

## JOCKEYING FOR POSITION



At the halfway point in the quarterfinals we look to be set for numerous exciting finishes today. In the Open Series **Korea** continue to impress, having built up a healthy lead, the other three matches being too close to call. All four matches in the Mixed Teams are still up for grabs. In the Women's Teams **USA** is in a virtually unassailable position and **Sweden** and **China** also appear to be in control. **India** has a sizeable advantage in the Senior Teams, and **France** is also well ahead.

In the Pablo Lombardi Transnational Open Teams, **Ireland** lead from **Pero Bueno** and **Finland**.

**Wai Lam Ho** and **Gordon Ho** of Hong Kong, China are leading the Open/Seniors National Pairs, while in the Women/Mixed it is Croatia's **Vedran Zoric** and **Nikica Sver** leading the way.

### WORLD NATIONAL PAIRS

Please check pages 2-3 for the format and schedule.

### SCHEDULE TODAY

**Open Teams Round of 8**  
**Women Teams Round of 8**  
**Senior Teams Round of 8**  
**Mixed Teams Round of 8**

10.00 - 12.15: Stanza 4/6 (16 boards)  
13.15 - 15.30: Stanza 5/6 (16 boards)  
16.00 - 18.15: Stanza 6/6 (16 boards)

**Pablo Lombardi**  
**Transnational Open Teams**

10.00 - 11.45: Round 5  
12.05 - 13.50: Round 6  
14.50 - 16.35: Round 7  
16.55 - 18.40: Round 8

**National Pairs**

**Open/ Women/ Senior/ Mixed**  
10.00: Session 4  
13.45: Session 5  
16.30: Session 6

Happy Birthday to **Alon APTEKER** (South Africa)  
and **Massimiliano DI FRANCO** (Italy)



# OPEN AND SENIOR PAIRS

## Qualification:

31 rounds of 3 boards each. At the end, a minimum of eleven pairs qualify to Semifinal A, while the rest will play Semifinal B. It is expected that 22 Pairs will play Semifinal A.

## Semi Finals:

The qualified Pairs will be joined by the pairs dropping from the Quarter Finals of the Teams.

The qualified Pairs will be awarded a linear carry-over, the leader getting two tops, and the last getting 0.

The drop in pairs will get a carry-over as per the published regulations (the equivalent of their own average at the end of the semifinal).

Pairs playing Semi Final B will be awarded a linear carry-over, the leader getting one top and the last getting 0.

Semi Finals will be played over two days, three sessions a day. Time schedule to be published in due course.

At the end twelve pairs from Semifinal A and two from Semi Final B qualify to Final A (or eleven if the paragraph about Senior Pairs apply). The rest will play Final B.

**If only one Senior pair qualify to Final A, then the best of the non-qualified will be added.**

## Final A:

The qualified Pairs from Semi Final A will be awarded a linear carry-over, the leader getting two tops, and the last getting 0.

The Pairs qualified second and first from Semi Final B will be awarded a carry-over equal to, respectively, the last and the 10th qualified from Semifinal A.

Final A will be played over two days, three sessions a day. Time schedule to be published in due course.

## Final B:

All pairs not qualified to Final A will play Final B in a three sessions day.

## WBF Plaque:

All pairs not qualified to Final A will have the possibility to play a further event in the last day all categories playing together. Two sessions.

## Wednesday October 30th – Time Schedule

10.00 – 12.45	18 boards
13.45 – 16.00	15 boards
16.30 – 17.55	9 boards

## 1<sup>st</sup> Small Federations Online Open Teams

Online on RealBridge ▪ 12 - 15 December and 19 - 22 December, 2024



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# MIXED AND WOMEN PAIRS

## Qualification:

33 rounds of 3 boards each. At the end, a minimum of sixteen pairs qualify to Semifinal A, while the rest will play Semifinal B. It is expected that 26 Pairs will play Semifinal A.

## Semi Finals:

The qualified Pairs will be joined by the pairs dropping from the Quarter Finals of the Teams.

The qualified Pairs will be awarded a linear carry-over, the leader getting two tops, and the last getting 0.

The drop in pairs will get a carry-over as per the published regulations (the equivalent of their own average at the end of the semifinal).

Pairs playing Semi Final B will be awarded a linear carry-over, the leader getting one top and the last getting 0.

Semi Finals will be played over two days, three sessions a day. Time schedule to be published in due course.

At the end fifteen pairs from Semifinal A (or fourteen if the paragraph about Women Pairs apply) and three from Semi Final B qualify to Final A. The rest will play Final B.

If only one Women pair qualify to Final A, then the best of the non-qualified will be added.

## Final A:

The qualified Pairs from Semi Final A will be awarded a linear carry-over, the leader getting two tops, and the last getting 0.

The Pairs qualified third, second and first from Semi Final B will be awarded a carry-over equal to, respectively, the last, the 13th and the 11th qualified from Semifinal A.

Final A will be played over two days, three sessions a day. Time schedule to be published in due course.

## Final B:

All pairs not qualified to Final A will play Final B in a three sessions day.

## WBF Plaque:

All pairs not qualified to Final A will have the possibility to play a further event in the last day all categories playing together. Two sessions.

## Wednesday October 30th – Time Schedule

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## WBF Online Women's Teams

3 to 5 January 2025 - RealBridge

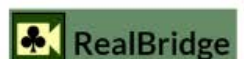
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**ONLINE WOMEN'S TEAMS**  
**3 to 5 January 2025**

Teams can have up to 8 players, and they will play at times that are convenient for them.

This is a transnational event.

















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




# OPEN TEAMS

## ROUND OF 16

		TOT
1	 CHINA	148
	 ROMANIA	114
		TOT
2	 POLAND	83
	 IRELAND	80
		TOT
3	 SWITZERLAND	165
	 NETHERLANDS	75
		TOT
4	 USA	132
	 DENMARK	122
		TOT
5	 ITALY	149
	 GERMANY	41
		TOT
6	 ISRAEL	128
	 NORWAY	123
		TOT
7	 ARGENTINA	121
	 FRANCE	70
		TOT
8	 SWEDEN	121
	 KOREA	126

## QUARTERFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R3	R4	TOT*
1	 CHINA	44	14	26				84
	 POLAND	21	23	16				60
2	 SWITZERLAND	35	35	29				99
	 USA	66	27	11				105
3	 ITALY	28	12	27				67
	 ISRAEL	27	11	27				65
4	 ARGENTINA	19	7	25				51
	 KOREA	48	18	28				94

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# WOMEN TEAMS

## ROUND OF 16

		TOT
1	 POLAND	116
	 HONG KONG, CHINA	117
TOT		
2	 FRANCE	132
	 USA	149
TOT		
3	 NORWAY	120
	 BRAZIL	79
TOT		
4	 SWEDEN	149
	 NETHERLANDS	56
TOT		
5	 ITALY	120
	 JAPAN	106
TOT		
6	 TÜRKIYE	105
	 GERMANY	98
TOT		
7	 CHINA	209
	 AUSTRALIA	99
TOT		
8	 ENGLAND	129
	 NEW ZEALAND	123

## QUARTERFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R3	R4	TOT*
1	 HONG KONG, CHINA	31	5	26				62
	 USA	37	59	57				161
*PROVISIONAL								
R1 R2 R3 R4 R3 R4 TOT*								
2	 NORWAY	11	27	38				76
	 SWEDEN	43	45	34				122
*PROVISIONAL								
R1 R2 R3 R4 R3 R4 TOT*								
3	 ITALY	50	17	28				95
	 TÜRKIYE	20	29	58				107
*PROVISIONAL								
R1 R2 R3 R4 R3 R4 TOT*								
4	 CHINA	50	19	35				104
	 ENGLAND	16	19	24				59
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# SENIOR TEAMS

1	USA	TOT 140
	HONG KONG, CHINA	70
2	TÜRKIYE	TOT 182
	ITALY	112
3	ISRAEL	TOT 120
	AUSTRALIA	105
4	FRANCE	TOT 155
	ARGENTINA	73
5	INDIA	TOT 134
	SCOTLAND	88
6	POLAND	TOT 86
	CANADA	97
7	GERMANY	TOT 122
	DENMARK	78
8	SWEDEN	TOT 113
	MOROCCO	55

## QUARTERFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R3	R4	TOT*
1	USA	27	7	57				91
	TÜRKIYE	42	23	33				98
2	ISRAEL	36	13	13				62
	FRANCE	30	29	63				122
3	INDIA	51	33	23				107
	CANADA	15	31	10				56
4	GERMANY	27	29	14				70
	SWEDEN	36	17	10				63

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# MIXED TEAMS

1	POLAND	TOT 140
	NEW ZEALAND	46
2	DENMARK	TOT 110
	NORWAY	145
3	HONG KONG, CHINA	TOT 84
	ISRAEL	115
4	ITALY	TOT 105
	CROATIA	71
5	GERMANY	TOT 137
	COLOMBIA	43
6	ENGLAND	TOT 87
	FRANCE	112
7	SWEDEN	TOT 83
	CHINA	103
8	USA	TOT 216
	INDIA	106

## QUARTERFINALS

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R3	R4	TOT*
1	POLAND	37	43	29				109
	NORWAY	35	21	27				83
2	ISRAEL	35	23	24				82
	ITALY	27	49	29				105
3	GERMANY	33	17	23				73
	FRANCE	13	13	37				63
4	CHINA	36	22	24				82
	USA	21	16	25				62

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# MATCHES ON VUGRAPH

Wednesday, 30 October 2024



10.00:	USA	-	Switzerland	Open Teams	BB01
	Italy	-	Israel	Open Teams	BB02
	USA	-	China	Mixed Teams	BB03
	China	-	Poland	Open Teams	LoveBridge
13.15	To be announced				
16.00	To be announced				

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

**BBO Vugraph:** <https://www.bridgebase.com/>

**Lovebridge Vugraph:** <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/>

## EDITOR'S LOG

### Star Date 29/10/2024

Do you recall the 0-6-7-0 hand from an earlier Bulletin? It reminded me of a deal from an English Camrose trial back in the 1980s'. After a frenetic auction our opponents appeared to be taking a save against our five-level contract and had bid to 6♥. My partner, Richard Winter was looking at a couple of aces and doubled. He led an ace which was ruffed, regained the lead with a trump winner and 'cashed' his other ace – at least that was his intention. However, declarer, who was 0-7-6-0 ruffed that as well. Until Buenos Aires that was the only hand with two voids I have seen, which may, or may not be in align with the theoretical odds. Still, two such deals in around 40 years seems about right to me!

The way the Brackets have worked out has delivered some tremendous quarterfinals, including USA v Switzerland in the Open, Germany v France in the Mixed, Sweden v Norway and England v China in

the Women and USA v Turkey in the Seniors. They would all have made great finals.

Yesterday we moved to another office. It proved to be a timely decision, as this visitor was discovered by our resident Arachnologist Manolo Eminenti. He is not familiar with this species, but believes it might be on a par with the Brown Widow. We will report any casualties.





## Open Round of 16 - 2

# FRANCE v ARGENTINA

### Simon Stocken

After the first set (15 boards out of 60 total) Argentina were ahead by 46 IMPs to 14.

France reduced their deficit on the second board when Lorenzini played 2♠ for 8 tricks, while pushing Madala to 3♠ down one at the other table – four IMPS retrieved. Two boards later reversed this pattern when Lhuissier left his opponents no option but to take their penalty on board 19. The eight tricks in his hand were the only eight that materialized when West's cards proved useless except in defence.

Board 19. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The defence was simple after Madala led ♦K. Bianchedi collected his ♣A at trick two and played back a diamond and the defence found their diamond ruff. The outcome was down three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass

In the other room, Lucena for Argentina paid more heed to the vulnerability, giving his opponents the space to go wrong which they duly did on three

counts – not finding their best fit (hearts), not bidding game and not extracting a sufficient penalty from 4♣ by omitting to double it. Lucena's caution earned Argentina 12 IMPS.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led ♦K which held the trick and switched to ♥6 won by ♥K in dummy. Declarer took a spade finesse, losing to South's ♠K. Madala now switched to ♣6. Winning dummy's ♣A, declarer played a spade to ♠A, followed by ♥J, (likely intending to overtake with ♥Q) but South rose with ♥A and cleared the clubs. Dummy was now finished and the contract had to go two down.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
1♠	Pass	2♣*	2♦
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ is described as the only 2 over 1 bid that is not game forcing. Bessis led the ♣2 from the other side and the contract duly ended up down three for a three IMP swing to increase Argentina's lead. Eleven out of the sixteen East-Wests decided to drive the hand to game, seven ending in 4♠ which should be

held to nine tricks. Gawel (for Poland) alone managed to bring the game home, gaining ten IMPs against Ireland when Hanlon stopped in 2♠ with Boland making the allotted nine tricks as West.

Board 21. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
—	2NT	Pass	3♣*
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	


East led ♥J which held, and then switched to ♣4 around to ♣9. Bianchedi after some thought now played two more rounds of clubs and then a spade towards dummy, East contributing ♠2. The ♠Q held the trick, and another spade was played to ♠A. East should now be playing ♠K – the card he is known to hold with ♠K109 all being equal, which would have created doubt for declarer. As it was, declarer cashed ♥A, forcing East to shed a club, crossed to ♦K, cashed the ♣K and exited with a spade to end-play East for the overtrick, forced to lead away from ♦Q at trick twelve.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
—	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the other room with no opposition bidding, the ♣4 was led. Bessis spent even longer pondering his course of action before setting about diamonds and emerging with eleven tricks soon after (three major suit tricks and eight minor suit tricks). France's adventure into the auction was worth one IMP.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Argentina stayed out of game and made ten tricks after East led ♣8 to ♣Q followed by a diamond switch to dummy's ♦J, ♦Q and ♦A. Two more rounds of diamonds followed, trumped by West, who switched to a low heart, needing partner to hold the ♥K and so ten tricks were made. The French bid to game but Rizzo rose swiftly with ♥A when the ♥2 was played off dummy and with the spade finesse wrong, the game was destined to fail – seven more IMPS to Argentina.



Cedric LORENZINI, France

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

## Board 24 Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♦	2♥*	3♦	3♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 2♥ Spades support
- 3♥ Game try

Bernard found the optimal lead of ♥9 with East contributing ♥7, won by South's ♥K. Declarer started on trumps with a spade to dummy's ♠K and East's ♠A. Two hearts were cashed and the contract had to go two down, when two clubs were subsequently lost.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
2♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The Argentinian defence started with ♦Q and declarer was able to escape for just one down once a heart was discarded on dummy's ♦A, with France gaining two IMPs.

Only in the China versus Romania match (also on Vugraph) did 4♠ make at both tables. China played it from the North seat, giving the Romanian East a difficult lead problem – the ♣2 proved very costly as it allowed declarer to escape the loss of a second club trick and provide access to dummy's ♦A to discard a heart in the South hand. Only the ♥Q or ♥A lead followed by ♥Q is sufficient to defeat 4♠ from the North seat.


The Romanian declarer also brought home 4♠ from the South seat after ♥9 was led. East erred by playing ♥A and continuing with a low heart where the ♥Q would have ensured defeat. This allowed Coldea as South access to dummy's ♦A on which he discarded ♥K, eliminating the threat of a third round





heart ruff. Declarer subsequently brought home the club suit for one loser by leading the ♣10 from hand, covered by ♣J and dummy's ♣K, followed by a finesse of East's ♣9 on the way back.

Board 26. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The French East led ♣6, his partner's suit. West took ♣A and then ♣K before finding the heart switch to partner's ♥A who continued the suit and a one trick defeat was assured.

The Argentinian East did not lead partner's suit, instead choosing a spade and soon regretted it – the tempo was lost and declarer came easily to nine tricks after West played ♠A at trick one. Only the spade lead lets the game through. France had their first double-digit swing of the set as twelve IMPs were chalked up in the plus column.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The last four boards produced no swings at all, although the French audience back home would have had great hopes of winning the set on the final deal as the Argentinians, two boards ahead, had missed a making game. Alas it was not to be as both Norths

were cautious – the cards were well-placed, and ten tricks could not be denied.

Board 30. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Bianchedi	Lhuissier	Madala
—	—	1NT	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	
2♣	Landy		
2♦	Relay		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rizzo	Bessis	Lucena	Lorenzini
—	—	1♣	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♣	3♠
All Pass			

Forty-three IMPs changed hands in total with Argentina edging the second set 23 to 20, increasing their overall lead to 35 IMPs.



Leonardo RIZZO, Argentina

## Round of 16 – 4

# ISRAEL v NORWAY ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND OPEN WOMEN

### Jos Jacobs

For the final session of the Round of 16, the only BBO match in the Open Series was the Israel v Norway encounter. An obvious choice because only 3 IMPs separated the two when the segment started. In yesterday's Bulletin, Mark Horton reported about the 3rd segment of this match. He almost immediately was complaining that over the first five boards, the teams had managed to score just two singles. Believe it or not: in the final segment, the score after six boards stood at 5-2 to Norway, which meant that the Scandinavians had in fact doubled their lead.

So, it should be quite understandable that I, trying to find compensation, started to look for stories from other matches. I soon noticed that all sorts of things were indeed happening in a women's match: England v New Zealand. The Kiwis were leading by 50 when the segment got underway but when I tuned in, their lead had already shrunk to just 17. Upon seeing this, I decided to keep an eye on that match as well.

Just for the curious: these 33 IMPs for England had resulted from just the first three boards. Here they are in full.

Board 16. Dealer West E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Cartner	Smith
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Now this suddenly is an interesting contract with the 5-1 heart break. It looks to me that a club lead is mandatory because one or two club losers would immediately go on the hearts. However, two rounds of clubs followed by a diamond from South also serve as a Vienna Coup. West's diamond loser goes on the 5th spade and North is obliged to keep all five hearts and the ♦K as his last five (!) cards. Not easy...

The opening leads were not recorded so I do not know for sure WHY declarer went down. THAT she went one off, I could find on the official score card. England +100.

In the Closed Room, the English stayed on firm ground:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Terry	Dhondy	Wu
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When North led the ♥10, declarer had 12 tricks. England +680 and 13 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the opening bid by North on hardly any values caused havoc in the New Zealand camp.

Board 17. Dealer North None Vul.

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Cartner	Smith
—	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Why not bid 3NT with a good chance of nine immediate top tricks? Either the ♦J or a few cards in that suit with partner will do. Even with a 3-3 break 4♠ might have been difficult. I must admit, however, that it is long ago that I last saw the theoretical phenomenon of the rebiddable four-card suit in reply to partner's repeated and therefore strong take-out double.

One down, England +50.

In the Closed Room, North did not open so England got an easy free run:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Terry	Dhondy	Wu
—	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Ten tricks, England +430 and another 10 IMPs.  
Next:

## Board 18. Dealer East N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Cartner	Smith
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Even on a heart lead, 3NT is not in danger. Clubs are 3-3 and if you don't believe in this, you can always

enter the South hand by leading a diamond from North. Another ten tricks for England, this time worth +630.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Terry	Dhondy	Wu
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

To me, South's 2♠ sounded like a 3rd suit forcing but this message was lost on North. Still, nine tricks were made in the 3-3 fit. New Zealand +140 but another 10 IMPs to England.

A few boards later, a spectacular deal came by:

## Board 21. Dealer North N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Cartner	Smith
—	1♠	2♠	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

East's 2♠ showed not only an unspecified minor but also some unspecified strength. That was West's problem after South's 4♠. A bid of 4NT would have saved her day...

Down two, New Zealand +500.

In the other room, Heather Dhondy created extra bidding room for herself:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Terry	Dhondy	Wu
—	1♠	2♥	3♠
Dble*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

After 2♥ only, it was pretty sure that East was prepared to bid once more. When West offered some serious help, getting to the slam was easy enough. Just made, England +920 and 9 more IMPs. Their deficit now had reached single figures; "we had a match."

But over now to our principal match: Israel v. Norway:

Board 23. Dealer South All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Yekutieli	Hoftaniska	Tarnowski
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

Rubensohl soon saw the Israelis in game. East led a spade to the queen and ace. Declarer next tried the ♣10 but East jumped in with his ace, cashed the ♠K and exited in...diamonds. A heart finesse later declarer had his 10 tricks. Israel +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Bakke	Toledano	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Dble
3♠	All Pass		

After the Multi-Landy overcall by East (spades and a minor) South did not judge his hand strong enough for a three-level bid. West made a pre-emptive further raise which silenced everyone. Down two undoubled, a mere +200 to Norway but 9 IMPs to Israel. They were in the lead.

This board also was of some interest in our featured women's match. This is what happened there.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Senior	Cartner	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Dble
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

2♠ Spades + 4♣/♦

When West did not raise, North had to bid but when South, at her turn, did not raise either, the English had missed a game. Eleven tricks, +200 to them.

In the Closed Room, New Zealand duly bid the game and England found the sacrifice.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Terry	Dhondy	Wu
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	3♠	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

East's delayed entry into the auction was mysterious, as an immediate 2♠ would have indicated spades and a minor.

This contract went down a lot:. Declarer just made 7 tricks and paid 800. New Zealand thus got 12 IMPs back and were 18 IMPs up at this point.

On the next deal the Israelis reached a game and believed in it:

Board 24. Dealer West None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Yekutieli	Hoftaniska	Tarnowski
Pass	Pass	1♣	1NT
Pass	2NT*	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

2NT Diamonds

From the actual auction, the chances were that there was no hidden five-card heart suit anywhere. When this proved to be true, nine tricks were easy, despite the heart lead. Israel +550.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Bakke	Toledano	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	2♦*	2NT
3♦*	Pass	3♥	All Pass

2♦ Majors

3♦ Pick your best suit

After this auction, it was beyond N/S's imagination that a game might be on for them. South did not even consider a double but N/S still collected their legitimate three undertricks. Norway +150 but another 9 IMPs to Israel who now led by 12.

On the next board, we had a slam . Or had we?

#### Board 25. Dealer North E/W

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Yekutieli	Hoftaniska	Tarnovski
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

On this "serious" auction, E/W correctly stayed out of slam. When North led a diamond, making twelve tricks by means of a positional squeeze in the rounded suits on South was not too difficult for declarer. Norway +680.

On a club lead and another club when in with the losing spade, the defenders would probably break the squeeze. Dummy's ♦K cannot be cashed in

time, so the timing is wrong for declarer. The BBO commentators may well still be discussing this hand, like they did when the board was in play...

(On a club lead declarer wins and cashes the top spades. A third spade allows North to play a second club and there is no longer a squeeze. What declarer must do is unblock the ♦A then cash the ♥KQ. When the ♥J appears declarer must cash the ♣A before exiting with a spade. North wins and must play a diamond. Declarer wins with dummy's ♦K, ruffs a diamond and plays the last spade, squeezing South in the rounded suits. Not easy to find (or indeed see even with all four hands on view) but just about possible if you take the view that hearts are not 3-3. Following that line would be a shoe in for play of the year. Editor)

In the Closed Room, the auction was much simpler.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Bakke	Toledano	Brogeland
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Declarer lost the obvious two tricks in every suit and thus was down four, +800 to Israel, 3 IMPs to them. The Israeli lead was now 15.

In our Women's match, England had gained 7 IMPs on board 24 by also reaching 3NT without a heart stopper. North opened a natural weak two and South converted. England +400. In the Closed Room, New



Thomas CHARLSEN, Norway

Zealand stayed in a diamond partscore.


On board 25, the board we just presented to you, both women teams were in 6♠ by West. Brock, for England, got the ♥J lead and wrapped up her 12 tricks but the New Zealand West went down. We do not know whether or not she got a club lead.

Anyway, the deal brought England a further 17 IMPs. They thus had managed to wipe off their entire deficit and go into the lead by 6 IMPs with five boards to play.

Back now to our main match.

On the next deal, Norway fought back in style:

Board 26. Dealer East All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Yekutieli	Hoftaniska	Tarnowski
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♠	3♦	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

On this hand, Garozzo's classic advice (try an attacking lead against a small slam) would have worked perfectly well. When North tried his ♣A instead, declarer had an easy road to 12 tricks. Norway +1370.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Bakke	Toledano	Brogeland
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

After a nice "inverted" auction, Brogeland as South had little trouble in finding the heart lead to prevent the overtrick. Israel +600 and 13 IMPs back to Norway. Their deficit now was just 2 IMPs with four to play.

Two boards later, the issue was effectively settled, as it turned out later:

Board 28. Dealer West N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Yekutieli	Hoftaniska	Tarnowski
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	3♥	3♠	All Pass

This board looks like a heart game, vulnerable, to N/S but on the actual layout, there is a loser in each suit in a 4♥ contract. Thus, down three for +150 to Israel did not look like a good result for Norway.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Bakke	Toledano	Brogeland
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

And so it proved. The Norwegians duly reached their game but had to accept one down for another +100 and 6 IMPs to Israel.

The final score of the match: 128-123 to Israel.

The final score in the England v New Zealand match also was close: 129-123. Please note the similarities of these scores!



## Seniors Round of 16 - 4



# AUSTRALIA v ISRAEL



### Brian Senior

Australia won the first quarter of their Seniors Round of 16 match with Israel by 48-23 IMPs. However, Israel won the next two sets to close the gap to 98-104 going into the fourth quarter, which proved to be a low-scoring affair, but nonetheless featured a number of interesting deals.

Board 16 saw both E/Ws stop in 4♠ off a cashing ace-king, for a flat board at 4♠+2, and Board 17 was again flat, this time in 3NT+1 by East. On Board 18 it was N/S's turn to declare a cold 3NT, with Australia picking up an IMP for +660 against +630. However, that IMP was cancelled out on the next deal when it was the Israeli E/W's turn to make an extra overtrick in 3NT, +660 against +630. And this run of dull 3NTs came to an end on Board 20, where the Israeli N/S again picked up an overtrick IMP, this time for +660 against +630. That made it 105-100 in favour of Australia.

At last, Board 21 offered scope for a major swing.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
—	1♠	2♥	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

No, no major swing as both E/W pairs stopped in game and the cold slam was missed.

For Australia, Arjuna De Livera made a Michaels Cuebid and Andrew Braithwaite showed values by doubling the pre-emptive spade raise, but De Livera felt unable to do more than rebid 4♥ due to the weakness of his second suit. Dani Cohen led the queen of spades and Engel overtook to play a second spade, but that was ruffed and De Livera quickly claimed the rest for +480.

Nir Grinberg preferred to start with a simple overcall. Avi Kalish too made a value-showing double but Grinberg, like De Livera, felt unable to do more than bid the heart game. Robert Krochmalik led his club so Grinberg made all 13 tricks for +510 and 1 IMP to Israel, making it 101-105.

Of the six matches in the Senior series, only one pair reached slam. They were Steve Hamaoui and Mario Abate of Italy, against Türkiye, whose auction was...

Andrew BRAITHWAITE

Joseph ENGEL

Dani COHEN

Arjuna Percival DE LIVERA



West	North	East	South
Abate	Ince	Hamaoui	Kokten
—	1♠	2♠*	3♠
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Hamaoui made a two-suited overcall and Abate made a pass or correct jump to 5♣. Hamaoui could afford to go on with a passable 5♥ slam try, and Abate liked his minors sufficiently to go on to 6♣ to gain 10 IMPs against 4♥+2 at the other table.

Board 22 saw us back to the dull 3NTs again, Kalish coming to an overtrick while Braithwaite just made his contract, so 1 IMP to Israel, who trailed by 102-105. Then, at last, a significant swing:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Both Norths opened 1NT, both Souths transferred to hearts, and both Norths broke the transfer with a jump to 3♥. Cohen went on to game, Krochmalik did not.

Grinberg led the eight of hearts against 3♥, Kalish allowing dummy's queen to score. Paul Lavings played the jack of hearts to the king and ace, then a diamond to the ten. When that held the trick, he played a second diamond to the king, which was ducked, but Grinberg had to win the third diamond

with the ace and he returned the three of clubs, hoping to get partner in for a spade lead through declarer's possible ace-queen holding. Kalish duly won the king of clubs and switched to the queen of spades, but Lavings could win that, ruff out the ace of clubs, and take a spade discard on the queen of diamonds. That was 11 tricks for +200.

De Livera led the five of hearts against 4♥, covered by the queen, king and ace. Joseph Engel drew a second round of trumps then led dummy's club to the queen and ace. De Livera returned the seven of spades for the queen and ace, and Engel played the jack of spades back to De Livera's king. Engel ruffed the spade return and ruffed a club then, having put the decision off for as long as he could, led the eight of diamonds off the dummy and put up his king. That lost to the ace and back came the six of diamonds. Engel put in the nine and had his contract; +620 and 9 IMPs to Israel, who had moved into the lead by 111-105.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
Pass	Pass	1♣	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
Pass	Pass	1♣	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Both Souths overcalled 1NT and both Norths responded 2NT, transfer to diamonds.

Cohen liked his diamonds so much that he took a shot at 3NT – facing long diamonds he had eight tricks and needed very little in dummy to provide a ninth.

Braithwaite led the queen of hearts and continued with a low heart. The defence took its heart tricks then Braithwaite switched to a club round to the ace-jack, and Cohen had nine tricks for +400.

Krochmalik did as requested and bid 3♦, showing that he liked the suit, and when Lavings passed that Grinberg doubled to compete the partscore then passed the 3♥ reply. Just looking at the E/W hands, 3♥ looks to have chances, but Lavings led his singleton spade and collected three ruffs, so the contract was down three for -150 and 6 IMPs to Israel, growing their lead to 117-105.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♠*	All Pass

Both Wests opened their systemic strong artificial bid.

De Livera's 2♥ response showed 7-9, nothing to do with hearts. Spades were bid and supported and cuebids exchanged, but Braithwaite had had enough by the time that De Livera signed off in 4♠. Engel led a diamond to the nine, two and ace. Braithwaite played three rounds of spades, Engel winning the third and returning a diamond. Braithwaite won the ♦K, pitching a club from hand, then tried to split the hearts and, when they failed to oblige, conceded a club at the end; 11 tricks for +650.

Grinberg responded 2♦, showing 5+HCP, and again spades were bid and supported. Three No Trump may have been a non-serious slam try but Kalish went on with Keycard, then asked for the queen of trumps and settled for 5♠ when Grinberg denied that card. Lavings led the eight of clubs to the five, three and ace. Kalish cashed the ace and king of spades and ace of diamonds, then played a third spade. Lavings won that and returned a diamond to dummy's king. Kalish cashed the king of clubs and his two remaining spades, and that squeezed Krochmalik who, obliged to guard the clubs, had to throw a heart so that they produced four tricks and 12 in all; +680 and 1 IMP to Israel, 118-105.

Avi KALISH

Robert KROCHMALIK

Paul LAVINGS


Nir GRINBERG

ISRAEL

Twelve tricks are always available via the heart/club squeeze unless the defence leads clubs twice. This breaks declarer's communications and there is no squeeze because the king of diamonds cannot be cashed in a timely fashion. (See Jos Jacobs report in this issue. Editor) Four pairs bid and made 6♠, three bid it but went down, one on a club lead, one a diamond, and one where the lead is unclear as it is recorded as an impossible card.

No sooner do we see one borderline slam, than a second comes along on the very next deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
—	—	1♦	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♦*	2♠	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Braithwaite's 3♣ response was invitational with at least four diamonds and 3♥ a NT probe. Engel led the ten of clubs against 3NT, Braithwaite running this round to his queen and playing a club straight back to the king. He cashed the ace of spades next then rattled off the diamonds. Engel kept the ♣A and two spades, while Cohen kept both major-suit guards, so the defence came to two tricks at the end for +660.


Kalish made an inverted diamond raise then admitted to a spade stopper when Grinberg requested one. Lavings tooled the ten of clubs round to declarer's queen but, when Kalish played a club back at trick two, Lavings won the ace so giving away the twelfth trick; 1 IMP to Israel, whose lead

crept up to 119-105.

Six Diamonds is all about the opening lead, with a heart required to beat it as otherwise a club can be set up for a heart discard. In the Seniors event nobody bid the slam, however, it was bid once in the Open, and North led the ace of clubs.

On Board 27 Israel picked up an IMP for 3NT+1 by East against 3NT just making. Time was running out for Australia, but perhaps Board 28 would help their cause?

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	



Dani COHEN, Israel



West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Dble	3♥	All Pass	

In the other Seniors matches eight out of 10 N/Ss bid to the poor game and were down a trick. Our two pairs both stopped in partascore.

Lavings broke the transfer but Krochmalik retransferred then passed the completion, while Engel didn't like his 3-4-3-3 shape for a transfer break so simply completed the transfer.

With the minor-suit aces onside but an unavoidable trump loser, both declarers came to nine tricks for a push at +140.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
—	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
—	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

This time it was Lavings who did not break the transfer, but when Kalish competed with 3♦ he did take the push to 3♠. Engel meanwhile broke to 3♦, showing the doubleton, and Cohen retransferred then passed out 3♠.

There were three hearts, two clubs and one diamond to be lost, so both declarers were down two for -200 and no swing.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Braithwaite	Engel	De Livera	Cohen
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♦	Dble*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Lavings	Grinberg	Krochmalik
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	2♥	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

When Cohen opened 1♠ with the South hand, Braithwaite's overcall made it easy for Engel to describe exactly what he held, a three-card limit raise. Having already opened at the one level, Cohen was not interested in going on to game.

Krochmalik judged the South hand to be neither a one nor two-level opener so passed but then came in at his next turn and, facing a constructive spade raise, was happy to compete to the three level.

Both declarers played ace and another spade as soon as they gained the lead, and the board was flat at +140.

Ten results were recorded on this deal, showing that one South passed (as we have seen), six opened 1♠ and three opened 2♠.

Australia had scored only one single overtrick IMP in the 15-board set. Israel had hardly been prolific scorers either, but their 22 IMPs meant that they were through to the quarterfinals by a score of 120-105.

Seventy IMPs were shared in the Türkiye v Italy match, while in the Women's series the English women managed to turn around a 50 IMP deficit, winning the fourth quarter on these same deals by 69-13.

## Open QF - 1



# ITALY v ISRAEL



### David Bird

This round sees the matches lengthen to 96 boards, a reminder of what a major championship this is. The players are showing little signs of exhaustion. Physical fitness is doubtless more important now than a few decades ago.

As I see it, the competitive bidding on our first board was as absolutely wonderful.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I.Herbst</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♥*	3♠*	Dble	3NT*
4♠	Pass	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Antonio Sementa's 3♠ showed hearts and a minor, and East's double suggested something good in partner's spades. South's 3NT may have been more constructive than a pass-or-correct 4♣. Sementa's values did not justify a bid over 4♠, but Alfredo Versace came again with 4NT.

When North's 5♣ ran to Ilan Herbst, he was happy to show his diamonds. With the hearts blocked, the diamond game could not have been beaten, so how good is Versace's red sacrifice in 6♣? Absolutely brilliant. That was +200 to Israel.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Tarnowski</i>
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♥*	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The quality of bidding was matched by the world-class players at the other table. Have you ever seen two such great auctions on the same deal? It was a push board to remember for a good while.

The first big swing came a few boards later.



Ilan HERBST, Israel





Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I.Herbst</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Ophir Herbst led the ♦3, drawing the 4, 5 and king. Sementa then took a losing heart finesse. The ♠K won the next trick, and West reverted to diamonds, East taking the ace. The ♠10 went to West's jack, allowed to win, and he played a heart to the 10 and ace. Declarer cashed four clubs and two diamonds. He then looked sadly at his remaining ♠A7, having

to surrender the last trick for one down. Would they avoid the loss of three spades, a heart and a diamond at the other table?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Tarnowski</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Andrea Manno started with a neutral ♣7, won by dummy's ♣9. GIB was colouring all dummy's cards red, but you never know in this game. Di Franco won the ♦K with the ace. He then played the ♠6 to West's jack. No alarm bell rang, but West now needed to play a minor, even though declarer had those suits well held. He continued instead with the ♠K before switching to the ♦2. Declarer won with the ♦J. He crossed to a club and was then able to set up a second spade trick. The ♦Q remained as an entry to his hand, so +600 was his. It was 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I.Herbst</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Versace</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♠*
Dble	3♦	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

South's 2♠ showed a limit raise or better in hearts. West thought he had enough to double the artificial bid, and East then bid game in spades. A diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff were followed by a heart to the ace. Ophir Herbst won the club switch with the king and led the ♠Q to South's ace. A heart to the king was followed by a finesse of the ♠9, picking up the trumps. That was one down doubled for 100 away.



Alfredo VERSACE, Italy

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Yekutieli	Di Franco	Tarnovski
Pass	1♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Asaf Yekutieli ruffed the second club, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond. He then ruffed the ♣8 in his hand and ruffed a diamond with the ♥9, overruffed by the ♥10. The ♣J return was ruffed and overruffed by East with the ♥8. That was one down for 200 and a loss of 7 IMPs.

Not much of a deal, you may think. Yes, but in my trade you must accept the boards you are given. Perhaps the next board will be more entertaining.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
I.Herbst	Sementa	O.Herbst	Versace
—	1♠	Pass	3♦*
4NT*	Dble	5♣*	Pass*
5♦	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Versace's 3♦ showed a limit raise in spades with an unspecified singleton. Ilan Herbst had great shape, but very weak suits. We wondered if that would be enough for a vulnerable 3♠ bid? Ah, his hand was apparently too good for 3♠! North doubled 4NT, and East bid 5♣, pass-or-correct. West duly bid 5♦ and North went to 5♠, perhaps hoping for more from partner's forcing pass.

All now depended on East's choice of red-suit lead. Do you have a preference? Ophir Herbst considered the matter for a while, reckoning that there was no clue available. He reached for the ♦6 and that meant +850 for the Italians.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Yekutieli	Di Franco	Tarnovski
—	1♠	Pass	3NT*
4♠*	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			



Andrea MANNO

Asaf YEKUTIELI

Bar TARNOVSKI

Massimiliano DI FRANCO



South's 3NT may have shown an unknown splinter, too. Manno ended in 5♦ doubled. He won the ♣K lead with the ace and played the ♥8 to the king. A second heart went to South's queen, and North ruffed partner's ♥A with the ♦A. to play the ♣Q. Manno ruffed and led a good heart, Bar Tarnovski ruffing with the ♦9. A few moments later the defenders had 800, for a loss of 2 IMPs. Well, perhaps that was a bit better than the previous board.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I.Herbst</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>O.Herbst</i>	<i>Versace</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠3 to the jack and king. Declarer then cut proceedings short by facing his hand and saying that he was going to play a club to the king. A score of +690 was agreed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Tarnovski</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

By now, many readers will recognise, from East's five consecutive bids just one level up from West's, that this was a relay sequence. West gradually showed his 2-5-2-4 shape and 6♣ was reached. It seemed to be a 50-50 contract – a guess for the ♣Q. However, after some time, Tarnovski found the best lead, a spade. Because the ♥10 was with East instead of West, the breaks in hearts and trumps would then prevent 6♣ being made, even with a correct guess in trumps. Di Franco cashed the ♣A on the first round and went two down. (6NT was a marginally better slam, since that could be made with a correct club guess after any lead.)

The first of six 16-board segments ended with the score 28-27 in Italy's favour. This may well have been the lowest scoring match on offer, but I'm not complaining. During the first week, I've had so many excellent ones to write about.



Antonio SEMENTA

Ilan HERBST

Ophir HERBST

Alfredo VERSACE

# TO PRE-EMPT OR NOT TO PRE-EMPT

## Herman De wael

That is the question I shall try to answer in this piece.

On Monday in Buenos Aires, 64 teams were playing the same boards. In all the matches the bidding was done on tablets, which means that all the auctions are now visible for everyone to examine.

The 64 teams came from four series, so this included a fair sample of players. So-called "tourists" did not make it to the knock-out stage, but the inclusion of Senior, Mixed and Women teams meant that the field was more average than it would have been if only the Open Series were considered.

Today, I want to look at pre-empting. To do so, I shall look at all the hands where at least one player decided to open the bidding at the three-level or higher. If we assume that if a hand is suitable for a pre-empt, then at least some players (out of 64) will try it, and therefore we can call all these hands as potential pre-empts and we can see which ones turn out to be successful and which do not. I have ranked the hands by place on the table and vulnerability. There were 9 potential pre-empts:

1) First Hand, None Vulnerable -

♠ 10 7 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 4 ♣ A J 5

Session Two. Board 24 Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

This is what the different West players chose:

Pass: 24 times, for an average score of -75 (to the opening side)

2♦ (or 2♣) 16 times, average -30

3♦ (or 3♣) 24 times, average -35

Answer YES, the pre-empt is successful on average.

2) First Hand, Favourable Vulnerability -

♠ 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ J 9 8 7 4 3

Session One Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

The choices:

3♣ 13 times, all ending in 3♣X, scoring between -500 and -1100, for an average of -685

Pass 51 times. opponents play 3NT+1 or 4♠(x)-2, average -25

Answer NO, clearly not.



- 3) First Hand, Vulnerable against not -  
♠ J 9 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 4 2 ♣ 4

Session Two Board 22 Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

3♦ (or 3♣): 58 times, for an average score (to them) of + 468

2♦ 3 times, all scoring +600

Pass 3 times, average score +320

Showing the seven-card suit clearly helps partner bid game, so YES.

- 4) First Hand, Vulnerable against not -  
♠ J 9 4 ♥ J 4 ♦ Q 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ 8 4

Session Four Board 25 Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In the fourth session, six matches had been abandoned, so there were only 52 tables left in play:

3♦ 13 times, average -645

2♦ 3 times, average -675

Pass 36 times, average -520

An occasional -1100 makes that the pre-empt brings the average down, so NO

- 5) First Hand, All Vulnerable -  
♠ Q 10 7 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A K Q 10 3 2 ♣ 10 3

Session One Board 4 Dealer West. All Vul.

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

only 1 player opened the West hand with 3♦, ending up defending 4♥, scoring -620.

1 other player passed, the other 62 all opened 1♦, scoring -277 on average.

There can be no statistically significant conclusion.

- 6) Second Hand, None Vulnerable -  
♠ 4 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ Q 10 7 5 4 2 ♣ Q 7 6

Session Four Board 24 Dealer West. None Vul.

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

1 table had a 2♦ opening in front, 1 a 2♥, so there were 50 pairs faced with a possible pre-empt.

Pass: 43 times, +210

2♦ (or 2♣): 3 times, +220

3♦ 4 times, +295

A small advantage for YES, pre-empt!



7) Third hand, all vulnerable -  
 ♠ 8 5 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ 10 5 ♣ A K 9 5 4 3

Session One Board 7 Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

South and West both passed at all 64 tables, so we have 64 players with the possibility of pre-empting:

3♣ was chosen 9 times,  
 for an average result of -50  
 2♣ was bid 3 times, average +70  
 14 players opened 1♣, average score -70  
 and 38 players passed, getting -90.

So a moderate YES.

8) Third hand, all vulnerable -  
 ♠ Q 8 ♥ 10 8 5 2 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ Q J 10 3

on the hand above (number 4 - session four board 25) of the 36 tables where North passed (in all cases East passed as well), one South player decided to open this hand 3♣. West bid 3NT and played there, for -600. I have included this to be complete.

Although this sample is about the largest one that is currently feasible (60 deals over 64 tables), it is not large enough to get significant results from. Perhaps the number of potential pre-empts is smaller than usual?

But one point should be clear. None of the pre-empts described would fit what is traditionally thought under the rule-of-two-and-three. Yet they seem to do very little harm. Modern style very weak pre-empting does seem to be born out by this small sample.



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# REPLAY THIS DEAL WITH THE CAT

## Mark Horton

I mentioned this deal in my report on Round 29 of the Mixed Championship.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Pierre Schmidt (the Cat – not to be confused with John Robie, the role played by Cary Grant in the brilliant Alfred Hitchcock movie, *To Catch a Thief*) told me how Sylvia Shi played 6♥ in the match

between USA and France.

She ruffed the lead of the ♦A and reasonably played the ♥J, small from dummy... and Pierre (in his own words) made a big mistake by winning the trick with the ♥Q.

Check what happens if he ducks (of course without the smallest piece of hesitation)...

Probably declarer would have played the ♥A next, after which 12 tricks are impossible.

The deal reminds Pierre of a (not exactly) similar situation in which Dominique Poubeau took a finesse and, winning the trick, went to dummy and finessed the other way, a 100% safety play (I have a feeling that an example appears in the recently Master Point Press release, *Guarantee your Contract* by Jean Paul Meyer) in his case (but here you can't do that, it's just an analogy).

As the cards lie, that idea would work here if East held a doubleton ♥Q, but not with ♥Qxx unless East was 3-3-6-2.

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# DAZZLING DOUBLE DUMMY

**Mark Horton**

Barry Rigal drew my attention to this deal from the first session of the KO's, following an observation by Michael Rosenberg that you could make 6♦ even if South leads the ♦10.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

I'll give you time to think about it.

Now that the possibility of a club ruff has been eliminated, it is clear you will need some sort of squeeze. My first thought was to try for a squeeze without the count, but that won't quite work if you project to the three-card ending.

That got me thinking about an alternative approach.

Win the lead with dummy's ♦J and play the ♣3. If North follows with a low card you put in the ♣8 and South will not be able to prevent the club ruff. To prevent that North must put up the ♣10. Ducking that won't work, so declarer must take the ♣A. After drawing trumps declarer can afford to cash one more round and then plays three rounds of hearts ending in dummy to reach this position:

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

Now declarer ruffs a spade to leave these cards:

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

When declarer plays a heart to dummy's queen, South is forced to discard a club. Now you can play dummy's ♣Q. If North covers you end up with all the tricks, but ducking means you have made your contract.

Congratulations on executing a guard squeeze without the count!

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5 KIWI KIDS	DENMARK OPEN	33	46	6.03	13.97
6 SAADA PATRICK	VENTIN	14	22	7.39	12.61
7 SHOURIE	BORTOLETTI	23	30	7.69	12.31
8 POLAND WOMEN	TAMEWARE	34	33	10.36	9.64
9 GAUSS	DINKIN	34	11	16.18	3.82
10 ROMANIA	CHAGAS	20	60	1.22	18.78
11 COLOMBIANS	POLAND SENIORS	34	19	14.46	5.54
12 HOJA DE ARCE	JAPAN SENIOR	23	29	7.99	12.01
13 INDIAN WOMEN	DENMARK MIXED	13	29	5.30	14.70
14 ALGO DIVERTIDO	AUSTRALIAN MIXED	5	42	1.59	18.41
15 GERMANY OPEN	ADAMANT	27	35	7.39	12.61
16 TODO BIEN	RIO	52	8	19.24	0.76
17 NEW ZEALAND MIX	SWEDEN MIXED	13	32	4.63	15.37
18 GEELY AUTOMOBILE	FRANCE WOMEN	16	33	5.07	14.93
19 FINLAND	CHARLIE	36	3	17.86	2.14
20 ARMEX	INDIAN MIXED	26	47	4.21	15.79
21 NORWAY	MSV	20	34	5.78	14.22
22 MEDANOS	CON SUERTE	37	31	12.01	7.99
23 SWISS MIXED	ARMA MAJOR	1	37	1.72	18.28
24 NETTLETON	CHILE MIXTO	15	6	12.90	7.10
25 BLACK	CAMPANITA	48	10	18.54	1.46
26 IRELAND	ROJO-BLANCO	31	21	13.18	6.82

## ROUND 2

1 TODO BIEN	CHAGAS	41	30	13.45	6.55
2 BLACK	AUSTRALIAN MIXED	52	4	19.64	0.36
3 ARMA MAJOR	BRAITHWAITE	30	27	11.05	8.95
4 FINLAND	GAUSS	31	25	12.01	7.99
5 INDIAN MIXED	DRINTEAM	14	46	2.29	17.71
6 SWEDEN MIXED	FRANCE WOMEN	55	0	20.00	0.00
7 DENMARK MIXED	COLOMBIANS	47	23	16.37	3.63
8 MSV	DENMARK OPEN	29	41	6.29	13.71
9 VITA LADIES	IRELAND	9	45	0.72	18.28
10 NETTLETON	VENTIN	32	12	15.58	4.42
11 ADAMANT	BORTOLETTI	3	42	1.34	18.66
12 JAPAN SENIOR	MEDANOS	41	13	17.08	2.92
13 CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	POLAND WOMEN	26	52	3.27	16.73
14 TAMEWARE	ITALIAN SENIORS	19	37	4.85	15.15
15 HOJA DE ARCE	CON SUERTE	38	19	15.37	4.63
16 SHOURIE	SAADA PATRICK	43	1	19.02	0.98
17 GERMANY OPEN	CHILE MIXTO	35	13	15.99	4.01
18 ROJO-BLANCO	AUSTRIA	24	15	12.90	7.10
19 KIWI KIDS	NORWAY	26	38	6.29	13.71
20 POLAND SENIORS	INDIAN WOMEN	65	6	20.00	0.00
21 GEELY AUTOMOBILE	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	33	29	11.38	8.62
22 NEW ZEALAND MIX	ARMEX	67	10	20.00	0.00
23 DINKIN	CHARLIE	27	15	13.71	6.29
24 KIWI BLUE	SWISS MIXED	35	48	6.03	13.97
25 ALGO DIVERTIDO	CAMPANITA	38	23	14.46	5.54
26 ROMANIA	RIO	33	15	15.15	4.85



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## ROUND 3

1	BLACK	SWEDEN MIXED	37	9	17.08	2.92
2	DRINTEAM	TODO BIEN	10	32	4.01	15.99
3	IRELAND	DENMARK MIXED	68	5	20.00	0.00
4	BORTOLETTI	FINLAND	11	28	5.07	14.93
5	ARMA MAJOR	JAPAN SENIOR	11	10	10.36	9.64
6	NETTLETON	DENMARK OPEN	19	50	2.44	17.56
7	POLAND WOMEN	BRAITHWAITE	22	24	9.29	10.71
8	SHOURIE	CHAGAS	22	9	13.97	6.03
9	POLAND SENIORS	GAUSS	14	23	7.10	12.90
10	NEW ZEALAND MIX	ITALIAN SENIORS	26	9	14.93	5.07
11	HOJA DE ARCE	GERMANY OPEN	30	23	12.31	7.69
12	MSV	ROJO-BLANCO	7	15	7.39	12.61
13	NORWAY	AUSTRALIAN MIXED	16	19	8.95	11.05
14	INDIAN MIXED	COLOMBIANS	34	5	17.24	2.76
15	DINKIN	VENTIN	25	16	12.90	7.10
16	ROMANIA	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	42	31	13.45	6.55
17	ALGO DIVERTIDO	SWISS MIXED	12	41	2.76	17.24
18	FRANCE WOMEN	MEDANOS	29	1	17.08	2.92
19	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	TAMEWARE	9	16	7.69	12.31
20	VITA LADIES	ADAMANT	0	76	0.00	20.00
21	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	22	0	15.99	4.01
22	CON SUERTE	KIWI KIDS	30	22	12.61	7.39
23	CHILE MIXTO	SAADA PATRICK	28	28	10.00	10.00
24	CHARLIE	KIWI BLUE	19	18	10.36	9.64
25	CAMPANITA	INDIAN WOMEN	1	52	0.08	19.92
26	ARMEX	RIO	13	44	2.44	17.56

## ROUND 4

1	BLACK	IRELAND	14	40	3.27	16.73
2	TODO BIEN	DENMARK OPEN	20	18	10.71	9.29
3	FINLAND	SHOURIE	28	13	14.46	5.54
4	ARMA MAJOR	NEW ZEALAND MIX	42	25	14.93	5.07
5	JAPAN SENIOR	SWEDEN MIXED	49	15	18.00	2.00
6	BRAITHWAITE	DRINTEAM	40	25	14.46	5.54
7	GAUSS	POLAND WOMEN	5	48	0.87	19.13
8	BORTOLETTI	HOJA DE ARCE	36	13	16.18	3.82
9	INDIAN MIXED	ADAMANT	29	26	11.05	8.95
10	SWISS MIXED	POLAND SENIORS	5	45	1.22	18.78
11	ROJO-BLANCO	FRANCE WOMEN	13	56	0.87	19.13
12	CHAGAS	DENMARK MIXED	53	2	19.92	0.08
13	GERMANY OPEN	NETTLETON	44	1	19.13	0.87
14	DINKIN	ROMANIA	57	41	14.70	5.30
15	AUSTRALIAN MIXED	AUSTRIA	5	49	0.76	19.24
16	ITALIAN SENIORS	NORWAY	4	45	1.10	18.90
17	MSV	TAMEWARE	6	30	3.63	16.37
18	CON SUERTE	INDIAN WOMEN	17	15	10.71	9.29
19	VENTIN	RIO	28	14	14.22	5.78
20	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	CHINESE TAIPEI OPEN	21	68	0.46	19.54
21	CHILE MIXTO	COLOMBIANS	72	16	20.00	0.00
22	KIWI KIDS	ALGO DIVERTIDO	10	49	1.34	18.66
23	CHARLIE	SAADA PATRICK	31	29	10.71	9.29
24	MEDANOS	KIWI BLUE	13	49	1.72	18.28
25	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	VITA LADIES	10	14	8.62	11.38
26	CAMPANITA	ARMEX	42	2	18.78	1.22

## RANKING AFTER R4

1	IRELAND	68.19
2	TODO BIEN	59.39
3	FINLAND	59.26
4	BLACK	58.53
5	JAPAN SENIOR	56.73
6	POLAND WOMEN	55.51
7	ARMA MAJOR	54.62
8	DENMARK OPEN	54.53
9	BORTOLETTI	52.22
10	BRAITHWAITE	52.12
11	POLAND SENIORS	51.42
12	CHAGAS	51.28
13	FRANCE WOMEN	51.14
14	GERMANY OPEN	50.20
15	AUSTRIA	48.88
16	NORWAY	47.34
17	INDIAN MIXED	46.37
18	SHOURIE	46.22
19	DINKIN	45.13
20	NEW ZEALAND MIX	44.63
21	TAMEWARE	43.17
22	ADAMANT	42.90
23	DRINTEAM	42.63
24	CH. TAIPEI OPEN	41.88
25	CHILE MIXTO	41.11
26	SWEDEN MIXED	40.29
27	HOJA DE ARCE	39.49
28	VENTIN	38.35
29	GAUSS	37.94
30	ALGO DIVERTIDO	37.47
31	KIWI BLUE	35.95
32	CON SUERTE	35.94
33	ROMANIA	35.12
34	INDIAN WOMEN	34.51
35	SWISS MIXED	34.15
36	ROJO-BLANCO	33.20
37	NETTLETON	31.79
38	MSV	31.53
39	DENMARK MIXED	31.15
40	AUSTRALIAN MIXED	30.58
41	ITALIAN SENIORS	29.94
42	CHARLIE	29.50
43	RIO	28.95
44	SAADA PATRICK	27.66
45	NETHERLANDS W.	25.88
46	CAMPANITA	25.86
47	VITA LADIES	25.55
48	GEELY AUTOMOBILE	23.46
49	KIWI KIDS	21.05
50	COLOMBIANS	20.85
51	MEDANOS	19.57
52	ARMEX	7.87

## PAIRS - OPEN + SENIORS

### RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

1	HO Wai Lam	HO Gordon	HKG - HKG	61.76
2	SHENKIN Barnet J	SPEARS Brian	SCO - SCO	59.86
3	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	MIGNOCCHI Kent	USA - USA	58.39
4	THOMPSON Ben	THOMSON Ian	AUS - AUS	56.26
5	THAKRAL Sandeep	SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	55.03
6	PRYOR Malcolm	SCERRI Ed	ENG - ENG	55.01
7	CARDWELL Paul	VERHEES Jan	NED - NED	54.79
8	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	GRE - GRE	54.77
9	CARRERA Jaime	NINO Rafael	COL - COL	54.69
10	MATHIEU Philippe	SOUDAN Luc	GLP - GLP	53.61
11	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anirudh	IND - IND	53.51
12	STEPHENS Robert	VAN VUGHT Lex	RSA - RSA	53.16
13	DEY Sanjit	SHAW Binod Kumar	IND - IND	52.99
14	POPPER Richard	MADDEN Zachary	USA - USA	52.43
15	SZE Shun Sum Alan	CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	HKG - HKG	51.67
16	KIZILBASH Anwar Mumtaz	HAI Zia	PAK - PAK	51.25
17	SOWTER Anthony (Tony)	ROBINSON David	ENG - ENG	51.13
18	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	50.73
19	PEJACSEVICH Alexis	MONTES DE OCA F. P.	ARG - ARG	50.04
20	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND	49.78
21	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	WAI Chiu Fai	HKG - HKG	49.46
22	ELIJOVICH Horacio	ANGELERI Ricardo	ARG - ARG	48.41
23	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	48.13
24	DIAMOND Derek	SIME Iain	SCO - SCO	45.69
25	SHENKIN David	MCLATCHIE Cameron	SCO - SCO	45.61
26	BRUM Jose Roberto	LA ROVERE Emilio	BRA - BRA	43.16
27	SIANO Gerardo	DURANTE Sergio Fernando	ARG - ARG	41.42
28	SARKI Shahab	MOHAMMAD Yousuf Jan	PAK - PAK	40.60
29	NUNEZ Ramiro	PASTORIZA Luis Guillermo	ARG - ARG	39.82
30	TEIXEIRA Agustin	SZYFER Leonardo	URU - URU	39.59
31	HUSAIN Mohammad	ALHASHEMI Ahmad	KUW - KUW	38.71
32	ANABTAWI Rana	ABO HANTASH Naelah	KUW - KUW	36.95

## PAIRS - WOMEN + MIXED

### RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

1	ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	CRO - CRO	60.84
2	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	58.50
3	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	FRA - FRA	58.36
4	KOLATA Suleyman	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	57.15
5	SZABO Csaba	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	57.11
6	HONTI Laszlo	MEZEI Katalin	HUN - HUN	55.53
7	FUNG Kismet	GAMBLE Michael	CAN - CAN	55.03
8	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	54.93
9	EBER Neville	BLOOM Valerie	RSA - RSA	54.91
10	WEISS SELWAY Florian	WEISS SELWAY Louise	AUT - AUT	53.87
11	LI Suet Yu Zoe	LUNG Ka-Cheung	HKG - HKG	53.56
12	OZBAY Tolga	ERYANIK Ceyda	TUR - TUR	53.44
13	MIYAKUNI Ayako	MIYAKUNI Kenji	JPN - JPN	53.16
14	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	52.95
15	DIKLIC Dubravko	PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	52.36
16	HODOSI Peter	LAJOS Hanka	HUN - HUN	52.30
17	LUPSAN Octavian	LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	51.37
18	KOLESNIK Alex	BEYNON Sharon	USA - USA	51.36
19	VINCENT Christine	SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	50.92
20	SEZENSKY Barry	SHNIER Barbara	CAN - CAN	50.71
21	CHIU Karic	LU Qin	HKG - HKG	50.58
22	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	50.44
23	FORTUNA Ricardo	WAGENER Diana	ARG - ARG	50.31
24	NATT Shahzaad	NATT India	ENG - ENG	49.98
25	ALONSO Ana Maria	ANGELERI Monica	ARG - ARG	49.28
26	GARATEGUY Maria Del R.	IACAPRARO Maria Elena	ARG - ARG	48.82
27	MITURA Amy	BAUER Tracey	USA - USA	48.73
28	HAUGH Mairead	CORFIELD Justin	IRL - IRL	48.72
29	SHENKIN Maggie	BARRETT Lucia	SCO - SCO	48.48
30	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	48.16
31	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	47.62
32	DORNON Glynis	PENLINGTON Dianne	RSA - RSA	46.97
33	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	46.94
34	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	46.01
35	ELKIN Irene	SMALINSKY Ana Lia	ARG - ARG	45.97
36	CUMMINS Patricia	ROTCHHELL Douglas	BAR - BAR	45.91
37	HAMMOND Nicolas	PETERS Catherine	USA - USA	45.85
38	GRINBERG Martín Bernardo	LEONI Gladys Nilda	ARG - ARG	45.72
39	MADALA Adolfo Andres	FEINTUCH Clara	ARG - ARG	45.28
40	BRYANT Brenda	DAVIDSON Ranald	CAN - CAN	45.17
41	YANEZ Pilar	DI PIETRO PAOLO Gabriel	ARG - ARG	44.30
42	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	44.08
43	HINDS Roglyn	SPRINGER Norma	BAR - BAR	41.27
44	RUBIO Gonzalo	ZEMAN Antonia	CHI - CHI	40.74
45	RAPETTI Maria Claudia	VALLONE Maria	ARG - ARG	33.55



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