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## THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

### Today's Programme

**BB, VC, OT**  
Finals & Play-Off

**Funbridge**  
Transnational  
Semi-finals

11:00 - 13:20

14:30 - 16:50

17:20 - 19:40

**Grand Prix**  
Ville de Lyon

10:00 - 12:20

13:30 - 15:50

16:10 - 18:30



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**Gianarrigo Rona, Al Levy, Yu Peng, Zhihui Shi, Yves Costel, Sevinç Atay**  
*Machines ready to rule the bridge world.....not yet!*

France secured a world title as Wbridge 5 swept to victory in the World Computer Bridge Championships. Might it be precursor of what is to come in the Bermuda Bowl? Meanwhile China are in a good but by no means secure position against England in the Venice Cup, while the match between USA II and Italy in the d'Orsi Trophy looks set to go the distance.

All the favourites advanced in the FunBridge Transnational Teams.

### Press Conference



The closing Press Conference of the 2017 World Bridge Team Championships will be held **today, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, at **10.00 a.m.** in the WBF meeting room



The **Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony** of the 2017 World Bridge Championships will take place on Saturday 26 August. It is open to all players competing in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy and Funbridge Transnational Teams. It will be held here at the Cité Centre De Congrès, the exact time and venue to be announced once the number attending is known.

In order to get a ticket **you must register at the Hospitality desk** by the main entrance **no later than today. No ticket - no entry!**







Bermuda Bowl



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 FRANCE	39	42	21	25	31	41	199	
 CHINA	52	15	20	11	23	26	147	



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 NETHERLANDS	6	35	39	21	27	34	14	176
 NEW ZEALAND	21	46	24	22	35	46	194	



- FRANCE** Thomas BESSIS, Francois COMBESCURE, Cedric LORENZINI, Jean-Christophe QUANTIN, Jerome ROMBAUT, Frederic VOLCKER, Lionel SEBBANE captain
- CHINA** Yunlong CHEN, Jianming DAI, Jianwei LI, Lixin YANG, Bangxiang ZHANG, Jie ZHAO, Jihong HU captain, Gang CHEN coach
- NETHERLANDS** Simon DE WIJS, Bob DRIJVER, Bauke MULLER, Bart NAB, Berend VAN DEN BOS, Joris VAN LANKVELD, Wubbo DE BOER captain, Ton BAKKEREN coach
- NEW ZEALAND** Ashley BACH, Matthew BROWN, Michael CORNELL, Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL, Michael WARE, Michael WHIBLEY, Derek EVENNETT captain
- SWEDEN** Fredrik NYSTROM, Mikael RIMSTEDT, Ola RIMSTEDT, Johan SYLVAN, Johan UPMARK, Frederic WRANG, Per Gunnar ELIASSEN captain, Jan LAGERMAN coach
- USA2** Martin FLEISHER, Joe GRUE, Chip MARTEL, Brad MOSS, Jacek PSZCZOLA, Michael ROSENBERG, Jan MARTEL captain
- USA1** Ralph KATZ, Robert LEVIN, Jeff MECKSTROTH, Nick NICKELL, Eric RODWELL, Steve WEINSTEIN, Jill LEVIN captain, Eric O. KOKISH coach
- BULGARIA** Victor ARONOV, Diana DAMIANOVA, Georgi KARAKOLEV, Vladimir MIHOV, Ivan NANEV, Julian STEFANOV, Victor ARONOV captain, MARTA NIKOLOVA coach



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 SWEDEN	43	37	11	16	36	27	170	
 USA2	41	51	43	32	21	5	193	

	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 USA1	36	34	49	21	60	26	226	
 BULGARIA	72	12	11	40	46	58	239	



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 FRANCE	44	42	46	55	0	0	187	
 NEW ZEALAND	5	25	10	8	0	0	48	



	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T
 FRANCE	33	28	35						96
 USA2	33	38	25						96

	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 BULGARIA	29	51	35				115
 NEW ZEALAND	22	9	26				57



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 BULGARIA	42	36	22	29	30	23	182	
 USA2	18	49	39	38	40	32	216	



Venice Cup



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 SWEDEN	26	48	23	40	20	34	193	
 ISRAEL	30	34	43	6	36	11	160	



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 RUSSIA	21	24	53	42	32	27	199	
 ENGLAND	43	58	32	8	42	37	220	



- SWEDEN** Pia ANDERSSON, Kathrine BERTHEAU, Ida GRONKVIST, Emma OVELIUS, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Sandra RIMSTEDT, Kenneth BORIN captain, Carina WADEMARK coach
- ISRAEL** Adi ASULIN, Hila LEVI, Michal NOSACKI, Nathalie SAADA, Dana TAL, Noga TAL, Joseph ENGEL captain
- RUSSIA** Victoria GROMOVA, Anna GULEVICH, Elena KHONICHEVA, Tatiana PONOMAREVA, Diana RAKHMANI, Maria YAKOVLEVA, Tatiana DIKHNOVA captain
- ENGLAND** Sally BROCK, Fiona BROWN, Catherine DRAPER, Sandra PENFOLD, Nevena SENIOR, Nicola SMITH, Derek PATTERSON captain, David BURN coach
- INDONESIA** Rury ANDHANI, Lusje Olha BOJOH, Suci Amita DEWI, Kristina Wahyu MURNIATI, Conny SUMAMPOUW, Julita Grace TUEJE, Hendra RAILIS captain, Bill MONDIGIR coach
- POLAND** Cathy BALDYSZ, Zofia BALDYSZ, Katarzyna DUFRAT, Natalia GAWEL, Aleksandra JAROSZ, Justyna ZMUDA, Mirosław CICHOCKI captain
- CHINA** Yan HUANG, Yan LIU, Yan LU, Qi SHEN, Nan WANG, Wen Fei WANG, Jianxin WANG captain, Xiaojing WANG coach
- NETHERLANDS** Carla ARNOLDS, Merel BRUIJNSTEEN, Laura DEKKERS, Magdalena TICHA, Wietske VAN ZWOL, Martine VERBEEK, Alex VAN REENEN captain, Hans KELDER coach



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 INDONESIA	62	12	27	12	18	21	152	
 POLAND	18	47	38	36	26	6	171	

	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 CHINA	70	5	13	19	28	48	183	
 NETHERLANDS	9	22	39	10	5	49	134	



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 SWEDEN	12	23	52	55	29	12	183	
 ENGLAND	42	56	19	34	33	21	205	



	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 ENGLAND	33	26	14				73
 CHINA	17	51	47				115

	I	2	3	4	5	T
 POLAND	7	29	13			49
 SWEDEN	31	14	37			82



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 CHINA	42	30	52	25	40	47	236	
 POLAND	23	50	18	38	21	7	157	



d’Orsi Trophy



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>USA2</b>	34	17	45	26	42	39	203	
 <b>JAPAN</b>	25	37	54	16	31	3	166	



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>AUSTRALIA</b>	55	7	33	9	33	36	173	
 <b>SWEDEN</b>	32	36	70	36	26	38	238	



- USA2** Michael BECKER, David BERKOWITZ, Allan GRAVES, Neil SILVERMAN, Alan SONTAG, Jeff WOLFSON, Steve GARNER captain
- JAPAN** Tadashi IMAKURA, Masayuki INO, Kyoko OHNO, Akito OMASA, Akihiko YAMADA, Kazuhiko YAMADA, Hiroaki MIURA captain
- AUSTRALIA** Terry BROWN, Peter Walter BUCHEN, Pauline GUMBY, Avi KANETKAR, Warren LAZER, Bruce NEILL, George BILSKI captain, LALITA KANETKAR coach
- SWEDEN** Mats AXDORPH, Christer BJARING, Sven-Ake BJERREGARD, Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON, Anders MORATH, Johnny OSTBERG, Tommy GULLBERG captain, Carina WADEMARK coach
- ITALY** Andrea BURATTI, Amedeo COMELLA, Giuseppe FAILLA, Aldo MINA, Ruggero PULGA, Stefano SABBATINI, Pierfrancesco PAROLARO captain
- USA1** Dennis CLERKIN, Jerry CLERKIN, Marc JACOBUS, Mike LEVINE, Mike PASSELL, Eddie WOLD, Bob MORRIS captain
- FRANCE** Nicholas DECHELETTE, Pierre-Yves GUILLAUMIN, Georges IONTZEFF, Jean-Jacques PALAU, Pierre SCHMIDT, Philippe TOFFIER, Eric GAUTRET captain
- INDIA** Ramawatar AGRAWAL, Subhash DHAKRAS, Dipak PODDAR, Keshav Sakharan SAMANT, Jitendra SOLANI, Ramamurthy SRIDHARAN, Dipak PODDAR captain, Anal SHAH coach



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>ITALY</b>	42	14	20	70	22	26	194	
 <b>USA1</b>	35	25	45	12	41	30	188	

	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>FRANCE</b>	81	10	13	24	14	20	162	
 <b>INDIA</b>	20	26	34	33	18	44	175	



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>USA2</b>	17	32	41	10	28	41	169	
 <b>SWEDEN</b>	25	23	34	20	30	2	134	



	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>USA2</b>	27	31	22				80
 <b>ITALY</b>	15	29	29				73

	I	2	3	4	5	T
 <b>INDIA</b>	19	23	14			56
 <b>SWEDEN</b>	40	30	17			87



	P	I	2	3	4	5	6	T
 <b>INDIA</b>	14	40	35	6	11	36	142	
 <b>ITALY</b>	11	61	30	44	47	11	204	



Funbridge Transnational



	P	I	2	3	T
 <b>MAZURKIEWICZ</b>	28	36	41	105	
 <b>BRULIBU</b>	35	42	8	85	

	P	I	2	3	T
 <b>PERCY</b>	19	41	34	94	
 <b>THE MAGICDOGS</b>	27	1	32	60	



- MAZURKIEWICZ** Piotr GAWRYS, Krzysztof JASSEM, Michal KLUKOWSKI, Marcin MAZURKIEWICZ, Marcin MAZURKIEWICZ captain
- BRULIBU** Jean Marie BACKES, Patrick BOCKEN, Zvi ENGEL, Olivier NEVE, Patrick BOCKEN captain
- PERCY** Peter CROUCH, David GOLD, Zia MAHMOOD, Marion MICHELSEN, Andrew ROBSON, Anita SINCLAIR
- THE MAGICDOGS** Gary COHLER, Fred GITELMAN, Daniel KORBEL, Sylvia SHI, Sheri WINESTOCK
- ZIMMERMANN** Geir HELGEMO, Lorenzo LAURIA, Krzysztof MARTENS, Franck MULTON, Alfredo VERSACE, Pierre ZIMMERMANN
- PIEDRA** Bartłomiej IGLA, Fernando PIEDRA, Howard WEINSTEIN, Adam WILDAVSKY
- JINSHUO** Tong JIANG, Chuancheng JU, Jacek KALITA, Michal NOWOSADZKI, Zheng Jun SHI, Xiaofeng ZHANG, Dade WANG captain
- CHINA XHJT** Jingsheng BIAN, Xueliang CAO, Hua HUANG, Xiangyang WANG, Shikan ZHOU captain

	P	I	2	3	T
 <b>ZIMMERMANN</b>	38	12	54	104	
 <b>PIEDRA</b>	34	37	19	90	

	P	I	2	3	T
 <b>JINSHUO</b>	24	41	26	91	
 <b>CHINA XHJT</b>	22	7	36	65	

	MAZURKIEWICZ
	PERCY



	ZIMMERMANN
	JINSHUO

## Grand Prix Ville de Lyon after 24 Rounds

1 GILLIS	65	MOAD	51	GAIA	44
2 SWISSHUN	63	26 BLACK	50	50 QLJB	43.5
3 CHINA OPEN	62	WACH	50	51 NATAF	43
4 MON BAZILOU	61	LE BOSAKR	50	52 RIDOLFO	42
SPAIN	61	NEYMAR	50	BELL	42
6 POLAND	60	30 RAPTORS	49.6	CUBE STRASBOURG	42
7 ADDICTS	59	31 POLAND UNIVERSITY	49.5	KITKUTIM	42
8 LALL	58	32 BRENDA	49	56 AURELE	41
9 RUSSIA	57.8	RAF	49	BANGALORE	41
10 YOUNGSTERS	57	SEMI CROUSTILLANTS	49	OBJECTIVITY	41
INDONESIAN MIXED	57	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	49	59 CHEVAL	39.2
12 MEPHISTO	56	36 BLUE NOTE	48	60 I LUCKY GUY	39
13 VICKY	54	MERRET	48	61 PROF RIMBUS	38
YBM	54	INDONESIA SUPERMIX	48	62 PROMISE	35.2
15 INDONESIAN OPEN	53	QUAGGAS	48	63 FINIKIOTIS	35
NONAME	53	40 MOSSOP	47.8	SPAM	35
USA I SENIORS	53	41 LES COUILLUS	46	OHMCONNECT	35
18 CHAD	52.2	PESSOA	46	66 SEURIN	34
19 BRIDGEVID	52	43 RENSON	45.2	67 LES GRANDS CRUS	33
FILIPPO 5	52	44 ADAD	45	68 PONCOL JAKARTA	27.8
21 LAST MINUTE	51	45 RIEHM	44.5		
PD TIMES	51	46 KINAHAEI	44		
PUNCH	51	OLD YOUNG TEAM	44		
LEOPARCK	51	FORMIDABLES	44		



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## VuGraph SCHEDULE

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Auditorium Pasteur

11:00		14:30		17:10	
FRANCE-USA2 (BB)	VG/BBO I/FB	FRANCE-USA 2 (BB)	VG/BBO I/FB	FRANCE-USA2 (BB)	VG/BBO/FB
USA2-ITALY (OT)	BBO 2	USA2-ITALY (OT)	BBO 2	USA2-ITALY (OT)	BBO 2
SWEDEN-INDIA (OT)	BBO 3	SWEDEN-INDIA (OT)	BBO 3	SWEDEN-INDIA (OT)	BBO 3
ENGLAND-CHINA (VC)	BBO 4	MAZURKIEWICZ-PERCY (T)	BBO 4	MAZURKIEWICZ-PERCY (T)	BBO 4
SWEDEN-POLAND (VC)	BBO 5/ FB	SWEDEN-POLAND (VC)	BBO 5/ FB	SWEDEN-POLAND (VC)	BBO 5/ FB
N. ZEALAND-BULGARIA (BB)	BBO 6/ FB	N. ZEALAND-BULGARIA (BB)	BBO 6/ FB	N. ZEALAND-BULGARIA (BB)	BBO 6/ FB
MAZURKIEWICZ-PERCY (T)	BBO 7	ZIMMERMANN-JINSHUO (T)	BBO 7	ZIMMERMANN-JINSHUO (T)	BBO 7
ZIMMERMAN-JINSHUO (T)	BBO 8/ OG	ENGLAND-CHINA (VC)	BBO 8/ OG	ENGLAND-CHINA (VC)	BBO 8/ OG

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## Le (bon) coin francophone

Jean-Paul Meyer



### LA GLOIRE DE NOS ENFANTS

Revenons avec plaisir sur les podiums "Youth".

Les nouveaux champions du Monde, Youngsters, moins de 21 ans, vainqueurs de l'équipe chinoise Shengxing en finale, sont, de gauche à droite:

Melic Dufrêne, Arthur Boulin, Maxence Fragola, Raphael Basler, Theo Guillemain, Luc Bellicaud, avec Christophe Oursel (Capitaine non joueur), et José Damiani.



Les médaillées d'argent Girls - moins de 26 ans - battues en finale par les Chinoises de la même école :

Mathilde Thuillez, Sarah Combesure, Marie-Valentine Coupel, Emeline Joumin, Hélène Besançon, Hélène Chelin (de gauche à droite avec leur Capitaine non joueur, Wilfried Libbrecht).



Cela dit, soyons méfiants pour l'avenir, plus nous descendons dans les classes d'âge, plus la domination asiatique est évidente. La Chine, absente du podium en junior, obtient les médailles d'argent et de bronze chez les moins de 21 ans et les trois médailles - or, argent et bronze - dans la catégorie des moins de 16 ans (kids).

### LES FRANÇAIS DANS LE TRANSNATIONAL.

Nous vous avons annoncé que nos joueurs ne s'étaient pas mis en vedette dans le très relevé championnat transnational.

Deux équipes ont sauvé l'honneur avec une place dans les 20 premiers:

14<sup>èmes</sup> : Philippe Chottin, Bernard Doussot, David Harari, Philippe Kasler

15<sup>èmes</sup> : Pierre Adad, Mickael Courrias, Sabine Grenthe, Franck Mateos-Ruiz, Pascal Ringuet, Didier Thomazet.

### LE PLUS DETENDU DES FINALISTES

De l'avis général Frédéric Volcker, France open, est le joueur le moins stressé du monde. Il adore monter « des coups ». Durant ce championnat, il est interpellé par une dame qui lui déclare : «Je suis certaine que vous pouvez m'aider. Sur mon relevé, il me manque des points d'expert. J'ai beau le signaler à la Fédération, je ne reçois pas de réponse et ils ne me sont toujours pas crédités.»

Gardant son sérieux, Frédéric (3<sup>ème</sup> joueur au classement national avec 3952 PP et 632976 PE) de répondre «Vous ne m'étonnez guère, à moi aussi il manque des points d'expert et on ne veut pas me les attribuer. Mais je connais celui qui peut nous venir en aide Philippe Cronier, le DTN, appelez-le c'est le 06....»

Non, nous ne le révélerons pas, compte tenu de notre grande mansuétude, mais imaginez la surprise de Philippe, mis à contribution pour cette importante mission.

### CHAMPIONNAT DES LOGICIELS

Les demi-finales ont rendu leur verdict sans surprise.

Le Français **WB5** a dominé le hollandais Robo sur le score sans appel de 194 à 109 en 64 donnes, mais en fait Robo menait encore 83-80 à mi match. Nous n'avons pas pu savoir si Robo a éprouvé un coup de fatigue, les robots ne sont guère bavards.

**Synrey** (Chine) l'a emporté sur Microbridge (Japon) 130 à 92, le 3<sup>ème</sup> quart temps- 36-3- fit la différence.

La finale opposera donc le vainqueur de l'an dernier WB5 à la Chine et non plus au Japon.

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[www.synrey.com](http://www.synrey.com).

### TRANSNATIONAL : QU'ARRIVE-T-IL A TOR HELNESS ?

Le joueur norvégien n'a pas eu son efficacité coutumière depuis le début du championnat, cela a amené le capitaine de son équipe, Pierre Zimmermann à procéder à des aménagements dans la composition des paires. Ainsi a-t-on vu jouer Franck Multon en face de Geir Helgemo et Krystof Martens en face Pierre Zimmermann. Il semble que Tor Helness souffre de sérieux troubles visuels, souhaitons lui un prompt rétablissement.

### DONNES DU JOUR

**Des Français en forme.**

Par Guy Dupont

Avis de tempête

Lors de la dernière séance des quarts de finale de la Bermuda Bowl, opposant la France à la Chine, Frédéric Volcker a mené sa barque à bon port, alors que la tempête menaçait. Prenez sa place, en Ouest :

Donneur Sud, Est-Ouest vulnérable.

(quart de finale, 6<sup>e</sup> séance, donne 27)

♠ A R 9 5  
 ♥ DV  
 ♦ A R  
 ♣ D 8 7 4 3

N  
 O E  
 S

♠ 3 2  
 ♥ A R 9 3 2  
 ♦ D 10 5 3  
 ♣ 9 2

O	N	E	S
Volcker	Li	Bessis	Zhang
2SA	Passe	3♦	Passe
3SA	Passe	4♣*	Passe
4♥	Passe		
4♣	Texas Carreau		

Nord entame du 2 de Carreau. Par où commencer ?

Vous avez bien dix levées potentielles, avec cinq Cœurs, deux Piques et trois Carreaux. L'ennui, c'est que vous ne pouvez les tirer en tête, en raison du blocage à Cœur et à Carreau.

Espérer un partage 3-3 des Cœurs serait un tantinet optimiste. Avec des répartitions à peu près « normales » chez vos adversaires, par exemple atouts 4-2, Piques 4-3 et Carreaux 5-2, vous pourriez envisager cette ligne de jeu : Roi de Carreau, Dame-Valet de Cœur, As de Carreau, As-Roi de Pique et Pique coupé, élimination des atouts, puis la Dame de Carreau, en guise de dixième levée.

S'il l'a envisagée un instant, il l'a vite oubliée, en se posant la question : et s'il y avait du singleton dans l'air ? Visionnaire, il a opté pour une ligne qui lui a finalement permis de gagner malgré – tenez-vous bien – un singleton à Carreau (on peut l'imaginer après l'entame) et un autre à Pique chez ses adversaires ! A jeux cachés, son succès relève du prodige.

♠ DV 10 8 6 4  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ V 10 6 5

♠ A R 9 5  
 ♥ DV  
 ♦ A R  
 ♣ D 8 7 4 3

N  
 O E  
 S

♠ 3 2  
 ♥ A R 9 3 2  
 ♦ D 10 5 3  
 ♣ 9 2

♠ 7  
 ♥ 10 8 6 5  
 ♦ V 9 8 7 6 4  
 ♣ A R

Suivez le guide : il a commencé par encaisser Dame-Valet de Cœur, puis il a donné un tour de Trèfle à blanc. Nord a fourni le 10, et, bonne nouvelle, celui-ci a été croqué du Roi par son partenaire.

Sud a dégagé l'As de Trèfle et contre-attaqué à Pique, pour l'As de Volcker, qui a poursuivi en coupant un Trèfle de l'As de Cœur – morceau de bravoure – avant d'encaisser le Roi. Les atouts n'étaient pas 3-3, mais quel que fût le possesseur de la longue à Cœur, il était mis en main à l'atout, contraint de livrer le reste au déclarant, qui détenait en main deux Trèfles maîtres, le Roi de Pique et l'As de Carreau. Ma-gis-tral !

Dans l'autre salle, on a gagné 3SA (sur l'entame à Pique) qui n'était pas nécessairement un meilleur contrat (laissons les statisticiens en juger), mais qui avait le mérite de gagner, en raison de la situation à Trèfle et du manque de communication entre les flancs.

### Le retour de P'tit Léon

Il n'y a guère, Pierre Rimbaud signait des chroniques dans Le Bridgeur, sous le pseudonyme de P'tit Léon, dont le bon sens paysan faisait merveille au bridge.

Je le soupçonne d'avoir pensé à lui lorsqu'il s'est trouvé à l'entame sur la donne 2 du 10ème tour du Transnational, alors que son équipe, Prof Rimbus, était opposée à une autre formation française.

Sa main en Est :

Est donneur, Nord-Sud vulnérable

N  
 O E  
 S

♠ R D 10 8 5  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ D 10 8 7  
 ♣ DV

O	N	E	S
L. Rimbaud		R. Rimbaud	
–	–	Passe	1♣
Passe	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♥	Passe	3SA
Passe	4♥	(Fin)	

Quelle est votre entame ?

Confrontée à ce problème d'entame (parfois contre une partielle seulement à Cœur), la grande majorité a opté pour le Roi de Pique. On trouve aussi quelques entames de la Dame de Trèfle. Mais seul parmi les 112 tables, Pierre Rimbaud s'est décidé pour un autre choix : il a posé le 10 de Carreau sur la table.

P'tit Léon peut être fier de lui !

Transnational R10 donne 2

♠ 4 3  
 ♥ DV 8 7 5 4 3  
 ♦ 9 5 4  
 ♣ A

♠ 7 6 2  
 ♥ A 10 9  
 ♦ A 6 2  
 ♣ R 10 5 3

N  
 O E  
 S

♠ R D 10 8 5  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ D 10 8 7  
 ♣ DV

♠ AV 9  
 ♥ R  
 ♦ RV 3  
 ♣ 9 8 7 6 4 2

L'affaire a été vite réglée : Est a pris le Valet de Carreau de l'As et rejoué Carreau ; et après que le déclarant eut fait sauter l'As de Cœur, la défense a réalisé encore une levée de Carreau et une autre à Pique. Moins un.

Sur l'entame du Roi de Pique, il suffisait au déclarant de laisser passer. Trop tard alors pour la contre-attaque du 10 (ou de la Dame) de Carreau ! Le déclarant se trouvait en mesure de défausser une perdante à Carreau sur un Pique, après l'impasse à la Dame.

J'entends d'ici P'tit Léon : « Ben oui, quoi ! Suffisait d'écouter les enchères. ».

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Bermuda Bowl Semi-final - Segment 4



## Bulgaria v USA2

David Bird

After three segments of this semi-final, USA2 led Bulgaria by 106-100. It was clearly a close encounter and, we hoped, an enjoyable match to watch. That is what it proved to be. Let's see some boards.

Board 18 Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Nanev	Moss	Stefanov
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Grue and Moss play Precision Club when non-vulnerable. The ♥4 was led to the queen, followed by the ♥5 to the 10 and the ♥2 to the king and ace. Unaware of the highly unlikely favourable club position, Moss now led the ♦Q from his hand, North winning with the king. This was allowed to win and he continued with the king and ace of clubs. A club to the 10 allowed the ♦J to be run and that was nine tricks for +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karakolev	Pszczola	Mihov	Rosenberg
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

What was the chance of this contract making after a lead of the ♥4? The lay-out of the defenders' cards was a gift from the Gods. Sadly, Mihov did not take advantage of it. He won North's ♥Q with the ace and promptly led the ♦Q from his hand, North winning with the king. Four heart tricks were duly cashed and declarer subsequently used the miraculous club position merely to avoid two down. It was 5 IMPs to USA2 instead of 6 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Two boards later, there was another plus-score into minus-score conversion.

Board 20 Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Nanev	Moss	Stefanov
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
Dble	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	3♦	All Pass

North's 2♥, a transfer into West's advertised suit, showed a sound club raise. East's 3♦ was a bit risky. It survived undoubled and went two down, Moss losing two clubs, two spades and two trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karakolev	Pszczola	Mihov	Rosenberg
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The ♠Q was led and the contract seemed to be booked for one down. Indeed, if you look at the BBO play record it is shown as going one down. Plus 600 was entered on the BBO scorecard, also on the electronic official scorecard. What on earth had happened?

Declarer ducked the first round of spades and Mihov switched to the ♦4, declarer rising with the king. Two top clubs from dummy were followed by a club to the nine, the spade ace and king and two more rounds of clubs. Declarer had cashed out for one down and in some games might have conceded the rest. Four tricks were left and the defenders had two top cards in each of the three remaining suits (the ♠10, ♥A and ♥K, ♦AQ).

An eye witness account informed us that West had discarded the ♥10 and kept ♠10 ♥A ♦7. East meanwhile was down to ♥K8 and ♦AQ. Declarer called for the ♥Q, won by West's ace. West cashed the ♠10 and ♠9 and East had to decide whether to keep the ♥K or the ♦A. He discarded the ♦A and declarer made the ♦10 as the ninth trick. It was 9 IMPs to USA2.



The next exhibit is a bidding hand.

Board 21 Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ 10 8		
		♥ 6 3		
		♦ Q J 6 5		
		♣ Q 10 9 7 4		
♠ Q 6		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f7942; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ A K J 9 7 5 2	
♥ Q 8 4 2			♥ A 5	
♦ A K 10 7 2			♦ 9 8 4	
♣ K 2			♣ 5	
		♠ 4 3		
		♥ K J 10 9 7		
		♦ 3		
		♣ A J 8 6 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Nanev	Moss	Stefanov
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Grue's 2♣ was a game-forcing start to a relay sequence. Moss's 2♦ showed a maximum (in the context of a non-1♣ opening). His 3♦ showed six or seven spades and 4♦ indicated seven spades and short clubs, the red suits being 3-2, 2-3 or 3-3. West's 4♥ asked partner to bid 4♠ and that ended it. It was an impressive glimpse into the nightmare world of relay bidding!

A lead of the ♥J allowed declarer to make +480, eventually playing a club towards king for a diamond discard.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karakolev	Pszczola	Mihov	Rosenberg
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Dble	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

After the double of the 4♣ cue-bid, Mihov might have done better to pass. His partner could then have redoubled to show 1st-round club control, otherwise cue-bid 4♦ to show second-round control. RKCB revealed one keycard, the ♠Q and the ♦K, Mihov arriving in 6♠.

Rosenberg led the ♣A, continuing with a second club. If trumps were 2-2 and diamonds 3-2, declarer could have made the slam by discarding a diamond on this trick. He could then set up the diamond suit with a high ruff and return to dummy with the ace and queen of trumps.

Mihov preferred to throw a heart and run all the trumps bar one, leaving ♥Q8 ♦AK in the dummy opposite his ♠J

♦984. North held the diamonds securely and South still had the ♥KJ. A diamond to the king followed by a heart ruff failed to bring down the king and it was one down. 11 IMPs to USA 2.

It had been a disappointing session for Bulgaria but they hit back with two big swings near the end.

Board 30 Dealer East. None Vul.

		♠ A J 10 7 5 3		
		♥ 2		
		♦ Q 4 3		
		♣ A K 4		
♠ 8 6 2		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f7942; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ 9 4	
♥ 10 9 7			♥ K J 4	
♦ K J 5			♦ A 10 9 8 2	
♣ Q 9 7 2			♣ J 10 3	
		♠ K Q		
		♥ A Q 8 6 5 3		
		♦ 7 6		
		♣ 8 6 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Nanev	Moss	Stefanov
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The protection in diamonds was somewhat fragile for 3NT and Nanev judged to play in 4♠. He won the club lead and took an early finesse of the ♥Q (a near certainty after East's opening bid and his failure to lead a top diamond). Declarer soon had ten tricks and +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karakolev	Pszczola	Mihov	Rosenberg
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Karakolev produced a very fine ♦K opening lead and the notrump game was swiftly one down. It was a welcome 10 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Would there be a 'final firework' on the last board. Yes, there would!

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## Board 32 Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grue	Nanev	Moss	Stefanov
—	1♦	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The auction started with a Precision 1♦ opening and an inverted 2♦ response. Stefanov couldn't see much chance of a slam after the 2NT rebid and raised to 3NT. Nanev made +490 after a spade lead.

With the ♠K onside, 6♣ was a good place to be. Would the Americans find it?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karakolev	Pszczola	Mihov	Rosenberg
—	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♣*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Rosenberg's 2♦ started as a transfer to hearts. 2♠ cancelled this message and showed interest in the minors. I assume that North would have introduced a 5-card minor at this stage. South's jump to 4♦ showed a good diamond suit and the meaning of the next three bids is not disclosed by their convention card. Sorry about that.

For a moment the Americans were in the club slam but maybe they were unaware of a fit in that suit. Anyway, Rosenberg ended the auction with a bid of 6♦ and a huge number of IMPs then hung on Karakolev's opening lead. Would he follow his splendid ♦K lead from two boards previously with the winning move here? We waited and... we waited... and then the ♣A appeared on the table, swiftly followed by a second club. Unlucky for USA2, yes, but a spade lead might have sunk 6♦ if the ♠K was offside.

Bulgaria gained another 11 IMPs and were back in the match. They lost the session 38-29 to leave the totals at 144-129. All to play for!

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d'Orsi Trophy Semi-final - Segment 5

## USA2 v Sweden



John Carruthers

The USA2-Sweden match was very close (102-100 to Sweden after four sets), while Italy had begun to pull away from India (146-95).

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregård	Silverman	Morath	Wolfson
—	—	1♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
3♦	3-card limit raise+		

Wolfson led the four of clubs (third-best from even) to Silverman's ace. North continued with the queen of clubs to force the dummy. Morath cashed the king and queen of hearts, crossed to the ace of diamonds, drew the last



Mats Axdorph, Sweden

trump and led the jack of diamonds to force out the king. South won and led another club. Declarer ruffed and led the four of spades toward dummy's king; the defence was finished. South could take his ace of spades and declarer had the rest for plus 420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Efraimsson	Sontag	Axdorph
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♥*	All Pass		
4♥	Precision - wider range than usual		

The first two tricks were the same. Sontag led a diamond to the jack at trick three; that was fatal. When it lost to the king, Axdorph shifted to a low spade. Sontag ducked it to the queen; then the spade ace meant one off for minus 50.

Morath put all his eggs in the spade basket (with a bonus if the king of diamonds was singleton), whereas Sontag put all his eggs in the diamond basket – when the finesse lost, he was doomed unless the queen of spades was doubleton or tripleton onside and the opponents could not get a diamond ruff.

Ten IMPs to Sweden, 112-100.

*Editor's note: In China-Poland, Wang led a club and Huang continued the suit to force dummy. When declarer lost the diamond finesse Wang played ace and another spade. Now declarer had no chance to succeed since there was a sure trump promotion for the defence.*

It's annoying to take a sacrifice and go for more than the value of their game. It is infuriating to do so and find that their game can be beaten.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregård	Silverman	Morath	Wolfson
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	4♣
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Morath led the deuce of hearts. The defence took two hearts, two diamonds and a diamond ruff. When West then led the club eight, Silverman ducked it to the king, hoping to go for minus 500 against 620 if East were void in clubs,



thus 6-3-4-0. When East was 5-3-4-1, minus 800 was against plus 100, if the spade ruff could be found, or if the suit were misguessed.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Efraimsson	Sontag	Axdorph
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
1♣ Precision			
1♦ 0-7			

North led the six of diamonds to the two, seven and eight. That was enough for Berkowitz to take ten tricks for plus 620, losing just 5 IMPs. Had Silverman dropped the king of clubs at the other table, he'd have won 3 IMPs.

The loose weak two-bid style of Efraimsson/Axdorph (5-10, 5+M) hurt them on the following ...

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregård	Silverman	Morath	Wolfson
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

Morath had already expressed his hand (almost) and with just a king in reserve, took the low road for minus 420.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Efraimsson	Sontag	Axdorph
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT*	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Sontag needed to start at the four level (in minus 800 country) and was not pressed to double the five-level continuation for plus 100 and 11 IMPs.

On Board 14, both sides missed a slam depending on bringing home a trump suit of ♦KJ97543 opposite ♦A6, with residual chances if that could not be done.

The set ended 30-28 for Sweden, doubling their lead to 4 IMPs, 132-128.

## Championship Diary

Before a major championship I prepare a preliminary list of possible titles for articles, but they don't always get used. Some of those still waiting in the wings include *The French Connection*, *The French Defence* and *The Four Musketeers*.

One of the more amusing sides of the game comes to light in the Funbridge Transnational - how do the squads decide their names? Some are content with formality - *Poland*, *Croatia*, *Germany Open* for example, while others prefer something unusual - *Tosca*, *Raptors*, *English Discards* etc. One that caught the eye (more likely when a team is at the top of the table) was *The Magicdogs*. Magic was the name of the dog belonging to team members Fred Gitelman and Sheri Winestock - the picture - *Sideshow Magic* is so named because it resembles *Sideshow Bob* for the *Simpsons*.



*Sideshow Magic*

My personal favourite was *Les Grands Crus* but as they could only finish in fifty-seventh place it may be that 2017 will prove to be a poor vintage in France.

From time to time we check out Google to see how famous we have become. The benchmark is the 32,100,000 results you get for Winston Churchill. Barry is surprisingly low at 123,000, well behind Ron's 258,000, while Brian's 2,560,000 is surprisingly surpassed by Herman's 2,580,000. The Supreme Editor's 21,200,000 is way behind Jean-Paul's staggering 31,200,000 - which explains why he is the co-ordinator.

Although we are located at the furthest extremity of the building some callers still manage to find us. Yesterday we were lucky enough to be visited by a member of the WBF Secretariat, Odile Beineix, and her charming grand-daughter, Anne-Sophie Olivier, who is a wonderful violinist. You can watch her playing as a member of the Crossover Modular Ensemble at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EK0uM8w0tel>

# Time Limit

Mark Horton

When you only have limited time each day to watch a few deals you tend to rely on outside information. Here are a couple of deals that were dropped into the office:

You pick up this fine collection and the player on your right deals and opens INT. Would you consider bidding?

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

Perhaps you are influenced by the vulnerability? Only your side is vulnerable. Would the methods you are employing influence you?

I decided to check out the actions of the quarter-finalists and discovered that most of the time North started with 1♦, when no-one saw fit to enter the auction.

When North did start with INT - the choice of Fleisher, Levin, Ostberg, Dai and Huang - their respective opponents were Upmark, Naney, Buchen, Rombaut and Van Zwol. Buchen was the only one to bid - trying 2♥ which saw NS reach 5♠.

This was the full deal:

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

I cannot tell you if it is right to overcall with this type of hand - comments from the players I polled included 'adventurous', 'daring' and 'barking mad'.

My second deal is straightforward - a lead problem:

With neither side vulnerable you pick up a modest hand as dealer:

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

After this auction you have to find a lead:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣	♣ or balanced hand or 4441 12-14 11-14/18-19 balanced maybe 5♦/maybe 5 poor ♦		
1♦	4+♥		
1♠	Denies 2/3 hearts		
2♦	Game forcing		

If you are the type of player who favours passive leads then I suspect you will opt for a diamond. In any event when I show you the full deal I suspect you will be surprised at the choice of the player holding the South hand:

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

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

South's imaginative choice of the ♠K was not a triumph, but shows the nerve you need at this level.

## World Championship Book 2017 – Lyon

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# Quack, Quack, Quack

Micke Melander

Yesterday afternoon I was served a board by Tommy Gullberg the NPC of the Swedish Senior Team coming from Sweden's semi-final match against USA 2 in the very first segment.

A few hours later I found myself sitting on the floor reading the notes from Tommy when I suddenly started to laugh out loud. Because my two-year-old daughter who sat beside me was playing on her I-pad where Bob the Train popped up and a nursery rhyme started to play something like... "Can you hear the duck go... quack, quack, quack,...":

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Björing	Berkowitz	Östberg	Sontag
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♦ Weak two in a major  
2♥ Pass or correct

East led the jack of clubs, and Berkowitz won with the ace and cashed five rounds of diamonds, upon which East (wrongly as it turned out) pitched three spades and West

two hearts. At this point declarer could have made his contract. Berkowitz who only had eight tricks then turned to hearts and led the four to the two, jack and West's queen. When West played the jack of spades, declarer quacked, sorry ducked – this was about how far I had read the notes when the song started to play on the I-pad when I started to laugh. When declarer ducked, East overtook the jack of spades with the queen and played the ten of clubs, which established West's queen-nine of clubs while still having the ace of hearts as an entry. One down.

Why did East allow declarer to make by pitching three spades? East had to keep them as a threat against declarer who then must duck the jack of spades from West when it's played.

With only three spades in East declarer can win the jack of spades and play a second heart, establishing a heart trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Becker	Efraimsson	Graves	Axdorph
—	—	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In this room Efraimsson was declaring the same contract. The two of clubs was led to the three, queen and declarer's ace. Again, declarer cashed five rounds of diamonds and East pitched three spades and at this table the jack of clubs, while West discarded his two small hearts. Declarer then played a heart to the jack and West's queen. This remained:

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

West now played the five of clubs, which went to the six, ten and "quack" the four from dummy! Since declarer only had lost two tricks he should have captured the ten with the king of clubs and established his ninth trick in hearts. But East didn't understand what was going on continued with clubs whereupon declarer won the king, set up the last needed trick in hearts and could claim when the clubs split 4-4.

If you want to listen to the rhyme with Bob the Train:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fmfIcblOcc>



Johnny Östberg, Sweden



Brian Senior

Venice Cup Semi-final - Segment 5 and 6

## England v Sweden



Having led by 63 IMPs after 32 boards, England had found themselves over 20 IMPs down at one point during set four. They managed to stop the bleeding and regained the lead on the final deal of the set, but that once imposing lead was down to just 9 IMPs, at 151-142, going into the fifth set of six. Would one of the teams be able to build momentum and take a grip on this match?

Board 65 was a borderline slam, make-able when the key side suit broke two-two. Both E/W pairs stopped in game but Sweden gained an overtrick IMP; 143-151.

Board 66. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

For Sweden, Cecilia Rimstedt opened 1♥ and Ida Grönkvist made a very heavy constructive raise to 2♥. Rimstedt had a minimum opening so passed. After a trump lead Rimstedt played a club, won the heart return and took her club ruff, making a safe +140.

For England, Fiona Brown also opened 1♥ but Sally Brock responded 2♠. This is not covered on their convention card but was presumably an invitational or better three-card raise. Brown signed off in 3♥ but Brock went on to game — when you have an undisclosed singleton partner can never know how the hands fit together so a reasonable approach is to just bid game and hope for the best. Emma Ovelius led a trump, Brown winning on table and taking the diamond finesse. On winning the ♦K, Ovelius could see that the diamonds were set up so attacked declarer's late entry to dummy, switching to a club. Sandra Rimstedt won the ace and continued with the ♣Q to force dummy. Brown,

however, could ruff, overtake the ♥Q and draw the last trump, cash the ♦A, and lead a low spade towards the king. There was, of course, no spade guess, as she needed the entry. Ovelius took her ace and tried a club, so Brown ruffed and crossed to the spade to cash diamonds; ten tricks for +420 and 7 IMPs to England, who led by 158-143.



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

Board 67. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	2♦	2♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
—	—	—	INT
All Pass			



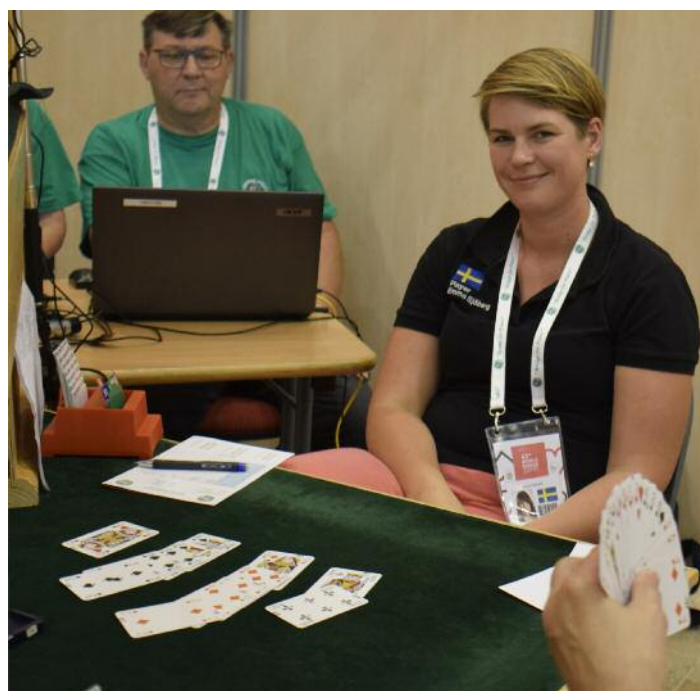
For England, Nicola Smith opened a strong no-trump and played there. A spade lead ran round to her jack and Smith led a heart to the jack. On winning the queen, Cecilia had six diamonds to cash for one down and -50.

Ovelius opened 1♦ and her 1♠ rebid showed a balanced hand including either four-card major. When Brown competed with 2♦, Ovelius supported her partner's hearts and 2♥ ended the auction. Brown led a top diamond then switched to the ten of spades. Cecilia won the ♠A and led a heart to the jack and queen. Back came a second spade so she rose with the king and drew trumps then ran the ♣Q. Brock could win and cash the ♠Q then lead a diamond to her partner to hold the contract to eight tricks for +110 and 4 IMPs to Sweden; 147-158.

Board 68. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	



Emma Ovelius, Sweden

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Both Souths overcalled 2♦ rather than double to get hearts into the game straight away and both Wests raised to 2♠, which came back to South. Ovelius now bid 2NT to show a second suit of four cards and Brock doubled to show her maximum. When Ovelius removed 2NT doubled to 3♦, the second suit had to be hearts, so Sandra corrected to 3♥ and played there. On a trump lead the play was very easy – win the king, cash the ♦Q then cross to dummy to ruff a diamond, draw trumps and claim ten tricks; +170.

In the other room, the defence was slightly more challenging, not that it mattered as the cards lay. Cecilia led the ten of spades to Grönkvist's ace and Grönkvist switched to the ten of clubs to the jack and queen. Two more rounds of clubs forced dummy to ruff. Catherine Draper unblocked the ♦Q, led a heart to the queen and ruffed a low diamond. Next she drew trumps and the three-two break meant she had the rest; ten tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to England, stretching the lead to 168-147.

Board 70. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	3♣
3♦	Pass	3♠	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Dble	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Sandra overcalled 2♣ and that made it possible for Ovelius to twice compete in the suit, though this probably

had very little effect on the opposition's auction. It did, however, make it easier for Sandra to start the defence by cashing the ace of clubs. Ovelius followed with the ♣7, her highest spot card, and that plus the sight of dummy helped Sandra to find the killing switch to ace and another spade. Sandra ruffed the third spade and that was down one for 100.

Draper did not overcall but doubled the Gazzilli 2♣ rebid. Cecilia's jump support of hearts was too much for Smith, who didn't fancy committing to the four level to show her club support. When Grönkvist raised to game Draper led a low diamond and that proved to be fatal. Grönkvist played low from dummy and Smith put in the seven. Grönkvist won the eight, drew one round of trumps then unblocked the diamond before playing a second top trump. When trumps proved to be two-two she could give up a club and claim ten tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to Sweden; 160-168.

Board 71. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Draper opened a 15-17 no trump so Smith used Stayman then invited game, Draper passing 2NT. After a club lead and continuation, Draper cashed out for +120.

Sandra's INT opening was 14-16 so Ovelius passed and now Brock showed the majors. Sandra introduced her five-card diamond suit and Brown competed in hearts. Sandra declared 3♦ on the lead of the singleton spade. She ducked to Brock's jack and Brock switched to a low heart. Sandra ducked to Brown's jack and back came a second heart to

the eight and ace. Now it seems that the contract can be made by drawing trumps, then ducking a spade to the king, the ♠Q providing a discard for one of the club losers. But Sandra didn't see that possibility and instead led a spade towards the dummy. Brown ruffed and played a club, Brock winning the king and returning the jack to declarer's ace. There was nowhere to put the second club loser, so the contract was down one for 100 and 6 IMPs to England; 174-160.



Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden

Board 75. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Sandra opened 1♠ and Ovelius raised to 4♠ over the take-out double. With extras including top cards, Brown doubled again and Brock, with no realistic hopes of making

anything at the five level, left it in. Declarer's singleton diamond was a blow to the defence who could come to just one trick in each side suit; +590.

In the other room, Smith opened a weak multi with the South cards and Draper responded 4♣, asking her to transfer to her major. Cecilia had to wait until her opponents had unwound before making her take-out double and Grönkvist too left it is for the same reason as had Brock. The inevitable +590 meant a flat board and the teams moved on.

## Board 77. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
—	INT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
—	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Catherine Draper, England

Sandra opened a 14-16 no trump and Ovelius, with only 8 HCP, had no reason to move. After a spade lead to the

king and ace, Sandra came to ten tricks for +180.

Draper opened a 15-17 no trump and now Smith could hope that the partnership had game values so used Stayman then invited game, Draper going on to 3NT. The lead was again a spade to the king and ace and by playing on clubs Draper too could establish ten winners for +630 and 10 IMPs to England, solely down to the vagaries of playing marginally different no trump ranges. They led by 184-162.

## Board 78. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
—	—	1♣	1♥
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
—	—	1♣	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A diamond slam is very playable on the E/W cards but neither pair even got close.

Brown opened a potentially short club and Ovelius overcalled. Brock transferred to diamonds and Brown did as requested, showing a limited hand. Now Brock's combination of cuebid followed by 3♦ was surely forcing but Brown succumbed to the tiredness which is inevitable by this stage of a long championship and passed. Brown won the heart lead and got diamonds wrong so held herself to ten tricks for +130.

In slam, declarer would get the trumps right because when diamonds are three-one there is the second chance of clubs three-three, when the heart losers go away.

Cecilia too opened a potentially short 1♣ and Smith made a weak jump overcall. Grönkvist transferred to diamonds then cuebid and, when Cecilia showed her spades, bid 3NT. One would prefer to play 5♦ rather than 3NT, but when Cecilia ducked two rounds of hearts then played diamonds from the top she had 11 tricks for +460 and 8 IMPs to Sweden; 170-184.

Board 80. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	S. Rimstedt	Brown	Ovelius
Pass	Pass	1♣	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Draper	C. Rimstedt	Smith
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Souths declared 4♠ and received a diamond lead.

Smith played low from dummy and Cecilia put in the eight. Smith won the jack and played ♠J followed by ♠Q. The four-one split required a rethink and she continued with the queen of clubs. Cecilia won the ace and played a trump. Smith won in dummy and led the nine of hearts running it when Cecilia failed to cover. When the ♥9 held the trick, Smith could continue with the ten of hearts to the queen and the ♥A for a diamond pitch. She ruffed the fourth heart with the ♠A, cashed the ♦A, and had ten tricks for +420.

That was a rather lucky recovery. Ovelius showed that there was a better way to play the hand. She too received a diamond lead to the eight and her jack, but Ovelius led a diamond to the ace at trick two and led a heart to the queen, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart low. A spade to hand allowed her to ruff the last heart with the ace of spades, cash the ♠10, and claim ten tricks for +420 and a push board.

With 16 boards to play England led by 184-171 IMPs. There was still all to play for.

## SEGMENT 6

Going into the final set of the Venice Cup semi-final, England led Sweden by 13 IMPs, 184-171, basically a vulnerable game swing. This one looked as though it would go down to the wire.

Sweden picked up a couple of early IMPs but we didn't have to wait long for the first big swing.

Board 83. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	Andersson	Brown	Bertheau
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Draper	Grönkvist	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	4♥	All Pass	

Both Norths overcalled 4♥ and that came back to the opener. Cecilia Rimstedt, for Sweden, passed and Ida Grönkvist's spade lead collected two tricks in the suit. The ace of hearts and king of clubs meant down one for -50.

In the other room Sally Brock, for England, reopened with a double and Fiona Brown bid 4♠. Pia Andersson led her singleton diamond, Kathrine Bertheau winning the ace and returning the nine. Brock ducked that, so Andersson ruffed and returned the jack of hearts to Brock's ace. Brock led a club, Andersson winning the ace and exiting with a second club. Brock won dummy's king and played the jack of spades to the king and ace, cashed the queen of spades, and was now able to take a diamond ruff to set up her suit; ten tricks for +620 and 11 IMPs to England, increasing the lead to a slightly more comfortable 195-173.

Board 84. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Brock	Andersson	Brown	Bertheau
C. Rimstedt	Draper	Grönkvist	Smith
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both auctions were simplicity itself and both Norths led a low diamond. Could either declarer be sufficiently inspired to go up with the ace? Of course not – why would anyone not play low as that ensures three diamond tricks and nine in all whenever the lead is away from the king? Both Souths won the bare king and switched to a heart, and that was down three for –300; no swing.

Well, suppose that declarer does rise with the ace and the king does not fall. She can take the spade finesse and, if it loses, North cannot attack hearts without giving a trick to the king, declarer's ninth. And if the spade finesse wins or North gets out with a passive club or spade, declarer can now play a diamond to set up a ninth winner and is completely safe whenever North holds the king.

In terms of finding the line to give the best chance of making the contract, rising with the  $\diamond A$  at trick one gains when the stiff king is offside but never appears to cost the contract. This play may cost an overtrick or two, and that will be the result far more often than the play is necessary to make the contract. So what is more important, the frequent 1 or 2 IMP losses, or the occasional 14 IMPs away, as on the actual layout?

The next few boards were not what the chasing team wanted to see, four in a row with no swing. Board 89 at least offered the possibility of a swing.

Board 89. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 5		
	♥ A 10 3		
	♦ A J 10 3		
	♣ K J 9 8 6		
♠ A 10 9 7 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ K J 8 4 3	
♥ Q J 7 5 4		♥ 9 2	
♦ 8 4		♦ 7 6 2	
♣ 5		♣ Q 7 2	
	♠ Q 6		
	♥ K 8 6		
	♦ K Q 9 5		
	♣ A 10 4 3		

West	North	East	South
Brock	Andersson	Brown	Bertheau
–	1♣	Pass	1♦
2♦	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Draper	Grönkvist	Smith
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The Swedes had no difficulty in discovering that they had no spade guard and reached the safe game of 5♦, being given all the room they needed to explore when Brown did not join in despite her five-card support for one of partner's majors. Brock's 2♦ overcall, showing the majors, also made it easy for Bertheau to get clubs right for the overtrick once Brock had turned up with two diamonds; 12 tricks for +420.

Cecilia too showed the majors via a cue bid after Smith's 1♠ response which denied a major. Grönkvist made a preemptive jump to 3♠ and Smith doubled to show her extras. When Draper now bid her longest suit, clubs, Smith raised to game. You would rather be in diamonds, but 5♣ is also unbeatable, even if declarer gets the trumps wrong, after the normal start of two rounds of spades. Draper ruffed and played ♣K then ran the ♣J and had 11 tricks for +400 but 1 IMP to Sweden; 174-195.

Declarer doesn't need to get the trumps right. In fact, she should probably get them wrong as losing to a doubleton queen would see her go down, losing a heart at the end. If instead she plays ♣K and, if West follows, continues with a club to the ace, she can then cash three rounds of diamonds and two rounds of hearts before exiting with a club. East will be forced to give a ruff and discard and the heart loser goes away. The two-suited overcall is very revealing.

Board 90. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q 10 9		
	♥ Q 10 8		
	♦ J 10 9 5		
	♣ A 6 5		
♠ A K 3	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ J 8 7 4	
♥ A 7 2		♥ K 9 6	
♦ K 7 3		♦ Q 4 2	
♣ K 8 4 2		♣ Q 10 3	
	♠ 6 5 2		
	♥ J 5 4 3		
	♦ A 8 6		
	♣ J 9 7		

West	North	East	South
Brock	Andersson	Brown	Bertheau
–	–	Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Draper	Grönkvist	Smith
–	–	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both INT openings were 15-17, with the occasional upgraded 14. Would you invite game on the East cards? Brown did not, while Grönkvist used a range inquiry and Cecilia showed a maximum so reached game.

Andersson led the ten of diamonds against INT, Brock winning the king and leading a club to dummy's queen

followed by three rounds of spades. Andersson won the ♠Q and led the nine of diamonds to the queen and ace. Bertheau's ♦8 was allowed to hold the next trick so she led a heart to the ten and king. Brock cashed the jack of spades then led a club to the king and ace. She made the ♥A in the ending so had seven tricks for +90.

Draper led the jack of diamonds against game and once again that ran round to declarer's king. Cecilia led a club to the ten and jack, and back came a spade. Cecilia rose with the ace and led a club to the queen, then a third round to the king and ace. Draper returned the ten of diamonds and Cecilia got that right by playing low. Draper won the ♦10 and played another diamond to the queen and ace. Smith played a spade through. Cecilia rose with the king, cashed the thirteenth club and played a spade. Draper could win the ♥Q and cash the fourth diamond but that was all; down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to England. They led by 200-174.

Board 94. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ A J 10 7 2		
	♥ 7		
	♦ K 9 5 4 2		
	♣ 4 2		
♠ K 3	<div>W<div>N</div>E<div>S</div></div>	♠ 9 4	
♥ 8 4 2		♥ A Q 9 5	
♦ 10		♦ 8 7 6 3	
♣ A K Q J 9 8 7		♣ 10 6 5	
	♠ Q 8 6 5		
	♥ K J 10 6 3		
	♦ A Q J		
	♣ 3		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
3♥	3♠	3NT	4♠
All Pass			

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
C. Rimstedt	Draper	Grönkvist	Smith
—	—	Pass	1♥
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Bertheau opened 1♥ and Brock made a jump cuebid, asking partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper. Andersson now made the courageous bid of 3♠ and that meant that Bertheau could bid 4♠ over Brown's 3NT. Brown led a club, Brock winning the jack and switching to the three of spades. Bertheau went up with the ace and played the queen of spades. Brock won the ♠K but there was only a heart to be lost from here; ten tricks for +420.

Cecilia too made the jump cuebid but Draper did not show her spades. However, when Grönkvist's 3NT came round to her she doubled. Had that ended the auction, either a spade or a diamond lead could have netted a huge penalty, taking the first ten tricks, but Cecilia ran to the

safety of her solid suit and was allowed to play there. Whatever the result, this had to be a significant pick-up for Sweden. Draper led her singleton heart. Cecilia took the ace and drew trumps, eventually having to concede two spades, one diamond and two hearts for down two and -100. That was 8 IMPs to Sweden who trailed by 182-201, but there were only two deals to come.

Board 95. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ K Q 7 6	
	♥ A Q 4	
	♦ 9 8 6 5 3	
	♣ 5	
♠ J 10 2	<div>W<span style="float: right;">N</span><span style="float: right;">E</span><span style="float: left;">S</span></div>	♠ 3
♥ K J 9 8 3		♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q		♦ K J 10 7 2
♣ A Q J 3		♣ K 9 8 7
	♠ A 9 8 5 4	
	♥ 7 5	
	♦ A 4	
	♣ 10 6 4 2	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Brock	Andersson	Brown	Bertheau
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
C. Rimstedt	Draper	Grönkvist	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Cecilia opened 1♥ then tried for game opposite the constructive raise (8-11). Grönkvist was minimum for the initial raise and signed off in 3♥. Draper led the king of spades. Smith overtook to play a trump so Draper could win the queen and ace then play a third round to prevent any ruffs in the dummy. Draper won declarer's diamond play and cashed the ♠Q for down one; -50.

There was more action in the other room, where Bertheau overcalled 2♠ and Andersson jumped to 4♠ over Brock's 3♥. Brock led the two of spades round to declarer's eight. Bertheau played ace and another diamond but the five-one break was very bad news. Brown won the second diamond and played the seven of clubs to Brock's jack. Brock switched to trumps, leading the jack to dummy's king. Declarer ruffed a diamond low, over-ruffed, put in the queen on Brock's return of the jack of hearts, and cashed the ♥A before ruffing another diamond. She was down one for -100 and 4 IMPs to England.

There was one more deal to play but the match was over. England had won by 205-183 IMPs and would meet China in the final. That was to be played over 6 x 16-board sets over the next two days.

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Players	Butl	Boards			
1 YEH Chen - ZHANG Yalan	2.70	40	72 FU Zhong - LI Jie	0.39	110
2 THOMAZET Didier - RINGUET Pascal	1.63	40	73 AYDIN Ata - ILGIN Irfan	0.39	90
3 SYLVAN Johan - RIMSTEDT Mikael	1.40	60	74 ROSENBERG Debbie - SCHIRESON Max	0.38	50
4 COURRIAS Mickael - RINGUET Pascal	1.22	60	75 HYDES Alexander - MOSSOP David	0.38	100
5 PONTOH Suoth Sartje - SITOMPOEL Linda	1.20	40	76 POLESCHI Ricardo - ANGELERI Ricardo	0.37	150
6 MOLENAAR Danny - VERBEEK Tim	1.15	150	77 BEAUVILLAIN Edouard - POULAT Simon	0.37	150
7 RUSSYAN Jerzy - ZAREMBA Jerzy	1.11	110	78 LEBEL Michel - SOULET Philippe	0.36	120
8 KALITA Jacek - NOWOSADZKI Michal	1.08	120	79 RINGUET Pascal - GRENTHE Sabine	0.35	40
9 KING Philip (Phil) - McINTOSH Andrew	1.01	100	80 BRIFFARD Michel - TRIOMPHE Michel	0.34	80
10 BERTHEAU Thomas - URRUTY Olivier	0.94	100	81 SHEN Mingkun - SHEN Xiaonong	0.34	110
11 NEVE Olivier - ENGEL Zvi	0.93	150	82 RIDOLFO Jean - MERRET Ilana	0.33	90
12 CHUNG Jonky - LIU Herstein	0.93	100	83 WATULINGAS Giovanni - MONDIGIR Bill	0.33	70
13 GILL Peter - PEAKE Andrew	0.92	110	84 VANDEN BOSSCHE Caroline - CONTRERAS Alain	0.33	150
14 VERSACE Alfredo - LAURIA Lorenzo	0.91	120	85 GUMBY Pauline - LAZER Warren	0.33	80
15 HAEUSLER Helmut - REHDER Martin	0.90	80	86 BELL Sarah - BELL Michael	0.31	150
16 ROBSON Andrew - GOLD David	0.88	120	87 WASZKIEWICZ Adam - JAGODZINSKI Jakub	0.30	70
17 SRINIVASAN Sundararam - SRIDHARAN Padmanabhan	0.87	110	88 GUEGLIO Jorge - ALFONSIN Julio Alberto	0.30	40
18 HELGEMO Geir - MULTON Franck	0.87	110	89 KOOMTAKO Kasemsuk - CHANTAMAS Chongchana	0.29	150
19 SCANAVINO Eduardo - GUEGLIO Jorge	0.86	80	90 AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	0.29	130
20 COPE Simon - PASKE Thomas	0.85	130	91 RIEUSSET Christine - RIEUSSET Bernard	0.28	100
21 CIMA Leonardo - PALMA Antonio	0.85	150	92 PASSELL Mike - JACOBUS Marc	0.27	70
22 DELUCA Attilio - EMERSON Susan	0.81	58	93 LAFONT Gregoire - DU CORAIL Edouard	0.27	100
23 JU Chuancheng - SHI Zheng Jun	0.81	110	94 SHI Haojun - XIA Mei	0.26	140
24 DELMAS-SIRVEN Thibault - CABANES Bernard	0.80	40	95 SEN Melih Osman - UNAL Serkan	0.26	110
25 GREEN Stephen - BRYANT Roger	0.76	150	96 HUMPHRIES Susan - GINNAN Laura	0.26	50
26 MERRET Jean-Jacques - CAUCHARD Remy	0.76	90	97 FRANZEL Robert - TERRANEO Sylvia	0.26	70
27 KASLER Philippe - CHOTTIN Philippe	0.75	150	98 FOLLIERO DE LUNA Thierry - RIBAUT Benoit	0.25	110
28 HANLON Tom - McGANN Hugh	0.73	110	99 FONTENEAU Dominique - DESAGES Olivier	0.25	140
29 HOLLANDS Peter - HUMPHRIES Susan	0.73	40	100 PUNCH Sam - PETERKIN Stephen	0.25	150
30 MAJCHER Arkadiusz - MARKS Rafal	0.72	110	101 KERLERO Marc De Rosbo - PALLIER Jean-Marie	0.25	150
31 GAWRYS Piotr - KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.71	150	102 KRIENS Niek - VAN DORT Henricus	0.25	150
32 TUSZYNSKI Piotr - GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	0.71	150	103 GOWER Craig - ROSSLEE Diana	0.24	150
33 YANG Lixin - DAI Jianming	0.70	70	104 TRAVIS Barbara - GINSBERG Candice	0.23	100
34 ROBERT Quentin - FRANCESCHETTI Pierre	0.70	70	105 EZION Amir - ZAMIR Ami	0.23	140
35 PUILLET Carole - MARCHE Michele	0.69	150	106 STAHL Wolf - WROBEL Fred	0.23	150
36 HUANG Hua - WANG Xiangyang	0.67	150	107 URSEANU Dan - BREABAN Lucian	0.23	80
37 LIU Jing - LIU Yinghao	0.66	150	108 CROUCH Peter - SINCLAIR Anita	0.22	60
38 HULT Simon - EKENBERG Simon	0.60	150	109 GRAVERSEN Hans Christian - CLEMMENSEN Poul	0.21	150
39 BEKKOUCHE Nadia - BINDERKRANTZ Trine	0.60	140	110 GRENTHE Guillaume - GRENTHE Jerome	0.21	90
40 PIEDRA Fernando - IGLA Bartlomiej	0.59	150	111 KISLITSYNA Irina - RAPOPORT Michel	0.21	119
41 MARLIER Jean-Louis - MUS Marc	0.58	110	112 PESSOA Sofia - CASTANHEIRA Jorge Carlos	0.19	150
42 FALLON Gordon - COLMER Peter Ronald	0.57	58	113 DUBOIN Giorgio - BILDE Dennis	0.19	110
43 KONOW Kasper - GJALDBAEK Kare	0.56	140	114 BRINK Sjoert - DRIJVER Bas	0.18	120
44 JESUA Jean-Jacque - MOLINA Philippe	0.56	110	115 MAQBOOL Assad - BANDESHA Muhammad Ghalib Ali	0.18	90
45 KOWALSKI Apolinary - ROMANSKI Jacek	0.56	100	116 ZVEZDIN Zigfrid - ARSENTYEVA Elizaveta	0.18	130
46 WINKLER Gabor - DUMBOVICH Miklos	0.56	150	117 GROMOV Andrey - DUBININ Alexander	0.18	80
47 HEGEDUS Gal - SZEGEDI Balazs	0.55	150	118 YANG Sidney - WU Mark Yp	0.16	100
48 MAHMOOD Zia - MICHELSEN Marion	0.55	120	119 WILDAVSKY Adam - WEINSTEIN Howard	0.16	150
49 KORBEL Daniel - SHI Sylvia	0.55	150	120 KAYSER Christian - GLASSER Alain	0.15	150
50 MARTENS Krzysztof - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	0.53	70	121 AUBERT Pierre - DEROCLES Edme	0.15	100
51 REVERCHON Patrick - BOULUD Bernard	0.53	110	122 OREY CAPUCHO Manuel d' - LARA Maria Joao	0.15	120
52 KASIMIR Udo - JOKISCH Peter	0.53	150	123 RENSON Denis - MONTAGNAC Christian	0.14	150
53 JASSEM Krzysztof - MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin	0.53	150	124 PILIPOVIC Marina - SVER Nikica	0.14	140
54 SCHIRESON Max - BAILEY William	0.52	50	125 MULLER Alyette - SIMONNET Thierry	0.13	70
55 LINDE Julius - SCHWERDT Christian	0.51	90	126 CHEN Yin-Shou - LIN Yin-Yu	0.13	150
56 MARCINOWSKI Piotr - SOBCZAK Mateusz	0.49	100	127 MATHIEU Philippe - FABBRICATORE Sophie	0.10	100
57 LANTARON Luis - GODED Federico	0.48	150	128 FULLER Leone - LEYBOURNE Marina	0.09	100
58 BOREVKOVIC Goran - MARINOVSKI Kiril	0.48	130	129 GITELMAN Fred - COHLER Gary	0.09	70
59 STRZEMECKI Wojciech - ZAWADA Przemyslaw	0.47	100	130 NIMHAUSER Adrien - LAUFER Monique	0.08	50
60 HU Junjie - CHEN Yichao	0.44	150	131 MAGNUSSON Stephan - NIKOLENKOV Dmitriy	0.08	150
61 CAO Xueliang - BIAN Jingsheng	0.43	150	132 SABATE Jordi - GODED MERINO Gonzalo	0.07	150
62 BERTHEAU Peter - HALLBERG Gunnar	0.43	100	133 POLII Bert Toar - HARTONO Michael Bambang	0.07	70
63 SKORCHEV Stefan - GROSSET Christophe	0.43	150	134 IMAMOGLU Levent - GUNDOGU Mehmet Guney	0.07	120
64 FISCHER Doris - SAURER Bernd	0.42	150	135 REYNOLDS Peter - FISCHER Stephen	0.07	150
65 ROSENBERG Debbie - LEE Cadir	0.42	50	136 HORSMAN Eileen - GROVER Bob	0.07	150
66 HOU Xu - CHEN Ji	0.41	70	137 SOPHONPANICH Esther C. - BAISAMUT Somchai	0.06	150
67 BLAKSET Lars - VANG-LARSEN Thomas	0.41	150	138 FREDIN Peter - McALLISTER John Grayson	0.06	150
68 CAPPELLETTI Shannon - WEINGOLD Joanne	0.41	78	139 ROSENBERG Debbie - BAILEY William	0.06	50
69 TERRANEO Franz - BIEDER Wolfgang	0.40	70	140 LINDQVIST Espen - BROGELAND Boye	0.05	150
70 VASANTH Sathyavathi - NAIDOO Bindiya	0.40	50	141 TOBING Robert Parasian - ASBI Taufik Gautama	0.05	150
71 ROGOV Dmitri - RUDAKOV Evgeni	0.40	60	142 KHALIL Izat - KHAN Safdar Mahmood	0.04	100
			143 DUTILLOY Nicole - HALFON Donatella	0.04	50

144	HUGGINS Michael - MONVERNAY Didier	0.03	40	220	ADAD Pierre - MATEOS-RUIZ Franck	-0.36	50
145	MONSEGUR Martin Sila - ALFONSIN Julio Alberto	0.03	40	221	MUKHERJEE Sumit - MAJUMDER Debabrata	-0.36	80
146	ANKLESARIA Keyzad - CHOKSHI Sunit	0.02	110	222	TEWARI Rajeshwar - SHIVDASANI Jaggy	-0.37	90
147	EL AHMADY Waleed - AUDICHE Christina	0.01	150	223	ZHAO Jie - CHEN Yunlong	-0.37	70
148	MELBOURNE Howard - THOMPSON Ben	0.01	150	224	SAHAL Michel - LAANEMAE Tiit	-0.40	150
149	LASUT Henky - MANOPPO Eddy M F	0.01	120	225	HUNTZ Herve - CALAS Damien	-0.41	150
150	STEPHENS Robert - VANVUGHT Lex	0.01	150	226	HOOGENKAMP Ed - HELLE Rob	-0.41	150
151	HARARI David - DOUSSOT Bernard	0.01	150	227	PELISSON Sebastien - MARCHE Pierre	-0.42	140
152	LAKATOS Peter - BIRMAN Alon	0.00	150	228	WANG Shao-Yu - LIU Ming-Chien	-0.43	120
153	BACKES Jean Marie - BOCKEN Patrick	0.00	150	229	ROSSARD Martine - ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	-0.44	140
154	ERBIL Erdinc - ZOBU Ahu	-0.01	150	230	SARIAN Frederic - AREA Georges	-0.44	90
155	CLERKIN Jerry - CLERKIN Dennis	-0.01	80	231	LORMANT Yves - LEVY David	-0.45	119
156	MARMION Patrice - LOBRY Francis	-0.01	150	232	KOECK Christine - JANIN Yann	-0.45	100
157	SUN Ming - ZHOU Jia Hong	-0.01	70	233	KARMARKAR Marianne - BAKERI Rupa	-0.46	90
158	GUESDON Jean-Luc - LABETOULLE Catherine	-0.02	100	234	SHI Miao - WANG Dade	-0.47	140
159	VENTIN CAMPRUBI Juan Carlos - PONT Juan	-0.02	150	235	DEN BOER Henk - SCHIPPER Kees	-0.48	150
160	SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju - NADAR Kiran	-0.02	90	236	INO Masayuki - YAMADA Kazuhiko	-0.48	50
161	LEVY Alain - RIEHM Franck	-0.02	90	237	OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	-0.48	60
162	RUSSELL Douglas - ACKERLEY Chris	-0.03	150	238	ANDREA Landry - LEVOY Quentin	-0.49	150
163	BATHURST Kevin - LALL Justin	-0.03	100	239	LINDEMAN Rob - VON SEIDA Ruud	-0.49	150
164	PREDDY Kay - SELWAY Norman	-0.04	150	240	MAYO Sharon - MAYO Gregory	-0.49	150
165	BROWN Terry - BUCHEN Peter Walter	-0.05	80	241	CARROLL John - GARVEY Tommy	-0.51	100
166	SPRUNG Jo Ann - SPRUNG Danny	-0.06	150	242	SIKORA Jacek - WALCZYNSKI Adam	-0.52	50
167	CANTATORE Nick - FULLER Trevor	-0.06	100	243	WING David - BREAKELL Peter	-0.55	150
168	DINC Sedat - PEYRET Hakan	-0.06	50	244	KHOKHLOV Jouri - MATUSHKO Georgi	-0.56	100
169	VITETTA Michele - CANERI Thierry	-0.07	100	245	SVANGSOPAKUL Vallapa - NIMITYONGSKUL Phailin	-0.57	60
170	HACKETT Paul D - PRICE David	-0.07	100	246	ZHANG Xiaofeng - JIANG Tong	-0.60	70
171	COMBESURE Baptiste - BERNARD Julien	-0.07	110	247	KLIS E - LEFLON Marcel	-0.61	90
172	RIMBAUD Laurence - RIMBAUD Pierre	-0.08	90	248	ROUSSEAU Lucy - COIFFIER Yves	-0.62	140
173	DUGUET Michel - FEBER Alexandre	-0.09	80	249	SAINTE MARIE Thierry De - MAUBERQUEZ Eric	-0.63	100
174	POUX Manuel - LEBOUTELLER Ludovic	-0.09	90	250	HELNESS Gunn - FOSSUM Ann Birgitte	-0.63	90
175	URMAN Lior - TOLEDANO Oren	-0.10	140	251	MAZHAR Masood - IBRAHIM Kamran	-0.64	110
176	BELLEFROID Patrick - SCHICK Olivier	-0.11	90	252	MILL Justin - MADSEN Christina Lund	-0.64	110
177	SUMAMPOUW Conny - ANDHANI Rury	-0.11	80	253	MAROTTA Luca - PERE Gilles	-0.65	130
178	PONOMAREVA Tatiana - DIKHNOVA Tatiana	-0.12	60	254	YEH Edward - CHEN Liu-Mou	-0.66	100
179	CHEVAL Herve - GOUMARD Dominique	-0.12	100	255	PONTOH Suoth Sartje - SIANIPAR PETRICOLA Tetty	-0.67	100
180	SITOMPOEL Linda - PETRICOLA Mario	-0.13	40	256	SHAH Vasanti - KSHIRSAGAR Alka	-0.67	100
181	PEREIRA Paulo Goncalves - DIAS Paulo	-0.13	150	257	KANOKWATANAWAN Uraivan - TOR CHAROEN Phanuwit	-0.67	100
182	IMAKURA Tadashi - OMASA Akito	-0.13	60	258	FINIKIOTIS George - FANOS Elizabeth	-0.69	150
183	TITOW Joanne - TITOW Kenneth	-0.14	148	259	MALARME Daniel - BONHOMME Marc	-0.69	150
184	GITELMAN Fred - WINESTOCK Sheri	-0.16	50	260	KARWUR Franky Steven - SACUL Denny	-0.70	120
185	LARSSON Jessica - WEINGER Lindsey	-0.16	128	261	PORTAL Dominique - ANDRIEUX Maxime	-0.74	120
186	SAUVAGE Valerie - BOGACKI Patrick	-0.17	90	262	COCHEME Simon - OSMOND John	-0.75	150
187	HESHMAT Mohamed - AUDICHE Alain	-0.17	150	263	BAILEY William - LEE Cadir	-0.76	50
188	LEGRAS Remi - CHESNY Philippe	-0.17	150	264	DUGUET Michel - NIMHAUSER Adrien	-0.76	50
189	LI Jianwei - ZHANG Bangxiang	-0.17	60	265	HARSANYI Josef - MACKAY Steve	-0.77	149
190	FALLON Gordon - FALLON Alison	-0.18	50	266	SIMBOZEL Michel - SIMBOZEL Francoise	-0.78	80
191	YUEN Michael - ANDREWS Douglas	-0.18	149	267	BRUNEL Denys - ETLIN Alain Philippe	-0.78	148
192	SEGUINEAU Paul - GALINSKY Yoram	-0.19	100	268	LUSK Sue - BOURKE Margaret	-0.79	70
193	VENKATARAMAN Kadayam Raman - GOEL Ashok Kumar	-0.19	100	269	LETELLIER Jean-Pierre - SOULET Alexandre	-0.80	90
194	LOUCHART Pierre-Jean - COUNIL Jean-Louis	-0.20	100	270	PROTAT Gerard - COMTE Isabelle	-0.81	110
195	SCHIRESON Max - LEE Cadir	-0.20	50	271	MONSEGUR Martin Sila - MOONEY Guillermo	-0.83	90
196	BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	-0.20	50	272	DEWI Suci Amita - MURNIATI Kristina Wahyu	-0.84	70
197	SAELENSMINDE Erik - GILLIS Simon	-0.21	150	273	HUGGINS Michael - TOMLINSON Steve	-0.85	110
198	EASWARAN Prakash - PRAKASH ANIRUDH	-0.21	150	274	GERBER Claude - BESNAULT Jean-Louis	-0.90	80
199	GRAPLAN Eva - THOMPSON Jenny	-0.22	150	275	THOMAZET Didier - MATEOS-RUIZ Franck	-0.94	50
200	CANAL Michele - GRIBE Patrick	-0.23	140	276	BOOKALLIL Marianne - TUTTY Jodi	-0.96	110
201	PELLEGRINI Carlos - TOMMASINI Stefano	-0.23	150	277	PINETTE Beatrice - LECLERC Gilles	-0.97	110
202	HACKETT Jason - HACKETT Justin	-0.24	100	278	LOUCHART Pierre-Jean - NAELS Patrick	-0.98	40
203	ROBINSON Irene - SHELLEY Peter	-0.27	150	279	MARKOWICZ Victor - MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-1.01	90
204	WANG Ping - SHIH Juei-Yu	-0.27	130	280	NEVEU Loic - THOBIE Sebastien	-1.03	140
205	FULLER Leone - FULLER Trevor	-0.28	50	281	PICUS Sue - KRANTZ Corey	-1.05	80
206	BURTIN Patrick - HAAS Thomas	-0.29	150	282	NAIDOO Bindiya - SINHA Priya Ranjan	-1.10	70
207	BOLAND Rory - MORAN Mark	-0.29	90	283	GREEN Allison - BRUN Michele	-1.16	130
208	THUILLEZ Laurent - HALFON Donatella	-0.30	70	284	ROLLAND Sabine - NATAF Paula	-1.25	80
209	TEMBOURET Romain - LHUISSIER Nicolas	-0.30	120	285	FALLON Alison - EMERSON Susan	-1.30	50
210	TAO Jian Hua - LIN Rongqiang	-0.30	120	286	NIMITYONGSKUL Phailin - KANOKWATANAWAN Uraivan	-1.32	50
211	TESSIERES Godefroy De - SETTON Hilda	-0.30	90	287	KHONICHEVA Elena - GULEVICH Anna	-1.34	50
212	FOUGEROUSE Andre - GIULIANI Yves	-0.30	90	288	ARAGONES Michele - ARAGONES Rene	-1.35	110
213	CHOQUETTE Robert - MAZET Frederic	-0.30	90	289	SANCHEZ Thomas - LIERHMANN Florian	-1.41	90
214	LALL Hemant - MILNER Reese	-0.31	70	290	PETRICOLA Mario - CARDYN Catherine	-1.71	90
215	ROCAFORT Jean-Pierre - CLARET Michel	-0.32	150	291	BISALPUTRA Pimpraphai - DARDARANANDA Tassamon	-1.72	50
216	BJARNARSON Gregers - HAGEN Anders	-0.33	140	292	CANTATORE Nick - LEYBOURNE Marina	-2.00	50
217	HOLLANDS Peter - GINNAN Laura	-0.33	60				
218	WHITTAKER Willie - BLACK Andrew	-0.34	100				
219	CASTEL Hugo - LANGLET Vincent	-0.34	88				





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## Program

### National Mixed & Ladies Pairs Tournament

Wednesday 8 – from 4.00 pm - 2 session 20/22 boards

First prize **1.200 euro**

Entry Fee 25 euro per player (junior 15)

### National Open Pairs Tournament

Thursday 9 – from 2.00 pm - 2 session 20/22 boards

First prize **1.500 euro**

Entry Fee 30 euro per player (junior 20)

### International Open Teams Tournament

Friday 10 – from 2 pm - 7 qualification rounds

Saturday 11 – from 11.00 am - 5 final rounds

First prize **4.000 euro**

Entry Fee 260 euro per team (junior 160)

Thursday 9 - Evening with dinner in the Rooms of the Municipal  
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## Jos Jacobs

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>B. Moss</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Grue</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
3♦*	Dble	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Two boards later, we saw a nice tactical battle.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

♠ Q 9 8 6 2  
♥ 9 8 4  
♦ 8 6  
♣ K 9 3

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

♠ A K J  
♥ A 7 6 2  
♦ 5 4  
♣ A 6 5 2

## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>C. Martel</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
—	—	—	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

In the reply, the auction quickly came to an end:



**Chip Martel, USA 2**

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Martel</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Fleisher</i>	<i>Mihov</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

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## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanov	B. Moss	Nanev	Grue
—	—	—	INT
All Pass			

West led a spade to declarer's jack and when Grue immediately took the heart finesse through West (catering for a possible ♥Qxxx), East won the queen and cashed out. One down, Bulgaria another +50 and 8 more IMPs to them. They had taken the lead.

On the next board, N/S were cold for 4♥. Once you have ruffed a black suit, you can unblock the ♦Q, cross in trumps, ruff a diamond, draw the remaining trumps and chalk up +620.

## Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanov	B. Moss	Nanev	Grue
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Looking at this auction, I was wondering whether South's double would suggest a good secondary heart suit. The 3♦ contract just made, of course: USA2 +110.

In the Open Room, South could not sensibly speak again when 3♠ came round to him.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
C. Martel	Karakolev	Fleisher	Mihov
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	All Pass		

This would have led to a flat board had 3♠ gone one down, as one might expect at first glance. In practice, this is an illusion, however. As soon as declarer manages to ruff one red suit in hand at an early stage, he can draw two rounds of trumps finessing North's queen, ruff his fourth club with dummy's last trump and get two more tricks with his ♠KJ sooner or later. Only repeated trump leads will do the job for the defence, as North can get the lead twice

with his ♥K and ♦Q, but why on earth should such an out-of-this-world defence be found?

At the table, South led the ♦K crashing partner's queen. Low diamond ruffed by North, heart to South's queen, ♥A and a club return rather than a heart produced an easy squeeze against North in the rounded suits when declarer played off all his trumps. USA2 another +140 and 6 IMPs back to regain the lead but a great chance gone for either side!

The next six boards produced just one part-score swing each way but on board 11, they ran into double figures again:

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
C. Martel	Karakolev	Fleisher	Mihov
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

South's 2♠ was sort of "Muiderberg," showing at least five spades and 4+ of a minor.

How could North know that together, N/S had at least five defensive tricks? Not respecting the old Bols Tip about the five-level proved expensive. One down, USA2+50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanov	B. Moss	Nanev	Grue
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥*
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Over the Strong Club, South showed his spades in transfer mode and game was duly reached when the opponents did not bother to put on pressure or take the sacrifice. USA2 another +420 and 10 IMPs to them to lead by 12.

Bulgaria halved the deficit when USA2 missed a non-vulnerable game on the next board but two boards later, it was Bingo again for the scorers:



Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
C. Martel	Karakolev	Fleisher	Mihov
—	—	1♣	2♥
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The contract was reached in natural fashion. Declarer won the second round of hearts and continued ♦A and another, inserting the jack from his hand when North followed with the ♦10 to the first round. Eleven tricks only, USA2 +460.



Ivan Nanev, Bulgaria discussing with the director

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanov	B. Moss	Nanev	Grue
—	—	1NT	2♦
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Over the 14-16 INT, Stefanov showed his invitational or better hand with diamonds in transfer fashion after South had shown his hearts in transfer mode as well. Cue-bids then did the rest.

When South led the ♣9 rather than a top heart, declarer was in a good position as he would be able to get rid of his heart losers with clubs 4-2 even if he had to lose a trump trick. So he called for dummy's ace and played a trump to the ace and a trump to the...jack. A heart came back but when the clubs proved to be 5-1 after all, declarer's second chance of making the contract was no longer there. USA2 +50 and 11 IMPs to them.

USA2 scored another 7 IMPs on the last board of the set to go into the final set with a 184-159 lead.

**Final set**

The opening two boards of the set were very flat but then came:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mihov	B. Moss	Karakolev	Grue
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
Dble	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Over the Precision style 1♦ opening by South, the normal 4♥ was easily reached by the Americans.

When East led the obvious ♠J, the contract soon was one down when all the finesses were wrong for declarer. Bulgaria +50.

In the Open Room, transfers were in operation once again:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Nanev	Rosenberg	Stefanov
—	—	—	1NT
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Over West's two-suiter (spades and a minor), North was able to place the declaration in South's hand. When West



led an unlucky low diamond, one of dummy's spade losers vanished and declarer thus could no longer go down. Bulgaria +420 and 10 IMPs back – just what was needed to revive the match.

Two more flat boards followed and then we saw another



Michael Rosenberg, USA 2

big swing.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Nanev	Rosenberg	Stefanov
—	—	1♥	2♣
2♥	2♠	All Pass	

For N/S, 3♣ would possibly have been a better spot but when Rosenberg, defending 2♠, led a top heart and switched to the obvious low trump, declarer had no chance any more to get rid of his diamonds. Down two, USA2 +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanov	B. Moss	Nanev	Grue
—	—	1♥	2♣
2♥	2♠	3♦	Pass

4♥ Pass Pass Dble  
All Pass

In the other room, East gave it another try, which proved fatal when South had an easy double. Down two and another +500 or 12 IMPs to USA2. They were 27 up now with nine to play.

There was little in the next seven boards, to the disappointment, no doubt, of the neutral bridge lovers. So the USA2 lead was still a decisive-looking 20 IMPs when the penultimate board arrived:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pszczola	Nanev	Rosenberg	Stefanov
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

In a sense, N/S did well to arrive in game but they soon found out that the breaks in the pointed suits were too much for them. West led a low trump won by dummy's king but when declarer immediately went after the diamonds and they broke 5-1, two down soon was the outcome. USA2 +200, a result that should see them through to the final in comfort.

At the other table, the Bulgarians had a curious misunderstanding:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanov	B. Moss	Nanev	Grue
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	All Pass

What should the meaning of East's double have been? Nobody knew, it seemed.

On a trump lead to the ten and king, declarer actually made two overtricks for +1070 and a further 15 IMPs to USA2, who thus secured their right to meet European Champions France in the final, winning their match 216-182.



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