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LOTS OF ACTION AS TEAMS FINALISTS DETERMINED



Our beautiful and smiling ladies from the reception desk, Jan Martel, Vicky Chediak, Johanna Kowalczyk, Branca Grguric, Gildana Caputo, Silvia Valentini and Fernanda Joanitti are there for you every day from 9 a.m.

The six finalists for the Open, Women's and Senior teams were determined on Friday with no shortage of drama.

The championship matches, starting today, feature Zimmermann versus Lavazza in the Open Teams, Baker versus Smith in the Women's and Milner versus China Evertrust in the Seniors.

In the Open Teams (Rosenblum Cup), the Pierre Zimmermann team was behind 105-82 with one set to play but outscored the Warren Spector squad 39-12 over the final 14 boards to win 121-117. They will face the powerful Lavazza squad, 149-91 winners over the Alexander Allfrey team.

In the Women's Teams (McConnell Cup), Lynn Baker and company led all the way against the Irene Baroni team, winning 189-130. Baker will play against the Nicola Smith team for the championship. Smith trailed by 28 after three sets and was down 2 IMPs with a set to play but won the final set 21-17 to advance.

The Senior Teams (Rand Cup) final will feature the Reese Milner team against China Evertrust, who shrugged off an early deficit to charge into the final with a 174-140 victory over a team featuring two of the game's biggest stars – Bob Hamman and David Berkowitz. Milner, down by 15 IMPs with a set to go, outscored the Neil Silverman squad 57-7 over the final 14 deals to win handily.

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Programme on Saturday 29th:

Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand

10.00 - 12.20
13.30 - 15.50
16.10 - 18.30

Joan Gerard Cup

10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)
13.20 - 15.40 (16 boards)
16.10 - 18.40 (16 boards)

Open Pairs A

10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)
13.20 - 15.40 (16 boards)
16.10 - 19.40 (22 boards)

Women Pairs A

10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)
13.20 - 15.40 (16 boards)
16.10 - 19.00 (18 boards)

Seniors Pairs A

10.00 - 12.10 (15 boards)
13.20 - 15.30 (15 boards)
16.10 - 19.20 (21 boards)

Before you leave for your lunch break, please make sure that times have not changed



JANNERSTEN FÖRLAG
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BBO SCHEDULE10:00, 13:30, 16:10

Finals of the Teams events

Zimmermann - Lavazza

Smith - Baker

China Evertrust - Milner

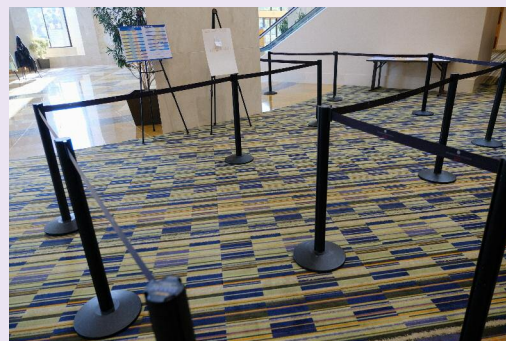
10:00; 13:20, 16:10

6 tables from the Open Pairs

**IBPA**Annual
General
MeetingMonday
October 1st9am
Meeting room is
next to bulletin
office.**Payment for Mixed Teams**

If you want to play in the Mixed Teams event, please register (possible online) and pay as soon as possible. This helps you and others avoid long queues at the registration desk!

(And the ladies you see in on the front page will be grateful if you don't all go there at the same time)



The line in front of the registration desk is still empty, it won't stay like that!

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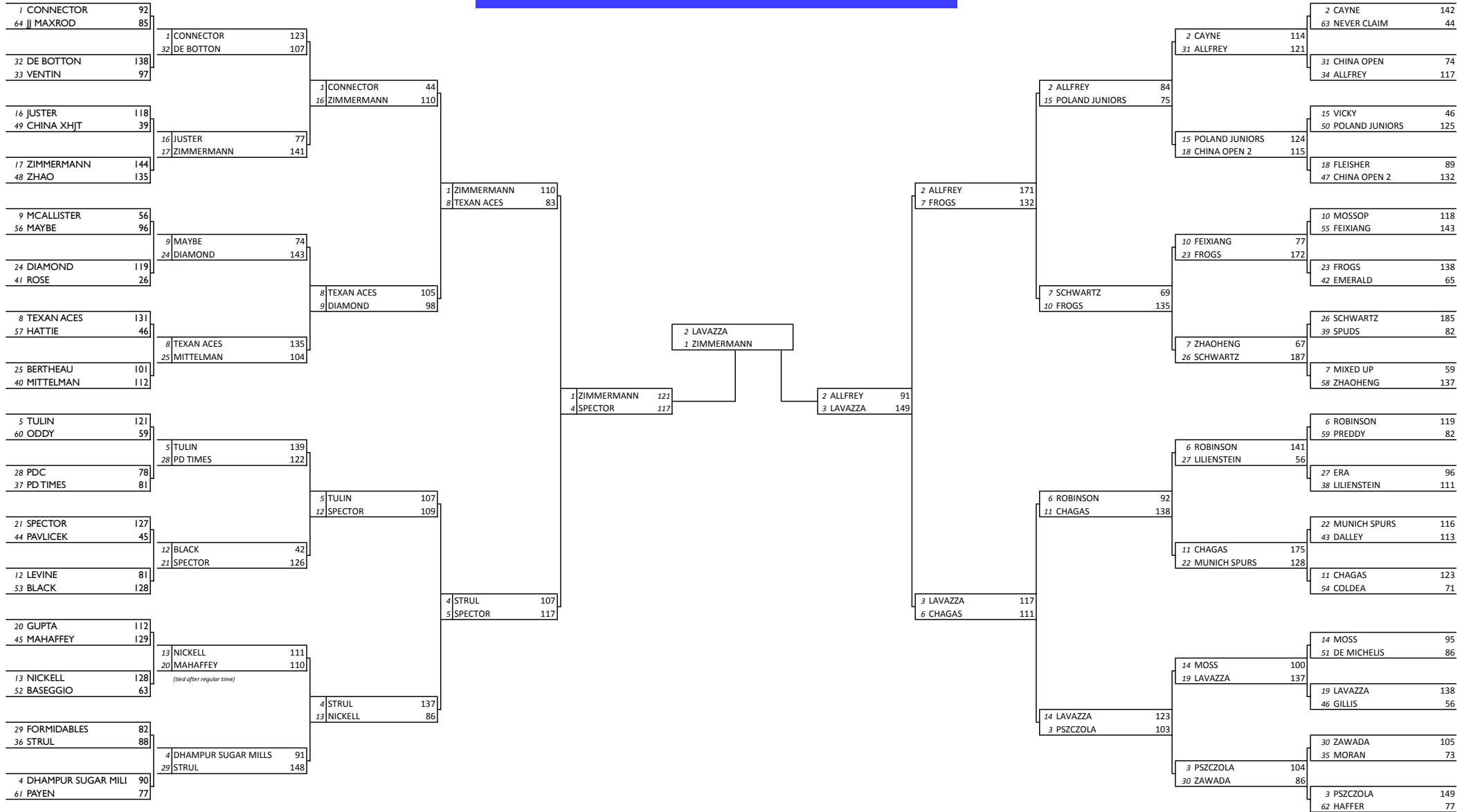
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for Infos, News, Results and Rankings



The medalists of the overall ranking of the Youth Triathlon: Cheng DENG (bronze), Zhijie YUAN (gold), Haochen LIU (silver), with WBF President Gianarrigo Rona



Rosenblum



Rand Cup

1	WOLFSON	161		1	WOLFSON	74		1	WOLFSON	141		1	CHINA EVERTRUST	
16	TORNAY	49			8	LEWIS			72	4			CHINA EVERTRUST	174
8	LEWIS	122										2	MILNER	
9	MARKOWICZ	43											4	CHINA EVERTRUST
5	VYTAS	193												
12	CAPPELLI	109												
4	USARUSSELL	95												
13	CHINA EVERTRUST	128												
3	MILNER	140												
14	PREMO	62												
6	MARILL	124												
11	GRIZZLY KOALAS	109												
7	SILVERMAN	120												
10	CHILE SENIORS	53												
2	YBS	133												
15	SIMSON	73												

McConnell

1	POLAND	173		1	SMITH	204			
8	SMITH	181		4	APEROL	202			
4	APEROL	198					1	SMITH	
5	KODA	175					2	BAKER	
3	BAKER	168		2	BARONI	130			
6	QUINN	48		3	BAKER	189			
2	WESTHEIMER	159							
7	BARONI	172							

Back Room Business

Ron Tacchi

Producing a bulletin is no mean feat – for those onsite it can mean 12+ hour days. One needs to be there well before play starts and obviously one cannot go home until the bulletin has been put to bed, nearly always at least an hour or two after play finishes. It is no wonder then that an occasional minor proof-reading error occurs. But hopefully you have noticed that in general this does not happen with the hand diagrams. Why is this? I hear you ask. The answer is that the deals are taken from the source and put into a database which can be interrogated to provide the hand(s) required. I shall now chronicle the convoluted process which unfurls as the deals are captured.

It all started in a championship far, far away, at the beginning of the century. I had the idea that it should be possible to take the 'dup' files – these are the files which are used by the Duplimate machines to deal the cards into the boards – and load them into a database. So early one morning (just as the sun was rising) I wrote a quick and dirty Visual Basic program to load up the hands into an Access database and then another to allow other members of the bulletin team to extract and paste the deals into their documents.

The main problem with the program was that it was immediately successful. This precluded changing it as everyone was adept at using it. This means that because the original program has little or no error checking or robustness it cannot simply be passed to another to load in the deals, so I am stuck with the responsibility of providing this service. It serves one other important function in that the deals are always in the correct format – the right tabs, the right spacing and the right suit symbols: this is a godsend to the layout editor.

If one is onsite then there is the possibility of acquiring directly the 'dup' files, for many technical reasons this is not always possible and the person or persons capable of providing this service are frequently very busy at the appropriate time. How can I overcome this problem, especially as for these championships I am working

remotely in the middle of the French countryside? The answer is two knights in shining armour who came galloping to my rescue. The first is well-known – BBO, as from these championships there is a transmission from every session. This transmission is stored by BBO in something called a 'lin' file and they can be accessed from within the BBO website going back years – a tremendous archive for all those interested in past derring-do. The second is Richard Spalding, of whom some of you may not have heard. He is the person responsible for the program 'Bridge Composer'. This program has a multiplicity of functions – go to the website www.bridgecomposer.com, I strongly recommend it, to find out the myriad of useful things this software can perform. For the purposes of the hand production it has a unique ability for me – it can take a 'lin' file and export it into a 'dup' file.

This is the start of a long and tiresome process. The 'lin' files contain the hands twice as it has both tables' data within it. This requires another little Q&D program to extract only every other deal from the 'dup' file. Having done this, I need to concatenate two sessions' files together as the actual boards into which they are dealt are numbered (at this stage of the competition) 1-28.

Those of you who are as ancient as I am will recognise that the easiest way to do this is with a DOS Copy command. The minor downside of this is that a character is appended at the end of the file. This has to be removed by using a text editor. At last we now have the pristine 'dup' file that was the original goal of this exercise many paragraphs ago. All this has to be undertaken with extreme care to ensure files are properly named and placed in the correct directories – one small slip can bring the whole edifice tumbling down. I can now take that 'dup' file and put it into my original program, and then forward the updated database to Orlando where the assembled crew can now ensure that the deals within the articles are correct. So twice a day I hunker down, avoid all distractions, and update the deals so that the bulletin is error-free.



The first 28 deals of the women's semi-finals

Barry Rigal

With one of the two matches on vugraph and one not, it seemed logical to focus my attention on the encounter that would not be shown on BBO, so that the flowers born to blush unseen would actually not waste their fragrance on the desert air.

I was watching Baker against Baroni and after a strange partscore swing to Baroni (a misexplanation in one room trumping a 1NT opener on a 14-count including a singleton ace in the other), overtrick and undertrick IMPs made it 8-0 to Baroni. Both tables had missed a playable slam (requiring the diamond king not to be in the hand of a 3♠ preempter). How much would you bid with:

♠ 4
♥ K 7 4
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ A J 10 6 5

after partner at unfavorable vulnerability overcalls 3NT over 3♠? Fiona Brown for Baker passed, whereas I would have guessed that many would drive to slam, or at least follow a strongly invitational sequence. Partner had a 14-count with ♠AK9 and slam was still more than playable. They didn't get there in the other room either. Both tables missed slam in the other match as well. Aperol led 10-0 after three deals.

Brown then went low on the next deal with better results (selling out to 2♠ and collecting 200 with at best a delicate partscore on her way). That made it 8-3 to Baroni.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	Huberschwiller	Brown	Bessis
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Huberschwiller had no reason not to lead a spade and declarer won cheaply in hand and guessed to lead a diamond to the nine, which seems sensible enough to me, since North's lead of a three- or four-card long major

suggested diamond length not shortage. In the other room Baroni/Paoluzi had a series of game-forcing shape-relay bids over 1♦, and Baroni's third call of 2NT as East showed the balanced hand with six diamonds. Very unluckily, this put the five-card heart suit on lead to 3NT, and now declarer was forced to play for her best shot to bring diamonds in for no losers, running the jack. Baker led 13-8 now. (In the second semi-final both tables made 3NT from the West seat.)

Brock/Brown then went low for the third time in six deals, selling out to 2♣ when Brock did not overcall 1♠ over 1♣ when vulnerable, facing a passed partner with:

♠ A 10 7 5 4
♥ 9 7
♦ A 7 5
♣ 9 7 6

Her partner had the values for a constructive spade raise opposite – but in the other room they played 2♠ and ran into a series of hostile breaks that meant 2♠ went down 300 while 2♣ was making +150 the other way. 4 more IMPs to Baker, up 17-8.

Both tables allowed 3NT to make when neither South could open a 5-4-1-3 seven-count with ♠KQJ65 vulnerable, and their partner had to lead from a 3-3-4-3 seven-count on a blind auction to 3NT, and foolishly preferred ♥986 to ♠972. (Again, there was no swing in the other match either).

Board 8. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Brock/Brown had the predictable auction to 4♥ after Brock opened the West hand 1♠ (wouldn't we all?). Apparently not. Baroni/Paoluzi got their wires crossed and played 4♠ not 4♥. They were not unlucky to find both the diamond and spade finesses losing, which was enough to defeat 4♥. That, coupled with the 3-3 spade break, held their losses to 2 undertrick IMPs on the deal. After Baker bought low-level contracts at both tables for two further IMPs, their lead had grown to 21-9.

Then Baroni caught another break, and this time the IMPs came their way on the scoresheet.

Board 10. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brock	Huberschwiller	Brown	Bessis
	Pass	1♣(2+)	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

3NT balanced 18-19 four+ clubs

As the spade nine hit the deck I was waiting for Brown to claim...two ruffs and an ace later we were both sadder if not wiser.

In the other room Baroni/Paoluzi had a 2♦ opener to show 18-19. West believed she had shown her exact shape (in the process letting McCallum double a 3♦ call) but East selected 6NT as the final contract. One down but 3 IMPs to Baroni.

You can judge who was luckier in the other match: the pair who played 6♣ by East but made it when the defense led and continued hearts, or the pair who played 6NT (1♦-3♠-x-P-3NT-P-6NT) on a heart lead. Aperol had the 2 IMPs, though.

Baroni added 6 more IMPs when they played 3NT with 16 facing seven, but a side-suit of two small facing AQJ9x played for 5 tricks (K10 doubleton onside). It was 21-18 to



Tatiana Dikhnova and Nicola Smith

Baker at set end. Meanwhile Aperol picked up the only sizeable swing of the set when Bertheau/Larsson stayed out of slam with 12 top tricks in diamonds or no-trump if declared from the correct side but in 6♦ – which would have been declared the wrong way up – they had a heart suit of king-fourth facing jack third. Alas for them, this time there was AQ doubleton onside. It was 28-11 to Aperol after 15 deals.

For the second stanza I would watch Smith take on Aperol.

A great hand for the multi 2♦ opener saw Aperol gain 7 IMPs on the first deal, when in one room a 2♠ opener was passed out, while in the other room the Multi opener, with ♠Q108632 was delighted to hear a 2♠ overcall to her left, and a negative double from her partner. Despite holding the balance of high cards 2♠ doubled struggled to escape for down one while 2♠ in the other room went two down undoubled. Aperol led 35-11. Baroni picked up 9 IMPs in undertricks in somewhat similar fashion, to take the lead 27-21.

Baroni returned the favor on the next deal when at unfavorable vulnerability she opened 1♠ with:

♠ K Q 10 8 6 2
♥ A
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ K

and heard a Michaels 2♠ to her left raised to 4♥ on her right. An insouciant 4♠ call cost 800 and 8 IMPs when dummy put down a 3-3-3-4 one-count. Even though trumps split 2-2, the defenders could arrange a trump promotion on the fourth round of diamonds with ♠J.

A curious parallel followed on the next deal, when Aperol conceded 800 against a non-vulnerable game after preempting twice with the same cards (this time a player with KQJ-eighth bid on their own to the five level). Their opponents could make slam but none of the four tables came particularly closer to getting there.

Smith closed the gap even further on the next deal:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gulevich	Wiseman	Dikhnova
		1♥	Pass
1♠	3♦	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Leslie	Gromova	Remen
Pass	2♦	1♥	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Smith played 3♠ on a heart lead. She won and tried the club king, and the defenders won and led three rounds of diamonds, letting declarer pitch her heart but allowing the defenders to score the king and queen of spades separately for down one.

Ponomareva's decision as West to pass the opening call surprises me at this vulnerability. Yes, after a spade lead (or heart lead and spade shift) 3NT was no bed of roses, but the diamond finesse came in, and Smith had a further 11 IMPs to 38-30. Meanwhile Baker bought the hand at both tables in partscore to pick up 2 IMPs and go in front 29-28.

Two of the four tables had problems with the next deal:

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



Ponomareva/Gromova actually looked for a grand slam here before subsiding in 6♥, while a 14-16 no-trump by Baroni let Paoluzzi relay and use keycard before also making one grand slam try. On a really bad day 6♥ might struggle against a bad club break, but today with 3-3 clubs and 3-2 hearts life was very easy.

The two tables that failed saw Sanborn-Levitina bid 1♦-2♣-2♥-3♥-4♥. Is the West hand worth more over 3♥ if the rebid has suggested 12-14 and only four diamonds – or would that show 18+? If East's 3♥ rebid shows extras, you could certainly argue that West should not shut up shop.

It was somewhat harder for Smith/Wiseman; after 1♣-1♥-2♥-2♠-4♥ the opening bidder showed a balanced 12-14 and 2♠ was a relay promising precisely four trumps. Now Smith really didn't have a convenient alternative to jumping to game but Wiseman still gave it some thought before letting it go. That meant 13 IMPs to Baroni and Aperol.

After picking up 2 IMPs in overtricks, Smith hit back:



Victoria Gromova

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 6 3 2
♥ 5 4 2
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ 9 3

♠ A J 9 5
♥ J 10 3
♦ 8 5
♣ A J 8 7



♠ 10 7
♥ A K
♦ A K 9 6 4
♣ 10 5 4 2

♠ K 8 4
♥ Q 9 8 7 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 6

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gulevich	Wiseman	Dikhnova
2♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Leslie	Gromova	Remen
2♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
	All Pass		

At one table East opened 1NT, South led a heart, and declarer had no legitimate play for her game.

Well, at the other two tables East bid confidently to 3NT after South had overcalled in hearts, and now South drew the legitimate inference that East was short in spades with two heart guards; up to a point, Lord Copper...

Dikhnova led the spade eight, her systemic card from a three-card suit. Sitting behind Wiseman, I wondered if she might reject the finesse to go up with the ace and go after diamonds. This would make the contract legitimately against 3-3 diamonds with a little luck in clubs, even if both spade honors were offside. However, Wiseman played low from dummy at trick one, hoping South might be 3-5-3-2 with one spade honor and at least one club honour.

The cards do not appear to co-operate with this approach, but when Gulevich ducked at trick one rather than put up the queen, declarer had a trick and a tempo. (Was North playing East to have erred, holding ♠Kx, or to have begun with a singleton ♠K – unlikely on this auction if she only had two hearts?)

Wiseman ducked a diamond, won the heart return, and played off the diamond ace-king. What she would have done in clubs if South had discarded a spade, I do not know. But South discarded a club and declarer could now set up clubs with no possibility of a misguess. Aperol led 49-43 now.

In the other match Baker led a heart rather than a spade, against a very similar auction to Wiseman/Smith's; well done. Meanwhile Bessis found herself in precisely the same position as Dikhnova, and bravely put the ♠K on the table – as did her son in a cognate position in the Rosenblum.

Levitina won this and played back a spade; the defense was not yet dead; but Huberschwiller hopped up with the queen to play the ♦Q. Levitina won this and played the ♣10 covered all round, then led a second diamond to bring the suit in for one loser. She had 10 tricks now, and the match score was 44-43 for Baroni.

Two deals later three tables out of four attempted slam off an ace and a finesse for the heart king. With the finesse losing, Gromova had 13 IMPs for her discretion.

On our next exhibit, three tables out of four played 3NT with an ace to knock out and a diamond stopper of the singleton queen facing the doubleton king – not necessarily a recipe for success. Huberschwiller, McCallum and Gulevich were on lead to 3NT having preempted in diamonds over a strong no-trump, holding:

♠ 9 8 7 3
♥ 5
♦ J 10 9 7 6 5 4
♣ 4

Huberschwiller and McCallum (who had heard their LHO bid 3NT over 3♦) had some justification for leading a spade rather than a diamond. It is less clear to me that Gulevich, who had heard her LHO double for takeout, could hope that a spade lead would be the killer. It wasn't, since this was the full story.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 7 3
♥ 5
♦ J 10 9 7 6 5 4
♣ 4

♠ A K 2
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ K 8
♣ 10 5 3 2

♠ J 6 5
♥ K 10 9 6 4
♦ A 3 2
♣ A J

♠ Q 10 4
♥ J 3 2
♦ Q
♣ K Q 9 8 7 6

You could argue that some of those leads were unlucky; what was certainly unlucky was that Ponomareva did not generate a swing for her team when she reached 5♣ rather than 3NT here following North's preempt over a strong club (well done). After a heart lead she correctly went after trumps at once. Had she played a diamond up at trick two South could have won and given her partner the heart ruff to set the game.

The next board featured a marginal grand slam for North/South, flat at all tables bar one in 6♠. At the fourth table Gulevich/Dikhnova had a relay auction starting 1♠-2♣-2♥-2NT-3♥-3♠. The 3♥ call one side of the table showed six or more spades with the 3♠ call setting hearts as trump. The other side of the screen 3♠ was intended to set spades, and as a result when responder bid 6♥ as a grand slam try it became the final contract. The 4-2 fit played somewhat less well than the 7-2 fit, and Smith had 15 IMPs as a consequence.

If that was somewhat fortunate for Smith, you could argue that Baker trumped that on the next deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 7 5 3
♥ A K 9
♦ 8
♣ A 9 8 5 4

♠ K 10 8 4
♥ 8 7 6
♦ A K J 2
♣ 10 3

♠ 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ 9 7 6 5 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ A Q 9 2
♥ 5 4 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K J 6

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gulevich	Wiseman	Dikhnova
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Leslie	Gromova	Remen
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥(♠)	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Smith led a top diamond and shifted to hearts on the sight of partner's nine. Dikhnova made the normal play when she won the heart to take the spade finesse. Back came a second heart, and when trumps did not break declarer had no way home.

In the other room Remen picked up from the tempo at the table that trumps were not breaking. She also received a diamond lead and heart shift, and led a spade to the ace and a spade back to the jack. Now she had saved a tempo and could take the club finesse then set up clubs to provide a discard for the third heart. Those 12 IMPs gave Smith the lead 72-62.

That wasn't the only game that could be brought home. Baker opened the South cards 1♣, and when Bessis doubled McCallum jumped to 2♦ to show a club raise. Baker wasn't in on the story; she raised to 3♦ and McCallum converted to 3NT. Paoluzi had been dealt the world's most obvious heart lead, and McCallum could win and run the clubs then set up spades for 630 and 12 IMPs. Baker broke in front 64-46.

<https://tinyurl.com/y7sc8cfp>

<https://tinyurl.com/lyc2xy82z>

Hool – a teaching tool for kids

In an attempt to attract kids with a boardgame, Indian Amaresh Deshpande has developed Hool, demonstrations of which are given at the venue.

For our off-site readers, let's give a brief explanation.

Hool is played with a normal deck of cards and four sets of bidding cards, one for each player. The bidding cards can be placed in a wooden holder, since they should be on view throughout the game. In the first phase, just as in bridge, the contract is established. But this is done in a special way. Starting with the dealer, every player reveals something of his hand to the other players. He has three choices: he can show his high-card point total, or his distribution (just four numbers from top to bottom); or he can show the number of cards in any one suit. Every player does this in turn, twice. Then all four players decide, separately, what contract they would like to play. The four "bids" are revealed simultaneously and the highest contract (normal bridge rules) wins. Now the opponents get one opportunity (each separately) to decide whether they want to go even higher, or if they want to double. The declarer even gets the chance to redouble.

After the bidding, the play goes on like normal bridge, although the bidding cards remain visible throughout, and even the played cards are left open on

the table (no memory required yet). A simplified scoring table completes the set.

The author has a second version, which does not require wooden blocks and bidding cards. Instead, every player writes his announcements on an erasable central board.

A third version is available as an app.

Like other forms of mini-bridge, the simplified rules provide a great entry into the game of bridge, putting lots of emphasis on deduction and information exchange. It is hoped that the attractive paraphernalia induce an extra temptation to get kids interested in the game.

A teacher is needed to guide kids from easier versions of the game to the most difficult, final one, but the kids can play the game without supervision, and even at home, via the app.

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Amaresh (with the green T-Shirt) during one of his presentations. The game is not only interesting for Kids but for all ages (and Bridge levels!)

Rosenblum QF - S2

FROGS v ALLFREY

Brian Senior

The English team ALLFREY took a modest lead of 29-20 IMPs into the second quarter of their Rosenblum quarter-final match against the multi-national team FROGS. When regular partners meet in opposition across the table there can often be fireworks and I could not resist the sight of Tony Forrester (FROGS) versus Andrew Robson (ALLFREY), the anchor pair of the England Open team in opposition across the table.

The set started with a bang, though there was no actual swing on the first deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A K J 9 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ Q J 5

♣ 8 2

♠ Q 10 8 6 3 2

♥ J 10 7

♦ 9 7

♣ K 7

N

W

E

S

♠ —

♥ Q 8 6 2

♦ 9 6 4 3

♣ A J 9 5 3

West

Lorenzini

Jones

2♠

All Pass

North

Allfrey

Volcker

Pass

East

Forrester

Paske

Pass

South

Robson

Bessis

Pass

Dble

Both Wests opened a perfectly normal weak two bid and when that came back to South he doubled, having a pretty good idea what would happen. Sure enough, the respective Norths were delighted to pass out the double.

Alexander Allfrey led ace and another heart, Cedric Lorenzini rising with dummy's king and playing a club. Robson rose with the ace and cashed the queen of hearts, Allfrey pitching his remaining club. Robson duly gave him the club ruff and Allfrey got out with the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace. Lorenzini played a trump, discovering the horrific split. Allfrey won cheaply and again got out with a diamond. This time Lorenzini won the king, ruffed a diamond and played a spade. Allfrey could win three of those but had to concede a trick to declarer at the end; down three for -500.

Frederic Volcker cashed a top spade before switching to ace and another heart. Ed Jones won the ♥K and played a club. Thomas Bessis won the ace and cashed the ♥Q, so Volcker too got rid of his club loser. Volcker received his club ruff and got off play with a diamond. Jones played three rounds of those, ruffing, then played a spade, and the ending

was as in the other room with the same outcome; down three for -500 and no swing.

ALLFREY picked up a single IMP for an overtrick on Board 16 to lead by 30-20, then something rather more substantial on the next deal.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A J

♥ A J 8 7 4

♦ A 10 7

♣ Q J 5

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2

♥ K 6 5

♦ 2

♣ 10 2

N

W

E

S

♠ 10 8

♥ 9

♦ K Q J 9 8 5 4 3

♣ 9 6

West

Lorenzini

Pass

All Pass

North

Allfrey

1♥

5♦

East

Forrester

4♦

Pass

South

Robson

4NT

6♥

West

Jones

All Pass

North

Volcker

1♥

East

Paske

4♦

South

Bessis

4♥



Tony Forrester

Both Easts made the pre-emptive 4♦ overcall despite the adverse vulnerability. Caught with a hand that was a bit too good for a simple 4♥ but not obviously good enough for anything else, Bessis took the low road while Robson went high, asking for key cards.

In game, Volcker won the diamond lead and played ace and another trump, holding himself to 12 tricks for +480.

Forrester led the nine of clubs against slam. Allfrey could see that if anyone was short in clubs it was the opening leader, so it should be safe to take the trump finesse. He therefore won the club in dummy and ran the queen of hearts and, when that held, repeated the finesse, so soon had all 13 tricks for +1010 and 11 IMPs to ALLFREY; 41-20.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

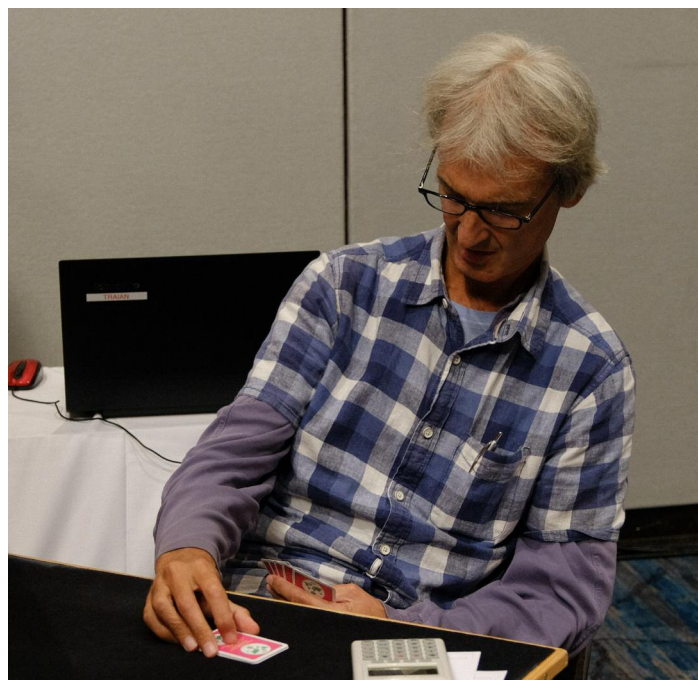
	♠ Q 2	
	♥ 2	
	♦ A Q J 10 9 7 5	
	♣ 7 5 2	
♠ 10 8 7 4 3	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ A J 6 5
♥ 7 4		♥ A J 10 9 3
♦ K 8		♦ 6 3
♣ Q 10 4 3		♣ K 6
	♠ K 9	
	♥ K Q 8 6 5	
	♦ 4 2	
	♣ A J 9 8	

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
1♠	2♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♦	2♠	Dble
All Pass		3♠	3NT

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
1♠	3♦	1♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass	3♠	3NT

Allfrey made a simple overcall on the North cards so Forrester could support spades at his ideal level and Robson, who had as much as anyone at the table, could double to show values then try 3NT at his next turn, having suggested some doubt by the two-step route taken to get there. Lorenzini led a spade against 3NT, Forrester putting in the jack. Robson won the king and took the diamond finesse, crossed to the ace of clubs and led his remaining diamond, claiming nine tricks when the king appeared; +600.

Volcker overcalled 3♦ at the other table, which I have to say looks nearer the mark to me, but it didn't work out so well for his side. That forced Tom Paske to support spades at a level higher than had Forrester, and Bessis took a stab at 3NT, knowing that his partner must have a powerful suit to bid 3♦ at this vulnerability. But now Jones could see that his diamond holding was awful for defensive prospects and



Andrew Robson

went on to 4♠, more as a save against 3NT than with serious prospects of making it. Nobody doubled, which was a bonus. Jones won the heart lead with dummy's ace and played ace and another spade. Bessis won the king and the defence took two diamonds followed by a club and a heart; down two but only -100 so another 11 IMPs to ALLFREY, increasing the lead to 52-20.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	1♥

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

Volcker opened the North hand with INT and played there. Paske led the two of hearts to the ten and ace, and

Allfrey had overlooked the fact that West was a passed hand and had already turned up with 11 HCP, so could not have the ♠K.

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

W N E S

♠ 9 8 7 5 3

♥ 9 8

♦ 8 4 3

♣ | 10 9

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lorenzini opened a strong no trump and Forrester used Stayman then made a heart slam try, going on past game when Lorenzini was able to cuebid 4♦. Lorenzini now took control and bid the small slam when Forrester showed two

Just when it seemed that the momentum had turned in favour of FROGS, it flipped once again.

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

♠ 10 7
 ♥ A Q 4 3
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ Q 8 5 4 3

♠ Q 5 3 2
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ A 7 6

♠ J 9
 ♥ K J 8
 ♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2
 ♣ K 2

N
 W E
 S

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Robson</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Robson also opened in third seat, but he had the option of opening 2♣, either strong and artificial or a weak two in diamonds. Allfrey responded 2♦, to play facing the weak variety, and that ended the auction. Forrester too led a heart, Lorenzini winning the queen and switching to the ten of spades. Allfrey won the ace and played the jack of diamonds. Lorenzini won that and cashed the ace of hearts before playing a second spade through. That took out the last entry to declarer's hand so Allfrey had no choice but to play a club after winning the ♠K. Forrester played low on the club but Allfrey got it right, putting up the king. Now he played the queen of diamonds and was happy to find

that the nine of diamonds was where he needed it to be so that there was no trump promotion. He had eight tricks for +90 and 7 IMPs to ALLFREY, who led by 59-38.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
		1♦	1♥
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
		1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both Souths overcalled 1♥ and both Wests doubled to show spades. Allfrey now raised hearts while Volcker did not. That 2♥ raise took important bidding space away from E/W, who could no longer have their ideal invitational auction. They stopped in 2NT, against which Robson led the nine of hearts, treating his holding as a kind of interior sequence to surround a possible ten in the dummy. Forrester put up dummy's ten but, of course, there was no cover, and he won the ace and led a club to the jack then a second club back towards the ten, ducking when the nine appeared on his right. Robson overtook with the king to lead a second heart to declarer's king and now Forrester led the two of clubs to the queen and ace then exited with dummy's last heart. This was a cost nothing play to see if anything good happened and something did. Robson won and cashed the hearts and Allfrey threw the queen of diamonds and a spade. When Robson now got out with a diamond to the ten and ace, Forrester cashed the ten of clubs and Allfrey erred by pitching another diamond. Forrester had two diamonds to cash plus the ace of spades, so nine tricks in all for +150.

Where there was no heart raise, Paske rebid 2♣ over his partner's double and Jones raised to 3♣. Looking at 14 HCP, Paske accepted the invitation and bid 3NT, against which Bessis tried the surprise attack of the king of spades, knowing declarer to be short in the suit. Paske won the ♠A and led a spade straight back, Volcker winning the queen and playing a heart. Paske won that and led a low club to

the jack then a second club back to the ten and queen. Bessis cleared the hearts but it was too late as Paske had 10 tricks established; +630 and 10 IMPs to ALLFREY; 69-38.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
			Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
			Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Both Wests opened 2NT, both Easts asked about majors, and both Wests showed the spades. Now Forrester raised quietly to game while Paske made a slam try and Jones took control, checking on key cards then bidding the small slam.

Slam was basically on the heart finesse. Both declarers won the lead of the queen of clubs, drew trumps then ran the queen of hearts. It lost and the diamond was cashed; +650 for Lorenzini but -100 for Jones, and 13 IMPs to FROGS, who closed to 51-69.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
INT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both Wests opened INT and both Easts used Puppet Stayman. When opener denied a five-card major, both Easts settled for 3NT.

Looking at such a weak hand, Volcker saw no future in leading his long diamond suit and instead tried the eight of spades. That was covered by the ten, jack and king, and Jones led a club to the king and ace. Bessis tried a low heart but Jones could win that with the eight, cross to dummy with a top club and lead the jack of hearts to the king and ace. When he now cashed out the black winners, Bessis was squeezed in the red suits to concede the twelfth trick; +490.

At the other table, Allfrey did lead a diamond. Robson won the ace and continued the suit to declarer's king. Lorenzini needed club tricks but, when he played a club at trick two, Robson had a diamond left and Allfrey cashed five of those for down three and -150; 12 IMPs to ALLFREY, who led by 81-51.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Allfrey, a man after my own heart, opened 4♠ and Robson just blasted 6♠, figuring that if they survived the opening lead there surely had to be 12 tricks to be had. Allfrey won the club lead and cashed a top spade. When the jack

appeared he continued with the king, threw a heart on the ace of diamonds then rattled off the trumps. Eventually, a club to the king squeezed West between the red suits and Allfrey had his overtrick without having to take any risks; +1010.

Volcker opened at the one level. I don't know why it was right for him to bid hearts twice, but presumably one or other of those bids was not natural. Bessis eventually took control, asking about key cards then the ♠Q. When the response to that query said 'Yes, and I also have the ♥K', Bessis went into a very long huddle – over 10 minutes – before settling for the small slam. Paske too led a club and play followed essentially the same lines as at Allfrey's table, Volcker also coming to 13 tricks for +1010 and a flat board.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Dble	1♠
All Pass		3♦	3♠

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
Dble	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

Robson opened a short club and Lorenzini overcalled 1♦. Allfrey's 1♥ was a transfer to spades and Forrester doubled, presumably to show heart values. Robson admitted to some spade support but no great hand, and Allfrey cuebid in search of game and Forrester now showed his diamond fit. Robson bid 3♠ now and Allfrey thought for some time before deciding not to go on to game – a big decision with a four-four spade fit and facing an opening hand when he had such good controls. Lorenzini led the ace of diamonds and Forrester played the nine, suit preference. Lorenzini, wanting to attack declarer's trump position, continued with a low diamond, but that hurt Robson not at all. He discarded dummy's heart loser, won the ten of diamonds in hand, and crossed to dummy with a heart to lead a spade to the queen. that lost to the

king and Lorenzini returned the king of diamonds, forcing dummy to ruff. Robson played a club to his jack, cashed the ace of spades, then played king and another club. Lorenzini could ruff but then had no effective defence and Robson was home with 10 tricks for +170.

Jones preferred to double the 1♣ opening with the West hand, after which his opponents bid quickly and simply to the spade game. Played by North, the normal lead was the queen of hearts, Volcker winning the ace and taking the spade finesse. The ♠Q lost to the king and Jones cashed the king of diamonds, discovering that his partner held an odd number of cards in the suit, then switched to hearts. Volcker won the king and led a club to the jack then cashed the ace of spades. Seeing the four-one split, he switched his attention back to clubs, but Jones could ruff the third round and lead a heart to his partner for the setting trick; down one for -100 and 7 IMPs to ALLFREY, up by 88-51.

Four Spades can be made even on the heart lead, though the line is a little double dummy. Declarer must win the heart, lead a club to the jack, then play ace and a low spade towards the jack. West is powerless.

Board 27. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Allfrey	Forrester	Robson
1♦	1♥	Dble	1♣
3♥	4♠	All Pass	2♠

West	North	East	South
Jones	Volcker	Paske	Bessis
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Bessis opened the South hand with 1♦ then made a simple raise of the 1♠ response. Volcker made a mildly aggressive game try but, hearing that Bessis had values in diamonds opposite his shortage, then settled for partscore. Paske led the queen of hearts. Not giving the matter too much thought, at least by the standards of what had at times been quite a slowly played set, Volcker won the lead and led a spade to the king then a second spade to the ace and when the queen appeared just claimed nine tricks for +140.



Cédric Lorenzini

Robson opened 1♣ and that left room for Lorenzini to overcall 1♦. Allfrey's 1♠ showed spades and Robson's raise over the double showed four-card support. With his opponents showing a heart fit, Allfrey took a shot at 4♠. Lorenzini led the four of hearts against 4♠. Robson ducked, won the heart continuation and played ace of diamonds then ruffed a diamond, ruffed dummy's last heart, and continued with the queen of diamonds to king and ruff. Only now did he play two rounds of trumps, ending in hand. He cashed the jack of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy, and exited with a club. The club blockage meant that the defence could take only two clubs tricks, then Lorenzini had to give a ruff and discard to give the contract for a very nice +420 and another 7 IMPs to ALLFREY. They led by 95-51.

The cards lay kindly for declarer, and the defence was powerless unless West started by cashing the two club tricks or East won the heart lead and switched to a low club, neither of which was very likely.

ALLFREY picked up 1 IMP on the final deal of the set for +490 against +450 and led by 96-51 at the midpoint in the match. There were 28 boards to go, but ALLFREY were playing in both good form and good luck, and it was going to take a big effort for FROGS to turn the match around.

DISCOUNT

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Rosenblum QF - S3

STRUL v SPECTOR LAVAZZA v CHAGAS

Jos Jacobs

At half-time, STRUL were leading SPECTOR 77-52 and LAVAZZA were 73-46 up against CHAGAS. So the question was: would the two leading teams continue the same way or would the teams in arrears stage a recovery? As you will see, I have once again decided to present a combined report on this session. In my two chosen matches, all sorts of things were happening, often on the same boards but sometimes on different deals as well.

After a routine warming-up game, this was Board 2.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

STRUL v SPECTOR

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kamil	Hurd	Coren
		1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Well judged by Wooldridge; 3♥ was exactly the maximum of the hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Kranyak	El Ahmady	Demuy
		1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

El Ahmady raised to game on his two-suiter, as many of us would have done. When South led the ♠3, North took the queen and returned a low trump. Declarer ran this to dummy's nine successfully but he still had some work to do. Dummy's ♠K was covered by the ace and ruffed in hand. Next, the ♣Q from hand was taken by South's ace and a trump came back to the queen and ace. Declarer then continued the ♦Q which South won with his ace. Unable to play another trump, South exited in spades to dummy's ♠7 and North's ♠8, declarer ruffing again. Time now for the coup de grâce: diamond finesse of the jack

through South, followed by the ♠J and good diamonds through North. When North ruffed, declarer could overruff and ruff a club in dummy to get an entry to the remaining good diamond. Ten tricks, STRUL +420 and 7 IMPs to extend their lead to 32.

LAVAZZA v CHAGAS

In the other match, there also was a swing but a far less spectacular one.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Dble	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After the transfer raise, the Brazilian E/W had no way to find out that game was not really on. Down two, LAVAZZA +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
		1♥	Pass
2♥	Dble	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Duboin, like Wooldridge in the other match, judged well to sign off. One overtrick, LAVAZZA another +170 and 7 IMPs to them as well.

No sign of any recovery yet in either match.



Marcelo Castello Branco

The next board should have been flat in both matches, I think, but, surprisingly enough, we got two big swings.
STRUL v SPECTOR

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kamil	Hurd	Coren
Pass	2♦	Dble	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	Pass

When West led a diamond and East correctly played the nine, declarer had no chance. One down, SPECTOR +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Kranyak	El Ahmady	Demuy
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♣
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

East chose very much the wrong moment to show his nice little two-suiter. Not that 2♦ would have fared any better...Down three, SPECTOR another +800 and 13 IMPs to them. Would this be the first sign of their recovery?

LAVAZZA v CHAGAS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The same routine 3NT one down as in our other match. CHAGAS +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
Pass	2♦	Dble	INT
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
All Pass			3NT

A clear case of tiredness, I assume. Diamond lead to the jack and king, followed by a successful heart finesse, gave declarer three heart tricks and four spade tricks. When declarer led a club after cashing the major suit winners, West played low rather than jumping in with his ace, so the contract suddenly was home...CHAGAS +400 and 10 IMPs to them.

Board 7 was remarkable. At one of our 8 QF tables, they sacrificed in 6♥ down two. At all other tables but one, E/W played in 6♦, usually doubled. No declarer made fewer than 12 tricks.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Here are the auctions in our two matches.
STRUL v SPECTOR

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kamil	Hurd	Coren
Pass	4♥	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		5♥

Lead: ♥6. Result: SPECTOR +1370.



Diego Brenner

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Kranyak	El Ahmady	Demuy
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

Lead: ♥9. Result: STRUL +950 and 9 IMPs to SPECTOR.
LAVAZZA v CHAGAS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
Pass	4♥	5♦	5♥
6♦	All Pass		

Lead: ♥6. Result: CHAGAS +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
Pass	4♥	5♦	5♥
6♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Lead: ♥7. Result LAVAZZA +1540 and 5 IMPs to them.
Halfway through the session, SPECTOR had reduced their deficit to just 3 IMPs but CHAGAS still were down by 30.
The second half of the 3rd set was mostly quiet in the STRUL v SPECTOR match, until the last board arrived. In the LAVAZZA v CHAGAS match, however, we saw a flurry of swings.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
3♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When South passed partner's pre-empt, E/W had an easy road to their vulnerable game contract. On the ♦Q lead, declarer could win dummy's king, draw trumps, throw a

club on the ♦A, ruff the last diamond and exit in clubs to avoid the heart guess. CHAGAS +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
	3♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Castello Branco raised his partner's pre-empt to game, which shut out everyone. Down three at 50 per undertrick. CHAGAS 11 IMPs.

Next:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
3♠	4♠	Pass	1♠
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass



Marcos Thoma

This time the sacrifice was a little expensive. Down three, CHAGAS +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
		Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When the Brazilians did not go beyond 3♠, they lost only -650 but gained 4 more IMPs in the process.

And next:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
			1♣
1♥	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Apart from North's 2♣ transfer to diamonds, the N/S auction was natural and led to a reasonable contract. On West's ♠9 lead, however, declarer had a problem. The heart finesse looked marked, but so did the 5-2 distribution of the suit. In that case, the third top heart could not be cashed so the only remaining way to dispose of the spade loser quickly would be the club finesse through East. When this failed, the contract was down two. CHAGAS +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
			1♣
2♦	2♠	3♦	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

In the replay, West showed his major two-suiter and North showed his diamonds by bidding 2♠. South was not

particularly interested, so 5♦ became the final contract. Declarer lost a spade and the ♦A for another +400 and 11 more IMPs to CHAGAS. They had reduced their deficit to 5 IMPs now.

And next:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This looks like a board without history. On a diamond lead, Thoma ended up with 11 tricks for +460 to CHAGAS.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
2♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Duboin was unlucky here after Bilde's direct raise to 5♣. This contract, if played by West, looks as OK as 3NT by West but when North led his singleton heart and got a ruff in the suit, CHAGAS could add another +50 and another 11 IMPs. They had scored 36 IMPs in four consecutive boards, enough to take the lead.

On the last board of the set, finally something sizeable was happening in the STRUL v SPECTOR match again.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kamil	Hurd	Coren
4♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
		6♣	All Pass

What is a running suit? AKQxxxx usually qualifies but we all know that a running suit does not always run. Down two, STRUL +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sadek	Kranyak	El Ahmady	Demuy
3♠	5♦	1♣	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass
6♠	All Pass	6♣	Pass

Once East elected to open at the one-level, the pair had the option of ending up in a spade contract. As East's Pass over 5♦ looked like implying some spade tolerance as well, Sadek had little trouble in correcting 6♣ to 6♠, which made easily on a diamond lead. Declarer could ruff three diamonds and shed a heart on the ♣A. STRUL another +980 and 14 IMPs back to them. At the end of the segment, STRUL were leading by exactly these 14 IMPs: 101-87.

LAVAZZA v CHAGAS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bocchi	Ravenna	Sementa
3♠	5♦	1♣	3♦
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Ravenna clearly had different ideas about this hand than his counterpart El Ahmady. Down three, CHAGAS +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Brenner	Bilde	Castello Branco
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West's 1♥ showed spades and East's 2♥ thus was 4th suit. East then showed his running suit by bidding 4♣ and after that, the club slam was duly reached. One down only but still another +50 and 11 IMPs to CHAGAS who thus led 103-86 with 14 boards to play. It had been a great recovery for them, winning the set 57-13.



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SMITH v APEROL

Ron Tacchi

After four sessions both teams had won two of them but APEROL had the upper hand with 21 more IMPs than SMITH. Team APEROL have two Russian pairs and one French whereas Team SMITH have members from England, Scotland, Norway and Sweden.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

After North's strong no-trump South transferred to hearts and when South showed comparative weakness West interjected a competitive Two Spades. North continued to Three Hearts. East launched the defence with the four of her partner's suit, dummy discarding a diamond and declarer's ace taking the nine. Declarer now cashed the ace and king of clubs before tackling the trumps by leading the queen from hand. West continued with the king of diamonds, ducked by declarer. When West continued with the queen of spades East unblocked her king and dummy ruffed. She now ruffed a club but the contract could no longer be made after she ruffed high. The 4-1 trump split defeated her. The easiest way to make the contract was to play to ruff all the losing spades in dummy, in other words at trick two ruff a spade, come back on a club, and ruff another spade. Then repeat the exercise and return to hand with a diamond to ruff the fifth spade. If East ruffs low then you can overruff and if she ruffs high you discard a diamond. The ♥Q94 in hand opposite the singleton jack will be good enough for the ninth trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

North's Polish club elicited a One Diamond response showing 0-7. This allowed E/W to compete and arrive in Two Spades. In spite of the 5-0 trump split declarer was always in control and, if she had taken an inspired view, she could possibly have made an overtrick.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
		Pass	INT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North's Three Clubs was invitational and as is common in these championships the invitation was accepted. West commenced with the queen of spades on which East unblocked the king and South took her ace. South followed Patrick Jourdain's legendary advice and ran her six-card



Yvonne Wiseman

**Sølvi Remen**

suit. West eventually caved in and mistakenly discarded a spade. Now declarer could play a diamond to the queen, king and ace, but the defence now only had three spade tricks to cash so a vulnerable game slipped through.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
		1♣	2♣
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	2NT
3♥	4♦	All Pass	

Here E/W talked N/S out of the 3NT contract and whilst it should have failed we have seen there is many a slip twixt cup and lip. Four Diamonds was made but 10 IMPs went to SMITH.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

After a competitive auction West found herself in Three Clubs. North managed to find the lead to give away the contract, viz. the ace of hearts. Now declarer crossed to dummy to play a trump towards her hand and was rewarded for her safety play when the ace appeared from South. With the diamonds 3-3 she now had nine tricks after ruffing a heart in hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Neither East nor West found a route into the auction and when West chose a small spade lead and dummy's jack won her task was considerably simpler. Even more so when the queen of hearts from South elicited a cover from West. She finished with an overtrick and 6 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♠
		All Pass	

It might be thought by some that South's hand was not the perfect shape for an opening strong INT and when South heard the Two Hearts transfer bid she may have begun to regret her decision. But all was well, as she could swiftly, but in tempo, pass her partner's choice of game offer. West found the game-busting lead of the jack of diamonds. Declarer now had no chance as she was slated to lose four diamonds and two aces.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3NT	Dble	2NT
2♣	11-15 6+♣ or 5+♣ + 4M	All Pass	

In this room West also found the same lead but it was a far easier choice after East had shown the red suits with

her Double. The same fate awaited declarer, and she was soon two off.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
1♠	1♣	Dble	1♥
All Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦

With no real reason to continue North left her partner in Two Diamonds and South had no problems making two overtricks when she could set up the fifth heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
	2♣*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	11-15 6+♣ or 5+♣ + 4M		



Sylvie Willard



Catherine d'Ovidio

It appears that South had shown 9-11 with 6+ diamonds and North a four-card spade suit. West failed to find the killing lead of the queen of spades, for which I suppose a case can be made. The heart lead immediately gave declarer her ninth trick and 7 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♣ K 9 2 Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
		1♥	Pass
3♦	4♦	6♥	All Pass

A slightly agricultural auction, but after partner's Bergen raise East did not have a double exclusion Blackwood tool available. Sometimes the old-fashioned 'bid what you think you can make' is the best policy and with one of the rounded suit kings inside the contract was a success

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
		1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♣	3♦
4♥	5♦	6♥	All Pass

When West did not directly support East's hearts it was not as easy for East to believe that the slam was a good proposition, especially with the additional interference from the opposition, but after considerable reflection East bid the slam. Another flat board.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willard	Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith
	3♦	Pass	4♦
Dble	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The continued pre-empt by South put pressure on E/W and I cannot see an obvious scientific way for them to reach the minor suit slam. The play presented no problem and declarer came to two overtricks. In fact if you play South for the queen of spades there is always thirteen tricks available.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Remen	Gromova	Leslie	Ponomareva
	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♣	4♦
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♦
Dble	All Pass		

When South did not support her partner's diamonds at the first opportunity it appeared that E/W would have a smoother ride but South came out of hiding after East introduced her club suit. West thought long and hard before emerging with an excellent bid at the six-level. The attention then shifted to South who took nearly as long to decide to sacrifice. Very close to the exciting possibility of a Biltcliffe coup (ask David Bird) as Seven Clubs is laydown if you have to play it. West was content to take the money and produced a red card. There were five top tricks to lose so -1100 was the score, certainly better than 1390.

At the end of a tight set SMITH had won the session 36-17 to leave them only 2 IMPs behind APEROL and set up a thrilling last session decider.

What the Reviewer can and can't do

Herman De wael – assistant reviewer

During the first week of this tournament, a handful of Reviews have been asked for. Some were quite appropriate ones (in the sense that valid questions were raised about the procedure, even if no change to the ruling turned out to be made), but a few reviews touched upon matters where the Reviewer had no power.

This is because the Reviewer will check the procedure, not the resulting decision. Let me illustrate with an example: in some cases, the Director will have to decide whether a player had in any way contributed to his bad result by not doing sufficient to protect himself. The Director will make a decision on this point, and rule accordingly. There is no procedural reason to subject such a decision to a poll of the players, and so the Reviewer will not entertain as an argument that the Director did not conduct such a poll.

Of course the Director does not make such decisions alone. There is usually a lot of consultation among the different directors before any conclusion will be reached. But in the end it is the Director (notice the capital letter) who gives the ruling. And the Reviewer might investigate whether enough thought was given to the problem, but he will not ask for the final decision to be changed.

Another point of contention is sometimes the establishment of facts. During a review hearing, players have questioned the Director's assessment that a pause or hesitation had taken place (or not). Such determination is at the sole discretion of the director who came to the table. He is the person most capable of determining the facts after hearing all four players, at an early opportunity. The Reviewer will not consider changing decisions. This is also not uncommon in other sports: in many cases the referee's decision is final.

Polls among players are mandatory in order to investigate a number of things, such as the existence or not of Logical Alternatives, and the probable outcome of a deal when certain circumstances would be different from what happened at the table (as in the case of mistaken information). Polls are not to be used to determine facts or legal interpretations and the mere fact that no poll was taken is no reason to ask for a review. If such is the only reason that the Reviewer is asked to intervene, a Review without merit (and the subsequent loss of the deposit) may well be the only outcome of the request.

Rosenblum SF - SI

ALLFREY v LAVAZZA

David Bird

The ALLFREY team had done wonderfully well to reach this stage with only a team of four. Marc Smith and I were eager to watch them for the first time in this event. If I didn't think that it might jinx them, I would wish them all the best for a good start on the early boards.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Jones	Bianchedi	Paske
	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

West had not bid 2♠ in the first round. When he bid 3♠ at his third turn, Jones felt he was entitled to double for penalties. I would describe such a double as 'normal human behavior.' Certainly, I would have doubled.

The contract could not be beaten. Jones led the ♣K and switched to the ♥Q. Madala won with the ♥K, led the ♠Q (ducked by North) and then played the ♦K. North took his ace and played another heart to dummy's ace, declarer ditching a club. The jack and queen of diamonds stood up. Madala then led his 13th diamond towards dummy's ♠K6, claiming the contract and +530.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Bocchi's 2♣ was Gazzilli (clubs or 16+ HCP) and South would then rebid 2♦ with 8+ HCP. His 2♥ showed a weaker hand. Bocchi made one more try and they stopped in 3♥. It was an impressive auction.

Sementa won the spade lead in dummy and ruffed a spade. A club to the king was followed by a second spade

ruff. A club to the ace allowed a third spade ruff. A diamond to the ace was followed by yet another spade and +140 was scored.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Jones	Bianchedi	Paske
		Pass	INT
2♦	3NT	All Pass	

Madala led the ♠5, rather than the ♠Q. This was a good choice, catering for a doubleton honor in partner's hand. Paske ducked and won the ♠3 continuation with the ace. When he ran six rounds of clubs, Madala discarded all his hearts. Paske took the ♥A while he could, and was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
		Pass	1♣
2♠	Pass	3♠	3NT
All Pass			



Antonia Sementa and Alexander Allfrey

Sementa impressed us all on BBO with his 3NT bid. It was not an action that I would have found, I need hardly tell you. Allfrey led the ♠Q, Robson playing the ♠2 (upside-down attitude), and Sementa took his ace immediately. When he ran six rounds of clubs, Allfrey was less accurate with his discards than Madala had been. He threw: heart, spade, spade, heart. Declarer continued with a diamond to the queen, king and ace. The defenders could take only three spades and the game was made.

My decision to play safe, not wishing the English team a good start, had backfired horribly. They were 24-0 down after just two boards.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Jones	Bianchedi	Paske
Pass	Dble	4♥	Pass
		All Pass	

Marc Smith and I, commentating in the Closed Room, posed the kibitzers this question: 'What action should North take when 4♥ runs to him?' We are both members of the New Bridge Magazine bidding panel. (I might mention that this great magazine, on the internet, is available totally free of charge for all comers!) We imagined that the options there would be 5♦, Pass and Dble. Indeed, we both ranked our own preferences in that very order, awarding 10, 7 and 4 marks to the three actions.

On that basis, Jones will be sad to receive only 4 marks. South quite reasonably passed the double, and two overtricks were made for a score of +1190.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
Pass	5♦	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
All Pass		Pass	Dble

If you reckoned that Jones was unlucky with his double of 3♠ on Board 1, we should surely offer Sementa our sympathy for his double here. He had the ♥K and ♣K sitting over an opponent who had opened 4♥ and rebid

6♣. He doubled, of course, but the contract could not be beaten. It was +1660 and 10 IMPs to ALLFREY.

Let me check the score-card to see if there's another double-digit swing for me to show you. Ah yes, Board 13.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Jones	Bianchedi	Paske
Dble	3♦	Pass	4♦
6♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
	All Pass		

Madala's choice of double on the West cards looks best. If partner says 4♥ you have the option of moving to 4♠, suggesting the black suits. My first thoughts were that it was not so easy for Bianchedi to bid 5♣ opposite, since a double is not always prepared for the other minor. This was woolly thinking. Bianchedi held 3 diamonds and could expect the vulnerable opponents to hold the other 10 diamonds. So, Madala would be void. Even if his shape was 5=5=0=3, 5♣ should be playable.

The first two Italian actions (double and 5♣) had attracted a full 10 marks from the commentators. So did Madala's final decision, raising to 6♣. They had bid their cards brilliantly.

South led the ♦2, ruffed in the dummy. Bianchedi drew trumps and led the ♠K followed by the ♠10, overtaken with dummy's jack. Even if the finesse lost, he would have two heart discards on dummy's remaining spades. It was +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
4♠	3♦	Pass	4♦
	All Pass		

Allfrey chose to bid 4♠. He ruffed the diamond lead, crossed to dummy with the ♣Q and ran the ♠10. The ♠K was followed by a club to the ace, then the ♠A. South ruffed the next club with the ♠Q and had to exit in a red suit. Declarer ruffed his ♦K and picked up +620. It was 13 IMP to Lavazza, who took the first set by 54 to 11.

Rand Cup SF - S5&6

China Evertrust upsets Wolfson team

Brent Manley

The result of the Senior Teams semifinal match between WOLFSON and CHINA EVERTRUST may have been surprising to many observers, but it probably wasn't a shock to the losing team.

In the fourth of six semifinal segments on Thursday, the Chinese team started poorly, falling behind 50-6 early. By the end of the fourth set – with 28 more boards to play on Friday – China had pulled to within 1 IMP at 113-112.

That performance seemed to create momentum for the Chinese, who outplayed their opponents over 28 boards on Friday to make it to the championship round for the Rand Cup with a 174-140 victory.

The winners are Rongqiang Lin, Mingkun Shen, Xiaonong Shen, Ming Sun and Jian Hua Tao. Jeff Wolfson, captain of the winning Senior team in Lyon, France, last year, had this lineup: David Berkowitz, Bob Hamman, Bart Bramley, Kit Woolsey and Michael Rosenberg.

The first of the two final semifinal sets started quietly with five straight push boards. The first swing of the set came on this deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 7 6 4 3 2
♥ 10 9 5
♦ Q 6
♣ —

♠ 10
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ J 10 2
♣ K 8 5 3 2

♠ K Q
♥ A 8 4
♦ A K 9
♣ A J 9 7 6

♠ 8 5
♥ K 7 6
♦ 8 7 5 4 3
♣ Q 10 4

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Bramley	M. Shen	Woolsey
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
			All Pass

Xiaonong Shen thought long and hard before passing and he was rewarded for his daring. Mingkun Shen led the ♦A and cashed the ♦K before trying the ♣A. Bramley ruffed and played the ♠A, picking up East's queen. East won the next spade with the king and played the ♥A and another heart. Bramley could not avoid two down for minus 500. This was the action at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Lin	Berkowitz	Tao
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Berkowitz Lost three tricks: a spade, a heart and a club. Minus 100 meant 12 IMPs to China Evertrust.

Throughout the fifth set, whenever the Chinese team had a decision to make, it seemed the right choice was made, as with this deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 5 3
♥ J 9
♦ 10 8 7 6 5
♣ A 9 3

♠ K 10
♥ K Q 10 7 2
♦ J 9 2
♣ Q 10 2

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♠ J 9 7 6 4
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 4
♣ J 7 5

♠ A 8 2
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ K 3
♣ K 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
I♥	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Bramley led a low diamond: 4, king 2. Another diamond went to the queen and declarer called for a low spade, playing the King when Woolsey followed low. Shen finished with eight tricks: five hearts, one spade and two diamonds. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Hamman	Lin	Berkowitz	Tao
I♥	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Bart Bramley

Hamman also received a diamond lead. He played low from dummy at trick one, losing to the king. A diamond back put him in dummy and he tried a spade to his 10. When that lost to the queen there was no way to avoid two down. That was 6 IMPs to China, now leading 130-119.

Wolfson earned a non-vulnerable game swing for plus 6 IMPs on the final deal of the set. With 14 deals to go, China Evertrust was ahead 130-126.

The sixth and final semifinal set started with a defensive brilliancy by the Chinese.

Board 15. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Bramley	M. Shen	Woolsey
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Woolsey led his singleton club, taken by in dummy with the ace. Declarer ran the ♥J at trick two, repeating the finesse when the jack held. It was an easy 11 tricks for plus 200, a swing for Wolfson if Berkowitz and Hamman bid and made game at the other table. They did the bidding part, but the fulfilling tricks weren't there.

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Sun	Hamman	Tao
Pass	3NT	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Tao hit on the killing lead of the ♠K, continuing with a second spade to his partner's ace. When Sun played a third round of spades, Hamman had no answer. If he ruffed low in hand, Tao could overruff with the 10. Hamman had to hope the outstanding trumps were 2-2, so he ruffed with the ♣K and tried a club to dummy's ace. The ♣Q confirmed that he had a loser in trumps for one down and a 6-IMP loss.

Wolfson picked up a swing when Hamman and Berkowitz bid and made 6♥ vulnerable for plus 1460 while the Chinese at the other table played in 6♦ for 1390. Neither team came close to bidding the ice cold grand slam. This was the board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Wolfson seemed to be back on track with a big swing on this deal:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Bramley	M. Shen	Woolsey
Pass	1♣*	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	3NT*
Dble	6♠	All Pass	5♣

1♣	Strong, artificial
1♠	Positive with 4+ hearts and fewer than four spades
2♥	Relay asking
3♦	3=5=4=1 shape
3♥	Relay
3NT	3 controls (A=2, K=1)

Woolsey's slam try was accepted and Shen led the ♣A, switching to a spade a trick two. Woolsey played the ♠K, cashed the ♥A, played a spade to the ace, cashed the ♥K, pitching a club from dummy, ruffed a heart in dummy, ruffed a club back to hand and put the ♦Q on the table. When West played the ♦K, Woolsey could claim plus 1430 and a 13-IMP swing. Wolfson had regained the lead at 140-136, but it did not last long. China scored 2 IMPs on the next board to get to within 2, then took the lead for good on this deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Bramley	M. Shen	Woolsey
	2♦*	2♥	Dble*
3♦	3♥	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♦ Weak two-bid in a major
Dble Pass or correct

Woolsey led the ♠10 to the queen and declarer's ace. Declarer cashed the ♥A and played a heart from hand. Woolsey won the ♥Q, cashed the king then played another spade. Declarer ruffed with dummy's jack and cashed the ♦A, pitching the ♠J from hand. From there, he lost just one trick – to the ♣A – and finished with 10 tricks for plus 420.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Sun	Hamman	Tao
	1♠	2♠	3♠
4♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass



Bob Hamman



Kit Woolsey

Hamman could not avoid the loss of two hearts and a club. One down and minus 50 meant 10 IMPs to China, in the lead at that point 148-140.

This deal was also costly to the Americans.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z. Shen	Bramley	M. Shen	Woolsey
		2♣*	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

2♣ Precision: 6+ clubs or five with a four-card major 11-15 HCP

Woolsey led the ♠Q: king ace. Bramley switched to the ♦8 at trick two. When Woolsey got in with the ♣A, he played a diamond for Bramley to ruff. Woolsey was back in with a heart to his king and he gave Bramley a second diamond ruff for plus 100. That was good defense in a losing cause. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Sun	Hamman	Tao
		1♣	PI♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Sun was not challenged to come up with 10 tricks for plus 420. That was another 8 IMPs to China Evertrust.

On the penultimate board, the Chinese earned another swing that was essentially icing on the cake inasmuch as they were ahead by 22 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South, None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Sun	Hamman	Tao
Pass	2♣	3NT	All Pass

The 2♣ opener showed a limited hand with six clubs or five clubs with a four-card major. Tao naturally started with a club: 7, 8, king. Hamman had no quick entry to dummy for a diamond finesse, which was losing anyway, so he played diamonds from the top and went quietly one down. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Bramley	M. Shen	Woolsey
Pass	2♥*	3NT	All Pass

2♥ Short diamonds with 4-4 or 4-3 in the majors.

Woolsey led the ♠5. Bramley played the ♠Q and Shen won the ace. Shen also played diamonds from the top, Woolsey winning the queen on the third round. The contract could have been defeated with a spade continuation or if Bramley had won the club continuation with the ace to play more spades. On Woolsey's ♣7, Bramley inserted the ♣8, won by Shen, who entered dummy with a diamond to the 10 for a successful heart finesse and plus 400. That was 10 IMPs to China Evertrust, now finalists for a world championship.

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3	TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	56.21	66	BERTENS Huub - GUPTA Naren	USA - USA	49.54
4	VERBEEK Tim - NAB Bart	NED - NED	55.23	67	CHEN Yunlong - ZHAO Jie	CHN - CHN	49.54
5	MULLER Bauke - DE WIJJS Simon	NED - NED	55.22	68	BECKER Michael - STRUL Aubrey	USA - USA	49.47
6	RAN Jing Rong - SHAO Zi Jian	CHN - CHN	54.74	69	ROTARU Iulian - NISTOR Radu	ROM - ROM	49.45
7	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - TOMMASINI Stefano	BRA - BRA	54.66	70	GRECO Eric - HAMPSON Geoff	USA - USA	49.44
8	GOWER Craig - APTEKER Alon	RSA - RSA	54.53	71	GERARD Ronald - WILDAVSKY Adam	USA - USA	49.36
9	PARASIAN Robert - ASBI Taufik Gautama	INA - INA	54.46	72	SRIDHARAN Padmanabhan - SRINIVASAN S.	IND - IND	49.29
10	LIU Jun - ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	54.44	73	FURUNES Jon-Egil - FARSTAD Arve	NOR - NOR	49.29
11	DUNITZ Mitch - STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	54.36	74	BOYD Peter - ROBINSON Steve	USA - USA	49.11
12	PIEDRA Fernando - IGLA Bartlomiej	SUI - SUI	54.34	75	GRAVERSEN H. C. - CASPERSEN Henrik	DEN - DEN	49.01
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15	TOFFIER Philippe - SERVAIS Laurent	FRA - FRA	53.85	78	CHUMAK Yuliy - ROVYSHYN Oleg	UKR - UKR	48.84
16	SUN Gang - ZHANG Yongge	CHN - CHN	53.70	79	LEVIN Robert (Bobby) - WEINSTEIN Steve	USA - USA	48.81
17	DAI Jianming - SHI Haojun	CHN - CHN	53.60	80	PACHTMAN Ron - ZATORSKI Piotr	ISR - POL	48.74
18	RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE	53.53	81	HU Linlin - LIU Yinghao	CHN - CHN	48.61
19	KNAP Andrzej - WASIK Arturo	ESP - ESP	53.45	82	SANBORN Steve - STAUBER Allan	USA - USA	48.59
20	CHEN Li-Chung - LEE Walter	USA - USA	53.43	83	CIMA Leonardo - GANDOGLIA Alessandro	ITA - ITA	48.47
21	HANS Sartaj - HUNG Andy Pei-en	AUS - AUS	53.20	84	KORBEL Daniel - SHI Sylvia	USA - USA	48.41
22	PAVLICEK Richard - MUNDAY Jim	USA - USA	53.07	85	BALAKRISHNAN Prabhakar - KRISHNAN R.	IND - IND	48.41
23	GIERULSKI Boguslaw - SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	LTU - LTU	52.98	86	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike - CARMICHAEL Tom	USA - USA	48.40
24	LI Xin - ZHAO Yanpei	CHN - CHN	52.73	87	FICK Hennie - APTEKER Noah Thomas	RSA - RSA	48.23
25	DANAILOV Diyan - STAMATOV Jerry	BUL - BUL	52.70	88	HALLBERG Gunnar - KING Philip (Phil)	ENG - ENG	48.22
26	TIJSSSEN Luc - KILJAN Veri	NED - NED	52.65	89	BELL Michael - BYRNE Michael	ENG - ENG	48.10
27	MARTEL Chip - FLEISHER Martin	USA - USA	52.60	90	DONDE Bernard - STEPHENS Robert	RSA - RSA	48.00
28	GROMOV Andrey - DUBININ Alexander	RUS - RUS	52.39	91	WINKLER Gabor - DUMBOVICH Miklos	HUN - HUN	47.93
29	KATZ Ralph - NICKELL Nick	USA - USA	52.30	92	COLDEA Ionut - MARINA Bogdan	ROM - ROM	47.92
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31	BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	52.23	94	EBER Neville - JONES Bobby	RSA - USA	47.86
32	GROETHEIM Glenn - TONDEL Petter	NOR - NOR	52.22	95	HOYLAND Sven Olai - HOYLAND Sam Inge	NOR - NOR	47.35
33	ROMBAUT Jerome - LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA - FRA	51.85	96	TEWARI Rajeshwar - SHIVDASANI Jaggy	IND - IND	47.34
34	SHI Zheng Jun - JU Chuancheng	CHN - CHN	51.84	97	CAMMARATA Michele - PORCIANI Roberto	ITA - ITA	47.30
35	HEGEDUS Gal - BODIS Gyula	HUN - HUN	51.83	98	PODDAR Dipak - SOLANI Jitendra	IND - IND	47.15
36	GRUE Joe - MOSS Brad	USA - USA	51.64	99	RON Jacob - BRONDUM Freddi	DEN - DEN	47.09
37	THAKRAL Sandeep - BHAND Vivek	IND - IND	51.46	100	FU Zhong - LI Jie	CHN - CHN	47.02
38	GERIN D. - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO R.	GLP - FRA	51.44	101	BERTHEAU Peter - ZAGORIN Daniel	SWE - USA	46.93
39	LI Jianwei - ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	51.42	102	SHENG Ming - TIAN Wei	CHN - CHN	46.92
40	BAKHSHI David - MALINOWSKI Artur	ENG - ENG	51.35	103	CHODACKI Maksymilian - SOBCZAK M.	POL - POL	46.84
41	TULIN Stan - VERHEES Jr Louk	USA - NED	51.28	104	ZACK Yaniv - COHEN Ilan	ISR - ISR	46.50
42	BESTRZYNSKI Olech - SEREK Cezary	POL - POL	51.28	105	COMPTON Chris - SMITH Ron	USA - USA	46.05
43	GRAINGER David - HINZE Greg	USA - USA	51.24	106	ZHANG Xiaofeng - JIANG Tong	CHN - CHN	45.86
44	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	51.19	107	KLEINPLATZ Morrie - FLEISCHMANN J.	CAN - USA	45.68
45	LORENZINI Cedric - PADON Dror	FRA - ISR	51.06	108	VAINIKONIS Erikas - ARLOVICH Andrei	LTU - LTU	45.62
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48	MENDES DE LEON G. - SPRINKHUIZEN G.	NED - NED	50.74	111	HANLON Tom - McGANN Hugh	IRL - IRL	45.12
49	KOISTINEN Kauko - OZDIL Melih	FIN - USA	50.74	112	MELTZER Rose - DEMIREV Nikolay	USA - USA	44.98
50	KALITA Jacek - PSZCZOLA Jacek	POL - USA	50.69	113	HU Jiaping - CHU Junjie	CHN - CHN	44.86
51	BAXTER Doug - LINDOP David	CAN - CAN	50.68	114	GOEL Ashok K. - VENKATARAMAN K. R.	IND - IND	44.74
52	SKORCHEV Stefan - CASTNER Kevin	BUL - GER	50.66	115	STRZEMECKI Wojciech - ZAWADA P.	POL - POL	44.18
53	GRUDE Tor Eivind - BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR	50.47	116	BELL Leo - HESSEL Ira	USA - USA	43.80
54	MAHMOOD Zia - GOLD David	USA - ENG	50.38	117	SAMANT Keshav S. - AGRAWAL R.	IND - IND	43.23
55	JONES Martin - ROSEN Neil	ENG - ENG	50.35	118	VROUSTIS Vassilis - SAKR May	GRE - USA	42.52
56	NYSTROM Fredrik - WRANG Frederic	SWE - SWE	50.27				
57	CHARLSEN T. - HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	NOR - NOR	50.20				
58	HACKETT Jason - HACKETT Justin	ENG - ENG	50.12				
59	FITZGIBBON Nicholas - MESBUR Adam	IRL - IRL	49.77				
60	NAWROCKI Piotr - WIANKOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	49.77				
61	BROGELAND Boye - LINDQVIST Espen	NOR - NOR	49.75				
62	MAJCHER A. - MARCINOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	49.72				
63	ANKLESARIA Keyzad - CHOKSHI Sunit	IND - IND	49.63				

Open Pairs Semi-Final B

1	MANDALA Cheryl - INN Yul	USA - USA	57.10	46	KRANTZ Corey - LANG Bruce	USA - USA	49.69
2	CARMICHAEL Jenni - HUMPHREYS Greg	USA - USA	57.02	47	GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	49.65
3	WHIBLEY Michael - EDGTON Nabil	NZL - AUS	56.79	48	FELMY Matthias - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	49.34
4	HU Junjie - CHEN Yichao	CHN - CHN	56.70	49	TREIBER Frank - KATZ Robert	USA - USA	49.33
5	LIU Jing - ZHAO Chen	CHN - CHN	56.48	50	JAJO Monica - MUKHERJEE Sumit	IND - IND	49.21
6	GANZER Craig - BART Les	USA - USA	55.93	51	COHEN Seth - ST CLAIR Bill	USA - USA	48.99
7	LILIENSTEIN Jared - POLOWAN Michael	USA - USA	55.77	52	PRODAN Andrei - BARNAD Adrian	CAN - CAN	48.96
8	EIRIKSSON Sveinn Runar - KRISTINSSON Jakob	ISL - ISL	55.69	53	HETZ Clara - ROLL Josef	ISR - ISR	48.90
9	KONKOLY Csaba - SZIRMAY-KALOS Barnabas	HUN - HUN	55.33	54	HUNG Eugene - WATSON William	USA - USA	48.90
10	PALMA Antonio - BAHBOUT Sam	POR - BEL	55.10	55	RERHAYE Abdelkamal - BERRADA Mohammed Said	MAR - MAR	48.86
11	BLACK Andrew - McINTOSH Andrew	ENG - ENG	54.51	56	HAN Yanong - MOU Wanfeng	USA - USA	48.57
12	GOLDBERG Connie - DI FRANCO Massimiliano	USA - ITA	54.35	57	KRASNICKI Mariusz - KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	48.57
13	SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju - NADAR Kiran	IND - IND	54.34	58	SILVERSTEIN Aaron - ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA	48.55
14	CARROLL John - GARVEY Tommy	IRL - IRL	54.30	59	PELLEGRINI Carlos - VON BRUDERSDORFF Federico	ARG - COL	48.53
15	PRYOR Malcolm - PRYOR Karen	ENG - ENG	54.00	60	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	48.42
16	IONITA Marius - TEODORESCU Corneli	ROM - ROM	53.83	61	SIELICKI Tomasz - NOWAK Kamil	POL - POL	48.31
17	GU Jiang - AO Hailong	USA - USA	53.69	62	JOKISCH Peter - KASIMIR Udo	GER - GER	48.23
18	GLASTHAL Louis - MASSIMILLA Michael	USA - USA	53.66	63	PUCELLE Jean-Francois - MARRO Christophe	FRA - FRA	47.80
19	FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - SETTON Hilda	FRA - SUI	53.54	64	ABEDI Nishat - FORTNEY Charles	PAK - USA	47.79
20	MARASHEV Vladimir - TSONCHEV Ivan	BUL - BUL	53.43	65	FIGUEREDO Mauricio - PAIVA Marcos	BRA - BRA	47.58
21	GIARD Olivier - BENOIT Alain	FRA - FRA	53.40	66	RABIE Ahmed - RAMADAN Bahar	EGY - EGY	47.53
22	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel - SAPORTA Pierre	FRA - FRA	53.38	67	ADLER Brett - GOLDMAN Jeffrey	USA - USA	47.43
23	PIASECKI Jaroslaw - BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL	52.46	68	WEINSTOCK Paul - MIHAL Radu	ISR - ROM	47.42
24	FOSTER Jim - HOWARD Bryan	USA - USA	52.36	69	BONDAR Serge - BAUM Marshall	USA - USA	47.22
25	PORKHUN Volodymyr - KOLYADENKO Sergey	UKR - UKR	52.30	70	FELGENBAUM Ellis - FELDMAN Ron	USA - USA	46.88
26	GROSSET Christophe - COMBESCU Baptiste	FRA - FRA	52.14	71	VAN DEN BOS Tim - BOUMAN Hans	NED - NED	46.77
27	LEE Roger - McALLISTER John Grayson	USA - USA	51.93	72	MACGREGOR John - CHAPLET Isabelle	CRC - CRC	46.72
28	REYGADAS Miguel - COHEN Alberto	MEX - MEX	51.88	73	ZAHIR Hanif - HASHIMOTO George	SUI - SUI	46.51
29	HYDES Alexander - MOSSOP David	ENG - ENG	51.85	74	KOVACHEV Valentin - KRAL Ronald Peter	BUL - USA	46.33
30	HANUS Pawel - SIPPOLA Ari	USA - USA	51.70	75	MILLER Billy - SLOOFMAN H. Jay	USA - USA	46.28
31	SZABO Csaba - HODOSI Peter	HUN - HUN	51.53	76	FRUSCOLONI Leonardo - BIANCHI Ettore	ITA - USA	45.71
32	LALL Justin - MOSS Sylvia	USA - USA	51.53	77	TEMBOURET Romain - NATAF Paula	FRA - USA	44.71
33	PREDDEY Kay - SELWAY Norman	ENG - ENG	51.25	78	CAMBOURNAC Guy - DAHAN Stephane	MAR - MAR	44.59
34	SIGORALE Rajendra - RAMI Satya	IND - USA	51.14	79	HAMMOND Nicolas - AGARWAL Suman	USA - USA	44.42
35	PUNCH Sam - PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO	50.97	80	KUANG Samuel - RATHI Anant	USA - USA	43.78
36	ANDRESEN Martin - JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	NOR - NOR	50.96	81	WILSON Kevin - STANFILL Sharon	USA - USA	43.72
37	KLEMIC George - LUSSKY Donald	USA - USA	50.86	82	RABICEW Elisabeth - DARYANANI Padma	VEN - VEN	43.52
38	SIGURJONSSON Julius - TUNCOK Cenik	ISL - USA	50.68	83	SCHIRESON Max - SHANNON Lynn	USA - USA	43.15
39	REVALE Adolfo - ZIGART Martin	ARG - ARG	50.56	84	LUPSAN Octavian - LUPSAN Corina	ROM - ROM	42.53
40	MARKEY Phil - HAFFER Joachim	AUS - AUS	50.51	85	ALLENSPACH Frederick - LEE Janet H	USA - USA	42.45
41	STOKKA Adam - WRANG David	SWE - SWE	50.35	86	SELECHNIK Ana - GEORGIPOULOS Nikola	GUA - USA	36.84
42	MATHIEU Philippe - SOUDAN Luc	GLP - GLP	50.27				
43	SHAH Anal - DHAKRAS Subhash	IND - IND	49.93				
44	FAGERLUND Vesa - CUSHING Justine	FIN - USA	49.81				
45	LEVINGER Asa - HETZ Nathan	ISR - ISR	49.74				

Short Track Pair

1	DENG Cheng - LIU Haochen	CHN - CHN	60.87
2	WANG Jian-Jian - LI Yiting	USA - CHN	58.78
3	WANG Ruizhe - LIU Yihong	CHN - CHN	57.41
4	DAI Hanyang - ZHANG Tiancheng	CHN - CHN	57.07
5	COWAN Chris - FELDMAN Debbie	CAN - CAN	56.08
6	MA Shuoming - LIU Yizhou	CHN - CHN	56.05
7	YU Zhaolun - YAO Tianle	CHN - CHN	55.90
8	LU Yijia - GE Chenyun	CHN - CHN	55.19
9	WANG Yingqi - YUAN Zhijie	CHN - CHN	53.76
10	HUANG Hua - LIU Ning	CHN - CHN	53.40
11	BAO Jingjing - LI Jinghong	CHN - CHN	52.78
12	KERTES Bill - DEMME Ina	CAN - CAN	52.71
13	CHEN Yunpeng - RUAN Xinyao	CHN - CHN	50.74
14	XU Jiaming - SUN Jiateng	CHN - CHN	49.65
15	WANG Yuming - YU Wenfei	CHN - CHN	49.22
16	LANG Ningyu - FU Yanzhuo	CHN - CHN	48.89
17	YANG Fan - ZHAO Yuchen	CHN - CHN	48.78
18	WANG Jiarui - CHEN Yufan	CHN - CHN	48.36
19	BIAN Jingsheng - CAO Xueliang	CHN - CHN	47.96
20	ZHOU Chuanyao - XU Hao	CHN - CHN	47.47
21	WANG Penghao - TONG Jiaxin	CHN - CHN	47.00
22	XU Tong - FAN Lingwen	CHN - CHN	46.25
23	ZHANG Xuyang - YAN Tianyao	CHN - CHN	45.37
24	BARRETT Geoffrey S Jade - LOMBARDINI Donna	USA - USA	45.11
25	TANG Qing - JIANG Yixuan	CHN - CHN	45.04
26	YANG Jiahao - LU Mingyu	CHN - CHN	44.79
27	LU Yajie - GAO Yi Ran	CHN - CHN	39.28
28	YU Fanfei - TANG Tengbo	CHN - CHN	38.14



**The winners of the Short track,
Cheng Deng and Haochen Liu**

McConnell Semi-Final A

1	DUFRAT Katarzyna - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	59.24
2	WANG Wen Fei - SHEN (I) Qi	CHN - CHN	55.13
3	PONTIFEX Marlene - PEARLMAN Shirley	CAN - CAN	55.12
4	BALDYSZ Cathy - BALDYSZ Zofia	POL - POL	54.63
5	DEKKERS Laura - BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	54.30
6	CHEN Wenmin - LIU Yuning	CHN - CHN	54.17
7	QUINN Shawn - WITTES Pam	USA - USA	53.59
8	JACKSON Joan - SUTHERLIN Peggy	USA - USA	53.27
9	LEVI Hila - ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	52.97
10	KAZMUCHA Danuta - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	52.77
11	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry - KATZ Nancy	USA - USA	52.35
12	SULGROVE Kathy - GRIFFEY Candace	USA - USA	52.07
13	HUANG Yan - WANG Nan	CHN - CHN	51.94
14	ROSENBERG Debbie - GUPTA Vinita	USA - USA	51.88
15	LU Yan - LIU Yan	CHN - CHN	51.20
16	BJERKAN Cheri - POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA	51.08
17	EYTHORSOTTIR Hjordis - MECKSTROTH Sally	USA - USA	50.39
18	SOKOLOW Tobi - HARTMAN Claudette	USA - USA	50.21
19	SMART Diana - McLEISH Paula	AUS - AUS	49.53
20	RADIN Judi - WESTHEIMER Valerie	USA - USA	49.09
21	GATES Georgiana - HESSEL Ellen	USA - USA	48.75
22	ST CLAIR Anna - FRAZER Kim	AUS - AUS	48.51
23	LOURIE Ora - FRIEDMAN Sandy	USA - USA	48.32
24	NILSEN Louise - LINDAHL Solbritt	NOR - NOR	48.30
25	KABBAJ Leila - HACHIMI Hayet	MAR - MAR	47.22
26	SULTAN Perla - GREEN Linda	VEN - USA	46.99
27	ROSENBERG Miriam - SALINAS Adriana	MEX - MEX	46.19
28	VON ARNIM Daniela - JOEL Geeske	GER - USA	45.85
29	HEINRICHS Gerda - WENNING Karin	GER - GER	45.72
30	PAIN Leda - ORTEGA Luz Carolina	BRA - USA	45.41
31	SHIMAMURA Kyoko - HOWARD Allison	JPN - USA	44.22
32	WEINGER Lindsey - ONSGARD Kristen	USA - USA	41.54
33	MADSEN Christina Lund - LAMPORT Anne	DEN - AUS	40.12

Rand Semi-Final B

1	SCHWARTZ Gary - MATTHEWS JR Pete	USA - USA	55.96
2	CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	CAN - CAN	55.84
3	AQUINO Mark - CAPELLI Robert	USA - USA	55.27
4	MINER Charles - MEFFLEY Richard W	USA - USA	54.47
5	BJARING Christer - OSTBERG Johnny	SWE - SWE	53.99
6	COLCHAMIRO Mel - SHARF Charles	USA - USA	53.69
7	STOCK Nicholas - YUEN Michael	CAN - CAN	53.51
8	PROTO Luis Carlos - OLIVEIRA Horacio	URU - BRA	52.82
9	PIZA Eduardo - HAMMER Sharon Kay	CRC - CRC	52.69
10	MILLER Jeffrey A - WATSON Alan	USA - USA	52.50
11	SHIH Juei-Yu - ZHANG Yalan	TPE - CHN	52.44
12	LEWIS J. Malcolm - ANDREWS Douglas	ENG - ENG	52.30
13	GIRAGOSIAN Robert - MCCONNELL Stephen	USA - USA	52.14
14	FETOUH Saleh - CAMPBELL Clifford	USA - CAN	51.85
15	MCGUIRE Daniel - BURT Wayne A.	USA - USA	51.82
16	YOMTOV Bernie - HAWKINS Allen	USA - USA	51.65
17	BENNER Carolyn - BENNER Philip	USA - USA	51.24
18	JACOBS George - VOGEL Claude	USA - USA	49.96
19	HALL Nalita - WOLFE Allyson	BRA - USA	49.90
20	HUGGINS Michael - ROBINSON Irene	ENG - ENG	49.83
21	IMAKURA Tadashi - MORIMURA Shunsuke	JPN - JPN	49.82
22	WENNING Ulrich - FRERICHS Hans	GER - GER	49.80
23	BARRIENTOS Carlos - FIGUEROA Santiago	COL - COL	49.78
24	BRYANT Jack - BRYANT Linda	USA - USA	49.37
25	DATLOFF Joel - MCNAY Roger	USA - USA	48.64
26	OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN	48.31
27	FREIBERG Paul - ABELSON Kenneth A	USA - USA	48.06
28	MARSHALL Gerry - SHARPLES Hendrik	MEX - USA	48.01
29	UNGAR Gerald - HAMILTON Carol	USA - USA	47.77
30	ENGLE Howard S. - FRIEDLANDER Mark	USA - USA	47.38
31	BANERJI Nita - BANERJI Tapas Kumar	IND - IND	47.01
32	CARDIN Judy - GREENSPAN Bruce	USA - USA	46.89
33	JARGOWSKY Peter - DECKELBAUM Gordon	USA - USA	46.50
34	HALL William F - PELKA David	USA - USA	45.07
35	KIRCHHOFF Liliane - BUCHEN Katherine	USA - AUS	41.94
36	STERNBERG James Marsh - JACOBSON Stanley	USA - USA	38.83

Rand Semi-Final A

1	ITABASHI Mark - WOLD Eddie	USA - USA	58.77
2	HANNA Nader - RAYNER John	CAN - CAN	57.61
3	JACOBUS Marc - PASSELL Mike	USA - USA	57.54
4	AKER Jeff - SIMSON Doug	USA - USA	55.90
5	KALISH Avi - ORENSTEIN Eitan	ISR - ISR	55.69
6	KRANYAK Ken - BECKER Phillip	USA - USA	54.92
7	BROWN Terry - BUCHEN Peter Walter	AUS - AUS	54.79
8	MARSAL Reiner - KLUMPP Herbert	GER - GER	54.74
9	FALK Allan - LUSKY John	USA - USA	54.26
10	CRONIER Philippe - MARILL Philippe	FRA - FRA	53.89
11	BIZON Piotr - SZYMANOWSKI Marek	POL - POL	53.71
12	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	53.49
13	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz - TUSZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	53.25
14	MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	52.65
15	CASEN Drew - KREKORIAN Jim	USA - USA	52.59
16	BRAGIN Barry - HAND Jeff	USA - USA	51.59
17	MUNAFO Paul - OSHLAG Richard	USA - USA	51.41
18	KOWALSKI Apolinary - ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL	50.90
19	MUIR William - MALCOLM Chuck	USA - USA	50.27
20	SIEBERT Allan - SEGARRA Jay	USA - USA	50.09
21	DARVEY Jim - PINELES Abe	USA - USA	50.00
22	CHENG Kuo-Paw - LIN Chii-Mou	TPE - TPE	49.93
23	ABECASSIS Michel - LEVY Alain	FRA - FRA	49.51
24	INO Masayuki - YAMADA Kazuhiko	JPN - JPN	49.44
25	LAM Hon Shing, Henry - LING Roger	HKG - HKG	49.37
26	WILLIS David - VALLIANT John	CAN - CAN	49.20
27	BITTERMAN Robert - HELMS Jerry	USA - USA	48.87
28	ROBBINS Larry - ROEDER Rick	USA - USA	48.43
29	D'SOUZA Lino - CHAN Richard	CAN - CAN	48.32
30	McDEVITT Patrick - BROD Geoffrey	IRL - USA	48.30
31	SAMUEL Russell - ROTHSTEIN Jeffrey	USA - USA	48.05
32	MARKOWICZ Victor - MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	47.95
33	OLANSKI Wojtek - VAINIKONIS Vytutas	LTU - LTU	47.77
34	REYNOLDS Tom - KERR Lance	USA - USA	47.73
35	LEWIS Linda - LEWIS Paul	USA - USA	47.51
36	KAHN Allen - HERMAN Ira	USA - USA	47.43
37	DAVIDSON Gene - REITER David	USA - USA	47.07
38	CARRERA Jaime - NINO Rafael	COL - COL	46.43
39	CHEVALIER Serge - BOUCHER Jean-Francois	CAN - CAN	46.40
40	TUCKER Ben - BELL Robert	USA - USA	46.38
41	ELLIOTT Samuel James - ZWERLING Marc	USA - USA	45.71
42	TORNAY Claire - TORNAY George	USA - USA	45.69
43	KROCHMALIK Robert - LAVINGS Paul	AUS - AUS	45.04
44	WHEELER Sally - HANBY Buddy	USA - USA	44.72
45	MICHELIN Marjorie - COHEN Stephen	USA - USA	44.08
46	RUSSELL Jim - STACK Don	USA - USA	43.72
47	MAK Ronald - LEE Alfred C	USA - USA	42.32

McConnell Semi-Final B

1	BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	62.04
2	JANSMA Aida - BERKOWITZ Dana	NED - USA	58.02
3	AGHA Rubina - RAZA Fatima	PAK - PAK	55.77
4	ARNOLDS Carla - KOLEN Sandra	NED - NED	54.77
5	BLANK Sondra - BALES Toni	CAN - USA	52.54
6	BART Gloria - MARSH Martha	USA - USA	51.94
7	MALCOLM Marti - EAKES Linda	USA - USA	50.57
8	ONEILL Molly - WEINGOLD Joanne	USA - USA	50.34
9	HARRELL Emily - HAWKINS Brenda	USA - USA	49.90
10	CINTRA Lia - RAMOS Aurea	BRA - BRA	49.37
11	NISHIDA Natsuko - SATO Makiko	JPN - JPN	49.06
12	CAPPELLETTI Shannon - NITABACH Lynda	USA - USA	48.12
13	DOBRESKU Raluca Elena - FEDAK Marilyn	ROM - USA	48.02
14	BLOOM Valerie - NESTORIDIS Anastasia	RSA - RSA	47.27
15	HENNINGS Margot - STRINGER Shawn	USA - USA	46.66
16	BALKIN Diana - DRIVER Kathleen	RSA - RSA	46.64
17	FLETCHER Deborah - THOMPSON Jacqueline	TRI - TRI	46.48
18	ROSSLEE Diana - STAMM Denise	RSA - CAN	44.84
19	DOWNS Betsy - SHAFER Leigh Anne	USA - CAN	43.97
20	BRENNER Mirta Judith - DE FUNGUEIRO A. B.	ARG - ARG	43.01