



TRAILING TEAMS HAVE WORK TO DO

Prize-giving Today, 30th September

Short-track and
Joan Gerard Trophy
(Open Final B)
16:00
Grand Ballroom Salon 8.



Teams and Pairs Finals
20:00
Grand Ballroom Salon 8.

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from the lobby.*

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Thomas Bessis, Irene Baroni, Janice Seamon-Molson, Giovanni Donati and Alberto Benetti commentating for the live stream on YouTube

With 48 boards left to play in the teams event finals, the three trailing teams have a lot of IMPs to make up if they are to challenge for their respective championships.

The team with the most work to do is the China Evertrust squad, looking up at a 122-49 IMP deficit against Reese Milner and company. The Americans blew open a relatively close match in the third set on Saturday, winning 69-19. Milner is trying for his fourth Senior Teams title.

In the Women's Teams, the Nicola Smith team is also in need of a few swings in their favor. The multinational squad is trailing the Lynn Baker team (USA) 122-98.

In the Open Teams, the star-studded Pierre Zimmermann squad jumped out to a 41-22 lead after one set and finished the day ahead by the score of 111-76.

Champions will be crowned Sunday in all three events.

In the pairs events, all of them tightly bunched at the top, the Open leaders are the Rimstedt brothers – Mikael and Ola.

Leading the Women's Pairs are Veronique Bessis and Anne-Laure Huberschwiller. Senior Pairs leaders are Americans Marc Jacobus and Mike Passell.

Programme on Sunday 30th:

Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand

10.00 - 12.20
13.30 - 15.50
16.10 - 18.30

Joan Gerard Cup

(Cypress 3)
10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)
13.20 - 15.40 (16 boards)

Open Pairs A

(Grand Ballroom 7)
10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)
13.20 - 15.40 (16 boards)
16.10 - 18.30 (16 boards)

Women Pairs A

(Cypress 2)
10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)
13.20 - 15.40 (16 boards)
16.10 - 18.20 (14 boards)

Seniors Pairs A

(Cypress 2)
10.00 - 12.10 (15 boards)
13.20 - 15.30 (15 boards)
16.10 - 19.00 (18 boards)

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



JANNERSTEN FÖRLAG
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BBO SCHEDULE

10:00, 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



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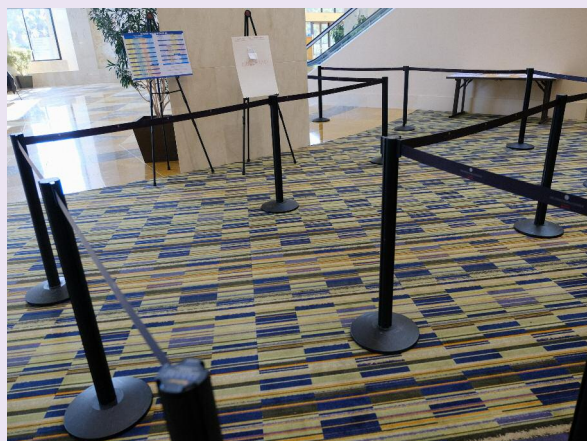
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If you want to play in the Mixed Teams event, please register (possible online) and pay as soon as possible. This helps you and others avoid long queues at the registration desk!
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The line in front of the registration desk is still empty, it won't stay like that!

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Rosenblum after 3 segments

1 CONNECTOR	92
64 JJ MAXROD	85
32 DE BOTTON	138
33 VENTIN	97

16 JUSTER	118
49 CHINA XHJT	39
17 ZIMMERMANN	144
48 ZHAO	135

9 MCALLISTER	56
56 MAYBE	96
24 DIAMOND	119
41 ROSE	26

8 TEXAN ACES	131
57 HATTIE	46
25 BERTHEAU	101
40 MITTELMAN	112

5 TULIN	121
60 ODDY	59
28 PDC	78
37 PD TIMES	81

21 SPECTOR	127
44 PAVLICEK	45
12 LEVINE	81
53 BLACK	128

20 GUPTA	112
45 MAHAFFEY	129
13 NICKELL	128
52 BASEGGIO	63

29 FORMIDABLES	82
36 STRUL	88
4 DHAMPUR SUGAR MILL	90
61 PAYEN	77

1 CONNECTOR	123
32 DE BOTTON	107

16 JUSTER	77
17 ZIMMERMANN	141

9 MAYBE	74
24 DIAMOND	143

8 TEXAN ACES	135
25 MITTELMAN	104

5 TULIN	139
28 PD TIMES	122

12 BLACK	42
21 SPECTOR	126

13 NICKELL	111
20 MAHAFFEY	110

(tied after regular time)

4 DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	91
29 STRUL	148

1 CONNECTOR	44
16 ZIMMERMANN	110

1 ZIMMERMANN	110
8 TEXAN ACES	83

8 TEXAN ACES	105
9 DIAMOND	98

5 TULIN	107
12 SPECTOR	109

4 STRUL	107
5 SPECTOR	117

4 STRUL	137
13 NICKELL	86

1 ZIMMERMANN	121
4 SPECTOR	117

2 LAVAZZA	76
1 ZIMMERMANN	111

2 ALLFREY	91
3 LAVAZZA	149

2 ALLFREY	171
7 FROGS	132

3 LAVAZZA	117
6 CHAGAS	111

2 ALLFREY	84
15 POLAND JUNIORS	75

7 SCHWARTZ	69
10 FROGS	135

6 ROBINSON	92
11 CHAGAS	138

14 LAVAZZA	123
3 PSZCZOLA	103

2 CAYNE	114
31 ALLFREY	121

15 POLAND JUNIORS	124
18 CHINA OPEN 2	115

10 FEIXIANG	77
23 FROGS	172

7 ZHAOHENG	67
26 SCHWARTZ	187

6 ROBINSON	141
27 LILIENSTEIN	56

11 CHAGAS	175
22 MUNICH SPURS	128

14 MOSS	100
19 LAVAZZA	137

3 PSZCZOLA	104
30 ZAWADA	86

2 CAYNE	142
63 NEVER CLAIM	44

31 CHINA OPEN	74
34 ALLFREY	117

15 VICKY	46
50 POLAND JUNIORS	125

18 FLEISHER	89
47 CHINA OPEN 2	132

10 MOSSOP	118
55 FEIXIANG	143

23 FROGS	138
42 EMERALD	65

26 SCHWARTZ	185
39 SPUDS	82

7 MIXED UP	59
58 ZHAOHENG	137

6 ROBINSON	119
59 PREDDY	82

27 ERA	96
38 LILIENSTEIN	111

22 MUNICH SPURS	116
43 DALLEY	113

11 CHAGAS	123
54 COLDEA	71

14 MOSS	95
51 DE MICHELIS	86

19 LAVAZZA	138
46 GILLIS	56

30 ZAWADA	105
35 MORAN	73

3 PSZCZOLA	149
62 HAFFER	77

Rand Cup after 3 segments

1	WOLFSON	161
16	TORNAY	49

8	LEWIS	122
9	MARKOWICZ	43

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

1	WOLFSON	74
8	LEWIS	72

4	CHINA EVERTRUST	119
5	VYTAS	101

3	MILNER	163
6	MARILL	115

2	YBS	94
7	SILVERMAN	105

1	WOLFSON	141
4	CHINA EVERTRUST	174

2	MILNER	197
3	SILVERMAN	162

1	CHINA EVERTRUST	49
2	MILNER	122

McConnell Cup after 3 segments

1	POLAND	173		1	SMITH	204				
8	SMITH	181		4	APEROL	202				
4	APEROL	198						1	SMITH	98
5	KODA	175						2	BAKER	122
3	BAKER	168		2	BARONI	130				
6	QUINN	48		3	BAKER	189				
2	WESTHEIMER	159								
7	BARONI	172								

McConnell SF - S6

SMITH v APEROL

Barry Rigal

APEROL entered the last stanza clinging to a 2-IMP lead. It didn't outlast the first deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. 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
Ponomareva	Leslie	Gromova	Remen
Pass	3NT	4♥	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	Pass

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



Nicola Smith

Smith elected to show her clubs rather than her hearts, and 5♣ presented no problems in the play on a diamond lead. Yes, the ♠K promotes a trump but I doubt if that was Willard's second choice of leads. Meanwhile Gromova elected to bid hearts for the lead then to go quietly when confronted with the five-level decision. The defenders at least cashed out to set 5♦ 200, but SMITH had 5 IMPs and the lead.

Both pairs then had their chances on the next deal, a grand slam with 13+ tricks if hearts broke 3-2 but basically no residual chances if they did not. Smith looked for a grand slam, Gromova did not; but the board was flat at 1460.

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	
♥ 7 6 3			♥ A K Q 5 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		

After a couple of flat deals the E/W pairs had their chances again:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

With these cards you'd like to play slam – preferably 6♦ by East, which is proof against a heart lead. Mind you, 6♦ by West on a heart lead to the king might give declarer an awkward problem.

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

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith	Willard
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All pass

SMITH still led by 3 IMPs, but opened a little breathing space here.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Leslie	Gromova	Remen
	2♦	4♣*	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
4♣	Clubs plus a major		

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith	Willard
	2♠	4♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
4♣	Clubs and hearts		

Five clubs is rather unlucky to fail here, of course, but 4♥ is where you want to be. It looks to me as if Ponomareva simply assumed she would be facing spades and clubs here, so did not enquire about her partner's major. Five Clubs basically needed hearts to behave, and they didn't, while 4♥ was proof against most things. The lead was up to 13 IMPs.

If APEROL had been slightly unfortunate, they got their own dose of good luck two deals later, when they closed the match right up by bidding to a moderate slam, and finding the cards cooperating.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith	Willard
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦(GF)	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

6♦ by East on a spade lead needs trumps to behave, a 50% affair. On a heart lead I suppose you might win, pitching a spade from hand and lead a club to the ten. That picks up 3-3 or 2-4 clubs with North having the queen, and you might even develop a black-suit squeeze on North I suppose. If East had been able to jump to 3♥ at her second turn might that have helped partner envisage the position?



Paula Leslie

SMITH's lead was now 1 IMP but they gave themselves a little breathing space with this partscore:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith	Willard
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥

All pass

After a top diamond lead against 3♥ it looks natural for declarer to unblock clubs and lead a heart to dummy's king. When West wins and reverts to diamonds you will receive a spade shift and have to guess that suit or hearts.

That was what happened in both matches; Leslie got it right, D'Ovidio got it wrong. That made the lead six, and SMITH added an IMP for buying the contract at both tables in a partscore and going plus in one of them.

Then came an intriguing opportunity for APEROL. While Wiseman played 5♦ on a club lead, and needed one of the red suits to behave, Gromova reached 3NT.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	D'Ovidio	Smith	Willard
1♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass	3♣(Fit)	Pass

Remen led a top club, Leslie following with the nine. Gromova crossed to a top diamond and took the losing heart finesse and Leslie played back the club eight. Had Gromova ducked, she would have forced Leslie to find the spade shift to set the game, but that would have stood out, I think, since declarer surely had ten points in the minors. Gromova sensibly preferred to play for 4-4 clubs so she won the second club and cleared diamonds. The defenders promptly cashed out for down one. There was no swing, but D'Ovidio deserves credit for going passive with a club lead, not active with a heart lead against 5♦.

APEROL closed the margin down to two IMPs when Smith/Wiseman bid a game that depended on a little more than playing a nine-card fit missing the queen to play for no loser, with Qxx over the AK, while they played partscore in the other room. The last board was a flat partscore and SMITH had held on to win by 2 IMPs.



Tatiana Ponomareva

Rosenblum SF - S2

SPECTOR v ZIMMERMANN

Brian Senior

The Rosenblum semi-finals were played over 4 x 14-board segments and, at the end of Set One, the American squad captained by Warren SPECTOR had built up a handy lead of 53-12 IMPs over Pierre ZIMMERMANN's multi-national team. Set Two was a curious affair, with several opportunities for swings but with most of them ending up flat, beginning with:

Board 15. Dealer South. 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
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
Pass	3NT	4♣	3♦
5♣	5♦	5♥	Pass
5♠	Dble	6♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
Pass	3NT	4♣	3♦
5♣	5♦	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

Both Souths made the normal 3♦ opening and both Norths responded 3NT, expecting to be running partner's diamonds. East overcalled in his longer suit and West raised to game. Now North had to admit to the diamond support. Here the two auctions diverged.

Zimmermann took the push to 6♣, which was doubled by Joel Wooldridge on the South cards, ending the auction. Wooldridge led the jack of diamonds to John Hurd's ace – ruffed. Zimmermann took the ace and queen of trumps then led the jack of hearts off the dummy. That was covered, not that it mattered, and he played on hearts in case there was need of a ruff to bring in the suit, then drew the missing trump and settled for down one, losing two spades at the end; –100.

Gavin Wolpert tried 5♥ over 5♦. Whether that was intended as an alternative contract or as a slam try, Spector

bid a somewhat obscure 5♠ in reply (Of course, maybe they have a special agreement of which I am unaware which would explain it) and Piotr Gawrys doubled, then doubled again when Wolpert's correction to 6♣ came round to him. The double of 5♠ got Michal Klukowski to lead the king of spades. Gawrys did not overtake but Klukowski played a second spade and now a third round would have created a trump trick for the defence. But Gawrys instead tried the ace of diamonds and, as he surely should have expected, that was ruffed and Wolpert had the rest. Declarer ruffed the diamond cashed the ace and queen of clubs, then ran the jack of hearts; down one for –100 and a push.

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	
♥ 7 6 3			♥ A K Q 5 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		

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Both E/W pairs went through the Kokish routine, 3♦ showing genuine hearts and diamonds.

When Franck Multon gave preference to 3♥, Zimmermann showed his fifth diamond and Multon signed off in game. Had he shown some values by bidding 3♥ rather than jumping to 4♥? That would be a popular style,

though it is a little uncomfortable if the weak hand has to jump to game on a small doubleton on occasion? If so, Zimmermann should surely have gone on, and perhaps he should have done anyway. Or, if he had not promised anything to date, should Multon have gone on because his diamond honours were gold dust and he had a side king which might or might not be just what was required? The bottom line was that Zimmermann passed out 4♥ and had 13 easy tricks once trumps divided three-two; an inadequate looking +710.

And inadequate it proved to be. Wolpert took control once his partner admitted to some heart support. Five Clubs denied a key card, 5♦ asked about the ♥Q and 5♥ denied it – no surprise to Wolpert. However, now Wolpert could invite the grand slam in context of his already knowing that partner had neither a key card nor the trump queen. Spector's actual hand had to be good and he quite rightly jumped to 7♥. It was all very straightforward – either trumps would break kindly or they wouldn't. When they did, Wolpert chalked up +2210 and 17 massive IMPs, to lead by 70-12.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Klukowski/Gawrys had an uncontested Polish Club auction to INT, against which Spector led the three of clubs. Klukowski won the jack and led a diamond to the eight and jack, won the club return and played a low diamond to the king and ace followed by the ♦4 towards his nine. Wolpert won the queen and played back another club and Klukowski had eight tricks – four clubs, two diamonds and two major-suit aces; +120.

At the other table Zimmermann opened a 10-13 no trump. Yes, he had only 9 HCP, but people who play the

mini-NT open light or off-shape all the time. Multon transferred to spades and, when Zimmermann duly bid 2♠ as requested, Wooldridge doubled for take-out. Hurd responded 3♦ and played there, a delicate little contract. Zimmermann led the two of clubs to the ten and ace and Hurd played a spade to the jack and ace and a second spade to the king. Zimmermann led a second club, Hurd won the jack and played a third club to his queen then ruffed a spade, Zimmermann discarding a heart. The thirteenth club came next, Multon ruffing with the seven and Hurd pitching a heart from hand. Multon returned the king of diamonds so Hurd won the ace, played ace of hearts and ruffed a heart low, then played a spade and could not be prevented from winning one more trick; +110 and no swing.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ K Q 9 7 6 3	
	♥ A	
	♦ A J 9	
	♣ J 3 2	
♠ 10 5 4	<div>N W E S</div>	♠ J
♥ Q 6 4 3		♥ 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
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
		Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	2♦	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Slam is only slightly sub-par on this deal but neither N/S pair seriously considered the possibility before stopping in game.

Multon fished out another mini-NT in third seat – what did I say about opening light or off-shape – and Hurd doubled. When Zimmermann ran to 2♦ there would have been a large penalty if his opponents could have found a way to double him, but double would have been take-out so Wooldridge instead jumped to 3♥ and Hurd bid his spades. Wooldridge showed slam interest but Hurd was not interested and quickly signed-off in game. After king and another club he had 12 quick tricks for +680.

The Poles had an uncontested auction in which Klukowski used Drury and Gawrys jumped to game. Again the defence started with king and another club, and Gawrys had the same 12 tricks for a flat board at +680.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
All Pass			2♠

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠
3♥	All Pass		Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, Zimmermann balanced while Wolpert did not, getting his side to 3♥.

Hurd led the jack of diamonds against 3♥, Multon winning dummy's king to lead a spade up, winning the king. A heart to the queen and ace saw Wooldridge return a diamond to Multon's ace. He played a heart to the jack then back to the king and, seeing that he was about to get endplayed, Wooldridge discarded the ace of spades in hope of finding his partner with the queen. It was not to be. The discard



Gavin Wolpert

just speeded play up a little as Multon cashed the ♠Q then ruffed a spade and played a diamond. He had to lose two clubs and a diamond but had nine tricks for +140.

Klukowski was left to declare 2♠. Spector led the two of clubs, Wolpert winning the ace and continuing with his low club to declarer's king. Klukowski played a diamond to the ten and king, ducked the return of the ♥Q, but won the next heart and gave up a second diamond. Spector won that and tried the king of hearts, but Klukowski could ruff that, cash the queen of clubs, and ruff a diamond. He had to lose two trump tricks so was down one for -50 but 3 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN; 15-70.

The score had moved on only to 70-16 in favour of SPECTOR when the next big swing came along, but there need not have been such a big swing as actually proved to be the case, and what swing there was really should have gone in the opposite direction.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
2♣	INT	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
2♦	INT	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2♥	3NT	Dble

Gawrys opened INT and Wolpert doubled, a four-card major and longer minor. Two Clubs was pass or correct – Spector couldn't bid a natural 2♦, alas, and Wolpert, of course, passed it out. Gawrys led the queen of diamonds, Spector winning the ace and leading a spade to his queen then a heart up. Gawrys won the ace of hearts and exited with a heart so Spector won the king and tried a low spade away from the king. Klukowski won the ten and returned a club to the five and ace and Gawrys continued with his low club, Spector running this to his jack. He cashed the king of diamonds then played another diamond and Gawrys ruffed in with the queen to no avail. Spector won the ♣K and had eight tricks for +90.

At the other table, Hurd also opened INT and Wooldridge decided to use Stayman. That left room for

Multon to introduce his diamonds and Hurd showed the hearts. Now Zimmermann took his partner seriously and jumped to 3NT, doubled by Wooldridge. E/W now found the nerve to stand their ground and Wooldridge led his partner's suit, choosing the ♥4. Their CC suggests that they lead third and low in partner's suit, otherwise attitude, but Wooldridge was probably trying to give some attitude even in partner's suit in case declarer had two heart stoppers and this would convince partner to switch to spades. But Hurd did not read his partner's intentions. He won the ace of hearts and, not believing that his partner could hold the ♥J, tried the ace of clubs at trick two. That was the end for the defence. Zimmermann unblocked dummy's ♣J and now Hurd switched back to hearts – but it was too late. Zimmermann won the ♥K and rattled off the diamonds. Finally, he played a club to the ten and had two overtricks for +1150 and 14 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, when the contract would have been defeated by a heart continuation at trick two and SPECTOR would then have collected 7 IMPs. ZIMMERMANN closed to 30-70.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

		♠ Q 9 2 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ 9 8 3	
♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ A Q J ♦ 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ A	<div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ A K 7 5 ♣ K 7 6 5	
		♠ K J 10 3 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ 10 ♣ Q J 10 4 2	
West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
1♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
		INT	All Pass

Both Easts passed – mini-NTs do not apply for Zimmermann/Multon when vulnerable – and both Wests opened 1♦. Wolpert responded with an invitational or better 2♦ while Zimmermann chose to respond INT. The latter ended the auction, while the Americans showed stoppers and eventually bid to the excellent diamond game.

Wooldridge led the queen of clubs against INT. Zimmermann won the bare ace, crossed to a top diamond and took the heart finesse. that lost and the clubs were

cleared, Zimmermann winning the king immediately so the defence would not have the opportunity to switch to spades. He played two more rounds of diamonds to establish the suit and Hurd led his last club to partner, who cashed three of them. That was it for the defence, however, and Zimmermann had eight tricks for +120.

Five Diamonds makes if diamonds are two-two or if they are three-one and the heart is onside. Today there were three losers; down one for –100 and 6 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, closing again to 36-70.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♥	1♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Warren Spector

Wolpert doubled then jumped to 3NT, while Zimmermann also doubled but, perhaps put off by Hurd's 1♠ rebid, settled for 2NT. However, Multon raised him to game so the same contract was reached at both tables.

Klukowski led a spade to the queen, ducked, and Gawrys returned a low spade to the jack. Wolpert, perforce, won the third spade and tried the diamonds, conceding the third round to the queen. Wooldridge led his last spade to Hurd's king and that squeezed declarer. Wolpert, however, threw a club in tempo and Gawrys got it wrong, switching to a heart. That still only meant eight tricks for Wolpert, who was therefore down one for -50, having to concede a club at the end.

Play followed similar lines at the other table, but Zimmermann thought a while before pitching a heart on the fourth spade. Whether or not Hurd would have got it right anyway, declarer's tempo helped him to return a heart and forced Zimmermann to lead away from the ♣K at trick 12; down two for -100 and 2 IMPs to SPECTOR, who led by 72-36.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Spector	Gawrys	Wolpert	Klukowski
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Multon	Hurd	Zimmermann	Wooldridge
Pass	Pass	1♠	INT
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

Well, would you double or overcall INT with the South cards? It is a pretty empty 15-count, but with eight points in the opponents' suit and 3-4-3-3 shape, I guess I'd go for the overcall.

Anyway, Klukowski doubled, as INT would have been 16-18 for his partnership and he saw nothing about the hand to encourage him to upgrade. Spector bid 2♥ to show a good spade raise, and Wolpert signed off in 2♠ and played there. Klukowski led the nine of diamonds to the jack and queen and Wolpert played a trump. Gawrys overtook Klukowski's jack with his queen and returned the ♠10 so Klukowski won that and cashed the third spade. He

switched to the two of hearts next, Wolpert winning the ace and playing a club to his ten. He still had to lose two club tricks but that was all; +110.

Wooldridge overcalled INT and Multon doubled. Wooldridge's redouble was presumably systemic, since otherwise there is nothing about the hand to justify his action, and looking at 6 HCP Hurd was happy to leave it in. Not for the first time in the set, Zimmermann showed a strong nerve by not running, so INT redoubled it was. Multon led the three of spades to the ten, two and king. Wooldridge led a heart to the nine and perked up when that held the trick. He came back to hand with a spade and led a second low heart towards the remaining queen-ten. Had Multon played low the contract would have been an easy make, but he correctly went up with the ace, leaving the suit blocked. Zimmermann discarded his lowest spade which, with the spade position known, should be suit preference, and Multon found the killing switch – the eight of clubs. That went to the nine and ten, and Wooldridge ducked. Zimmermann switched to his low diamond and Multon led the five of clubs to the seven and again ducked by Wooldridge. However, Zimmermann played a third club to declarer's ace and, while Wooldridge could cash the queen of hearts, he then had no way back to hand to cash the king. The contract was one down for -400 and 7 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

The set score was 31-19 in favour of ZIMMERMANN, but SPECTOR still led by 72-43 at the half-way point in the match.

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Rosenblum SF - S4

SPECTOR v ZIMMERMANN

Brian Senior

The American Team SPECTOR had scraped through the qualifying Swiss and had a number of close shaves during the KO phase, but were now 14 boards away from the final of the 2018 Rosenblum. In their way stood Pierre ZIMMERMANN's multi-national squad, but SPECTOR had a useful 23-IMP advantage, at 105-82, going into those last 14 deals. Would it be enough?

ZIMMERMANN took a sizeable bite out of the SPECTOR lead immediately.

Board 43. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
2♦	3NT	4♦	Dble
All Pass			

For SPECTOR, Joel Wooldridge opened 1♥ and Michal Klukowski overcalled 2♦. John Hurd jumped to 3NT and Piotr Gawrys supported his partner's diamonds. Wooldridge doubled on his minimum opening hand, presumably to discourage any further bidding from his partner, and that ended the auction. Hurd led the king of hearts, as who would not, and Klukowski took a spade pitch on dummy's ace. He ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, and



Piotr Gawrys

led dummy's ♥J to the queen and ruff with the eight. Hurd discarded a club so Klukowski took a second club ruff then ruffed another heart, this time with the nine. Again Hurd discarded a club so Klukowski ruffed his last club and played the winning nine of hearts for a spade pitch from hand. Hurd ruffed with the seven and led a spade to the jack, king and ace. Declarer led a diamond towards dummy's jack so Hurd won the queen and cashed the ♦A and ♠Q for down one and -100.

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
2♦	Dble	5♦	1♥
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Geir Helgemo, for ZIMMERMANN, also opened the South hand and Vincent Demuy also overcalled 2♦. Tor Helness, however, preferred to double rather than jump to 3NT, thereby keeping other contracts in the picture. But John Kranyak made a big pre-emptive raise to 5♦ and when that ran round to Helness he doubled again. Not expecting to make anything at this level, Helgemo left it in. Helness led the king of hearts to dummy's ace and Demuy threw a club from his hand then led the jack of hearts to the queen, ruff and ten. He ruffed a club and played the established ♥9 for a spade discard. Helness ruffed and returned a spade to the jack, king and ace, and Demuy ruffed his last club and led a diamond up. There were two of those to be lost and also two spades, so the contract was down three for -500 and 9 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, closing to 91-105.

The boards ran very quietly for a while, with the next significant swing not coming until Board 49.

Board 49. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	INT	2♦
All Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠

Kranyak opened INT and Helgemo overcalled 2♦, either hearts, or spades and a minor. Two Hearts was pass or correct and 2♠ duly showed spades and an unspecified minor. Demuy led the ten of hearts, Kranyak playing the jack and Helgemo ducking. Helgemo won the heart continuation and played a third heart to Kranyak, who led ace and another club. Helgemo pitched a diamond from hand and, on winning the ♣K, played the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. Next he cashed the top spades and, on seeing the fall of the queen, led a third spade to the jack then played a diamond, coming to nine tricks for +140.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
	Pass	INT	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Gawrys too opened INT but Wooldridge doubled, penalty, on a hand that didn't fit any other action in his methods. That ran around to Gawrys, who decided that discretion was the better part of valour and ran to the comfort of his six-card club suit. Wooldridge doubled again, this time for take-out, and raised Hurd's 2♠ response all the way to game. Gawrys led the king of hearts then continued with the jack when Hurd ducked. Hurd won, drew trumps in three rounds then led the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. He continued with a diamond back to his nine then a third round. That established the suit, but there was a heart to lose and the ace of clubs so the contract was down one for -100 and 6 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, who trailed by 98-108.

Board 50. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
		Pass	1♥
2♦	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When Klukowski overcalled 2♦, Hurd showed a constructive four-card heart raise and Wooldridge splintered. Hurd signed off in game and Klukowski led the king of diamonds. Wooldridge won the ace of diamonds and led the jack of hearts to the ace followed by a low

heart to his king. He played the king of spades next, Klukowski winning the ace and cashing two diamond winners. The queen of hearts was the setting trick so one down for -50.

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
		Pass	1♥
2♦	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Demuy also made a simple 2♦ overcall rather than show both minors and commit to the three level when vulnerable. Helness cuebid to show an invitational raise and Helgemo jumped to game. Demuy led the queen of diamonds. Helgemo won the ace and led the jack of hearts to the ace then a low heart back to his nine! He drew the missing trump then conceded a diamond. Demuy returned the jack of clubs to the queen, king and ruff, and Helgemo played a third diamond to establish his nine and had only to lose a spade; 10 tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN. The scores were tied at 108-108 with six boards to go.

Board 51. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
			1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Helgemo opened 1♦ and rebid 3♦ over the inverted raise. That suggested a minimum opening so Helness settled for 3NT. Kranyak led the ten of hearts, Rusinow. Helness won the king and played a heart back to the nine then cashed three rounds of diamonds before taking the club finesse. That lost but Helness had the rest of the tricks for +690.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
			INT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Wooldridge opened INT, 14-16, and Hurd checked for a five-card major then showed his diamonds when Wooldridge denied one. There was an exchange of cuebids but, while Hurd's redouble of 4♠ confirmed first-round control, the expected spade lead was bad news for Wooldridge, who signed off in game. However, Hurd had a lot and was not prepared to stay out of slam. He raised to 6♦ and Hurd found that, even after the spade lead, it still only required a successful club finesse. Alas, the ♣K was offside and down one meant -100 and 13 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, who led by those 13 at 121-108. ZIMMERMANN had outscored their opponents by 39-3 IMPs so far in the set and there were five boards left to play.

Board 52. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Slam is pretty decent on the E/W cards, particularly if played in clubs by East to protect the spade position. The Poles didn't get close. Gawrys responded 2♣ to the 1♥ opening but then just raised the 3♥ rebid to game, not liking his singleton heart. Hurd's diamond lead picked up the queen and the even heart split meant that Klukowski soon had all 13 trick stacked in front of him; +510.

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The Americans went more slowly, Demuy making a simple 2♥ rebid, forcing, of course, so that he had the space to show some club support at his next turn. This was definitely a good hand for two-over-one GF. Kranyak also went slowly and when Demuy went on over 3NT was prepared to co-operate with a cuebid on his control-rich hand. Finally, when Demuy bid 4NT, Kranyak jumped to the club slam to complete a very nice auction. There was a club

loser but that was all; +920 and 9 IMPs to SPECTOR, to close to 117-121 with four boards to play.

Board 53. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
	INT	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I wasn't aware that Helgemo/Helness had added a mini no trump to their methods but that is what Helness had on this deal. Helgemo committed to game by jumping to 3♠ to show his shortage, and Helness was not dissuaded by Demuy's double from bidding 3NT. Kranyak led the two of spades to the jack and king and Helness played a club to the king and ace. Demuy played a spade and Kranyak won the ace and returned the nine so Demuy could cash the rest of the spades then lead a heart to his partner's ace for down three and -150.

That opened the door for SPECTOR to pick up some IMPs if they could stay low or, at least, stay out of no trump.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
1♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Hurd opened 1♦ on the flat 10-count and, despite the opposing overcall, it seems that they had no way to stop out of game when Wooldridge had 13 HCP. But perhaps Wooldridge intended 3♦ to be only invitational, when Hurd had no real justification for bidding on? What is certain is that if you are going to open this sort of hand on a regular basis then you need to have a way to stop at a sensible level even when partner himself has more traditional opening values. 3NT once again was down three after the same low spade lead for a flat board, and an opportunity had gone a-begging for SPECTOR. It was still ZIMMERMANN by 4 IMPs but now there were only three boards to play.

Board 54. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p> ♠ 9 4 2 ♥ J 9 8 7 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 7 5 4 </p>			
♠ J 10 6 5 3 ♥ A 3 2 ♦ Q 5 ♣ 10 9 2	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 ♥ Q 10 5 4 ♦ 10 8 7 4 ♣ Q J 8	
<p> ♠ A K Q ♥ K 6 ♦ K J 9 6 3 ♣ K 6 3 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♥
		All Pass	

Helgemo opened 2NT then denied a four- or five-card major with his 3♥ response to the 3♣ inquiry. Helness signed off in 3NT and Demuy led a spade. If declarer can resist taking the diamond finesse, he comes to nine tricks with ease, but low to the ace followed by leading back to the jack looks to be the normal play and that is what Helgemo chose after winning the first trick. When that lost to the doubleton queen, there was a way for the defence to prevail, albeit a tough one to find, West needing to lead a low heart and East to duck it. In practice, Demuy got close but, as they say, no cigar, when he won the ♦Q and played ace and another heart to the ten and king. Helgemo could set up the fifth diamond and had nine tricks for +600.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
		Pass	3NT
		All Pass	

Hurd/Wooldridge play a different version of Puppet with, I believe, the 3♦ rebid denying five hearts or four spades, but not denying five spades, so that 3♥ asked again and 3NT denied five spades. Play started as in the other room, with a spade to the queen then a diamond to the ace and back to the jack and queen. Klukowski defended passively, returning a spade. Wooldridge won that and played king and another diamond to Gawrys's ten, discarding a heart and a spade from dummy. The best the defence can do now is to play a club, which declarer must duck, then switch to a heart to put him to the guess in that suit (a heart without first getting the club trick in simply allows declarer to establish a heart for his ninth trick). Sure enough, Gawrys found the play of the queen of clubs and Wooldridge found the duck. But now Gawrys played a second club so Wooldridge could win in hand, cash his diamond and spade winners, then lead a club to the ace. The even club split

meant that he had his contract for another push board.

While Boards 53 and 54 had been interesting flat boards, Board 55 was a dull one, with both Norths opening INT and playing there for seven tricks and +90. It would all come down to the final deal.

Board 56. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p> ♠ K J 10 ♥ A 8 ♦ Q 9 8 6 4 ♣ A 8 2 </p>			
♠ A 8 6 3 2 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ 6 4	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 7 4 ♥ J 10 9 5 4 ♦ J 2 ♣ K J 10	
<p> ♠ 9 5 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ Q 9 7 5 3 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Demuy	Helness	Kranyak	Helgemo
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Demuy opened INT, good 13 to 16, and Kranyak transferred to hearts then passed the response. Helness led a diamond to the king and ace. Demuy led the king of hearts and Helness won the ace and played queen and another diamond. Demuy threw a spade from dummy and won the ten. He led a club to the ten and queen, won the spade return with the ace, and drew trumps then conceded a club and a spade; eight tricks for +110.

Now it was very simple; SPECTOR needed +50 at the other table for extra boards, or any bigger plus score to win in regulation.

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hurd	Gawrys	Wooldridge
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Klukowski was well short of what was required for a INT opening in his methods so opened 1♠, and Gawrys made a simple raise. Nobody had anything to add to that and Hurd led a diamond to his partner's king Klukowski won the diamond with the ace and led a low spade. Hurd followed with the ten but Klukowski called for the queen without hesitation and when that held played a second spade to his ace. He got the clubs wrong, but had eight tricks, losing two clubs and one trick in each of the other suits. Just making meant +110 and a flat board, so ZIMMERMANN had won by 121-117 and would go forward to the 96-board final to be played over the next two days against LAVAZZA, who had led throughout to defeat ALLFREY by 149-91.

Best Defense of the Championship?

Ana Roth

Open Teams Quarter-finals

The LAVAZZA v CHAGAS match was dramatic until the last board. Finally LAVAZZA won by 6 IMPs over their rivals and made their way to the semi-finals. At one of the tables the Italian team was represented by Bilde/Duboin as N/S while for the CHAGAS team Thoma sat West and Ravenna was East.

Board 24 saw an excellent defense developed by Ravenna that managed to fool the declarer into going down in a cold contract.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Bilde	Ravenna	Duboin
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Lead: ♣A

After winning the first trick, Ravenna decided to continue with a trump to stop Bilde's possible heart ruffs. Looking at dummy's ♠ 9 8, he decided to play his ♠ 2, so declarer could not develop an entry to the table with the ♠ 9.

Bilde played the ♠ 8, Thoma the ♠ Q and the declarer won with his trump ace.

These were the BBO comments at this point:

CopeyJ: has to be a precise defense, ♣A lead, diamond to partner, ♠ back ruffed and a trump shift I think, in fact even that isn't enough as declarer can win, ruff a ♥ and throw last ♥ on ♣K, adding up to ten tricks. So this looks like 590 – but could easily be duplicated.

CopeyJ: 3♠ next door – and that was 200 so this will be 7 IMPs to Lavazza who will retake the lead by 6

CopeyJ: sorry 9 to Lavazza, who will lead by 8

ritong: playing a ♣ right now is the most elegant solution, but...

CopeyJ: It's true – easy from up here...and I have been precipitous. Bilde has a real problem now...

And Bilde continued with a club... Ravenna threw a heart (♥8, very fast). He was still thinking about denying declarer the ♠ 9 as an entry to those beautiful clubs in

dummy...Declarer won the trick with the ♣K ...

This was the commentator's reaction to Ravenna's discard:

CopeyJ: wow...bravo

ritong: ♠ 9 would have been an entry

Bilde at this point in time, thinking Thoma had all the trumps...played another club...and after this move he could no longer win the contract...

Bilde played dummy's ♣ 6, Thoma played his ♣ Q, Bilde ruffed with the ♠ 7 and Ravenna discarded another heart!!! Declarer continued with ♥ A, ruffed a heart in dummy, and played a club, Thoma ruffed with his ♠ 4, and Bilde threw his last heart loser, no play would have changed history at this moment, it was impossible to stop a trump promotion. Ravenna played his last heart too.

Thoma returned the ♥ K, Bilde ruffed with the ♠ 6, but Ravenna now over-ruffed for one down and a world-class defense...

Bravo!!!



Pablo Ravenna

Rosenblum SF - S2, 3 and 4

ALLFREY v LAVAZZA

Jos Jacobs

After the first quarter, LAVAZZA were leading 54-11 against ALLFREY, so it very much looked an uphill task for the latter team, already, to revive the match.

On the first board of the second set, both teams had their chances.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Duboin	Robson	Bilde	Allfrey
			3♦
Pass	3NT	4♣	4NT
All Pass			

Certainly in 4th seat, 3NT over a diamond pre-empt does not necessarily promise a club stopper so one might say that Allfrey was just unlucky that this was one of those cases. On the other hand, he also was lucky because 4NT might as well have gone down eight rather than the actual five on the ♥A lead. Had East continued a club at trick 2 rather than cash his other top heart first, we would have seen an undoubled -800 but when he did not, we had to be content with -500 only.

Not that they did so much better at the other table:

Closed Room

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

When E/W forgot to double, they collected only +200 for down two and thus ALLFREY lost another 7 IMPs. Not the start they needed.

It got even worse for them when they missed a respectable grand slam in hearts on the next board. They were in good company however, as in the other semi-final they only reached game at one table. See elsewhere in

these bulletins. Still, ALLFREY lost another 13 IMPs on this board.

On the next board, the tide turned a bit for ALLFREY:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Duboin	Robson	Bilde	Allfrey
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North's 1♥ showed spades.

On this auction, West led a heart to East's queen, which held the trick. Declarer won the ♥6 return with his ace, noting the fall of the ten, and played a diamond to East's jack. Another heart came back, declarer playing low and thus establishing his ♥J when West had to win his ♥K. A spade then went to the king and ace. Declarer went on to cash his ♥J and his four club winners, on which East, apparently unsure of the diamond position, discarded his ♠J. Now, declarer could cash dummy's ♦A and continue the suit, forcing East to hand the game-going trick to dummy in diamonds. ALLFREY +400.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Paske	Bianchedi	Jones	Madala
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

On a spade lead, Madala just made his 7 tricks for +90 to LAVAZZA but 7 IMPs back to ALLFREY.

On the next board, Madala and Bianchedi apparently had a bidding misunderstanding which led to an easy vulnerable spade game being missed. Another 10 IMPs to ALLFREY. Two boards later, we saw this:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Duboin and Bilde had reached 5♦ by way of their relay system, scoring an overtrick. This was the natural E/W auction in the other room:

Closed Room

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

Nicely done and no problem in the play when North led a low club. Declarer ran this to his queen and went on to make all 13 tricks for +1390 and 13 IMPs back to ALLFREY. They had reduced their deficit by 7 IMPs at this point.

Five boards later, Allfrey was a little too optimistic:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♥	2NT	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Down two, of course, LAVAZZA +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	INT	Dble	Pass
2♣*	Pass	Pass	Dble
2♦	2♥	All Pass	

No accidents at this table. LAVAZZA another +140 and 10 IMPs to them to win the segment 36-33 and thus increase their lead to 46 at halftime.

The 3rd segment was less spectacular than the second. Here are a few highlights.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Jones</i>
			Pass
1♦	2♣	Dble	3♣
3♠	4♣	Dble	All Pass

Where have the hearts gone? Down two, LAVAZZA +300.



Agustín Madala



Norberto Bocchi

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
Pass	Pass	1♠	2NT
4♣	5♥	All Pass	

When E/W sold out to 5♥, maybe following the old BOLS tip that the five-level belongs to the opponents, LAVAZZA had an easy road to +650 and a 10-IMP gain.

A few boards later, ALLFREY scored again:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Paske	Bilde	Jones
Pass	Pass	Dble	INT
2♠	All Pass		Pass

Maybe West should have done more but on the other hand: "Would East's double necessarily show some spade values?" LAVAZZA +170.



Alexander Allfrey

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Allfrey	Bocchi	Robson	Sementa
1♦	3♣	3♦	4♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Robson's shot at the alternative game contract proved successful, the British could soon chalk up +650 and 8 IMPs.

And the next board:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Paske	Bilde	Jones
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♠
4♥	Dble	4♣	5♥
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

Jones duly showed his red two-suiter but Duboin first showed his void and then had the last word. Just one down, +200 to ALLFREY.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
2♠	Pass	4♠	INT
			All Pass

When Allfrey showed no inhibitions over Sementa's INT, the British were soon in game for an easy enough +650 and 10 IMPs back to them.

ALLFREY thus won the 3rd segment 27-16 to trail by 35 with 14 boards to play.

The second board of the 4th and final segment looked a little slammish.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

South's 1♦ showed hearts and North's INT denied three-card support. The spade slam is too high but definitely playable, albeit not on this Friday. Declarer correctly finessed the ♠J through East but he could never handle the 4-1 heart break. One down, LAVAZZA +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

After an identical start to the auction, South showed his invitational major two-suiter, so N/S came to rest in a solid enough 4♥. LAVAZZA another +420 and 10 IMPs to them. It looked as if ALLFREY were beginning to run out of boards now, even more so when the next six boards produced just 6 IMPs to ALLFREY.

A natural but unlucky lead presented LAVAZZA with a slam and 16 IMPs on board 23 but on the next board, ALLFREY immediately recouped part of this loss.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Sementa and Bocchi did not get beyond 3NT and thus had to be content with +490 when the hearts happened to be 3-3.

In the Closed Room, the British pair showed the way in an entirely natural auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

No problems in the play when South led the ♠J. ALLFREY +920 and 10 IMPs back to them.

To finish this report, here is a beautiful defence by Antonio Sementa, not found at any of the other semi-final tables in play:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

At both tables, South had become declarer in the normal 3NT and West led a spade. Both declarers won in hand and played ♦A and a diamond to the jack and West's queen. When Paske returned a routine spade, Duboin had all the time in the world to concede another diamond to East and to play low when East returned a heart. A club return

would not have helped the defence as the suit is 3-3. LAVAZZA +600.

Sementa, also in with the $\diamond Q$, returned a low heart away from his $\heartsuit Axx$. This was won by dummy's $\heartsuit 7$ (East playing low) and thus gave South a cheap heart trick, but it also established three heart tricks for the defence as soon as they would regain the lead. So when East won a trick with his $\diamond 10$, the heart continuation put the contract one down, a fully deserved result after a fine defence. LAVAZZA another +100 and 12 more IMPs to finally win the segment 43-20 and the match 149-91.

It would be LAVAZZA v ZIMMERMANN in the 96-board final, during the weekend.

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Mc Connell Final - SI

SMITH v BAKER

Ron Tacchi

SMITH had a narrow win by two IMPs in the semi-final whereas BAKER had a much calmer progression, leading all the way and finishing with a convincing win. Whichever team wins there will be gold medals for two English women as both contestants have an English pairing playing for them. The remaining players are hailing from USA, Scotland, Norway and Sweden.

We had a technical glitch during Board 1 where we lost contact:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Larsson	Brock	Bertheau
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	



Kathrine Bertheau

**Lynn Baker**

N/S were not playing a forcing NT and so the auction came to a peaceful end. East made a good lead of the two of hearts but other than that no record exists of the play save that the contract made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	McCallum	Smith	Baker
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Obviously this was not the bidding but the final contract, the technical glitches not allowing us to know the real story and other than East led the jack of hearts all we know is the contract was three off. And first blood to SMITH and 6 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Larsson	Brock	Bertheau
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		
2♦	9-11, 3 or 4 hearts		
2♠	Minimum		

A little white lie by West got the level too high. Declarer

was going to go down one, losing two diamonds, two hearts and a spade but had a mechanical error when North led a fourth round of diamonds and she discarded a spade from both hands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	McCallum	Smith	Baker
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Two Clubs was natural or a limit raise and when East showed a minimum that is where the contract rested. Declarer lost the five tricks as described above but gained another 7 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Larsson	Brock	Bertheau
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Dble

N/S brushed aside the interference to arrive in Four Spades. East led the nine of hearts taken by declarer in hand who continued with a small spade to the jack which held the trick. When declarer led the king of spades from dummy she was doomed as West rose with the ace and punched the nine of clubs though. Declarer played small but West continued the suit and declarer ruffed in dummy. A small diamond to the queen in hand was followed by the queen of trumps but now declarer had a trump and a club loser for one off. To make the contract declarer has to play three rounds of diamonds at trick three – this only works if trumps are 4-1, so not a play one is likely to find.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	McCallum	Smith	Baker
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♥	4♠	All Pass	Rdbl

In this room the same contract and the same lead. Declarer won with the king and played a trump to the king

declarer knocked out the ace of trumps and again tackled the clubs and again East failed to take her ace of diamonds and again declarer made eleven tricks, but this time it cost 13 IMPs and for the first time BAKER took the lead 24-13.

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

♠ K 6 3
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K J 9 4 3 2
 ♣ A 5

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

N
 W E
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♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3
♥ A 10
♦ 9
♣ J 10 5

♠ 8 2
♥ J 7 6 5 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 6
♥ K 8 3
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ K 9 6 3

♠ A 4
♥ Q 9 4
♦ A Q 8 6 4
♣ A Q 8

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3NT

South's Two Spades was not weak but 10 – 13 with a six-card suit. North forced to game in hearts and that left East with a very unappetising hand from which to lead. She chose the four of diamonds. This put declarer ahead in the game as she could not misguess. Dummy's queen of diamonds held the first trick and another was played to the ace. Declarer then attempted to ruff her losing diamond but fell from grace when she ruffed small – what would it have cost to play the nine – she was overruffed by the eight. West now paused, in fact she paused several times, before playing the ace of trumps and then a club. To ensure

North was persistent with her spades and South was willing to go on to the three-level. East led a heart and declarer knocked out the ace of trumps, tackled clubs and when East failed to cash her ace of diamonds her loser in that suit disappeared on the thirteenth club.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiseman</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Baker</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In this room North was even more persistent with her spades and South valued her kings after the strong bidding from East on her right. East looking at her three aces and hoping, no doubt, at least one of her queens would come into the occasion, doubled. Again a heart was led and again

suit. When East took the ace at trick one she cut herself off from partner and declarer only had to mind her work to bring home ten tricks and 10 IMPs. I will leave for you to decide if East might possibly have got that one right.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

West <i>Wiseman</i>	North <i>McCallum</i>	East <i>Smith</i>	South <i>Baker</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	All Pass	2♠

♠ A 8 6 5 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K J 10 8 4
 ♣ J 3

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

♠ J 9 2
 ♥ J 7 5 4 2
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ 8

♠ 4
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ 9 7 6 2
 ♣ A K O 10 9 6

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Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 4
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ J 6

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ 10 6
♣ 10 5 4 2

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♠ K Q 10 7 6
♥ 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ A K O 8

♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ A Q J
♣ 9 7 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
		Pass	1♣*
1♥	Dble*	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♣
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

South was right to take out to Five Clubs as Four Hearts is a difficult contract to break, North has to lead ace and another spade to be ruffed by South, who then has to underlead her clubs to put partner in again with the jack of clubs for a second spade ruff. West took insurance against Five Clubs making and as North did not find the magical defence as above the contract failed by one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiseman</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Baker</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	5♦	4♥	4NT*
		Dble	All Pass

After South's minor-suit showing 4NT bid North naturally chose diamonds. East told her partner not to go on with a Double. She led a heart to partner's ace, who returned a club won in dummy with the ten. The six of diamonds was passed, revealing the unkind split, and ducked by East, another diamond to the jack was taken by the queen and East got off lead with a spade to declarer's ace. Inexplicably, declarer played a club which was ruffed by East for two off, whereas if she had just quietly played a third round of trumps she would just have lost the ace of trumps.

Apparently there was another technical issue which meant that BBO could only broadcast 14 of the sixteen deals. However it appears that we have not missed anything too exciting as my research shows that the two boards gave each team an overtrick IMP in a part-score. So at the end BAKER had outscored SMITH 44-29.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
All Pass			

With her anaemic five count North elected to pass and there the contract rested. Declarer was not tested in the play and came to ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wiseman	McCallum	Smith	Baker
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North's INT was not forcing but in the 5-11 range. Having heard a squeak of support for her spades South leapt to the spade game. West led her ten of diamonds and declarer looked set for a one trick set – two diamonds and two aces. But look again: to beat the contract East has to play low and force South to take her king immediately. That way, when West gains the lead with one of her aces she still has a diamond to lead for East to cash two tricks in the

Rosenblum Final - S1

ZIMMERMANN v LAVAZZA

David Bird

This splendid tournament reached its climax with two of the pre-event favorites meeting in the final. I would be commentating with Roland Wald, and we hoped that the boards would live up to the occasion. Fasten your seatbelts!

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Gawrys	Bianchedi	Klukowski
2♠	4♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Dble	6♥	All Pass	

What action should South take over partner's 4♥? The opponents' bidding has told him that North is likely to hold a singleton spade. In that case, the partnership must be close to a slam. Bidding 6♠ (or a pointless 4NT) would be too much. Klukowski's control bid of 4♠ was a slam invitation, which was exactly what his hand justified. Gawrys liked the idea, checked on keycards and bid 6♥. It was a perfect auction.

Bianchedi honored his partner's lead-directing double, reaching for the ♦3. Gawrys won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠A and reached his hand with a spade ruff to run the ♥Q. This brought him a well-earned +1460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bocchi	Helness	Sementa
3♦	4♥	INT	Dble
		All Pass	

Sementa was in much the same position as Klukowski. One difference was that he could not deduce a spade shortage opposite. He took the auction no higher and the ♠K lead held declarer to +680. It was an early 13 IMP to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Gawrys	Bianchedi	Klukowski
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♠	2♣	Dble
		All Pass	

South's Support Double showed three spades. What would you lead against 4♠ from that East hand?

Bianchedi chose the ♥8 and Gawrys won with the king. When he played a trump to the king, Madala defended strongly by declining to take the ace. The contract can then be made only by a contorted double-dummy line, starting with three rounds of diamonds! Gawrys, who had no GIB button within easy reach, called for the ♠J. Madala played low again. (It is equally good to rise with the ♠A and switch to the ♣9.)

East discarded the ♣10 on this trick. A club went to the king and ace, declarer ruffing the ♣Q return. West ruffed



Piotr Gawrys and Alejandro Bianchedi

Closed Room

West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Helness</i>	South <i>Sementa</i>
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

Norberto Bocchi

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	Rdbl
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

The defense began with the ♠A and a heart switch. There was no defeating the contract with the ♣Q onside and Gawrys recorded an overtrick when Bianchedi played another heart after winning the ♣J with the ace. That was a splendid +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ J 8 7 5
♥ J 10 3
♦ A 8 4 2
♣ 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	All Pass	

Madala chose not to open. When his partner doubled the 1♠ opening, he liked his cards enough to bid 4♥ and then 5♦. Gawrys had no intention of letting the opponents play the hand, after partner's pre-emptive double raise. He took the push to 5♠ and there was no further bidding. After a diamond lead, Gawrys won with the ace and claimed +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
1♥	3NT	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

This was to be a 16-board set (the first of six), but due to a glitch on BBO, only 14 boards could be broadcast. With more than 3600 kibitzers now glued to the Open Room action, this was the last of them:

♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ 3
♦ K J 10 8 4
♣ J 3

♠ K Q 10 7
♥ A 10 9 8 6
♦ —
♣ 7 5 4 2

♠ J 9 2
♥ J 7 5 4 2
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ 8

♠ 4
♥ K Q
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ A K O 10 9 6

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
I ♥	3♦	Pass 4♥	I ♣ Dble
All Pass			

♥3. Helgemo won and led the ♠K, claiming ten tricks for +590 for a gain of 9 IMP. Two more boards closed the first set, unseen by any of us. ZIMMERMANN led LAVAZZA by 41-22.

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How are the deals generated?

Hans van Staveren

As most of you will know, hands in major championships have been computer generated for a very long time. Since the year 2000 that has always been done by the program BigDeal that I have written. Sources and documentation of BigDeal are available through <http://www.xs4all.nl/~sater> since then. Nobody has yet found an error in the program and by now it should be regarded as a safe one to use.

However, and that is a big however, even though the program is OK it could still be misused. A real blatant misuse would be if the Tournament Organizer (TO for short) would smuggle an interesting hand into an otherwise normal set. A little less blatant would be if the TO made a set of hands, looked at it, and for whatever reason decided to make a new one. There are also rumors every now and then that if three sessions are played in a day that the TO picks the most interesting set for the evening session. Clearly all of this is very bad and should not happen.

There is only one good way to use BigDeal, or any other dealing program. Generate the hands, duplicate them and play them. Never even look at the hands. The players should be the first to see them. And I am pretty convinced that at least at VBF and EBL events this is what happened. However, there are always rumors, and until now the TO has no defense against them. He can only say he is honest, but cannot prove it.

Some years ago I developed a method that will allow the players to check the honesty of the TO after the event. From the player perspective it looks as follows:

- Before the tournament the TO publishes a short file containing information about the various phases of the tournament, and the board numbers per session. This was done by the VBF for this tournament, see the VBF web site.
- This file also contains a big number, called a checksum.
- Interested players can keep a copy of this file until after the tournament.
- After the tournament the TO publishes this file again, with a slight modification, and also another file containing all the numbers to generate all the hands of the sessions.
- Interested players can now run the same software as the TO does to generate all the hands of the tournament and compare it to the hands they actually played. They should all be the same.

There is a lot of technology involved in this software, and if you are not into computer science and/or mathematics

most of it will probably not be understandable to you. However, if you are, or know someone who is, the detailed documentation and the software is here: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~sater/SquareDeal.zip>, currently containing exactly the software used in this tournament. Later it will be updated.

Important to realize is that the use of this software basically takes away all the freedom of the TO. He must generate the predetermined hands and has no liberty left whatsoever to change them. In VBF and EBL tournaments this is done by Maurizio Di Sacco, and he is very happy to have his freedom taken away. All this means that if you use this method there is an answer to players who doubt the hands were made honestly. From now on you can just ask them to generate the hands themselves. If they find a difference it is time to investigate.

Also, hands generated this way are not distinguishable from hands made the "old-fashioned" way. The club king will be singleton just as often...

I am currently employed in this tournament as the IT-manager. Should anyone want a more technical update or discussion feel free to talk to me. You can usually find me in Cypress 2.

Women Final after R3

1	BESSIS Veronique - HUBERSCHWILLER A.-L.	FRA - FRA	59.36
2	HUANG Yan - WANG Nan	CHN - CHN	56.41
3	RADIN Judi - WESTHEIMER Valerie	USA - USA	54.38
4	QUINN Shawn - WITTES Pam	USA - USA	53.26
5	SOKOLOW Tobi - HARTMAN Claudette	USA - USA	52.58
6	DUFRAT Katarzyna - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	52.22
7	ROSENBERG Debbie - GUPTA Vinita	USA - USA	51.50
8	GATES Georgiana - HESSEL Ellen	USA - USA	51.23
9	LEVI Hila - ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	51.03
10	KAZMUCHA Danuta - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	50.83
11	AGHA Rubina - RAZA Fatima	PAK - PAK	50.81
12	JACKSON Joan - SUTHERLIN Peggy	USA - USA	50.64
13	BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	50.43
14	SULGROVE Kathy - GRIFFEY Candace	USA - USA	49.67
15	JANSMA Aida - BERKOWITZ Dana	NED - USA	48.73
16	LU Yan - LIU Yan	CHN - CHN	48.67
17	EYTHORSDDOTTIR H. - MECKSTROTH S.	USA - USA	48.55
18	BJERKAN Cheri - POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA	48.02
19	BARONI Irene - PAOLUZI Simonetta	ITA - ITA	47.84
20	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry - KATZ Nancy	USA - USA	47.50
21	BALDYSZ Cathy - BALDYSZ Zofia	POL - POL	46.86
22	DEKKERS Laura - BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	46.60
23	CHEN Wenmin - LIU Yunqing	CHN - CHN	46.12
24	SMART Diana - McLEISH Paula	AUS - AUS	45.40
25	PONTIFEX Marlene - PEARLMAN Shirley	CAN - CAN	45.04

Open Pairs Final after R3

1	RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE	59.11
2	DANAILOV Diyan - STAMATOV Jerry	BUL - BUL	58.64
3	MULLER Bauke - DE WIJS Simon	NED - NED	57.06
4	GIERULSKI Boguslaw - SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	LTU - LTU	55.94
5	KNAP Andrzej - WASIK Arturo	ESP - ESP	55.62
6	RAN Jing Rong - SHAO Zi Jian	CHN - CHN	54.74
7	GRUE Joe - MOSS Brad	USA - USA	54.42
8	ROMBAUT Jerome - LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA - FRA	54.05
9	GRAINGER David - HINZE Greg	USA - USA	53.99
10	THAKRAL Sandeep - BHAND Vivek	IND - IND	53.94
11	CAMBEROS Hector - LUCENA Carlos	ARG - ARG	53.94
12	DAI Jianming - SHI Haojun	CHN - CHN	53.21
13	KATZ Ralph - NICKELL Nick	USA - USA	53.10
14	JANSMA Jan - WILLENKEN Chris	NED - USA	52.89
15	VERBEEK Tim - NAB Bart	NED - NED	52.71
16	BAKHSI David - MALINOWSKI Artur	ENG - ENG	52.58
17	WHIBLEY Michael - EDGTON Nabil	NZL - AUS	52.58
18	LI Xin - ZHAO Yanpei	CHN - CHN	52.16
19	GOWER Craig - APTEKER Alon	RSA - RSA	52.01
20	TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	51.98
21	MARTEL Chip - FLEISHER Martin	USA - USA	51.81
22	GOLEBIOWSKI S. - JANISZEWSKI P.	POL - POL	51.75
23	SHI Zheng Jun - JU Chuancheng	CHN - CHN	51.37
24	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	51.32
25	PAVLICEK Richard - MUNDAY Jim	USA - USA	51.09
26	GROMOV Andrey - DUBININ Alexander	RUS - RUS	51.07
27	HANS Sartaj - HUNG Andy Pei-en	AUS - AUS	51.03
28	LORENZINI Cedric - PADON Dror	FRA - ISR	50.87
29	SUN Gang - ZHANG Yongge	CHN - CHN	50.66
30	PARASIAN Robert - ASBI Taufik Gautama	INA - INA	50.28
31	BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	49.86
32	PIEDRA Fernando - IGLA Bartlomiej	SUI - SUI	49.69
33	LIU Jing - ZHAO Chen	CHN - CHN	49.67
34	TIJSSEN Luc - KILJAN Veri	NED - NED	49.59
35	TULIN Stan - VERHEES Jr Louk	USA - NED	48.62
36	BESTRZYNSKI Olech - SEREK Cezary	POL - POL	47.46
37	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - TOMMASINI Stefano	BRA - BRA	47.08
38	DUNITZ Mitch - STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	46.91
39	CORNELL Michael - BACH Ashley	NZL - NZL	46.44
40	DIAMOND John - PLATNICK Brian	USA - USA	46.11
41	GERIN D. - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO R.	GLP - FRA	45.89
42	LIU Jun - ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	45.89
43	BRINK Sjoert - FERM Barbara	NED - USA	45.09
44	HEGEDUS Gal - BODIS Gyula	HUN - HUN	44.44
45	MANDALA Cheryl - INN Yul	USA - USA	44.36
46	DEMUY Vincent - WOLPERT Gavin	USA - USA	44.10
47	GANZER Craig - BART Les	USA - USA	43.80
48	TOFFIER Philippe - SERVAIS Laurent	FRA - FRA	42.60
49	CHEN Li-Chung - LEE Walter	USA - USA	42.48
50	LILIENSTEIN Jared - POLOWAN Michael	USA - USA	41.95
51	LI Jianwei - ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	41.71
52	CARMICHAEL Jenni - HUMPHREYS Greg	USA - USA	40.54

Seniors Final after R3

1	JACOBUS Marc - PASSELL Mike	USA - USA	64.04
2	CHENG Kuo-Paw - LIN Chii-Mou	TPE - TPE	59.55
3	ITABASHI Mark - WOLD Eddie	USA - USA	58.61
4	MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	57.89
5	KOWALSKI Apolinary - ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL	54.18
6	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz - TUSZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	53.96
7	KRANYAK Ken - BECKER Phillip	USA - USA	53.80
8	KALISH Avi - ORENSTEIN Eitan	ISR - ISR	53.34
9	MARSAL Reiner - KLUMPP Herbert	GER - GER	53.32
10	HANNA Nader - RAYNER John	CAN - CAN	52.55
11	FALK Allan - LUSKY John	USA - USA	51.38
12	INO Masayuki - YAMADA Kazuhiko	JPN - JPN	51.36
13	ABECASSIS Michel - LEVY Alain	FRA - FRA	50.64
14	BRAMLEY Bart - WOOLSEY Kit	USA - USA	50.61
15	CRONIER Philippe - MARILL Philippe	FRA - FRA	50.57
16	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	49.74
17	LEBI Robert - STEWART Fred	CAN - USA	49.71
18	CASEN Drew - KREKORIAN Jim	USA - USA	49.69
19	WILLIS David - VALLIANT John	CAN - CAN	48.78
20	MINER Charles - MEFFLEY Richard W	USA - USA	48.77
21	BRAGIN Barry - HAND Jeff	USA - USA	47.86
22	SHENKIN Barnet J - SILVERMAN Neil	USA - USA	47.10
23	CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	CAN - CAN	46.90
24	SIEBERT Allan - SEGARRA Jay	USA - USA	46.60
25	ROSENBERG Michael - WOLFSON Jeff	USA - USA	46.29
26	LAM Hon Shing, Henry - LING Roger	HKG - HKG	46.02
27	SCHWARTZ Gary - MATTHEWS JR Pete	USA - USA	45.87
28	AQUINO Mark - CAPPELLI Robert	USA - USA	45.47
29	MUNAFO Paul - OSHLAG Richard	USA - USA	45.46
30	DARVEY Jim - PINELES Abe	USA - USA	44.78
31	AKER Jeff - SIMSON Doug	USA - USA	44.75
32	BROWN Terry - BUCHEN Peter Walter	AUS - AUS	44.36
33	MUIR William - MALCOLM Chuck	USA - USA	43.92
34	BIZON Piotr - SZYMANOWSKI Marek	POL - POL	41.92

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Joan Gerard Cup after R3

1	SZABO Csaba - HODOSI Peter	HUN - HUN	62.31	64	LAVINGS Paul - KROCHMALIK Robert	AUS - AUS	49.83
2	WANG Penghao - TONG Jiaxin	CHN - CHN	59.34	65	XU Hao - ZHOU Chuanyao	CHN - CHN	49.60
3	STRZEMECKI Wojciech - ZAWADA P.	POL - POL	58.83	66	JANICKI Paul - VILHAUER Merlin	CAN - USA	49.60
4	VON ARNIM Daniela - JOEL Geeske	GER - USA	58.24	67	KLEMIC George - LUSSKY Donald	USA - USA	49.53
5	SHIMAMURA Kyoko - HOWARD Allison	JPN - USA	58.02	68	PUNCH Sam - PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO	49.18
6	RON Jacob - BRONDUM Freddi	DEN - DEN	57.88	69	DOWNS Betsy - SHAFER Leigh Anne	USA - CAN	49.15
7	GRUDE Tor Eivind - BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR	57.88	70	LU Yajie - GAO Yi Ran	CHN - CHN	49.12
8	ZWERLING Marc - ELLIOTT Samuel James	USA - USA	56.98	71	MAJCHER Arkadiusz - MARCINOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	49.10
9	SOBCZAK Mateusz - CHODACKI M.	POL - POL	56.94	72	SCHIRESON Max - SHANNON Lynn	USA - USA	49.07
10	STEPHENS Robert - APTEKER Noah T.	RSA - RSA	56.60	73	OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN	49.01
11	BENNER Carolyn - BENNER Philip	USA - USA	55.94	74	LU Mingyu - YANG Jiahao	CHN - CHN	48.98
12	MARKEY Phil - HAFFER Joachim	AUS - AUS	55.08	75	D'SOUZA Lino - CHAN Richard	CAN - CAN	48.92
13	TSONCHEV Ivan - MARASHEV Vladimir	BUL - BUL	54.96	76	BLANK Sondra - BALES Toni	CAN - USA	48.78
14	LU Yijia - GE Chenyun	CHN - CHN	54.88	77	CARMICHAEL Tom - CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	USA - USA	48.72
15	DONG Lidang - CHEN Ji	CHN - CHN	54.77	78	WANG Jiarui - CHEN Yufan	CHN - CHN	48.70
16	RODNEY David - KRAUSS Howard	USA - USA	54.57	79	LIU Yizhou - MA Shuoming	CHN - CHN	48.60
17	MUKHERJEE Sumit - JAJOO Monica	IND - IND	54.41	80	XU Jiaming - SUN Jiateng	CHN - CHN	48.50
18	HYDES Alexander - MOSSOP David	ENG - ENG	54.36	81	BANERJI Nita - BANERJI Tapas Kumar	IND - IND	48.46
19	BARRETT G. S Jade - LOMBARDINI D.	USA - USA	54.35	82	MELTZER Rose - DEMIREV Nikolay	USA - USA	48.39
20	HUNG Eugene - WATSON William	USA - USA	54.30	83	CHIBA Mehboob - WILKINSON Jenny	NZL - NZL	48.21
21	ENGLE Howard S. - FRIEDLANDER Mark	USA - USA	54.22	84	WANG Yingqi - YUAN Zhijie	CHN - CHN	48.21
22	ST CLAIR Anna - FRAZER Kim	AUS - AUS	54.19	85	BART Gloria - MARSH Martha	USA - USA	48.08
23	KUANG Samuel - RATHI Anant	USA - USA	53.98	86	MCGUIRE Daniel - BURT Wayne A.	USA - USA	48.02
24	ADLER Brett - GOLDMAN Jeffrey	USA - USA	53.95	87	DATLOFF Joel - MCNAY Roger	USA - USA	47.98
25	GRAVERSEN Hans C. - CASPERSEN H.	DEN - DEN	53.70	88	MAK Ronald - LEE Alfred C	USA - USA	47.87
26	CHEVALIER Serge - BOUCHER J.-F.	CAN - CAN	53.57	89	ZHANG Tiancheng - DAI Hanyang	CHN - CHN	47.85
27	HOYLAND Sven Olai - HOYLAND Sam I.	NOR - NOR	53.52	90	WENNING Ulrich - FRERICHS Hans	GER - GER	47.73
28	ABEDI Nishat - FORTNEY Charles	PAK - USA	53.49	91	DEY Bharati - GOEL Ashok Kumar	IND - IND	47.68
29	FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - SETTON Hilda	FRA - SUI	53.26	92	SAMUEL Russell - ROTHSTEIN Jeffrey	USA - USA	47.65
30	PADHYE Anil - VENKATESH Gopal	IND - USA	53.20	93	LIU Haochen - DENG Cheng	CHN - CHN	47.42
31	KLEINPLATZ Morrie - FLEISCHMANN J.	CAN - USA	53.10	94	PUCHELLE Jean-Francois - MARRO C.	FRA - FRA	47.34
32	FELMY Matthias - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	53.09	95	LEWIS J. Malcolm - ANDREWS Douglas	ENG - ENG	46.99
33	CAMBOURNAC Guy - RERHAYE A.	MAR - MAR	53.02	96	CARDIN Judy - GREENSPAN Bruce	USA - USA	46.90
34	BAXTER Doug - LINDOP David	CAN - CAN	52.97	97	JIANG Yixuan - TANG Qing	CHN - CHN	46.74
35	LIU Yihong - WANG Ruizhe	CHN - CHN	52.87	98	YUEN Michael - STOCK Nicholas	CAN - CAN	46.59
36	SIELICKI Tomasz - NOWAK Kamil	POL - POL	52.86	99	SULTAN Perla - LAVIN Alejandra	VEN - CHI	46.59
37	GU Jiang - AO Hailong	USA - USA	52.82	100	HARRELL Emily - HAWKINS Brenda	USA - USA	46.40
38	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	52.81	101	YU Wenfei - WANG Yuming	CHN - CHN	46.29
39	PIASECKI Jaroslaw - BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL	52.76	102	CHEN Yunpeng - RUAN Xinyao	CHN - CHN	46.16
40	YOMTOV Bernie - HAWKINS Allen	USA - USA	52.53	103	SELECHNIK Ana - GEORGIOPOULOS N.	GUA - USA	46.10
41	KRANTZ Corey - LANG Bruce	USA - USA	52.53	104	FU Yanzhuo - LANG Ningyu	CHN - CHN	45.72
42	BERTENS Huub - GUPTA Naren	USA - USA	52.28	105	HENNINGS Margot - STRINGER Shawn	USA - USA	45.58
43	TUCKER Ben - BELL Robert	USA - USA	51.78	106	WILSON Kevin - STANFILL Sharon	USA - USA	45.39
44	NISHIDA Natsuko - SATO Makiko	JPN - JPN	51.74	107	HUGGINS Michael - ROBINSON Irene	ENG - ENG	45.30
45	FREIBERG Paul - ABELSON Kenneth A	USA - USA	51.72	108	YAN Tianyao - ZHANG Xuyang	CHN - CHN	45.27
46	HANUS Pawel - SIPPOLA Ari	USA - USA	51.60	109	KOVACHEV Valentin - KRAL Ronald Peter	BUL - USA	45.20
47	GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	51.55	110	PIZA Eduardo - HAMMER Sharon Kay	CRC - CRC	45.02
48	KRASNICKI Mariusz - KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	51.46	111	ROSENBERG Miriam - SALINAS Adriana	MEX - MEX	44.81
49	RABIE Ahmed - RAMADAN Baher	EGY - EGY	51.40	112	REYGADAS Miguel - COHEN Alberto	MEX - MEX	44.62
50	WILDAVSKY Adam - GERARD Ronald	USA - USA	51.12	113	HALL Nalita - WOLFE Allyson	BRA - USA	43.35
51	SKORCHEV Stefan - CASTNER Kevin	BUL - GER	51.00	114	LOURIE Ora - FRIEDMAN Sandy	USA - USA	43.34
52	FRUSCOLONI Leonardo - BIANCHI Ettore	ITA - USA	50.80	115	ALLENSPACH Frederick - LEE Janet H	USA - USA	43.16
53	FAGERLUND Vesa - CUSHING Justine	FIN - USA	50.78	116	YU Fanfei - TANG Tengbo	CHN - CHN	42.74
54	WEINSTOCK Paul - MIHAI Radu	ISR - ROM	50.73	117	ROSSLEE Diana - STAMM Denise	RSA - CAN	42.36
55	WANG Jian-Jian - LI Yiting	USA - CHN	50.68	118	FETOUEH Saleh - CAMPBELL Clifford	USA - CAN	41.65
56	BELL Leo - HESSEL Ira	USA - USA	50.63	119	YANG Fan - ZHAO Yuchen	CHN - CHN	41.59
57	IMAKURA Tadashi - MORIMURA Shunsuke	JPN - JPN	50.43	120	BLOOM Valerie - NESTORIDIS Anastasia	RSA - RSA	41.59
58	YAO Tianle - YU Zhaolun	CHN - CHN	50.36	121	UNGAR Gerald - HAMILTON Carol	USA - USA	41.41
59	HAMMOND Nicolas - AGARWAL Suman	USA - USA	50.24	122	FAN Lingwen - XU Tong	CHN - CHN	41.13
60	MICHELIN Marjorie - FEIGENBAUM Ellis	USA - USA	50.11	123	BRENNER Mirta J. - DE FUNGUEIRO A. B.	ARG - ARG	41.07
61	CAMMARATA Michele - PORCIANI Roberto	ITA - ITA	50.07				
62	KAHN Allen - HERMAN Ira	USA - USA	50.04				
63	COLCHAMIRO Mel - SHARF Charles	USA - USA	49.93				