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We take no pleasure in announcing that two more teams have been expelled from the remainder of their respective events following mobile phone violations that go beyond the imposition of a Victory Point penalty. The provisions in the Conditions of Contest are very clear and leave us no leeway regarding these decisions.

We strongly suggest that you **DO NOT TAKE ANY MOBILE DEVICE INTO THE PLAYING AREAS**. If you elect to do so, **YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SWITCHED OFF**. Do not simply leave them in silent or flight mode. Additionally **YOUR DEVICE MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE**.

We do not want to be put in a position where we must expel anyone else. The expulsions have been made with a heavy heart, but we have no latitude in the matter.



The World Bridge Federation Championship Committee

NO ROOM TO MANOEUVRE

With two thirds of the qualifying contest completed the sands of time are running out for the teams hovering around the cut off point. They have two days to keep their hopes alive.

In Open Group A **USA** has taken over at the top, ahead of **Israel** and **Sweden**. In Group **Italy** is the new leader with **Switzerland** and **China** close behind.

In the Mixed **Germany** still lead, but **USA** and **Croatia** have edged a little closer. The Women's Championship is now topped **Poland** followed by **Italy** and **Sweden**. In the Seniors its as you were, with **USA** ahead of **Sweden** and **France**.

WBF CONGRESS 2024

The ordinary Congress of the World Bridge Federation will take place today at 09.30 in the Auditorium. Key elements will be the reports of the President and Treasurer, the appointment of a Scrutinising Committee and the setting of Annual Membership Dues.

FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee, in response to popular demand, has revised the formula of the Round of 16 in the knockout phase of the Championships. It will now consist of four sessions of 15 boards.

SCHEDULE TODAY

Happy Birthday to **Alejandro BIANCHEDI** (Argentina Open),
James MCAVOY (Canada Senior) and **Krzysztof MOSZCZYNSKI** (Poland Senior)



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15: R13 (16 boards)

13.15 - 15.30: R14 (16 boards)

16.00 - 18.15: R15 (16 boards)

Women Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R17 (12 boards)

12.15 - 14.00: R18 (12 boards)

15.00 - 16.45: R19 (12 boards)

17.15 - 19.00: R20 (12 boards)

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.45: R17 (12 boards)

12.15 - 14.00: R18 (12 boards)

15.00 - 16.45: R19 (12 boards)

17.15 - 19.00: R20 (12 boards)

Mixed Teams

10.00 - 11.25: R21 (10 boards)

11.55 - 13.20: R22 (10 boards)

14.20 - 15.45: R23 (10 boards)

16.15 - 17.40: R24 (10 boards)

18.10 - 19.35: R25 (10 boards)



MATCHES ON BBO

Saturday, 26 October 2024



Open Teams

10.00 - 12.15:	Israel	-	Romania
	China	-	Poland
	Denmark	-	Italy
13.15 - 15.30:	USA	-	Netherlands
	Switzerland	-	Italy
	Argentina	-	Sweden
16.00 - 18.15:	USA	-	Israel
	Switzerland	-	France
	China	-	Denmark

Women Teams

12.15 - 14.00:	Italy	-	Sweden
17.15 - 19.00:	Poland	-	China

Senior Teams

10.00 - 11.25:	USA	-	Brazil
15.00 - 16.45:	France	-	Brazil

The VuGraph theatre is located in the Auditorium at the foot of the stairs.

EDITOR'S LOG

Star Date 25/10/2024

Ben Thompson spotted an article featuring bridge in The Guardian newspaper:

www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2024/oct/25/my-husband-is-seriously-competitive-in-our-weekly-bridge-matches-am-i-abnormal-not-to-care-if-i-win-or-lose

Browsing the Internet Herman spotted this amuse bouche:

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed.

For once we are lost for words.

Going out for dinner, Germany's Christian Froehner discovered his wallet (which also contained his hotel room card) was missing. You can imagine his delight when he returned to his hotel and discovered that their taxi driver had delivered his wallet and all the contents to the reception desk.

DRAW TODAY

OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

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

ROUND 15

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

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

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

ROUND 15

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

WOMEN

ROUND 17

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

ROUND 18

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

ROUND 19

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

ROUND 20

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

SENIORS

ROUND 17

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

ROUND 18

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

ROUND 19

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

ROUND 20

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

MIXED

ROUND 21

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

ROUND 22

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

ROUND 23

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

ROUND 24

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

ROUND 25


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

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Mark Horton

The last deal of the day on Thursday was a corker:


Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Morawska</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

South led the ♠6 and appreciating that it was virtually impossible that South held the ♠K declarer took dummy's ♠A and started playing clubs. After following twice, South discarded the ♦2, the ♠2 and the ♠3, while North pitched the ♥4, the ♦4 and the ♠10. These cards remained:

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

When declarer cashed the ♣8, South discarded the ♠4, dummy the ♥6 and North, fatally, the ♥5. That meant that South now had to look after both red suits.

She could safely discard the ♠9 on the next club, but after declarer had cashed the ♦A, the last club forced her to part with a heart and dummy's ♥AK8 took the last three tricks.

(There is a rumour that this play record is wrong, North holding on to her hearts. When South fatally parted with the ♠9 North was squeezed and the ♠8 scored a trick.)

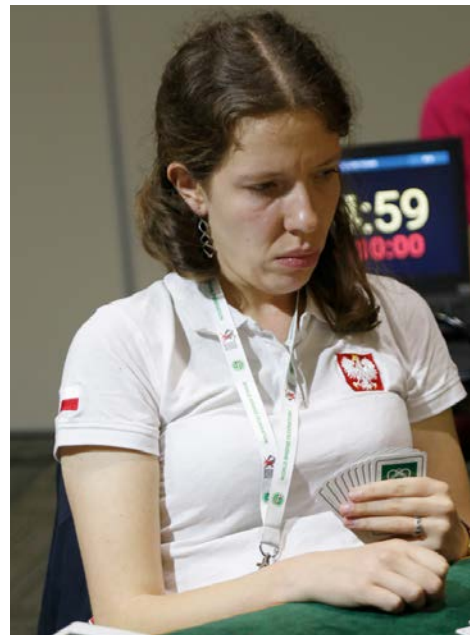
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C Baldysz</i>	<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>S Baldysz</i>	<i>Övelius</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	7NT	All Pass

North led the ♣7 so declarer had no inference about the location of the ♠K. She won in dummy and cashed all her clubs before playing a spade to the queen, losing 17 IMPs.

If the defenders discard correctly, you cannot make 7NT, but if you switch the ♠9 and ♠8 (or give North the ♠9) then there is no defence to the double squeeze – unless the opening lead is a heart, destroying declarer's communications.

Six pairs bid 7♣, which in theory cannot be made. It failed on four occasions, but both declarers in the match between USA and China emerged with 13 tricks.



Sophia BALDYSZ., Poland

TECHNIQUE

Mark Horton

This innocuous looking deal appeared in Round 14 of the Women and Senior series:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ 7 6 2 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ K 9 4 2 ♣ A 8 4</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 8 4 3 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ J 10 8 3 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q J 9 7</p>	<p>♠ A 5 ♥ A 5 ♦ Q 6 5 3 ♣ K 6 5 3 2</p>
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It appears to be a regulation 4♠ for NS.

However, at one table in the match between Poland and Canada in the Seniors the contract was 6♠ by North, East leading the ♥J.

I don't know how declarer played, but the result was one down, so it is reasonable to suppose that declarer relied on the ♣A being onside.

Given that the ♣A is missing, to have any chance you must assume that the ♦K is onside. As it is not unknown for a defender to lead an ace against a slam you might then spot that you have an alternative to playing East for the ♣A. You win the heart lead in dummy, take two more rounds of the suit ruffing, cash the ♠A and play a diamond to the jack. When it holds you run your trumps to reach this position:

<p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ K 9 ♣ A 8</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ — ♦ A 8 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 9</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q 6 ♣ K 6</p>
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When declarer cashes the ♠4 discarding dummy's ♣6 West is caught in a strip squeeze being forced to pitch the ♣8. Now declarer exits with club and West must lead into the split diamond tenace.

Against 4♠ the lead was usually a spade or the ♥J. I thought there was a good chance that several declarers would record 12 tricks, but only Scotland managed it the Seniors when West was on lead and selected the ♦2. Three declarers took 12 tricks in the Women's championship. Once when West led a diamond and once when West led the ♣A. Time to applaud Argentina's Irene Elkin, who took 12 tricks when West led the ♠2, executing the strip squeeze to perfection.

Photo: Irene Elkin, ARGENTINA



Seniors Round 13

 **FRANCE v POLAND** 

Brian Senior

We are past halfway in the round robin stage of this championship and the fight for a place in the knockouts is really hotting up. Going into their Round 13 meeting, France lay third while Poland was roughly half a match behind them in sixth place. Both teams, therefore, were very much involved in the qualification struggle and this could prove to be a big match in that process.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 6 4 2
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ 9
♣ 7 6

♠ Q J 5
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ A K 5 4



♠ K 3
♥ A J 10 5 2
♦ K J 7 5 2
♣ 3

♠ A 9 8 7
♥ —
♦ 10 6 4
♣ Q J 10 9 8 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Pilon</i>	<i>Blat</i>	<i>Chottin</i>	<i>Bizon</i>
—	Pass	1♥	3♣
3NT	All Pass		

One could imagine E/W bidding to a no-play slam on this deal, or N/S getting involved in the auction and going for a penalty. Neither of these things came to pass in our match, where Michal Kwiecien/Wlodzimirz Starkowski, for Poland, were allowed a free run when Marc Bompis did not open the North hand with a weak two bid, and which ended with Starkowski at the helm in 3NT.

Marek Blat also passed as dealer, but Piotr Bizon did come in with the South cards. Three Clubs could have been taken for a substantial penalty, but Dominique Pilon settled for 3NT as West, normally enough, and played there, the diamond fit being shut out altogether by the weak jump overcall.

Blat led his partner's suit and Pilon won and played on spades for a solid 10 tricks and +630. Bompis, facing a silent partner, led a spade, which Starkowski won in hand with the jack to lead a heart to the jack. A diamond to hand was followed by a second heart to the queen and ace. Pilon's second heart winner meant that he came to 11 tricks for +660, so France was on the board with a single IMP.

Elsewhere, four E/W pairs did bid to the hopeless slam. Four Norths who opened a weak 2♥ as dealer went for -800 when West doubled and East left it in, and 3♣ doubled was played twice, once for -800, once -1100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Kwecien</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		




Dominique PILON

Marek BLAT

Piotr BIZON

Philippe CHOTTIN

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♦*	Pass	2♥	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Pilon</i>	<i>Blat</i>	<i>Chottin</i>	<i>Bizon</i>
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♦*	Pass	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

Both Easts responded with a 1♦ transfer to hearts and East showed a minimum opening with heart support. Bizon now blasted 4♠ with the South cards while Abecassis contented himself with a strongly invitational jump to 3♠ and was left to play there. At both tables, West led the queen of hearts to East's ace, and East continued with a second heart to declarer's king.


Both declarers played the king of clubs at trick three and both Starkowski and Pilon ducked the ace. With no entry to dummy, declarer could not take the spade finesse, so continued with ace and another spade and eventually had to concede a diamond so was held to nine tricks. That meant +140 to Abecassis, but -50 to Bizon, where Pilon's duck really mattered.

Well defended by both Wests, but 5 IMPs to France.

Lest the duck of the ace of clubs looks an easy play to find, 4♠ was played six times and made five of those times, four times after a heart lead, once on a diamond lead – I don't know how it made after a diamond lead, but presumably not only was the club not ducked, but also a defender led a heart later in the play to allow the king to score.

Board 15 was flat in 3NT, just making, for N/S, and Board 16 was flat in 3♦+1 by N/S. Board 17 was again flat, this time in 3♠ by N/S, just making, as the quiet run of boards continued.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Abecassis</i>
—	—	1♦	Dble
2♣	2♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	4♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Pilon</i>	<i>Blat</i>	<i>Chottin</i>	<i>Bizon</i>
—	—	1♦	Dble
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Kwiecien supported his partner's clubs, then took the push to the four level, ending the auction. Bompis led the three of hearts to the ten, ducked by Abecassis. Starkowski played the king of diamonds, won on his left with the ace, and Bompis returned the king then nine of spades. Starkowski ruffed in the dummy and took a heart discard on the queen of diamonds. He ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, then led the queen of clubs, covered by the king and won with the ace. There was a spade to be lost but that was all; 11 tricks for +150.

Philippe Chottin did not support the clubs and now his opponents bid to the thin heart game. A diamond lead was ducked to the queen and Chottin switched to a low club for the king and ace. Pilon cashed the jack of clubs then switched to the six of spades which Bizon won with the queen. Bizon led a low heart towards the queen but ducked in dummy on seeing Pilon play low. That lost to the ♥10 and now Chottin gave his partner a diamond ruff. There was still a heart to be lost so the contract was down three for -300 and 4 IMPs to France.

Board 19 saw the South players in an eminently makeable 3♠, but Bizon found a losing line to go one down, so 5 IMPs to France.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 4 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ K J 10
♣ A 6

♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 7 6 3
♣ J 5 4 2



♠ Q J 8 6
♥ K J 5 3
♦ 2
♣ K Q 10 9

♠ 10 9
♥ A 4
♦ A Q 9 8 5 4
♣ 8 7 3

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Bompis	Kwiecien	Abecassis
Pass	1♦	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	1♥	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Pilon	Blat	Chottin	Bizon
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Both N/Ss did well to reach the perfect nine-top trick 3NT for a flat board at +600.

Bizon's 2♠ apparently showed an invitational hand with a six-card or longer minor. Presumably 3♣ showed diamonds and Blat signed off, but Bizon then bid game anyway.

Abecassis's strength-showing redouble followed by a jump to 3♦ looks forcing and it duly got 3NT out of Bompis.

Altogether, 10 pairs out of 22 managed to get to 3NT.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 4 2
♥ Q 10 6 5 3
♦ 10 9
♣ J 5 4 3

♠ J 10 6 5
♥ A 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 9 8 7 6 2



♠ K Q 9
♥ K 9
♦ 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A K Q

♠ A 8 7 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A K J 8
♣ 10

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Bompis	Kwiecien	Abecassis
—	Pass	1NT	2♣*
2NT	3♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Pilon	Blat	Chottin	Bizon
—	Pass	1NT	All Pass


Chottin opened 1NT and was left to play there. Bizon led a top diamond to have a look, then switched to a heart. Chottin won in hand and played on spades, coming to an overtrick for +120.



Kwiecien also opened 1NT but here Abecassis overcalled 2♣, both majors, and a competitive auction ended with Bompis going on to 4♥ to take out insurance in case either 4♥ or the opposing 3NT might be making. Kwiecien doubled, and that was that. Kwiecien cashed the ace of clubs then switched to the queen of spades. Bompis won the ace and played three rounds of diamonds, overruffing Starkowski's ♥2, ruffed a club, and played the jack of diamonds. Starkowski ruffed that with the ace, so Bompis pitched his remaining spade, ruffed the spade return, and had 10 tricks for +790 and 14 IMPs to France.

East was left to play in 1NT at all but four tables. Once, E/W played 3NT-1, once North played 3♥+1. We have seen 4♥ doubled just making, and the final result was 2♥ doubled plus two for N/S +1070.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Bompis	Kwiecien	Abecassis
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Pilon	Blat	Chottin	Bizon
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Different opposing bids saw both Norths show their major two-suiter and both Souths jump to 3♥ (pre-emptive?) and play there.

Starkowski led the king of clubs, overtaken by Kwiecien to switch to the ten of diamonds to the jack and king. Starkowski played to cash the queen of clubs but Abecassis ruffed in dummy and crossed to the ace of diamonds to lead a heart up. When Starkowski played low, Abecassis called for dummy's

king, and continued with a second heart when that scored, bringing down the queen and ace together. He just had to lose one spade from here; +140.

Pilon also led the king of clubs and Chottin too overtook to switch to the ten of diamonds. Bizon won the ace and played a heart, but Pilon rose with the ace and played king then eight of diamonds, and Chottin ruffed with the queen. The eventual spade loser was the setting trick so down one for -50 and another 5 IMPs to France – well defended by Pilon.

And well bid by the two N/S pairs. E/W are cold for 3NT on their combined 26 HCP if it is played by West, which looks to be the natural hand to become declarer. And indeed, in other matches nine E/W pairs bid and made the NT game.

Board 23 was a comfortable 3NT for E/W, with both declarers coming to 11 tricks for +660 and no swing. And finally, on Board 24 both Souths became declarer in 2♠, with France gaining an overtrick IMP, +170 against +140.

After a slow start, the match had gone very much the way of the French, who ran out winners by 34-1 IMPs, which converted to 17.86-2.14 VPs.



Michal KWIECIEN, Poland

OLA GROSVENOR

Simon Stocken

In Round 6 of the Open series Chile faced Sweden.

♠ K 9 7 4
♥ K 4
♦ A J 9 8 3
♣ 9 6

Sitting West your partner opens the bidding in second seat, green against red with 1♣, and you respond 1♠ after South passes. North as a passed hand and vulnerable then chirps in with 2NT unusual, which partner passes while South jumps to 4♥. You elect not to double, and everyone passes.


What are you going to lead?

The full auction has been:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ola Rimstedt</i>	<i>Robles</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	2NT*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Ola Rimstedt respecting his opponent's vulnerable bid chose a cunning ♥4 in an attempt to persuade declarer to rise with North's presumed ♥A and drop his partner's non-existent ♥K. His heart must have sunk when dummy hit...

Board 5 Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

The Chilean declarer, Jack Smith, having won with the ♥Q started with the ♣10 from dummy. Mikael Rimstedt rose with the ♣A and played ♠A and another to Ola's ♠K, who got off lead with a third spade, greatly relieved that he still had the ♦A to come with three tricks already in the bag while utterly confident his ♥K would score provided his partner still had another heart. Declarer did subsequently finesse in trumps to great amusement from one side of the screen (South and West) and much bemusement from the other. Ole Ola!



Ola RIMSTEDT

Jose Manuel ROBLES

Jack SMITH

Mikael RIMSTEDT


A NON-LINEAR PLAY AND DEFENCE

Dr. Prakash Paranjape

In Systems analysis, there is a concept of the order of a system. Consider one's spending patterns relative to the amount of money available. An individual who spends in direct proportion to what they have would be considered a linear spender, or a first-order spender when expressed in a number. Conversely, someone who spends, say on other's perception of the available money, as in someone who is trying to project an image of a well-endowed person by spending lavishly, would be termed a non-linear spender.

In bridge, a player who makes decisions based solely on the visible cards is a linear, or a first-order, player. In contrast, expert players often anticipate how their opponents perceive the distribution and base their strategies on this understanding, making them higher-order or non-linear players. Keep this concept in mind as you read the description of the play in the following deal that came up in the Round 8 match wherein New Zealand played against Netherlands.

Board 4 Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Meier</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			


1♥ Spades

East led the ♣Q and Van Prooijen encouraged with ♣2. Tislevoll ducked two clubs, won the third, and played a small diamond to dummy's king. He next played the ♥10. When West played the ♥4 in tempo, Tislevoll went up with the king. While watching the VuGraph and commenting, I assumed that Tislevoll

had decided to play East for the ♥J. That was not quite the case. He was merely keeping his options open and all the players at the table had figured out that it was so.

Bob Drijver won with the ♥A and cashed his fourth club. Declarer discarded a spade from dummy and West stuffed a diamond. What should dummy discard on the fourth club?

In the linear view of things, the best discard is a high diamond, say the ♦A. Spades are frozen, so East cannot play a spade without losing a trick. Suppose East plays a diamond. South wins the ♦Q and plays another diamond to reach dummy with the ♦J. He now plays the fourth diamond in this position:

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



West is squeezed in the majors. If he discards a heart, declarer can discard a spade, play a heart to the ♡Q and claim the rest. If West discarded a spade, declarer would discard a Heart and claim the rest of the tricks. The only problem with this view was the position of the ♡J.

Here is how the play went at the table: On the fourth club, Tislevoll pitched a heart. Bob Drijver could have defeated the contract in this position by playing the ♡J and killing the squeeze, but that would be the only defence only in a Linear world. Not wanting to give away the position of the ♡J, Bob Drijver switched to a neutral diamond.

Tislevoll won the diamond shift in hand with the ◇A and cashed the ◇Q on which Van Prooijen discarded a spade! No doubt that gave Tislevoll the impression that West was holding the heart jack. Tislevoll now cashed the ♠A. That brought the king down so Tislevoll had an extra winner in the dummy in the form of the ♠Q. Tislevoll next played the fourth diamond and cashed the ♠Q. Van Prooijen discarded a heart on each.

Confident in the view that West was holding the ♡J, Tislevoll played a heart from the dummy and finessed. Alas, Bob Drijver came up with that card and cashed the ♠J. Down two was the result. While I was furiously typing to explain the beautiful squeeze position in the Linear world, the Netherlands East/West had plotted to take the contract down two in the Non-Linear world!

In the other room, after similar bidding, opening lead, and continuation, Kiljan ran the ♡10 at trick four losing to the ♡J going down one.

Out of the 32 tables, 31 played in 3NT. Only four declarers fulfilled the contract. Two were South players who got the lead of ♠K from West (no doubt after a dubious overcall from East. Editor) and two were from the North position who also got the lead of the ♣Q. At seven tables, the contract went down two while 20 Declarers went down one.

In this situation, it would be normal for East to duck the first round of hearts holding ♡Ax(x) so there is perhaps an inference that he holds ♡AJ. Editor



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Open Round 9


SWEDEN v ISRAEL

Jos Jacobs

The last round on Thursday produced a curious set of boards. I was watching two good matches on BBO (Norway v. France being the other one) but I soon found out that in one match all sorts of things were happening whereas all remained quiet on the other front. So, I decided to report in full about the many boards of interest in Sweden v Israel but from time to time, I will also write down in brief what happened in my other featured match.

The opening Board, 17, was flat, as was the next deal in our other match. Here is that board.

Board 18. Dealer East N/S Vul.

♠ 7		♠ AKQ82
♥ K86542		♥ 97
♦ 102		♦ K93
♣ 10987		♣ J32
♠ 10		♠ AKQ82
♥ AQ103		♥ 97
♦ QJ84		♦ K93
♣ A654		♣ J32
♠ J96543		
♥ J		
♦ A765		
♣ KQ		


This, too, looks like a flat board in 3NT for E/W but at one table, something peculiar happened. At one of the tables in both our matches, East was declarer and South led a diamond, thus finishing off all problems for declarer. At the other two tables, North was on lead and he, of course, led the ♣10. Dummy played low and Lorenzini, South for France, played the ♣Q. Brogeland ducked this and when Lorenzini continued the ♥J, Brogeland's problems were also over. In the other match, Mikael Rimstedt inserted the ♣K at trick 1.

From here, it was a different story for declarer who, of course, had no idea about what was going on. He played on diamonds but Mikael won the 3rd round of the suit and exited with a low spade, not knowing that he might have scooped up declarer's ten by leading the ♠J. With his communication already in jeopardy, declarer overtook his ♠10 in dummy, cashed another top spade and tried the effect of the ♥9. This was covered all round and when North continued the ♣8, declarer fell for it and inserted dummy's ♣J, hoping to reach dummy that way. When South won the ♣Q,

he could lock declarer in his hand and thus, North got two more tricks in the end: a club and a heart. Nicely done by the Swedish brotherhood. Sweden +50 to add to the +400, 10 IMPs to them.

The next deal was a push in the other match but yet another swing, and an even bigger one, in the Sweden v Israel match.

Board 19. Dealer South E/W Vul.

♠ 109743		♠ —
♥ —		♥ A76
♦ Q109764		♦ AJ85
♣ J9		♣ AK10642
♠ QJ852		♠ —
♥ 8432		♥ A76
♦ 2		♦ AJ85
♣ Q85		♣ AK10642
♠ AK6		
♥ KQJ1095		
♦ K3		
♣ 73		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♥
3♣	3♦	Dble	3♥
4♣	All Pass		

The Israeli E/W pair had done very well by stopping in 4♣. On a trump lead, this was just made because declarer could no longer get rid of all three of his diamond losers. Israel +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	2♣	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ Strong

When South led a top spade rather than the

obligatory trump, Upmark immediately seized his chance: trying to ruff all three diamonds. This worked and when the ♣J came down doubleton, he had 11 tricks. Sweden +750 and another 12 IMPs to them.

Two boards later, it was a matter of taking the better a priori chance.

Board 21. Dealer North N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	1♠	Dble	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

2♦ Multi

Well, in 3♥ the play is sort of trivial. You win the obvious ♣Q lead and play two rounds of spades, overtaking your ♠Q in dummy. With the club loser gone, you will then end up with 9 tricks. Sweden +140.

When Toledano bid one more for the Israeli road, Zamir had a more serious problem.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

You might play for spades 3-3 or the chance that someone has to ruff the 3rd round of spades with his part of a natural trump trick. Lorenzini, playing only 3♥ for France, could thus afford to do so and ended up with +170 and an IMP. Zamir did not and it seems to me that he took the better a priori chance in his 4♥. Two rounds of spades and a trump, hoping to lose not too many diamond tricks. No luck for him, one down and yet another plus score for Sweden,

worth 6 more IMPs to them.

Two boards later, it was a matter of believing your opponents or even yourself.

Board 23. Dealer South All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♦
2NT*	Dble	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2NT Good heart raise



Asaf YEKUTIELI, Israel

In the Norway v. France match, the board had been a push in 4♥ -1 by E/W. As you can easily see, making ten tricks in spades was not a problem at all. Sweden +790.

The auction at the other table was exactly the same, with the same meaning, of course. The only difference occurred in the end when Upmark refrained from doubling the final contract. His lack of action gained his team a loss of -only 620, worth +5 IMPs.

The very next deal was a lesson in fine-tuned defence.

Board 24. Dealer West None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tarnowski	O Rimstedt	Yekutieli	M Rimstedt
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Dble	All Pass		

When West led his partner's suit, the defence should have prevailed. Win the ace, cash just one top club and switch to a diamond. From there, declarer has no chance. West wins the diamond and returns a club. East wins and plays another diamond which declarer once again has to duck. West can exit in clubs once more and East can push his last diamond through. This way, the defenders have their seven tricks available before declarer has got six.

When East cashed two top clubs and shifted to a spade, declarer had time to establish another heart tricks for his contract. Sweden +180.

This was no more than a missed chance for Israel because at the other table West led the ♦Q against the same contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Toledano	Upmark	Zamir
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Dble	All Pass		

Declarer immediately won this and went after the hearts. When East won the ♥A and returned a diamond, declarer had time to establish a second diamond trick for his contract. No swing.

Close readers might well have deduced from my description of the play in this match, that the board was a push in 1NTX-1 in our other match. No swing there either but much more to enjoy!

The next deal was yet another innocent-looking deal.




Fredrik NYSTROM

Oren TOLEDANO

Ami ZAMIR

Johan UPMARK

Board 25. Dealer North E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	O Rimstedt	Yekutieli	M Rimstedt
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	3♠	All Pass	

West led an innocent enough low heart but when declarer won this and continued a diamond, he immediately jumped in with his ace and led the ♣ K. The ensuing club ruff put the contract one down. Israel +50.


In the replay, the Swedes, for once, were less active.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Toledano	Upmark	Zamir
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	All Pass	

When West first had a look by leading the ♠A before switching to a low heart, the situation was less obvious for him when South won and led a diamond up. West won his ace and continued another heart and that was it. Israel +140 and 5 dearly wanted IMPs to them.

Board 27. Dealer South None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	O Rimstedt	Yekutieli	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

In the Israeli auction, there was no room to find out about the 5-3 spade fit. All would have been well in 5♦ too, had the trumps broken 3-2. One down, Sweden a not unfortunate +50.

At the other table, the Swedes showed that the hand was suitable for their version of a Strong Club system.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♦ Negative

Had East been the declarer, we might have had a different story on a diamond lead by South. Underleading the ♣A at trick 3 should be automatic at this level and so it proved in our other match. Both Easts went down there in 4♠.

In this match, however, North was close to finding the right solution when he, too, led a diamond. His choice was the ♦2 rather than the ace so declarer made ten tricks in comfort, after all, losing just two clubs and the ♦A. Sweden another +420 and 10 more IMPs.

On the last deal of my report, you can see once again from which direction the wind was blowing.

Board 29. Dealer North All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♠	All Pass

Dble Heart support

Nothing wrong with the final contract, one might say, but...on a top club lead and two rounds of diamonds, 2♠ will fail on the impending diamond ruff. And so it proved. Sweden +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT is a quite decent contract, even more so once the ♣Q is with West. The only other remaining problem is the 4-1 club break. One down, Sweden another +100 and 5 IMPs to win the match by a convincing 51-16 IMPs or 17.45-2.55 VPs. They would be the overnight leaders!

At the end of this story, I still owe you the final score in the Norway v France match. Believe it or not, this score was 9-2 to France or 12.03 – 7.97 VPs.



Ami ZAMIR, Israel

Open Round 10

TÜRKIYE v SWITZERLAND

David Bird

At the start of play Türkiye were 7th and Switzerland 5th, with eight in each of the Open groups to qualify for the knock-out. I imagine the players will be scrapping for every available IMP. Let's see.

Board 1. Dealer North, None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Kaya	Kalita	Sen
—	1♦	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Erdogan Kaya won the ♣10 lead with dummy's queen and had to decide how to use this entry. A spade to the king was not the right answer, as the cards lay, losing to the ace. A second spade went to West's 10, declarer ruffing the ♠Q continuation with the ♦9. After the ♥AK and a heart ruff, he cashed the ♣A, West throwing a heart, and ran the ♦10. The 4-0 break meant that a trump trick had to be lost. That was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Unal	Drijver	Imamoglu	Brink
—	1♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

As is often the case, particularly at this level of play, the lesser pre-empt made life easier for the opponents. Bas Drijver won the ♣10 lead with the jack and led the ♦Q to West's king. He then had nine tricks for +400 and a swing of 10 IMPs.



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Kaya</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sen</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♣	Dble*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Klukowski opted to rebid his spades, rather than look for a likely heart fit. Kaya led the ♦8 against the spade game, Klukowski rising with dummy's ace. A trump to the queen was followed by the trump king to the ace. The defenders took their two club tricks, and declarer had to lose a second trump trick. That was one down.



Erdogan KAYA, Türkiye

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Unal</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Imamoglu</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♥*	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Would Türkiye fare better in their heart game? The ace and king of clubs were followed by South's ♠A. All would now depend on whether Serkan Unal could pick up the trump suit. What was he to think when South next led the ♣Q, giving a ruff-and-discard? We are not privy to any player brain-scan results at this championship. Unal eventually ruffed with the ♥3 and finessed the ♥J successfully. When trumps broke 3-2. He had his game and 12 IMPs. Well done!

The IMPs continued to fly on the next deal, too.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Kaya</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
All Pass			

You are puzzled by this auction? Join the club! South's 3♣ was flagged as conventional, but North passed. If I have time later, I may pay a (usually fruitless) visit to the site with the bidding systems. (2♥ shows 5-9, 5+♠/4+♥. Editor)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Unal</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Imamoglu</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 2♦ Weak, Spades or Hearts
- 3♥ Transfer



Michal KLUKOWSKI, Switzerland

Am I unaware of some recently passed law that prevents South from bidding spades here? At least, Drijver and Brink knew what they were doing. They picked up +650 and were no doubt surprised to gain 11 IMPs, putting them into a 23-14 lead.

If you thought that wasn't much of a deal to read about, I can assure you that boards 5-8 were no better. Switzerland amassed a football score on them: 2-0. I am often lucky with Board 9. Not today, though. 3NT three down against 3NT two down. You won't thank me for any further details of that.

Board 10 did at least present a bidding problem. At Game All, LHO opens 1♣ and partner bids 2♠. The next player passes. What will you say on:

♠ 10 ♥ AKQ63 ♦ KJ1082 ♣ K5

It looks like a Pass to me, but Kaya kept us waiting. He then bid 4♠. Isn't that rather ambitious with a club opening bid over his ♣Kx? Partner held only

♠A98532 ♥10 ♦Q ♣J8762, so that was two down. North at the other table also headed for game after the same start. It was an undistinguished push board.

Ah, thank goodness! Something more newsworthy is brewing on Board 11. Bridge teachers should look away, to avoid fainting on sight of West's opening bid.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Kaya</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sen</i>
—	—	—	Pass
3♥	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

Believe it or not, that is today's fashion: very weak pre-empts in the first two seats. Klukowski ended in 3♥ redoubled, and a club lead was strongly recommended by GIB, for two down. Kaya started with everyone's ♠K, though, ruffed by Klukowski. After a trump to the ace, and the ♠Q run for a club discard, almost any continuation from North will result in one down... except for his chosen ♦4! Dummy's ♦9 won, and



Serkan UNAL

Bas DRIJVER

Sjoert BRINK

Levent IMAMOGLU

declarer threw another club on the good ♠J.

The ♠8 was ruffed by South, and overruffed by Klukowski. When he played the ♥8 to the queen, North cashed the ♣A and declarer claimed the contract. That was a sensational +760, conjured from thin air.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Unal	Drijver	Imamoglu	Brink
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

My commentary on this table is: '+90'. Unusually, this was worth a 13 IMP swing to Switzerland.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Kaya	Kalita	Sen
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	4♥*	5♣	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Klukowski led the ♣7 to the king and ace. He then won with the ♠A and cashed the ♥A, dropping declarer's king. What should he do next?

The ♣J would pick up 300 for two down. The ♣4 would pick up just 100. Klukowski's chosen ♦3 was a disaster! Tezcan Sen won with the ♦J and claimed three more diamond tricks for the contract. That was a handsome +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Unal	Drijver	Imamoglu	Brink
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	4♥	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

The play record at the other table is lost, but the contract went the expected two down for a loss of 300. This was a welcome late 8 IMPs to Türkiye, where 12 IMPs the other way had been a possibility.

It had been an entertaining match to watch. There were several highlights, and it was my pleasure to share them with you. Switzerland won by 43-28.



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MUD IN YOUR EYE

Mark Horton

In Round 6 of the Seniors, Scotland met Switzerland. Barnet Shenkin sent us this deal, which highlights a generally overlooked problem:

Board 10 Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Catzefflis	Spears	Dousse	B Shenkin
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♥ Spades

West led the ♦3 and with no indication as to the location of the missing honour, the trick was completed by the four, ten and jack (not that a MUD

♦7 would have helped) and declarer continued with the ♠3 to dummy's queen. The ♣Q was covered by the king and ace and a heart to the queen took the next trick. The ♠4 saw East discard the ♣2 and declarer won with the ♠A, cashed the ♣J, ruffed a club, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond and played a club. West ruffed and cashed the ♠K, but then had to surrender a trick to the ♥K for +620.

In the other room North was the declarer and on the lead of the ♥9 declarer could only manage eight tricks.



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OPEN - GROUP A

ROUND 10

1	NEW ZEALAND	ARGENTINA	8	33	4.08	15.92
2	ISRAEL	PAKISTAN	67	13	19.52	0.48
3	GERMANY	IRELAND	12	11	10.31	9.69
4	HONG KONG CHINA	U.S.A.	22	35	6.48	13.52
5	SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI	34	40	8.24	11.76
6	GUADELOUPE	CHILE	21	49	3.58	16.42
7	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	38	34	11.20	8.80
8	ROMANIA	SOUTH AFRICA	40	16	15.74	4.26
9	ENGLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 11

1	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	36	61	4.08	15.92
2	CHINESE TAIPEI	NEW ZEALAND	66	51	13.97	6.03
3	PAKISTAN	ARGENTINA	29	44	6.03	13.97
4	SOUTH AFRICA	SPAIN	41	22	14.80	5.20
5	U.S.A.	CHILE	68	18	19.16	0.84
6	ENGLAND	HONG KONG CHINA	58	35	15.56	4.44
7	SWEDEN	GERMANY	34	33	10.31	9.69
8	ROMANIA	GUADELOUPE	59	16	18.44	1.56
9	IRELAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 12

1	ROMANIA	IRELAND	27	48	4.81	15.19
2	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	27	16	13.04	6.96
3	CHILE	HONG KONG CHINA	63	2	20.00	0.00
4	SPAIN	NEW ZEALAND	21	27	8.24	11.76
5	GUADELOUPE	SOUTH AFRICA	43	31	13.28	6.72
6	U.S.A.	CHINESE TAIPEI	66	11	19.61	0.39
7	NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN	48	38	12.80	7.20
8	GERMANY	ARGENTINA	22	22	10.00	10.00
9	SWEDEN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R12

1	U.S.A.	176.55
2	ISRAEL	167.07
3	SWEDEN	158.03
4	NETHERLANDS	151.33
5	ARGENTINA	145.21
6	ROMANIA	138.22
7	IRELAND	134.78
8	GERMANY	131.27
9	CHILE	122.45
10	ENGLAND	122.33
11	NEW ZEALAND	118.65
12	SPAIN	112.22
13	SOUTH AFRICA	109.78
14	CHINESE TAIPEI	98.49
15	GUADELOUPE	68.79
16	HK, CHINA	62.55
17	PAKISTAN	46.28

OPEN - GROUP B

ROUND 10

11	TURKIYE	SWITZERLAND	28	43	6.03	13.97
12	AUSTRIA	INDIA	30	42	6.72	13.28
13	ITALY	CANADA	39	30	12.55	7.45
14	AUSTRALIA	POLAND	29	52	4.44	15.56
15	NORWAY	KOREA	39	34	11.48	8.52
16	HUNGARY	BRAZIL	40	33	12.03	7.97
17	FINLAND	DENMARK	8	37	3.42	16.58
18	FRANCE	KUWAIT	109	13	20.00	0.00
19	CHINA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 11

11	ITALY	FRANCE	24	27	9.09	10.91
12	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	91	22	20.00	0.00
13	BRAZIL	CANADA	45	22	15.56	4.44
14	CHINA	TURKIYE	45	12	17.17	2.83
15	KOREA	AUSTRALIA	43	3	18.09	1.91
16	KUWAIT	POLAND	21	59	2.15	17.85
17	SWITZERLAND	INDIA	56	29	16.26	3.74
18	NORWAY	FINLAND	32	22	12.80	7.20
19	DENMARK	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 12

11	FINLAND	POLAND	36	14	15.38	4.62
12	HUNGARY	DENMARK	17	29	6.72	13.28
13	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	22	47	4.08	15.92
14	FRANCE	CHINA	11	43	2.97	17.03
15	ITALY	KUWAIT	72	1	20.00	0.00
16	AUSTRIA	BRAZIL	27	68	1.79	18.21
17	SWITZERLAND	KOREA	63	1	20.00	0.00
18	INDIA	TURKIYE	48	26	15.38	4.62
19	NORWAY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R12

1	ITALY	163.09
2	SWITZERLAND	161.81
3	CHINA	161.48
4	FRANCE	156.60
5	POLAND	154.51
6	DENMARK	131.08
7	FINLAND	128.70
8	BRAZIL	128.55
9	NORWAY	124.74
10	INDIA	119.30
11	KOREA	117.11
12	HUNGARY	116.68
13	TURKIYE	108.00
14	CANADA	105.11
15	AUSTRALIA	94.21
16	AUSTRIA	65.51
17	KUWAIT	22.52

WOMEN

ROUND 13

21	ENGLAND	ITALY	10	29	4.63	15.37
22	INDIA	CANADA	2	32	2.60	17.40
23	CHILE	NETHERLANDS	22	54	2.29	17.71
24	SOUTH AFRICA	TURKIYE	14	19	8.30	11.70
25	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	46	18	17.08	2.92
26	GERMANY	POLAND	13	37	3.63	16.37
27	SPAIN	IRELAND	32	11	15.79	4.21
28	NEW ZEALAND	ARGENTINA	19	17	10.71	9.29
29	BRAZIL	MEXICO	40	15	16.55	3.45
30	NORWAY	SWEDEN	44	26	15.15	4.85
31	FRANCE	U.S.A.	25	9	14.70	5.30
32	HONG KONG CHINA	JAPAN	23	9	14.22	5.78

ROUND 14

21	GERMANY	AUSTRALIA	34	1	17.86	2.14
22	NORWAY	CHINA	27	12	14.46	5.54
23	TURKIYE	CHILE	25	11	14.22	5.78
24	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	21	61	1.22	18.78
25	MEXICO	ENGLAND	19	37	4.85	15.15
26	CANADA	ARGENTINA	22	27	8.30	11.70
27	ITALY	INDIA	24	8	14.70	5.30
28	POLAND	JAPAN	12	34	4.01	15.99
29	IRELAND	U.S.A.	3	40	1.59	18.41
30	SPAIN	HONG KONG CHINA	12	26	5.78	14.22
31	BRAZIL	SOUTH AFRICA	29	27	10.71	9.29
32	FRANCE	NEW ZEALAND	4	12	7.39	12.61

ROUND 15

21	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	6	33	3.09	16.91
22	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA	14	33	4.63	15.37
23	SPAIN	U.S.A.	0	62	0.00	20.00
24	SOUTH AFRICA	AUSTRALIA	17	16	10.36	9.64
25	POLAND	HONG KONG CHINA	66	22	19.24	0.76
26	JAPAN	BRAZIL	15	28	6.03	13.97
27	NORWAY	TURKIYE	47	10	18.41	1.59
28	ARGENTINA	IRELAND	41	26	14.46	5.54
29	GERMANY	ITALY	5	55	0.17	19.83
30	FRANCE	MEXICO	35	7	17.08	2.42
31	NETHERLANDS	CHINA	19	24	8.30	11.70
32	CHILE	CANADA	48	20	17.08	2.92

ROUND 16

21	CHINA	SWEDEN	36	26	13.18	6.82
22	FRANCE	ITALY	16	25	7.10	12.90
23	JAPAN	NORWAY	36	30	12.01	7.99
24	NETHERLANDS	SOUTH AFRICA	20	19	10.36	9.64
25	ARGENTINA	POLAND	32	37	8.30	11.70
26	ENGLAND	CHILE	61	8	20.00	0.00
27	CANADA	U.S.A.	21	33	6.29	13.71
28	IRELAND	NEW ZEALAND	45	7	18.54	1.46
29	MEXICO	TURKIYE	10	62	0.00	20.00
30	INDIA	GERMANY	16	24	7.39	12.61
31	BRAZIL	HONG KONG CHINA	30	18	13.71	6.29
32	AUSTRALIA	SPAIN	27	14	13.97	6.03

RANKING AFTER R16

1	POLAND	224.19
2	ITALY	220.39
3	SWEDEN	213.54
4	TURKIYE	201.28
5	NORWAY	200.33
6	ENGLAND	198.63
7	CHINA	194.15
8	AUSTRALIA	193.04
9	FRANCE	188.57
10	U.S.A.	184.49
11	GERMANY	178.54
12	BRAZIL	157.20
13	HK, CHINA	155.17
14	NETHERLANDS	153.31
15	NEW ZEALAND	148.94
16	JAPAN	133.73
17	ARGENTINA	133.28
18	INDIA	128.51
19	CANADA	118.57
20	SOUTH AFRICA	106.03
21	MEXICO	105.39
22	CHILE	103.65
23	SPAIN	100.34
24	IRELAND	92.23

SENIOR

ROUND 13

41	FRANCE	POLAND	34	1	17.86	2.14
42	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	5	41	1.72	18.28
43	CHILE	ITALY	0	0	0.00	16.82
44	SCOTLAND	NEW ZEALAND	29	5	16.37	3.63
45	JAPAN	TURKIYE	13	27	5.78	14.22
46	BRAZIL	COLOMBIA	25	19	12.01	7.99
47	GERMANY	ARGENTINA	41	6	18.14	1.86
48	DENMARK	ISRAEL	20	25	8.30	11.70
49	HONG KONG CHINA	CANADA	19	37	4.85	15.15
50	ENGLAND	U.S.A.	21	32	6.55	13.45
51	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	40	10	17.40	2.60
52	MOROCCO	SWITZERLAND	32	20	13.71	6.29

ROUND 14

41	ENGLAND	GERMANY	9	35	3.27	16.73
42	TURKIYE	ARGENTINA	18	24	7.99	12.01
43	NETHERLANDS	INDIA	16	18	9.29	10.71
44	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	24	18	12.01	7.99
45	BRAZIL	MOROCCO	10	14	8.62	11.38
46	POLAND	CANADA	41	10	17.56	2.44
47	COLOMBIA	DENMARK	37	25	13.71	6.29
48	SCOTLAND	HONG KONG CHINA	33	6	16.91	3.09
49	NEW ZEALAND	U.S.A.	6	49	0.87	19.13
50	ITALY	SWEDEN	3	9	7.99	12.01
51	ISRAEL	JAPAN	13	6	12.31	7.69
52	SWITZERLAND	CHILE	0	0	16.82	0.00

ROUND 15

41	FRANCE	ISRAEL	21	31	6.82	13.18
42	SWEDEN	DENMARK	34	9	16.55	3.45
43	GERMANY	JAPAN	18	17	10.36	9.64
44	ENGLAND	COLOMBIA	19	47	2.92	17.08
45	MOROCCO	AUSTRALIA	6	11	8.30	11.70
46	POLAND	HONG KONG CHINA	14	24	6.82	13.18
47	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	16	31	2.54	14.46
48	CHILE	TURKIYE	0	0	0.00	16.82
49	SCOTLAND	U.S.A.	11	43	2.29	17.71
50	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND	14	35	4.21	15.79
51	CANADA	BRAZIL	59	25	18.00	2.00
52	ITALY	INDIA	5	35	2.60	17.40

ROUND 16

41	ARGENTINA	POLAND	26	40	5.78	14.22
42	AUSTRALIA	SCOTLAND	19	11	12.61	7.39
43	JAPAN	FRANCE	4	33	2.76	17.24
44	TURKIYE	U.S.A.	12	11	10.36	9.64
45	CANADA	NETHERLANDS	34	17	14.93	5.07
46	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	11	41	2.60	17.40
47	INDIA	SWEDEN	57	12	19.34	0.66
48	DENMARK	CHILE	0	0	16.82	0.00
49	NEW ZEALAND	GERMANY	21	25	8.62	11.38
50	ITALY	MOROCCO	46	25	15.79	4.21
51	BRAZIL	HONG KONG CHINA	11	45	2.00	18.00
52	COLOMBIA	SWITZERLAND	0	0	12.00	0.00

RANKING AFTER R16

1	U.S.A.	221.87
2	SWEDEN	205.26
3	FRANCE	199.05
4	INDIA	191.07
5	ISRAEL	190.00
6	GERMANY	184.26
7	AUSTRALIA	180.83
8	TURKIYE	178.66
9	SCOTLAND	176.91
10	POLAND	176.66
11	ITALY	175.68
12	DENMARK	164.10
13	BRAZIL	162.06
14	HK, CHINA	158.78
15	NETHERLANDS	151.13
16	CANADA	149.58
17	MOROCCO	140.91
18	SWITZERLAND	138.20
19	COLOMBIA	137.12
20	ARGENTINA	136.49
21	NEW ZEALAND	123.56
22	JAPAN	115.91
23	ENGLAND	107.51
24	CHILE	24.00

MIXED

ROUND 16

61	INDIA	NORWAY	35	31	11.50	8.50
62	SPAIN	GERMANY	24	12	14.00	6.00
63	BRAZIL	CHINA	12	30	4.48	15.52
64	CANADA	SOUTH AFRICA	35	16	15.75	4.25
65	IRELAND	ENGLAND	26	7	15.75	4.25
66	CHILE	ITALY	26	32	7.82	12.18
67	DENMARK	MOROCCO	29	24	11.85	8.15
68	COLOMBIA	HONG KONG CHINA	4	44	0.28	19.22
69	SWEDEN	TURKIYE	33	9	16.78	3.22
70	CROATIA	NEW ZEALAND	27	24	11.14	8.86
71	JAPAN	AUSTRALIA	0	53	0.00	20.00
72	POLAND	U.S.A.	18	45	2.66	17.34
73	ARGENTINA	ISRAEL	20	27	7.49	12.51
74	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	24	7	15.29	4.71
75	FRANCE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 17

61	ARGENTINA	SOUTH AFRICA	36	24	14.00	6.00
62	NORWAY	ENGLAND	11	7	11.50	8.50
63	AUSTRALIA	MOROCCO	17	16	10.39	9.61
64	CHILE	ISRAEL	25	23	10.77	9.23
65	U.S.A.	COLOMBIA	4	18	5.46	14.54
66	POLAND	SWEDEN	23	6	15.29	4.71
67	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	17	9	12.83	7.17
68	CANADA	HUNGARY	22	21	10.39	9.61
69	SPAIN	FRANCE	37	2	18.58	1.42
70	IRELAND	CROATIA	39	13	17.16	2.84
71	BRAZIL	INDIA	9	30	3.82	16.18
72	JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	38	30	12.83	7.17
73	CHINA	HONG KONG CHINA	3	19	4.95	15.05
74	ITALY	TURKIYE	39	3	18.71	1.29
75	DENMARK	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 18

61	INDIA	SPAIN	27	15	14.00	6.00
62	CHINA	CROATIA	2	26	3.22	16.78
63	HUNGARY	MOROCCO	22	13	13.14	6.86
64	CHILE	POLAND	24	15	13.14	6.86
65	IRELAND	SOUTH AFRICA	22	14	12.83	7.17
66	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND	17	16	10.39	9.61
67	AUSTRALIA	SWITZERLAND	12	3	13.14	6.86
68	ARGENTINA	NORWAY	37	21	15.05	4.95
69	ENGLAND	FRANCE	15	4	13.72	6.28
70	CANADA	ITALY	24	27	8.86	11.14
71	HONG KONG CHINA	SWEDEN	12	38	2.84	17.16
72	U.S.A.	BRAZIL	23	4	15.75	4.25
73	TURKIYE	COLOMBIA	23	19	11.50	8.50
74	JAPAN	DENMARK	21	12	13.14	6.86
75	ISRAEL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 19

61 MOROCCO	ENGLAND	16	36	4.03	15.97
62 COLOMBIA	NORWAY	29	27	10.77	9.23
63 FRANCE	IRELAND	26	37	6.28	13.72
64 NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	15	21	7.82	12.18
65 SPAIN	ARGENTINA	9	49	0.78	19.22
66 CHILE	HONG KONG CHINA	25	20	11.85	8.15
67 TURKIYE	SOUTH AFRICA	30	16	14.54	5.46
68 CHINA	POLAND	15	35	4.03	15.97
69 INDIA	JAPAN	14	30	4.95	15.05
70 BRAZIL	ITALY	24	27	8.86	11.14
71 SWITZERLAND	CANADA	16	42	2.84	17.16
72 SWEDEN	HUNGARY	51	11	19.22	0.78
73 U.S.A.	ISRAEL	27	31	8.50	11.50
74 AUSTRALIA	CROATIA	21	28	7.49	12.51
75 GERMANY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 20

61 BRAZIL	NORWAY	29	34	8.15	11.85
62 INDIA	AUSTRALIA	4	32	2.49	17.51
63 U.S.A.	ITALY	29	7	16.39	3.61
64 CANADA	ARGENTINA	37	3	18.44	1.56
65 HUNGARY	IRELAND	23	17	12.18	7.82
66 NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE	32	17	14.80	5.20
67 CHINA	SPAIN	18	17	10.39	9.61
68 COLOMBIA	POLAND	28	28	10.00	10.00
69 HONG KONG CHINA	CROATIA	9	24	5.20	14.80
70 DENMARK	ENGLAND	17	38	3.82	16.18
71 SWITZERLAND	CHILE	28	24	11.50	8.50
72 JAPAN	SWEDEN	35	28	12.51	7.49
73 MOROCCO	GERMANY	0	0	0.00	13.50
74 TURKIYE	ISRAEL	34	3	18.00	2.00
75 SOUTH AFRICA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER R20

1	GERMANY	260.58
2	U.S.A.	249.28
3	CROATIA	248.51
4	AUSTRALIA	237.47
5	POLAND	235.04
6	NORWAY	231.99
7	ITALY	231.40
8	INDIA	222.29
9	HK, CHINA	222.13
10	DENMARK	220.81
11	ENGLAND	218.66
12	SWEDEN	214.47
13	NEW ZEALAND	214.27
14	COLOMBIA	210.77
15	FRANCE	203.92
16	ISRAEL	200.93
17	JAPAN	195.54
18	SWITZERLAND	191.99
19	SPAIN	189.89
20	CANADA	185.68
21	CHINA	184.60
22	TURKIYE	184.52
23	IRELAND	184.06
24	ARGENTINA	183.88
25	CHILE	177.75
26	HUNGARY	160.08
27	BRAZIL	126.80
28	MOROCCO	123.45
29	SOUTH AFRICA	105.74

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