



TIGHT FINISHES

The **WBF Congress meeting** will be held **Today, 27th September at 09:00** in room 4 on the first/ground floor of the Convention Centre.

This room is situated to the left as you come down the escalators from the lobby.

Youth Triathlon prize-giving

The prize-giving ceremony for the Youth World Triathlon will take place **Today, 27th September** in Grand Ballroom, Salon 4 after play concludes.



Players and officials trying out the Lovebridge tablets in a tournament. Make sure to read tomorrow's bulletin for a report.

There were some desperately tight finishes to Wednesday's KO matches. In the Rosenblum Cup there were three single-digit margins: ALLFREY beat POLAND JUNIORS by 9 IMPs, SPECTOR beat TULIN by 2 IMPs, and TEXAN ACES defeated DIAMOND by 7 IMPs. A string of former World Team Champions went out in the DIAMOND, NICKELL, ROBINSON, PSZCZOLA and TULIN teams.

The closest match in the Rand Cup saw WOLFSON beat LEWIS by just 2 IMPs in the all-American match. There were former World Champions in all four losing quarter-final teams. Two multi-national teams, MILNER and SILVERMAN will face off in one semi-final, while WOLFSON of USA will meet CHINA EVERTRUST in the other match.

Two of the four McConnell Cup quarter-finals were turned around in the fourth quarter, with SMITH and BARONI both coming from behind to defeat POLAND and WESTHEIMER respectively. As in the other two series, former World Champions were dropping like flies. The semi-finalists are all multi-national teams. SMITH will face APEROL, and BARONI will face BAKER.

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Programme Thursday 27th

In order to allow all delegates (including those playing) to be present at the **WBF Congress starting at 9 am**, the time schedule has changed:

Rosenblum McConnell, Rand	O/W/S Pairs	Youth Individual
11:00 - 13:00	11:00 - 13:30	11:00 - 13:30
13:40 - 15:40	14:10 - 16:40	14:10 - 16:40
16:00 - 18:00	17:10 - 19:40	17:10 - 19:40
18:20 - 20:20		



The WBF in social media

We will broadcast a **live show** during the last match of the day, starting at 17.40 (Orlando time). Check your time-zone and don't miss the action! Follow us on the WBF Official Youtube Page.



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for Infos, News, Results and Rankings

60 years together

IBPA members (alumni and potential by appointment) are welcome to an anniversary dinner tonight at Johnnies Hideaway (departure from Marriott's Concierge desk 8.15 p.m.) Registration in the Press Room required.



ATTENTION:

Bridge Teachers and Players!

There is a new board game – HOOL – specially developed for kids (and adults) to learn Bridge. It is both a face-to-face game as well as an online mobile app (test version).

To experience HOOL, please come to the area near the PLAYER REGISTRATION DESK for a demonstration.

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Bridge Development, WBF

BBO SCHEDULE

1st & 2nd Segment:

- 1 ZIMMERMANN – TEXAN ACES
- 2 SPECTOR – STRUL
- 3 LAVAZZA – CHAGAS
- 4 ALLFREY – FROGS
- 5 SMITH – APEROL (McConnell)
- 6 SILVERMAN – MILNER (Rand Cup)

3rd & 4th Segment:

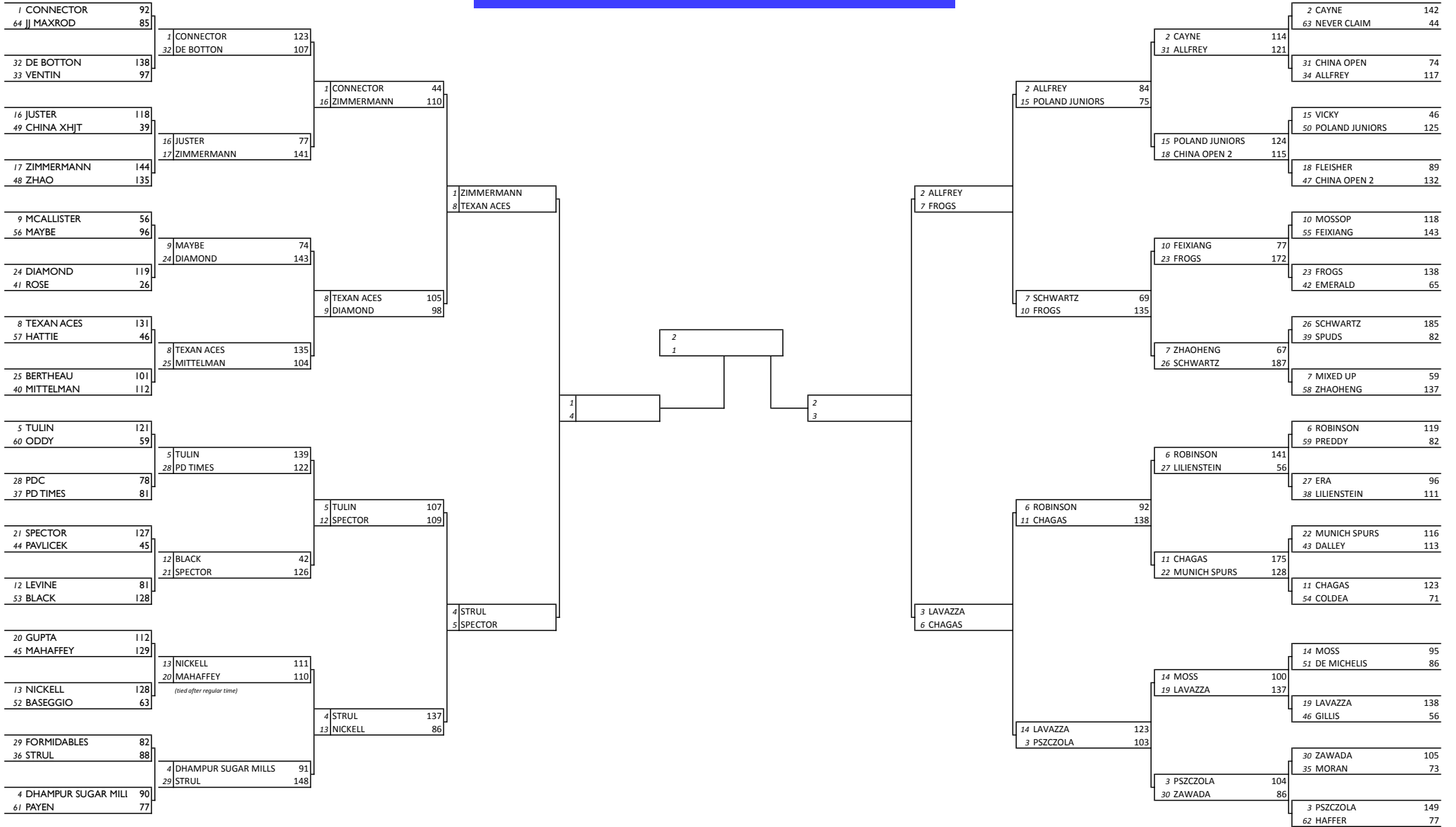
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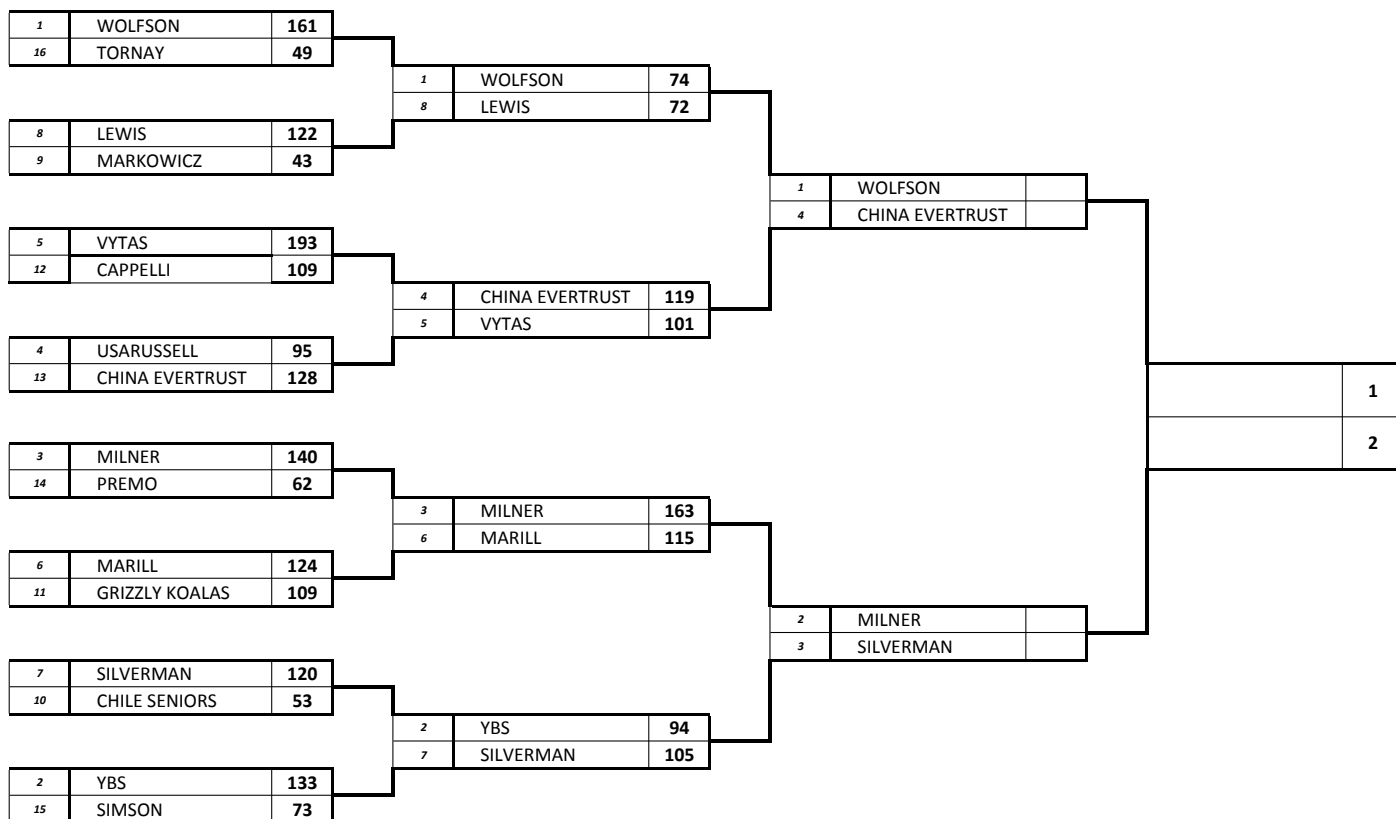
Youth Individual

1	FAN Lingwen	CHN	61.36
2	WANG Ruizhe	CHN	59.19
3	YUAN Zhijie	CHN	57.48
4	RUAN Xinyao	CHN	56.25
5	SUN Jiateng	CHN	56.16
6	CHEN Yunpeng	CHN	55.78
7	WANG Yingqi	CHN	55.59
8	XU Tong	CHN	55.59
9	LIU Haochen	CHN	55.40
10	OCYLOK Dominika	POL	53.41
11	ZALEWSKA Joanna	POL	52.94
12	LANG Ningyu	CHN	52.75
13	LU Yijia	CHN	52.65
14	DENG Cheng	CHN	52.56
15	YANG Jiahao	CHN	52.56
16	MA Shuoming	CHN	52.08
17	CIUNCZYK Hanna	POL	51.99
18	JIANG Yixuan	CHN	51.99
19	FU Yanzhuo	CHN	50.95
20	YU Zhaolun	CHN	50.66
21	GAO Yi Ran	CHN	50.66
22	LIU Yizhou	CHN	50.38
23	TANG Qing	CHN	50.00
24	WANG Penghao	CHN	49.62
25	ZHANG Tiancheng	CHN	49.62
26	ZHOU Chuanyao	CHN	49.62
27	LIU Yihong	CHN	49.43
28	DAI Hanyang	CHN	49.05
29	LU Yajie	CHN	48.77
30	XU Jiaming	CHN	48.77
31	LU Mingyu	CHN	48.67
32	YU Wenfei	CHN	48.11
33	YAO Tianle	CHN	47.63
34	KOKOT Joanna	POL	47.63
35	GE Chenyun	CHN	47.63
36	ZHAO Yuchen	CHN	47.25
37	TONG Jiaxin	CHN	46.88
38	CHEN Yufan	CHN	46.12
39	YAN Tianyao	CHN	45.93
40	YANG Fan	CHN	45.83
41	WANG Jiarui	CHN	45.27
42	XU Hao	CHN	44.13
43	ZHANG Xuyang	CHN	43.66
44	SUCHODOLSKA Monika	POL	43.56
45	ZAREBA Anna	POL	43.37
46	YU Fanfei	CHN	43.09
47	WANG Yuming	CHN	42.80
48	TANG Tengbo	CHN	39.20

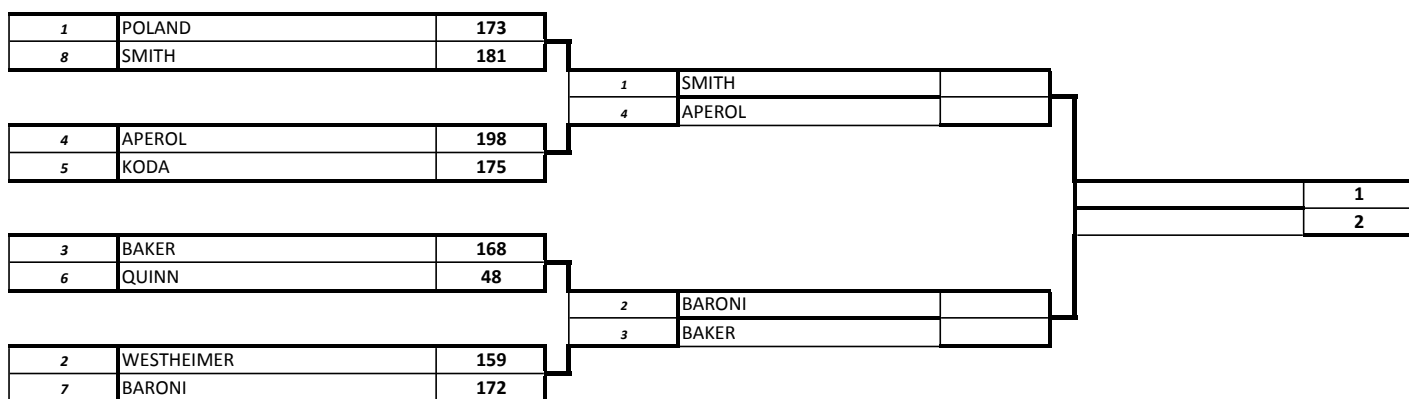
Rosenblum



Rand Cup



McConnell



Rosenblum Seating Rights

Quarter Finals	1	1	vs	8	V	H	V	H
Quarter Finals	4	2	vs	7	H	V	H	V
Quarter Finals	3	3	vs	6	H	V	H	V
Quarter Finals	2	4	vs	5	H	V	H	V

McConnell QF S 1-4

The red-headed stepchildren

Barry Rigal

To mix my metaphors more than somewhat, if a BBO match takes place in the forest when there is nobody there, would anyone see it? Followers of this tournament from a distance may be unaware that the women's teams have reached the quarter-finals, since the first 64 deals were not shown on BBO. It therefore fell to your scribe to prove that the event was being played by watching at the table and reporting back.

Here are some of the more interesting deals from the first day.

Set 1. Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 4 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ Q J ♣ A Q 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K ♥ K 10 9 6 5 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ K 7 5 4	♠ J 9 5 3 ♥ Q 8 7 2 ♦ 7 ♣ J 10 9 3 ♠ A 7 6 ♥ J 4 ♦ K 10 8 6 5 4 2 ♣ 6
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W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Baldysz</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>S. Baldysz</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♦
4♥	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiseman</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Kamucha</i>
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♦
3NT	All Pass		Pass

In 3NT Wiseman received a club lead and guessed hearts, and emerged with ten tricks. 4♥ was a far dicier contract on Bertheau's club lead. Sofia Baldysz won the lead in dummy and guessed trumps, but when she exited with a heart intermediate to North, a diamond shift left her with two losing options. She could finesse and lose to the ruff or go up ace and let South cash two diamond winners when in with the spade ace. So she finished down one.

Is the winning line of playing a spade at trick two impossible to find? Bertheau would probably take her ace but be endplayed into returning a spade. Declarer ruffs in hand and plays ace king and a third heart to North, rises with the diamond ace to draw the last trump, then plays three more rounds of clubs to endplay North to lead spades into the tenace, and the diamonds go away.

Diyan Danailov of the Schwartz team, and Michael Bell of team Lilienstein were the only two declarers to make this play. Note that if clubs are 4-1 and the spade ace is with North, as you might expect, South may only be ruffing a loser and jeopardizing his side's trump tricks.

In the second set Aperol and Koda generated a large number of IMPs, but I thought this swing was the one that came from the best defense.

Set 2. Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 4 2 ♥ J ♦ A Q 10 5 3 ♣ A J 8 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ Q J 10 7 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 3 ♦ — ♣ K 7 6	♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ 10 2 ♦ K J 9 4 ♣ 10 5 4 ♠ 9 3 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ 8 7 6 2 ♣ Q 9 2
N							
W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>I. Gronkvist</i>
2♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	2♥(♠)	Pass
5♥	All Pass	4♥	Pass

Michielsen/Wortel had stopped safely in 4♥ in the other room. Ida Gronkvist started her campaign of deception by leading a diamond rather than the unbid suit of clubs; had she led a club declarer would have put in the jack and the



Ida Gronkvist

hand would have been over. After her lead of the $\diamond 6$ to the queen, king and ruff, Victoria Gromova led a low trump towards the jack – an interesting choice and as good as anything today. Gronkvist ducked, so declarer came back to hand with the club king and cashed the heart ace, dropping the ten. Next she took a spade finesse and Cecilia Rimstedt ducked very smoothly. Declarer advanced the heart nine; Rimstedt won and played back a club. Declarer rose with the ace, pitched her losing club on the diamond ace, then played ace and another spade, letting Rimstedt win and give her partner the spade ruff for down one. Very nicely done.

In the third stanza I was back at Smith versus Poland. All eight tables in the women ran into big trouble on this deal. I thought Solvi Remen did very well here:

Set 3. Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A 10 4 3 2 ♥ A J 4 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A 6					
♠ 9 ♥ 6 ♦ A 6 3 2 ♣ K J 10 8 7 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K J 7 6 ♥ Q 10 9 8 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ Q 3	
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W E						
S						
	♠ Q 8 5 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ J 10 9 7 ♣ 9 5					

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	C. Baldysz	Larsson	S. Baldysz
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

It certainly isn't clear which major suit plays better (or less badly). The 4-1 heart split looks hard to overcome, but Solve Remen won the spade lead with the ace and cashed the heart ace to lead a spade towards the queen. Danuta Kazmucha won her king and played the club queen, which Remen won to play a third spade, then exited in diamonds with the jack. Kazmucha won and cashed her diamond king then played a club to her partner.

At this point the defenders do best to play a third club, letting East ruff in and reduce her trumps. When Sarniak actually led a third diamond, declarer ruffed in dummy, ruffed a spade to hand, and advanced her fourth diamond, pitching dummy's spade. East had to ruff her partner's winner and a lead back a trump into the tenace. So Remen had escaped with two diamond losers and one trick in each of the other suits for -500.

That might not seem like a triumph, but these things are all relative. In 4♠ doubled there are double-dummy routes to eight tricks but 800 looks achievable. If you win the first or second club and lead a spade to the queen then play on diamonds you might even achieve some sort of ending on

East? Cathy Baldysz won the club lead and led a low spade up. When her LHO played low smoothly she guessed very unluckily to put in the eight; Bertheau scored the nine and returned her heart. When declarer won the ace to lead a spade up, Larsson won her king and returned a spade. Now declarer cashed the heart king to find the bad news, and led a diamond. Bertheau won her ace, and played a club, ruffed and overruffed, after which Bertheau could lead diamonds and collect two heart tricks at the end. Declarer finished with just two trump and three side-suit winners for -1400.

Down 14 IMPs after three sets, Smith took the lead by 11 in the fourth set, this deal proving pivotal.

Set 4. Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 6 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2					
♠ A K Q 10 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ Q 8 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ Q J 10 8 2 ♣ 5	
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W E						
S						
	♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ A 10 6 2 ♦ A K 5 ♣ A 6					

Facing a strong no-trump, Sarniak (whose partner's range was 14-16) transferred to clubs and played there, while Smith decided to force to game, by showing clubs and short spades. Wiseman ended up in 5♣ on a spade lead and top heart shift. If you believe this to be from the queen-jack, a winning line that does not require you to guess clubs is to take the heart ace and ruff a spade, come to the club ace and ruff a spade, then cash the club king, cross to a diamond and ruff the fourth spade. Now you play the diamond king and ruff a diamond and exit in clubs to West, who must lead hearts into the tenace.

Wiseman instead won the heart king and played off the top clubs then exited in clubs, letting West win and play back a top spade. While things looked hopeless now, Wiseman ran all but one of the trumps, then played king, ace and a third diamond.

East's last three cards were known to include the diamond queen and either two hearts or the spade jack and one heart. West got it wrong when she pitched her heart to keep the spade, and declarer scored her last two tricks in hearts. Perhaps the reason West should get this right is that her partner might have encouraged hearts at trick two with the ten. Equally, although she had not got helpful spade count from her partner, declarer (who had followed twice in spades and had pitched two) surely had not started with five spades to the jack. If so, she would have used her known four entries to hand to ruff out spades and cash the 13th spade instead of relying on a pseudo-squeeze.

But all of that meant 10 IMPs to Smith instead of 6 IMPs the other way.

Rosenblum Round of 32 - S3 & S4

PSZCZOŁA v ZAWADA

Jos Jacobs

At halftime, PSZCZOŁA were leading ZAWADA 43-41. The slender margin of just 2 IMPs looked very promising for those who, like me, were hoping for an interesting second half to watch. And interesting it was indeed, with the lead changing hands on various occasions.

On the first board, PSZCZOŁA increased their lead by 5 when they made a partscore at both tables. A few boards later, we saw this.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 10 4 3 2 ♥ A J 4 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K J 7 6 ♥ Q 10 9 8 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ Q 3	♠ Q 8 5 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ J 10 9 7 ♣ 9 5
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S							

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Janiszewski	Drijver	Gołebowski	Brink
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Against the aggressive style of the Dutchies in N/S, the pre-empt did its devastating job. Nobody doubled so not much harm was done. Still, two down brought ZAWADA +200.



Stanislaw Gołebowski

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Zawada	Nowosadzki	Strzemecki
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

No aggressive intervention by North at this table, so an equally aggressive raise to game by the Pszczoła Poles at this all-Polish table. South led a heart to North's ace, a heart came back to the ten and king and... South continued the suit which solved declarer's problems in that suit. At another table, I saw a spade shift at this point to ensure the defeat of the contract but at this table, North won the second round of clubs and had to play a low spade now to at least give declarer a guess. When Nowosadzki inserted the jack, he was one down after all for another +100 and 7 IMPs to ZAWADA.

Another partscore swing occurred two boards later:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 6 ♥ 9 8 6 3 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A 5 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K 3 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ A J 10 6 4 ♣ 9 6 4	♠ 9 8 4 2 ♥ A K J 10 ♦ 9 8 5 2 ♣ K
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E							
S							

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Janiszewski	Drijver	Gołebowski	Brink
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
All Pass		Pass	2♠

After the Gazzilli auction, in which North's 2♦ response showed 8-11 hcp, E/W subsided and conceded 110 to PSZCZOŁA. West led his ♦K and declarer immediately went after the clubs. He lost a ruff in that suit as well but the contract was never in danger when hearts could not be attacked immediately on this lead and club layout.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Zawada	Nowosadzki	Strzemecki
Dble	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass



Sjoert Brink

In the replay, East found an opening bid and thus, the E/W pair ended up in a very playable partscore for another +140 and 6 IMPs to PSZCZOŁA.

A few boards later:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 7 6 5 3 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ J 7 6 2 ♣ 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 4 ♥ — ♦ A Q 9 8 5 ♣ K J 10 9 5 4 3	♠ A J 9 8 2 ♥ Q J 10 3 2 ♦ 4 ♣ 8 6 ♠ Q 10 ♥ A 9 7 5 4 ♦ K 10 3 ♣ A Q 7
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Gołbiowski</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
Dble	2♦	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

North's 2♦ showed a heart raise and also launched E/W into a slight overbid. However, when South did not lead a low trump away from his ♣AQ, declarer could ruff two diamonds in dummy. This was enough to bring down South's ♦K and thus make the contract. ZAWADA +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	INT
2♣	All Pass		

Well, West's 2♣ showed majors but East was not particularly interested. An amusing way for E/W to end up in the right contract but their +130 meant 12 more IMPs to ZAWADA who thus had taken the lead.

A few boards later, we had an excellent slam...

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 9 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ A 9 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A K Q 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ Q J 7 6 ♠ 9 8 6 ♥ 10 9 8 7 4 2 ♦ Q ♣ 10 8 3	♠ J 10 7 4 3 ♥ A 3 ♦ A J 10 ♣ K 5 2
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Gołbiowski</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♣	2♥	Dble
4♥	4♣	All Pass	

...but difficult to bid. Over the fierce intervention, the Dutchies did not solve the problem. PSZCZOŁA +680 as soon as the clubs proved 3-3. The blank ♦Q even made life trivial for declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
Pass	1♣	2♥	3♥ (♠)
5♥	6NT	All Pass	

Over the even fiercer intervention, the ZAWADA N/S pair did not have any room left to solve the problem properly. Their courage resulted in a fine +1440, however, and a further gain of 13 IMPs. They would enter the fourth and final segment of 14 boards with a lead of 23.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ K J 9 6 3 2 ♦ K Q J 6 4 3 ♣ 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q J 9 7 5 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 10 5 ♣ K 5 3 2	♠ K 8 4 3 2 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ 9 ♣ 10 8 7 6
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Janiszewski	Nowosadzki	Gołebowski	Kalita
INT	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Over the strong INT, Nowosadzki bid what he wanted to make...and he was right, too. PSZCZOŁA +590 when dummy produced a priceless ace.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Zawada	Drijver	Strzemecki
INT	2♥	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Once E/W had been given the chance to find their spade fit, they were in good shap, since the spade sacrifice would be profitable anyway. When North bid one more and went one down, by misguessing the ♥Q, PSZCZOŁA had a game swing. Their +100 here added up with the +590 to 12 IMPs.

On the first two boards, PSZCZOŁA had recouped 15 of their 23 deficit.

Surprisingly enough, we saw a variation on this same theme when board 23 arrived.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Przemyslaw Janiszewski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Janiszewski	Nowosadzki	Gołebowski	Kalita
1♠	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

When East did not really appreciate his nice spade support, N/S were allowed to peacefully go one down in their heart game. ZAWADA +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Zawada	Drijver	Strzemecki
1♠	2NT	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

North showed his heart support here as well but East convincingly showed his spade support, which enabled West to pose an insoluble problem to N/S. With the obvious double as the cherry on the cake, E/W's +500 for down two brought the PSZCZOŁA team another 9 IMP. The deficit thus was down to just 7 with five boards to play.

Two boards later, we saw the difference between sound bidding and aggressive bidding.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Janiszewski	Nowosadzki	Gołebowski	Kalita
INT	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♦	2♣	Pass	2♥
	All Pass		

There is nothing wrong with 3♦ as a final contract on this board. On the probable heart lead, 3NT is far off...One overtrick, ZAWADA +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	Zawada	Drijver	Strzemecki
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
	All Pass		

Though West's Stayman does not necessarily promise a four-card major, the suggestion of it would always be there. Hence South's choice of a diamond lead rather than a lethal heart. PSZCZOŁA +600 and 10 IMPs to them to take the lead...

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K Q 10 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ Q 8 3</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ 9 4 ♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	<p>♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ Q J 10 8 2 ♣ 5</p>
N		E							
W		S							
	<p>♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ A 10 6 2 ♦ A K 5 ♣ A 6</p>								

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gołbiowski</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♣

Well bid by N/S. Club transfer, fit, Spade shortness, invitation accepted.

The defender led the ♠A and East's ♠7 was very hard to read. West played the ♥Q, and declarer timed the play to perfection: Heart ace, spade ruff, club king, club ace and a second spade ruff. Diamond ace, spade ruff, diamond king and a diamond ruff. The trump exit endplayed West to lead a heart, and South had a brilliancy prize entry.

A fully deserved +600 to PSZCZOŁA.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
Pass	3NT	Pass	1NT
		All Pass	

The "hope for the best" approach by the other N/S pair did not come off here. Down one, another +100 to PSZCZOŁA and another 12 IMPs.

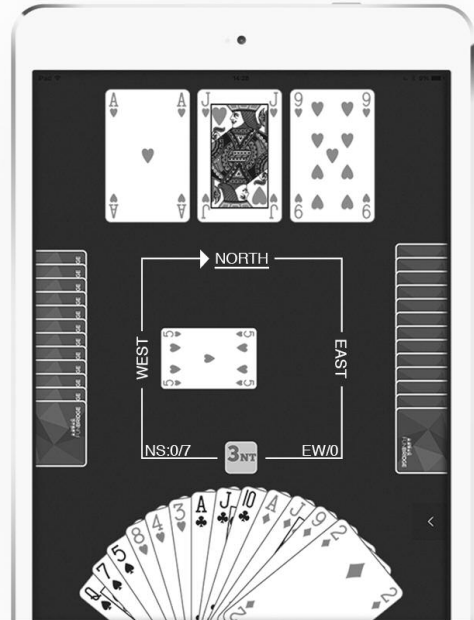
PSZCZOŁA gained 3 more IMPs on the penultimate board to eventually win the match 104-86 and progress into the Round of 16.

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Rosenblum Round of 32 - S4

CAYNE v ALLFREY

Brian Senior

Jimmy CAYNE's multi-national squad had trailed throughout the first half of their match against Alexander ALLFREY's English quartet but had rallied to lead by 12 IMPs going into the final quarter; 103-91. After a flat first board, CAYNE added a couple of IMPs to the lead on Board 44.

The score had moved on to 107-92 as we reached Board 48.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Donati	Allfrey	Tokay
INT	2♥*	3♦*	3♥
4♠	5♦	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

2♥ Hearts and a minor
3♦ Spades

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jones	Lauria	Paske
INT	4♥	Dble	All Pass

When Giovanni Donati, for CAYNE, bid out his shape, Andrew Robson doubled Mustafa Cem Tokay's conversion to 5♥ but found that the contract could not be defeated on some good guesswork by declarer. Allfrey led the queen of spades, but Donati ruffed, crossed to the ace of hearts and led dummy's diamond up. Robson ducked so Donati won the king, ruffed a low diamond and led dummy's last trump to his king. The fall of the queen left Donati with just the two minor-suit aces to lose; 11 tricks for +650.

Alfredo Versace also opened INT with the West cards and Ed Jones, for ALLFREY, just blasted 4♥, keeping his hand type concealed. Lorenzo Lauria doubled to show values and Versace, with a balanced hand containing only three spades, passed it out. The opening lead was again the queen of spades and Jones too crossed to the ace of hearts to lead the diamond up. Versace, however, took the ace and played ace and another club. Jones ruffed, ruffed a diamond, and took the heart finesse, losing to the queen. He had the remainder of the tricks for +590 but 2 IMPs to CAYNE, who led by 105-91.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Donati	Allfrey	Tokay
INT	Dble	Rdbl	2♣*
Pass	2♦	2♠	3♠
Pass	3NT	4♥	5♦
All Pass			
2♣	Pass or correct		

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jones	Lauria	Paske
1♣	1♦	3♦*	3♥
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
3♦	Majors		

Robson tried a little diversion, opening INT again but this time on a rather different hand to the previous example. Donati doubled, four major and longer minor, and Allfrey redoubled to show values then competed with 2♠ when Donati showed diamonds in response to the pass or correct 2♣. Tokay liked his excellent diamond support, ace-king of hearts and spade ruffing values – he knew that if there were not many spade ruffs to be had then there was a big red-suit double fit – so cuebid 3♠ then bid 5♦ when Allfrey competed with 4♥, now knowing for sure that there would be spade ruffs to be had. Allfrey led the queen of clubs and Robson overtook to play two more top clubs. Donati ruffed with the king and played a spade to the ace then ruffed a spade, drew two rounds of trumps, then ruffed another spade. Next he ruffed dummy's last club and cashed the last trump. Having the sole guard in both majors, Allfrey was squeezed into submission and Donati had his eleventh trick for a well-played +600.

Versace made the more normal 1♣ opening so Jones

overcalled 1♦ and Lauria could use a piece of system, a jump to 3♦ showing the major two-suiter without promising game values. Tom Paske cuebid 3♥ and Jones doubled when Versace competed in spades. Three Spades doubled would probably be down two, but Paske took out to 4♦ and Jones raised himself to game. Versace doubled to complete a lively auction. The play followed the same lines as at the other table, with the same outcome – 11 tricks, but here for +750 and 4 IMPs to ALLFREY; 96-107.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Donati	Allfrey	Tokay
	Pass	2♦	Dble
2♥	3♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jones	Lauria	Paske
	Pass	2♠	Dble
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Allfrey opened a multi and Tokay doubled. Robson responded with a pass or correct 2♥ but, when his opponents bid up to 4♥, was happy to trust that his partner's suit must be spades and bid 4♠. No-one had anything to add to that and Donati led the jack of diamonds, Tokay playing low so Robson won the king and played ♠A and a spade to the king. Next he gave up a diamond, Tokay winning the ace and returning the two of hearts to Donati's ace. A second heart went to the queen and king. Robson ruffed, ruffed a diamond, played a spade to the queen and ruffed the last diamond to get a count on the hand. Finally, he led dummy's king of clubs. Tokay won the ace and returned the three, having discarded the two on the fourth diamond. Robson thought a bit then put up the queen and the fall of the jack meant that he had made his game for an excellent +420.

Lauria opened with a natural weak two bid. Paske doubled and Jones made a pushy responsive double when Versace raised to game. Paske left that in and led the jack of spades. Lauria won the ♠A and led a spade to the king then a diamond up, Paske grabbing the ace and leading a low heart. Jones won the ♥A and continued with a low heart to the queen, king and ruff. Lauria played king of diamonds and

ruffed a diamond, a spade to the queen and ruffed the last diamond, just like Robson trying to get a count on the hand. He played a trump to the queen followed by a club to the king and ace and, once again, back came the three of clubs. Lauria called for the ten so was down one for –100 and 11 IMPs to ALLFREY. Midway through the final quarter, the match was tied at 107-107.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Robson	Donati	Allfrey	Tokay
1♠	3♠	Dble	Rdbl
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jones	Lauria	Paske
1♠	3♠!	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both Souths opened 1♠, both Wests overcalled 1♠, and both Norths showed a splinter raise to 4♠, Lauria and Allfrey both taking the opportunity to double to show some interest in spades. Paske passed with the mediocre South hand, having nothing to spare but at least little spade wastage, but Jones had no interest in looking for slam and signed off in 4♥, which was passed out. Versace led his singleton club. Paske won the ace and played the jack of hearts but Versace won the king, cashed the ace, and underled in spades to get his club ruff; down one for –100.

When Allfrey took the opportunity to double the splinter Tokay redoubled, the meaning of which is unclear. Robson now bid 4♠ and Donati left the decision to his partner. Tokay, with little spade wastage, went on to the five level despite his poor offensive values. That was a losing decision, of course, as 4♠ had four top losers and 5♥, as we have already seen, was also doomed. Robson doubled and led the king of hearts before switching to the club. Tokay won the ♣J and played a heart but Robson won the ace and Allfrey made things crystal clear to his partner by discarding the king of spades. Robson duly underled to the ♠Q and the ensuing club ruff meant down two for –500 and 9 IMPs to ALLFREY; 116-107.

CAYNE picked up an IMP for INT+1 against 1♥ just made by E/W to make it 108-116, then made it tighter still on this next deal.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Tokay</i>
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	2♣*	Dble	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
1♠	No major		
2♣	Both majors		

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Paske</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Allfrey opened a short club, and the 1♠ response denied a major. Donati overcalled 2♣, showing the majors, and Allfrey doubled. Clearly, his intention was merely to show genuine clubs, but the rest of the auction suggests that Robson expected more from his partner. He doubled Tokay's 3♥ for take-out then raised the 4♣ response to game. That, of course, needed a miracle to succeed and there was none forthcoming. Tokay led the nine of spades and Allfrey rose with the ace and led a club to the jack. That lost to the king and Tokay led his remaining spade, enabling Donati to take the queen and king before switching to a heart. Allfrey won the ♥A, drew trumps and played ace of diamonds and a diamond to the jack. The successful finesse meant that he had a parking place for his heart loser and was down just one for -100.

There was less bidding at the other table, where Lauria opened 1♣ and Versace responded with a natural 1♦. The lower-level response made it possible for Jones to overcall 1♥ and, after a pass from Lauria, who could have bid his spades easily enough and thereby shown not only the spades but also genuine clubs, Paske jumped to 3♥, which ended the auction. Lauria led the ace of clubs then switched to ace and another diamond. Versace won the ♦J and continued with a low diamond, Jones ruffing with the jack and leading a club to the king followed by a spade to

his king. He next led a heart to the queen and a second spade up and this time Versace rose with the ace. There was just the ace of trumps to come so Jones was one down for -50 and 4 IMPs to CAYNE, closing to 112-116.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Tokay</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	
2♠	Clubs		

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Paske</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Both Souths opened INT and both Norths transferred to clubs then showed the spade shortage. With South holding only small cards in spades, the inevitable outcome was that both pairs played the club game, though from different sides of the table.

Played by South, Robson started with the ace of spades and, on sight of dummy, switched to the queen of hearts. This would have given the contract had declarer held the ♥9 as well as the ♥A10, but was a necessary play in case partner's only card was the ♥A, when heart tricks might go away on declarer's diamonds. In practice, partner did not have the ♥A but no harm was done as he did have the ♥9. Tokay won the king and led a club to the ace then back to the king - there was no obvious reason to play for the suit to be three-one - and then a third round to Robson's queen. Robson now exited with a diamond rather than a spade but it didn't matter. The defence just needed to discard carefully and in the fullness of time declarer had to concede a heart so was down one for -100.

Jones played the same contract from the North hand and received the lead of the queen of diamonds. He won the ace and conceded a spade, won the diamond return and ruffed a spade, then played the king of clubs and a club to

the ace before ruffing dummy's last diamond. With diamonds out of the way, Lauria could hang on to spades while Versace could win the ♣Q and get out passively with a spade then hang on to hearts. There was never any danger of a defensive slip up and Jones too was down one for -100 and a push board.

There were two boards to play and ALLFREY still led by 4 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ K Q 8 7 3 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ J 9 8 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 10 9 5 3 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A Q ♣ Q 7 2	♠ K Q 7 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ A 5
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Robson	Donati	Allfrey	Tokay
2♥	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jones	Lauria	Paske
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

Robson could open 2♥ to show five hearts plus a minor and 2♥ shut everyone out. Donati led the four of diamonds to dummy's queen. Robson led the three of spades and Tokay took the ace and returned a low club, Donati winning the ace and switching back to diamonds. Robson won dummy's ace and led a heart to the king, cashed the ♥Q discovering the bad break, and led a club to the queen and king. Tokay returned the six of clubs and Robson put up the jack so had another club loser, but there was only that and a trump to be lost. So he had his contract; eight tricks for +110.

Versace did not have a bid for the West hand so passed and Jones opened 1♦, usually five cards. Lauria overcalled and Paske made a negative double. Looking at a singleton in partner's suit, Versace went quietly and passed again when Jones's diamond rebid came around. Lauria led the jack of spades, Jones winning the ace and leading a diamond. Lauria won the queen and continued with a second spade, Versace ruffing and leading a heart to his partner's ace. Another spade was ruffed with the king, after which there was just the ace of diamonds to be lost; eight tricks for +90 and 5 IMPs to ALLFREY. They led by 121-112 going into the final deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A K Q J ♥ A 8 ♦ A 4 ♣ K 9 6 4 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 5 3 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ Q J 7 2	♠ 9 7 6 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ K Q J 5 3 ♣ A 8
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Robson	Donati	Allfrey	Tokay
1♣*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass
1♠ No major			

Robson's 1♣ could have been short and 1♠ denied a major. Two Spades was natural and 3♦ showed diamonds. When Robson used FSF, Allfrey jumped to 4NT to show both a heart stopper and invitational values. Robson bid 5NT, probably pick a slam, and Allfrey picked 6♦. Tokay led the queen of hearts but it didn't matter, Allfrey won the ace, drew trumps and cashed his 13 top tricks for +940.

West	North	East	South
Versace	Jones	Lauria	Paske
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The Allfrey/Robson result left the door open for CAYNE, if Lauria/Versace could count their 13 tricks and bid one of the three making grand slams. But Seven was never in the picture. Versace opened 1♣ and rebid a game-forcing 2♠, but when his next bid was 3NT, all he could afford if Lauria had a minimum 1♦ response, Lauria simply raised himself to 6NT. After the same heart lead, there were the same 13 tricks. Though +1020 provided a swing to CAYNE, it was only 2 IMPs and ALLFREY were through to the Round of 16, having won by 121-114.



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Rosenblum Round of 32 - Extra Boards

NICKELL v MAHAFFEY

Brian Senior

The NICKELL v MAHAFFEY match in the Rosenblum Round of 32 began with NICKELL jumping out to a 59-17 IMP first-set advantage. However, by the time that the teams went into the final quarter, it was MAHAFFEY who held a narrow lead. The precise score is not quite clear, as MAHAFFEY led by 94-90 at this point according to the official record, lost the final quarter by 16-21, but the match then went into extra boards despite NICKELL's apparent single-IMP win.

During the final set, NICKELL gained a narrow lead, MAHAFFEY retook the lead, then NICKELL levelled the scores on the penultimate deal. Neither E/W pair managed to get to the 13 top-trick grand on the final deal, so the scores remained tied. For the record, only seven out of 30 pairs got to that grand slam.

The regulations stipulated a two-board play-off, with sudden death one-board play-offs to follow if the scores were still tied. Whatever you may think about a two-board play-off – personally I would have a minimum of four boards (or do away with extra boards altogether and say that the team which had qualified higher won a tied match) – one-board play-offs have to be wrong. Why? – because they mean that a fundamentally different form of scoring is in use for such a play-off. It becomes Board-a-Match, a form of the game in which tactics are totally different to those appropriate to IMP play. It can never be right to change the form of scoring part-way through a match.

Anyway, two tired teams sat down to play their two-board play-off, and the standard of play was not as good as it might have been.

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All pass

For MAHAFFEY, Berend van den Bos opened 2NT then denied a major in response to Puppet Stayman. Steve Weinstein led the seven of spades against 3NT. Van den Bos won in hand with the ace ran the jack of hearts to Bobby Levin's king. Levin returned the jack of clubs to the king and Weinstein ducked! Van den Bos cashed the spades, throwing the nine of diamonds from hand, then the hearts. On the last heart both defenders pitched a diamond so declarer could cash three diamond tricks and had 11 in all for +460.

So what went wrong? My spies tell me that Levin/Weinstein have quite recently changed their leads. The most recent CC I have access to is from last year's Bermuda Bowl, where it states that, after trick one, jack denies and ten or nine could be zero or two higher. It isn't 100% clear what they lead from QJ in no trump, but against suits it is the queen. Anyway, whatever the current agreement, tiredness and the stress of the situation led to Levin leading Rusinow and Weinstein expecting that standard leads applied.

Would that cost the match? Well, at the other table Eric Rodwell opened a strong club and rebid 2NT over the negative response. Jeff Meckstroth asked about majors and Rodwell denied one. Billy Cohen too led a spade, Rodwell winning the king and running the ♠J. Gary Cohler won the king and switched – to the jack of diamonds! Rodwell could win, cross to dummy, and duck a diamond into the South hand. The even diamond split now meant that he had 10 tricks for +430 so just a single IMP to MAHAFFEY. NICKELL therefore needed to win 2 IMPs to win or 1 IMP to tie on the remaining deal of the play-off.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 6 3		
	♥ K 7 6 2		
	♦ J 10 2		
	♣ Q J 8 7		
♠ Q 10 9 4		♠ A K J	
♥ A 10 9 5		♥ Q J 4	
♦ 8 7 4		♦ A K 9 5	
♣ 4 2		♣ K 9 6	
	♠ 8 7 5 2		
	♥ 8 3		
	♦ Q 6 3		
	♣ A 10 5 3		
West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Levin</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	R Levin	Van den Bos	Weinstein
3♥*	Pass	INT	2♦!* All pass
2♦	One major		
3♥	Spades, Inv+		

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Cohler	Rodwell	Cohen
1♠	Pass	1♦	1♥
3♠	All pass	INT	Pass

Van den Bos opened INT, 10-13, and Weinstein overcalled 2♦, showing one major. Three Hearts was invitational or better with spades, but Van den Bos declined the invitation, signing off in 3♠, where he played, but not until Levin had spent over five minutes before passing out 3♠. Why take so long when the North hand really doesn't look close to being worth a bid? Surely because Levin thought they had blown a game swing on the previous deal and needed a big swing on this one to get their money back. Eventually however, he stayed disciplined and did as his hand suggested rather than allowing the potential match situation to decide his action – and just as well, as we were to see. Weinstein led the ace of hearts and On the sight of dummy, he switched to ace and another diamond to his partner's king. Levin switched back to hearts and, though the king was ruffed out to provide one discard for a club from dummy, that still left a club to be lost. So Van den Bos was held to nine tricks for +140.

In the other room, Rodwell opened 1♦, Precision-style, and Cohen overcalled 1♥. Meckstroth bid his spades naturally then jumped to 3♠ at his next turn to invite game. Again, 3♠ ended the auction, but this time West was declarer, and that difference was to prove crucial. Cohler led the two of hearts, as per his system, and Meckstroth called for a low card from dummy. Cohen put up the king and, after some thought, decided that his best chance to defeat the contract was to hope that the lead was a

singleton so he continued with the ace. Meckstroth ruffed, drew trumps and threw both his diamond losers on the hearts. The even club split then meant that he could establish an eleventh trick to score +200 and win 2 IMPs for NICKELL.

The NICKELL team had won the two-board play-off by 2-1 IMPs and were into the last 16 of the 2018 Rosenblum.

To go back to my earlier point: Cohen's defence of trying to cash the ♥A as his best chance to beat 3♠ may or may not have been the right one, but suppose this had been the situation he found himself in in a one-board play-off. At Board-a-Match his thought processes should be totally different. Now an overtrick could decide the match and attempting to defeat the contract could be quite the wrong thing to do.

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Rosenblum Round of 16 - S1

PSZCZOLA v LAVAZZA

David Bird

This match was an obvious choice for the BBO voice commentary, and I was delighted to be joined by Larry Cohen. Several great champions were on display. As usual, I will present the most action-packed deals. At the end, you will be able to give your verdict on whether the bidding and play matched the exalted standard you would expect. "Exhibit I, my Lord!"

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Blass</i>
		1NT	All Pass

The lead of the ♥6 gave declarer an eighth trick. Instead of trying for a ninth immediately, Bianchedi ran five diamond tricks, discarding a heart. North threw a spade, a heart and a club. When declarer led the ♠9 next, North went in with the ♠K and declarer soon had nine tricks for +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A lead of the ♣10 would give the defense a chance, but this would be difficult to find. Wait a minute, Sementa has led the ♣10! Drijver won immediately with dummy's ace, (North playing the ♣6) and thought for quite a long time on his continuation. Larry and I explained that a finesse of the ♥Q could wait. Declarer might play on spades, seeking a ninth trick there. Alternatively, he might run the diamonds to pressurize the defenders.

What did we know? Drijver emerged from his reverie and finessed the ♥Q. Sementa won, but did not know enough to persist with clubs. He switched to the ♠7, Bocchi winning with the king. He played the ♣Q, ducked, and the

♣J. His ♣5 was then good against dummy's ♣3. Declarer played another spade straight away, won by North. A club trick put him one down and it was 7 IMPs to LAVAZZA.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Blass</i>
		1♣	1♥
2♣	2NT	All Pass	

North's 2NT showed a heart raise but was passed out. Five clubs were followed by a diamond to the king and a heart to the ace. That was two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
		1♣	1♥
1♠	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Norberto Bocchi and Bas Drijver



Norberto Bocchi and Bas Drijver

1♣ was 12-14 or 18+ balanced, or 12+ unbalanced with clubs. If you can find the meaning of 1♠ on their convention card, your eyesight is better than mine. It must have shown either a 1NT bid or clubs. Bocchi's 2NT indicated a game-try, which was accepted.

Sementa won the ♦8 lead with the ace and played a trump to the king and ace. A diamond to the king and a diamond ruff were soon followed by a claim for +420. LAVAZZA picked up another 11 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

	N	
W	S	E

♠ A Q 3
♥ K J
♦ A Q 8 5
♣ J 9 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Blass</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

South's 2♠ and 3♦ were asking bids and 3♠ showed a doubleton spade. The slam was a bit below par and could not be made on this layout. It was one down after a spade lead and a club to the queen.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

A disciplined auction by Bocchi and Sementa gave them +460 and a further 11 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North Both Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Blass</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

The two hands combined so well that it was a good game to be in. The fourth diamond would provide a discard for North's spade loser. With only 22 HCP and 8 losers facing 8, it would be mighty difficult to bid. North-South here used a Bergen auction that would be duplicated at many tables. Two rounds of clubs were followed by a spade switch and a winning finesse of the ♦Q. Declarer was not overjoyed to pick up the trump suit too and was soon writing +200 in his card.

Could Bocchi and Sementa produce a bidding miracle at their table?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Yes, they could! Sementa's 2NT showed a game-try with 3 or 4 hearts. Bocchi made a long-suit game try of his own and this was happily accepted. The defenders took two clubs and switched to a spade. Bocchi won with the ♠A, drew trumps and ran the ♦10. After a diamond to the

queen, he returned to the ♠K, exposing a loser in that suit. He then led a third round of diamonds, presumably willing to pay off to an inspired double duck by Brink from ♦K-x-x. No, the ♦K appeared. It was +650 and a gain of 10 IMPs

I've written up my regulation four deals but perhaps you have time for a bonus deal. Yes?

Board 14. Dealer East None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Blass</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♥	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Bravo! It was a splendid auction to the best contract. The alternative contract of 5♣ would go down to the expected defense of ♥A and a spade switch.

Would Sementa and Bocchi, fresh from their triumph on the previous board, be able to reach 3NT too?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
		Pass	1♦
3♥	4♦	All Pass	

I had barely finished my traditional words of thanks on BBO, beginning with high praise for a faultless effort by the very fine VuGraph operator, when this auction flashed up. 'Commentator's curse,' I muttered. 'We'll see an Undo in a moment.'

We did not. West led the ♥Q to the ace and declarer ended up three down, PSZCZOLA collecting 11 IMPs. What had happened? The Italians play an obscure once-a-year method, where 4♣ shows diamonds and 4♦ shows good clubs. Our operator resumed his 'faultless' marking by informing us that Sementa had apologized for forgetting. How wise Aristotle was when he declared that 'Even the Gods nod.'

LAVAZZA won the eventful first set by 39-22. We had been royally entertained.

Rosenblum Round of 16 - S1

Good start, bad middle

Brent Manley

The opening set in the round of 16 match between the Aubrey Strul and Nick Nickell teams started off quietly, the teams scoring only 1 IMP each through four boards.

Strul played with Mike Becker. Their teammates were Richard Coren, Waleed El Ahmady, Tarek Sadek and Mike Kamil.

Nickell played with Ralph Katz. The rest of the team is Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein.

The tie was broken on board 5.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Strul</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Becker</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Rodwell led the ♠6, taken in dummy with the queen. When Meckstroth followed with the jack, Strul overtook with the king to pull trumps. He played the ♥K, which held, and followed with a heart to dummy's queen. A third heart was won by Rodwell's ace. Rodwell then cashed his minor-suit aces to hold declarer to 10 tricks for plus 170. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>El Ahmady</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Sadek</i>
	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

El Ahmady also led a spade, taken in dummy. At trick two, Levin played a diamond to his king and North's ace. El Ahmady tied to cash the ♦Q, but Levin ruffed and played the ♥K. El Ahmady won the ♥A and got out with a low club, but Levin played dummy's king and could claim the rest, losing only two tricks for plus 450. That was 7 IMPs to Nickell, now leading 8-1. Nickell added more IMPs on this board:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 7 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ K J 9 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 9 8 ♥ 6 5 3 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ Q 4 3 2	♠ 6 3 ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ 10 7 4 3 ♣ 10 7 5
N						
W E						
S						

In the open room, Levin and Weinstein stopped in 2♠ with the E/W cards, but El Ahmady, North, balanced with an artificial 3♣, corrected to 3♦ by Sadek. This did not go well as declarer took only seven tricks for minus 200. Strul managed to make 2♠ at the other table, so the loss was held to just 3 IMPs. Nickell was leading 11-1 at that point.

With two boards to play, Nickell was ahead 12-4. Strul managed a swing on the penultimate board, reaching a game with 12 HCP opposite 10 but unbeatable nonetheless.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A K 9 ♥ A J 9 8 4 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ 10 8	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 4 3 ♥ 10 5 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ K Q 9 7 3	♠ 8 7 5 2 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ A Q J 9 ♣ 5 2
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Levin	El Ahmady	Weinstein	Sadek
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Weinstein led the ♣K, continuing with a low club to Levin's ace at trick two. Levin played the ♠10 next and El Ahmady won with the ace. He played a diamond to the queen and played a heart to his ace, followed by a heart to the king. Levin was in with the ♥Q on the next trick, exiting again with a spade to the North hand. When declarer's ♦10 held, declarer could claim for plus 620. At the other table, Rodwell took 11 tricks in a heart contract, but it was not game, so plus 200 meant a loss of 9 IMPs.

Nickell came back on the final board of the set to take the lead.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 7 2 ♥ 6 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A K Q 10 8 7 6 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q J 6 5 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ 9 5 2	♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ K Q J 10 5 ♣ 4
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Levin	El Ahmady	Weinstein	Sadek
		Pass	1♦
1♥	2♣	Dble	2♦
2♥	4♣	All Pass	

Weinstein led the ♥A, switching accurately to a spade at trick two. El Ahmady finished with eight club tricks and one from each major for plus 130. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Strul	Rodwell	Becker	Meckstroth
		Pass	1♦
2♥	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Strul led the ♥Q to Becker's ace, but with no problem with clubs, Meckstroth was soon claiming 10 tricks for plus 430 and a 7-IMP gain. The set ended with Nickell ahead 19-13.

That was the good news. The bad news for Nickell came in the second set, won by Strul 53-6 for a 68-25 lead at the halfway point. With one set still to play, Strul's lead remained at 40 IMPs.



Aubrey Strul

Rosenblum Round of 16 - S2

CONNECTOR v ZIMMERMANN

Ron Tacchi

There were adjustments to the match that I reported between DE BOTTON and CONNECTOR but team CONNECTOR won by a margin of 16 IMPs. Team ZIMMERMANN has a comfortable win over JUSTER after having lost the first session.

After the first session today CONNECTOR had a slim lead of five IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Serek</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bestrzynski</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Dble
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Are you that desperate for a club lead? Wouldn't you rather partner lead a reasonably natural diamond and take the contract down? After the expected club lead declarer took his ace and immediately played a high heart taken by North. Serek continued clubs to his partner's queen who



Michal Klukowski

persisted with another club. Declarer ruffed high and crossed to dummy with his low trump to the ace. A diamond towards his king was allowed to hold, so he now cashed two hearts discarding a diamond from dummy. Crossed with a trump and ruffed dummy's last club and conceded a diamond for ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
INT	All Pass		

I was surprised that East did not make any effort over a strong no-trump. One normally cannot fault the players for aggressiveness but even timid little me would have made an effort. Of course I would not have been lucky and had the double of my Stayman bid. The upshot was 11 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Serek</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bestrzynski</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	
2♥	All Pass		

Yet again I am surprised by the passive bidding. Give me a seven-card suit and a free bid from partner and you won't see the opposition buying the contract at the two-level. However here it paid dividends as declarer will always fail by at least one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♣	4♣	All Pass	

Here a more aggressive stance was taken. However, when North discovered he had three trump losers he did not take the spade finesse in an attempt to make his contract.



Piotr Wiankowski

Of course had it failed he would have been three down and it seemed probable that West would have the king as his Two Clubs bid showed the majors (South's response of One Heart showed a spade suit). On the balance of probabilities it seems a sensible option, just unlucky this time. But only three IMPs lost.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Serek</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bestrzynski</i>
4♣	Pass	5♣	1♠
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Another deal that shows how difficult it is to judge high-level pre-empting situations. Partner has opened, you appear to have a defensive trump trick, so where will they get their tricks? Well you are about to find out the hard way. The opening lead of the king of hearts was ruffed – North's heart rate is beginning to rise. Declarer takes a losing diamond finesse and another heart comes back, which is ruffed. The queen of clubs now hits the table from declarer's side. He lets it run, not just because of the double but because it still guarantees the contract if diamonds are not 5-1. As it happens it creates an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
4♣	Pass	4NT	1♠
5♣	All Pass		Pass

East was looking for something greater but West disavowed him of any notions of soaring higher. Not having any good reason to do otherwise, declarer played for the trumps to be split 1-1 and so did not make the overtrick. Thus eight IMPs to Zimmermann.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

♠ 9 6 5		
♥ Q 5		
♦ 6 4 2		
♣ Q 9 8 7 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Serek</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bestrzynski</i>
Dble	1♣	Pass	1♦
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass



Piotr Gawrys


I am not privy to all the methods of the E/W partnership but from what I can see on former convention cards it looks to me as though an immediate call of INT would be 15-18 which seems to define West's hand rather nicely. This would imply that when he bids INT after he has forced partner to bid a stronger hand. This all led to an improbable contract at an unrealistic level, which drifted two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

South's One Spade was not a natural bid but a transfer so West bid a natural INT and East transferred to Two Spades. That finished up with two overtricks and seven IMPs to Connector.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Serek</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bestrzynski</i>
	Pass	4♥	3♥
Dble	All Pass		Pass
4♠			


West finished up in Four Spades. When you can see all four hands it is not too difficult to play, but single dummy there is scope for error. Declarer ducked the opening heart lead but perforce had to take the continuation. A spade to the ace was followed by the jack of clubs which lost to North's queen. The jack of diamonds was led and declarer thought for a considerable time before taking the trick in dummy and continuing the suit to his king in hand. He now made the excellent play of a small trump to dummy's nine. The ten of clubs was passed and North ruffed but now West was totally in control and no matter what North played West had his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
			4♥
All Pass			

South was made of sterner stuff and pre-empted to the limit. Neither West nor East could find a way into the auction and with 'no double, no trouble' declarer went peacefully three off and gained eight IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Finally a hand just for David Bird.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Serek</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bestrzynski</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

When South led his queen of diamonds East must have thought that this is going to be expensive. But just look carefully at the position of all the cards. South can never get in to cash his diamonds, in fact he will go to bed with the ace. Of course initially declarer was not privy to this information. He won the first trick with the king of diamonds and got off lead with the jack of clubs. North won and made a despairing effort of leading a heart, declarer intersposed the jack which held the trick. Declarer attempted to get off lead with another club but North ducked. So now declarer played a heart to his ace and finessed on the way back and cashed the fourth round of hearts. He now exited with his last club and in the ending North was forced to give West two spade tricks for an improbable overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠*
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			
1♠	No major		

Declarer came to five trump tricks, and two sets of black ace kings for nine tricks and six IMPs to ZIMMERMANN. ZIMMERMANN won the session 36-13 to take the lead from CONNECTOR by 44-29.

Open Pairs after Q9

1	MULLER Bauke - DE WIJS Simon	NED - NED	59.39	86	CHARLSEN Thomas - HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	NOR - NOR	50.98
2	JANSMA Jan - WILLENKEN Chris	NED - USA	57.73	87	STRZEMECKI Wojciech - ZAWADA Przemyslaw	POL - POL	50.97
3	NYSTROM Fredrik - WRANG Frederic	SWE - SWE	57.72	88	BARAKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	50.84
4	HU Linlin - LIU Yinghao	CHN - CHN	57.49	89	PODDAR Dipak - SOLANI Jitendra	IND - IND	50.81
5	KORBEL Daniel - SHI Sylvia	USA - USA	57.29	90	HANS Sartaj - HUNG Andy Pei-en	AUS - AUS	50.76
6	GOWER Craig - APTEKER Alon	RSA - RSA	57.10	91	FICK Hennie - APTEKER Noah Thomas	RSA - RSA	50.76
7	GRUE Joe - MOSS Brad	USA - USA	56.85	92	HACKETT Jason - HACKETT Justin	ENG - ENG	50.73
8	CAMBEROS Hector - LUCENA Carlos	ARG - ARG	56.80	93	VROUSTIS Vassilis - SAKR May	GRE - USA	50.64
9	COLDEA Ionut - MARINA Bogdan	ROM - ROM	56.67	94	GOEL Ashok Kumar - VENKATARAMAN K. Raman	IND - IND	50.61
10	PACHTMAN Ron - ZATORSKI Piotr	ISR - POL	55.95	95	KUANG Yuegang - WANG Yewwu	CHN - CHN	50.60
11	VERBEEK Tim - NAB Bart	NED - NED	55.79	96	BERTENS Huub - GUPTA Naren	USA - USA	50.56
12	SKORCHEV Stefan - CASTNER Kevin	BUL - GER	55.66	97	SIELICKI Tomasz - NOWAK Kamil	POL - POL	50.55
13	MENDES DE LEON Guy - SPRINKHUIZEN Gerard	NED - NED	55.57	98	COHEN Seth - ST CLAIR Bill	USA - USA	50.42
14	BERTHEAU Peter - ZATORSKI Daniel	SWE - USA	55.50	99	LO Ai-Tai - SCHWARTZ Alan	USA - USA	50.39
15	DELMONTE Ishmael - DALLEY Paul	USA - AUS	55.48	100	LALL Justin - MOSS Sylvia	USA - USA	50.36
16	GRECO Eric - HAMPSON Geoff	USA - USA	55.24	101	WHIBLEY Michael - EDGTTON Nabil	NZL - AUS	50.33
17	KOISTINEN Kauko - OZDIL Melih	FIN - USA	55.24	102	SZABO Csaba - HODOSI Peter	HUN - HUN	50.28
18	GRUDE Tor Eivind - BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR	55.16	103	YANG Lixin - CHEN Gang	CHN - CHN	50.19
19	ROTARU Iulian - NISTOR Radu	ROM - ROM	54.83	104	HAN Yanong - MOU Wanfeng	USA - USA	50.12
20	RON Jacob - BRONDUM Fredi	DEN - DEN	54.54	105	MARKEY Phil - HAFFER Joachim	AUS - AUS	50.09
21	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - TOMMASINI Stefano	BRA - BRA	54.53	106	MILLER Billy - SLOOFMAN H. Jay	USA - USA	49.99
22	HALLBERG Gunnar - KING Philip (Phil)	ENG - ENG	54.46	107	SIGURJONSSON Julius - TUNCOK Cenk	ISL - USA	49.96
23	SUN Gang - ZHANG Yongge	CHN - CHN	54.26	108	GOKHALE Rajendra - RAMI Satya	IND - IND	49.96
24	GERARD Ronald - WILDAVSKY Adam	USA - USA	54.25	109	LIU Jing - ZHAO Chen	CHN - CHN	49.92
25	MELTZER Rose - DEMIREV Nikolay	USA - USA	54.15	110	SILVERSTEIN Aaron - ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA	49.89
26	PIEDRA Fernando - IGLA Bartlomiej	SUI - SUI	54.13	111	IONITA Marius - TEODORESCU Cornel	ROM - ROM	49.86
27	ANKLESARIA Keyzad - CHOKSHI Sunit	IND - IND	54.08	112	LILIENTEIN Jared - POLOWAN Michael	USA - USA	49.80
28	PARASIAN Robert - ASBI Taufik Gautama	INA - INA	53.82	113	HU Junjie - CHEN Yichao	CHN - CHN	49.80
29	WINKLER Gabor - DUMBOVICH Miklos	HUN - HUN	53.78	114	CARROLL John - GARVEY Tommy	IRL - IRL	49.74
30	PAVLICEK Richard - MUNDAY Jim	USA - USA	53.73	115	LEE Roger - McALLISTER John Grayson	USA - USA	49.74
31	LI Xin - ZHAO Yanpei	CHN - CHN	53.68	116	BERNAL Francisco - HOYOS Carlos	COL - COL	49.74
32	SAMANT Keshav Sakharan - AGRAWAL Ramawatar	IND - IND	53.58	117	RABIE Ahmed - RAMADAN Bahar	EGY - EGY	49.73
33	HEGEDUS Gal - BODIS Gyula	HUN - HUN	53.57	118	PUCHELLE Jean-Francois - MARRO Christophe	FRA - FRA	49.71
34	SHI Zheng Jun - JU Chuancheng	CHN - CHN	53.57	119	MARASHEV Vladimir - TSONCHEV Ivan	BUL - BUL	49.70
35	KLEINPLATZ Morrie - FLEISCHMANN Jonathan	CAN - USA	53.42	120	PALMA Antonio - BAHBOUT Sam	POR - BEL	49.63
36	ROMBAUT Jerome - LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA - FRA	53.37	121	WEISSELBERGER Yves - KHANFIR Samir	FRA - FRA	49.58
37	HOYLAND Sven Olai - HOYLAND Sam Inge	NOR - NOR	53.36	122	BASEGGIO Franco - STARK Andrew	USA - USA	49.51
38	TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	53.31	123	CARMICHAEL Jenni - HUMPHREYS Greg	USA - USA	49.49
39	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike - CARMICHAEL Tom	USA - USA	53.26	124	HETZ Clara - ROLL Josef	ISR - ISR	49.45
40	CHUMAK Yuliy - ROVYSHYN Oleg	UKR - UKR	53.20	125	BLACK Andrew - McIntOSH Andrew	ENG - ENG	49.32
41	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw - JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	53.18	126	STOKKA Adam - WRANG David	SWE - SWE	49.28
42	BELL Michael - BYRNE Michael	ENG - ENG	53.08	127	FOSTER Jim - HOWARD Bryan	USA - USA	49.19
43	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	53.07	128	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel - SAPORTA Pierre	FRA - FRA	48.84
44	GRAVERSEN Hans Christian - CASPERSEN Henrik	DEN - DEN	53.06	129	GIARD Olivier - BENOIT Alain	FRA - FRA	48.83
45	ZACK Yaniv - COHEN Ilan	ISR - ISR	52.94	130	JAJOO Monica - MUKHERJEE Sumit	IND - IND	48.79
46	RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE	52.88	131	MACGREGOR John - CHAPLET Isabelle	CRC - CRC	48.77
47	VAINIKONIS Erikas - ARLOVICH Andrei	LTU - LTU	52.86	132	HUNG Eugene - WATSON William	USA - USA	48.72
48	GERIN Dominique - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO Renata	GLP - FRA	52.86	133	FRUSCOLONI Leonardo - BIANCHI Ettore	ITA - USA	48.69
49	CORNELL Michael - BACH Ashley	NZL - NZL	52.84	134	PIASECKI Janoslaw - BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL	48.62
50	EBER Neville - JONES Bobby	RSA - USA	52.83	135	PREDDY Kay - SELWAY Norman	ENG - ENG	48.53
51	SRIDHARAN Padmanabhan - SRINIVASAN Sundarram	IND - IND	52.76	136	GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	48.49
52	DAI Jianming - SHI Haojun	CHN - CHN	52.73	137	MATHIEU Philippe - SOUDAN Luc	GLP - GLP	48.47
53	JONES Martin - ROSEN Neil	ENG - ENG	52.72	138	FREDIN Peter - AMOILS Leslie	SWE - CAN	48.39
54	BLANCHARD Robert - BLANCHARD Shane	USA - USA	52.58	139	KOVACHEV Valentin - KRAL Ronald Peter	BUL - USA	48.34
55	LI Jianwei - ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	52.55	140	HANUS Pawel - SIPPOLA Ari	USA - USA	48.34
56	THAKRAL Sandeep - BHAND Vivek	IND - IND	52.52	141	ANDRESEN Martin - JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	NOR - NOR	48.32
57	GROMOV Andrey - DUBININ Alexander	RUS - RUS	52.48	142	HYDES Alexander - MOSSOP David	ENG - ENG	48.32
58	CIMA Leonardo - GANDOGLIA Alessandro	ITA - ITA	52.46	143	ZOCHOWSKA Joanna - SCHMIDT Pierre	FRA - FRA	48.30
59	TIJSSEN Luc - KILJAN Veri	NED - NED	52.36	144	TREIBER Frank - KATZ Robert	USA - USA	48.26
60	RAN Jing Rong - SHAO Zi Jian	CHN - CHN	52.35	145	MANDALA Cheryl - INN Yul	USA - USA	48.25
61	BAXTER Doug - LINDOP David	CAN - CAN	52.20	146	FIGUEIREDO Mauricio - PAIVA Marcos	BRA - BRA	48.10
62	SHAN Sheng - GAN Ling	CHN - CHN	52.18	147	GOLDBERG Connie - DI FRANCO Massimiliano	USA - ITA	47.97
63	GROETHHEIM Glenn - TONDEL Petter	NOR - NOR	52.18	148	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	47.91
64	GRAINGER David - HINZE Greg	USA - USA	52.16	149	VAN DEN BOS Tim - BOUMAN Hans	NED - NED	47.85
65	HANLON Tom - McGANN Hugh	IRL - IRL	52.10	150	GLASTHAL Louis - MASSIMILLA Michael	USA - USA	47.78
66	FU Zhong - LI Jie	CHN - CHN	52.09	151	SAELENMINDE Erik - GILLIS Simon	NOR - ENG	47.75
67	KNAP Andrzej - WASIK Arturo	ESP - ESP	52.03	152	KRANTZ Corey - LANG Bruce	USA - USA	47.69
68	CHEN Li-Chung - LEE Walter	USA - USA	52.02	153	GU Jiang - AO Hailong	USA - USA	47.66
69	CAMMARATA Michele - PORCIANI Roberto	ITA - ITA	51.98	154	GROSSET Christophe - COMBESCURE Baptiste	FRA - FRA	47.62
70	SANBORN Steve - STAUBER Allan	USA - USA	51.95	155	BI Shuguang - HE Wenjiong	CHN - CHN	47.61
71	TOFFIER Philippe - SERVAIS Laurent	FRA - FRA	51.91	156	SEBBANE Lionel - ROBERT Quentin	FRA - FRA	47.56
72	FURUNES Jon-Egil - FARSTAD Arve	NOR - NOR	51.87	157	PELLEGRINI Carlos - VON BRUDERSDORFF Federico	ARG - COL	47.49
73	SHENG Ming - TIAN Wei	CHN - CHN	51.80	158	ADLER Brett - GOLDMAN Jeffrey	USA - USA	47.45
74	ZHANG Xiaofeng - JIANG Tong	CHN - CHN	51.72	159	FELMY Mathias - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	47.39
75	ANDERSSON Gunnar - SAFSTEN Johan	SWE - SWE	51.55	160	FAGERLUND Vesa - CUSHING Justine	FIN - USA	47.31
76	HU Jiaping - CHU Junjie	CHN - CHN	51.37	161	TUFFNELL Graeme - CHIBA Mehboob	NZL - NZL	47.30
77	BELL Leo - HESSEL Ira	USA - USA	51.34	162	DWYER Kevin - HUANG Shan	USA - USA	47.14
78	EKEBLAD Russ - THOMPSON Ben	USA - AUS	51.30	163	PRODAN Andrei - BARNIA Adrian	CAN - CAN	47.13
79	LIU Jun - ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	51.25	164	ABEDI Nishat - FORTNEY Charles	PAK - USA	47.00
80	DONDE Bernard - STEPHENS Robert	RSA - RSA	51.24	165	KONKOLY Csaba - SZIRMAY-KALOS Barnabas	HUN - HUN	46.98
81	MARTEL Chip - FLEISHER Martin	USA - USA	51.23	166	RERHAYE Abdelkamel - BERRADA Mohammed Said	MAR - MAR	46.94
82	CHEN Ji - DONG Lidang	CHN - CHN	51.18	167	WEINSTOCK Paul - MIHAI Radu	ISR - ROM	46.63
83	BERCUSON Ken - MITTELMAN George	CAN - CAN	51.16	168	FEIGENBAUM Ellis - FELDMAN Ron	USA - USA	46.52
84	CHEN Yunlong - ZHAO Jie	CHN - CHN	51.12	169	ODDY Vince - DALTON Roy	CAN - CAN	46.39
85	TEWARI Rajeshwar - SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	51.10	170	KUANG Samuel - RATHI Anant	USA - USA	46.34

171	HAMMOND Nicolas - AGARWAL Suman	USA - USA	46.22
172	PRYOR Malcolm - PRYOR Karen	ENG - ENG	46.19
173	MOLINA Philippe - MAROTTA Luca	FRA - FRA	46.14
174	EIRIKSSON Sveinn Runar - KRISTINSSON Jakob	ISL - ISL	45.95
175	SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju - NADAR Kiran	IND - IND	45.81
176	KRASNICKI Mariusz - KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	45.79
177	LEVINGER Asa - HETZ Nathan	ISR - ISR	45.67
178	REYGADAS Miguel - COHEN Alberto	MEX - MEX	45.48
179	CAMBOURNAC Guy - DAHAN Stephane	MAR - MAR	45.46
180	ZAHIR Hanif - HASHIMOTO George	SUI - SUI	45.20
181	RABICEW Elisabeth - DARYANANI Padma	VEN - VEN	45.17
182	ALLENSPACH Frederick - LEE Janet H	USA - USA	45.14
183	FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - SETTON Hilda	FRA - SUI	45.01
184	GAVIARD Daniele - DENEVE Eric	FRA - FRA	44.17
185	TEMBOURET Romain - NATAF Paula	FRA - USA	43.62
186	JOKISCH Peter - KASIMIR Udo	GER - GER	43.55
187	PORKHUN Volodymyr - KOLYADENKO Sergey	UKR - UKR	43.40
188	GANZER Craig - BART Les	USA - USA	43.40
189	PUNCH Sam - PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO	43.38
190	SCHIRESON Max - SHANNON Lynn	USA - USA	43.29
191	KLEMIC George - LUSSKY Donald	USA - USA	43.16
192	SHAH Anal - DHAKRAS Subhash	IND - IND	43.12
193	BONDAR Serge - BAUM Marshall	USA - USA	42.85
194	REVALE Adolfo - ZIGART Martin	ARG - ARG	41.36
195	SELECHNIK Ana - GEORGIPOULOS Nikolas	GUA - USA	40.48
196	LUPSAN Octavian - LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	40.31
197	DREW Daryl - MCKINNEY Lynn	USA - USA	39.71
198	WILSON Kevin - STANFILL Sharon	USA - USA	37.93

Seniors Pairs after Q3

1	MUIR William - MALCOLM Chuck	USA - USA	58.47
2	CHEVALIER Serge - BOUCHER Jean-Francois	CAN - CAN	57.55
3	MARSAL Reiner - KLUMPP Herbert	GER - GER	57.06
4	KALISH Avi - ORENSTEIN Eitan	ISR - ISR	56.98
5	LAM Hon Shing, Henry - LING Roger	HKG - HKG	56.61
6	DAVIDSON Gene - REITER David	USA - USA	55.80
7	HANNA Nader - RAYNER John	CAN - CAN	55.64
8	MICHELIN Marjorie - COHEN Stephen	USA - USA	55.01
9	CASEN Drew - KREKORIAN Jim	USA - USA	54.76
10	BITTERMAN Robert - HELMS Jerry	USA - USA	54.59
11	AKER Jeff - SIMSON Doug	USA - USA	54.30
12	SIEBERT Allan - SEGARRA Jay	USA - USA	53.91
13	ROBBINS Larry - ROEDER Rick	USA - USA	53.78
14	FALK Allan - LUSKY John	USA - USA	53.56
15	MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	53.29
16	SAMUEL Russell - ROTHSTEIN Jeffrey	USA - USA	53.19
17	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	53.17
18	TORNAY Claire - TORNAY George	USA - USA	53.17
19	INO Masayuki - YAMADA Kazuhiko	JPN - JPN	53.17
20	MUNAF0 Paul - OSHLAG Richard	USA - USA	52.90
21	McDEVITT Patrick - BROD Geoffrey	IRL - USA	52.87
22	MARKOWICZ Victor - MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	52.54
23	KROCHMALIK Robert - LAVINGS Paul	AUS - AUS	52.35
24	MAK Ronald - LEE Alfred C	USA - USA	52.22
25	BROWN Terry - BUCHEN Peter Walter	AUS - AUS	52.21
26	ELLIOTT Samuel James - ZWVERLING Marc	USA - USA	52.13
27	D'SOUZA Lino - CHAN Richard	CAN - CAN	51.97
28	BIZON Piotr - SZYMANOWSKI Marek	POL - POL	51.95
29	REYNOLDS Tom - KERR Lance	USA - USA	51.92
30	DARVEY Jim - PINELES Abe	USA - USA	51.91
31	KNIEST Tom - SCHULTE Ed	USA - USA	51.83
32	KRANYAK Ken - BECKER Phillip	USA - USA	51.71
33	CARRERA Jaime - NINO Rafael	COL - COL	51.54
34	WHEELER Sally - HANBY Buddy	USA - USA	51.48
35	WILLIS David - VALLIANT John	CAN - CAN	51.14
36	BRAGIN Barry - HAND Jeff	USA - USA	51.13
37	KAHN Allen - HERMAN Ira	USA - USA	51.06
38	RUSSELL Jim - STACK Don	USA - USA	50.50
39	TUCKER Ben - BELL Robert	USA - USA	50.34
40	BJARING Christer - OSTBERG Johnny	SWE - SWE	50.12
41	MINER Charles - MEFFLEY Richard W	USA - USA	50.10
42	OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN	49.93
43	JACOBS George - VOGEL Claude	USA - USA	49.81
44	ENGLE Howard S. - FRIEDLANDER Mark	USA - USA	49.72
45	COLCHAMIRO Mel - SHARF Charles	USA - USA	49.64
46	YOMTOV Bernie - HAWKINS Allen	USA - USA	49.62
47	WENNING Ulrich - FRERICHS Hans	GER - GER	49.47
48	DATLOFF Joel - MCNAY Roger	USA - USA	49.42
49	STOCK Nicholas - YUEN Michael	CAN - CAN	49.25
50	GIRAGOSIAN Robert - MCCONNELL Stephen	USA - USA	49.14
51	RODNEY David - KRAUSS Howard	USA - USA	49.04
52	AQUINO Mark - CAPPELLI Robert	USA - USA	49.00
53	IMAKURA Tadashi - MORIMURA Shunsuke	JPN - JPN	48.88
54	FETOUH Saleh - CAMPBELL Clifford	USA - CAN	48.80
55	CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	CAN - CAN	48.58
56	HUGGINS Michael - ROBINSON Irene	ENG - ENG	48.49
57	CARRUTHERS John - ROCHE Michael	CAN - CAN	48.47
58	MARSHALL Gerry - SHARPLES Hendrik	MEX - USA	48.43
59	HALL William F - PELKA David	USA - USA	48.19
60	BANERJI Nita - BANERJI Tapas Kumar	IND - IND	48.17
61	BECK Kay - PREMO Jerry	USA - USA	48.13
62	JARGOWSKY Peter - DECKELBAUM Gordon	USA - USA	47.68
63	SCHWARTZ Gary - MATTHEWS JR Pete	USA - USA	46.48
64	LEWIS J. Malcolm - ANDREWS Douglas	ENG - ENG	46.47
65	BENNER Carolyn - BENNER Philip	USA - USA	46.44
66	MCGUIRE Daniel - BURT Wayne A.	USA - USA	46.19
67	MILLER Jeffrey A - WATSON Alan	USA - USA	45.96
68	PROTO Luis Carlos - OLIVEIRA Horacio	URU - BRA	45.94
69	PIZA Eduardo - HAMMER Sharon Kay	CRC - CRC	45.48
70	BARRIENTOS Carlos - FIGUEROA Santiago	COL - COL	45.07
71	HALL Nalita - WOLFE Allyson	BRA - USA	44.88
72	TIGANILA Victor - MICHAELS Nick	USA - USA	44.59
73	FREIBERG Paul - ABELSON Kenneth A	USA - USA	42.67
74	BRYANT Jack - BRYANT Linda	USA - USA	42.41
75	STERNBERG James Marsh - JACOBSON Stanley	USA - USA	41.74
76	UNGAR Gerald - HAMILTON Carol	USA - USA	41.56
77	CARDIN Judy - GREENSPAN Bruce	USA - USA	41.41
78	KIRCHHOFF Liliane - BUCHEN Katherine	USA - AUS	35.71

Women Pairs after Q6

1	LEVI Hila - ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	60.35
2	CHEN Wenmin - LIU Yunqing	CHN - CHN	58.22
3	EYTHORSDOTTIR Hjordis - MECKSTROTH Sally	USA - USA	57.72
4	LU Yan - LIU Yan	CHN - CHN	57.31
5	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry - KATZ Nancy	USA - USA	57.04
6	WANG Wen Fei - SHEN (I) Qi	CHN - CHN	55.05
7	SHIMAMURA Kyoko - HOWARD Allison	JPN - USA	54.91
8	JACKSON Joan - SUTHERLIN Peggy	USA - USA	54.18
9	ROSENBERG Debbie - GUPTA Vinita	USA - USA	54.17
10	KABBAJ Leila - HACHIMI Hayet	MAR - MAR	54.01
11	PAIN Leda - ORTEGA Luz Carolina	BRA - USA	53.67
12	GATES Georgiana - HESSEL Ellen	USA - USA	53.32
13	HUANG Yan - WANG Nan	CHN - CHN	53.07
14	VON ARNIM Daniela - JOEL Geeske	GER - USA	52.93
15	SMART Diana - McLEISH Paula	AUS - AUS	52.71
16	SULTAN Perla - GREEN Linda	VEN - USA	52.51
17	ROSENBERG Miriam - SALINAS Adriana	MEX - MEX	52.18
18	PONTIFEX Marlene - PEARLMAN Shirley	CAN - CAN	51.78
19	DEKKERS Laura - BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	51.37
20	LOURIE Ora - FRIEDMAN Sandy	USA - USA	51.31
21	MADSEN Christina Lund - LAMP0RT Anne	DEN - AUS	51.29
22	SOKOLOV Tobi - HARTMAN Claudette	USA - USA	50.49
23	ST CLAIR Anna - FRAZER Kim	AUS - AUS	50.33
24	HOWARD Pat - JOSA Denise	TRI - TRI	50.19
25	WEINGER Lindsey - ONSGARD Kristen	USA - USA	50.16
26	NILSEN Louise - LINDAHL Solbritt	NOR - NOR	50.05
27	SULGROVE Kathy - GRIFFEY Candace	USA - USA	49.85
28	HEINRICHS Gerda - WENNING Karin	GER - GER	49.75
29	BART Gloria - MARSH Martha	USA - USA	49.25
30	ROSSLEE Diana - STAMM Denise	RSA - CAN	49.18
31	ONEILL Molly - WEINGOLD Joanne	USA - USA	49.04
32	BALKIN Diana - DRIVER Kathleen	RSA - RSA	48.83
33	CAPPELLETTI Shannon - NITABACH Lynda	USA - USA	48.49
34	JANSMA Aida - BERKOWITZ Dana	NED - USA	48.28
35	DOWNS Betsy - SHAFER Leigh Anne	USA - CAN	47.64
36	BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	47.60
37	BLANK Sondra - BALES Toni	CAN - USA	47.29
38	NISHIDA Natsuko - SATO Makiko	JPN - JPN	47.22
39	MALCOLM Marti - EAKES Linda	USA - USA	47.22
40	BLOOM Valerie - NESTORIDIS Anastasia	RSA - RSA	47.18
41	WILKINSON Jenny - McVEIGH Tina	NZL - NZL	46.91
42	AGHA Rubina - RAZA Fatima	PAK - PAK	46.22
43	ARNOLDS Carla - KOLEN Sandra	NED - NED	46.11
44	BERKOWITZ Lisa - STRUL Sally	USA - USA	45.01
45	HENNINGS Margot - STRINGER Shawn	USA - USA	44.65
46	DOBRESCU Raluca Elena - FEDAK Marilyn	ROM - USA	44.60
47	FLETCHER Deborah - THOMPSON Jacqueline	TRI - TRI	44.41
48	HARRELL Emily - HAWKINS Brenda	USA - USA	43.41
49	TESSARO Tina - LEDFORD Jody	USA - USA	41.46
50	BRENNER Mirta Judith - DE FUNGUEIRO A. B.	ARG - ARG	40.20
51	CINTRA Lia - RAMOS Aurea	BRA - BRA	39.55