



A DAY FOR CHAMPIONS



Gold medal winners, from left by captain: Lynn Baker (McConnell Cup), Pierre Zimmermann (Rosenblum) and Reese Milner (Rand Cup)

The winners have been determined, the champions crowned. Some of them will now have to make room in their trophy cases. For example, Polish star Piotr Gawrys, a member of the Pierre Zimmermann team – winners of the Rosenblum Cup – now has seven World titles to his credit, including the 2015 Bermuda Bowl. Sunday's win in the Rosenblum was his third in the event. Michal Klukowski has five titles, including three open teams titles playing with Gawrys.

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Programme on Monday October 1st:

Mixed Teams

10:00 - 11:30
 11:50 - 13:20
 14.20 - 15.50
 16.10 - 17.40
 18.00 - 19.30

WBF Pairs

starting time 10:00

rest to be announced



BBO SCHEDULE Mixed Teams

BBO Tables are tables 1-5 from the Swiss

1st Round

1: ZIMMERMANN - CHINA XHJT1

2: NOLAND - GLASSON

3: FERM - GOWER

4: PSZCZOLA - VALIO

5: MARTENS - KAMIL



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IBPA Annual General Meeting Monday October 1st

The IBPA annual general meeting will be at 9 am on Monday October 1st. Meeting room is Grand Ballroom 13, next to the bulletin office / press room



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*Silver medal winners, from left by team name: SMITH (McConnell Cup),
LAVAZZA (Rosenblum) and CHINA EVERTRUST (Rand Cup)*



*Bronze medal winners, from left by team name: APEROL, BARONI (McConnell Cup),
SPECTOR, ALLFREY (Rosenblum) and WOLFSON (absent), SILVERMAN (Rand Cup)*

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Geir Helgemo has seven world titles, including two Rosenblums and a Bermuda Bowl, plus one Individual and one Junior Pairs title. Tor Helness, Helgemo's partner in all five of his teams victories, also has a world individual title.

Reese Milner, captain of the winning Rand Cup team, now has won the event three straight times, giving him a total of six world titles.

A full list of multiple medalists will be published in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin.

Here are the results from the three teams events on Sunday.

In the Open Teams, Zimmermann took an early lead against the powerful Lavazza squad, winning the first of six sets 41-22 IMPs. Lavazza took the second 16-board set 30-23 IMPs to make it close, but Zimmermann won the next two sets with combined scores of 93-47 IMPs and put it away in set five 71-27 IMPs. The final score was 241-162 IMPs.

In the Women's Teams (McConnell Cup), the mostly American team captained by Lynn Baker started strong and steadily built a sizeable lead over the multinational Nicola Smith squad. With the score 232-166 IMPs for Baker, Smith withdrew.

The Senior Teams (Rand Cup) pitted the Milner team against China Evertrust, who had knocked off the Jeff Wolfson team in the semifinal round. In the first three of the six sets, Milner built a 122-49 IMP lead, fought off a brief rally by the Chinese before pulling away on Sunday to win 229-106 IMPs.

In the Pairs Championships, the leaders through the first half in the Open, Women's and Seniors held onto their positions to earn the gold medals. First in the Open are the Swedish brothers Mikael and Ola Rimstedt, who finished with 57.33%. Second went to Americans Joe Grue and Brad Moss, with 55.74%. Grue and Moss were members of the winning Bermuda Bowl team, captained by Martin Fleisher, in Lyon, France, last year.

In the Women's Pairs, Veronique Bessis and Anne-Laure Huberschwiller held onto their lead to win by one percentage point over Americans Kathy Sulgrove and Candace Griffey. The winners had 54.44% to 53.44% for the silver medalists.

Also holding onto their lead were Americans Marc Jacobus and Mike Passell, who ended play on Sunday with 60.78% to 56.44% for the runners-up. Polish stars Apolinary Kowalski and Jacek Romanski.

Open, Women, Senior Pairs



Open Pairs Medalists: Mikael RIMSTEDT - Ola RIMSTEDT, Joe GRUE - Brad MOSS, Boguslaw GIERULSKI - Jerzy SKRZYPCZAK



Women's Pairs Medalists:

Anne-Laure HUBERSCHWILLER - Veronique BESSIS, Kathy SULGROVE - Candace GRIFFEY (absent), HUANG Yan - WANG Nan



Seniors Pairs Medalists:

Marc JACOBUS - Mike PASSELL, Apolinary KOWALSKI - Jacek ROMANSKI, Mark ITABASHI - Eddie WOLD

Joan Gerard Trophy



*The winners of the Joan Gerard overall
SZABO Csaba - HODOSI Peter*



*Third in the Joan Gerard ranking,
Ivan TSONCHEV - Vladimir MARASHEV*



*The winners of the Joan Gerard women's ranking and second
overall Kyoko SHIMAMURA - Allison HOWARD , together with
Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President*

Joan Gerard Open

- 1 SZABO C. - HODOSI P.
- 2 TSONCHEV I. - MARASHEV V.
- 3 SOBCZAK M. - CHODACKI M.

Joan Gerard Women

- 1 SHIMAMURA K. - HOWARD A.
- 2 VON ARNIM D. - JOEL G.
- 3 ST CLAIR A. - FRAZER K.

Joan Gerard Seniors

- 1 IMAKURA T. - MORIMURA S.
- 2 ZWERLING M. - ELLIOTT S.
- 3 CHEVALIER S. - BOUCHER J.

Joan Gerard drop-in

- 1 LU Y. - GE C.
- 2 WANG P. - TONG J.
- 3 LIU H. - DENG C.

Women's pairs final A - Stanza I

Barry Rigal

The format would be six roughly equal stanzas of 16 or 18 deals. The first two pairs I would watch were both part of the current Polish team:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 9 8 5		
	♥ Q 10 9 6		
	♦ K Q J 9 2		
	♣ A		
♠ A 7 4 2	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 10 6 3	
♥ K 4		♥ A J 5 3	
♦ A 7		♦ 10 8 3	
♣ K Q 10 8 3		♣ 9 5 4	
	♠ K Q J		
	♥ 8 7 2		
	♦ 6 5 4		
	♣ J 7 6 2		
West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Z. Baldysz	Dufrat	C. Baldysz
	1♦	Pass	INT

All Pass

Justyna Zmuda elected not to come in with 2♣ over INT, knowing there was likely club length to her right. She led the ♣K, partner signaling with an unreadable reverse-count ♣5, and declarer played two rounds of diamonds, Katarzyna Dufrat giving reverse count with the ♦8 then following with the ♦3. Should this be suit preference for hearts? It wasn't that clear to Zmuda, who shifted to a low spade. Declarer scooped that up and cashed out her diamonds, escaping for down one and 17/24 for her. Had West found the killing shift, she collects nine tricks, and a clean top for her.

On the next deal Dufrat was faced with what to rebid after her partner responded INT to her 1♠ opener holding:

♠ K Q J 9 8 6
♥ K 2
♦ K 8
♣ K 10 4

She had available a 2NT call that suggested 15-17 with six decent spades. Perhaps with no aces this might have been an overbid; her partner had a 2-5-3-3 seven-count, and passed, but the defenders could set up their diamonds and take 2NT two down for a top for them. The field played 2♠ or 3♠ making eight tricks.

The tournament seeks to line up co-nationals against one another in the early phases. Accordingly round three saw two of the Chinese pairs meeting up. The first of the deals came down to a question of overtricks.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ A 10 2		
	♥ K 7 6		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ A K 8 7 3		
♠ K Q 9 6 5 3	<div>North</div> <div>WestEast</div> <div>South</div>	♠ —	
♥ Q 8		♥ J 10 5 3 2	
♦ 4		♦ K Q 10 5 2	
♣ J 6 4 2		♣ 10 9 5	
	♠ J 8 7 4		
	♥ A 9 4		
	♦ A J 8 6 3		
	♣ Q		
West	North	East	South
<i>Shen</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>W. Wang</i>	<i>N. Wang</i>
Pass	INT	2♥*	Dble
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
2♥ Hearts and a minor			

Wen-Fei Wang naturally led a top diamond. Yan Huang took a lot of time at trick one but eventually decided to win and lead a low diamond back to her seven. Wang took this and shifted to a heart. Declarer won in dummy and cleared the diamonds, took the next heart, then went to the ♣Q and ran the diamonds. That squeezed Qi Shen down to two spades and four clubs, and Huang kept her spades and set up the third round of the suit for her tenth trick, and 15.5/24 MP.

The next clash of the co-nationals saw two US pairs taking on one another, with Shawn Quinn coming off best. Again, it was all about overtricks.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ 9 5 ♥ Q 10 7 4 ♦ A 9 4 2 ♣ J 6 2		
♠ K 2 ♥ J 8 6 3 2 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ A K 4	<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>	♠ A Q 10 8 6 3 ♥ K ♦ J 10 8 ♣ 10 8 3	
	♠ J 7 4 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ Q 9 7 5		
West	North	East	South
<i>Wittes</i>	<i>Sulgrove</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Griffey</i>
I♥	INT	2♠	I♣
			All Pass

The defenders cashed three rounds of diamonds against 2♠, and North shifted to a club to the eight, nine and king. Declarer ran six rounds of trumps, and this was the position as the last one hit the deck:

♠ —
♥ Q 10
♦ —
♣ J 6

♠ —
♥ J 8
♦ —
♣ A 4

♠ —
♥ A 9
♦ —
♣ Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ 6
♥ K
♦ —
♣ 10 3

Griffey discarded her small club, dummy pitched a club and that gave North a problem; if declarer had the bare ace of hearts then discarding a club would be fatal. So she pitched a heart and the heart king brought down the house. It seems to me that South should have bared her heart ace, and you could argue that North should have played her partner for the heart ace or she wouldn't really have an opening bid. But that is more a matter of style. Whatever the case, the overtrick was worth almost exactly half a top.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 6 5
♥ 8 2
♦ A K Q 9 8 5 4 3
♣ —

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 9 7 4 3
♦ 10 7
♣ K Q 4

♠ A 10 8 7 4
♥ 6
♦ J
♣ J 10 9 8 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ K J 3
♥ A Q 10 5
♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 3 2

WestNorthEastSouth

ChenLuLiuLiu

3♥1♦Dble1♥(♠)

5♦DbleAll Pass

Yunqing Liu chose to lead the heart ace on a deal where I think you could make an excellent argument for a trump. When she chose to cash the club ace at trick two Yan Lu was in position to ruff, then ruff a heart, ruff a club and run all but two of her trumps. She now led the ♠Q, covered all round, ruffed a club to hand, and advanced a small spade. When Liu played low, declarer misguessed by putting in the eight, and Wenmin Chen scored her ♠9 for down one. That was 3 MP for declarer instead of 19.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ Q 8 5 4
♣ J 4 2

♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ K J 10 7
♣ A 10

♠ K Q 10 9 7
♥ K 9 7
♦ 2
♣ K 8 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8 6
♥ Q J 10
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ Q 9 7 5

WestNorthEastSouth

ChenLuLiuLiu

2♠All Pass1♠Pass

Lu had done well as North not to double 2♠, since 3♦ surely costs at least 200. Liu led a top heart; her partner took the ace and returned the three, making it clear declarer had at least one more heart. Now when East leads a low diamond up, should you win or duck?

It is easy to be wise after the event but it looks right to me to win and cash the heart, then sit back and collect your top winners, if any. The field (and Liu) didn't see it that way. When she ducked declarer put up the ♦K and had 170 rather than 140, and 20 MP instead of 7.

The next internecine struggle saw two US pairs take on one another. On the first deal a confusion about spot-card leads in partner's suit (do you ever lead high from three small in a suit you haven't raised?) had given Sutherland/Jackson 22/24 MP. On the second, one of my pet peeves, playing support doubles of a call of one no-trump turned +50 on defense for Bjerkan/Pollack into -100 and a below average result.

At the end of the first stanza, Bessis/Huberschwiller of France led Gates/Hessel of USA.



Zofia Baldysz

Is bridge the next challenge for AI ?

Jean-Baptiste Fantun

Veronique Ventos is a senior researcher in Artificial Intelligence at Paris-Saclay University and also a bridge addict. In 2015, she met Yves Costel, the creator of the bridge robot WBridge5 and helped him boost his program that won the two following World Computer Championships in Wroclaw and Lyon. It was enough to convince her that bridge was a wonderful field for AI and that modern approaches could substantially improve computers' skills at bridge. 'Computer programs still cannot compete with humans because they are all based on simulations coupled with double dummy analysis, which has serious flaws', said Veronique, who strongly believes that techniques like deep learning, symbolic machine learning or reinforcement learning can bring computer programs a step further. The academic project Alphabridge was born, whose ambitious objective was to build a robot that would rise to the level of bridge champions.



Jean-Baptiste Fantun, Véronique Ventos, Colin Deheeger, Solène Thépaut

In three years the project evolved (switching names from Alphabridge to NuBridge in the process, to distinguish itself from AlphaGo) and thanks to Jean-Baptiste Fantun (an engineer ranked 23rd French player) NukkaAI saw the light in May 2018: it is a private lab of Artificial Intelligence, based in Paris, whose primary objective is to address the bridge challenge(s). The idea is to gather researchers from different AI communities (both symbolic and numeric) and bridge experts to create an AI that will hopefully outperform the best human players and provide rules expliciting the reasons for decision making. 'To crack a game, a program has to play optimally but to solve it, the program's strategy must be explainable in human understandable terms', claims their website www.nukka.ai.

Unlike other games like Chess or Go where machines already surpass humans, Bridge is a cooperative, incomplete information game: NukkaAI founders believe

that solving bridge would be a significant step towards Artificial General Intelligence. They are certain the algorithms they are designing will later find applications in many fields such as healthcare or insurance: after all, in real life, most decisions we make are based on incomplete information and we tend to accept machines' decisions if we understand the rationale underlying them.

NukkaAI has had a very successful seeding round with four prominent investors (some of them former Carlyle Group and Goldman Sachs partners) and the next step is the series-A scheduled in March-April 2019 where they hope to raise 10 Million Euros from American investors. 'We started with French and more generally European researchers, bridge champions and business partners but we definitely want to give a more international flavor to the project', said Jean-Baptiste who plans to establish at short term a presence for NukkaAI in the US 'where there is such a concentration of researchers and bridge stars while being a land of business opportunities'.

First results are impressive: in less than six months they have set up a strong research team and have already presented two scientific papers in international AI conferences in Boston and Ferrara, Italy. They are very proud to have begun to convince the scientific community that 'Bridge is the next challenge for AI': they are offered more and more collaborations from AI researchers from all over the world.

NukkaAI has bridge champions working to improve the bridge program but also designing challenges to come: unlike Go, the machine vs human challenges are not easy to define and they are aware they definitely need the bridge community to help them with that. Organizing different bridge challenges may have a positive impact on the image of bridge, the same way it went with Chess or Go.

Veronique and Jean-Baptiste have come to Orlando to present their project to the Executive Committee of the WBF but also to meet bridge experts who might be interested in collaborating with NukkaAI one way or another. They are thrilled with their first Orlando dinner with Kit Woolsey, the great American champion who was curious about the project and with whom they had a most inspiring discussion.

They will play in the Mixed Teams with Veronique's children, Solène (PhD in Math and Machine Learning, former member of the Girl under 26 French team) and Colin (NukkaAI's fresh recruit, current member of the French U26 team).

Bridge, AI and fun: that seems to be NukkaAI's motto and their enthusiasm is contagious !

Women's pairs final A - Stanza 3

Barry Rigal

The third of six stanzas of the Womens pairs would be 18 deals and bring us to the half way point of the event.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sokolow	Raza	Hartman	Agha
	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The defenders started well when Claudette Hartman led the heart queen. Rubina Agha took dummy's ace and led a trump to the eight, nine and jack. Hartman continued a heart and Sokolow played a third heart winner, Hartman discarding a small diamond (a count club might have been helpful here). Sokolow played the fourth heart and Raza discarded her club, and from here on was safe against any trump promotion of the ♠6. In fact the defenders cannot arrange the promotion against accurate declarer play since if West cashes the club king early that cuts the defenders' communications, and if she doesn't the loser-on-loser play avoids the threat.

+300 was a little above average for E/W, suggesting that 3NT was not always successful. Key to the defense is for



Rubina Agha

South not to lead her singleton spade to trick one and tempt North into ducking — which would be fatal. Instead South simply leads a club, then North gets in with ♠A eventually and shifts to a diamond. That way the defenders collect two clubs and one trick in each other suit.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Westheimer	Zmuda	Radin	Dufrat
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT(♣)	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

This board poses testing problems for any partnership, since once South opens 1NT she is not going to be inclined to suggest suitability for her partner's suits. Justyna Zmuda showed her suits and heard Katarzyna Dufrat show no primary fit for either suit and diamond values, the most discouraging option. Now would 3♠ have garnered a 3NT call, and allowed her to invite slam with 4NT? She chose to bid 4♣ directly and passed the 4♥ response, which suggests experience of her partner's no-trump openings... in 4♥ Dufrat ruffed the ♦A lead and played off the two top hearts, and had to lose three trump tricks. In 6♣, reached at three tables, mightn't you cash ♥AK early? The only table to play slam on a spade lead did exactly that...but two Easts fell from grace by leading their singleton. Now the hearts can be played for one loser if West splits their honors; if they don't declarer sets up a diamond discard with the ruffing finesse.

When Bessis/Huberschwiller took on Dekkers/Bruijnstee, the latter had the opportunity to put two good results on the board against the pair currently well on top of the table. On the first deal Huberschwiller under-competed against a partscore, and on the second Laura Dekkers had to determine a line of play in 3NT that would combine going for the maximum while not risking the contract.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
H'schwiller	B'steen	Bessis	Dekkers
Pass	1♣	2♣	3NT
All Pass			

When Huberschwiller led the ♣4 Dekkers might have drawn the inference that as sound a player as Veronique Bessis was virtually guaranteed to have six clubs. At the table Dekkers ducked two clubs and won the third to run hearts then advance the ♠Q, and set up spades for ten tricks, and a slightly below average score. Had she won the second club, she could have crossed to a top heart to play the ♠Q. Now if the defenders win and return a major suit, declarer could cash out for ten tricks (which becomes 11 when the ♦Q drops) or finesse in diamonds and go down ignominiously.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Agha	Rosenberg	Raza	Gupta
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

After Vinita Gupta's 3♥ call Debbie Rosenberg had a good news/bad news sort of hand. She decided to go high, and after a club lead to the nine and ace (a club was led at every table bar one where West led ♥Q) Gupta crossed to the diamond ace in dummy and led a heart up.

The defenders won and led two more rounds of trumps.

Gupta ruffed in with the nine and was overruffed, and from there on in she could no longer make the hand.

She did her best by cashing one top spade and cross-ruffing but West had the long trump at trick 13. To succeed declarer must specifically ruff the third club high and cash one trump before cross-ruffing hearts to dummy and the minors to hand. West is caught in a decomposition on the third round of clubs (the opposite of a squeeze since she wants to discard two cards and can only pitch one). If she keeps diamonds, declarer can ruff diamonds safely to hand so she must pitch a diamond. Now declarer draws one round of trumps, plays ♥K and ruffs a heart, then ruffs a diamond and ruffs a heart to reach this ending.

	♠ —	
	♥ —	
	♦ 10 7	
	♣ 10	
♠ 10 8 7		♠ —
♥ —		♥ —
♦ —		♦ 9
♣ —		♣ J 6
	♠ Q 9	
	♥ 7	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

In this ending if West has kept a diamond by pitching hearts earlier, declarer ruffs a diamond. If she has three trumps left, or two trumps and a heart by underruffing on an earlier club, declarer can lead the ♦10 and discard. The best West can do is ruff and be trump endplayed. No fewer than seven pairs managed to bring home 4♠ here (Sulgrove/Griffey achieving the top score by being doubled in three).

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bojoh	Wittes	Tueje	Quinn
INT*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass
INT 12-14			

If you had the choice between setting up your suit or declarer's which would you choose? Sometimes the answer

to a question of that sort can be rather surprising. Against Bojoh's 2NT contract Wittes led a fourth highest spade. Wouldn't you clear the suit and expect even if declarer produces queen-third that you have tempo to set up the 13th spade? Quinn looked more deeply and saw that after winning the spade king, spades could wait. She shifted to the club queen, knowing that her partner could revert to spades when in with her presumed entry, or could play on clubs if appropriate. When the club queen held, with North following with a hard to read five, Quinn cashed the spade ace. She would have continued with clubs if her partner had dropped the jack, but when Wittes followed low she played a third spade. Declarer now ducked a club, rather than play for both hearts to be 3-3 and the diamond ten to fall, and made +120. But at many tables the defenders either set up diamonds for declarer or declarer guessed the suit for 150. +120 was worth only 4.5 MP for E/W.

Time for a little light relief.

When playing with my clients I know I can be an irritating partner; one of the lines I test their patience with is 'When you want to ruff something which suit don't you play?' to which the answer of course is 'trumps'. Normally this is followed by: 'And which suit did you play?'. Frequently the dialogue continues with a plaintive 'But I only played ONE round!' to which the final line is inevitably 'And that was one round too many'.

Apparently the message hasn't sunk in entirely – though to be fully punished declarer had to work very hard – and be a little unlucky. This time only the names have been changed – to protect the guilty.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Berkowitz</i>		<i>Jansma</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3♣ Minimum with shortness somewhere

East gave a lot of thought to denying shortness. She won the heart ace and immediately played two rounds of trump. I thought Dana Berkowitz did well to play for declarer error by returning a third trump. Meanwhile Aida Jansma pitched a diamond then a club. Declarer could now have discarded a heart on the diamond ace and played for the

club king to be onside. Instead she opted for something more elegant; she unblocked in diamonds, played ♥K and ruffed a heart, ruffed out South's diamond while discarding a club from hand, and endplayed South with her master heart to lead clubs in the three-card ending. Alas for her, with the ♣K onside after all, that was just about the only way to hold herself to 10 tricks, and N/S had 22/24 MP.

More comedy here; Peggy Sutherlin had the opportunity to go for a top or bottom, or settle for what she thought would be an average. What would you have done?

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Sutherlin</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Sutherlin avoided bidding 2♣ on the second round for fear of a confusion, so Jackson was worried she would be facing a weaker suit. By redoubling she somewhat fortuitously prevented Levi from running to 2♦ where



Dana Berkowitz

+110 would have been easy to achieve. As it was, Sutherlin dutifully ran from 2♣, which was cold so long as declarer guessed diamonds, to 2♠ which had only seven tricks, declarer received a diamond lead and heart shift, and elected to win the ♥A then ♠A to pitch her heart loser and play clubs. The defenders emerged with two aces and four trumps taken separately – but that was still 18.5/24 for N/S because of the nine tricks made in diamond part-scores.

One of the stranger contracts of the finals sessions saw Georgiana Gates find a nice play to save a lot of MP.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gates	Lu	Hessel	Liu
	Pass	Pass	1♣(16+)
1♠	Dble	All Pass	

Yan Lu led the ♠A against one spade doubled and shifted to hearts. Declarer won in hand and returned a club to South's ace. Yan Liu won her ♠K and played the ♠10, taken by declarer who unblocked hearts for another club play. This was the ending:

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

The defenders have five tricks in the bag, and a heart ruff and two diamonds would have produced a painless +300 and virtually all the MP. When North played a diamond, the eight, South needed to put in the ten. Instead she won the king and ace, and Gates unblocked the queen to win the third diamond in dummy and lead a winning club. Had South discarded, she would have pitched her heart winner to be in dummy for the trump coup. In fact South ruffed in so she overruffed and led her ♥J to score trick 13 with a trump for -100 and 19.5/24 MP.

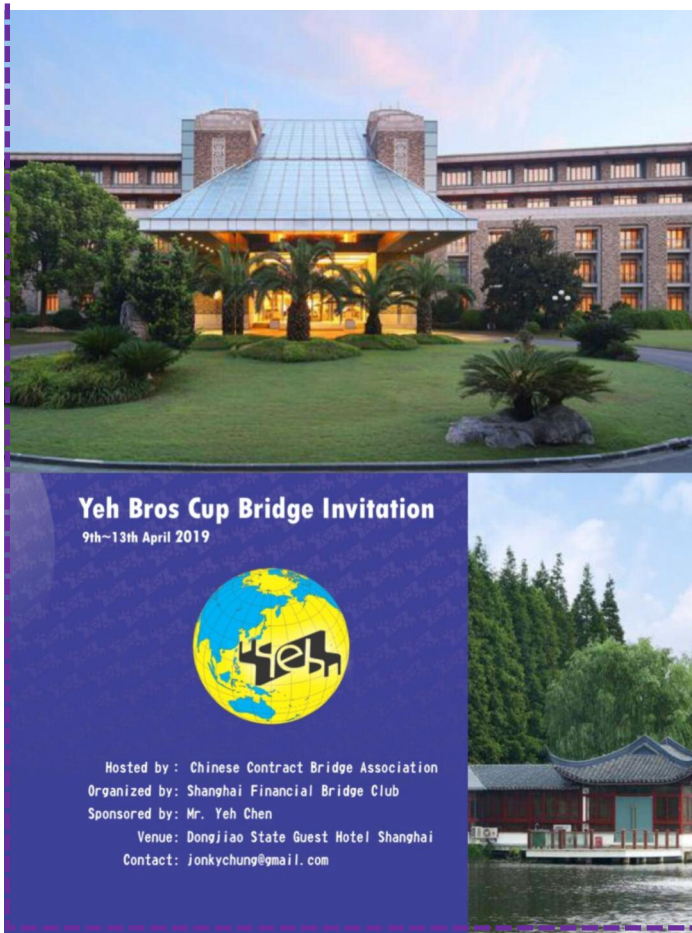
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Rosenblum Final - S2

LAVAZZA v ZIMMERMANN

Brian Senior

Two multi-national teams met in the final of the 2018 Rosenblum. At the end of the first of six 16-board sets ZIMMERMANN led by 41-22, and they added to that lead on the first deal of the second set.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<div><div><div>♠ A K J 10 8 6 3</div><div>♥ 9 4</div><div>♦ 9</div><div>♣ 8 7 2</div></div><div><div>♠ 7 4 2</div><div>♥ J 7 5</div><div>♦ A 8 5 4 3</div><div>♣ A J</div></div><div><div>♠ 9</div><div>♥ Q 2</div><div>♦ K Q J 6</div><div>♣ K Q 10 9 5 4</div></div></div>			
<div><div>♠ Q 5</div><div>♥ A K 10 8 6 3</div><div>♦ 10 7 2</div><div>♣ 6 3</div></div> <div><div>N</div><div>W</div><div>E</div><div>S</div></div>			
West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
	3♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
	4♠	All Pass	

For ZIMMERMANN, Franck Multon opened 3♠ and played there. Alejandro Bianchedi led the king of diamonds then switched to the king of clubs. Agustin Madala overtook with the ace and continued with the jack, after which Multon could get a club ruff in dummy for his tenth trick; +170.

For LAVAZZA, Dennis Bilde opened a level higher, knowing that his partner would never play him for a suit of this power and quality if he opened a mere 3♠. This too ended the auction and Piotr Gawrys' start was the same as Bianchedi's, with the ♦K then ♣K. The difference here, however, was that Michal Klukowski also overtook the club but to switch to a trump. Bilde won and, knowing that he would not be permitted a club ruff, played three rounds of hearts, ruffing, then two rounds of spades ending in dummy. When spades did not divide evenly he was a trick short; down one for -50 and 6 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, who led by 47-22.

The boards ran very quietly for a while now, with just 1 IMP for an overtrick going the way of ZIMMERMANN on Board 19; 48-22. Then Duboin outdefended Zimmermann to beat a vulnerable game that was let through in the other room.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<div><div><div>♠ A 10 6</div><div>♥ 6 5 4 2</div><div>♦ K 10</div><div>♣ A J 9 4</div></div><div><div>♠ J 8</div><div>♥ A J 10 9</div><div>♦ 9 8 4</div><div>♣ Q 6 3 2</div></div><div><div>♠ K Q 5 3</div><div>♥ K Q</div><div>♦ A Q J 7 6 3</div><div>♣ 8</div></div></div>			
<div><div>♠ 9 7 4 2</div><div>♥ 8 7 3</div><div>♦ 5 2</div><div>♣ K 10 7 5</div></div> <div><div>N</div><div>W</div><div>E</div><div>S</div></div>			
West	North	East	South
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♥	Pass
West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
		3NT	All Pass



Dennis Bilde

Both E/W pairs bid smoothly to 3NT and both Norths led the four of clubs to partner's king. Zimmermann returned his original fourth-best club so Madala could duck and force Multon to win the trick as dummy discarded a spade. Multon cashed the ace of spades, on which Madala unblocked the king to create an entry for a second diamond finesse, then exited with a heart. Madala could overtake and lead the nine of diamonds to the ten and queen, cross to the jack of spades and lead a second diamond. He had 10 tricks now for +630.

At the other table, Duboin returned the ten of clubs at trick two. Now there was no escape for declarer and the defence took the first five tricks for down one and -100; 12 IMPs to LAVAZZA, who closed to 34-48. "Thank you partner," said Bilde.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

		♠ A K 4 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A K Q 3 ♣ K Q 7 4			
♠ Q J 9 6 5 3 ♥ A K Q 10 8 2 ♦ — ♣ 6		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>		♠ 10 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ 10 9 7 6 5 ♣ J 10 8 5	
		♠ 8 7 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ J 8 4 2 ♣ A 9 3 2			
West	North	East	South		
Madala	Multon	Bianchedi	Zimmermann		
1♠	Dble	Pass	Pass		
4♥	All Pass		2♣		
West	North	East	South		
Klukowski	Bilde	Gawrys	Duboin		
1♠	Dble	Pass	Pass		
4♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass		

Both Norths doubled but, while Multon showed great restraint by not bidding again with his 21-count, Bilde bid 5♣ over 4♥ and Gawrys doubled. Having already shown an extremely distributional hand, Klukowski was not tempted to break discipline and bid on with the West cards.

Multon led a trump against 4♥. Madala won in hand and played a low spade so Multon rose with the ace and played a second trump. However, Madala could win that and take the ruffing spade finesse so had to lose only a club at the end; 11 tricks for +650.

Against 5♣ doubled, Klukowski led the queen then king of hearts, then switched to the queen of spades. Duboin won the ace and cashed the king of clubs then all four diamond winners before playing a spade to the king. That was ruffed and Gawrys got out with a trump so Duboin could win that and draw the missing trump but had to give up a spade

at the end for down three and -500; 4 IMPs to LAVAZZA, who closed again to 38-48.

ZIMMERMANN gained an overtrick IMP in a cold heart game on Board 24, then on Board 25 both N/Ss stopped in 5♠ when slam was on a two-way finesse for a side-suit queen. Bilde got the guess right, Multon did not, so LAVAZZA got their IMP back; 39-49. Board 26 was another borderline slam for N/S. It would probably have made as the cards lay, but our two pairs stopped in 3NT and 4NT respectively, making 12 tricks for a push.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

What is the best action on the East cards when partner overcalls 1♠ and the next hand makes a negative double? Bianchedi jumped to 3♦, fit, and Zimmermann now overbid quite a bit with the South hand. However, his 4♥ bid silenced everyone and proved to be the right level for his side. Madala led a diamond to the king and ace. Zimmermann played the queen of hearts, Madala winning the king and cashing the ace, on which declarer unblocked the jack from dummy, then played his last heart. Zimmermann won in hand with the nine and, assuming that Madala would have led a singleton club had he held one, started clubs by running the queen. That lost to the king but the jack was now singleton onside so there was no guess in the suit and Zimmermann had the rest for +420.

Gawrys didn't like the fit-jump when holding only three-card spade support so bid 2♣ on the East hand instead. Duboin could bid his hearts freely at the two level so did so, and Klukowski made a 3♦ game try. Bilde in turn made a game-try double, and when Duboin bid to 4♥ Gawrys

had a big diamond fit so saved in 4♠, doubled by Bilde to complete the auction. Bilde led his singleton diamond, Duboin winning the ace and returning the jack for him to ruff. Now Bilde returned a low club and Klukowski got that wrong, calling for a low card. Duboin won the ♣Q and returned a club to his partner's ace. There were still two top spades to be lost; down three for -500 and 2 IMPs to LAVAZZA, who trailed by only 41-49.

Board 28 was flat in 4♥+1 by E/W, but there was a swing on Board 29, and a slightly surprising one at that.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

		♠ Q 8 5 4					
		♥ K 10 5 4					
		♦ 10 7					
		♣ A J 6					
♠ 9 7 3 2		<div><div>N</div><div>W<div></div>E</div><div>S</div></div>		♠ J 6			
♥ Q 9 3				♥ A 7			
♦ 8 6 5				♦ A Q J 9 4 3			
♣ 10 5 2				♣ 9 7 4			
		♠ A K 10					
		♥ J 8 6 2					
		♦ K 2					
		♣ K Q 8 3					
West	North	East	South				
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>				
	Pass	1♦	INT				
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥				
Pass	4♥	All Pass					
West	North	East	South				
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>				
	Pass	1♦	Dble				
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥				
All Pass							

Zimmermann overcalled INT as South and was soon declaring 4♥ after a Stayman sequence. By contrast, Duboin made a take-out double, which would certainly be my own preference with diamonds my shortest suit and an inflexible stopper. However, Bilde cuebid in response to the double and, when Duboin responded 2♥, passed. Obviously, they were on different wavelengths here, with Duboin expecting a further bid from his partner, as would I, while Bilde thought that the simple 2♥ bid was consistent with a minimum for the initial double.

Both Wests led a diamond, East winning the ace and continuing with the queen to declarer's king. The average player might lead a heart to the ten now, or perhaps run the jack. Our declarers both crossed to dummy with a club to lead a low heart towards the jack, guarding against a bare ace with East. The jack lost to the queen but declarer could win the return and play a second heart to the ten and ace and both had 10 tricks. That was +170 for Duboin, but +620 to Zimmermann, and 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, whose lead grew to 59-41.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

		♠ 9 6					
		♥ A K Q 6					
		♦ A K 10 8 5					
		♣ Q 3					
♠ K 10 7 4 2		<div><div>N</div><div>W<div></div>E</div><div>S</div></div>		♠ Q J 8			
♥ 8 7 5				♥ J 10 9 2			
♦ —				♦ Q 9 6 4			
♣ J 10 9 7 4				♣ A 6			
		♠ A 5 3					
		♥ 4 3					
		♦ J 7 3 2					
		♣ K 8 5 2					
West	North	East	South				
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>				
1♠	Dble	Pass	Pass				
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	INT				
Pass	3NT	2♠	2NT				
		All Pass					
West	North	East	South				
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>				
		Pass	Pass				
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass				
Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT				
All Pass							

Klukowski opened 2♠, spades and a minor, in third seat, and Bilde doubled then doubled again when Gawrys's preemptive raise came back to him. Duboin responded 3NT and played there. Klukowski led a low spade, Gawrys winning the jack and continuing with the queen. Seeing that he had no entry if the spades were established, Klukowski overtook and switched to the jack of clubs. Had Gawrys held ace or king to three, this would have been the killing defence. In practice, Duboin played low from dummy and



Giorgio Duboin

Madala opened 1♠ in the other room. Multon doubled and Bianchedi made a value-showing redouble. When Zimmermann now bid 1NT, Multon passed, but the redouble had created a forcing situation for Bianchedi, and he competed with 2♠ to complete the picture of his hand. Zimmermann competed with 2NT, intending to show the majors, but Multon had enough to raise to game. Bianchedi must have been worried at this point as it was clear what had happened. Madala led a spade to the jack and Zimmermann, perhaps allowing the auction to confuse him, though surely Bianchedi had to have most of the missing strength, won the ace immediately, perhaps hoping to make Madala think that he had more in the suit than was actually the case. He played the jack of diamonds and ran it, and Bianchedi could win and play queen and another spade to his partner, who cashed two more spades then switched to a club for the ace; down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to LAVAZZA, closing to 52-59.

Played from the East seat, Bianchedi received a diamond lead, which Multon won with the ace. Multon found the low club switch to establish two extra defensive winners there, Zimmermann playing an encouraging eight, and Bianchedi won and played a heart to the king and ace then a second heart, which he ducked. Multon won that and returned the nine of diamonds. Bianchedi won the king and played queen and another heart, so Multon won and played ace and another club and Zimmermann had two of those and two diamonds to cash for down four and -200; 3 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN, leading by 62-52.

After the slightly more favourable lead, Bianchedi could have won the club switch at trick two, cashed the ♠KQ and played a heart to the ace then cashed two more spades and settled for down one. That would have been +2 IMPs instead of -3. Was the almost non-existent chance he was playing for worth wasting 5 IMPs on, half the value of the non-vulnerable game he was trying to make?

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

♠ J

♥ A J 10 8 6 5 2

♦ 5

♣ J 10 8 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Where Klukowski played it from the West seat, Bilde led the five of clubs to dummy's queen. Klukowski had little

Multon opened a 10-13 no trump and that caught Bianchedi with no suitable bid on the East cards. He chose to pass in hope of getting a second chance when he might, for example, be able to double an opposing 2♥ bid. However, while his opponents did indeed bid hearts, it was at a level beyond that at which he was prepared to get involved. Multon became declarer in 4♥ after the Texas response and Bianchedi led the seven of spades to the jack and ace. Madala switched to the ten of diamonds for the

king and ace and Bianchedi continued with the $\diamond Q$, ruffed. Multon played the ten of hearts to the queen and king, king of spades for a club pitch, then ruffed a spade, crossed back to hand with a trump and ruffed his last spade. He could make his contract by playing either defender for queen-doubleton club or West for AQxx without the nine. The contract would also make if he led a low club to the king and West ducked with ace-doubleton, as he would then be endplayed, but that would be a serious misdefence on West's part. Multon eventually led the jack of clubs and ran it and was down one when that meant that he lost two club tricks; -50.

Multon had overlooked something – Madala threw a club when he crossed to hand with a heart to take the last spade ruff. He would not have discarded from queen to three, so could not be down to queen-doubleton, and a club to the king was therefore the indicated play. It is understandable; this was day eight of a tough event, and nobody can be as fresh as they were on day one, so mistakes are inevitable.

Bilde opened $1\clubsuit$ at the other table, so Gawrys could overcall $1\diamond$. Duboin jumped to $4\heartsuit$ and Klukowski doubled to show values. Had Gawrys taken this out, he would have found that $4\heartsuit$ could be made, while $5\diamond$ would have been down only one, so he needed $4\heartsuit$ doubled to be defeated. Just how take-out was Klukowski's double in their style anyway? Klukowski led the nine of diamonds to the king and ace and Gawrys continued with the queen of diamonds. Duboin ruffed and played the ten of hearts to the king and a heart back to his ace to lead the jack of spades up. Klukowski won the ace and was forced to return a spade to dummy's king. That gave Duboin the extra entry he required to ruff out the spades and he too came down to $\clubsuit K43$ facing $\clubsuit J108$. There was one big difference compared to the other table – Klukowski's double marked him with the ace of clubs. Still, there was a decision to be made. Did Klukowski start with Axxx, when low to the king would win, or did he start with AQxx without the nine, when leading the jack would be the winning play? Duboin got it right, leading the eight of clubs to the king then a second club and Gawrys won but was then endplayed. That was an excellent way to finish off the

set. Duboin had 10 tricks for +590 and 12 IMPs to LAVAZZA, who stole the lead at 64-62 IMPs.

But that was not the end of the story of Board 32. When $4\heartsuit$ doubled came through the screen, Bilde told Gawrys that he was not sure whether $4\heartsuit$ showed hearts or spades. E/W called the director after the hand was over and suggested that Gawrys might have bid $4\spadesuit$ had he known for sure that his opponent had hearts. The directing staff polled players as usual and came to the conclusion that $4\spadesuit$ might indeed be bid. They then polled players again, this time regarding North's action if $4\spadesuit$ came round to him, and the vote was unanimous that North would bid $5\heartsuit$ and that West would then double that. So the original result of $4\heartsuit$ doubled just making was adjusted to $5\heartsuit$ doubled down one for 100 and 2 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN. The new running score at the end of set two was therefore 64-52 in favour of ZIMMERMANN.

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Rosenblum Final - S4

ZIMMERMANN v LAVAZZA

David Bird

Half-way through this final, ZIMMERMANN had a chunky lead of 111-76. Their opponents, LAVAZZA, would not regard this as an impossible mountain to climb, but they would want to take some steps into the foothills pretty quickly.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Gawrys	Bianchedi	Klukowski
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
4♣	All Pass	Pass	3♣

Klukowski opened with a multi and Madala played in 4♣, collecting a straightforward +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bocchi	Helness	Sementa
3♠	Dble	INT	2♦
Pass	Dble	4♥	Pass
		All Pass	

INT showed 10-13 points and Sementa's 2♦ was a defensive multi bid, showing length in one of the majors. Helgemo's 3♠ must have shown hearts (and probably a second suit), since Helness then bid 4♥. It was clear to North that his partner's long suit was spades, but he elected to double 4♥.

Bocchi won the ♠10 lead with the ace. Marc Smith and I, commenting on BBO, assumed that he would switch to diamonds. This would beat the contract, since subsequent diamond leads would prevent declarer from picking up the trumps for one loser. No, to an assortment of gasps and exclamations from kibitzers around the world, he returned the ♠J.

A grateful Helness won with the ♠K and ditched dummy's diamond loser. A club to the queen was followed by a trump to North's 10 and declarer's queen. After the ♣9 to the jack, declarer played ace and another trump. North

won with the ♥K and would now make two trump tricks. That was all, because declarer could ruff the next diamond in dummy and play good clubs. Helness collected +590 and that was 10 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN. No steps had yet been taken onto the mountain.

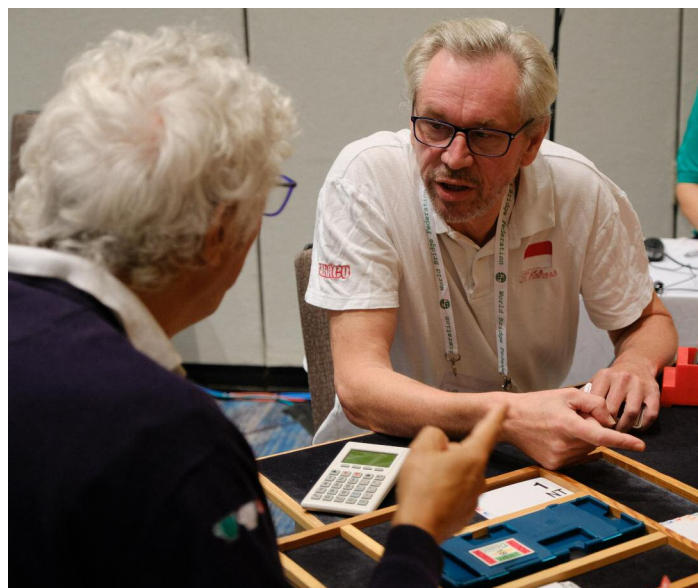
Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Gawrys	Bianchedi	Klukowski
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠3 to the ace, South switching to the ♦6. Madala won with the ♦Q and led the ♥10, covered by the queen and ace. He returned to his hand by overtaking the ♣Q with the king, and led the ♥9 to the king. Presumably he had been hoping to pin a doubleton ♥8 offside. When this did not materialize, he settled for +600 (two spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs.)



Norberto Bocchi and Tor Helness

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bocchi	Helness	Sementa
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West's Support Double brought the heart fit to light. It was best left in the dark, because there were four unavoidable losers in the heart game. It was a 12-IMP gain for LAVAZZA.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Gawrys	Bianchedi	Klukowski
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

Madala led the ♣A and cashed his other two aces. Klukowski won the diamond continuation, cashed the ♥K and finessed dummy's ♥J, claiming the contract for +620. It's well known that players who cash an ace against a small slam may be hoping to score a trump trick. Perhaps the same rule applies to those who cash three aces against a major-suit game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bocchi	Helness	Sementa
		Pass	1♥
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

North's 3NT was billed as '11-13 and 4+ hearts'. Helgemo led the ♣A, the one ace that would not assist declarer. A club continuation would have worked well, but he next cashed the ♦A. Sementa won the next diamond and played the ♠K to West's ace.

The ♠K and a club ruff left him in a dummy with ♠9 ♥AJ9 ♦9. As the cards lay, he could ruff a diamond, ruff a club, ruff a spade with the ♥K and finesse the ♥J. When he preferred to ruff a spade (reading West for four spades, after his take-out double), West was able to defeat the game by discarding his last diamond. That was minus 100 and 12 IMPs to ZIMMERMANN.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

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

Klukowski opened with a multi 2♦. North's 4♣ then asked him to transfer into his major. South duly bid 4♥, converted the 4♣. Regular readers of mine will be amazed that I know so much about the auction. Well, Marc and I were actually watching in the Closed Room. The BBO record for the Open Room had explanations of the bids affixed by the fabulous VuGraph operator, Fabio Lo Presti. Many thanks to him! 4NT showed a two-suiter and East ended in 5♦ doubled.

The ♣3 led went to the 10 and ace. Declarer led the ♦Q, won with the king. He was subsequently able to establish the clubs, losing the setting trick to the ♦A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bocchi	Helness	Sementa
			2♠
Pass	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Helness's 4NT showed a two-suiter. His subsequent removal to 5♦ indicated the red suits. Sementa led the ♣5 to the queen, king and ace. Helness led a second round of clubs, with an eye to setting up the suit. Bocchi won and switched to the ♠A, ruffed by declarer. At this point it seemed likely that he would lose further tricks to the ace and king of trumps. When the ♦Q was led, Sementa put on the ace. Gasps and exclamations similar to those on Board 18 came from some 3300 kibitzers around the world. They were familiar with this sort of thing happening at their local club, but not in a world championship final. Perhaps Sementa feared a later endplay, but it was difficult to visualize how this would arise. Helness discarded his heart losers on the clubs and picked up +550 for a gain of 12 IMP.

ZIMMERMANN won this set, the fourth out of six, by 46-23. The score was now 159-99. The mountain had grown in size.

Rand Cup Final - Day I

Fireworks in the Senior Teams

Brent Manley

The Rand Cup final was played in six sets. The finalists were the Reese Milner team (Reese Milner, Hemant Lall, Steve Garner, Mark Lair, Krzysztof Martens and Michal Kwiecien). Their opponents are CHINA EVERTRUST: Rongqiang Lin, Mingkun Shen, Xiaonong Shen, Ming Sun and Jian Hua Tao. That team knocked out an experienced squad led by Jeff Wolfson in the semi-final round. Milner was trying for his fifth Senior Teams title.

In Orlando, Milner won the first of six sets against China 27-20 and upped their lead to 53-30 by winning set two 26-10. There were fireworks in set three with four double-digit swings to Milner on their way to a 69-19 third set and a 122-49 lead. The first board started the avalanche of IMPs for Milner.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Krzysztof Martens



Rongqiang Lin

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Garner	M. Shen	Lair
	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led a low diamond to the jack and Garner’s ace. At trick two, Garner led his singleton spade. Shen played low and dummy’s king won. Garner cashed the ♣J then ruffed a spade. He followed with a diamond ruff in dummy, then overtook dummy’s ♣K with the ace to ruff another diamond. A spade ruff followed and Garner played a heart to dummy’s ace and used his last trump – the queen – to ruff a spade. He claimed plus 420 at that point. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Martens	Lin	Kwiecien	Tao
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦*
Dble	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♦ Game-forcing checkback

Martens led the ♦Q, taken in dummy with the ace. Tao led the ♠10 from dummy and put up the king when Kwiecien

followed low. Apparently hoping for a bare trump ace to his right, Tao led the ♠7 from hand at trick three. Martens won the ♠9, Tao pitching a heart from dummy. Martens continued with the ♥J, which went around to declarer's ace. The ♠8 was next, taken by Kwiecien with the jack. Kwiecien cashed the ♠A and played another diamond, ruffed by declarer. At that point, the defenders had three tricks and no matter what declarer did he could not avoid another loser. That was one down and a 10-IMP loss for China.

The score in the set was 14-0 for Milner when the following board came along.

Board 4. Dealer West, All Vul.

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

This was the action in the closed room:

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Garner	M. Shen	Lair
Pass	1♣	Dble	Rdbl
1♥	2♣	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Shen started with the ♠A, switching to the ♥K at trick two. Garner won the ♥A, discarding a low spade, then played a spade to his 9 and East's queen. Garner took the diamond exit in dummy with the ace, crossed to the ♣A and ruffed a spade with dummy's 10. At that point he could claim 11 tricks for plus 600. At the other table, a sensational deal entertained the spectators.

West	North	East	South
Martens	Lin	Kwiecien	Tao
Pass	2♣	Dble	Rdbl
2♥	2♠	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

Lin led a high club, ruffed in dummy. Martens called for a low diamond at trick two and Tao won with the jack. Tao then played the ♥A, followed by the ♥5, taken by Martens with the 9. He then ruffed a club, cashed the ♠A and ♠K, then ruffed a diamond and followed with a club ruff. When Martens ruffed the ♦7, North was feeling the pinch. He was down to two doubletons: the ♠J 9 and the ♣K Q. He let go of the ♣Q, but that just delayed the inevitable. This was the position when Martens played his last trump:

♠ 8	♠ J 9	♠ Q 7
♥ J	♥ —	♥ —
♦ —	♦ —	♦ Q
♣ 7	♣ K	♣ —
	♠ —	
	♥ 10	
	♦ A 6	
	♣ —	

On the ♥J, North had to surrender. If he discarded the ♣K, Martens' 7 would be good. A spade pitch would allow Martens to take his 11th trick with dummy's ♠7. The overtrick meant plus 990 for the Milner team and a 17-IMP swing in their favor – and there was more to come.

Milner picked up another big swing on this deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Martens	Lin	Kwiecien	Tao
Pass	2♥	3♠	1♣
4♠	All Pass		4♥

Tao started with the three top clubs, Kwiecien ruffing the third round. He pulled trumps in two rounds then played three rounds of diamonds, claiming by noting that trick number 10 would come from a diamond ruff in dummy. That was plus 620, a 15-IMP gain because of what happened at the other table:

West	North	East	South
X. Shen	Garner	M. Shen	Lair
Pass	1♥	2♠	1♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
			All Pass

M. Shen led a spade to his partner's ace. The ♦A followed and West tried another diamond, but Garner could ruff, ruff his last spade and claim plus 650.

Near the end, Milner picked up another 12 IMPs on this board:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Martens	Lin	Kwiecien	Tao
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Martens led the ♣6 to the 9, king and ace. Tao played a low heart from hand at trick two, and Martens won the king to cash his two high clubs. He then put dummy on lead with a club to the 10. Tao then cashed the ♥Q and ran the ♠10. When Martens won the ♠Q, he could cash the ♣8 and ♦A to defeat the contract two tricks for plus 100. At the other table, Lair played the same contract with higher stakes.

West	North	East	South
S. Shen	Garner	M. Shen	Lair
2♣	3♦	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT
		Dble	All Pass

East's double likely was based on his holding of the king of a suit his partner had overcalled at the two level. West led the ♣6 to the 10, king and ace. Lair played a low diamond from hand at trick two and dummy's king won. The ♥10 went to West's king, and he cashed two high clubs before exiting with a third club to dummy's 9. Lair cashed the ♥Q and ♥J before playing dummy's ♠10. Instead of finessing, he went up with the ace, and when the ♠K dropped the queen he could write 550 in the plus side of his scorecard.

The Chinese team got 12 IMPs back on the penultimate board when Lair and Garner scored plus 800 against 5♣ doubled, which looked like a good result but was decidedly not so. At the other table, the Chinese North-South arrived at a vulnerable – and cold – 6♦, against which Martens and Kwiecien saved at 7♣, which went down 1400.

CHINA EVERTRUST fought gamely but could not match the experience of their opponents.



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Top players experience LoveBridge

Peter Talyigas

Friday evening was full of emotions. The semi-finals had just ended both in the Open Teams and the Open Pairs. A handful of very top bridge players visited the Ballroom, Grand Salon 5, and gave the new platform, LoveBridge, a chance. They played 10 boards, to get a feel of the system, and it turned out they enjoyed themselves very much.



Peter Fredin and Joe Grue testing the LoveBridge tablets

There was something new in the seating (new both for the organizers and the players): North and East were sitting at one table and South and West sat far away, thus not having any information from their partner in any way. Communication between opponents was the same as it is at one side of the screen today.

Among the kibitzers were Sabine Auken, Roy Welland and Kit Woolsey. The short event was won by Joe Grue and Brad Moss, who were also awarded the title of funniest pair.

Boye Brogeland came second with his occasional partner, Ole Fuglestad. "It was much better than expected!" he said. "The table feel is not the same, though, so the game will become more technical than practical. With no partner at the table the risk of cheating would certainly be less, and many ethical difficulties can be avoided. Is it worth the prize of removing physical cards and changing the social aspect of the game? I still don't think so, but wouldn't be surprised if I changed my mind after getting comfortable playing on LoveBridge."

The winners had only two boards below average, but one of them was this little gem:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	Grue	Winkler	Moss
1♥	4♦	4♥	All Pass

After the diamond lead to his ace, Dumbovich ruffed a diamond with the ace of trumps. But then he did not overtake his heart (not knowing that the trumps would behave), and instead tried to cross to his hand with a spade. After that was ruffed, the contract was in danger for a moment. Grue played the ace and jack of clubs, Dumbovich did not cover, and when North could not produce a third club the declarer claimed instantly on the squeeze against South in the black suits.

The full results can be found at:

<https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/>

Women Pairs Final

1	BESSIS V. - HUBERSCHWILLER Anne-Laure	FRA - FRA	54.44
2	SULGROVE Kathy - GRIFFEY Candace	USA - USA	53.44
3	HUANG Yan - WANG Nan	CHN - CHN	53.01
4	QUINN Shawn - WITTES Pam	USA - USA	52.88
5	ROSENBERG Debbie - GUPTA Vinita	USA - USA	52.38
6	JANSMA Aida - BERKOWITZ Dana	NED - USA	52.32
7	SOKOLOV Tobi - HARTMAN Claudette	USA - USA	52.23
8	KAZMUCHA Danuta - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	52.18
9	DUFRAZ Katarzyna - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	51.79
10	JACKSON Joan - SUTHERLIN Peggy	USA - USA	51.51
11	BOJOH Lusje Olha - TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	50.28
12	LU Yan - LIU Yan	CHN - CHN	50.12
13	BARONI Irene - PAOLUZI Simonetta	ITA - ITA	49.90
14	CHEN Wenmin - LIU Yunqing	CHN - CHN	49.82
15	RADIN Judi - WESTHEIMER Valerie	USA - USA	49.77
16	BALDYSZ Cathy - BALDYSZ Zofia	POL - POL	49.35
17	GATES Georgiana - HESSEL Ellen	USA - USA	49.34
18	EYTHORS DOTIR H. - MECKSTROTH Sally	USA - USA	48.65
19	AGHA Rubina - RAZA Fatima	PAK - PAK	48.51
20	LEVI Hila - ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	47.99
21	BJERKAN Cheri - POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA	46.97
22	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry - KATZ Nancy	USA - USA	46.97
23	DEKKERS Laura - BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	46.77
24	PONTIFEX Marlene - PEARLMAN Shirley	CAN - CAN	43.78

Open Pairs Final

1	RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE	57.33
2	GRUE Joe - MOSS Brad	USA - USA	55.74
3	GIERULSKI Boguslaw - SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	LTU - LTU	55.33
4	MULLER Bauke - DE WIJS Simon	NED - NED	54.93
5	ROMBAUT Jerome - LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA - FRA	54.53
6	VERBEEK Tim - NAB Bart	NED - NED	54.09
7	DAI Jianming - SHI Haojun	CHN - CHN	53.63
8	LIU Jing - ZHAO Chen	CHN - CHN	53.59
9	DANAIOV Diyan - STAMATOV Jerry	BUL - BUL	53.58
10	SUN Gang - ZHANG Yongge	CHN - CHN	53.45
11	RAN Jing Rong - SHAO Zi Jian	CHN - CHN	53.43
12	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw - JANISZEWSKI P.	POL - POL	52.93
13	KATZ Ralph - NICKELL Nick	USA - USA	52.47
14	BAKHSI David - MALINOWSKI Artur	ENG - ENG	52.38
15	SHI Zheng Jun - JU Chuancheng	CHN - CHN	51.99
16	KNAP Andrzej - WASIK Arturo	ESP - ESP	51.91
17	LORENZINI Cedric - PADON Dror	FRA - ISR	51.60
18	CAMBEROS Hector - LUCENA Carlos	ARG - ARG	51.58
19	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo - TOMMASINI Stefano	BRA - BRA	51.35
20	GROMOV Andrey - DUBININ Alexander	RUS - RUS	51.10
21	GRAINGER David - HINZE Greg	USA - USA	51.01
22	GOWER Craig - APTEKER Alon	RSA - RSA	50.91
23	LI Xin - ZHAO Yanpei	CHN - CHN	50.73
24	PAVLICEK Richard - MUNDAY Jim	USA - USA	50.70
25	JANSMA Jan - WILLENKEN Chris	NED - USA	50.65
26	TIJSSEN Luc - KILJAN Veri	NED - NED	50.16
27	HANS Sartaj - HUNG Andy Pei-en	AUS - AUS	50.10
28	THAKRAL Sandeep - BHAND Vivek	IND - IND	50.10
29	CORNELL Michael - BACH Ashley	NZL - NZL	50.09
30	MARTEL Chip - FLEISHER Martin	USA - USA	49.79
31	PIEDRA Fernando - IGLA Bartlomiej	SUI - SUI	49.64
32	TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	48.63
33	GANZER Craig - BART Les	USA - USA	48.59
34	DIAMOND John - PLATNICK Brian	USA - USA	48.48
35	TULIN Stan - VERHEES Jr Louk	USA - NED	48.22
36	PARASIAN Robert - ASBI Taufik Gautama	INA - INA	48.07
37	GERIN D. - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO R.	GLP - FRA	48.00
38	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	47.74
39	MANDALA Cheryl - INN Yul	USA - USA	47.66
40	BRINK Sjoert - FERM Barbara	NED - USA	47.18
41	LILIENSTEIN Jared - POLOWAN Michael	USA - USA	47.10
42	CHEN Li-Chung - LEE Walter	USA - USA	47.00
43	WHIBLEY Michael - EDGTON Nabil	NZL - AUS	46.93
44	HEGEDUS Gal - BODIS Gyula	HUN - HUN	46.73
45	DUNITZ Mitch - STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	46.50
46	LIU Jun - ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	45.83
47	DEMUY Vincent - WOLPERT Gavin	USA - USA	45.19
48	BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	45.05
49	BESTRZYNSKI Olech - SEREK Cezary	POL - POL	44.45
50	CARMICHAEL Jenni - HUMPHREYS Greg	USA - USA	40.40

Senior Pairs Final

1	JACOBUS Marc - PASSELL Mike	USA - USA	60.90
2	KOWALSKI Apolinary - ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL	56.53
3	ITABASHI Mark - WOLD Eddie	USA - USA	55.87
4	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz - TUSZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	54.97
5	MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	54.45
6	FALK Allan - LUSKY John	USA - USA	53.92
7	SIEBERT Allan - SEGARRA Jay	USA - USA	53.00
8	CHENG Kuo-Paw - LIN Chii-Mou	TPE - TPE	52.99
9	KRANYAK Ken - BECKER Phillip	USA - USA	51.86
10	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	51.14
11	BRAMLEY Bart - WOOLSEY Kit	USA - USA	51.07
12	CASEN Drew - KREKORIAN Jim	USA - USA	50.89
13	WILLIS David - VALLIANT John	CAN - CAN	50.40
14	MARSAL Reiner - KLUMPP Herbert	GER - GER	49.89
15	CZYZOWICZ Jurek - JACOB Dan	CAN - CAN	49.28
16	SHENKIN Barnet J - SILVERMAN Neil	USA - USA	49.22
17	ABECASSIS Michel - LEVY Alain	FRA - FRA	49.09
18	HANNA Nader - RAYNER John	CAN - CAN	49.06
19	MINER Charles - MEFFLEY Richard W	USA - USA	48.84
20	MUNAFO Paul - OSHLAG Richard	USA - USA	48.71
21	KALISH Avi - ORENSTEIN Eitan	ISR - ISR	48.25
22	ROSENBERG Michael - WOLFSON Jeff	USA - USA	48.05
23	BRAGIN Barry - HAND Jeff	USA - USA	48.02
24	AQUINO Mark - CAPPELLI Robert	USA - USA	47.98
25	DARVEY Jim - PINELES Abe	USA - USA	47.95
26	LAM Hon Shing, Henry - LING Roger	HKG - HKG	47.82
27	BROWN Terry - BUCHEN Peter Walter	AUS - AUS	47.60
28	LEBI Robert - STEWART Fred	CAN - USA	47.36
29	AKER Jeff - SIMSON Doug	USA - USA	47.24
30	MUIR William - MALCOLM Chuck	USA - USA	46.53
31	CRONIER Philippe - MARILL Philippe	FRA - FRA	46.24
32	INO Masayuki - YAMADA Kazuhiko	JPN - JPN	45.47
33	BIZON Piotr - SZYMANOWSKI Marek	POL - POL	45.35
34	SCHWARTZ Gary - MATTHEWS JR Pete	USA - USA	43.95

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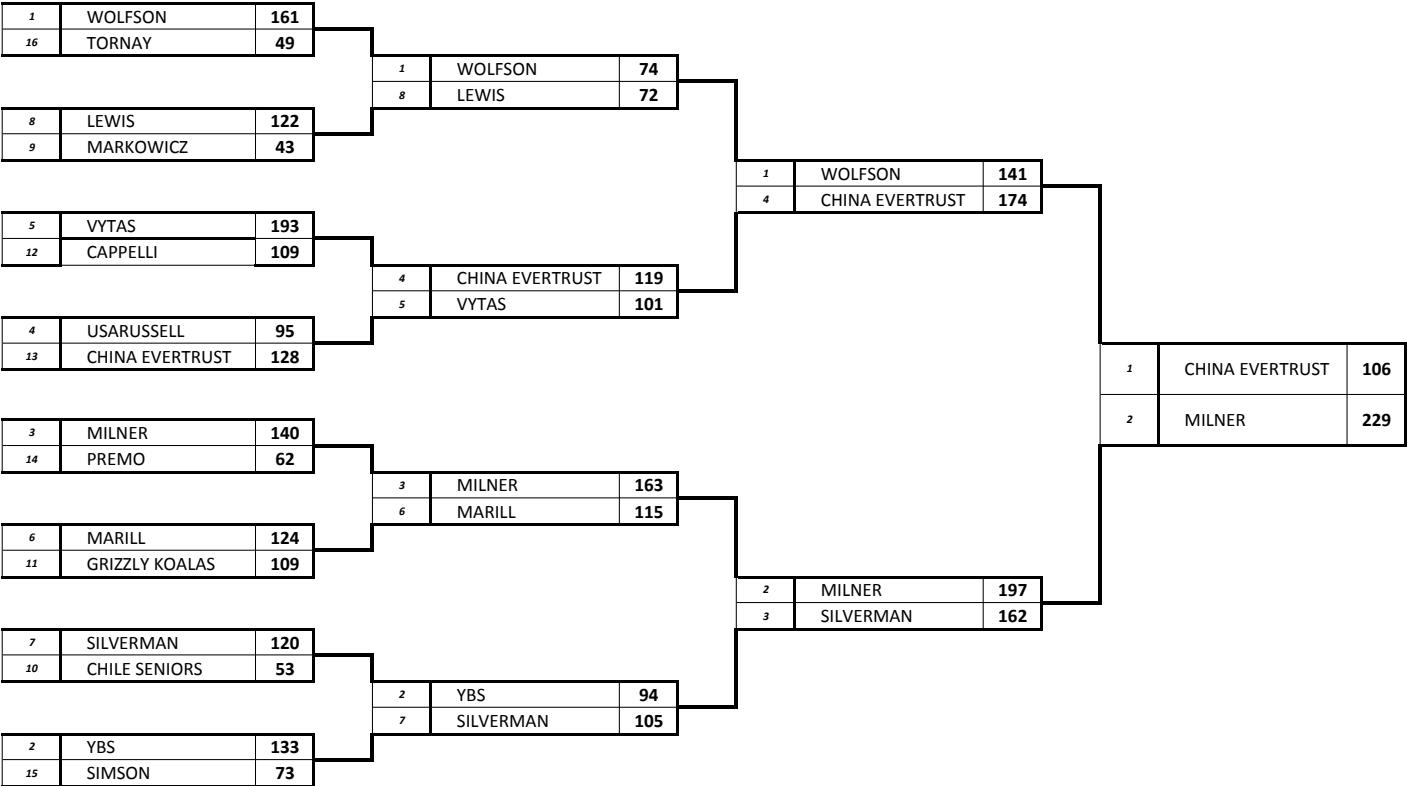
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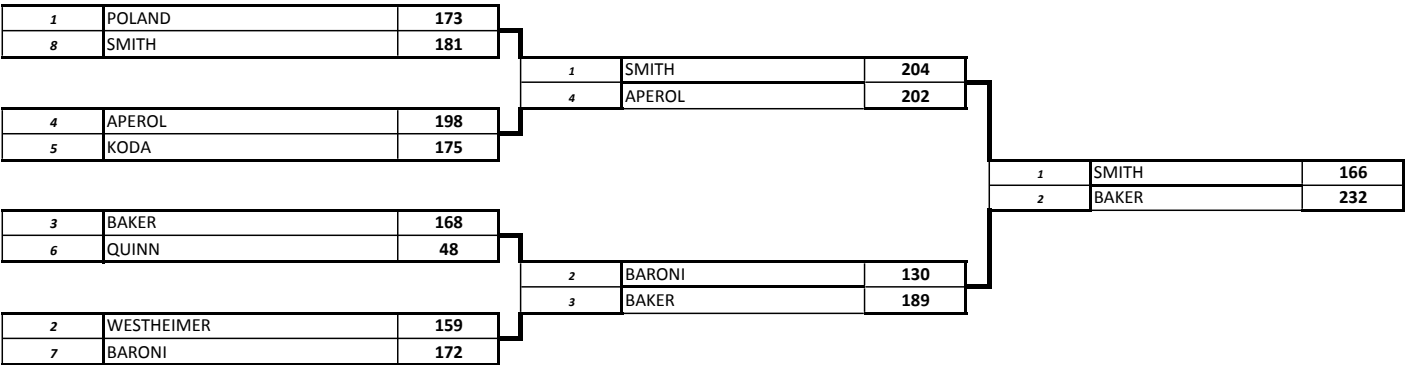
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2	SHIMAMURA Kyoko - HOWARD Allison	JPN - USA	58.54	53	FAGERLUND Vesa - CUSHING Justine	FIN - USA	50.46
3	TSONCHEV Ivan - MARASHEV Vladimir	BUL - BUL	57.94	54	BARRETT G. S Jade - LOMBARDINI D.	USA - USA	50.40
4	SOBCZAK Mateusz - CHODACKI M.	POL - POL	57.07	55	KAHN Allen - HERMAN Ira	USA - USA	50.40
5	GRUDE Tor Eivind - BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR	57.07	56	XU Jiaming - SUN Jiateng	CHN - CHN	50.23
6	DONG Lidang - CHEN Ji	CHN - CHN	56.70	57	SAMUEL Russell - ROTHSTEIN Jeffrey	USA - USA	50.22
7	VON ARNIM Daniela - JOEL Geeske	GER - USA	56.04	58	COLCHAMIRO Mel - SHARF Charles	USA - USA	50.06
8	PADHYE Anil - VENKATESH Gopal	IND - USA	55.22	59	LIU Yizhou - MA Shuoming	CHN - CHN	50.01
9	STRZEMECKI Wojciech - ZAWADA P.	POL - POL	54.92	60	DEY Bharati - GOEL Ashok Kumar	IND - IND	49.86
10	IMAKURA Tadashi - MORIMURA Shunsuke	JPN - JPN	54.54	61	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	49.79
11	RON Jacob - BRONDUM Freddi	DEN - DEN	54.53	62	KRANTZ Corey - LANG Bruce	USA - USA	49.79
12	HUNG Eugene - WATSON William	USA - USA	54.48	63	WILDAVSKY Adam - GERARD Ronald	USA - USA	49.58
13	LU Yijia - GE Chenyun	CHN - CHN	54.47	64	KLEMIC George - LUSSKY Donald	USA - USA	49.39
14	ZWERLING Marc - ELLIOTT Samuel James	USA - USA	54.05	65	PUCELLE Jean-Francois - MARRO C.	FRA - FRA	49.38
15	SKORCHEV Stefan - CASTNER Kevin	BUL - GER	53.98	66	ZHANG Tiancheng - DAI Hanyang	CHN - CHN	49.32
16	HYDES Alexander - MOSSOP David	ENG - ENG	53.98	67	JANICKI Paul - VILHAUER Merlin	CAN - USA	49.28
17	ABEDI Nishat - FORTNEY Charles	PAK - USA	53.87	68	OHNO Kyoko - YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN	49.14
18	WANG Penghao - TONG Jiaxin	CHN - CHN	53.71	69	LAVINGS Paul - KROCHMALIK Robert	AUS - AUS	49.07
19	CHEVALIER Serge - BOUCHER Jean-Francois	CAN - CAN	53.59	70	WANG Yingqi - YUAN Zhijie	CHN - CHN	49.00
20	FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - SETTON Hilda	FRA - SUI	53.50	71	WENNING Ulrich - FRERICHS Hans	GER - GER	48.92
21	SIELICKI Tomasz - NOWAK Kamil	POL - POL	53.39	72	FU Yanzhuo - LANG Ningyu	CHN - CHN	48.88
22	ST CLAIR Anna - FRAZER Kim	AUS - AUS	53.33	73	BART Gloria - MARSH Martha	USA - USA	48.71
23	HOYLAND Sven Olai - HOYLAND Sam Inge	NOR - NOR	53.17	74	LU Mingyu - YANG Jiahao	CHN - CHN	48.50
24	GRAVERSEN Hans C. - CASPERSEN H.	DEN - DEN	53.14	75	YU Wenfei - WANG Yuming	CHN - CHN	48.06
25	BENNER Carolyn - BENNER Philip	USA - USA	53.10	76	MUKHERJEE Sumit - JAJOO Monica	IND - IND	47.93
26	PIASECKI Jaroslaw - BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL	53.01	77	WEINSTOCK Paul - MIHAI Radu	ISR - ROM	47.91
27	BERTENS Huub - GUPTA Naren	USA - USA	52.69	78	YOMTOV Bernie - HAWKINS Allen	USA - USA	47.89
28	HAMMOND Nicolas - AGARWAL Suman	USA - USA	52.60	79	CAMMARATA Michele - PORCIANI R.	ITA - ITA	47.64
29	LIU Haochen - DENG Cheng	CHN - CHN	52.58	80	CARDIN Judy - GREENSPAN Bruce	USA - USA	47.29
30	MARKEY Phil - HAFFER Joachim	AUS - AUS	52.58	81	CHEN Yunpeng - RUAN Xinyao	CHN - CHN	47.13
31	BELL Leo - HESSEL Ira	USA - USA	52.50	82	HARRELL Emily - HAWKINS Brenda	USA - USA	47.10
32	WANG Jiarui - CHEN Yufan	CHN - CHN	52.26	83	D'SOUZA Lino - CHAN Richard	CAN - CAN	47.10
33	YAO Tianle - YU Zhaolun	CHN - CHN	52.18	84	SCHIRESON Max - SHANNON Lynn	USA - USA	46.84
34	XU Hao - ZHOU Chuanyao	CHN - CHN	52.07	85	HENNINGS Margot - STRINGER Shawn	USA - USA	46.63
35	BAXTER Doug - LINDOP David	CAN - CAN	52.06	86	JIANG Yixuan - TANG Qing	CHN - CHN	46.51
36	KUANG Samuel - RATHI Anant	USA - USA	52.03	87	MAK Ronald - LEE Alfred C	USA - USA	46.36
37	GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	51.96	88	MCGUIRE Daniel - BURT Wayne A.	USA - USA	46.34
38	RABIE Ahmed - RAMADAN Baher	EGY - EGY	51.74	89	KOVACHEV Valentin - KRAL Ronald Peter	BUL - USA	46.29
39	RODNEY David - KRAUSS Howard	USA - USA	51.70	90	HUGGINS Michael - ROBINSON Irene	ENG - ENG	46.21
40	KRASNICKI Mariusz - KOZIKOWSKI A.	POL - POL	51.63	91	YUEN Michael - STOCK Nicholas	CAN - CAN	46.02
41	KLEINPLATZ Morrie - FLEISCHMANN J.	CAN - USA	51.45	92	BLANK Sondra - BALES Toni	CAN - USA	45.69
42	ENGLE Howard S. - FRIEDLANDER Mark	USA - USA	51.44	93	DOWNS Betsy - SHAFER Leigh Anne	USA - CAN	45.42
43	MICHELIN Marjorie - FEIGENBAUM Ellis	USA - USA	51.32	94	ALLENSPACH Frederick - LEE Janet H	USA - USA	45.32
44	ADLER Brett - GOLDMAN Jeffrey	USA - USA	51.31	95	WILSON Kevin - STANFILL Sharon	USA - USA	44.42
45	HANUS Pawel - SIPPOLA Ari	USA - USA	51.26	96	YAN Tianyao - ZHANG Xuyang	CHN - CHN	44.28
46	WANG Jian-Jian - LI Yiting	USA - CHN	51.14	97	FAN Lingwen - XU Tong	CHN - CHN	44.06
47	LIU Yihong - WANG Ruizhe	CHN - CHN	51.07	98	BRENNER Mirta J. - DE FUNGUEIRO A. B.	ARG - ARG	43.45
48	MAJCHER Arkadiusz - MARCINOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	51.03	99	SELECHNIK Ana - GEORGIPOULOS N.s	GUA - USA	43.24
49	FELMY Matthias - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	50.91	100	YANG Fan - ZHAO Yuchen	CHN - CHN	42.83
50	LU Yajie - GAO Yi Ran	CHN - CHN	50.90	101	YU Fanfei - TANG Tengbo	CHN - CHN	40.37
51	TUCKER Ben - BELL Robert	USA - USA	50.78				

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The diagram illustrates a tournament bracket for the 2019-2020 season. It begins with 64 participants on the left, organized into 32 pairs. Each pair is represented by a box containing the team name and a score. The participants are grouped into four main sections, each leading to a final match. The final match is between 2 LAVAZZA (162) and 1 ZIMMERMANN (241). The diagram includes various team names such as CONNECTOR, DE BOTTON, JUSTER, ZIMMERMANN, TEXAN ACES, TULIN, SPECTOR, STRUL, and others. Scores are provided for each team in each match. The diagram is a single-page representation of a multi-round tournament.