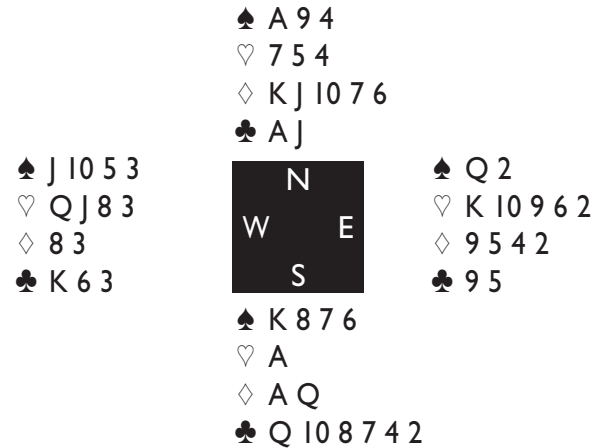
Fantoni guessed well to rebid 2 $\heartsuit$ . To hold declarer to eight tricks, East had to lead a trump – very tough. A high spade looks like the normal start, but she selected the  $\clubsuit J$ , Rusinow.

To keep North to nine tricks, West had to win this and return a trump – not so hard. However, West shifted to the  $\spadesuit K$  at trick two.

Now Fantoni erred – he ducked the trick, which gave West another chance to lead a trump. But West persevered with spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to his king, ruffed a club with dummy's  $\heartsuit J$ , cashed the  $\diamond A$ , ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club with the  $\heartsuit K$ , and ruffed a diamond. Then Fantoni cast adrift with his last spade. At trick eleven, he had  $\heartsuit A-Q-9$  over West's  $\heartsuit 10-7-6$ . Plus 170 garnered 143 matchpoints.

They bid well on this deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.



West	North <i>Fantoni</i>	East	South <i>Compton</i>
Pass	1 $\diamond$	Pass	2 $\clubsuit$
Pass	2 $\diamond$	Pass	2 $\spadesuit$
Pass	3 $\clubsuit$	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 $\heartsuit$	Pass	6 $\clubsuit$
Pass	Pass	Pass	



*Iolanda Riolo, Italy*

That produced 121 matchpoints. Another 25 pairs had that result, and there were four very lucky North-Souths and very unlucky East-Wests when North-South played in 6♦ and made the overtrick.

Compton and Fantoni took full advantage of their system on this deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ 6 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ K Q 9 5 4 3	♠ A J 10 7 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ J 8 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ K Q 8 4 ♥ A Q 7 6 2 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ A
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>		<i>Compton</i>	
1NT	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣ (2)	Pass	2♣ (1)	Pass
		Pass	Pass

- (1) Gazzilli – natural or any 16-plus points
- (2) Six or seven clubs with fewer than 7 high-card points

South led the ♦A, but the defense did not find one of the lines that would have resulted in a trump promotion. Compton lost only one spade, one heart and two diamonds. Plus 110 was worth a huge 136 mps.



Donna Compton, USA

In the second session, Fantoni gained another good score with well-judged play.

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

♠ A Q 9 8 3 2 ♥ 8 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ K Q 4	♠ K 5 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ K 7 6 5 ♣ J 10 8 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ A 10 4 2 ♣ 7 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Fantoni</i>		<i>Compton</i>	
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
		2♠	All Pass

North led the ♣J, South taking her ace and returning a club to West's king. Declarer played a low heart, North rising with his king and leading another club. West played a second heart to the ten and jack, giving this position:

♠ A Q 9 8 3 2 ♥ – ♦ Q 9 ♣ –	♠ K 5 ♥ 3 ♦ K 7 6 5 ♣ 10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q ♦ A 10 4 2 ♣ –
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To hold declarer to eight tricks, South had to shift to a trump. But she tried the ♥A. Fantoni ruffed, cashed the ♠A, and led another spade. North was endplayed, forced to lead away from the ♦K (his choice) or to concede a ruff-and-discard.

Plus 140 was worth 128.7 mps, 32.5 more than plus 110. With one round to play, Compton and Fantoni were second. On the first deal their opponents got to 4♠ on the 4-3 fit and dropped a trick in the play to make the contract exactly. Minus 420 gave North-South 110 match-

points. (At 44 of the 78 tables, East-West made 3NT with two overtricks.)

This was the last deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. East-West Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b> <i>Fantoni</i>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b> <i>Compton</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Fantoni led the ♦6. Declarer won with dummy's nine, cashed the ♣A, then played a club to his 9 and North's 10. Fantoni shifted to the ♠9, ducked to South's jack. Compton returned her remaining diamond, North taking declarer's king with his ace and leading back the ♦J.

West won with his queen, played a heart to dummy's ace, cashed the ♠A, and led another spade. South won with her eight, cashed the ♠K and played a club to her partner's king. North took the ♦8 for down three, 149 matchpoints and the gold medals. (They were 104.7 matchpoints ahead of Fung and Glubok, with Lewis and Hopkins a further 34.9 mps behind.)

To win a world pair championship, you must play well and have some luck – Donna Compton and Fulvio Fantoni fitted the mold perfectly. And as an added bonus, Fantoni is once again the World Bridge Federation's top-ranked player.

## Tying an Unusual Record

by Phillip Alder

This deal occurred during the first final session of the Mixed Pairs (rotated to make declarer South).

Board 13. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b> <i>Gitelman</i>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b> <i>Winestock</i>
		Pass	1♥
Dble	1NT (1)	Dble	2♥
3♠	4♥	Dble	All Pass


(1) Transfer to clubs; either long clubs or a club lead-director with heart support

West unwisely led the ♠K, squashing her partner's ten. Sheri Winestock (South) won with her ace and played a diamond to dummy's ace. The next trick went ♥4, ♥3, ♥2, discard, which ties a record.

Declarer drew trumps with the aid of another finesse, then conceded two spades and one diamond. Check out the useful spade spots.

Plus 790 was worth 148 matchpoints out of 154. Note, though, that if West had led the ♦K or a low spade, even that clever trump play would not have helped. And when West failed to split his diamond honors at trick two, declarer should have put in dummy's eight to keep West off lead. As it went, if East had been less frugal with his heart cards, playing the jack or king at trick three, he would have defeated the contract. Declarer would have won and played a second diamond, but West could have won, cashed two spades and given East a spade ruff.

But none of that detracts from Winestock's cool play.



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## Mixed Pairs Final – Session 2

by Phillip Alder

For the middle session of the final, I chose to watch Connie Goldberg from the United States and Tor Helness from Norway. As the session began, they were in 22nd place, about one board behind first.

To begin, though, here is a declarer-play problem to ponder (rotated to make South the declarer).

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♠

West leads the ♦5. How would you plan the play?  
 If you play low from the dummy at trick one, East wins with ♦Q and returns ♦2.  
 The initial deal was a slam well handled by Rozanne and Bill Pollack:

Board 15. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Bill	Helness	Rozanne	Goldberg
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣ (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Precision

Helness led the ♠A and continued with another spade. Declarer ruffed, cashed his trump honors, played a diamond to dummy's ace, drew the missing trump, and established his diamonds. He took two hearts, four diamonds, five clubs and one spade ruff in the West hand. Plus 1370 was worth 136.8 matchpoints out of 154.  
 On the second deal of the round, Goldberg missed a chance for a great result.

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West Vul.

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



Bill Pollack, USA



West	North	East	South
Bill	Helness	Rozanne	Goldberg
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Helness nearly bid 5♥ over Bill's 4♥ splinter bid, but passed just in case his partner had good spades. However, when Goldberg failed to double, he sacrificed in 5♥.

4♠ doubled would probably have gone down one – it takes a diamond lead to beat it two. But plus 200 would have been worth 135 matchpoints, whereas minus 300 received only 85.

Yes, it was just possible Helness would have only one winner, but not to double with South's hand looks wrong.

By the way, how do you play North's double of 4♥? If it is "please do not lead a heart," that seems a low-frequency agreement at this level. It ought to be saying something about your offense-to-defense ratio. You should also discuss pass-then-double. One should say that you are happy to go to 5♥ but if partner knows this is probably wrong, he can double (or pass a double).

Also, what would you do as North if West bids 4♠? I like an idea that I first heard from Paul Lavings of Australia. Double says that North wants to bid 5♥, but South may pass if he thinks 4♠ doubled is better – as he would here.

On the next deal, East misguessed in a normal 3NT to go down one, giving North-South 106 mps. And Goldberg-Helness did even better on this deal:

Board 18. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saurer	Helness	Fischer	Goldberg
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	4♠	2♠	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

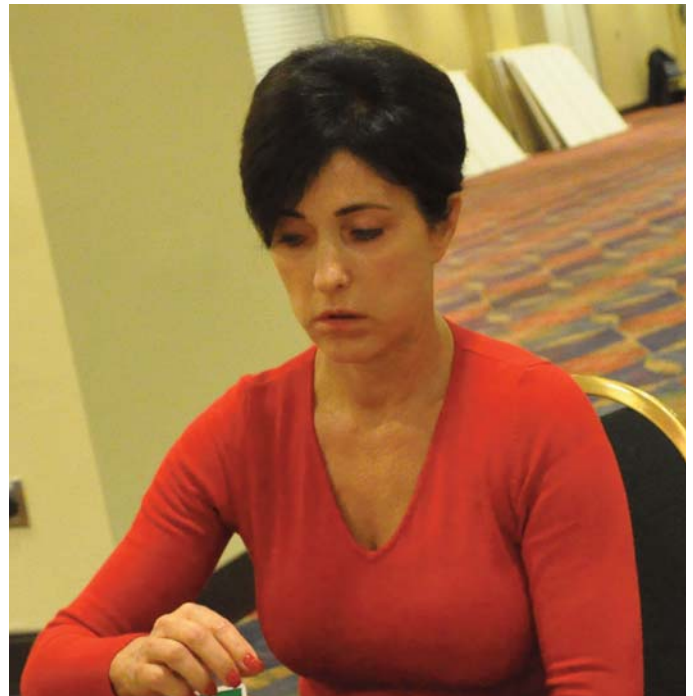
Would Goldberg have doubled if given the chance? 4♥ can be made. But Helness understandably "sacrificed" in front of her. And when Doris Fischer from Austria led a heart, not a diamond, the contract came home. Declarer discarded his diamond on dummy's ace, took a losing spade finesse, got back to the dummy a moment later with the other high trump, and played a club to his king to lose only one spade and two clubs.

Plus 790 was worth 127 matchpoints.

On Board 19 Helness took the apparent maximum of 11 tricks in 3NT but received only 63 matchpoints. Then North-South lived dangerously:

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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



Connie Goldberg, USA

West	North	East	South
Brenner	Helness	Anidjar	Goldberg
1♥	1♠	2♣!	2♠
3♦	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Nina Anidjar from Spain responded with a sneaky 2♣, aiming to stop that lead against 3NT. On the next round, though, she liked the idea of 3♠ doubled. Diego Brenner from Brazil should have trusted his partner – the penalty would probably have been 1100. But he ran to 4♥. This made five easily enough, but North-South took 100 of the matchpoints.

Afterward Helness suggested that his partner should have passed over 2♣ because she had no spade honor, very low point-count and her goodies in the suit bid by her opponent; that making life harder for the opener should be secondary.

Probably almost everyone got overboard on this deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Samuel	Helness	Shimamura	Goldberg
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT (1)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
		Pass	Pass

(1) Partner, I have a weak hand with only four spades

I discussed this deal with Fulvio Fantoni. He believes strongly that an opener's reverse should guarantee a strong hand in high-card terms, and that East should open 1♥ with only 15 points (two of them potentially useless). Kyoko Shimamura from Japan (East), though, with only a four-loser hand opposite some fit, decided to describe her distribution accurately. And Russell Samuel from the

United States (West), despite a lousy hand, took a shot at 3NT because it had a much greater upside potential than 4♦.

Declarer misguessed the play to go down four, giving North-South 146 matchpoints.

East misdefended on the next deal to let 3♠ through, giving Goldberg-Helness another 112 matchpoints.

Then came an exciting layout against an American pair:

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Parker III	Helness	Michelin	Goldberg
Dble	4♦	4NT (1)	2♦
Pass (2)	Pass	6♠	5♦
Pass	7♦	Dble	Pass
			All Pass

(1) Blackwood

(2) One ace

Helness felt sure that 6♠ would make and expected 7♦ doubled to cost 1400.

He was exactly right, but they did better when Howard Parker III (West) did not lead a trump. Also, after the ♣A, West shifted to the ♥J, covered and won by East, Marjorie Michelin, who cashed a spade trick. Now was the last opportunity to lead a trump, but East returned a heart. This



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allowed declarer to trump all three of her major-suit losers and escape for minus 1100. That gave North-South over average, 93 matchpoints. Interestingly, only one pair had minus 1400, which was worth 89 matchpoints.

I will draw a veil over the next board. Parker III opened an 8-count with 1♣. This got his side to 3NT, due to lose the first seven tricks. But Goldberg made an imaginative lead. Michelin still had only eight tricks, but poor discarding let her finally gain an overtrick.. North-South were lucky to get 8 matchpoints.

On the next deal the par was 3♠ making by North-South. Goldberg duly scored up 140 in 2♠ but her side received only 66 mps.

Then Helness engineered a coup.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

There was little point in passing out 2NT – declarer rated to win six or nine tricks.

It was hard for East to know that a diamond lead was best. She selected the ♣Q.

Declarer won with his ace and immediately led the ♠Q. Understandably, West, a multi-world champion, ducked, trying to kill dummy's suit. But now North played on hearts and had nine tricks: one spade, five hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Plus 600 was nearly a top, 152 matchpoints.

If North had passed over 1♥, East would have responded 1NT, and West would have rebid 2♦, leaving North-South dead in the water.

Helness likes good suits for a weak two-bid. On his next deal, Board 1, he passed as dealer with

♠ 5 2   ♥ K 5   ♦ A J 8 5 3 2   ♣ 10 6 2

Goldberg ended in 3NT and received the normal spade lead into her ace-queen. She now had 10 top tricks, but when West next got on play, he cashed the ♣A, giving away another overtrick, which cost 63 matchpoints. Plus 460 gained 132 matchpoints.

Then, with only his side vulnerable, Helness had:

♠ K 5   ♥ K 6 3   ♦ K 7 6 5   ♣ J 10 8 2

The auction began:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	??	2♠	Pass

What would have you done, if anything?

Helness passed almost in tempo. Doubling (or bidding 2NT) would in theory have been bad because 3♥ doubled and 3♣ doubled were each slated to go down one, minus 200. But it was unlikely either opponent would have doubled, and the opener, who had six spades, might well have gone to 3♠, which would have been one too high.

Minus 110 gave North-South only 57.8 matchpoints.

This deal was tough against a top French pair.

Board 3. Dealer South. East-West Vul.

♠ 10 7 2 ♥ K 9 7 5 4 3 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 5 2	♠ K 6 5 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ A J ♣ K 10 9 6 3	♠ Q J 9 8 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ A J 8	♠ A ♥ J 8 6 ♦ K Q 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ 7 4
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West <i>Bompis</i>	North <i>Helness</i>	East <i>Willard</i>	South <i>Goldberg</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	3♠

If Helness had been psychic, guessing to bid 3NT over 3♠, he probably would have made it. Even if Sylvie Willard (East) had led a low heart and Marc Bompis (West) had shifted to a diamond, East could have been caught in a squeeze-endplay.

The actual 5♦, though, was defeated with careful defense. East won the first trick with her ♥A and returned the ♥10, tapping the dummy. Declarer played a spade to her ace, ruffed her remaining heart, and threw a club on the ♠K, but still had to lose one diamond and one club.

Minus 50 was worth only 35 matchpoints, though, because 10 pairs made 3NT and 37 brought home a diamond partscore.

On Board 4 the French pair stopped in 2♠. Helness balanced, pushing them to 3♠ when 4♠ was laydown as the cards lay. Minus 170 gave North-South 102 matchpoints.

Then Helness played brilliantly.

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South Vul.

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



Karin Wenning, Germany

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Helness	Wenning	Goldberg
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Helness likes Goldberg's sequence to promise 5-3-3-2 distribution, but one can understand her reticence to rebid 3♣.

Karin Wenning from Germany (East) did very well to find the diamond lead. Immediately Helness saw that he was in trouble. Most declarers rated to be in 4♠ and they would probably cash the ♠A and finesse through East. If it worked, they would surely take at least 10 tricks, perhaps losing one heart, one diamond and one club. But following that line of play would probably have left Helness with only nine tricks. When he lost a club trick, the defenders would cash two diamonds.

To try to get back ahead, at trick three, Helness ran dummy's ♠J. When that worked, he cashed the spades. West discarded three hearts, North pitched two hearts, and East threw a club and a heart.

After the ♣J was run successfully, declarer took three more tricks with the ♣Q, ♣A and ♥A to win ten in all. Plus 630 was worth 123 matchpoints, 69 more than 600.

Then came another great deal for North-South. Look at it from Helness' point of view. He picked up

♠ K J 6 3	♥ 7	♦ A K 9 5	♣ A Q J 8
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In second position, his partner opened 1♥, he responded 1♠, and partner raised to 3♠. Taking control, he jumped to 4NT, and Goldberg bid 5♣, promising one key card. What would you have done next?

Strangely, one ace is better news than two because it means South will have some fillers.

Helness continued with 5♦, asking for the ♠Q, and Goldberg bid 5♥, showing the ♠Q and ♥K.

Now Helness confidently jumped to 6NT, which was cold. Goldberg had

♠ Q 10 7 4	♥ A K Q 6 4	♦ 3	♣ K 4 3
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Plus 990 gained 140 matchpoints, 71 more than 980.

Over the rest of the session, Helness and Goldberg scored only 39.4 percent, giving a session score of 53.73 percent. They had moved up seven places to 15th, but were more than two boards behind leaders Kerri and Steve Sanborn.

P.S. A final session of 52.62 percent dropped them to 16th.



# Round 4 Rosenblum Cup

## In Top Form by Phillip Alder

This fourth-round match in the Rosenblum between Bramley (USA) and Payen (France) featured good play on consecutive boards by the Americans.

Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Demirev</i>	<i>A. Hentz</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

North's sequence showed a hand worth 15-17 points in support of hearts. And since if he were balanced he would have opened INT, it was highly likely that he had black-suit singleton.

So Bramley led a trump, leaving declarer with no chance.

At the other table, Philippe Soulet led the "obvious" ♦Q against Peter Weichsel.

Declarer played low from the dummy, of course, East's ace took the trick, and South unblocked his eight. Michel Lebel shifted to a club, declarer winning with his ace and drawing two rounds of trumps with dummy's honors before playing a diamond to his nine and West's ten. West led his last trump, South winning, playing a diamond to dummy's seven, and discarding a club on the ♦K.

The ♠A and another spade to the ten and king permitted Weichsel to claim.

Plus 100 and plus 620 gave the Bramley team 12 IMPs on the board. Immediately followed this layout:

Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bramley</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Demirev</i>	<i>A. Hentz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Lebel</i>	<i>Weichsel</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	Dbl	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

I was surprised that Weichsel overcalled 2♦ instead of doubling. But it worked out well when Mark Feldman made a competitive double and 5♣ was reached.

The play was pretty too, declarer showing that he did not need to rely on the location of the ♠10 or ♣Q.

Weichsel won the first trick with dummy's ♥A and played a diamond to his queen. West took the king and persevered with another heart. South ruffed, cashed his ♦A, and ruffed a diamond in the dummy. After the ♠Q was covered by the king and ace, declarer drew two rounds of trumps ending in his hand, and led a winning diamond. The defenders conceded.

At the other table, South's decision not to raise 3♠ to 4♠ does not look right, especially at IMPs.

The play went well. Declarer Eric Mauberquez, North, won with his ♥A and played a diamond to dummy's queen. West took his king and shifted to a low spade, East playing his eight under declarer's nine.

North ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠A, led a club to his king, drew West's trumps, and played a club to the jack. When that passed off safely, North had 11 tricks: four

spades, one heart, one diamond, four clubs and the heart ruff. However, plus 400 and minus 200 gave the Bramley team another 5 IMPs en route to a 49-3 victory.

## Slam Masters

by Rich Colker

In Monday's second final session of the World Mixed Pairs, Migry Zur-Campanile and Zia Mahmood were looking to move up in the world after a below-par showing in the first final session. The first round was unremarkable, but in rapid succession each of the next three rounds each featured a hard-to-reach but excellent slam. The masters at work.

North led the ♠A and a second spade. Zia ruffed, cashed the ♣A and ♣Q, crossed to the ♦A, drew the last trump, and when diamonds proved no worse than 4-2, he claimed 12 tricks without needing the heart finesse. This was the second board of round three.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

Board: 15; Dlr: North; Vul: N/S

♠ A 9 7 3 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ J 9 7 4 ♣ 8 5	<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 6 2 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ A 10 ♣ K 10 4 3 2	
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West	North	East	South
Zia		Migry	
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠(1)	Pass
3♣(2)	Pass	3♠(3)	Pass
3NT(4)	Pass	4♣(5)	Pass
4♥(6)	Pass	4NT(7)	Pass
5♠(8)	Dble	6♣	All Pass

- (1) Good hand
- (2) Bidding out his shape
- (3) Either looking for spade help for notrump or club support
- (4) Singleton spade honor
- (5) "I was really coming in clubs"
- (6) Cue bid
- (7) Keycard for clubs
- (8) Two keycards with the ♣Q



Migry Zur-Campanile, USA

West	North	East	South
Zia		Migry	
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣(1)	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣(2)	Pass	6♦(3)	All Pass

- (1) Forcing, in search of a contract
- (2) Cue bid
- (3) "How's this for a contract?"
- (4) "Sounds good to me!"

The defense started with a low spade. Zia inserted the ten, pitching a club when it held. When the ♦K brought down the jack Zia led the ♥J, ducked around, followed by the ♥10. North won and led a third heart but Zia ruffed with the ♦10, led the ♦8 passing it when South followed low, cashed the ♠A pitching the ♣J, crossed to the ♣A, drew the last trump, and his hand was good.

Next came...

Board: 23; Dir: South; Vul: All

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

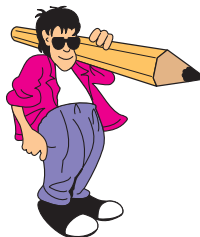
West	North	East	South
Zia		Migry	
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
Dble (1)	4♦	4NT(2)	Pass
5♣ (3)	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (1) Three-card spade support
- (2) Key card Blackwood
- (3) One key card

South led the ♦A and a moment later East faced her hand and claimed the rest.

The three slams helped propel the pair to a 60% game in the second final session, and put them in position to compete for one of the top places in the event.

## Championship Diary



In the Mixed Pairs a player sitting West opened 2NT and everyone passed. After the opening lead East displayed a 4-4-3-2 dummy that contained two jacks. 'At least I have the perfect shape' she remarked. '50 years ago' replied her husband.

Tacchi's bon mots have been in short supply so far, but he produced a corker yesterday when he said one of the good things about America was that it is always mealtime.

One combatant in the Rosenblum came into the office and bemoaned 'There are no weak teams in our group.' 'That's not what they are saying' observed Tacchi.

As the baseball season reaches the playoff stage, Liverpool football club have confirmed that a takeover deal has been agreed with the owners of the Boston Red Sox baseball team. When I asked Red Sox fan Brent Manley what he thought about it he said, 'What kind of pitcher is Steven Gerrard?'

## Name the Mystery Man



Many people have made appearances at the World Championships over the years, including the two in this photo. The editors are interested mostly in the identity of the man, but take extra credit if you can name them both. The identities will be revealed in tomorrow's edition.

# PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL RESULTS

## MONDAY – TUESDAY KO BRACKET 1

9 Tables

18.21	1	Real Fradette, North Wales PA; David Legrow, Eagleville PA; Bruce Greenspan, Danvers MA; Elaine Clair, Gwynedd Valley PA
12.75	2	Carl Bartone, Bonita Springs FL; Gudrun Zieler, D-61476 Kronber Germany; Sylvia Whelan, 65779 Kelkheim Germany; Geoffrey Mallette, Richmond VA
7.28	3/4	Bridgett Pitt, Brookhaven PA; Mitchell Snyder, Earlington PA; Dennis Wick, Greencastle PA; Omar Okaily, Lansdale PA
7.28	3/4	Corey Krantz, Drexel Hill PA; Edward Kennedy, Wayne PA; Douglas Dye, Wyndmoor PA; Steven King, Philadelphia PA

## MONDAY – TUESDAY KO BRACKET 2

12 Tables

12.08	1	Timothy Smith, Kearneysville WV; Phillip Tseng, Arlington VA; Hsiasu Hsiung, Potomac MD; Virginia Gibbons, Alexandria VA
8.46	2	Steven Lipson-Serl Zimmerman, PalmDesert CA; Sherie Schneider-Alan Schneider, BeverlyHills CA
4.83	3/4	William Hart, Williston Park NY; Ellie Brook - Gisele Katz - Marion Rendon, Great Neck NY
4.83	3/4	John Dickenson, North Wales PA; Douglass Lubbers, Emmaus PA; Mark Frueh, Aurora IL; Barry Balof, Walla Walla WA

## MONDAY – TUESDAY KO BRACKET 3

12 Tables

9.29	1	Barry Davis, Yardley PA; Bryna Paston, Elkins Park PA; Barbara Gordon, Orelan PA; Carol Elfant, Philadelphia PA
6.50	2	Dolores Ketterer - Karen Gold, Jenkintown PA; Elaine Friedenber, Blue Bell PA; Shelly Rosen, Warminster PA
3.72	3/4	James Shoenhard - Roy Robson - Onorica Luculescu, Arlington VA; Alina Galaszewska, Alex. VA
3.72	3/4	Susan Herrmann - Virginia Kuhn - Judith Hoopes - Lee Davis, Wilmington DE

## TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS

	A	B	C		
13.30	1			Marc Rabinowitz, Sunny Isles Bch FL; George Tornay Jr, Palm Beach Gdns FL	66.75%
9.98	2			Marvin Deneroff, North Bergen NJ; Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	60.98%
6.55	3/4			Melanie Tucker - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY	59.54%
6.55	3/4			Vera Petty - Roman Smolski, Warwick Bermuda	59.54%
4.43	5			Les Bart - Gloria Bart, Bradenton FL	59.05%
3.80	6			Riki Tulin, Highland Beach FL; Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	57.85%
3.33	7			Evie Cogan, Philadelphia PA; Thomas Weik, Reading PA	57.29%
2.96	8			Joseph Seigel - Barbara Holmes, Thornhill ON	57.21%
7.38		1		Benjamin Eisenberg - Susan Eisenberg, Lords Valley PA	54.65%
5.54		2		Kate Burton, Durham CT; Anne Taylor, Newark DE	54.49%
3.63		3/4		Sheldon Per - Carolyn Per, Bensalem PA	54.25%
3.63		3/4		Linda Green, Westport CT; David Blackburn, Fairfield CT	54.25%
2.90		5		Barbara Dranoff, Monroe Twp NJ; David Harris, Plainsboro NJ	53.04%
4.45		6	1	Peter Stoll - Sara Stoll, Lower Gwynedd PA	52.80%
3.34			2	Anne Levin, Bryn Mawr PA; Rhoda Schaffer, Philadelphia PA	51.20%
2.50			3	Richard McDowell, Trappe PA; James Allen, Schwenksville PA	50.48%
2.14			4	Elaine Rhoda, Blue Bell PA; Evelyn Melchiorre, East Norriton PA	50.00%
1.48			5	Diana Stein, Boca Raton FL; Harold Mathews, Wynnewood PA	43.27%
1.48			5	Charles Page, Brisbane Australia; Midori Wakabayashi, Philadelphia PA	46.79%

Complete Regional Event Results and Hand records are available at  
<http://web2.acbl.org/hosted/districts/d4web/tournamentcalendar.htm>