

THE USUAL SUSPECTS SET THE PACE



In Open Group A the pace setters are familiar names, **USA**, **Sweden** and **Romania**. It's a similar story in Group B in the guise of **Brazil**, **France** and **Switzerland**.

In the Mixed the front runners are **Germany**, **Norway** and **Croatia**.

The Women's Championship is topped by **Sweden**, **Italy** and **Poland** while in the Seniors **India**, **Germany** and **Brazil** are leading the way.

SCHEDULE TODAY

Happy Birthday
to **Kismet Fung** from Canada
(playing in the Mixed Teams)



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: R4 (16 boards)
13.15 - 15.30: R5 (16 boards)
16.00 - 18.15: R6 (16 boards)

Women Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R5 (12 boards)
12.15 - 14.00: R6 (12 boards)
15.00 - 16.45: R7 (12 boards)
17.15 - 19.00: R8 (12 boards)

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R5 (12 boards)
12.15 - 14.00: R6 (12 boards)
15.00 - 16.45: R7 (12 boards)
17.15 - 19.00: R8 (12 boards)

Mixed Teams

10.00 - 11.25: R6 (10 boards)
11.55 - 13.20: R7 (10 boards)
14.20 - 15.45: R8 (10 boards)
16.15 - 17.40: R9 (10 boards)
18.10 - 19.35: R10 (10 boards)



MATCHES ON BBO

Wednesday, 23 October 2024



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: England - New Zealand
China - Australia
Switzerland - Brazil

13.15 - 15.30: USA - Sweden
Italy - India
Switzerland - Norway

16.00 - 18.15: Argentina - Ireland
Poland - Denmark
Chinese Taipei - Israel

Women Teams

12.15 - 14.00: China - France
15.00 - 16.45: England - USA
17.15 - 19.00: Sweden - France

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.25: Brazil - Poland

EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 22/10/2024

In the rush to deliver copy for the first edition of the Bulletin I omitted to mention that the 22nd of October represented a significant date in the life of the WBF President, as it was his birthday! As usual Francesca was ahead of the game and a suitable announcement appeared on yesterday's front page. The start of a World Championship is not a bad way to celebrate!

I'm delighted that we have journalists working from home, as at the venue we are struggling to keep track of the results and follow the play, the Internet connection being somewhat dodgy on day one. However, our collective resources are considerable and with the help of Traian Chira and Hans van Staveren, a UGreen ethernet adapter driver and a cable with a direct link to the network was restored.

The time difference between Argentina and Europe means that there will always be a delay before the publication of some articles as some of our reporters prefer to wait until morning. Look out for a bumper edition tomorrow!

DRAW TODAY

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team
Spain	v Guadeloupe
Pakistan	v Sweden
Chile	v Argentina
Germany	v Romania
England	v New Zealand
U.S.A.	v South Africa
Chinese Taipei	v Netherlands
HK, China	v Ireland
Israel	v Bye

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team
England	v Chinese Taipei
Israel	v Germany
Netherlands	v Chile
Ireland	v South Africa
Guadeloupe	v HK, China
U.S.A.	v Sweden
Romania	v Spain
New Zealand	v Pakistan
Argentina	v Bye

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team
Argentina	v Ireland
Sweden	v Chile
Germany	v Guadeloupe
U.S.A.	v Spain
Chinese Taipei	v Israel
HK, China	v South Africa
Pakistan	v England
Romania	v Netherlands
New Zealand	v Bye

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 4

Home Team	Visiting Team
Kuwait	v Norway
Korea	v Italy
India	v Poland
China	v Australia
Switzerland	v Brazil
Finland	v Hungary
Türkiye	v Denmark
Canada	v Austria
France	v Bye

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team
Austria	v Türkiye
Italy	v India
France	v Finland
Switzerland	v Norway
Australia	v Kuwait
Hungary	v Canada
Denmark	v Brazil
China	v Korea
Poland	v Bye

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team
Hungary	v Italy
Switzerland	v Canada
Kuwait	v China
Korea	v France
Türkiye	v Brazil
Norway	v India
Poland	v Denmark
Finland	v Austria
Australia	v Bye

LADIES

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team
U.S.A.	v Norway
Canada	v Netherlands
Sweden	v Mexico
Germany	v Ireland
Brazil	v Poland
Australia	v France
Chile	v HK, China
Türkiye	v Japan
England	v New Zealand
India	v Spain
Argentina	v China
South Africa	v Italy

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team
U.S.A.	v Netherlands
Spain	v Türkiye
China	v France
Chile	v India
Argentina	v HK, China
Poland	v Mexico
Sweden	v New Zealand
England	v Ireland
South Africa	v Germany
Canada	v Italy
Japan	v Australia
Brazil	v Norway

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team
England	v U.S.A.
Mexico	v Australia
Germany	v Argentina
Poland	v Türkiye
Italy	v Brazil
China	v Japan
Canada	v South Africa
New Zealand	v Spain
India	v HK, China
Norway	v Chile
France	v Netherlands
Ireland	v Sweden

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team
Argentina	v India
Spain	v Japan
Canada	v Germany
Australia	v Ireland
Türkiye	v Brazil
Chile	v U.S.A.
Italy	v Norway
South Africa	v China
Poland	v England
Sweden	v France
Netherlands	v HK, China
New Zealand	v Mexico

SENIORS

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team
Argentina	v India
Brazil	v Poland
Türkiye	v Italy
Sweden	v Colombia
Morocco	v Israel
Chile	v HK, China
Japan	v Scotland
France	v New Zealand
Switzerland	v Canada
Australia	v England
U.S.A.	v Netherlands
Denmark	v Germany

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team
Sweden	v England
Chile	v U.S.A.
Italy	v HK, China
Argentina	v Japan
Australia	v New Zealand
Poland	v Denmark
Germany	v Colombia
Türkiye	v France
Switzerland	v Brazil
Israel	v Netherlands
Scotland	v Canada
Morocco	v India

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team
Denmark	v New Zealand
Argentina	v HK, China
Canada	v Australia
India	v England
Scotland	v Switzerland
Poland	v Colombia
Brazil	v Netherlands
Türkiye	v Israel
Morocco	v France
Sweden	v Germany
Chile	v Japan
U.S.A.	v Italy

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team
Netherlands	v Chile
Poland	v Switzerland
Türkiye	v Morocco
Japan	v HK, China
Germany	v Scotland
Denmark	v U.S.A.
Colombia	v Australia
Israel	v Brazil
France	v Argentina
New Zealand	v Sweden
England	v Italy
India	v Canada

MIXED

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team
Chile	v Colombia
Hungary	v Spain
Israel	v Norway
Italy	v Croatia
Türkiye	v France
HK, China	v Ireland
U.S.A.	v Germany
New Zealand	v India
Morocco	v China
Switzerland	v Argentina
Sweden	v England
South Africa	v Australia
Canada	v Brazil
Poland	v Denmark
Japan	v Bye

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team
Argentina	v Poland
India	v Sweden
Germany	v Hungary
Ireland	v Italy
Chile	v Spain
Australia	v Türkiye
Denmark	v Canada
HK, China	v Switzerland
Japan	v England
Israel	v Morocco
Brazil	v Colombia
U.S.A.	v China
Croatia	v France
South Africa	v New Zealand
Norway	v Bye

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team
Chile	v Sweden
India	v Switzerland
Colombia	v China
Brazil	v Japan
England	v Hungary
Italy	v New Zealand
France	v Argentina
HK, China	v Türkiye
Ireland	v Poland
Denmark	v U.S.A.
Australia	v Canada
Norway	v Morocco
South Africa	v Israel
Croatia	v Germany
Spain	v Bye

ROUND 10

Home Team	Visiting Team
Chile	v Ireland
Germany	v China
Italy	v Japan
England	v India
Canada	v U.S.A.
Sweden	v Croatia
France	v Hungary
Denmark	v Israel
New Zealand	v Argentina
South Africa	v HK, China
Norway	v Switzerland
Poland	v Australia
Morocco	v Brazil
Spain	v Türkiye
Colombia	v Bye

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team
Israel	v Japan
Switzerland	v Denmark
Spain	v Croatia
England	v Italy
Norway	v Australia
U.S.A.	v Argentina
Ireland	v Colombia
Hungary	v HK, China
Germany	v South Africa
Poland	v Türkiye
Chile	v Morocco
Sweden	v Canada
France	v China
Brazil	v New Zealand
India	v Bye

Seniors Round 1



FRANCE V USA



Brian Senior

Firstly, I should like to congratulate the WBF on its decision to cover matches from all four series. When I saw the schedule with different series playing different length matches I feared that we might see nothing but Open Series matches throughout. So, well done, WBF.

I start my coverage of the Seniors Championship with a heavyweight match between two teams who are always in contention for the medals, France and USA, the latter probably being favourites for the championship in most people's minds. USA were champions the last time this event was held, which due to covid was as long ago as 2016. Then, USA were champions and beat France in the final, so a perfect way to start the 2024 Championship.

The match began with a quiet partscore for the E/W pairs. In the uncontested auction: 1♦-1♥-1♠, Dominique Pilon, for France chose to bid 1NT holding:

♠ 9 6
♥ K J 10 4
♦ Q J 9 4
♣ 10 4 3

Meanwhile, Reese Milner, for USA, preferred to give simple preference to 2♦.

Two Diamonds had six top losers so was down one for -50. One No Trump should also have gone down, but the defence lost its way at the end and the contract was made for +90 and 4 IMPs to France.



Philippe CHOTTIN, France

On Board 2, the two E/Ws bid to a thin spade game. To succeed declarer had to play ♠10653 facing ♠AKJ42 for no loser. There was queen to three onside and neither Philippe Chottin nor Hemant Lall could see any reason to do other than cash the ace-king; flat at -50. Nor could any other declarer in 4♠ see a reason to guess queen to three onside. In all, 15 pairs went down in 4♠, with the rest stopping in partscores, where just one person made 10 tricks.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Milner	Soulet	Lall	Vinciguerra
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Pilon	Rodwell	Chottin	Levin
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	1NT
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass


Milner/Lall played in the odd little contract of 2♦, against which Philippe Soulet led the three of diamonds to the two, jack and four. Milner did what he could but, with the spade offside, one down was the best he could manage for -100.

Chottin made a negative double of the 1♠ overcall and, on finding a nine-card heart fit, was willing to take the push to 3♥, ending the auction. Had Eric Rodwell led a spade, 3♥ would have been made, but he wisely chose the jack of clubs, Bobby Levin winning the ace and switching to a spade. The ♠Q lost to the king, and Rodwell found the necessary diamond switch.

Pilon called for dummy's king then led a club to the queen followed by the nine of hearts. Ducking the ♡A would have let the contract through, but Rodwell rose with the ace and played ace and another diamond, so the defence had five tricks for down one, -100, and no swing.

Board 4 saw N/S with a combined 24 HCP, and a choice between playing a six-one heart fit or five-two spade fit. Soulet and Herve Vinciguerra, for France, opted to play 2♠, for +140, while Rodwell/Levin played 2♥ for +110 so 1 IMP to France.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ K 10 8 6 2 ♦ K Q 9 ♣ 8		♠ 10 9 8 7 ♥ A 4 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ J 10 7 6	♠ K J ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ 7 5 3 2 ♣ K 9 5 2
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West	North	East	South
Milner	Soulet	Lall	Vinciguerra
—	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Pilon	Rodwell	Chottin	Levin
—	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Rodwell's 2♦ Flannery opening kept his side at a safe level when Levin gave simple preference to hearts and made it with an overtrick for +140.

Meanwhile, Soulet's natural 1♥ opening and game try saw him forced to play a level higher. Lall led the jack of clubs and continued with the ten when that held the trick. Soulet ruffed and crossed to the king of spades to lead the seven of hearts and run it to the ace. Lall continued with a third club, forcing Soulet to ruff again. Soulet now crossed to the jack of spades and led a diamond to his king. Next, he played the ace then queen of spades, discarding dummy's last club then a diamond. Milner ruffed and returned his last heart, and declarer was stuck in hand to lead diamonds away from the queen, resulting in two losers there and down one for -100 so 6 IMPs to USA.

Soulet would have been successful had he thrown diamonds on both the ace and queen of spades. He could then have won the heart return and exited with a diamond, making the nine and ten of hearts separately.




Hemant LALL

Herve VINCIGUERRA

Philippe SOULET

Reese MILNER

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Pilon</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Chottin</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥

Soulet's 2♦ response was natural and game-forcing. He showed heart support at his next turn then cooperated in a slam hunt and eventually jumped to the grand slam – was there a misunderstanding regarding the meaning of Vinciguerra's 6♣ call?

Milner led a trump and Vinciguerra took the simple route of winning dummy's nine and taking an immediate club finesse. When that failed he had the rest but was down one for -50.

The Americans followed the same route as far as 6♣, but Rodwell made a grand slam try with 6♦ and respected Levin's 6♥ sign-off. Again, the lead was a heart but, needing only 12 tricks, Levin won in hand and played a second trump to dummy then took the club finesse and had 12 tricks, but here that was worth +980 and 14 IMPs to USA.

Across the Seniors field, six pairs went down in Seven, 16 made 6♥, and one went down in 6♥. Which just leaves one pair who stopped in game.

What would you bid holding:


♠ A K Q 9 8 4
♥ 4 3
♦ A J 6
♣ 6 3

You have opened 1♠ as dealer at Game All and partner has responded 1NT. Now RHO overcalls 2♥ and it is your call.

On Board 7, Levin rebid 2♠ and played there for +140, while Vinciguerra opted for 3♠, was raised to game, and was down one for -100 and 6 IMPs to USA. Game was essentially on ♠AKQ984 opposite bare ♠3 coming in for no loser – borderline but acceptable for a vulnerable game.

On Board 8 both E/Ws bid uncontested to 2♠ and found that they had too many top losers so had to go down. USA picked up 3 IMPs for a second undertrick and had scored 29 unanswered points over the last four deals.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Milner</i>	<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Pilon</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Chottin</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass


Lall opened 1♣ and rebid 2NT, with Milner jumping to the spade game and playing there. Chottin opened 1NT and that got him to be declarer in the same contract when Pilon used a Texas 4♥ response.

Soulet led his singleton diamond against Milner, Vinciguerra winning the ace and switching to a heart to the king and Soulet's ace. A club switch now saw Milner take two diamond pitches on the top clubs, over-ruff on the third club, then cash two hearts for a diamond pitch before playing a trump. There were three of those to be lost so Milner was down two for -200.

Levin led a club against Chottin, who won the king and took a diamond pitch, then led a spade to the nine, ten and jack. Rodwell returned his diamond, Levin winning the ace and returning the eight for Rodwell to ruff. Rodwell cashed the ace of hearts, Chottin unblocking the king, and continued with a second heart. The two remaining diamond losers went away, but Chottin tried to cash two clubs rather than one club and the third heart, so the top spades were lost separately. Chottin was down three for -300 and 3 IMPs to USA.

Board 10 was a thin 3NT for the N/S pairs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Milner	Soulet	Lall	Vinciguerra
Pilon	Rodwell	Chottin	Levin
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Both Souths opened 1NT and became declarer in the NT game after a Smolen auction.

At both tables the lead was a club to dummy's queen. Both declarers crossed to hand with the king of diamonds and took a losing spade finesse. Back came a club, which they ducked.

Milner now returned the jack of diamonds, so Vinciguerra won the ace and took a second spade finesse. Though this lost, he had three spades, three diamonds, two clubs and the ace of hearts, so nine in all for +600.

Pilon found the more challenging heart switch on winning the ♣J. Levin thought a long time before ducking the queen, winning the heart continuation, and taking a second spade finesse. As Chottin had no heart to lead, the defence could not get at its winners and the contract was just made for a push at +600.

Thirteen pairs bid and made 3NT on Board 10, sometimes with an overtrick. It went down five times played by South after a club lead and once by North, also after a club lead. Two pairs made 2♠+1 from the North seat, but 2♠ by North also went down twice, as did 3♠ on the one occasion it was played.

On Board 11, E/W could make 6♣ courtesy of two favourable breaks, but it was more normal to play in 4♠ with ♠AK10832 facing a small singleton, and that is what happened at both tables, with both declarers playing safely for 11 tricks and another push board.

The match came to a quiet end when, on the final deal, both Wests opened 3♥ on ♠3 ♥K1098742 ♦J109 ♣86 and played there. Four Hearts would have required good things to happen in three suits, and it was completely normal, when they duly did so, for Milner to come to 10 tricks for +170. Pilon, meanwhile, faced with the same low club lead as Milner, and seeing ♣KJ7 in dummy facing his ♣86 doubleton, decided to play for Rodwell to have underled the ace so put up the king and lost to the ace. Having generated a second club loser, Pilon needed some good fortune to make his contract but, as already said, everything was behaving kindly for declarer, so Pilon got home with nine tricks for +140 but 1 IMP to USA.

The match ended in a 33-5 IMP win for USA, which converted to 17.08-2.92 VPs.



Eric RODWELL, USA

Open Round 1

SWEDEN v ENGLAND

David Bird

I took my seat for a potentially attractive encounter between Sweden and England. Who did I want to win? Well, I won't mind if England win, obviously.

The North players couldn't believe their eyes as they sorted their cards for the second board. Even more so, when their respective partners opened the bidding.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q 10 9 5 3
♥ —
♦ A K Q 10 4
♣ 3

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

♠ —
♥ A Q J 6
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A Q 9 7 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

Ola Rimstedt invested a lot of thought into his first bid. Ah, 2NT. I can't believe it will be on their

convention card, but I'd better take a look. No luck, as expected, but it probably showed the unbid suits. Mikael Rimstedt chose diamonds, and a further long pause from North ended with 5♥ – Exclusion RKCB. South showed one such key-card (the ♣A) and 6♥ must have asked him to choose between 7♠ and 7♦.

The ♣6 lead ran to the king and ace. All followed to two rounds of trumps and the ♠A-K, the ♠J not appearing. Declarer then ruffed a spade with the ♦8, claiming 13 tricks when he liked the look of that trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	2♥*	3♥	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♠	All Pass	


Simon Cope's 2♥ was alerted, perhaps a transfer, but the only explanation appearing on the screen was 'ALERTED'. Johan Upmark's raise to 3♥ silenced South, and North soldiered on with 5♥. I won't tire myself with a second fruitless trip to the convention card site. It may have been Exclusion, self-agreeing the spade suit. North ended in 7♠, which was deemed second-best to 7♦ by all present.

Cope won the trump lead and drew trumps. No doubt Upmark was relieved to find that his choice of opening lead had not caught partner's J-x-x-x. The diamonds lay well and England were fortunate to pick up 2 IMPs for their matchpoint contract.



This was the next board of interest:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Mikael RIMSTEDT, Sweden

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	O Rimstedt	McIntosh	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	3♥
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Did West have enough for a non-leaping Michaels bid, showing diamonds and the other major? The general consensus rated it as a close decision. He certainly took his time over it.

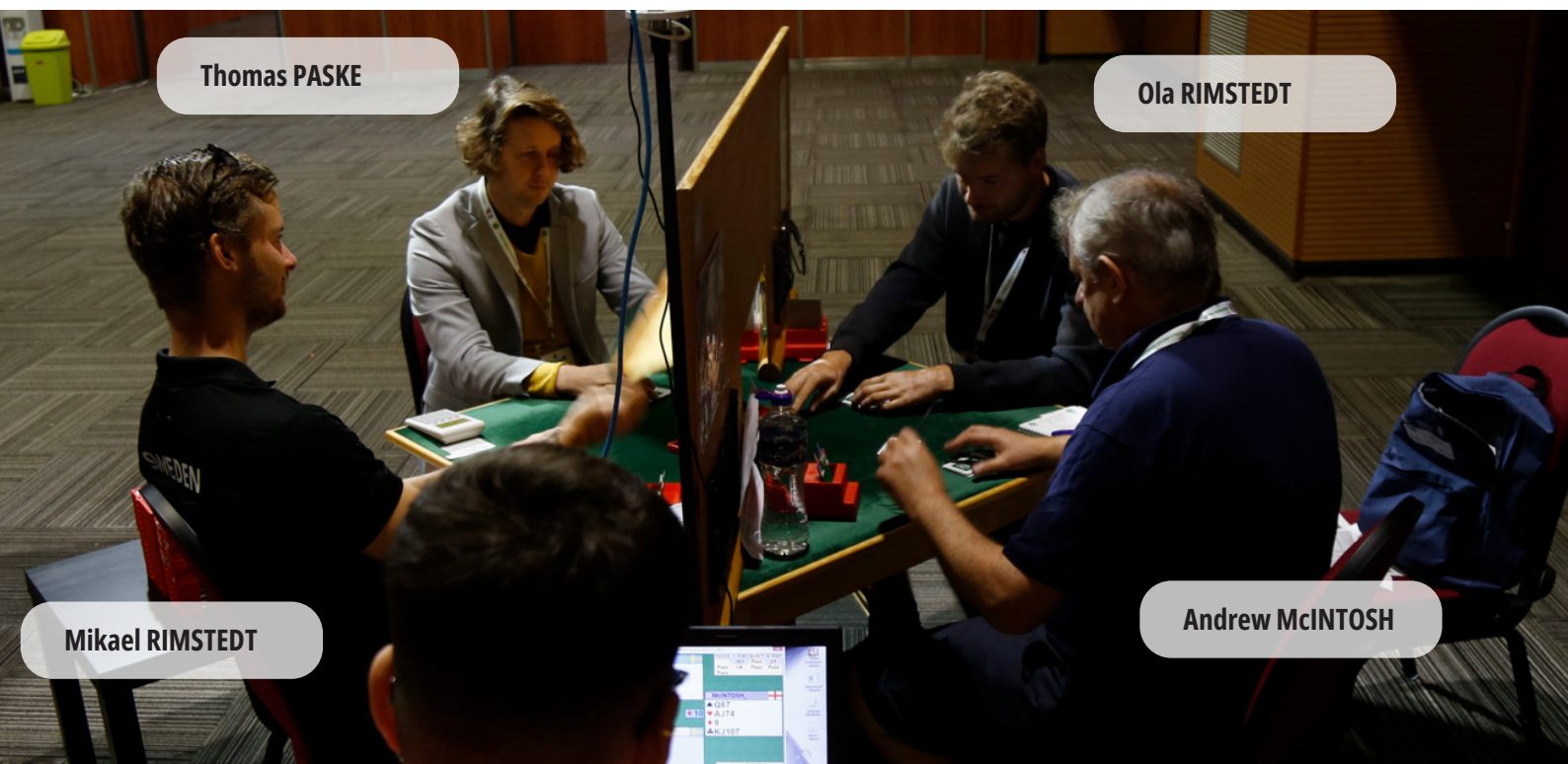
Ace and another heart, won in the dummy, were followed by the ♠Q, run to South's king. South Rimstedt (that sounds like an English railway station) switched to the ♦10, Tosh McIntosh winning with dummy's queen. A spade to the ace was followed by the ♦K, a diamond to the ace and another diamond ruffed with the ♠9. Declarer then played the ♣K to North's ace and claimed a precious +620. Well played!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Cope	Upmark	Crouch
—	—	—	3♥
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The auction was the same, but this time Peter Crouch led the ♦10. Upmark won with dummy's ace and ran the ♠Q to the king. Crouch crossed to the ♣A and received a diamond ruff. The ♥A then put the game one down. That was a chunky 12 IMPs in the England plus column. Back in Chandlers Ford, I raised two arms into the air. No-one could see me except for our cat, Sophie, perched on top of a nearby bookcase.

Both sides stretched to game on the next board:



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 8 6
♥ K 10 6 5 4 3 2
♦ 10 8
♣ K

♠ 9 3
♥ A J
♦ Q J 7 4 2
♣ A 10 8 4



♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ 9 8
♦ A K 9
♣ J 9 5 3

♠ A K J 2
♥ Q 7
♦ 6 5 3
♣ Q 7 6 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Ola Rimstedt had to choose between 1♥, 2♥ and 3♥. He demonstrated why he is playing in this championship, while I am a humble scribe. His 1♥ would have been my third choice. He led the ♠Q, unimpressed with the dummy that was put down. Thomas Paske won with dummy's ace and played a

diamond to the queen, which won. He had doubtless feared that South would rise with a diamond honour and clear the hearts.

The ♦J went to South's ace and the ♥9 was covered by the jack and king. North persevered with the ♠6 to dummy's king, and declarer cleared the diamond suit. A heart to the ace was followed by the established ♦7-2 and the ♣A then dropped the bare ♣K to land a distinctly precarious 3NT.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This time, Cope led a heart to the jack and Fredrik Nyström played a club to North's bare king. The heart suit was cleared, declarer crossing to the ♣Q and scoring two more club tricks via a finesse. Without much hope, he played the ♦J to South's king. Miracle of miracles, despite North's one-level overcall, South had no heart to play! Declarer won the ♦9 return, threw South in with the ♦A and received a spade return into dummy's tenace. It had been an eventful push board.



Ola RIMSTEDT and Andrew McINTOSH

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

McIntosh found the ♦6 lead, drawing the queen and king. Paske returned the ♥3 to the ace, and then won the ♥10 with his king. A long pause followed. Would East not have cashed the ♣A if he held that card? Was it conceivable that a third heart would promote



Johan UPMARK, Sweden

a trump trick? As the seconds ticked by, Sophie and I were looking more and more worried. Eventually, Paske did return a club. All ended well and the game was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Nyström led a trump, which allows an abstruse double-dummy make (♠Q, ♠A, club to the jack, and the defenders cannot take two hearts and the ♦K!) Back in the real world, declarer finessed the ♦Q at trick two and it was one down for a push board.

Sweden had the better of the bidding on this deal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The singleton club was led and declarer was soon entering +650 in his card.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
3♠	Dble	4♠	Pass
All Pass			

Upmark found the spade raise and one down, not even doubled, gave Sweden what may be 9 of their easiest IMPs of the tournament.

On the last board of the set, the Rimstedts bid splendidly:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	



Peter CROUCH, England

Mikael Rimstedt's 3♦ was a limit bid, showing 4+ diamonds. Ola offered a 4-3 heart fit and South did indeed have the perfect hand (great trumps) to accept this. Since he had already limited his hand, he produced a magnificent club cue-bid on the way. North chose the diamond fit and South was there again with 5♣. So, they had found a route to 6♦. Excellent bidding!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Peter Crouch bid 4♥ at his third turn, as many would, and that was another 13 IMP to Sweden. A match that had included some notable good bridge was theirs by 37-19.

MIND STEPPING


Erlend Skjetne

With the World Bridge Games about to start here is a deal where the reigning World Champions (Switzerland, beating Norway in the final last year) and the reigning European Champions (Norway finishing ahead of Switzerland in Herning, Denmark this summer) were involved.

Boye Brogeland's favourite board from the recent WBT Masters in Copenhagen was a 1NT that occurred during the semifinal. His team, Gillis, faced Polish-American team Edmonds, which would go on to win both the match and the final. At least Boye found pleasure in this hard-earned +90.

♠ K
♥ A 9 2
♦ —
♣ J 8

♠ 10 6
♥ 8
♦ —
♣ A 10 4




♠ J 5
♥ 10 4
♦ —
♣ Q 7

♠ A 7
♥ J 7
♦ —
♣ K 9

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 8
♥ A Q 9 2
♦ K
♣ J 8 6 5 3

♠ 10 6 3
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ A 10 4



♠ J 5 2
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 10 7 3 2
♣ Q 7

♠ A Q 7 4
♥ J 7 6
♦ J 9 6
♣ K 9 2

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Bakke	Klukowski	Brogeland
—	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

- 1♥ At least four spades
- 1♠ Three or four spades

Carefully bid by Brogeland, but his 11-count wasn't too juicy, and making seven tricks would turn out to be quite an enterprise.

Jacek Kalita kicked off with the four of diamonds (fourth highest). When the king won, Brogeland lead a spade to the queen and a heart to the queen and king.

Four diamond tricks followed, giving both North and South some trouble discarding. After the last diamond Klukowski was on lead in the following position...

The defence has won five tricks. With Klukowski now taking a while to ponder his next move, Brogeland boldly asked: "Just made?"

How could he be so sure?

Had both the ace and the queen of clubs been off-side, Klukowski would quickly have defeated the contract with a club shift. He had to have a club honour, and Brogeland was quite certain it was the queen: Had he held the ace of clubs in addition to the king of hearts and five diamonds headed by the queen and ten, he may have bid 1♦, and he would probably shift to a low club with ease.

Declarer's problem is that he must pick up two spade tricks in addition to three heart tricks. Can't East kill declarer's communications by switching to a heart?

No. In that case Brogeland will run the heart tricks, the last of them forcing East to discard a spade. Brogeland will then pitch a club, and West will be the victim of a stepping-stone squeeze: If he discards a spade, Brogeland can overtake the king of spades, the seven becoming a winner. If West instead discards a club, Brogeland can cash the king of spades and play a club, forcing Kalita to win his ace and give Brogeland the last trick on the ace of spades.

In real life Klukowski tried his luck with a small club; Brogeland played low from hand and seven tricks were secured.

Unfortunately, +90 was a push, since Vincent Demuy at the other table succeeded with a slightly different stepping-stone squeeze, using the heart suit as a threat instead of the spades.

Edmonds won the semifinal with the score 64–56,1 in IMPs, and went on to beat team de Botton by a formidable margin in the final.

Open Round 2

USA v ENGLAND

Marc Smith

Two teams who arrived in Argentina with high expectations meet in Round 2. England will no aiming to rebound after losing 22 IMPs on the final three deals against Sweden, to lose by 18 IMPs in their first match. Meanwhile, the Americans are looking to build on an opening 28-IMP victory over Guadeloupe.

We begin with a couple of problems. Firstly, with only your side vulnerable, you are West holding:

♠ 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 5
♦ A K 10
♣ Q J 10

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	4♠
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What action do you take?

Secondly, a lead problem. With both sides vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:

♠ —
♥ A J 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

What do you lead?

While you consider those, we begin early in the encounter.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	McIntosh	Grue	Paske
—	—	—	4♠
Dble	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Tom Paske's 4♠ opening set Brad Moss the first of the problems posed above. Do you overcall in your strong six-card suit or do you make a takeout double?

Moss chose a takeout double and Joe Grue's jump to 6♣ closed the brief auction. There was nothing to the play: E/W +1370.

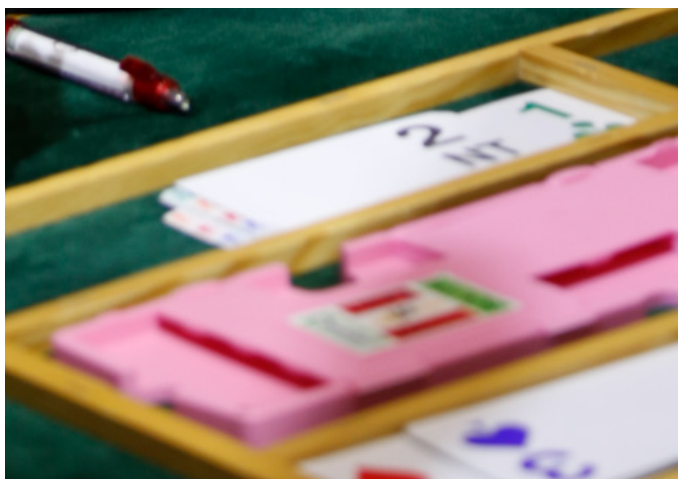
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	Fleisher	Cope	Martel
—	—	—	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

Chip Martel's decision to open only 3♠ on the South cards would make things easier for the English pair, wouldn't it?

Not at all – it's hard to argue with Peter Crouch's 4♥ overcall, but it ended the auction. The only good news for the English was that they contracted two potentially bad boards into one. North led the ♠K against 4♥. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a trump to the king and ace. Marty Fleisher then switched accurately to a club, Chip Martel ruffing and playing the ♠9.

Is South 7-2-4-0 or 7-3-3-0? To make the contract



on this layout, declarer needs to ruff low. North can overruff, but that is the last trick for the defence. When Crouch ruffed high, obviously fearing a second club ruff, North had two trump winners, and the contract was one down. E/W -100 and 16 IMPs to USA without either English pair doing anything obviously wrong.

Six out of the 16 pairs in the Open Group A reached 6♣. Four went down in heart contracts (two of those in 5♥ doubled).

A couple of deals later, the Americans again benefited hugely from the rub of the green.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 9 7 5 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ A ♣ A K Q 10 ♠ K ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ Q 7 6 4 2 ♣ J 8 3 2		♠ 10 8 4 ♥ K J 10 8 3 2 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ 5 ♠ Q 6 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 10 8 3 ♣ 9 7 6 4	
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Simon Cope came in with a 2♥ overcall of Fleisher's strong/artificial 2♣ opening. There is no alert of South's Pass, so perhaps it neither showed nor denied any values. When Fleisher introduced his spades over Crouch's three-level heart raise, Martel decided that his hand justified a 4♥ cue-bid, showing a good raise to 4♠. This prompted Fleisher to Blackwood, and then bid the slam even when Martel denied holding a key card.

On a heart lead, 6♠ is a far from stellar contract, essentially needing to find the ♠K singleton with four missing. At the table, Cope led his singleton club, which did give declarer more chances, but it was always ordained that Fleisher was destined to make his slam. N/S +1460.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	McIntosh	Grue	Paske
—	2♣	3♥	Dble
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

In the replay, Grue pre-empted to 3♥ over McIntosh's strong opening, and Paske doubled, presumably denying a bust. When McIntosh now introduced his spades at the four-level, Paske presumably felt he had already shown his meagre values and passed. Much of the time, stopping in game on this combination would have produced a big gain again a slam bid at the other table, but not today. N/S +710 and another 13 IMPs to USA.

In Group A, five of the 16 N/S pairs got to 6♠, although one did manage to go down on a heart lead despite the favourable trump position.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	Fleisher	Cope	Martel
—	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	




It was not long before the large crowd watching live on VuGraph were treated to another slam deal. This time, the swing was more culpable/deserved.

good for a slam try.

The hands fit well. There was a spade to lose, but declarer was able to ruff the fourth round of diamonds in dummy for a twelfth trick. N/S +420.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Martel</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♠*
Dble	2NT*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Paske</i>
—	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The English pair never really got to grips with the potential of this deal. Had Paske advanced with a 4♥ cue-bid over McIntosh's 4♣ perhaps they would have been in with a chance. Facing a weak no-trump hand type, it seems that he decided that his hand was not

Fleisher/Martel benefited from playing a 14-16 1NT opening. Martel began with a 2♠ transfer, showing clubs. Crouch made a lead-directing double on the West cards, and Fleisher advanced with 2NT, which was alerted, presumably showing a club fit. Martel moved forward by showing his singleton heart and a series of cue-bids resulted in a jump to slam. There was little to the play: N/S +920 and 11 IMPs to USA.

Perhaps this deal was more difficult than it might appear at first glance. Only 5/16 N/S pairs in Group A reached the slam.

We've already seen one deal on which the level at which the respective South's decided to pre-empt played a key role in the outcome. The same thing happened on our next deal, and this time the more aggressive opening produced a chance for the English pair to gain a swing...



Brad MOSS

Andrew McINTOSH

Joe GRUE

Thomas PASKE

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

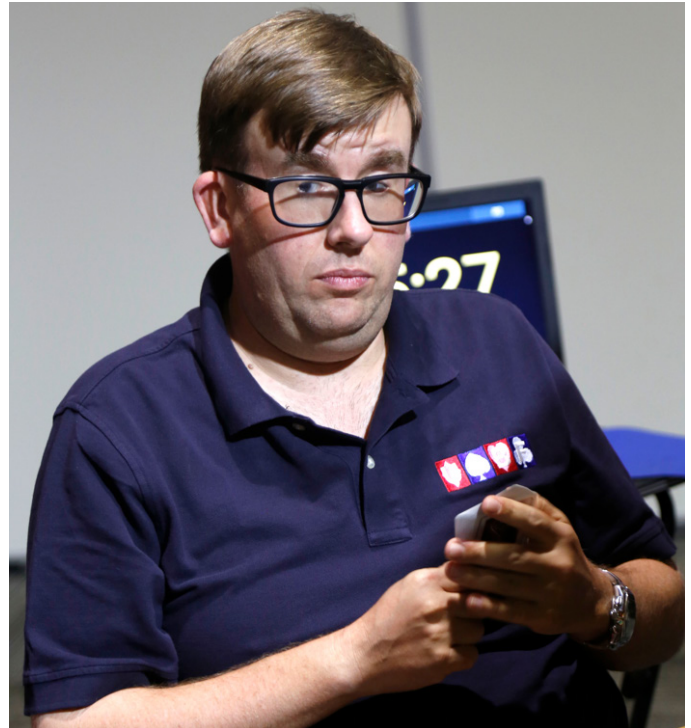
♠ A 5 3 2 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ A Q ♣ J 7 3 2	♠ 10 6 4 ♥ 9 7 ♦ K J 8 5 ♣ K Q 10 8	♠ K Q J 9 8 7 ♥ 5 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ A 6 4	♠ — ♥ A J 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ 9 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	McIntosh	Grue	Paske
—	—	—	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Tom Paske's 4♥ opening persuaded the American pair to climb to the five-level. Could Paske find the killing minor-suit lead?



Joe GRUE, USA

No. When he laid down the ♥A at trick one, declarer had discards for both of his club losers. Although the diamond finesse failed, Grue was still able to make his contract. E/W +650.



Brad MOSS, USA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	Fleisher	Cope	Martel
—	—	—	3♥
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Crouch came in with a 3NT overcall of Martel's three-level pre-empt. Cope's 4♣ was a puppet to 4♦ showing a hand that wanted to sign off at the four-level, so the English pair were never in danger of getting overboard. The ♥A was also led here, so that was E/W +650 and a flat board, but a chance missed for the English.

Things went from bad to worse for the English: failing in a 4♥ contract that could have been made, and was made doubled at the other table, cost another 13 IMPs. An 1100 penalty at the three-level on a deal where their opponents could make only game meant another 10 IMPs to the Americans.

The final score in this debacle was 74-10. The 20-0 victory gave the Americans 36.42/40 from their first two matches, and carried them to the top of Group A. The only good news for the English, who find themselves bottom of the 17-team field, is that there are still a lot of matches left in the qualifying stage.

RESULTS

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 1

1	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	37	19	14.60	5.40
2	IRELAND	PAKISTAN	51	18	17.17	2.83
3	ARGENTINA	CHINESE TAIPEI	39	32	12.03	7.97
4	GUADELOUPE	U.S.A.	12	40	3.58	16.42
5	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	46	5	18.21	1.79
6	NEW ZEALAND	ROMANIA	11	58	1.13	18.87
7	ISRAEL	HONG KONG, CHINA	35	25	12.80	7.20
8	SPAIN	CHILE	42	40	10.61	9.39
9	SOUTH AFRICA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 2

1	ENGLAND	U.S.A.	10	74	0.00	20.00
2	ARGENTINA	NETHERLANDS	22	46	4.26	15.74
3	CHINESE TAIPEI	SPAIN	29	58	3.42	16.58
4	HONG KONG, CHINA	ROMANIA	41	44	9.09	10.91
5	ISRAEL	GUADELOUPE	62	46	14.18	5.82
6	PAKISTAN	CHILE	54	68	6.25	13.75
7	SOUTH AFRICA	SWEDEN	23	64	1.79	18.21
8	NEW ZEALAND	IRELAND	45	47	9.39	10.61
9	GERMANY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 3

1	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	23	44	4.81	15.19
2	SOUTH AFRICA	CHILE	52	21	16.88	3.12
3	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND	22	38	5.82	14.18
4	SPAIN	ENGLAND	34	33	10.31	9.69
5	ROMANIA	PAKISTAN	46	16	16.73	3.27
6	HONG KONG, CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI	3	55	0.66	19.34
7	GUADELOUPE	ARGENTINA	3	67	0.00	20.00
8	IRELAND	ISRAEL	0	43	1.56	18.44
9	U.S.A.	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R3

1	U.S.A.	48.42
2	SWEDEN	48.00
3	ROMANIA	46.51
4	ISRAEL	45.42
5	NETHERLANDS	38.76
6	SPAIN	37.50
7	ARGENTINA	36.29
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	30.73
9	SOUTH AFRICA	30.67
10	IRELAND	29.34
11	CHILE	26.26
12	NEW ZEALAND	24.70
13	GERMANY	19.61
14	HK, CHINA	16.95
15	ENGLAND	15.09
16	PAKISTAN	12.35
17	GUADELOUPE	9.40

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 1

11	FRANCE	TURKIYE	57	21	17.59	2.41
12	AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY	16	55	2.03	17.97
13	NORWAY	CHINA	19	30	6.96	13.04
14	POLAND	KOREA	53	17	17.59	2.41
15	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	19	51	2.97	17.03
16	ITALY	FINLAND	40	46	8.24	11.76
17	DENMARK	KUWAIT	69	35	17.31	2.69
18	CANADA	INDIA	35	12	15.56	4.44
19	BRAZIL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 2

11	CHINA	SWITZERLAND	10	40	3.27	16.73
12	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	35	37	9.39	10.61
13	KUWAIT	INDIA	26	104	0.00	20.00
14	TURKIYE	HUNGARY	77	14	20.00	0.00
15	KOREA	CANADA	49	49	10.00	10.00
16	BRAZIL	NORWAY	70	26	18.55	1.45
17	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	28	26	10.61	9.39
18	POLAND	ITALY	13	45	2.97	17.03
19	FINLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 3

11	ITALY	NORWAY	34	22	13.28	6.72
12	HUNGARY	KUWAIT	71	11	20.00	0.00
13	BRAZIL	INDIA	67	12	19.61	0.39
14	TURKIYE	KOREA	25	16	12.55	7.45
15	DENMARK	FRANCE	13	50	2.28	17.72
16	FINLAND	AUSTRALIA	34	28	11.76	8.24
17	AUSTRIA	POLAND	8	36	3.58	16.42
18	CANADA	CHINA	27	37	7.20	12.80
19	SWITZERLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R3

1	BRAZIL	50.16
2	FRANCE	45.85
3	SWITZERLAND	45.76
4	ITALY	38.55
5	HUNGARY	37.97
6	POLAND	36.98
7	FINLAND	35.52
8	TURKIYE	34.96
9	CANADA	32.76
10	CHINA	29.11
11	DENMARK	27.83
12	INDIA	24.83
13	AUSTRALIA	20.88
14	KOREA	19.86
15	AUSTRIA	17.16
16	NORWAY	15.13
17	KUWAIT	2.69

WOMEN

ROUND 1

21	FRANCE	NORWAY	22	20	10.71	9.29
22	ENGLAND	JAPAN	10	10	10.00	10.00
23	IRELAND	POLAND	17	49	2.29	17.71
24	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	18	17	10.36	9.64
25	GERMANY	U.S.A.	22	18	11.38	8.62
26	CHINA	CANADA	31	18	13.97	6.03
27	HONG KONG, CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	12	17	8.30	11.70
28	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	27	18	12.90	7.10
29	AUSTRALIA	TURKIYE	50	12	18.54	1.46
30	ITALY	CHILE	44	6	18.54	1.46
31	BRAZIL	INDIA	51	0	19.92	0.08
32	SWEDEN	SOUTH AFRICA	43	18	16.55	3.45

ROUND 2

21	U.S.A.	POLAND	12	24	6.29	13.71
22	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	28	13	14.46	5.54
23	SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY	7	49	0.98	19.02
24	CANADA	MEXICO	25	18	12.31	7.69
25	CHILE	FRANCE	12	39	3.09	16.91
26	BRAZIL	SPAIN	40	4	18.28	1.72
27	JAPAN	ARGENTINA	19	26	7.69	12.31
28	AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	22	13	12.90	7.10
29	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND	17	23	7.99	12.01
30	INDIA	SWEDEN	4	40	1.72	18.28
31	HONG KONG, CHINA	TURKIYE	8	9	9.64	10.36
32	ITALY	IRELAND	37	27	13.18	6.82

ROUND 3

21	U.S.A.	INDIA	23	50	3.09	16.91
22	TURKIYE	ITALY	50	54	8.62	11.38
23	IRELAND	FRANCE	23	28	8.30	11.70
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25	JAPAN	NETHERLANDS	15	64	0.26	19.74
26	ARGENTINA	NORWAY	54	18	18.28	1.72
27	BRAZIL	ENGLAND	26	35	7.10	12.90
28	CHINA	CHILE	48	35	13.97	6.03
29	HONG KONG, CHINA	GERMANY	6	41	1.86	18.14
30	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	11	34	3.82	16.18
31	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	30	42	6.29	13.71
32	SWEDEN	CANADA	63	3	20.00	0.00

ROUND 4

21	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	18	23	8.30	11.70
22	JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	22	7	14.46	5.54
23	ARGENTINA	CHILE	31	25	12.01	7.99
24	MEXICO	ITALY	11	48	1.59	18.41
25	TURKIYE	GERMANY	8	20	6.29	13.71
26	IRELAND	INDIA	18	31	6.03	13.97
27	SPAIN	FRANCE	10	58	0.36	19.64
28	BRAZIL	CHINA	4	52	0.36	19.64
29	NORWAY	ENGLAND	22	14	12.61	7.39
30	SWEDEN	U.S.A.	50	11	18.66	1.34
31	HONG KONG, CHINA	SOUTH AFRICA	25	30	8.30	11.70
32	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	23	41	4.85	15.15

RANKING AFTER R4

1	SWEDEN	73.49
2	ITALY	61.51
3	POLAND	59.30
4	FRANCE	58.96
5	GERMANY	57.69
6	CHINA	55.57
7	AUSTRALIA	50.41
8	ARGENTINA	49.70
9	BRAZIL	45.66
10	NETHERLANDS	43.94
11	NORWAY	42.64
12	ENGLAND	37.39
13	NEW ZEALAND	35.54
14	MEXICO	34.49
15	INDIA	32.68
16	JAPAN	32.41
17	SOUTH AFRICA	29.84
18	HK, CHINA	28.10
19	TURKIYE	26.73
20	IRELAND	23.44
21	CANADA	23.19
22	SPAIN	19.41
23	U.S.A.	19.34
24	CHILE	18.57

SENIOR

ROUND 1

41	FRANCE	U.S.A.	5	33	2.92	17.08
42	INDIA	TURKIYE	50	34	14.70	5.30
43	ITALY	SCOTLAND	20	33	6.03	13.97
44	DENMARK	CANADA	17	36	4.63	15.37
45	NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	28	24	10.88	7.62
46	HONG KONG, CHINA	GERMANY	1	58	0.00	20.00
47	BRAZIL	JAPAN	9	24	5.54	14.46
48	ISRAEL	CHILE	25	8	14.93	5.07
49	AUSTRALIA	SWITZERLAND	33	21	13.71	6.29
50	COLOMBIA	ARGENTINA	30	18	13.71	6.29
51	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	4	36	2.29	17.71
52	SWEDEN	MOROCCO	25	30	8.30	11.70

ROUND 2

41	U.S.A.	POLAND	16	20	8.12	10.88
42	TURKIYE	COLOMBIA	55	1	20.00	0.00
43	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	10	13	5.95	11.05
44	FRANCE	ITALY	28	0	17.08	2.92
45	CANADA	ARGENTINA	28	38	6.82	13.18
46	CHILE	ENGLAND	13	25	6.29	13.71
47	JAPAN	SWEDEN	13	57	0.76	19.24
48	HONG KONG, CHINA	SWITZERLAND	32	20	13.71	6.29
49	BRAZIL	SCOTLAND	16	12	11.38	8.62
50	MOROCCO	NETHERLANDS	13	31	4.85	15.15
51	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	5	34	2.76	17.24
52	INDIA	GERMANY	51	5	19.44	0.56

ROUND 3

41	GERMANY	MOROCCO	54	11	19.13	0.87
42	CANADA	ITALY	48	44	11.38	8.62
43	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND	35	27	12.61	7.39
44	COLOMBIA	SCOTLAND	27	43	5.30	14.70
45	U.S.A.	JAPAN	63	10	20.00	0.00
46	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	30	36	7.99	12.01
47	HONG KONG CHINA	FRANCE	24	36	6.29	13.71
48	BRAZIL	DENMARK	41	7	18.00	2.00
49	INDIA	CHILE	83	0	20.00	0.00
50	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	22	40	4.85	15.15
51	ARGENTINA	NETHERLANDS	31	29	10.71	9.29
52	SWEDEN	TURKIYE	18	44	3.27	16.73

ROUND 4

41	HONG KONG, CHINA	MOROCCO	40	13	16.91	3.09
42	COLOMBIA	ISRAEL	29	46	5.07	14.93
43	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	22	25	8.95	11.05
44	BRAZIL	INDIA	54	28	16.73	3.27
45	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	3	25	4.01	15.99
46	CANADA	GERMANY	28	41	6.03	13.97
47	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE	9	33	3.63	16.37
48	NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN	37	12	16.55	3.45
49	ITALY	POLAND	52	20	17.71	2.29
50	TURKIYE	AUSTRALIA	13	29	5.30	14.70
51	SWEDEN	U.S.A.	26	13	13.97	6.03
52	ARGENTINA	CHILE	44	12	17.71	2.29

RANKING AFTER R4

1	INDIA	57.41
2	GERMANY	53.66
3	BRAZIL	51.65
4	U.S.A.	51.23
5	NEW ZEALAND	51.09
6	FRANCE	49.48
7	ARGENTINA	47.89
8	ISRAEL	47.82
9	TURKIYE	47.33
10	SCOTLAND	46.24
11	NETHERLANDS	46.16
12	SWEDEN	44.78
13	DENMARK	39.86
14	CANADA	39.60
15	HK, CHINA	36.91
16	AUSTRALIA	36.02
17	POLAND	35.94
18	ITALY	34.88
19	ENGLAND	34.44
20	SWITZERLAND	24.20
21	COLOMBIA	24.08
22	MOROCCO	20.51
23	JAPAN	18.67
24	CHILE	13.65

MIXED

ROUND 1

61	POLAND	JAPAN	10	12	9.23	10.77
62	ITALY	HONG KONG, CHINA	3	22	4.25	15.75
63	SOUTH AFRICA	CHINA	2	53	0.00	20.00
64	ARGENTINA	IRELAND	17	9	12.83	7.17
65	CROATIA	CHILE	16	21	8.15	11.85
66	GERMANY	INDIA	20	5	14.80	5.20
67	AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY	5	14	6.86	13.14
68	NORWAY	SWEDEN	42	12	17.84	2.16
69	NEW ZEALAND	CANADA	14	14	10.00	10.00
70	DENMARK	FRANCE	17	1	15.05	4.95
71	ENGLAND	COLOMBIA	23	12	13.72	6.28
72	SWITZERLAND	TURKIYE	22	13	13.14	6.86
73	ISRAEL	SPAIN	34	19	14.80	5.20
74	MOROCCO	U.S.A.	5	33	2.49	17.51
75	BRAZIL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 2

61	TURKIYE	NEW ZEALAND	3	33	2.16	17.84
62	ITALY	SPAIN	12	23	6.28	13.72
63	IRELAND	U.S.A.	39	19	15.97	4.03
64	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	2	23	3.82	16.18
65	HUNGARY	INDIA	4	49	-0.26	19.26
66	DENMARK	CHILE	35	11	16.78	3.22
67	CROATIA	ENGLAND	25	24	10.39	9.61
68	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	54	8	19.86	0.14
69	CANADA	MOROCCO	17	15	10.77	9.23
70	FRANCE	COLOMBIA	26	30	8.50	11.50
71	SOUTH AFRICA	POLAND	2	48	0.14	19.86
72	JAPAN	GERMANY	5	50	-0.26	19.26
73	ISRAEL	CHINA	13	3	13.43	6.57
74	NORWAY	HONG KONG, CHINA	34	14	15.97	2.53
75	ARGENTINA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 3

61	ITALY	CHINA	8	6	10.77	9.23
62	ISRAEL	POLAND	41	0	19.33	0.67
63	GERMANY	COLOMBIA	34	26	12.83	7.17
64	HUNGARY	NORWAY	8	22	5.46	14.54
65	JAPAN	ARGENTINA	37	23	14.54	5.46
66	MOROCCO	TURKIYE	36	61	3.03	16.97
67	HONG KONG, CHINA	FRANCE	27	14	14.28	5.72
68	SPAIN	SWEDEN	15	0	14.80	5.20
69	ENGLAND	CHILE	26	29	8.86	11.14
70	NEW ZEALAND	SWITZERLAND	32	10	16.39	3.61
71	SOUTH AFRICA	INDIA	27	30	8.86	11.14
72	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	27	24	11.14	8.86
73	CROATIA	BRAZIL	45	9	18.71	1.29
74	CANADA	IRELAND	29	20	13.14	6.86
75	U.S.A.	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 4

61 GERMANY	ITALY	15	21	7.82	12.18
62 HONG KONG, CHINA	U.S.A.	32	19	14.28	5.72
63 AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	10	14	8.50	11.50
64 FRANCE	CHILE	27	23	11.50	8.50
65 POLAND	SPAIN	31	19	14.00	6.00
66 SWEDEN	NEW ZEALAND	26	11	14.80	5.20
67 CHINA	ENGLAND	17	16	10.39	9.61
68 JAPAN	CROATIA	7	35	2.49	17.51
69 DENMARK	BRAZIL	9	22	5.72	14.28
70 SOUTH AFRICA	NORWAY	29	22	12.51	7.49
71 SWITZERLAND	MOROCCO	41	15	17.16	2.84
72 ISRAEL	INDIA	20	34	5.46	14.54
73 IRELAND	TURKIYE	12	25	5.72	14.28
74 HUNGARY	COLOMBIA	28	30	9.23	10.77
75 CANADA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 5

61 FRANCE	NORWAY	19	21	9.23	10.77
62 POLAND	CROATIA	16	20	8.50	11.50
63 ITALY	AUSTRALIA	12	24	6.00	14.00
64 SOUTH AFRICA	JAPAN	13	34	3.82	16.18
65 GERMANY	HONG KONG CHINA	22	7	14.80	5.20
66 SWEDEN	DENMARK	18	18	10.00	10.00
67 NEW ZEALAND	CHILE	17	11	12.18	7.82
68 SWITZERLAND	U.S.A.	19	19	10.00	10.00
69 INDIA	IRELAND	26	16	13.43	6.57
70 SPAIN	CANADA	26	20	12.18	7.82
71 MOROCCO	COLOMBIA	15	21	7.82	12.18
72 HUNGARY	ISRAEL	15	18	8.86	11.14
73 TURKIYE	ENGLAND	8	29	3.82	16.18
74 ARGENTINA	BRAZIL	30	0	17.84	2.16
75 CHINA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R5

1 GERMANY	69.51
2 NORWAY	66.61
3 CROATIA	66.26
4 ISRAEL	64.16
5 INDIA	63.57
6 NEW ZEALAND	61.61
7 AUSTRALIA	60.36
8 SWITZERLAND	60.09
9 ARGENTINA	59.63
10 CHINA	58.19
11 ENGLAND	57.98
12 DENMARK	56.41
13 CANADA	53.73
14 POLAND	52.26
15 SPAIN	51.90
16 HK, CHINA	49.72
17 U.S.A.	49.26
18 COLOMBIA	47.90
19 IRELAND	46.96
20 JAPAN	43.72
21 CHILE	42.53
22 ITALY	41.80
23 FRANCE	39.90
24 TURKIYE	39.42
25 HUNGARY	36.43
26 SWEDEN	35.98
27 BRAZIL	29.87
28 MOROCCO	25.41
29 SOUTH AFRICA	25.33

