

Thursday, 4th October 2018

D THEN THERE WERE FOUR

We are down to the last four in the 2018 World Mixed Teams Championship. Friday's semi-finals will see FERM pitted against MANFIELD and WILSON against ZHAOHENG, the matches being played over 4 x 14-board sessions. Remarkably, all four semi-finalists trailed at half-time in their quarter-final matches before turning things around and progressing to the next stage.

Friday also sees the semi-final stage of the 2018 World Mixed Pairs Championship. That will be played over 3 x 16-board sessions and will see several pairs dropping in from Thursday's losing teams.

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Schedule on Friday 5th October:

Mixed Teams	Mixed Pairs
Semi-final	Semi-final A&B
14 Boards x 4	WBF IMP Pairs
10.00 - 12.00	16 Boards x 3
12.20 - 14.20	10.00 - 12.30
15.20 - 17.20	13.30 - 16.00
17.40 - 19.40	16.30 - 19.00



WBF President's Press Conference

Will be held in Grand Ballroom Salon 13 on Saturday, 6th October 9 a.m.

The conference is open to both journalists and the public.

Prize-giving

Will be held in Grand Ballroom Salon 3 on Saturday, 6th October 20.00.













BBO SCHEDULE Mixed Teams

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2. ZHAOHENG - WILSON



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Mixed Teams Round of 32 - SI

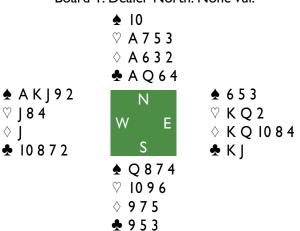
NOLAND v ROSENTHAL

Jos Jacobs

After winning the Swiss qualification, NOLAND had beaten TORLOVEBECK, the no. 40 of the Swiss, easily enough in the Round of 64. ROSENTHAL, who had finished 36th in the Swiss, had narrowly beaten REESS, the no. 39, in the Round of 64. So one might say that NOLAND were favourites to proceed into the Round of 16 by winning this Round of 32 match.

The first board might be considered a good omen for NOLAND by the more superstitious among us.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Migry	Michielsen	Rosenthal	Zia
	l ♣	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		



David Gold

In the Open Room, Migry Zur-Campanile (I refer to her as Migry in this report, also because her name is too long for the auction diagrams) became declarer in a quiet partscore, which she easily made with an overtrick. ROSENTHAL +140. It did not matter that Michielsen found the fine lead of a low diamond away from her ace.

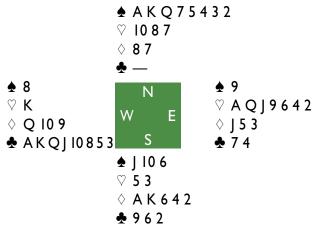
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gold	Auken	Basa
	I♦	Pass	I♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, David Gold was looking at all his aces but he had to find a lead against a game contract. When he selected the $\spadesuit 10$ as his opening shot, declarer could win the jack and continue the $\lozenge J$. North won and played $\clubsuit A$ and $\heartsuit A$, followed by a club to dummy's $\clubsuit K$. After this, declarer could simply play a spade to the nine, draw trumps and discard the club losers on the top diamonds. NOLAND +420 and 7 IMPs straight away.

Two boards later, it looked like a slam.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Migry	Michielsen	Rosenthal	Zia
			Pass
♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♡	6◊
Dble	6♠	All Pass	

Classic BOLS tips also apply for Zia: had he left alone 5%, his side would probably have gone plus. When he made a lead-directing bid at his second attempt, N/S had reached a dangerously high level. Yes, $6 \pm$ might have made (and often did make!) on a club lead but East led the %A for down one, ROSENTHAL +50.

Remarkably enough, N/S were overboard in the Closed Room as well.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gold	Auken	Basa
			Pass
♣	4♠	5♡	5♠
6♣	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

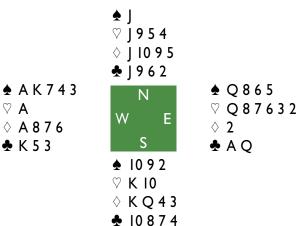
At this table, Sabine Auken led a club...which enabled declarer to make his contract, helped by the 3-3 diamond break. The defence got just one heart trick in the end. ROSENTHAL +1210 and 15 IMPs to them.

On the next board, it was a slam.



Migry Zur-Campanile

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Migry	Michielsen	Rosenthal	Zia
♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

A simple, natural auction led E/W to the proper contract. East, after his diamond splinter, showed one key card and confirmed the extstyle Q, denying any kings. That was all Migry wanted to know.

The contract was made easily enough when declarer went after the hearts. ROSENTHAL +2210.

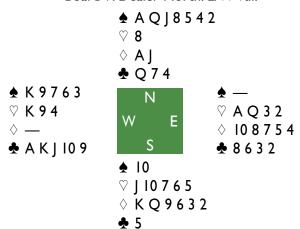
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gold	Auken	Basa
I♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5◊	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When Welland did not explore any further over 50, his side was committed to staying at the six-level. NOLAND +1460 but 13 IMPs to ROSENTHAL, who were suddenly leading 28-7 after just 4 boards.

On the next four boards, ROSENTHAL quietly added 4 more IMPs but board 9, below, was not so quiet:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Migry	Michielsen	Rosenthal	Zia
	I♠	Pass	INT
2♣	3♠	4♣	4 ♦
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With both North's and South's key suits breaking 5-0, you might think that a contract in either of these suits would have been worth a double.

Four Spades went only two down when East led a club to partner's ace and the defence cashed a second top club after winning the ♠K. ROSENTHAL +100.

Closed Room

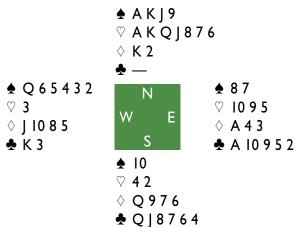
West	North	East	South
Welland	Gold	Auken	Basa
	I♠	Pass	INT
2♣	2NT	3♠	5◊
All Pass			

North tried to show this sort of hand by rebidding a conventional 2NT but South was not interested. Nor were

E/W, to their eventual regret, I assume...down four was the outcome for +200 and just 3 IMPs to NOLAND rather than a possible I2.

With the score at 35-12 to ROSENTHAL, this was the last board of the set.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Migry	Michielsen	Rosenthal	Zia
		Pass	3♣
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

South's pre-empt, in second position, does not particularly appeal to me but that's a matter of style. North's jump to slam might have been based on her idea of the current state of the match but on a different day, 6° might have been made. At a number of tables, it was in fact made when East led the \diamond A, as declarer could now ruff a spade in dummy and discard a spade on the \diamond Q.

(Note: at those tables West had pre-empted so declarer knew not to ruff two spades in dummy.)

When East at this table led a trump, the contract had no chance. Down two when East could ruff in front of dummy after declarer lost a ruffing finesse against the ♠Q in East. ROSENTHAL +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Gold	Auken	Basa
		Pass	3♣
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

No experiments for David Gold here. On a spade lead to the queen and his ace, he easily made 12 tricks for +480 and 11 IMPs to ROSENTHAL. At halftime, they were leading 46-12, giving NOLAND a really uphill task...The final score in the match was 80-31 for ROSENTHAL.

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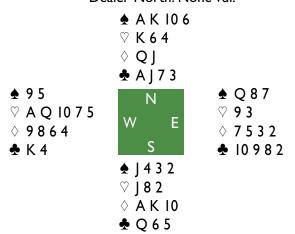
Pulling the Wool(sey) over declarer's eyes

David Dobrin

Fresh from winning the IBPA book of the year Kit Woolsey (see picture) demonstrated that his skill isn't limited to writing. He was defending to four spades from the South seat (Rotated 180 degrees).



Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Bramley	Linda L.	K. Woolsey	Paul L.
	♣	Pass	I♠
Pass All Pass	3♠	Pass	4 ♠

The board comes from the second segment of the Rand Senior Teams Quarter-finals. Kit Woolsey was East playing with Bart Bramley for the Wolfson team against Paul and Linda Lewis.

After Bramley's passive diamond lead, Paul Lewis won in dummy, cashed the ace of spades, then played off two more diamonds, pitching a heart from dummy. He then led a spade to the 10 and queen. Without much hesitation, Kit put the nine of clubs on the table, and now Paul was on the black ice. It went queen, king, and ace, then after he crossed to hand in trumps, he finessed the club, running the six and losing to Kit's eight. (He had placed the 10 of clubs with West and figured that the certain double finesse of clubs was better than a likely failing finesse of the king of hearts.)

Kit returned the last diamond; Paul ruffed in dummy and sluffed a heart from hand and was down one when clubs went pear-shaped. Everybody else in 4\(\Delta\) made five.

Mixed Teams Round of 32 - S2

WILSON v PDC

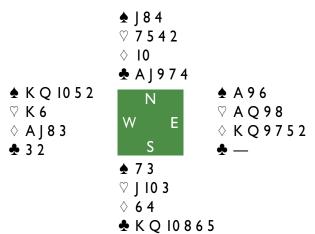
Barry Rigal

PDC had taken a commanding lead into the second half thanks to picking up 21 IMPs on the last two boards of the first half. On the first of the pair they had doubled a game and collected 500 in one room while conceding only 100 in the other room, then they had had the benefit of an opposing pre-empt to play a slam to better effect, after a favourable opening lead. They led 41-12 as we entered what would turn out to be a pulsating second set of 14 deals.

WILSON picked up 6 IMPs on the first deal when Verbeek exploited the vulnerability to pre-empt to $3 \mbox{\ensuremath{\heartsuit}}$ over INT with

That led to 4% down one while in the other room a 2% (one major) overcall from Ticha led to a contract of 3% making +140.A further overtrick IMP made it 19-41.Then:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



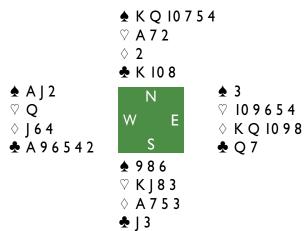
West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Brock	Levi	Willenken
	Pass	I♦	3♣
3♠	5♣	6♠	All pass
West	North	East	South
West Ticha	North Asulin	East Ritmeijer	South Bob Drijver
	1 1 0 1 0 1 1		
	Asulin	Ritmeijer	Bob Drijver

There may be some subtleties in the auction that I missed but it seems Ritmeijer in the closed room simply gambled that his partner had the ⋄A and ♠K not the ♣A – though being off the trump king would not necessarily be fatal. (5♣ would have been Exclusion Blackwood – and maybe a better choice, he told me later.) Likewise, Levi might have tried 6♣ rather than 6♠, when Verbeek would surely have

bid 7♦ for fear of a diamond ruff against 7♠?

That meant II IMPs to WILSON, down 41-30 now, and after two overtrick IMPs had closed the margin to nine, WILSON added another, somewhat random pick-up here.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West Verbeek	North Brock	East Levi	South Willenken
I ♣ (2+)	I 🏚	Dble	Pass 2 ♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	
West	North	East	South
Ticha	Asulin	Ritmeijer	Bob Drijver Pass
♣	2♠	Dble	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♡	Pass
5♣	All pass		

Ritmeijer could have locked in a 6 IMP gain by passing out 3\(\Delta\) but he didn't know that. (Despite appearances to the contrary on this and the previous deal, Asulin/Drijver were playing weak jump overcalls, I believe.) Still, his second call looks like a state-of-the-match action. Nothing terrible happened when N/S didn't double any of their opponents' games, and 5\(\Delta\) on a top spade lead drifted two off. Bob Drijver won the first heart to play back the \(\Delta\)J. North won the king and forced dummy with a top spade to promote her \(\Delta\) 10 for the second undertrick. Those 6 IMPs meant that it was 41-38 now for PDC.

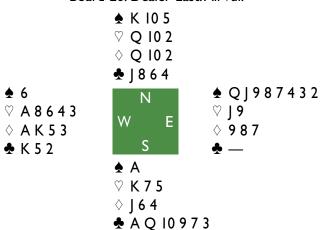
On the next deal, after the auction: $I - (1 \circ) - 2 - (4 \circ)$ Verbeek doubled with a trump trick and ace-king ace in the minors, in a 4-3-3-3 shape. Declarer was 7-4-1-1 and partner brought nothing but KQ to the party, so R made 790. The contract was not doubled in the other room so WILSON had scored the first 31 IMPs of the set and led 43-41 now.

After some overtrick and undertrick IMPs changed hands, PDC had their first real chance for gain, when

Ritmeijer/Ticha bid to 6 after an opposing preempt, rather than 6NT. 6 was off an ace with a trump suit of AQ83 facing K92, while 6NT had effectively 12 top tricks. Luck was with them when the suit was 3-3 but PDC gained two IMPs anyway to make it 46-43.

The floodgates opened: a vulnerable undertrick in a partscore made it 46-46; had the tide turned? No.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Brock	Levi	Willenken
		3♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Ticha	Asulin	Ritmeijer	Bob Drijver
riciia	Nami	3♠	Dble
		3 元	Dble

All Pass

Both Brock and Willenken judged well, Brock to pull the double to 3NT then both players to sit for the final double,



Hila Levi



Sally Brock

and Levi led \heartsuit J, rather than the killing diamond; Brock cunningly put up the king to tempt a continuation of the suit. Was it simply too hard for Verbeek to do anything but take his ace and continue the suit – winning to shift to diamonds still sets the game? I'm not sure. Declarer knocked out the club king and Verbeek ducked a diamond, so Brock had +950.

That was a slightly better score than her teammates had achieved in 3\(\Delta\) doubled. The defenders had led and continued diamonds, when in with \(\Delta\)A, declarer having led a trump to the nine. Ritmeijer took the second diamond and continued the suit. Drijver shifted to hearts, declarer leading the fourth diamond and pitching his heart when North also discarded. And that meant +930 and 18 IMPs for WILSON, up 64-46 with two deals to go.

In GILLIS vVYTAS Marianne Harding opened 4♠, doubled by Anna Gulevich. Simon Gillis showed his confidence in his partner with an insouciant redouble, and no one had anything else to say. The defenders led ♠A and shifted to hearts. Declarer ducked, and Gromov won to play a club. Declarer could ruff, then drive out the master spade and ruff out hearts with diamond entries to the board for an impressive +1080. Meanwhile in the other room the defenders led diamonds against 3♠, and when declarer misguessed trumps by leading to the jack initially,Ann Karin Fuglestad shifted to a heart. Saelensminde took the king to revert to hearts and knock out dummy's entry to each red suit. Declarer lost three spades and one trick in each red suit for down one and 15 IMPs to GILLIS.

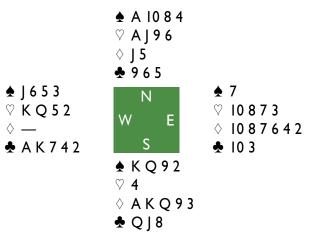
Marc Jacobus played 4♠ on the Goldilocks defense (not too hard, not too soft, just right) of the ♠A lead and a diamond shift. He won in dummy and ruffed a club to hand to drive out the ♠K. Since declarer was threatening to establish the long diamond Zack had to shift to hearts. He chose a low one (the queen or the low one both work) to

the king, ducked by declarer.

Now South must return a low diamond to break up the double squeeze, which she did. But on the run of the spades, when declarer discarded all of dummy's diamonds, South unguarded diamonds and North was caught in a redsuit squeeze. Hampson had 12 IMPs when 4♠ went down in the other room (after a heart lead declarer ducked, ruffed the club shift and misguessed trumps by leading to the jack). That gave Hampson a 56-49 lead and they held on to win 61-49.

After a flat penultimate board, PDC closed the gap, but not quite enough, on the final deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Brock	Levi	Willenken
♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
IŸ	I♠	2♡	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Asulin	Ritmeijer	Bob Drijver
♣	Pass	ΙØ	Dble
3♡	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dhla	All pace		

Both tables reached 44, but where the contract was not doubled, Levi led her doubleton club and the defenders took their ruff with the singleton trump, then got the diamond ruff coming back to set the game. Unlucky - but in a sense N/S had gotten away cheaply since a diamond lead would net two down.

In the other room Ritmeijer led his doubleton club and Ticha decided that since she couldn't read the position in clubs she would clarify the position by cashing the ∇K . While that achieved her target it was not in the way she would have liked. Declarer won the ace, drew two rounds of trumps and knocked out the top club for 990. PDC had 14 IMPs and had closed the margin to 64-60, but there were no boards left.

GILLIS picked up an unlikely swing here, defeating 4♠ on the ruff and playing 20x on the N/S cards, making +380 despite the 6-0 break for a further 10 IMPs and a 72-36 win.

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Mixed Teams Round of 16 - S1

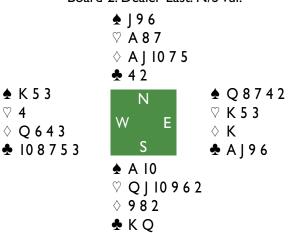
FERM v HAMPSON

Ron Tacchi

In this round of 16 in the first of two sessions FERM take on HAMPSON. FERM, fresh from comfortably winning against POLLACK, sport a multinational team with players hailing from USA, Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands. Hampson had a mere twelve-point victory from beating BARR and are an all-American squad.

On Board I, HAMPSON gained 3 IMPs as FERM failed in part-scores by one trick in both rooms:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Jacobus	Ferm	B. Jacobus	Brink
		I♠	2♡
2♠	3♠	Pass	4♡
AILD			



Brenda Jacobus

A not unreasonable contract, which on a good day would come rolling home. But when the heart finesse failed there was little declarer could do as the defence had a trick in each of the other suits.

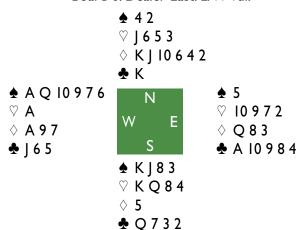
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	J. Martel	von Arnim	C. Martel
		I♠	2♡
2♠	3♡	All Pass	

A more restrained South rested in the part-score and received seven IMPs for his decision. HAMPSON were now 10 IMPs ahead.

We will gloss over Board 5 where there was an overtrick IMP to FERM, as Flannery was employed.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Jacobus	Ferm	B. Jacobus	Brink
		Pass	♣
I♠	Dble	Pass	2♡
2♠	All Pass		

West straightway showed his spade suit and after a negative double by North, South bid his hearts. West was content to rebid his spade suit and was left to play peacefully in Two Spades, nine tricks being the order of the day.

Closed Room

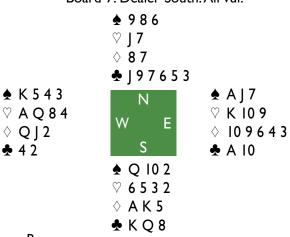
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	J. Martel	von Arnim	C. Martel
		Pass	♣
Dble	♦*	Pass	2♡
2♠	3◊	Dble	3♡
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		
I♦ heart	ts		

During the play one of the commentators asked, in an ironic fashion, 'How can declarer avoid four losers?' The answer is simple: pass Three Hearts. I did not spot in the auction where East admitted to any spade support whatsoever and simple souls like me would suspect that the Four Club bid was not a forward-going move. The defence minded its work and took their four tricks and six IMPs.



Barbara Ferm

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

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West	North	East	South
M. Jacobus	Ferm	B. Jacobus	Brink
			INT
Pass	2 ♠ *	Pass	3♣
Dhle	Pass	3♦	All Pass

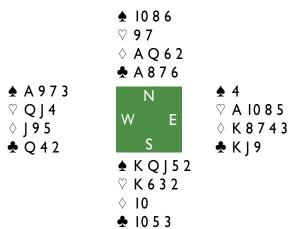
Two Spades was a transfer to clubs so West entered the fray with a takeout double. East bid a simple and disciplined Three Diamonds which made with an overtrick. The losing spade went away on the thirteenth heart as North could not get in to lead spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	J. Martel	von Arnim	C. Martel
			♣
Dble	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The pre-emptive raise of Three Clubs did its work rather well. Once E/W passed the level of Three Diamonds there was little hope for them. It was another doomed game contract as North led from her doubleton diamond and immediately got a ruff. There was a trump trick to follow, so there was nothing declarer could do other than write off another 6 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Jacobus	Ferm	B. Jacobus	Brink
Pass	Pass	I ♦	I♠
INT	2♠	All Pass	

South was not pushed to go higher in the auction and there was no problem in the play. In fact the defence gave away a trick in trying to defeat the contract, so declarer arrived at 10 tricks.

Closed Room

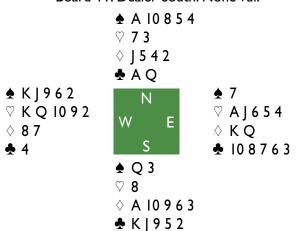
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	J. Martel	von Arnim	C. Martel
Pass	Pass	1♦	I♠
INT	2♦	Dble	2♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

After North's positive move South ended a level higher. My double dummy analyser tells me that the contract will always fail except on the lead of a small diamond. So what was the lead? Correct, a small diamond; however, to succeed, declarer must play small. He then arrives at two diamond tricks, a heart and a heart ruff, four trumps and the ace of clubs, but when he played the ace of diamonds he could no longer recover, because the defence led a second round of trumps to hold him to one heart ruff and only eight tricks. A much needed 5 IMPs to FERM who

were now losing 23-7.

They gained another 5 IMPs on the following with a part-score swing.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Jacobus	Ferm	B. Jacobus	Brink
			I ♦
I♠	2♠*	Pass	2NT
3♡	Pass	4 ♡	All Pass

West declined the opportunity of showing both his majors simultaneously but had another chance to show them on the subsequent round of bidding and East needed only a moment to decide to raise to game. North started with a diamond to South's ace and he returned a club to North's queen. He cashed the ace of spades and then attempted to also cash the ace of clubs. Declarer disabused him of this idea by ruffing. With the trumps 2-I and the queen of spades doubleton declarer had more than sufficient tricks for his contract

Closed Room

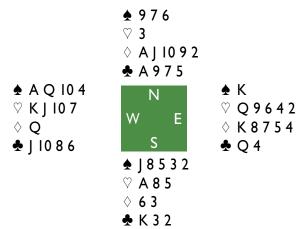
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	J. Martel	von Arnim	C. Martel
			Pass
I♠	Pass	INT	2NT
Pass	4 ♦	All Pass	



Daniela von Arnim

Playing two over one E/W managed to avoid mentioning their 5-5 heart fit, which as we saw above makes game comfortably enough. South's unusual no-trump and North's jump to Four Diamonds robbed E/W of the opportunity to re-enter the auction constructively. To rub salt into the wound Four Diamonds came home when the trumps split 2-2. I I IMPs to HAMPSON.

Board 13. Dealer North, All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Jacobus	Ferm	B. Jacobus	Brink
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

There are some who might say that West's INT opener was slightly off-centre but it had the effect of allowing him to be the declarer at Four Hearts. North, unwilling to underlead one of his aces, chose a spade, won in dummy by the king. A small trump was now led from dummy and South fell from grace when he played small. Declarer won in hand and cashed two rounds of spades discarding losing clubs from dummy, and now declarer was home on a crossruff after giving up a trick to the ace of diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	J. Martel	von Arnim	C. Martel
	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	Ι♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

After a more usual opening bid of One Club it was East who became declarer. Now South led a diamond and North won with her ace and immediately played back a small club to South's king and he promptly returned the suit for North's ace and with the ace of trumps to come that was a one trick set and another 12 IMPs.

At the end of the set HAMPSON were comfortably in the lead over FERM by 46-12.

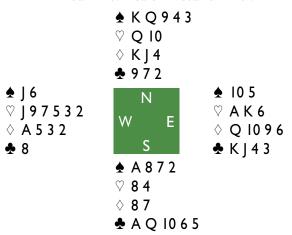
Mixed Teams Round of 16 - S2

WILSON v MARTENS

Brian Senior

At the end of a lively first set, the match between two multi-national teams, WILSON and MARTENS, saw WILSON with a modest advantage of 41-34 IMPs. WILSON added 2 IMPs for an extra undertrick on the first deal of the set, so led by 43-34. Next, Lall/Hamman, for MARTENS, bid to a very poor game while Ritmeijer/Ticha, for WILSON, stopped in partscore.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2◊	Pass	2♡	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

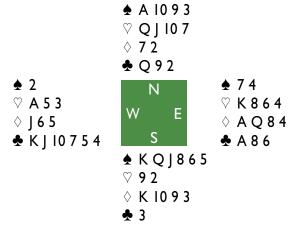
West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
2♦	Pass	2♠	3♣
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

For WILSON, Richard Ritmeijer opened INT and that ran around to Geir Helgemo, who overcalled to show one major. Two Hearts was pass or correct and Magdalena Ticha doubled for take-out then passed the 2♠ response. Jessica Larsson led the ten of spades, Ritmeijer winning the ace and leading a second spade to his king. He led the nine of clubs and ran it, then continued with the seven, which was also allowed to hold the trick. A third club finesse was followed by the rest of the clubs with Ritmeijer throwing both his heart losers away. He led a diamond to the jack and queen and also lost to the ◇A: I I tricks for +200.

In the other room, Sally Brock opened with a multi $2\lozenge$ on the West cards and Chris Willenken responded $2\clubsuit$, pass or correct. Petra Hamman overcalled $3\clubsuit$ then raised Hemant Lall's $3\spadesuit$ response to game. Willenken led the king then ace of hearts, then switched to the six of diamonds, solving one of declarer's problems. That went to the ace and Lall won the diamond continuation with the king and cashed the queen of spades then led a club to the ten. When that won

the trick, he played ace of spades and another spade to the king then took another club finesse and had 10 tricks for +420 and 6 IMPs to MARTENS, closing to 40-43.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
	Pass	I♣	2♠
3♣	3♠	4♣	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
	Pass	♣	3♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

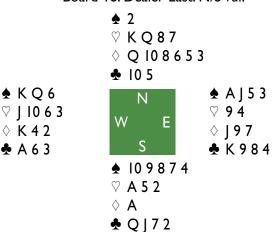


Magdalena Ticha and Geir Helgemo

Ticha made a weak jump overcall and Ritmeijer competed with $3\clubsuit$ over Helgemo's $3\clubsuit$. When Larsson in turn competed to $4\clubsuit$, that ended the auction and Ticha led the king of spades. Ritmeijer overtook and switched to the queen of hearts. Larsson won the ace and played \clubsuit K then the \clubsuit J to her ace. She ruffed her spade losers then led a diamond to the queen and king. There was nowhere to park the heart loser, and one trick in each suit meant down one for -50.

Hamman overcalled a level higher and Brock doubled. Lall's raise to 4♠ ended the auction and Brock led the jack of clubs and, when that held the trick, switched to a diamond. Willenken won the ace and continued with a second diamond, Lall winning dummy's king and ruffing a diamond high then playing a spade to the jack and ruffing the last diamond. There was no miracle and Lall lost two hearts so was down one for another −50 and 3 IMPs to WILSON; 46-40.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



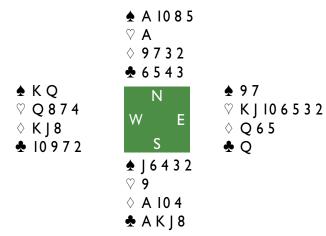
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
		Pass	I♠
Dble	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
		Pass	Pass
♣	I♦	I♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Brock opened I in third seat and became declarer in INT. Lall led a diamond to his partner's ace and Hamman switched to a low heart. The defence played four rounds of those so Brock won the fourth round and had eight tricks for +120.

Ticha opened the South hand and Helgemo doubled then passed the INT response. However, when Ritmeijer competed with 20, Helgemo took the push to 2NT. Ticha led the ten of spades, Larsson winning the king and playing a club to the eight and jack. Ticha continued the spade attack, Larsson winning the jack and leading a diamond up. Ticha won and played a third spade to dummy's queen. The

defence had given her no help at all, and Larsson still had to find an eighth trick from somewhere. She led a heart to the nine and ace and back came yet another spade. Larsson threw a heart from dummy, cashed the ace and king of clubs, and Ritmeijer was squeezed then thrown in with a heart to lead away from the queen of diamonds at trick 12; eight tricks for +120 and a push, but it had been hard work.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



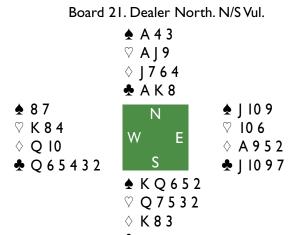
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
Pass	Pass	3♡	Dble
4 ♦	4♡	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
Pass	Pass	3♡	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Easts opened $3\heartsuit$ and both Souths doubled. Helgemo bid a lead-directing $4\diamondsuit$ on the way to $4\heartsuit$, while Brock passed. Lall jumped to $4\spadesuit$, while Ritmeijer preferred to cuebid to offer a choice of games, and Ticha responded $4\spadesuit$.

Willenken led his singleton club, making it very easy for Lall to read the position. Lall won the ace and played the jack of spades to the queen and ace, a diamond to the ace, and a second spade to the king. Brock led a heart, Lall winning the ace and playing the nine of diamonds to the queen and jack. The fourth round of diamonds took care of declarer's club loser and Lall soon claimed 10 tricks for +620.

Helgemo led a heart to dummy's ace. Ticha played ace and another spade. Helgemo won the second spade and returned a low club to the queen and ace. It was of course open to Ticha to play for diamonds to be three-three and create a parking place for her fourth club, but Helgemo's 4♦ bid convinced her that this was not a possibility. She cashed a second club and only when clubs showed up as four-one did she lead a low diamond from hand. Helgemo won the jack and returned a club to the jack and, when he won the king of diamonds, had a club to cash for one down and −100; 12 IMPs to MARTENS, who moved into the lead at 53-46.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
	INT	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5◊	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
	INT	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Lall opened INT and Hamman transferred to spades then showed her second suit. Lall showed simple preference to spades, more encouraging than a jump to game, but Hamman was not interested in greater things and signed off in 4♠. Willenken led ace and another diamond to dummy's king. Lall drew trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy, then led the queen of hearts to the king and ace. He cashed the top clubs and ◇J then ruffed a diamond and led a heart to the jack, claiming 12 tricks for +680.

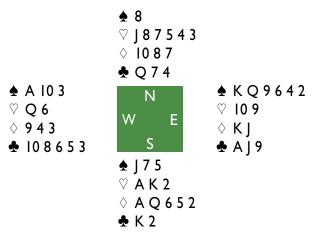
Ritmeijer too opened INT. Ticha transferred to spades then showed her hearts but was then willing to show her club control. Was 40 something systemic, or just a psychic cuebid? Whatever the meaning, Ritmeijer next asked for key cards then for the queen of spades, and Ticha jumped to the small slam to say that she had it but no king that she wished to show (she of course had the $\Diamond K$, but no interest in a grand slam, so why tell the defence about it?). Larsson also led the ace and another diamond. Ritmeijer won the king and drew trumps then led the queen of hearts to the king and ace. He cashed the minor-suit winners then ruffed a club and cashed the last trump, discarding his diamond loser. Helgemo threw a heart, coming down to the $\heartsuit 8$ and ♣Q, while Larsson had the ♡10 and ♣J. Ritmeijer led a heart and played... the jack! The fall of the ten meant he had 12 tricks and his contract for +1430 and 13 IMPs to WILSON. They had retaken the lead immediately, the score

now being 59-53 in their favour.

Why did Ritmeijer get the heart right, when Helgemo would have had to discard a heart at trick II if down to nothing but hearts? Perhaps he simply didn't believe that Larsson would have led the ace of diamonds had she held \mathbf{Q} 1097 as an alternative, in which case Helgemo had to hold the \mathbf{Q} or \mathbf{Q} and was playing games with him? So, should Helgemo have pitched the \mathbf{Q} and kept two hearts – he presumably knew the distribution by now, so knew that he didn't need the \mathbf{Q} ?

Anyway, if ever one play decided a match, this was it. Had Ritmeijer got the heart wrong, WILSON would have lost 13 IMPs instead of gaining them, and would have trailed by 20 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
			I ♦
Pass	I♡	I♠	Dble
2♠	3♡	3♠	4♡
All Pass			
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West	North	East	South

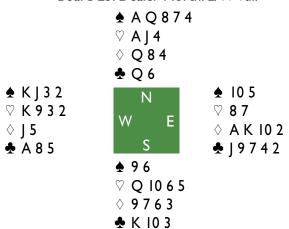
West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
			INT
Pass	2♦	2♠	3♡
3♠	All Pass		

Hamman opened INT and Lall transferred. When Willenken overcalled 2♠, Hamman competed in hearts and Brock in spades. Willenken had some spare values but the doubleton heart looked bad and he decided to go quietly. Very wise. Hamman cashed the top hearts then switched to a spade. Willenken won cheaply in hand and crossed to the ace of spades to lead a club to the jack and king. Hamman got out with the jack of spades and, trapped in hand, Willenken cashed a couple of spades then played ace and nine of clubs. That lost on his right and he was put back on play with a heart ruff. There were two diamonds to be lost, so the contract was down two for −200.

Ticha opened $I \lozenge$ and Ritmeijer responded $I \heartsuit$. When Larsson overcalled, Ticha made a Support Double and that enabled Ritmeijer to compete to $3 \heartsuit$ due to his extra length. That in turn persuaded Ticha, who had extra high-

card values, to go on to $4\heartsuit$ over $3\spadesuit$ – her lack of wasted spade values was no doubt a contributory factor in the decision to bid game. Larsson led king of spades followed by a low spade. Ritmeijer ruffed and led a club to the king, cashed the ace of hearts, and played a second club to Larsson's jack. Larsson returned a spade so Ritmeijer ruffed and led a diamond to the jack and queen. When that held the trick, Ritmeijer cashed the king of hearts and soon had the rest of the tricks when the $\lozenge K$ fell; +650 and 10 IMPs to WILSON, who led by 71-53.

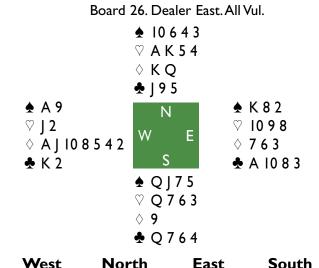
Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
	I ♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
	INT	All Pass	

Lall opened INT and played there. Willenken led a low club to the ten and ace and back came a club to declarer's queen. Lall played ace then jack of hearts, ducked, then a third round to Brock's ace. She returned a club to the king so Lall could cash the thirteenth heart then take the spade finesse and had seven tricks for +90.

Ritmeijer opened I and there were two passes to Helgemo, who doubled. Larsson cuebid 2 and followed through with 3 ver Helgemo's 2NT. Helgemo went on to 3NT, where he played. Ritmeijer led a low spade and Helgemo put up dummy's ten and, when it held the trick, played ace and another club. Ritmeijer won the Q and got out with a diamond, carefully choosing the queen to block the suit and hold declarer to three tricks in the suit. Helgemo duly won the diamond and led a third club, losing to the king on his right. Ticha could lead a spade through to the jack and queen and Ritmeijer cashed the two majorsuit aces for down one; -100 and no swing.

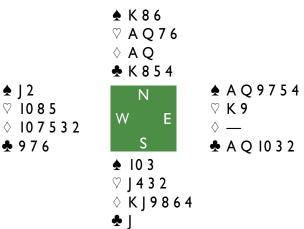


Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
		_	
West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
		Pass	Pass
I ♦	Dble	2♦	2♡
3♡	Dble	Pass	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	4♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Clearly, Helgemo had decided that his team was behind in the match and it was time to express his imagination in hope of creating a sizeable swing. Well, there was a sizeable swing, though not of the type he was looking for and not really created at his table. Helgemo opened 2NT and was raised to game. Ritmeijer cashed the ace of hearts to take a look and got an encouraging three from partner. He therefore continued with a low heart to the queen and Ticha continued with a third round. On winning the fourth heart, Ticha switched to a diamond. Helgemo finessed, losing to the queen, but had the rest; down one for -100.

Brock opened I♦ and, catching a simple raise from Willenken, asked for a heart stopper at her next turn. When Willenken failed to show one, Brock signed off in 40, which would have just made for a medium-sized swing to WILSON. However, when 40 came round to her, Hamman bid $4 \ensuremath{\heartsuit}$ and Willenken doubled that on the way out. Brock led ace and another spade and was given her ruff at trick three. She could have switched to king and another club now and collected a ruff in a second suit, but Hamman had falsecarded in spades, retaining the five in hand, and the \$8 could well have been showing interest in the higher-ranking of the remaining suits, making a club switch rather unattractive. Brock therefore got out with her remaining trump. There were still two clubs to be lost for down three and -800, and that was 14 IMPs to WILSON, pulling clear now at 85-53.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Ritmeijer	Larsson	Ticha
			Pass
Pass	I♣	I♠	Dble
Pass	3♡	4♣	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brock	Lall	Willenken	Hamman
			Pass
Pass	I♣	I♠	Dble
Pass	4♡	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Lall's full-blooded leap to 4% left Willenken with no room to introduce his second suit and, not wishing to defend when holding a six-five hand and good values, he was forced into bidding 4Φ , doubled by Lall. At the other table, Ritmeijer jumped to only 3%, and now Larsson could bid 4Φ . When Ticha raised to 4% and Helgemo did not save in front of her, she quite reasonably decided that she had shown her hand already so passed.

Larsson led the ace of spades against 4%, cashing the ace of clubs at trick two then switching back to spades. This defence did not test Ritmeijer unduly. He won the king of spades and played ace and another heart. Larsson won the %K and played a spade but Ritmeijer could ruff with the jack, play a diamond to his ace then cash the %Q and cross to dummy with a club ruff. The last club went away on a top diamond and Ritmeijer had 10 tricks and his contract for +420.

Hamman led the singleton jack of clubs against 4\underset doubled. Willenken led a low spade to the jack and king and Lall played ace and another heart. Willenken won the king, drew trumps and gave up a club and had 10 tricks for +590 and a second successive 14-IMP swing to WILSON. They had won going away, the final score being 99-53, and were into the quarter-finals.

Had Lall shown more patience and defended passively rather than play ace and another heart, declarer would have had no dummy entry with which to lead up to the $\heartsuit K$ and would eventually have had to concede two tricks in the suit, along with a club, for down one.

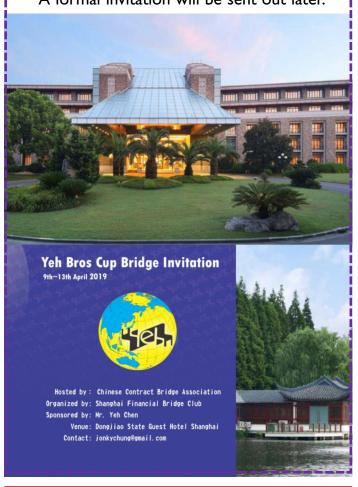
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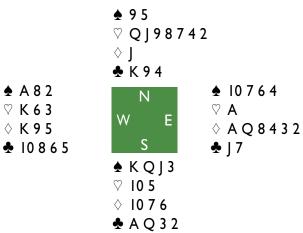
Mixed Teams Round of 16 - SI

GUPTA v MANFIELD

Marc Smith

The all-American MANFIELD team took on the multinational GUPTA in the Round of 16 of the Mixed Teams. The two sides began with an exchange of 7-IMP swings, with the same team successfully making a partscore on each of the first two deals. Then came the first game contract of the match:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



With the vulnerable E/W having nine top tricks in Three Notrumps, Billy Miller struck what looked like a telling blow for GUPTA:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Miller	Manfield	Gupta
			I♣
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Declarer lost just two trumps and two side-suit aces for one down, and N/S -50 looked like a great result for GUPTA. Would their Scandinavian combination at the other table be allowed to reach their game?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	D. Rosenberg	Gronkvist	M. Rosenberg
			♣
Pass	I	Dbl	Pass
INT	2♡	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

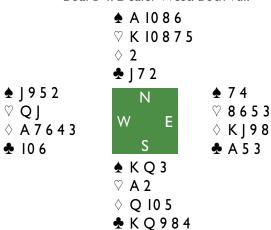
North's One Heart response gave E/W a chance here, but Ida Gronkvist's decision to double rather than overcall Two Diamonds made reaching the notrump game problematic. North competed to Two Hearts, and now Gronkvist decided that she was not strong enough to bid her six-card suit. When the auction came back to Dennis Bilde, he not only avoided conceding 140 but kept his side's hopes of game alive by backing in with Two Notrumps. Gronkvist retreated to Three Diamonds, though, and the chance was missed. E/W +110 and just 2 IMPs to GUPTA.



Vinita Gupta

The first significant swing came on the very next deal, when both Souths were faced with the same diamond guess. Although both declarers won the trick, their decision was fatal for one of them. This was the deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.



At both tables, South opened One Notrump and soon arrived in Three Notrumps on the lead of the $\lozenge 4$. Both Easts won with the $\lozenge K$ and returned the $\lozenge 8$.

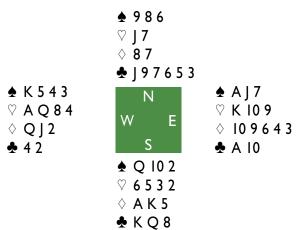
In the Open Room, Vinta Gupta guessed to play the $\Diamond Q$ at trick two. William Pettis accurately ducked his ace, maintaining communication between the defensive hands. When East eventually regained the lead with the $\clubsuit A$, he was now able to cash the $\Diamond J$ and then play a fourth round of the suit for his partner to cash out for one down.

At the other table, Michael Rosenberg played the \lozenge 10 at trick two. Here too, Bilde correctly ducked the \lozenge A. However, when East here gained the lead in clubs, the

diamonds suit was blocked. West could choose to take his ace on the third round of diamonds, or to allow declarer's queen to win. Either way, it was nine tricks for declarer and 12 IMPs to MANFIELD.

The E/W pairs had a combined 24 HCP but no fit on our next deal. How adventurous would they be?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	D. Rosenberg	Gronkvist	M. Rosenberg
			I♣
Dble	2NT*	DЫ	3♣
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

The Europeans bid the spots off their meagre values after Debbie Rosenberg had pre-empted in clubs with Two Notrumps. Ida Gronkvist started with a responsive double and then cue-bid when South's Three Club bid ran back to her. Dennis Bilde bid his lowest-ranking four-card suit and there he was in the Moysian fit.

North led the \$\, 6\$ and declarer won the ace. He clearly cannot afford to draw all of the trumps or he will be greeted by an avalanche of clubs. Nor can he draw two rounds to remove North's trumps before broaching diamonds. (South wins the first diamond and plays a third trump, then wins the second diamond and forces declarer's last trump with a third round of clubs.)

Bilde took his only chance by playing a diamond at trick two. Michael Rosenberg won with the $\Diamond K$ and cashed a club. He then unerringly continued with ace and another diamond for his partner to ruff, which was the only way to beat the contract at that point. N/S +100.

If East had perhaps overvalued her hand in the Closed Room, the same certainly cannot be said of her counterpart at the other table:

Open Room

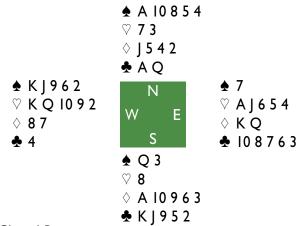
West	North	East	South
Pettis	Miller	Manfield	Gupta
			I♣
Dble	2♣	2♦	All Pass

One might debate the relative merits of a responsive double, Two Notrumps and Three Diamonds on this East

hand over Two Clubs. Melanie Manfield's Two Diamonds bid on her 12-count was undoubtedly conservative, but successful it certainly was too. She made ten tricks: E/W +130 and 6 IMPS to MANFIELD.

The Closed Room auction on the next deal began with two conservative passes from the male participants, but then the bidding took off. This was the deal:

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	D. Rosenberg	Gronkvist	M. Rosenberg
			Pass
Pass	I♠	Pass	INT
2♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

With the BBO VuGraph commentators discussing whether N/S would find the cheap diamond save over the cold E/W game, it looked possible that the board might even be passed out until Debbie Rosenberg decided that her hand qualified for an opening bid. With one of his suits bid on his left and both opponents bidding, Dennis Bilde then waded in at the two-level having passed earlier. And strike gold he surely did! Gronkvist had an easy raise to game, and with North/South having never mentioned their best suit, any chance of finding the save was lost forever. F/W +420

At the other table, Vinta Gupta got her side off on a more promising foot when she did open the South hand:

Open Room

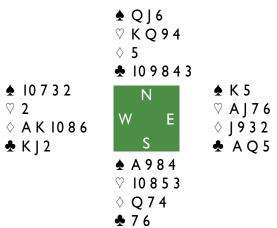
West	North	East	South
Pettis	Miller	Manfield	Gupta
			I♦
♠	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

I would guess that a Michaels Two Diamond bid would be the almost-universal choice on this West hand, but Pettis opted instead for a simple One Spade overcall. Billy Miller made a natural jump to Two Notrumps and then gave preference to diamonds when Gupta advanced with Three Clubs.

Warned off by the show of strength on his left, Pettis went quietly. Conservativism was not the winning option this time, though. E/W +130 and 11 IMPs to GUPTA.

MANFIELD led 25-24 when the final deal of the first half arrived.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Miller	Manfield	Gupta
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It was never going to be easy for South to find the most promising opening lead after East's heart response to Stayman. Gupta avoided the fatal spade lead, but her not unreasonable choice of the $\lozenge 4$ rather gave away the position in that suit.

Melanie Manfield won the $\Diamond A$, cross to hand in clubs, ran the $\Diamond J$ and was soon thereafter claiming nine tricks. E/W +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	D. Rosenberg	Gronkvist	M. Rosenberg
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5◊	All Pass

Bilde was perhaps less pragmatic that his counterpart at the other table, and decided to introduce his diamonds after also starting with Stayman. Quite what Gronkvist intended by Three Spades was a mystery to the VuGraph commentators. Clearly, though, Bilde expected it to show four spades, so he not unreasonably raised to what he thought was the obvious game. Gronkvist retreated to Five Diamonds, but declarer was never favorite in this contract.

North led the ♣8. Bilde won in hand and immediately tried a spade to the king, but Michael Rosenberg won with the ♠A and returned a low trump. Although the contract could still be made thanks to the rather unlikely spade position (meaning that declarer only needed one ruff in dummy), declarer was never likely to get the trumps right from this position. He duly won with the ♦A and cashed the ♦K: E/W -50 and 10 IMPs to MANFIELD, who led by 11 going into the second half.

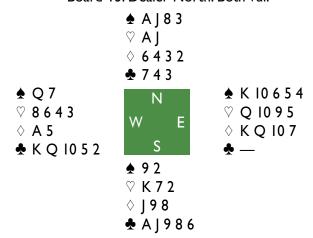
When your ship comes in

Barry Rigal

Billy Pollack found himself in one of the less fancied games of the tournament here, but at least it wasn't down in top tricks.

This came from the mixed teams round of 64

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South
Rozanne P.		Billy P.	
	Pass	I♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

Both Rozanne and Billy had their rose-colored spectacles on, and they reached a 4% game with 21 HCP and nothing to spare in the way of fit or source of tricks.

Billy received the lead of the $\lozenge 8$ to his ten. He unblocked diamonds and slipped a spade through to his king. When that held, he pitched dummy's spade on the diamonds, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, and now had to be careful not to play the winning diamond since he needed to keep that card till trumps were drawn. If he leads the $\lozenge Q$, South can ruff low and declarer will overruff then ruff a club back to hand. But now when the third spade is led, South ruffs high and the defenders play ace and another trump. Declarer is stuck in hand with two losing spades.

When Pollack led a third spade at trick seven it would have done South no good to ruff high and play two more rounds of trump since that would collapse his side's trump tricks, so South pitched a club. Pollack ruffed, ruffed a club to hand and advanced the fourth spade. Again, ruffing high would achieve nothing, so South discarded. Declarer could ruff in dummy and ruff the third club to hand, scoring three diamonds, a spade and six trump tricks.

The defense can prevail by flying up with ♠A at trick three and playing either a club or a heart, but once they duck, declarer can no longer be defeated.

Mixed Pairs Qualification after Round 6

1	REESS Vanessa - ROMBAUT Jerome	FRA - FRA	58.58	49	LALL Justin - MOSS Sylvia	USA - USA	53.39
2	HURD John - MINITER Gillian	USA - USA	57.46	50	KOVACHEV Valentin - MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	53.22
3	FANTUN Jean-Baptiste - VENTOS Veronique	FRA - FRA	57.42	51	GU Jiang - WANG Wen Fei	USA - CHN	53.22
4	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike - HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	57.29	52	EGGELING Marie - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	53.11
5	DUBININ Alexander - PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS	57.25	53	ZIMMERMANN Pierre - ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	MON - FRA	53.05
6	KOWALSKI Apolinary - SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	57.21	54	DORIA Lucia - RODRIGUES Sergio	BRA - BRA	53.00
7	BESSIS Thomas - BARONI Irene	FRA - ITA	56.91	55	CHEN Yunlong - HUANG Yan	CHN - CHN	52.98
8	CAO Xueliang - ZHENG Yili	CHN - CHN	56.89	56	CHEN Yichao - FU Bo	CHN - CHN	52.91
9	RODWELL Eric - RODWELL Donna	USA - USA	56.80	57	HINDEN Frances - OSBORNE Graham	ENG - ENG	52.88
10	BROGELAND Boye - BROGELAND Tonje A.	NOR - NOR	56.62	58	STANSBY JoAnna - STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	52.81
11	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	56.50	59	DOUB Doug - STARR Yiji	USA - USA	52.72
12	NOLAND Nanette - PASSELL Mike	USA - USA	56.43	60	MICHELIN Marjorie - COHEN Stephen	USA - USA	52.70
13	WEI Yu - YU Dingyi	CHN - CHN	56.30	61	MALINOWSKI Artur - NATHAN Marilyn	ENG - ENG	52.69
14	MOLLER Rachael - GURVICH David	USA - USA	56.27	62	WENNING Ulrich - WENNING Karin	GER - GER	52.61
15	WANG Nan - ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	56.25	63	SCOTT Stefanie - AGARWAL Suman	USA - USA	52.61
16	PERLMAN Linda - HIRSCHMAN Martin	USA - USA	56.22	64	COHLER Gary - NITABACH Lynda	USA - USA	52.52
17	OZDIL Melih - GOLDMAN Sharon	USA - USA	56.08	65	LOO Choon Chou - WANG Wei	SIN - CHN	52.52
18	JANSMA Aida - JANSMA Jan	NED - NED	55.85	66	MARASHEV Vladimir - MITOVSKA Miriana	BUL - BUL	52.50
19	KOZLOVE Ellen - KOZLOVE Larry	USA - USA	55.79	67	MECKSTROTH Jeff - MECKSTROTH Sally	USA - USA	52.46
20	SHI Haowen - WANG Jian	CHN - CHN	55.70	68	FISCHER Doris - SAURER Bernd	AUT - AUT	52.43
21	GROMOV Andrey - GULEVICH Anna	RUS - RUS	55.70	69	TORNAY Claire - TORNAY George	USA - USA	52.42
22	KUANG Yuegang - LIU Shu	CHN - CHN	55.48	70	GOLDBERG Connie - ORNSTEIN Alexander	USA - USA	52.37
23	SYRAKOPOULOU Christina - LIOSSIS Georgios	GRE - GRE	55.37	71	HELNESS Fredrik - HELNESS Gunn	NOR - NOR	52.37
24	PREDDY Kay - SELWAY Norman	ENG - ENG	55.32	72	KASLE Barbara - DONN Joshua	USA - USA	52.31
25	LEVITINA Irina - VAINIKONIS Vytautas	USA - LTU	55.27	73	BLANK Sondra - CZYZOWICZ Jurek	CAN - CAN	52.29
26	ROMANOVSKA Maija - KHOKHLOV Jouri	LAT - RUS	55.23	74	LORENZINI Aurelie - LORENZINI Cedric	FRA - FRA	52.29
27	FISCHER Brigitta - RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE	55.13	75	FARHOLT Stense - CASPERSEN Henrik	DEN - DEN	52.24
28	HU Linlin - SUN Yanhui	CHN - CHN	55.11	76	SELIGMAN Martin - SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	USA - FRA	52.20
29	LAIR Mark - ABRAMS Nancy	USA - USA	54.86	77	BARR Ronnie - GINOSSAR Eldad	ISR - USA	52.19
30	KAMENOVA Ljudmila - ROBINSON Steve	USA - USA	54.85	78	KHANDHERIA Natasha - THAKRAL Sandeep	USA - IND	52.16
31	BRENNER Anne - CAPRERA David	USA - USA	54.77	79	POLLACK Bill - POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA	52.09
32	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	54.69	80	MULTON Franck - WILLARD Sylvie	MON - FRA	52.09
33	BAO Jingjing - LIU Ning	CHN - CHN	54.47	81	JIN Ke - ZHU Ping	CHN - CHN	52.06
34	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy - ROSSARD Martine	FRA - FRA	54.35	82	DUNITZ Mitch - MEYERS Jill	USA - USA	52.03
35	CHEN Wenmin - SUN Gang	CHN - CHN	54.28	83	TUNCOK Cenk - KELLER Nancy	USA - USA	51.99
36	ENGEBRETSEN Geir - LINDAHL Solbritt	NOR - NOR	54.24	84	STEPHENS Robert - SORENSEN Lotte	RSA - RSA	51.95
37	JAJOO Monica - MUKHERJEE Sumit	IND - IND	54.22	85	NISTOR Radu - COLE Margie	ROM - USA	51.90
38	BOMPIS Marc - D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	54.20	86	MUNDAY Jim - MUNDAY Susan	USA - USA	51.88
39	PARASIAN Robert - TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	54.09	87	SMITH Dave W MCCAY Sandra	USA - USA	51.87
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44	CAYNE Patricia - DE FALCO Dano	USA - ITA	53.65	92	DEMME Ina - KERTES Bill	CAN - CAN	51.77
45	GRUE Joe - TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	53.59	93	EFRAIMSSON BE ZACK EFRAIMSSON A.	SWE - SWE	51.73
46	KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	53.45	94	GARTAGANIS Judith - GARTAGANIS Nicholas	CAN - CAN	51.72
47	CHEN Yan - ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	53.44	95	HUGONY Fabrizio - TAGLIAFERRI Vera	ITA - ITA	51.70
48	SCHMIDT Pierre - SCHMIDT Pauline	FRA - FRA	53.40	96	NARASIMHAN Hansa - PELLEGRINI Carlos	USA - ARG	51.67

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100	FUNG Kismet - YANG David	CAN - TPE	51.39		HARRIS Cindy - HARRIS Joe	USA - USA	49.49
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	ITABASHI Mark - MCMURDIE Veronica	USA - USA	51.36	154	BAKHSHI David - BAKHSHI Heather	ENG - ENG	49.41
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	HINZE Greg - ENFIELD Kay	USA - USA	51.27	156		USA - USA	49.36
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148	COPE Simon - ROBERTSON Marion	ENG - ENG	49.79	200	SILVERMAN Neil - EPSTEIN Linda	USA - USA	46.36

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205	McVEIGH Tina - CHIBA Mehboob	NZL - NZL	45.65
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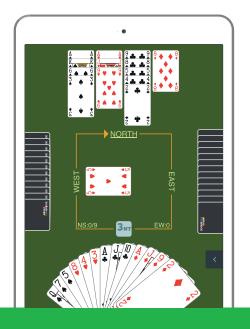
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