



THE CHASE IS ON



Take Your Seat!

Well-rested players took to the tables on Saturday in the Open Teams and the Junior Teams, events that featured some intense competition. The 96 Open Teams competitors are striving to be among top 64 teams at the end of the two-day Swiss qualifying. There was some drama in the Open Teams as a squad from India held off a Polish team in the final two rounds to take a slim lead with one day left to play.

At the end of round four, the penultimate round, the Indian team Dhampur Sugar Mills was leading the pack with a victory point total of 66.5. Right behind them was Connector, a Polish team, sitting second with 61.32 VPs.

The two teams played each other in the fifth and final round. Connector won 25-20 but it was not enough to overtake the Indians, who finished the day with a VP total of 74.65 to 73.17 for the Poles.

The Junior Teams, meanwhile, has been dominated by squads from China. After five qualifying rounds, the leaders in the field are three Chinese teams: SX Saturn, with 72.08 VPs. Next is SX Starlord with 68.60 VPs. Third is SX Mars with 53.37 VPs. The only American team in the field is fourth with 53.37 VPs.

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Programme Sunday 23rd

**Rosenblum,
McConnell, Rand**
10:00 - 11:30
11:50 - 13:20
14:00 - 15:30
15:50 - 17:20
17:40 - 19:10

Youth World Triathlon
10:00 - 11:30
11:50 - 13:20
14:00 - 15:30
15:50 - 17:20

O/W/S Pairs
Registration Desk open
10:00 - 19:00



BBO SCHEDULE

All five rounds:
Tables 1-6 of the Rosenblum



Youth World Triathlon

After Round 5

1	SX SATURN	72.08
2	SX STARLORD	68.60
3	SX MARS	54.25
4	USA	53.37
5	SX JUPITER	51.72
6	POLAND	51.40
7	SX VENUS	40.18
8	SX MERCURY	37.76
9	SX NEBULA	30.64

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Rosenblum

After Round 5

1	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	74.65	52	MUNICH SPURS	50.61
2	CONNECTOR	73.17	53	GENSCRIPT	50.35
3	TEXAN ACES	71.96	54	CHINA OPEN	49.73
4	CAYNE	71.16	55	PAYEN	49.55
5	PREDDY	70.31	56	DE BOTTON	49.43
6	FLEISHER	69.37	57	BLACK	48.47
7	STRUL	67.67	58	PAIVA	48.06
8	MORAN	67.00	59	ARGENTINA	47.65
9	PSZCZOLA	66.52	60	GILLIS	47.11
10	MIXED UP	65.78	61	POLAND JUNIORS	46.72
11	ZHAO	65.51	62	ANNA	45.63
12	TULIN	64.85	63	DE MICHELIS	45.59
13	ROBINSON	63.75	64	ROSE	45.32
14	CHAGAS	61.79	65	BRIDGE24PL B	43.98
15	LEVINE	61.60	66	EMERALD	43.77
16	CHINA XHJT	61.37	67	JINSHUO	42.96
17	FEIXIANG	61.32	68	MAYBE	42.87
18	JUSTER	61.09	69	GOWER	42.64
19	MOSSOP	60.78	70	NEVER CLAIM	41.60
20	MAHAFFEY	60.51	71	HAFFER	41.56
21	PDC	60.48	72	COBRA KHAN	41.52
22	PD TIMES	59.11	73	PODDAR HOUSING	41.09
23	SPUDS	58.27	74	ALLFREY	41.02
24	SCHWARTZ	58.06	75	FORMIDABLES	40.42
25	ZHAOHENG	57.87	76	DENMARK	40.10
26	GUPTA	57.86	77	IW3M	38.40
27	ERA	57.78	78	VICKY	37.66
28	ODDY	57.48	79	JJ MAXROD	36.95
29	VENTIN	57.40	80	SOUTH SWEDEN	36.93
30	VIKING NATURAL	57.08	81	DIAMOND	36.69
31	LAVAZZA	56.72	82	SKY BRIDGE CLUB	36.56
32	ZIMMERMANN	56.49	83	ROSENTHAL	36.50
33	COACH K	56.17	84	KRIPA	36.18
34	BASEGGIO	55.14	85	JOHN VEGA	35.75
35	NICKELL	54.54	86	BULLYS	34.55
36	ORG	54.33	87	LOVEBRIDGE	34.26
37	BERTHEAU	54.30	88	GUADELOUPE	33.52
38	MANDALA	54.27	89	DALLEY	32.67
39	ZAWADA	54.09	90	MOAZZEM HUSSAIN	32.06
40	MOSS	53.65	91	HETZ	30.75
41	MITTELMAN	53.61	92	MAROC	28.88
42	PAVLICEK	53.44	93	TEAM CANADA	28.52
43	LILIENSTEIN	52.68	94	JUAN VALDEZ	26.04
44	NETHERLANDS JUNIORS	52.63	95	JAIL	21.91
45	CRE8TIVE	51.90	96	TTCBA	12.74
46	CHINA OPEN 2	51.65			
47	HATTIE	51.59			
48	COLDEA	51.21			
49	FROGS	51.18			
50	SPECTOR	50.92			
51	MCALLISTER	50.67			

Seeding for the McConnell

- 1 CHINA LADIES
- 2 BAKER
- 3 APEROL
- 4 JOEL
- 5 NETHERLANDS WOMEN
- 6 WESTHEIMER
- 7 KODA
- 8 SMITH
- 9 POLAND
- 10 BARONI
- 11 QUINN
- 12 ALLINA AND MAK
- 13 BLOOM
- 14 STRUL
- 15 ROSSLEE
- 16 AUSTRALIA WOMEN
- 17 CHINA XHJT

Seeding for the Rand Cup

- 1 WOLFSON
- 2 MILNER
- 3 VYTAS
- 4 YBS
- 5 JAPAN SENIORS
- 6 MARILL
- 7 GERMAN SENIORS
- 8 CANADA SENIORS
- 9 SILVERMAN
- 10 LEWIS
- 11 CHINA EVERTRUST
- 12 MARKOWICZ
- 13 CHILE SENIORS
- 14 GRIZZLY KOALAS
- 15 SIMSON
- 16 KAMINSKI
- 17 KASLE
- 18 NEW YORK
- 19 NORTHWEST PLUS
- 20 USARUSSELL
- 21 KRANYAK
- 22 MCCONNELL
- 23 TORNAY
- 24 NO ONE
- 25 CAPPELLI
- 26 EISENSTEIN
- 27 MASTERMIND
- 28 HALMAN
- 29 PREMO
- 30 PROTO
- 31 REYNOLDS

McConnell Cup (Women Teams) & Rand Cup (Seniors Teams)

According to article 38 of the General Conditions of Contest, article 8.7 of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest and due to the number of entries the format, seeding and schedule have changed as follows:

Format

McConnell Cup

The teams will play a two-day qualification consisting of ten rounds of Swiss playing 10 boards per round, followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. The quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played over two days, in six 14-boards stanzas (four stanzas on the first and two on the second day). The final will be played over two days, in six 16-boards stanzas, three each day. There will be no play-off. Both losers from the semi-finals will be classified third and the eligible players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the related masterpoints.

Rand Cup

The teams will play a two-day qualification consisting of ten rounds of Swiss, playing 10 boards per round, followed by a round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final. The round of 16 and the quarter-finals will be played over one day in four 14-boards stanzas. The semi-finals will be played over two days as six 14-boards stanzas (four stanzas on the first and two on the second day). The final will be played over two days, in six 16-boards stanzas. There will be no play-off. Both losers from the semi-finals will be classified third and the eligible players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the related masterpoints.

Bracket

McConnell Cup

The top two teams at the end of the Swiss choose their opponent among the bottom 4, then the rest of the bracket is automatically assigned using the original seeding of the left-over teams, (with 3rd v highest remaining seed and 4th lowest)

Rand Cup

The top 4 teams at the end of the Swiss choose their opponent from among the bottom 8, then the rest of the bracket is automatically assigned using the original seeding of the left-over teams (with 8th v highest remaining seed and 5th lowest).

Rosenblum Swiss - R1

LAVAZZA v PAVLICEK

Ron Tacchi

Team LAVAZZA are seeded at number 5 and were drawn against a team headed by Richard Pavlicek, whom many players will know of from his website full of all sorts of useful gadgets and information.

On Board 2 the auction started in a similar way at both tables:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥
Dble	2NT*	3♦	?

2NT was obviously a Truscott type bid showing heart support, though in Italy I believe it is called Truscotti and is frequently confused with a small sweetmeat taken with coffee. The difference between the two tables was that in one case South passed and in the other bid three hearts. Now I wonder how many of you club players out there have discussed the meaning of a bid after interference after the 2NT bid. In one room 3♥ was bid on a minimum opening and the other passed. So it appears that the two partnerships had different agreements. One for you to check up on.

Our first interesting deal is Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 8 7 2	
	♥ A K 8 6 5 2	
	♦ A Q 9	
	♣ —	
♠ 6 4 3		♠ 10 5
♥ 7		♥ J 9 4 3
♦ K 7 2		♦ J 8 6 5 3
♣ A 10 7 5 4 2		♣ J 9
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ A K Q 9	
	♥ Q 10	
	♦ 10 4	
	♣ K Q 8 6 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Munday	Bianchedi	Pavlicek	Madala
			1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♠
All Pass			
1♣	2+clubs		

The bidding was relatively natural, though Two Diamonds was forcing to game. When queried as to the strength of his trump suit, South believed he had more than he had admitted to and his trumps could not have been stronger.

The lead was a classic small trump against a grand slam. Declarer won in hand and ruffed a club, came back to hand with another trump in order to ruff a second club. He returned to hand with a heart and drew the outstanding trump. A heart to the ace now revealed the unkind heart division, but a ruff established the suit, and with the diamond king being onside the contract came home. A reasonable enough contract, any 3-2 split in the heart suit or 4-1 with the diamond king being handily placed, about an 84% chance.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sementa	Fredin	Bocchi	Amoils
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In this room some wheels fell off the bidding wagon. It seemed to me to show the negative side of splintering with a void. Obviously South downgraded his hand when he knew his partner was short in clubs and both parties simultaneously took a poor opinion of their hands. That was 14 IMPs to LAVAZZA.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 5 2	
	♥ A	
	♦ A K J 6 5 3	
	♣ A 10 9 2	
♠ K 10 4		♠ Q J 8 3
♥ K Q J 5 4 3		♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 8 2		♦ 7
♣ 4		♣ Q 8 7 3
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ A 9 7 6	
	♥ 10 9	
	♦ Q 10 4	
	♣ K J 6 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Munday	Bianchedi	Pavlicek	Madala
2♥	3♦	3♥	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Pavlicek's continuance of the barrage (incidentally Three Hearts is a making contract) caused problems for South and so he resorted to a ubiquitous double. I believe North was showing both minors with his 4NT bid as a system card I uncovered for Bianchedi and Madala shows them playing RKCB as 14-30. Thus Five Diamonds was a natural call. Declarer was not tested in the play.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sementa	Fredin	Bocchi	Amoils
2♥	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

I was surprised that Bocchi did not continue with a pre-emptive raise in hearts. This allowed South to make a forcing enquiry and when North showed a club suit he placed the contract in that minor. I thought we were going to have back-to-back grand slams where one room was only in game, but it was not to be as Fredin subsided in the small slam. East led a heart and declarer was not hard pressed to locate the queen of trumps and when he ruffed a heart in his hand I assumed he was going to claim 13 tricks but the BBO records state that only twelve tricks were recorded. 13 IMPs back to PAVLICEK to tie the match at 14 all.

In the course of the next three boards PAVLICEK gained three IMPs from an extra vulnerable undertrick.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Munday	Bianchedi	Pavliceck	Madala
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I assume the Four Club bid showed hearts and clubs and that North was hoping for a stronger hand but got the message when South signed off in Four Hearts. West started with the king of diamonds, taken by the ace. Declarer cashed his ace of spades to rid himself of the losing diamond and continued with a small club. I really like the play of East here when he played small. Declarer will always make his contract if East rises with a high honour as 99% of us would do, so when he does not it appears to South as though West must have one of them. South went into the tank for a long while before playing the queen. Had he played small and West had won with the nine of clubs then the contract would fail – an excellent attempt to allow declarer to make an error. Now declarer was home free and eventually made an overtrick, though that did not

affect the IMP score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sementa	Fredin	Bocchi	Amoils
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

When East valued his hand as worthy of further progress over Three Diamonds he found that the outstanding distribution was not amenable to his cause, when Fredin wielded the red card after West's raise to game. In the course of the play East did not play North for all four trumps when he led one from dummy, and so finished three down and two more IMPs to PAVLICEK.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Munday	Bianchedi	Pavliceck	Madala
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♦	3♥	5♦
All Pass			

Fine pragmatic bidding by South and North only had to find West with the queen of hearts after his initial Double to bring home the contract.



Bianchedi, Pavliceck, Madala and Munday
in the Open Room

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sementa	Fredin	Bocchi	Amoils
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	4♦
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

I am not quite sure from where East thought the defensive tricks would come. And indeed they didn't. Declarer had just the same minor intellectual effort to find the queen of hearts and his doubled contract came home for a further four IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Munday	Bianchedi	Pavlicek	Madala
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

After the end of the auction Madala said to his partner words to the effect 'Not too much but I hope it's enough'. Unhappily for LAVAZZA it was not enough. He was almost certainly pushing as he could probably estimate that his team was not ahead. The contract finished two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sementa	Fredin	Bocchi	Amoils
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

No such over-excitement at this table and a calm heart game contract was reached, and with careful play an overtrick was scored which would have been worth an IMP if Six Hearts had failed by only one trick in the other room. As it was, another thirteen IMPs went to PAVLICEK and with 35 unanswered IMPs from the last seven boards that gave them a 16.39-3.61 victory.

Trust your opponents!

Jos Jacobs

The middle round on the opening Saturday of these World Bridge Series was very quiet. In none of the six matches on display in BBO could I find anything really worth to report about so I was thinking about skipping the round completely when the last board in the DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS v. JUSTER match arrived.

The Indians were leading 14-4 after 9 boards (yes, I told you it was a quiet round!) and this is what happened in the Open Room.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	Venkataraman	A. Grossack	Goel
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Dbl
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

This board as well looked like a routine affair, but much side info was revealed in the auction. Not only did the clubs not break very normally, but after the invitational auction North had every reason to double, adopting the principle of a nasty surprise for declarer in what sounded like a touch-and-go contract. West had a solid enough 18-count with six controls, but the redouble may have been a bit too optimistic, or poker style if you prefer that expression.

There was disappointingly little to the play. North was forced in the end to open up the diamonds for declarer but his ♦A was the second undertrick, giving the Indians a score of +1000.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Bloom	Majumder	Juster
		Pass	3♣
3NT	All Pass		

In the replay, the Indians did very well to avoid any major-suit trouble. Warned by the pre-empt, they settled for 3NT,

thus avoiding all possible major-suit disasters.

At only 7 of the 96 tables in play, they reached game in NT.

A diamond lead would have wrecked 3NT (as happened at just one other table) but North led a heart. Declarer could now win in hand, cross to the ♥A and duck a spade to North. Later, declarer put North on play with his established hearts after cashing a top club, thus forcing him to open up the diamonds for the game-going trick. Another +600 and 17 IMPs to the Indians, who won the match 31-4 or 17.34 – 2.66 VPs.

Expensive Switch

Brian Senior

I wasn't planning to do a match report on Round 4 of the Rosenblum Swiss Qualifying but I just happened to be browsing the PSZCZOLA v PAVLICEK match on BBO when this deal caught my eye.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Fredin	Nowosadzki	Amoils
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♠
5♦	5♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Munday	Pszczoła	Pavlicek	Blass
3♦	3♠	5♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

For PAVLICEK, Les Amoils opened the South hand with 4♠, as would I. That was too much for Jacek Kalita with the diamond hand and he had to pass. However, when 4♠ came round to Michal Nowosadzki he doubled in fourth seat and Kalita was happy to respond 5♦. When Peter Fredin competed to 5♠ as North, Nowosadzki doubled, ending the auction.

Kalita led the five of clubs to the king and ace, Amoils following with the two if we are to trust the BBO operator. Nowosadzki returned the four of clubs, suit

preference, for Kalita to ruff. Doing as requested, Kalita returned a diamond, so Nowosadzki was in to give him a second ruff for down two and –500.

Five Diamonds would, of course, have been unbeatable – it takes a heart lead from North to beat 6♦.

In the other room Josef Blass preferred to open at the one level so Jim Munday could make a 3♦ weak jump overcall with the West cards. Jacek Pszczoła, aka Pepsi, bid 3♠ and Rich Pavlicek jumped to 5♦. Blass, of course, competed with 5♠ and when that came back to Pavlicek he doubled, as who wouldn't, ending the auction.

Munday too led his singleton club to the king and ace, Blass dropping the six. Pavlicek switched to the king of hearts, asking for count, and discovered that information a little sooner than he wanted to when Blass ruffed. There was nothing to the play from here. Blass drew trumps and took a diamond ruff in the dummy, coming to 11 tricks and his contract for a very satisfactory +850 and 16 IMPs to PSZCZOLA, who won the match by 36-21 IMPs, 14.80-5.20 VPs.

It looks as though Nowosadzki trusted that his partner was unlikely to lead a small doubleton on this auction so rated to have a singleton, while Pavlicek clearly thought a doubleton was a possibility on the very different auction at his table. But Munday could not have a doubleton club and a singleton heart, as he would then have led the heart, so unless he was void in hearts himself there was a danger of the actual heart situation.

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The official book of these World Championships in Orlando will be out around April or May next year. It will comprise in excess of 350 full colour large pages as in previous years.

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2. By email from Brian Senior, the editor, and pay by PayPal. The address is bsenior@hotmail.com.

Rosenblum Swiss - R1

ZIMMERMANN v ZHAO

David Bird

I was doing the BBO commentary for this encounter and my first observation was that a 10-board match might not contain enough interesting deals for a tournament report. This was a well-judged remark of some value, but it did not apply to this match. Almost every board had something worthy of note.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Helness	Zhang	Helgemo
1♠	2♥	1♦	1♥
3♠	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Liu won the ♥J lead with dummy's ace, crossed to the ♥K and ruffed a heart. He then played a trump to the 8 and 10. Helness switched to the ace and queen of clubs, declarer winning with the king and playing a trump to the 9 and ace. The ♣J was cashed and declarer claimed his +140.



The Open Room:
Helness, Zhang, Helgemo and Liu

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Poon	Gawrys	Loo
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
	2♥	4♠	All Pass

The stakes were higher here. Klukowski won the heart lead with the ace and played a trump to the jack and ace. Poon now needed to find the club switch. When he preferred a second heart, declarer won and played the ♠K. He continued with the ♦AK and ruffed a diamond. A heart ruff permitted a second diamond ruff, setting up the ♦9. He subsequently reached this card with the ♣K and was able to discard his last club. That was +420 and 7 IMP to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Helness	Zhang	Helgemo
Dble	2♣	Pass	INT
2♦	All Pass	Dble	Pass

Helgemo's INT showed 10-13 HCP and Helness' 2♣ indicated clubs or a two-suiter. Zhang showed some values with a nebulous double and Liu rebid 2♦. The auction stopped there and ten tricks were made. Perhaps E-W would be more ambitious at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Poon	Gawrys	Loo
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	INT
2♦	Pass	3♣	2♣
3NT	All Pass		Pass

Here INT was 10-12. Gawrys liked his hand, facing a diamond suit, and 3NT was reached. The ♥10 lead drew the

queen and ace. Klukowski led the ♠J to North's king. South won the ♣9 switch and returned a club, declarer finessing the ♣J. Ten tricks were claimed for +630, and it was 11 IMP to ZIMMERMANN.

On the next deal, East had a tricky decision between two possible games.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Helness	Zhang	Helgemo
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Liu's 3♥ showed four hearts. Perhaps he would have opened a strong 1♣ with 5 hearts. Zhang then spent a while considering whether 3NT or 4♥ would offer the better prospects. The BBO kibitzers were obviously expecting some words of wisdom from the commentator on the matter. 'It's a close decision,' I informed them.

Zhang eventually opted for 4♥ and Helness led the ♠5 to South's ace. Ordinary mortals (I mention no names) would have switched to the ♦3 now. Helgemo, who does not fit into this category, preferred to return the ♠10. He knew they were in a 4-3 fit and sought to force the declarer.

Liu won with the ♠K and led a trump to the queen. He can escape for one down by running the ♣Q now. When he called for the ♦10, Helness won with the queen and returned the ♥10, Liu won and reached dummy by ruffing the good ♠Q. He then ran the ♣Q successfully, going two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Poon	Gawrys	Loo
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West's 3♦ showed at least one four-card major and Gawrys bid 3NT. South won the ♠6 lead with the ace and returned the suit. Klukowski won with the ♠K and played the ♣A and a club to the queen. When this won, he cleared the club suit. The game was there and when South persisted with a spade, instead of a diamond, declarer had

+630 for 13 IMP.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Helness	Zhang	Helgemo
3♦	Pass	3♠	4♣
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Liu opened 3♦, standard nowadays, and Zhang ventured a somewhat risky 3♠. Helgemo competed with a non-leaping Michaels bid and West very reasonably bid 4♠. Helness then found an even more reasonable double.

GIB and Deep Finesse reckon that a low heart lead from South is quite obvious and would result in three down. You will have to ask him why, but Helgemo missed this shot and led the ♥K. Helness won a second heart with the ace and switched to the ♠7. Liu put up dummy's ♠Q and continued with a diamond to the king and ace. Helness played the ace and jack of trumps and the best that declarer could now do was three down. Sadly for him, only a double dummy ♣2 from the AK102 could achieve this.

When he played a trump to North's ten instead, a club to South's jack and the ♥Q return put him four down for 800. It was particularly unlucky for E-W that more than 1000 kibitzers were watching this board (sympathetically, you can be sure).

There were no similar fireworks at the other table. Klukowski opened 3♦ and this was passed out for +110, but another 12 IMP. The eventual result was a 44-13 win to ZIMMERMANN.



*The Closed Room:
Loo, Klukowski, Poon and Gawrys*

Rosenblum Swiss - R1

Last shot does the trick

Brent Manley

Rock star Pat Benatar had a hit single with the song "Hit Me With Your Best Shot." In the round one Open Teams match between the Nick Nickell and Andrew Black teams, the squad with the last big shot (swing, in bridge parlance) emerged victorious.

Nickell sent Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein against Gunnar Hallberg, Andrew Black, Philip King and Andrew McIntosh.

The match started quietly, with Nickell scoring 5 IMPs on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 10		
	♥ J 10 8 7		
	♦ 10 7		
	♣ A Q J 9 7		
♠ K J 9 8 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 7 4 3	
♥ K 9 2		♥ A 3	
♦ 8 3		♦ A K 9 6 5	
♣ 10 8 4		♣ K 3 2	
	♠ Q 6 2		
	♥ Q 6 5 4		
	♦ Q J 4 2		
	♣ 6 5		

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Rodwell	Black	Meckstroth
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
3♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
	All Pass		

Rodwell started with the ♥J, taken in dummy with the ace. At trick two, Hallberg played a heart to his king and ruffed a heart in dummy. He then cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond in hand. Rodwell overruffed with the ♠10 and cashed the ♣A, following with the ♣Q. Hallberg won the ♣K and played a spade to his king and Rodwell's ace. The defenders had three spade tricks and two clubs for one down and plus 50. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Levin	King	Weinstein	McIntosh
1♠	1♣	1♦	1♥
2♥	3♠	All Pass	

King led the ♥J. Levin won the ♥A, played a heart to his king and ruffed a heart in dummy. He then played a spade to the 8. King won with the ♠10 and continued with the ♣Q. Dummy's king won that trick and a spade to the 9 forced out the trump ace. King could cash two clubs, but that was it for the defense and Levin scored up plus 140 for a 5-IMP gain.

Black took the lead on the second deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 8 7 5 2		
	♥ K J 6 3		
	♦ K J		
	♣ Q 9 2		
♠ A 10 9 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 6 4	
♥ 9		♥ 10 5 2	
♦ Q 10 9		♦ A 8 7 5 4	
♣ A J 10 8 3		♣ 7 5	
	♠ K J		
	♥ A Q 8 7 4		
	♦ 6 3 2		
	♣ K 6 4		

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Rodwell	Black	Meckstroth
Dble	2NT*	Pass	1♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

2NT Limit raise with 4+ trumps

Hallberg led the ♥9, taken by Meckstroth with the queen. He played a heart to dummy's king and pulled the last trump with the jack. He then played a spade to the jack and Hallberg's ace. Meckstroth won the spade return with the king and tried a diamond to dummy's king, expecting West to hold the ace in light of the bidding. Black won with the ♦A and returned a club. Meckstroth could not avoid two down for minus 200. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Levin	King	Weinstein	McIntosh
Dble	2NT	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	3♦	Pass
		All Pass	



Robert Levin

Levin led the $\diamond 9$ to his partner's ace. Weinstein played a spade next and McIntosh put in the jack, losing to the ace. McIntosh lost two clubs, a spade and a diamond, collecting plus 140 and an 8-IMP swing for Black, who picked up another swing on the next board.



Steve Weinstein

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

		<p> \spadesuit J 8 7 2 \heartsuit A K 8 6 5 2 \diamond A Q 9 \clubsuit — </p>	
<p> \spadesuit 6 4 3 \heartsuit 7 \diamond K 7 2 \clubsuit A 10 7 5 4 2 </p>		<p> \spadesuit 10 5 \heartsuit J 9 4 3 \diamond J 8 6 5 3 \clubsuit J 9 </p>	
		<p> \spadesuit A K Q 9 \heartsuit Q 10 \diamond 10 4 \clubsuit K Q 8 6 3 </p>	

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Rodwell	Black	Meckstroth
Pass	2 \diamond *	Pass	INT
Pass	4 \clubsuit *	Pass	2 \heartsuit
All Pass			4 \heartsuit

With a third of his high-card strength in clubs, Meckstroth was not thrilled with his partner's splinter bid of 4 \clubsuit . There was not much to the play after Hallberg started with a low spade. It was a quick plus 480.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Levin	King	Weinstein	McIntosh
Pass	1 \heartsuit	Pass	1 \clubsuit
Pass	4 \clubsuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit
Pass	5 \diamond	Pass	6 \spadesuit
All Pass			

McIntosh also got a spade lead. He won in hand and played a diamond to dummy's queen. When that held, he played a spade to hand, another diamond to the ace and

ruffed a diamond with the \spadesuit Q. He played on hearts from there and had no difficulty arriving at 12 tricks. Plus 980 earned the Black team 11 IMPs. Nickell got 9 IMPs back on this deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

		<p> \spadesuit 5 2 \heartsuit A \diamond A K J 6 5 3 \clubsuit A 10 9 2 </p>	
<p> \spadesuit K 10 4 \heartsuit K Q J 5 4 3 \diamond 9 8 2 \clubsuit 4 </p>		<p> \spadesuit Q J 8 3 \heartsuit 8 7 6 2 \diamond 7 \clubsuit Q 8 7 3 </p>	
		<p> \spadesuit A 9 7 6 \heartsuit 10 9 \diamond Q 10 4 \clubsuit K J 6 5 </p>	

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Rodwell	Black	Meckstroth
2 \heartsuit	2NT	4 \heartsuit	Dble
Pass	5 \diamond	All Pass	

Rodwell had no trouble taking 12 tricks, losing only a spade. After the weak two-bid on his right, Rodwell easily guessed the club suit. That was plus 620 for Nickell. Was there a slam swing in the offing? See for yourself:

West	North	East	South
Levin	King	Weinstein	McIntosh
2 \heartsuit	3 \diamond	4 \heartsuit	Dble
All Pass			

The defense got one trick in each suit for plus 200. The score was 19-14 in favor of Black.

The English team picked up 4 IMPs on the next board when Rodwell went two down in 2 \diamond in the open room for plus 100 to Hallberg and Black, while at the other table King and McIntosh were plus 50 defending against 2 \heartsuit by Weinstein.

The score was 23-15 for Black when this board came along:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

		<p> \spadesuit A J 10 7 \heartsuit A 8 2 \diamond A 10 5 3 \clubsuit 5 4 </p>	
<p> \spadesuit 4 3 2 \heartsuit 9 5 4 \diamond K Q J 9 8 2 \clubsuit 9 </p>		<p> \spadesuit K Q 9 8 6 5 \heartsuit J 10 \diamond 4 \clubsuit A K 10 2 </p>	
		<p> \spadesuit — \heartsuit K Q 7 6 3 \diamond 7 6 \clubsuit Q J 8 7 6 3 </p>	

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Rodwell	Black	Meckstroth
2♦	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

This was a disaster for Black. Meckstroth started with the ♥Q and continued with a low heart to Rodwell's ace. Rodwell continued with the ♣5. Black won the ♣A and played his singleton diamond to dummy's king. Rodwell won and played his other club, Black playing low and ruffing in dummy. He then played a heart, ruffing, then another club, ruffing that in dummy. Rodwell overruffed and got out with a diamond. Black sealed his fate by ruffing with the ♠K and following with the ♠Q. Black took six tricks for down four and plus 800 to North-South. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Levin	King	Weinstein	McIntosh
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Weinstein led his diamond: 6, jack, ace. King pitched dummy's last diamond on the ♠A and got out of his hand with a club. Weinstein won the ♣K and played the ♠K, ruffed in dummy. King then played the ♣Q. Weinstein won the ace and played the ♠Q. King ruffed low in dummy and Levin overruffed. Declarer was one down for minus 100. Plus 900 for the Nickell team was good for 14 IMPs and the lead.

With two boards to play, the score was 29-23 for Nickell. The match was settled on the penultimate board:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Rodwell	Black	Meckstroth
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl*	3♥	All Pass

Meckstroth led the ♦3 and Rodwell inserted the 9. Black ruffed and played on trumps. Rodwell had three trump tricks but the ♠A was the only other trick for the defense. That was plus 140 for Black.

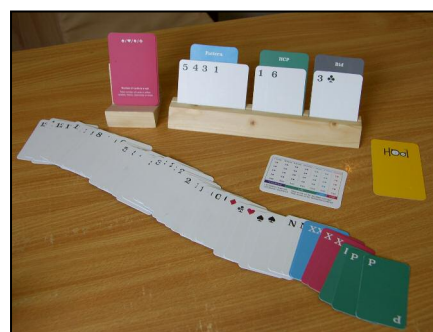
At the other table, North-South bid more aggressively and landed in a better spot:

West	North	East	South
Levin	King	Weinstein	McIntosh
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

King lost only a club and a spade to chalk up plus 400, helping his side to an 11-IMP gain and a 34-29 lead. Nickell scored an overtrick IMP on the final board to make the final score 34-30.

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Amaresh giving a demonstration

Rosenblum Swiss - R2

CONNECTOR v PREDDY

Brian Senior

For my first match of the young championship I chose the Round 2 clash of PREDDY (England) and CONNECTOR (Poland/Lithuania). The match was over 10 boards, the first stage of the 2018 Rosenblum being a 10 x 10-board match Swiss qualifier. I can't say that I am a fan of this format, as Swiss is good for deciding a winner but gets more random as we go down through the rankings. Eventually there is huge scope for good or bad luck regarding just where the music stops or what draw a team gets in the later rounds for the bottom few qualifying places. The alternative of having all-play-all groups may see some groups being tougher than others, but at least every team knows where it stands from the start.

The match began with a couple of quiet partscores on which PREDDY scored an overtrick IMP, then came the first big swing as the PREDDY E/W pair bid to a hopeless slam on Board 13.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Serek	Selway	Bestrzynski	Preddy
	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Rosen	Wiankowski	Jones	Nawrocki
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The Polish methods made short work of the deal when Olech Bestrzynski could open 2♣ to show a weak hand with both majors and Cezary Serek simply jumped to 4♥, giving up on any prospect of a perfect-fit slam. Norman Selway led the jack of diamonds, so Serek won and drew trumps in two rounds then advanced the ten of spades. When Selway played low, Serek put up dummy's queen and had 10 tricks for a quick +680.

At the other table Martin Jones did not have the 2♣ option available to him so passed and Neil Rosen opened 1♥ in fourth seat. When Piotr Wiankowski overcalled 1♠, Jones splintered in clubs and Rosen cuebid. Though Jones signed off in 4♥ now, Rosen went on with a second cuebid and now Jones took control, asking for key-cards, then bid the slam on finding his partner with three. Rosen won the diamond lead in hand, drew trumps and eliminated the diamonds before playing a low club from hand. Wiankowski rose with the ace and returned a club and there was no way to avoid a spade loser; down one for -100 and 13 IMPs to CONNECTOR.

It seems that Jones did too much. Firstly, I am assured that 4♣ should have been a void but, aside from that, if Rosen could not bid slam himself, I would have thought that Jones needed at least ♠K instead of ♠Q, or to add a diamond honour to his hand before he could contemplate taking control.

The next two swings were both to PREDDY and almost levelled the match. First:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Serek	Selway	Bestrzynski	Preddy
		INT	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Rosen	Wiankowski	Jones	Nawrocki
		INT	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

After identical starts to the two auctions, Piotr Nawrocki made the more optimistic invitational jump response to Landy while Kay Preddy contented herself with a quiet preference to 2♥. Both received the lead of the nine of hearts.

Preddy won the ♥J and took the spade finesse, losing to

the king, as expected. Bestrzynski returned the king of clubs but Preddy ruffed that in the dummy and cashed the two spade winners, pitching a diamond from hand, then ruffed the last spade with the six. That passed off peacefully so she next led a diamond, losing to the jack. Bestrzynski cashed the king of diamonds then played the ace of clubs, but that caused no problem for declarer, who ruffed in dummy, ruffed a diamond then ruffed a club with the ♡Q. There was still the ♡A to come for the overtrick and +140.

Bestrzynski would have done better to return the king of hearts after cashing the second diamond, but declarer wins the ace and ruffs a club with the queen then leads a diamond and makes her low heart en passant for the contract.

Rosen too led the nine of hearts round to the jack. Seeing that the spade was likely to be offside, Nawrocki played on diamonds immediately, losing to the jack. Jones returned a low club to the ten, jack and ruff, and Nawrocki conceded a second diamond. This time Jones won and returned a top club, again ruffed in dummy. A third diamond lost to the ace and yet another club was returned and ruffed. Declarer played a winning diamond, on which away went the last club, but this was ruffed by Rosen who put a spade through. Nawrocki won the ace and played a diamond and the spade loser went away. However, there was a heart to be lost, so the contract was down one for -50 and 5 IMPs to PREDDY.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<div><div><div>♠ A 10 9 8 2</div><div>♡ 2</div><div>♦ 10 7 6</div><div>♣ J 9 6 4</div></div><div><div>♠ Q</div><div>♡ K Q J 10 9 8 6</div><div>♦ A 4</div><div>♣ Q 7</div></div><div><div>♠ J</div><div>♡ 3</div><div>♦ K 9 8 3 2</div><div>♣ A K 8 5 3 2</div></div><div><div>♠ K 7 6 5 4 3</div><div>♡ A 7 4</div><div>♦ Q J 5</div><div>♣ 10</div></div></div>			
West	North	East	South
Serek	Selway	Bestrzynski	Preddy
4♡	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♡	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Rosen	Wiankowski	Jones	Nawrocki
4♡	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	All Pass		

Both Wests thought they had enough for a second call, understandably enough with such a good main suit and

outside cards. However, they opted for different second actions.

Rosen doubled to give Jones the option of defending but, of course, Jones had a very offensively orientated hand, even if not with hearts as trumps. He responded 4NT, hoping to find a minor-suit fit, but Rosen was interested in hearts and only hearts so bid 5♡ and was left to play there. Wiankowski cashed the ace of spades but there was only the ace of trumps to come and Rosen was home with +450.

Serek preferred to commit to the powerful hearts suit so simply rebid 5♡ when 4♠ came back to him. Five Hearts in turn ran around to Preddy, who took some time before taking the push to 5♠, where she was doubled on the way out by Bestrzynski. That ended the auction, as you would expect. It takes a diamond ruff to get the maximum out of 5♠ doubled. However, it is tough not to lead a heart, even though there may well not be a heart trick to cash, and that is what Serek chose. Preddy won the ♡A, drew trumps and lost two diamonds and a club for down one and -200 but 6 IMPs to PREDDY, who trailed by only 12-13 at the midpoint in the match.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<div><div><div>♠ Q J 4</div><div>♡ 7 4 3 2</div><div>♦ 9 7</div><div>♣ J 8 6 4</div></div><div><div>♠ A 10 2</div><div>♡ 9 8 6</div><div>♦ K Q 10 8 4 2</div><div>♣ 10</div></div><div><div>♠ 6 5 3</div><div>♡ K J 5</div><div>♦ A J</div><div>♣ A K Q 7 3</div></div><div><div>♠ K 9 8 7</div><div>♡ A Q 10</div><div>♦ 6 5 3</div><div>♣ 9 5 2</div></div></div>			
West	North	East	South
Serek	Selway	Bestrzynski	Preddy
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Rosen	Wiankowski	Jones	Nawrocki
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

Bestrzynski opened a Polish Club and the 1♦ response covered a number of hand-types, most commonly a negative but sometimes, as here, an invitational hand based

on a minor suit. One No Trump showed 18-20 balanced and 3♣ transferred to diamonds, after which Serek completed the picture by bidding 3NT to offer a choice of games. Preddy led a low spade. Bestrzynski ducked, won the spade continuation and rattled off the diamonds then the clubs, coming to 10 tricks for +430.

Something went horribly wrong with the English auction in the other room. Rosen's 1♠ response to the potentially short club denied a major and 2♥ showed 18-19 balanced. Unfortunately, in all Rosen's other partnerships it is 2♦ which sends that message so he forgot and took 2♥ as natural and the subsequent 3♥ was taken as showing six-five. It was on that basis that he followed a mildly slam interested combination of 3♠ followed by 4♥. Jones did not want to play there, of course, still less did he want to play in 5♥, so he corrected to 5♣ then to 6♦, doubled by Nawrocki for a heart lead.

In practice, Wiankowski led a low club but it didn't matter. Rosen did his best by running the club to his bare ten. He led a diamond to dummy, cashed two top clubs, the cashed a second diamond before playing another club winner. However, that got ruffed so he had to over-ruff and, though the spade losers had gone away, he was left to play hearts for one loser. As there was still a club winner in the dummy, that would have been possible had either the ace or queen of hearts been with North and declarer could have guessed right, but the double of the final contract made that seem unlikely and, sure enough, there were actually three heart losers. So the contract was down two for -300 and 12 IMPs to CONNECTOR.



Action in both rooms



Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Serek	Selway	Bestrzynski	Predy
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rosen	Wiankowski	Jones	Nawrocki
Pass	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Serek opened 2♣, weak with both majors, and Bestrzynski asked then set spades as trumps before asking for key-cards. The zero response saw him quickly sign off in 5♠ but it was already too late. Of course, Bestrzynski had hoped for a little something of use for the vulnerable opening and dummy was a sorry disappointment to him. Predy led her fourth-best diamond, Selway winning the ace and switching to a club. Bestrzynski won the ♣A, cashed the top spades, noting the fall of the queen, then cashed the remaining top clubs and pitched hearts from dummy. Next, he tried the king of diamonds. When that got ruffed and a club was returned, declarer could manage only to take his remaining trumps on a crossruff, so was down two for -200.

That offered an opportunity to PREDDY if Rosen/Jones could get to a making game, but could they? Rosen did not open the West hand, of course, so Wiankowski opened a Precision-style 2♣ in third seat. Jones hardly had the ideal distribution for a take-out double but, with 20 HCP, what else could he do? Equally, what could he do when Rosen responded 2♥? His choice of 2NT saw Rosen assume him to be balanced and jump to 4♥ – a 3♣ cuebid might have seen an auction develop in which the spade fit could be found, or Rosen could have bid 3♠ – but Jones once again had no option but to pass 4♥ and pray.

Wiankowski cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a club. Rosen did what he could, but unable to draw trumps, he lost a total of five of those, either by force or

via ruffs, and the contract drifted down three for -300. Far from being a chance for a PREDDY gain, it turned out to be 3 IMPs to CONNECTOR.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Serek	Selway	Bestrzynski	Predy
Rosen	Wiankowski	Jones	Nawrocki
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Both Easts opened INT rather than 1♦ and both Wests transferred to spades then passed the completion.

Nawrocki cashed the top hearts then switched to a low club round to declarer's jack. Jones led his low spade to dummy's nine, losing to the king, and back came a club to the ace. He played three rounds of diamonds now, the third being ruffed with the ten and over-ruffed. Jones ruffed dummy's last club with the ♠J, crossed to the queen of hearts and played a spade and had eight tricks for +110.

Predy too started with the two top hearts but she then played a third heart to dummy's queen. Bestrzynski made the natural play of a low spade to the jack and ace and Predy returned a spade for the nine and king. Selway had no clue regarding declarer's minor-suit holdings so switched to a diamond. Bestrzynski won that and played two more rounds, the third being ruffed with the ten and over-ruffed. Though that promoted a trick for Selway's ♠8, he was given it now but declarer's diamonds could take care of dummy's club losers and the contract was home for +110 and a flat board.

It would have been a different matter had Selway guessed to switch to a club after winning the second spade. Declarer would have had to take the finesse, losing to the king. Now the thirteenth heart would have promoted a third trump trick for the defence to defeat the contract by one, rewarding Predy's trick three play.

CONNECTOR ran out winners by 28-12 IMPs, converting to 15.05-4.95 VPs.

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Rosenblum Swiss - R1

McALLISTER v VICKY

Barry Rigal

These boards came from the match involving McALLISTER against VICKY.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

		♠ 5 2		
		♥ A		
		♦ A K J 6 5 3		
		♣ A 10 9 2		
♠ K 10 4		<div style="display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 8 3	
♥ K Q J 5 4 3			♥ 8 7 6 2	
♦ 9 8 2			♦ 7	
♣ 4			♣ Q 8 7 3	
		♠ A 9 7 6		
		♥ 10 9		
		♦ Q 10 4		
		♣ K J 6 5		
West	North	East	South	
Andresen	Hans	Johansen	Hung	
2♥	3♥	5♥	5NT	
Pass	6♦	All Pass		

Andy Hung did well over 5♥ to infer that the fact that his partner's minor wasn't solid suggested he had extras, and that the opponents' competition to the five-level made a singleton heart opposite more likely than not.

Hans won the heart lead and drew trumps, then ducked a spade, won the heart lead, and played ace and another spade. That got him a complete count on the West hand and allowed him to play the club ace and run the ten with

complete confidence. That meant a gain of 13 IMPs with the result -620 from the other room.

Lars Arthur Johansen did well to turn a small loss into a gain after some thoughtful defense by his opponents.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

		♠ A J 10 7		
		♥ A 8 2		
		♦ A 10 5 3		
		♣ 5 4		
♠ 4 3 2		<div style="display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 9 8 6 5	
♥ 9 5 4			♥ J 10	
♦ K Q J 9 8 2			♦ 4	
♣ 9			♣ A K 10 2	
		♠ —		
		♥ K Q 7 6 3		
		♦ 7 6		
		♣ Q J 8 7 6 3		

West	North	East	South
Andresen	Hans	Johansen	Hung
2♦	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Andy Hung led a top heart, and Sartaj Hans overtook to shift to a low trump to kill the club ruff and the entry to the diamonds. It looks as if declarer is going to go for a big number, but Johansen put in the spade nine on the first trump! Though Hans won the first diamond to play ace and jack of spades, declarer could win and draw trumps, then play the heart jack. The best Hung could do was win and shift to the club queen, but declarer ducked and had the rest. That was -300 against the 450 from the other room for a gain of 4 IMPs.

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