



IT'S DOWN TO TWO IN THE MIXED TEAMS

Teams led by Alison Wilson and Melanie Manfield will meet on Saturday in the championship round of the Mixed Teams.

The Wilson team is Alison plus Chris Willenken (USA), Sally Brock (England), Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha, and Ricco van Prooijen (all Netherlands).

Manfield (USA) is playing with fellow Americans William Cole, Beth Palmer (captain), William Pettis, Debbie Rosenberg and Michael Rosenberg.

Each of the teams in the semi-final round carried some momentum into the Round of 4. The Barbara Ferm squad trailed a tough

Chinese team but charged into the semi-final with a 72-56 victory. Likewise, Manfield was behind against the Joan Millens team but, thanks in part to a 42-1 second set, went on to win 59-23.

Wilson trailed the John McAllister team in the early going of their match but, helped by a string of double-digit swings, the team made it to the round of eight with an 82-54 victory.

In the semi-final round, Manfield jumped out to a 43-20 lead after the first of four sets and had a 104-55 lead at the halfway point. Ferm rallied in the fourth set but it was too little, too late. Manfield prevailed 117-93.

Wilson also started strong, winning the first set against Zhaocheng (China) 67-35. Wilson and company were up to a 130-85 lead after two sets. Zhaocheng won the third set 54-29 to pull to within 20 IMPs, but Wilson won the final set 62-20 for a 221-161 victory.

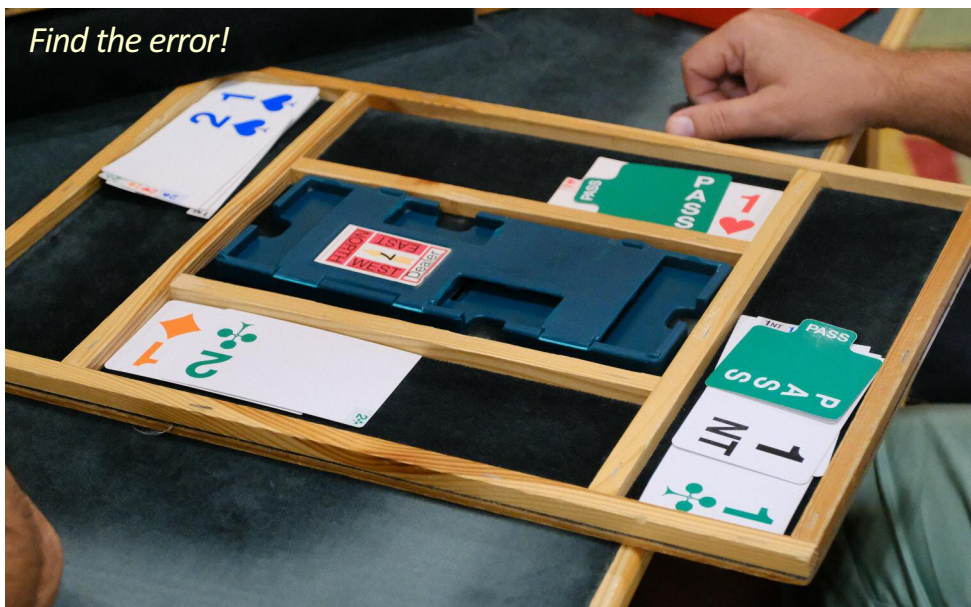
In the final on Saturday, the teams will play four 14-board sessions to determine the champion, and there will be a 56-board playoff for the bronze medal between the losing semifinalists.

Also on Saturday, the Open Pairs Final A and Final B will play three 16-board sessions.

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Playing with screens, directors are not often called for insufficient bids, but this auction did happen here in Orlando. It must be the fatigue after hundreds of boards...

Schedule on Saturday 6th October:

Mixed Teams	Mixed Pairs
Final and Play-Off	Final A
10.00 - 12.00	2x16 + 1x18 Boards
12.20 - 14.20	Final B
15.20 - 17.20	3x16 Boards
17.40 - 19.40	10.00 - 12.30
WBFI IMP Pairs	13.30 - 16.00
10.00 - 14.00	16.30 - 19.20

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plus

Mixed Pairs

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IMP Pairs

1	VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella - BARG Stanley BRA	USA - USA	1.10
2	BYRNES Dori - EHLERS Will	USA - USA	0.85
3	LIU Jing - WANG Zizhuo	CHN - USA	0.67
4	HUANG Shan - MILLENS Joan	USA - USA	0.42
5	ZUCKER Rick - FURTSCH Pamela	USA - USA	0.21
6	FASKOW Donald - ALBRIGHT John	USA - USA	0.17
7	LAVIN Robert - FELDHEIM Harold	USA - USA	0.17
8	ITABASHI Mark - MCMURDIE Veronica	USA - USA	0.02
9	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	-0.35
10	GEIGER Gen - MCHENRY Terry	USA - USA	-0.58
11	MAIER Bruce - GORDON Athena	USA - USA	-0.77
12	DREW Daryl - NEWCOMB Dan	USA - USA	-0.77
13	ROSEN MARSCHOFF J. - SCHAPIRA Silvia M.	MEX - MEX	-1.13

The 100,000th board

Herman De wael

Whenever a tournament reaches a certain size, I start looking out for the 100,000th board that will be played. Both the World series of 2006 in Verona and 2010 in Philadelphia saw more than 140,000 boards being played, and I wrote articles in the Daily Bulletins of both championships on the board that made us reach six figures. Sanya in 2014 was a little smaller, but here in Orlando we have again reached this (magical?) number.

Of course, with many tables in play at the same time, it is not possible to accurately define the order in which boards are played, but I solve this as follows. I determine in which round the milestone will be reached and then I list the tables from A1 to Z9 and imagine that the boards are played in that order. Finding the 100,000th board is then relatively easy.

This year, the cut-off would come late on Friday evening – but this depended on the number of drop-outs in the third session of the B-semi-final. When I finally calculated where it would occur, I rushed (well, a 4-minute walk cannot be rushed) to the far end of the building, and the far corner of the room, and arrived just too late – but luckily so were East/West.

So here for all to admire is board 100,000 of the Orlando World Championships:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Buckman	Yuen	Cook	Fenton
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Not much to the bidding, and the same contract was reached at all tables, except for 11 who tried for the 10 extra points in 3NT.



Michael Yuen

There was not much to the play either. Bill Cook started with the ♥2, which Michael Yuen took on the table. He started by playing a club to his king and East's ace. East persisted with hearts. Michael played two rounds of spades then the ♣4. When East took the queen, Michael had two discards for his red losers. +450 earned him 87%.

Not a very exciting board, but that's what you get if you let fate decide, which boards to report on. Luckily the Bulletin Staff use better methods to select which of the 100,000 deals they describe!

Mixed Teams QF - SI and 2

ZHAOHENG v PERLMUTTER**Jos Jacobs**

On Thursday afternoon, one of the four quarterfinals was the match between a Chinese team (ZHAOHENG) and an international team (PERLMUTTER) in which I spotted American, Swedish and Dutch players.

PERLMUTTER had finished 7th in the Swiss and had beaten CORNELL, JANSMA and GILLIS on their way to the quarterfinals. ZHAOHENG finished 15th in the Swiss and had successfully dealt with KEY LIME PIE, PSZCZOŁA and YBM to get as far as this stage of the event.

The match effectively got underway on board 4, with ZHAOHENG already leading 3-0:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	S. Wu	Wortel	Xie
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Interesting to see how often the situation becomes unclear when both minors are bid and supported during the auction. Some way or another, this auction sounds forcing to my ears. Anyway, E/W came nowhere near the proper game contract of 5♣. 3♦ was just made, PERLMUTTER +110 when South could not profitably attack hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	C. Rimstedt	T. Zhou	Upmark
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the Chinese did not even mention clubs in the auction. With the heart distribution also favouring them, of course, they had an easy road to their inevitable nine top tricks when South, after cashing a top heart, shifted to the ♠Q. ZHAOHENG +600 and 10 IMPs to them.

With the score gone up to 20-3 to ZHAOHENG, this was Board 8. As it happened, it would favour the believers.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

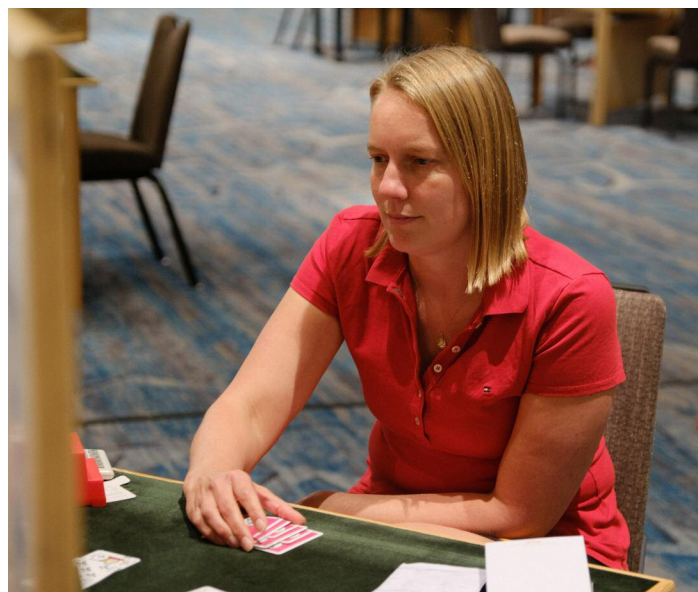
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	S. Wu	Wortel	Xie
INT	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room, Wortel as East did not believe her RHO. Understandable in general but expensive this time. ZHAOHENG scored a very easy non-vulnerable +650 when East, equally understandably, led her singleton club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	C. Rimstedt	T. Zhou	Upmark
INT	2♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

**Meike Wortel**

**Tao Zhou**

In the replay, North showed her two-suiter in slow motion. After South's heart preference, West, with the good spade fit, was first to speak, so there was no danger any more of 5♥ doubled becoming the final contract.

South led the ♣Q to the king and ace. When North returned the ♣10, hoping for an immediate ruff and a heart return, declarer ruffed high, drew trumps and only then did she discard the heart loser on the ♣J. Contract made for another non-vulnerable +650 and 16 IMPs to ZHAOHENG.

And the next board:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	S. Wu	Wortel	Xie
	3♦	All Pass	

East led the ♠J to partner's ace and West returned the singleton heart. When East, upon winning the ♦K, did not return a heart for partner to ruff, declarer could come to 11 tricks. ZHAOHENG +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	C. Rimstedt	T. Zhou	Upmark
	1♦	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
	Dble 4/5 spades		

Once North opened at the one-level, her side was committed to game. On a heart lead into declarer's AQ, the ♣K overtaken and the ♣10 were the two cards that provided the entries to dummy to first establish and then enjoy the diamonds. One overtrick, PERLMUTTER +430 and 7 IMPs back to them.

A few boards later, we saw a typical example of a partscore board on which the lead made all the difference.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	S. Wu	Wortel	Xie
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Nothing special in the auction. However, when West found the spade lead, declarer had to avoid the loss of a trump trick. Following the percentages, declarer thus was soon one down. PERLMUTTER +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	C. Rimstedt	T. Zhou	Upmark
Pass	INT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Same contract in the other room, not surprisingly, but here, North was the declarer and East led a top club followed by a diamond. West took the ace and duly returned the ♠Q but it was already too late. Declarer won the ace, cashed two top trumps and ran the ♣Q. East covered but with a diamond as the entry, declarer was still able to discard a spade loser on the established club. When the ♣10 appeared, the second spade loser also went away

so declarer actually ended up with an overtrick for +170 and no less than 7 IMPs on what initially looked like a routine board.

At halftime, PERLMUTTER were thus leading 36-34.

The second half of the match also started very quietly, and once again we had to wait till the 4th board of the set for any sizeable action.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Upmark	Liao	C. Rimstedt	Xie
1♥	2♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass		4♥	5♦

Once East passed as dealer, the N/S minor suit fits immediately came into the picture so the heart intervention did not really disturb them. ZHAOHENG a fine +600.

In the other room, the Chinese had a gadget.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Kranyak	T. Zhou	Wortel
4♥	All Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♦	Majors, weak		



John Kranyak and Jia Li



Johan Upmark

In view of the adverse vulnerability, neither North nor South had anything to say when East showed majors and West a fit. Down two, PERLMUTTER +100 but 11 IMPs to ZHAOHENG.

On the next two boards, PERLMUTTER scored 7 and 5 IMPs respectively to wipe out the 11 IMPs just lost. They first made 3NT on a favourable lead and then took a better partscore decision. Then came this one:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8		♠ AKQ7		♠ 6 4 3
♥ Q 10 3		♥ 9 8 6		♥ AK42
♦ K 10 9 8 5 2		♦ AJ3		♦ Q74
♣ Q 7		♣ K 9 5		♣ 8 4 2
	<div>W<div>N</div>E<div>S</div></div>			
		♠ J 9 5 2		
		♥ J 7 5		
		♦ 6		
		♣ A 10 6 3		

A classic case of "cherchez la femme" but with possible extra chances.

Both tables reached 4♠, of course, but from different sides. Rimstedt as East, on lead against North's 4♠, led a top heart. The defenders took their three tricks in the suit but when declarer later correctly located the ♣Q, ZHAOHENG had scored +620.

In the other room, West was on lead against 4♠. After the ♦10 lead, declarer suddenly had an extra chance: she could immediately take a club finesse through East because West would have to find the heart continuation after possibly winning the ♣Q. Playing along this plan, declarer led a club to the jack at trick two. West duly won the ♣Q and rose to the occasion by returning a heart at trick three. One down, another +100 and an important 12 IMPs to

ZHAOHENG, taking the state of the match into account. The Chinese had taken over the lead at 58-51 now.

Two boards later, there was a defensive mistake at one of the tables.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Upmark	Liao	C. Rimstedt	Xie
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥K. Declarer immediately won the ace and rattled off six club tricks before exiting with a heart to South's ♥Q. A diamond shift now gives the defence five tricks but when South instead tried the effect of a spade, it soon became clear that the free finesse on offer was the only way to make the contract. PERLMUTTER +600.



John Kranyak

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Kranyak	T. Zhou	Wortel
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Same lead and the same first seven tricks as in the other room but here, declarer exited in diamonds after cashing the clubs. North won the king, returned a heart and got a diamond back to enable the defence to cash their five tricks. PERLMUTTER another +100 and 12 IMPs to them to regain the lead by four with five boards to play.

On board 25, ZHAOHENG levelled the match by scoring three extra undertricks and then came:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Upmark	Liao	C. Rimstedt	Xie
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♥	Pass		
5♦	All Pass		

E/W started to investigate a slam, only to find out that the five-level was already too high and also, even worse, that their combined intermediates were more than good enough to survive easily in 3NT. One down, ZHAOHENG +100. The decisive board?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Kranyak	T. Zhou	Wortel
3♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♦	Dble
		3NT	All Pass

Accurately bid by the Chinese, showing both a good hand, a diamond suit and spade shortness. On the lead of the ♥Q, the contract was made easily for another +600 and 12 IMPs to ZHAOHENG. Would this margin be enough?

This was the next and thus the penultimate board. Fatigue might be a factor, by now, as we shall see.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Upmark	Liao	C. Rimstedt	Xie
1♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
			All Pass

No sign of fatigue by Johan Upmark. He won the ♦J lead with the queen, played a heart to the king and another to his ace and played ♣A and another. North was on lead but could not do anything. On a diamond continuation, declarer would win the ace, draw the last trump, ruff out the ♣Q and use the ♠A to get at dummy's established clubs. On the actual spade continuation by North, dummy won the ace and declarer ruffed the ♣Q low in hand. When North could not overruff, the ♥Q picked up the last outstanding trump and was also the entry to dummy's clubs. PERLMUTTER a fine +480 but not really the prospect of a big swing.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Kranyak	T. Zhou	Wortel
1♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
			All Pass

At the other table, declarer was in two minds. ♦J lead to the queen, followed by the ♣A and another. North won and tried a spade to dummy's ace. Had declarer cashed two top trumps now, the position would have been the same as at the other table but after only one top trump, the ♥K, the defenders had some extra room to manoeuvre. Declarer led a diamond to the ace, a diamond ruffed low in dummy, the last club ruffed in hand with the ace and the last diamond ruffed with dummy's queen.

Declarer went on to throw the spade loser on an established club but South could ruff low and return a diamond. This way, the defence scored their ♥J10 separately for one down, +50 to PERLMUTTER who were just 1 IMP down with the last board coming up.



With ZHAOHENG clinging to a 1 IMP lead, this was the final deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Li	Kranyak	Zhou	Wortel
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Upmark	Liao	C. Rimstedt	Xie
1♣(2+)	Pass	1♥(♠)	Dble
1♠(3)	Pass	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

If ZHAOHENG could make either of their contracts, the match would be theirs. If both went down, PERLMUTTER would win. No pressure then...

In 2♠ Wortel led the ♥8 (a card she could barely afford as it turned out) to declarer's 10. Since it doesn't appear that you can draw trumps or you might lose four clubs and two diamonds, declarer went after diamonds. Wortel won the ace and played the ♥K, covered by the ace and ruffed. Kranyak shifted to trumps, won the third diamond to play another trump, and won the club ace to play a third trump. That left declarer with four club losers and only the ♥9 to take care of them, for down one.

In the other room it would therefore be up to Xie to win or lose the match in 2♥. The defenders do have five tricks in the majors that won't go away; would they score the ♦K? Upmark led the ♠K having shown three spades already in the auction. Would it be possible for Rimstedt to overtake and shift to diamonds? Rimstedt encouraged spades and now it was Upmark's last practical chance; he needed to lead his low spade to make sure his partner won the trick. When he played the queen, Rimstedt followed small again and the defense was through.

Declarer ruffed the third spade and crossed to dummy in clubs to take the heart finesse. Upmark won the heart and exited in clubs. Declarer cashed his second top heart and unblocked clubs to lead a third heart, and West was forced to open up diamonds and concede the contract. ZHAOHENG by 3 IMPs. Never in doubt...

Mixed Teams QF - S2

MANFIELD v MILLENS

Barry Rigal

The last 14 deals of the quarterfinal matches saw a splendid set of deals and all eight teams stay in contention to qualify right till the very end. In fact it is hard to find deals where there wasn't anything to report. So we will have to follow triage simply to find deals to exclude. (WILSON v McALLISTER and PERLMUTTER v ZHAOHENG are covered separately but I have included their results for comparison here as well.) We shall focus on MANFIELD v MILLENS though.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

To use Bobby Wolff's expressive phrase: last bidder gets the zero. If E/W played spades (as they frequently did at the three or four level) then North had to be careful to cash none or all or his minor-suit winners, after which he could sit back and wait for his heart tricks. Rather more of the



Bill Cole

defenders failed in their task than you might expect. If N/S played diamonds, repeated spade leads would leave declarer struggling to escape with nine tricks. When E/W bid to 4♠ (1♠ – x – 4♠ being a common start) was North supposed to double and South to pass? If North overcalled diamonds, what action should (s)he take at the second turn?

For MANFIELD, Bill Cole stopped in 3♠ but the defense was accurate, while JJ Wang played 4♠ and escaped for down one. Elsewhere, though Li Yang for LU DONG doubled 1♠ then bid 5♦ over 4♥ and was doubled and set 500 by Madsen/Drijver; while De Wijs doubled 1♠, then doubled again over 4♠ and von Arnim passed it out for 300. 13 IMPs for FERM.

In total, four tables played spades going down, four tables went off in diamonds.

Three boards later:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

ZHAOHENG scored a goal when Wortel for PERLMUTTER as South passed over a (weak majors) 2♦, then when 4♥ – pass or correct – came back to her, she let it go. That was worth 11 IMPs to ZHAOHENG. Elsewhere E/W got to 4♥ in a hurry but N/S bid on to 5♦. Now would the defenders sacrifice in 5♥ – and if so would they go for 800 on a spade lead? That wasn't the full story...

Christina Lund Madsen as West for FERM received a diamond lead and won, drew trumps, then played a spade herself and escaped for 500. That was worth 4 IMPs, since in the other room they played the diamond game.

When JJ Wang played 5♥ on a diamond lead he followed what seems to me to be a slightly superior technical approach of winning to draw trumps and give up the lead in clubs. Michael Rosenberg was on lead after the defenders cashed ♣10, ♣K and ♦J. He was confident enough about the count in both minors to lead a low spade, and when declarer ducked (playing South for ♣AKQ10 to justify an opening bid?) the defenders took three spade tricks and MANFIELD had 800. It hardly mattered today, though, since in the other room Kevin Bathurst as South had risked keycard after his partner

Sylvia Shi had shown both minors and a heart control. The 5♥ response let East double for the lead and confirmed that slam would be off two keycards. So 6♦ went down one and MANFIELD had 14 IMPs, virtually levelling the match.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

While Yang/Wang for LU DONG had bid the N/S cards to 3NT (after 1♦–INT–3NT) making game easily on a spade lead, De Wijs/von Arnim played INT after von Arnim sedately passed the INT response. That was 6 IMPs for LU DONG and a similar swing for WILSON after South started with a strong no-trump and received a diamond lead. The two Souths for MANFIELD v MILLENS however both played 3NT after opening INT, and both received a low heart lead. Each guessed to put up an honor from the North hand. Where Bathurst was declarer, a diamond shift let him win and lead a heart up; when West took her ace the hand was over. Rosenberg received a heart continuation and Wang correctly ducked. Now Rosenberg played ace and another club and Yiting Li as East took her ♣K to play a diamond. Declarer ran five diamonds to reach this ending:

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

On the last diamond West had to pitch a heart to set the game legitimately, but instead threw a spade, and Rosenberg discarded a club from dummy as East let go a spade. Now Rosenberg took a long time (counting in Rosenberg years) after playing a spade and seeing the jack appear. Eventually he won the ace and exited in clubs, forcing a heart play from West for his ninth trick. Of course taking the spade finesse would not have worked nor would exiting in spades after playing the ace, since West can discard the heart loser.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

E/W may want to avoid getting too high in spades, but N/S seem to be comfortable enough in diamonds, and that is where the Rosenbergs finished after Michael overcalled as South and Debbie produced a cuebid raise. Shi, by contrast as North doubled to show diamond fit and hearts, with a maximum pass, at her second turn to speak. Bathurst volunteered 3♥ over 2♠ and Shi raised him to four. Cole led a club against 4♥ and the defenders cashed two clubs and a spade then played a third club to force the dummy. This would have been the necessary defense to set the game from East's perspective if the king and queen of hearts were switched. As it was, 4♥ went down 200 now and MANFIELD led 39-32.

Curiously, Grossack/Combesure for McALLISTER managed to declare 2♥ on the E/W cards here – which went about as well as one might have expected. The undertrick IMPs from +400 gave WILSON the lead against McALLISTER.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Both tables played spades on the next deal, where game is on a two-way finesse for the ♣Q. Shi was in game for MILLENS, while they played partscore in the other room. Shi had heard her RHO overcall at favorable in diamonds over a negative response to a strong club, and was able to count him out for 2-3-6-2 shape. Missing five clubs, she followed the percentages, to lose to the doubleton queen, and that turned a 10 IMP gain into an unlucky 7 IMP loss. The PERLMUTTER team lost a game swing in identical fashion while Mikael Rimstedt for McALLISTER found the

club queen in the inferior 3NT to generate a game swing for his side here and regain the lead for his team.

On the next deal E/W have what might seem an easy slam but appearances are deceptive:

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

N	
W	E
S	

For FERM, Bas Drijver opened the East cards 2NT and then passed what Madsen intended as a forcing call to end up in 4♠, to lose a slam swing. FERM still led but by 50-45 now. Meanwhile Wang/Li for MILLENS played 5♣ after intervention to their strong club, and Palmer/Cole bid 1♣-1♦-3NT-Pass. An opportunity missed all round and also at both tables in WILSON v McALLISTER.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

N	
W	E
S	

♠ —
♥ A 10
♦ J 9 8 7 4
♣ K Q J 7 5 4

♠ K J 5 4 2
♥ K Q
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 8 6 2

For FERM, Drijver recovered the IMPs from the previous deal when he rightsided 3NT (the other table being able to stop in 3♣ using an invitational jump shift response). At his table South, Wang, led a heart honor and declarer won and



Kevin Bathurst

played a diamond to the ten and queen. Back came the ♥8 from Yang to South's queen, and whether or not that was intended as suit preference, South played a spade now. Declarer finessed the queen and scooped up nine tricks. Xie/Liao did something similar (but with perhaps less excuse) to give PERLMUTTER the same swing. They led now by 63-59.

In the MILLENS v MANFIELD match Bathurst as South had to lead against 3NT (they had also stopped in 3♣ in the other room) after 1♠-2♣-2♥-3♣-3♠-3NT. He selected the ♦6, which went to the ♦Q and ♦4. With the ♦3-2 still missing, might Shi have found the heart shift? You be the judge; technically even cashing a second diamond might be fatal but Shi played three rounds of diamonds and declarer had the rest. The last six deals had seen MANFIELD score 42 IMPs and move comfortably in front at 59-32.

The next board however offered them some hope and also produced one of the more humorous and unnecessary endings of the tournament.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

N	
W	E
S	

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ 10
♦ 10
♣ A J 10 9 8 7 4

♠ A Q
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ K Q J 9 7
♣ Q 5

♠ K 10 9 8 3
♥ K J 9
♦ 8 5 4 3 2
♣ —

You'd expect the auction to be: 3♣ - Pass - 3NT - All Pass at many if not most tables. In fact four tables out of eight managed it, three tables pre-empting to 4♣ and being raised to five, one table (Madsen/Drijver) seeing West pass and then have a tangled auction to 5♣ as well. You'd expect the play in 5♣ to involve an early spade shift from North setting the game without any problem - that duly happened at all four tables, but those who were doubled in 5♣ escaped for down one, those who weren't went down two. MILLENS and WILSON each picked up a game swing here.

At four tables the opening lead against 3NT was a spade to the queen. Now this becomes a textbook hand. Lead the ♣Q and North must duck, then a diamond to the 10 holds. You cross back to hand in spades and clear diamonds. That is three tricks in the majors, four diamonds and two clubs. But there's many a slip...

Where Ritmeijer was declarer he led a diamond to the ten first. North ducked this, when winning to play hearts would have defeated the contract. Now declarer led a low club from the board and was back in business. That meant an 11 IMP gain for his side, and the lead regained.

At a second table Kranyak for PERLMUTTER ducked the ♣Q as Wortel pitched the ♠9 and Zhou fell from grace by

leading the ♦K from hand. Kranyak took this and shifted to the ♥Q. Wortel overtook and played the ♥J then ♥9. Zhou won this and ran the diamonds to find the bad news, then cashed the ♠A to squeeze a heart out of North. Finally declarer endplayed Kranyak with a heart to lead clubs into the tenace for nine tricks. While this may fall into the "Was your journey really necessary?" category of squeezes, it must undoubtedly have achieved the dual target of making the contract while infuriating the opponents...

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

At both tables in PERLMUTTER v ZHAOHENG East opened 3♣ and West never took a call. Both tables defended to three-level contracts, in one case 3♦ making, in the other 3♥ down. ZHAOHENG gained 4 IMPs and had levelled the match.

Where East opened 1♣ the target was to reach 4♠ and avoid a trump lead. Wang/Li for MILLENS played 5♣, while Shan/Gan reached 3NT in each case after a 2♣ opening bid by East. Cole/Palmer played partscore in spades – technically correct of course, but the other three tables all reached the spade game and nobody led a trump. Declarer had four plain suit winners, two ruffs in dummy, and four trumps in hand, for ten tricks, and big pick-ups for MANFIELD and FERM. MANFIELD could coast to victory now, eventually by the score of 68-44, and FERM could do the same. The score there was 72-58.

But PERLMUTTER v ZHAOHENG was still anybody's match. You can read about the last three deals in Jos Jacobs' coverage.

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Mixed Teams SF - S1

FERM v MANFIELD

Marc Smith

The match-up between FERM and MANFIELD in the semi-final of the Mixed Teams featured multiple former world championship winners on both teams. The match began with a number of interesting deals, and we start with an excellent recovery by Michael Rosenberg:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Ferm	Manfield	Brink
2♠	All Pass	1♠	Pass

Declarer lost three trumps and a trick in each minor: E/W +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	D. Rosenberg	von Arnim	M. Rosenberg
2♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass	Pass	3♥

Michael Rosenberg led the ♥6 to declarer's queen, and Daniela von Arnim immediately ruffed her low heart in dummy. A trump was then passed around to Rosenberg's jack and a diamond shift would now have defeated the contract trivially.

When Rosenberg chose, instead, the ♣9, declarer appeared to be back in with a chance. She won in dummy with the ♣Q and played a second trump to North's king. After some considerable thought, though, Rosenberg spectacularly atoned for his earlier misstep by overtaking with the ♠A and switching to a diamond. Declarer had no choice but to finesse, so North won with the ♦K, cashed the ♣A, and delivered a club ruff to set the contract by a trick. N/S +50 and 4 IMPs to MANFIELD.

There was plenty of potential for excitement on the next deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	D. Rosenberg	von Arnim	M. Rosenberg
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♠
Dble	3♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Five Spades can be made double dummy and a winning trump guess in Six Clubs holds the defense to just +100 against their vulnerable game. Debbie Rosenberg cue-bid and then bid to the 4-level on her meagre values, but Michael felt he had already bid his whole hand and thus elected to defend at the five-level. E/W +650.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Ferm	Manfield	Brink
Pass	INT	2♦	1♠
3♦	3♠	4♦	3♣
5♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			Dble

The VuGraph commentators in the Closed Room had strongly expressed their total agreement with Rosenberg's One Club opening bid, but the Dutch South in the Open Room elected to fly against that view by starting with One Spade. Perhaps an immediate spade raise might have encouraged Brink to evaluate his hand more offensively, but North started instead with a One No-trump response. After a competitive battle between diamonds and spades to the 5-level, with his opponents never having revealed their massive heart fit, Brink thought the deal might belong to his side and doubled rather than contemplating a save. The same 11 tricks rolled in: E/W +750 and 3 IMPs to MANFIELD.

With MANFIELD ahead 12-7 came the first double-digit swing, and a rather unfortunate one it was for FERM.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	D. Rosenberg	von Arnim	M. Rosenberg
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

The auction began with a normal One Heart opening bid by Daniela von Arnim, an artificial game force from West and Two Diamonds showing a minimum from East. Thereafter, the Europeans bid smoothly to the decent slam, which needs a successful finesse in trumps if South is able to find the spade lead.

Today, though, the Great Dealer had given Michael Rosenberg both the heart king and the world's most obvious spade lead. Yes, declarer can make the contract by eschewing the trump finesse and playing for the same



Melanie Manfield

defender to hold both three trumps and at least three diamonds, but that seems wildly against the odds. So declarer was soon inscribing -50 into the E-W column. There was surely a good chance it would be a flat board, though, wasn't there?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Ferm	Manfield	Brink
	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

At this table, East opened Two Hearts on a hand that most European players would consider closer to an old-fashioned Strong Two than a Weak Two bid. West never even considered slam and simply bid game once partner showed a maximum with a club feature. E/W +450 and a somewhat fortunate 11 IMPs to MANFIELD.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Ferm	Manfield	Brink
		1♣	INT
2♦	All Pass		

A rather unambitious effort by William Pettis saw him land in a contract that broke Burns Law of Total Trumps. Any lead but a trump beats Two Diamonds and after Barbara Ferm's spade opening declarer duly drifted one down: E/W -100. There was more action in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	D. Rosenberg	von Arnim	M. Rosenberg
		1♣	INT
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Simon de Wijs's Double of the One No-trump overcall looks much nearer the mark. With N/S using one of those systems that means that you cannot ever play in One No-trump Doubled, North began a rescue venture that would enable her to show diamonds and spades. It looked now as

if Two Diamonds would be the contract at this table too, except with N/S playing the hand, presumably, doubled by West.

With the opponents having announced that they are rescuing, it seems a strange decision by von Arnim to get in her partner's way by bidding Two Hearts. Now, rather than N/S being on toast and booked to go for a sizeable penalty, it was E/W who were looking at a minus score.

Declarer could not avoid losing one spade, two trumps and three hearts in Three Clubs. Fortunately, no one doubled, so that was only E/W -200. It was still 3 IMPs to MANFIELD when it could easily have been double figures in the other direction.

MANFIELD gained another 10 IMPs when they made a game despite trumps breaking 4-0 whilst their counterparts languished in Two Spades at the other table. Ahead 42-9 approaching the end of the set, FERM was gifted 11 IMPs when their declarer made an elegant 12 tricks in Four Hearts whilst declarer at the other table lost her way completely and drifted one down in the same contract.

There was still time for a little more drama on the final deal of the set. This was the layout:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	D. Rosenberg	von Arnim	M. Rosenberg
4♠	5♣	3♠	Pass
		All Pass	

A normal auction saw Debbie Rosenberg buy a suitable dummy in Five Clubs. Daniela von Arnim opened a top spade but then switched smartly to her heart. When Simon de Wijs won the first round of trumps he duly delivered his partner's heart ruff to beat the contract by a trick. E/W +50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Ferm	Manfield	Brink
Pass	3♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
All Pass			4♥



William Pettis

Melanie Manfield again opened one of those 'weak two' bids, but this time it looked to have cost the game swing that the previous similar effort had gained.

When Pettis failed to make what looked like an obvious defensive raise to Three Spades, Barbara Ferm got into the auction at a comfortable level. Pettis did raise spades when Three Clubs came back to him and that appeared to be that, but Sjoert Brink had other ideas. He backed in with a Four Heart bid that left those watching on VuGraph scrambling to check the video: surely North must have doubled Three Spades but, apparently not!

With the ♦K onside, declarer seems to have 10 fairly straightforward tricks. Things do not always turn out as they seem, though.

Pettis happened upon the devastating lead of the ♦4. Perhaps fearing a club ruff, declarer was persuaded to rise with the ♦A and start trumps. When East showed out on the second round, declarer had to abandon that plan and switch to clubs. Pettis won with the ♣A, cashed his ♦K, crossed to his partner's hand in spades, and duly received his club ruff to flatten the board.

With 14 boards of the 56-board match gone, FERM trails by 20-42, but with a little luck the deficit could easily have been much smaller, or even reversed.



Mixed Teams QF - S2

WILSON v McALLISTER

Brent Manley

Going into the second of two quarter-final sets in the Mixed Teams, the John McAllister squad held a 37-34 lead against the Alison Wilson squad.

McAllister (USA) was playing with Signe Buus Thomsen (Denmark), Sarah Combesure (France), Adam Grossack (USA), Emma Ovelius (Sweden) and Mikael Rimstedt (Sweden).

The multinational WILSON team was Wilson (USA), Sally Brock (England), Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha, Ricco van Prooijen (all Netherlands) and Chris Willenken (USA).

McALLISTER extended their lead on the first board of the set.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combesure	Willenken
			PASS
2♥	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Grossack's 2♥ opener appears to be showing a modest hand with the majors. Brock could have cashed the first four tricks if she wanted to, but she found herself on offense when Willenken pulled her double. She had to lose two diamonds, a spade and a club for two off and minus 200. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Rimstedt	Ritmeijer	Thomsen
			Pass
1♠	2♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Rimstedt led the ♣A, switching to the ♦A at trick two and continuing with a diamond to dummy's queen. Ticha played a spade to her king, cashed the ♠Q then overtook the ♠J in dummy to run the ♥J. No luck there and she was one down for minus 100 and 7 IMPs to McALLISTER, now leading 44-34.

WILSON picked up an overtrick IMP on the next board when Brock made 11 tricks in a routine 3NT contract while Rimstedt finished at plus 430.

Boards 17 and 18 produced an overtrick IMP for WILSON and push, respectively. Then came this deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combesure	Willenken
			INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Grossack led the ♦J to Willenken's queen. At trick two, Willenken played a heart to the queen, taken by Combesure with the king to return the ♦5. Willenken won the ace and played heart to the nine and ten. He then played dummy's last heart to his jack. Grossack won the ace and cashed the eight before continuing with the ♦10. Willenken won the ♦K and cashed the ♦8 and ♦3, putting pressure on Grossack, who had to find discards on the diamonds and could not come down to a doubleton or singleton ♣Q. Grossack finally did bare his ♠J and Willenken took advantage, playing his ♠2 to the jack and queen. East could win the ♠K but had only the ♠7 and ♠K left. Willenken claimed for plus 400, good for 7 IMPs to WILSON because at the other table, North played INT making two for +120 after an opening spade lead from East.

On the next board, Grossack and Combesure had a costly accident.





Sarah Combescure
Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ Q J 7 3		
	♥ A J 10 4		
	♦ Q 6 3		
	♣ 4 3		
♠ 10 8 6 5	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ A K 9 4	
♥ K 5		♥ 9 7 6 2	
♦ J 7 4		♦ 9 8	
♣ K 10 9 2		♣ A Q 7	
	♠ 2		
	♥ Q 8 3		
	♦ A K 10 5 2		
	♣ J 8 6 5		
West	North	East	South
<i>Ticha</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Thomsen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	INT	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Ticha started with the ♥K and Thomsen easily scored nine tricks for plus 110. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combescure	Willenken
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble*	2♣	2♥	All Pass

Dble Explained on vugraph as showing hearts.

Combescure was no doubt surprised to see a doubleton heart in dummy. This forlorn contract never had a chance. Willenken led the ♦A and continued with the ♦K, followed by a low diamond to the jack and queen, declarer ruffing. She cashed the ♠A and then followed with the ♣A and ♣Q. Willenken ruffed when declarer played the ♠K, and he got out with a club. Declarer went up with the king, which was ruffed. Brock cashed the ♠Q and continued with the ♠J, ruffed by Willenken to play the ♥Q. Brock was down to ♥A J 10, so the defense could claim four off for +400.

McALLISTER got 10 IMPs back on the next board on a vulnerable game swing.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ AKQ7		♠ 643
	♥ 986		♥ AK42
	♦ AJ3		♦ Q74
	♣ K95		♣ 842
♠ 108	<div>N W E S</div>		
♥ Q103			
♦ K109852			
♣ Q7			
	♠ J952		
	♥ J75		
	♦ 6		
	♣ A1063		

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combescure	Willenken
	INT	Pass	Pass

Pass

Combescure led the ♠6 to the eight and ace. At trick two, Brock led the ♣9 and let it run to Grossack's queen. Brock was soon claiming plus 150 with four spades, four clubs and the ♦A. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Rimstedt	Ritmeijer	Thomsen
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Ritmeijer led the ♥A and continued with a low heart to Ticha's ten. When Ticha played the ♥Q, Ritmeijer overtook with the king and cashed the 13th heart. Rimstedt won with the ♦A when Ritmeijer exited with a diamond to his partner's king. Rimstedt then cashed his three high spades and played his last spade to dummy's jack. Rimstedt then played a club to his nine, and when it held he claimed plus 600.

Two more push boards were followed by another swing for WILSON.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combescure	Willenken
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Brock led the ♦A, switching to the ♠6 at trick two. Grossack put in dummy's queen, losing to Willenken's king. Willenken exited with the ♦2, ruffed by Grossack with the ♣J. He then played a heart to the ace and ran the ♣Q. Brock won the ♣K and played a spade to the ace. Grossack played the ♦J, discarding a spade, but Brock ruffed, putting the contract down two for minus 100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Rimstedt	Ritmeijer	Thomsen
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Thomsen led the ♠10 to declarer's queen. At trick two Ritmeijer played the ♦7 from hand and the 10 held the trick in dummy. Rimstedt played low when Ritmeijer called for a low club from dummy and the queen won the trick. Ritmeijer then played the ♦J to Rimstedt's ace. A heart went to declarer's ace and he cashed his diamonds. At that point, Ritmeijer had eight tricks: four diamonds, a club, a heart and two spades. A club to the ace was all he needed for trick number nine. Plus 400 meant 11 IMPs to WILSON, now leading 61-54.

Board 25 was a push, but there was more bad news for McALLISTER on No. 26.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combescure	Willenken
3♦*	All Pass	1♠	Pass

The 3♦ bid was described as natural and invitational with 9-11 HCP. 3NT seems the normal bid with the East hand, but Combescure took a conservative view despite the vulnerability. On a low heart lead, Grossack was not tested in the play, finishing with +130. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Rimstedt	Ritmeijer	Thomsen
3NT	All Pass	1NT	Pass

Thomsen led the ♥K, taken by dummy's ace. At trick two, declarer led a club from dummy. Rimstedt won with the ♣A and switched to a spade. Ritmeijer played the ♠8 and Thomsen won with the queen. She cashed the ♠A and the ♥Q, at which point Ritmeijer claimed nine tricks for +600 and 10 IMPs for his side. WILSON was in the lead 71-54 at that point.

The next board brought more good news for WILSON.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

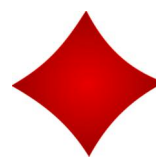
West	North	East	South
Grossack	Brock	Combescure	Willenken
1♥	3♠	All Pass	Pass

Brock lost a spade, two hearts, two diamonds and a club for minus 100. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Rimstedt	Ritmeijer	Thomsen
1♥	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Rimstedt led the ♣K to dummy's ace, making things easy for Ticha. She won the ♣A, played a heart to dummy's king, a heart to her ace and another heart to the queen, picking up all the trumps. She then played the ♣J and claimed 12 tricks when Thomsen covered with the queen. With four club tricks, Ticha could discard one of her losing spades plus three diamonds. Plus 480 gave WILSON 9 IMPs to put them in the lead 80-54.

WILSON added 2 more IMPs on the final board when Combescure went two down in 2♠ as East while at the other table Ticha went one down in the same contract played from the West side. The final score was 82-54 for WILSON.



Mixed Teams SF - S2

WILSON v ZHAOHENG

Brian Senior

The semi-final between the multi-national team WILSON and ZHAOHENG of China was close through much of the first quarter, but then WILSON had a big finish to the set, scoring 43 unanswered IMPs over the last four deals to lead by 67-35 going into the second quarter.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
2♣	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

For WILSON, Magdalena Ticha opened 1♣ in second seat and Zhengjiang Liao overcalled 1♥. When that came back to Ticha she doubled and Richard Ritmeijer judged to leave it in. Ritmeijer led his club, Ticha winning the ace and returning a suit-preference three. Ritmeijer ruffed and led the three of diamonds, Ticha putting in the ten after some thought, and giving her partner a second club ruff. Ritmeijer took the ruff then led the six of diamonds to the jack, ruffed by Liao, who played ace then queen of hearts. Ticha discarded the six of spades, which surely has to be wrong, followed by the jack of clubs. Ritmeijer won the second heart and played the king of diamonds. Liao ruffed that and drew the last outstanding trump then led the ten of spades and ran it. When that forced the ace, she had seven tricks for +160, and Ticha's spade discard had been punished.

For ZHAOHENG, Jianwei Li opened a Precision 2♣ and Sally Brock therefore had to overcall at the two level. Li reopened with a double when 2♥ came back to him and Tao Zhou left it in. Zhou led the singleton club and was given a ruff at trick two. She played king and another diamond so Brock ruffed and played two rounds of hearts,

Zhao winning the king. Zhao returned a spade now, costing the second spade trick but ensuring that she received her second club ruff. Brock had seven tricks for down one and -200; 8 IMPs to ZHAOHENG, who closed to 43-67.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
Pass	Pass	INT	2♦
3NT	4♥	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
Pass	Pass	INT	2♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

No-trump ranges made a big difference on this deal. Zhou's INT opening showed 13-15 so, when Chris Willenken overcalled 2♦, one major, Li had no reason to bid at this point (double would presumably not have shown diamonds), and Brock's jump to 3♥, showing support for either major, took the auction past Li's comfort level when the bidding came back to him. Zhou led the four of diamonds, Li putting in the king when Brock played low. Brock ruffed and played a spade to the queen then a second spade to the king and ace. Zhou cashed the ace of clubs then played ace and another heart. Brock could pitch two of dummy's diamonds on the ♠K9, but had to concede one diamond at the end; nine tricks for +140.

Ritmeijer's INT opening showed 15-17 so Ticha just blasted 3NT over the 2♦ overcall (again showing one major). Unsure who could make what, Liao bid 4♥, pass or correct, over 3NT, and Ritmeijer doubled. He too led a low diamond and Liao also played low from dummy, but Ticha put in the nine. Liao ruffed and played on spades, Ritmeijer winning the second round and cashing the ace of clubs then leading a second club, which Liao ruffed in dummy. A diamond ruff was followed by the jack of spades. When the ten fell, declarer could see that she would have a problem getting safely to the South hand twice if she played to take

a third diamond ruff with the king. She simply continued with the nine of spades, on which she discarded the last diamond from dummy. Ticha ruffed and there was just the ace of hearts to come; down one for -100 and 6 IMPs to WILSON, who led by 73-43.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
Pass	Pass	1♦	3♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
INT	Pass	1♦	1♥
	2♦	5♦	All Pass



Xie Zhaobing and Magdalena Ticha

Zhaobing Xie overcalled an off-centre 3♥, and that ran back round to Ritmeijer, who jumped to 5♦. Willenken overcalled at the one level and Li showed his values and heart stopper by bidding INT. Zhou jumped to 5♦, and that ended the auction. Two different auctions but the same final contract and same outcome – 5♦ just made for +400.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
2♥	3♣	1♥	2♣
Pass	3NT	3♥	Dble
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
2♥	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Ritmeijer opened 1♥ on the East cards and Xie overcalled 2♣. Ticha and Liao each in turn showed support for partner and some modest values, and when Ritmeijer competed with 3♥ over 3♣, Xie doubled to show extras. Liao responded 3NT and that concluded the auction. Ritmeijer led the queen of hearts, Liao winning on table and leading a club to the king then a second club to the ace. She continued with jack and a fourth club to her six and next led the jack of diamonds. Ritmeijer, who had discarded a diamond on the clubs, covered with the queen, and that in turn was covered by the king and ace. Liao won the heart return and cashed out for 11 tricks and +660.

Zhou did not open the East hand so Willenken could open a strong no trump with the South cards. Brock did not try for game with a bare 8 HCP and 3-3-3-4 shape, but Zhou balanced with 2♦, one major, and Li responded with a pass or correct 2♥ and played there. Brock led the four of hearts to her partner's king and Willenken returned a low club to the queen and king and got a spade back to the king and ace. He switched back to clubs, Li ruffing the ace in dummy and leading a heart to Brock's ace. Brock returned a heart so Li won and had eight tricks – three hearts, four spades and a diamond – for +110 and 13 IMPs to ZHAOHENG, who still trailed by 56-73.

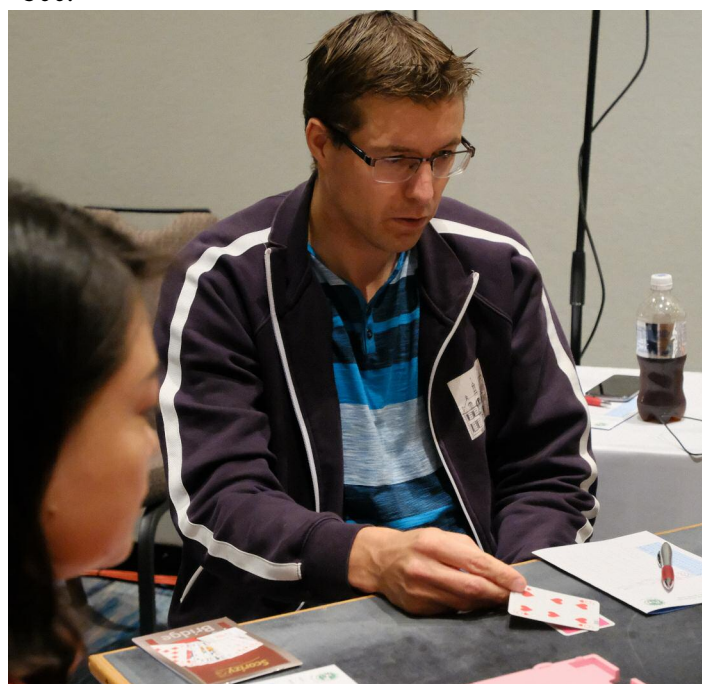
Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
Pass	1♣	Dble	1♥
Pass	INT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♣	2♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
Pass	2♥	2NT	2♦
3NT	All Pass		Pass

Willenken opened a multi on the five-card spade suit and Brock responded 2♥, pass or correct. When Zhou overcalled 2NT, Li made a very optimistic raise to game. Willenken led a low spade so the defence cashed five of those, and then switched to a club. It was clear to declarer that the ♣A was offside, so she played low and held her losses to two clubs. That was, however, still down three for -300.



Richard Ritmeijer

Xie did not open as South but showed spades with his 1♥ response over the double. Liao's INT rebid denied three spades and Ritmeijer doubled for a second time. When that came back to Liao she might have stuck it out in INT doubled and, assuming a diamond lead, would have come to an overtrick. Liao preferred to play safe and removed herself to the relative safety of her good five-card club suit, and Ritmeijer completed the auction by competing with 2♦. There was nothing to the play, with dummy's hearts providing an entry to pick up the diamonds without loss, and Ritmeijer soon had nine tricks for +110 and 9 IMPs to WILSON; 82-56.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

A straightforward auction saw Xie declare 4♥, making an overtrick after the lead of the king of spades; +650.

There was more bidding at the other table – a lot more bidding – as Brock and Willenken wound their way to 6♦. At first glance, the slam doesn't look too bad, but Zhou's low club lead left Brock needing quite a bit of good fortune to bring it home. Brock ducked the club and Li won the king and accurately continued with a second club to the jack, queen and ace. Brock cashed the ten of clubs, pitching a spade, then led a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade and came to hand with a diamond to take a second spade ruff. Finally, she needed to get to hand to draw the outstanding

trumps, and had to do so by cashing the ace and king of hearts then ruffing a third heart. Had it been East who held the doubleton heart, or had West held doubletons in both red suits so been able to uppercut effectively, the slam would have gone down, but today the old adage that a good slam is one that makes came into its own and the defence was powerless to prevent 12 tricks for +1370 and 12 IMPs to WILSON, extending the lead to 94-56.



Zhengjiang Liao

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
	1♥	1♠	5♣
5♠	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

Liao bid the hearts three times and Xie the clubs three times, the last time with a jump to game. Ticha led the ten of spades but one spade was all that was to come the defence's way when the queen of trumps fell under the ace; +620.

In the other room, Zhou made a four-card 1♠ overcall which on a 4-3-3-3 hand and with which she would often be on lead herself, seems to have little going for it. Willenken blasted 5♣ and Li bid 5♠. When Brock, loving her red-suit controls and knowing how short partner must be in spades, bid 6♣, Li saved in 6♠ and Brock doubled. Willenken cashed the king of clubs then switched to the jack of diamonds, which held the trick. He continued with the three of diamonds so Brock won the king but then switched to a trump. Li won cheaply in hand and led a spade to the ace, then ruffed a club low and was over-ruffed. Brock cashed the ace of diamonds and two top hearts and the contract was down six for -1400 and 13 IMPs to WILSON; 107-56.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
	2♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	5♣	3♦	4♣
4♠	All Pass	Pass	5♦
Dble			

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
	2♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	All Pass	2NT	5♦
5♠			

When Liao overcalled 2♦ and Ritmeijer cuebid to show his constructive spade raise, Xie bid a lead-directing 4♣. Liao, taking 4♣ as natural, supported her partner, bidding 5♣ over Ticha's 4♠, and Xie swiftly converted to 5♦, doubled by Ticha. Ritmeijer cashed the ace of spades and, on collecting a suit-preference two from Ticha, switched to the seven of clubs. Liao ducked that to the jack, Ticha continuing with ace then jack of hearts and coming to a second club at the end; down two for -300.

Zhou showed her spade raise by bidding 2NT, and Willenken made the simple soul's bid of 5♦ on the South

cards, putting maximum pressure on his opponents. Li was bullied into bidding 5♠, and that ended the auction. Brock led the king of diamonds, which Li ruffed. He crossed to the ace of spades and led a heart to the jack and king. Brock returned a diamond, again ruffed, and Li drew the last trump then cashed three heart winners, pitching a club from hand. Next he led a low club from the dummy and, when Willenken played low, sat and thought. We can all see that putting in the jack then crossing back to dummy with a trump to lead a second club up makes the contract, but Li eventually went up with the king and had created two losers where there was only one, so was down one for -100 and 9 IMPs to WILSON when it might have been 8 IMPs to ZHAOHENG; 116-56 in favour of WILSON.

Li was playing for South to hold ♣Axxx and North ♣Qx, when the king would score and he could play a second round and the blockage would force the defence to either crash their honours or give him a ruff and discard. Well, that would have made a nice bulletin hand, but I'm not convinced that it was a sound idea.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 5 3
♥ J 10 7 3
♦ Q
♣ A K Q 6 5 3

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ J 10 2

N
WSE

♠ A K 10 7 6
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ A 4
♣ 9 4

♠ Q J 9
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 9 8 7 2
♣ 8 7

♠ A K 10 7 6
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ A 4
♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
Pass	1♣	Dble	1♠
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♦
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
Pass	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Brock opened 3♣ in third seat and Zhou doubled. When Li picked the 'wrong suit', Zhou continued with 3♠, and Li left her to play there. Three rounds of clubs saw Zhou ruff and be over-ruffed. Willenken now returned a diamond, Zhou rising with dummy's king to lead a heart to the queen. That lost to the king and Willenken gave Brock a diamond ruff. Brock's club return then promoted a spade trick for Willenken and, though dummy's heart loser went away, the contract was down two for -200.

Liao opened at the one level. Xie's 1♠ over the double

showed diamonds and he repeated the suit at his next turn. Facing a partner who could double twice, Ticha decided that she had enough to defeat 2♦ so doubled for penalty and that ended the auction. She led the six of hearts to the jack, queen and king, and Xie played a diamond to the queen and ace. Ritmeijer cashed the ace and king of spades then got out with his diamond. I'm not sure what he had in mind, but Xie had no difficulty in coming to eight tricks from here; +180 but 1 IMP to WILSON, ahead by 117-56.

I was expecting Ritmeijer to continue with a third spade, the idea being that when his partner got in with a diamond honour, she could put him in with a heart to lead a fourth round of spades for a trump promotion. That would not work on the actual layout – nothing does – but West would need only ♦K8xx for it to be the killing defence.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 10
♥ A K Q 10 9
♦ A 8 7
♣ A K J 9

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 7 4 3

N
WSE

♠ K J 7 2
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

♠ A 6 4 3
♥ 6 4
♦ K J 6 5 3
♣ 8 6

♠ K J 7 2
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I don't really understand the style where South gives preference to 3♥ on two low rather than use FSF – for me 3♥ here always shows genuine heart preference – but, hey, what do I know? Willenken is playing in a world semi-final and I'm only writing about it. Brock made one slam try over 3♥ but then gave up when Willenken could not co-operate. She won the heart lead, drew trumps and played on diamonds, losing one trick so scoring +480.

Liao opened 2♣, strong and artificial, and then went through a Kokish sequence, 2♥ being either natural or balanced, before admitting to genuine hearts and clubs. Xie

introduced his diamonds and Liao raised, so Xie asked about key cards, then for the queen of trumps. Six Diamonds said no trump queen so Xie settled for the small slam. The lead was a club. Xie won the ace and cashed the ace and king of diamonds then played on hearts. The even heart split speeded things up considerably and he had 12 tricks for +920 and 10 badly-needed IMPs to ZHAOHENG, closing to 66-117.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
1♥	2♠	1♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
1♥	2♠	1♣	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
7♦	All Pass		



Sally Brock

It was a curious thing but, at the table where diamonds were opened, the suit somehow then got lost, while at the table where the opening bid was a strong club, the diamond fit was found without any difficulty.

Ritmeijer opened 1♦ but had no sensible bid over Liao's weak jump overcall. He passed and Ticha repeated her strong heart suit and Ritmeijer quietly raised to game despite his extras and excellent controls. Was it clear to him that his partner could have so much, or did he consider 3♥ to be non-forcing? Ticha won the diamond lead, cashed the ace of hearts and came back to hand with a spade to play more trumps, losing to the jack but claiming 12 tricks for +480.

Zhou opened a Precision 1♣ and Li showed 8+ with five or more hearts. When Brock's weak jump overcall came back to him, he reopened with a double and Zhou showed her diamonds. Li raised to 4♦ then went on with key-card when Zhou showed the spade control. Five Clubs showed all the missing key-cards so Li, who had the source of side-suit tricks, bid the grand slam. He won the spade lead with the bare king, drew trumps and cashed the ace of hearts. One heart ruff set up the extra tricks required so Li had 13 easy tricks for +2140 and a big 16 IMPs to ZHAOHENG, closing to 82-120.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	Zhou	Willenken
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Just when it seemed that the momentum had turned in favour of the Chinese team, WILSON regained one of those double-figure swings on this deal.

**Magdalena Ticha**

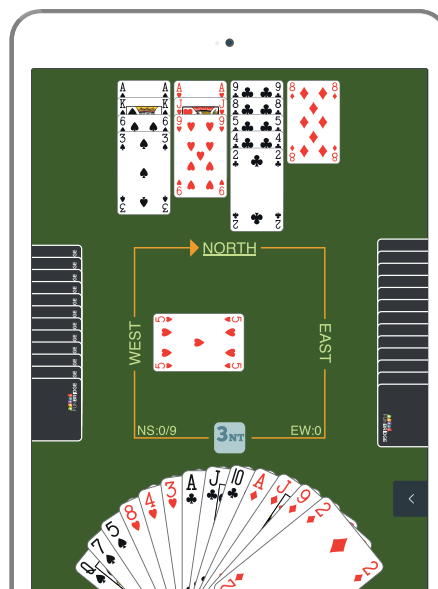
Ticha opened 1♣ and made an invitational jump raise of Ritmeijer's 1♥ response. Ritmeijer made one cuebid but then left any further move to his partner and Ticha, who had bid all that she had with nothing to spare, passed him out in game. Ritmeijer played safe for 10 tricks and +420.

Li opened INT then broke the transfer with a jump to 3♥. When Zhou cuebid 4♣ and Willenken doubled, Li redoubled to show the ace but Zhou had done enough and signed off in 4♥. However, the INT opening had shown 13-15, and Li felt able to go on. I assume that 4♠ was Kickback, asking about key-cards, with the response showing two key-cards without the trump queen, because otherwise the remainder of the auction doesn't make a lot of sense. Six Hearts is sub-par, but far from terrible, as declarer will be cold on a two-two heart split and will have play if trumps are three-one as long as he picks the position correctly. Trumps four-zero proved to be just too much, but even then there were chances had the side-suits behaved more kindly. Brock led a low club to the king and ace. Li played king of hearts and a heart to the eight, ducked a diamond to the queen, and won the spade return with the king. Li cashed the ace of diamonds then played the ace and queen of spades, discarding his low diamond. Had that stood up, he would have needed diamonds three-three as well so that he could ruff a diamond then repeat the heart finesse and claim. Alas, the ♠Q was ruffed so the contract was one down for -50 and 11 IMPs to WILSON.

ZHAOHENG recovered 3 IMPs for an extra undertrick on the final board of the set and at the midway point in the match it was WILSON by 130-85. There were 28 boards to play.

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1	GROMOV Andrey - GULEVICH Anna	RUS - RUS	60.91	58	RAN Jing Rong - SHAO Zi Jian	CHN - CHN	49.96
2	HINDEN Frances - OSBORNE Graham	ENG - ENG	59.45	59	DUNITZ Mitch - MEYERS Jill	USA - USA	49.96
3	KORBEL Daniel - SHI Sylvia	USA - USA	58.02	60	HURD John - MINITER Gillian	USA - USA	49.93
4	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin - SAELENSMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	57.46	61	GILLIS Simon - HARDING Marianne	ENG - NOR	49.91
5	BILDE Dennis - BLAAGESTAD Lise	DEN - NOR	57.41	62	NOLAND Nanette - PASSELL Mike	USA - USA	49.78
6	KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	56.62	63	LEVITINA Irina - VAINIKONIS Vytautas	USA - LTU	49.60
7	PSZCZOLA Jacek - SAKR May	USA - USA	56.05	64	HELGEMO Geir - RIMSTEDT Cecilia	MON - SWE	49.56
8	STANSBY JoAnna - STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	55.74	65	DOUB Doug - STARR Yiji	USA - USA	49.38
9	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	55.72	66	STEPHENS Robert - SORENSEN Lotte	RSA - RSA	49.38
10	HAMMAN Petra - LALL Hemant	USA - USA	55.69	67	FISCHER Doris - SAURER Bernd	AUT - AUT	49.26
11	DIKHNOVA Tatiana - ORLOV Sergey	RUS - RUS	55.45	68	FISCHER Brigitta - RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE	49.15
12	MULTON Franck - WILLARD Sylvie	MON - FRA	55.32	69	ROMANOVSKA Maija - KHOKHLOV Jouri	LAT - RUS	49.13
13	CRONIER Benedicte - CRONIER Philippe	FRA - FRA	55.07	70	LOO Choon Chou - WANG Wei	SIN - CHN	49.10
14	HAMPSON Geoff - PEARLMAN Lindsay	USA - USA	55.02	71	GOLD David - GOLD Marusa	ENG - ENG	49.08
15	BAO Jingjing - LIU Ning	CHN - CHN	54.60	72	RIMSTEDT Sandra - WEINSTEIN Steve	SWE - USA	48.86
16	JIN Ke - ZHU Ping	CHN - CHN	54.55	73	WEI Yu - YU Dingyi	CHN - CHN	48.49
17	BESSIS Thomas - BARONI Irene	FRA - ITA	54.48	74	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	48.30
18	GRUE Joe - TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	54.41	75	JACOBUS Brenda - JACOBUS Marc	USA - USA	48.01
19	DORIA Lucia - RODRIGUES Sergio	BRA - BRA	54.40	76	BROGELAND Boye - BROGELAND Tonje A.	NOR - NOR	47.60
20	BOMPIS Marc - D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	54.20	77	LALL Justin - MOSS Sylvia	USA - USA	47.60
21	WANG Nan - ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	54.17	78	CHEN Yan - ZHANG Wei	CHN - CHN	47.36
22	KUANG Yuegang - LIU Shu	CHN - CHN	53.56	79	MUNDAY Jim - MUNDAY Susan	USA - USA	47.29
23	GAN Ling - SHAN Sheng	CHN - CHN	53.33	80	KOZLOVE Ellen - KOZLOVE Larry	USA - USA	47.29
24	BLANK Sondra - CZYZOWICZ Jurek	CAN - CAN	53.04	81	PERLMAN Linda - HIRSCHMAN Martin	USA - USA	47.24
25	POLLACK Bill - POLLACK Rozanne	USA - USA	52.99	82	SELIGMAN Martin - SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	USA - FRA	47.06
26	LIU Yunqing - ZHANG Yongge	CHN - CHN	52.81	83	FANTUN Jean-Baptiste - VENTOS Veronique	FRA - FRA	47.01
27	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike - HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	52.65	84	WENNING Ulrich - WENNING Karin	GER - GER	47.00
28	KASLE Barbara - DONN Joshua	USA - USA	52.61	85	KHANDHERIA Natasha - THAKRAL Sandeep	USA - IND	46.88
29	HU Linlin - SUN Yanhui	CHN - CHN	52.54	86	BRENNER Anne - CAPRERA David	USA - USA	46.86
30	LU Dong - LU Yan	CHN - CHN	52.47	87	SHIH Juei-Yu - WANG Ping	TPE - CHN	46.76
31	HELNESS Fredrik - HELNESS Gunn	NOR - NOR	52.39	88	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy - ROSSARD Martine	FRA - FRA	46.74
32	COMBESURE Sarah - GROSSACK Adam	FRA - USA	52.23	89	GABAY Sheila - KING Victor	USA - USA	46.69
33	LORENZINI Aurelie - LORENZINI Cedric	FRA - FRA	52.21	90	ROSENTHAL A. - ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA	46.65
34	LI Yiting - WANG Jian-jian	CHN - USA	51.99	91	EGGELING Marie - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	46.58
35	PARASIAN Robert - TUEJE Julita Grace	INA - INA	51.99	92	LU Phina - PENG Yu-Jhau	TPE - TPE	46.48
36	SCHMIDT Pierre - SCHMIDT Pauline	FRA - FRA	51.93	93	CHEN Wenmin - SUN Gang	CHN - CHN	46.44
37	REES Vanessa - ROMBAUT Jerome	FRA - FRA	51.91	94	TUNCOK Cenk - KELLER Nancy	USA - USA	45.97
38	ENGEBRETSEN Geir - LINDAHL Solbritt	NOR - NOR	51.67	95	JAJOO Monica - MUKHERJEE Sumit	IND - IND	45.92
39	PREDDEY Kay - SELWAY Norman	ENG - ENG	51.59	96	BARR Ronnie - GINOSSAR Eldad	ISR - USA	45.92
40	MAHMOOD Zia - WORTEL Meike	USA - NED	51.40	97	SHI Haowen - WANG Jian	CHN - CHN	45.86
41	CHEN Yichao - FU Bo	CHN - CHN	51.34	98	MOLLER Rachael - GURVICH David	USA - USA	45.76
42	MECKSTROTH Jeff - MECKSTROTH Sally	USA - USA	51.30	99	KAMENOVA Ljudmila - ROBINSON Steve	USA - USA	45.59
43	OZDIL Melih - GOLDMAN Sharon	USA - USA	51.24	100	FARHOLT Stense - CASPERSEN Henrik	DEN - DEN	45.42
44	COHLER Gary - NITABACH Lynda	USA - USA	51.17	101	SYRAKOPOULOU Christina - LIOSSIS G.	GRE - GRE	45.05
45	RUDAKOV Evgeni - RUDAKOVA Elena	RUS - RUS	51.13	102	CAO Xueliang - ZHENG Yili	CHN - CHN	44.76
46	MARASHEV Vladimir - MITOVSKA Miriana	BUL - BUL	51.09	103	ZIMMERMANN Pierre - ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	MON - FRA	44.72
47	GU Jiang - WANG Wen Fei	USA - CHN	51.05	104	McALLISTER John Grayson - OVELIUS Emma	USA - SWE	44.51
48	JANSMA Aida - JANSMA Jan	NED - NED	51.00	105	TORNAY Claire - TORNAY George	USA - USA	44.48
49	CAYNE Patricia - DE FALCO Dano	USA - ITA	50.97	106	GOLDBERG Connie - ORNSTEIN Alexander	USA - USA	44.23
50	RODWELL Eric - RODWELL Donna	USA - USA	50.78	107	KOWALSKI Apolinary - SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	43.43
51	BUUS THOMSEN Signe - RIMSTEDT Mikael	DEN - SWE	50.70	108	MICHELIN Marjorie - COHEN Stephen	USA - USA	43.39
52	DRIJVER Bob - GRONKVIST Ida	NED - SWE	50.34	109	LAIR Mark - ABRAMS Nancy	USA - USA	42.31
53	DUBININ Alexander - PONOMAREVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS	50.34	110	MALINOWSKI Artur - NATHAN Marilyn	ENG - ENG	42.06
54	KOVACHEV Valentin - MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	50.27	111	YEH Chen - ZHANG Yalan	TPE - CHN	40.71
55	CHEN Yunlong - HUANG Yan	CHN - CHN	50.17	112	SCOTT Stefanie - AGARWAL Suman	USA - USA	38.36
56	NISTOR Radu - COLE Margie	ROM - USA	50.01				
57	CLERKIN Jerry - ONEILL Molly	USA - USA	49.99				

Mixed Pairs Semi-final B

1	BELL Michael - BELL Sarah	ENG - ENG	61.87	58	COHEN Dori - GORDON Robert	USA - USA	49.91
2	HAMMOND Nicolas - ONSGARD Kristen	USA - USA	61.84	59	KISSINGER Susan - KISSINGER John	USA - USA	49.83
3	ZHANG Yu - ZHAO Jie	CHN - CHN	58.80	60	GANNES Sean - DE YOUNG Bernace	CAN - USA	49.79
4	GROSS Susanna - PASKE Thomas	ENG - ENG	58.73	61	HINZE Greg - ENFIELD Kay	USA - USA	49.67
5	BREWIAK Grazyna - PIASECKI Jaroslaw	POL - POL	58.51	62	KING Fred - DUTY Rebecca	USA - USA	49.45
6	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik - BERTHEAU Kathrine	NOR - SWE	58.48	63	DEY Bharati - GOEL Ashok Kumar	IND - IND	49.38
7	SAMUEL Russell - SHIMAMURA Kyoko	USA - JPN	58.42	64	FELDMAN Jason - STOBBER Ruth	USA - USA	49.31
8	CULHAM Susan - KAMIL Mike	CAN - USA	58.36	65	SUMMERS-CALEY Sylvia - WILDAVSKY Adam	CAN - USA	49.25
9	WOOLSEY Kit - WOOLSEY Sally	USA - USA	58.23	66	NASSI Sedat - NASSI Gerty	USA - USA	49.23
10	EYTHORSDDOTTIR Hjordis - TREITEL David	USA - USA	57.98	67	WALKER Karen - GETTLEMAN Eric	USA - USA	48.99
11	PHELAN John - PHELAN Lucy	IRL - IRL	57.53	68	ELLINGSEN Kristian - LYBAEK Astrid Steen	NOR - NOR	48.78
12	FORTNEY Charles - SHAFER Leigh Anne	USA - CAN	57.09	69	DEMUY Vincent - TARNOPOL Lynne	USA - USA	48.74
13	PRAMOTTON Emanuela - VERSACE Alfredo	ITA - ITA	56.88	70	MERRY Joanne - JEFFERSON John	USA - USA	48.73
14	HUBERSCHWILLER Anne-Laure and Matthias	FRA - FRA	56.87	71	BATRA Puja - MAJUMDER Debabrata	IND - IND	48.54
15	HENNER Christal - IVATURY Uday	USA - USA	56.36	72	CASTILLO Juan Carlos - MADUENO Luisana	COL - USA	48.44
16	DOMICHI Noriko - GUPTA Subhash	JPN - IND	55.92	73	COMPTON Chris - ELMORE Linda	USA - USA	48.41
17	BART Gloria - BART Les	USA - USA	55.74	74	BERNAL Francisco - KISLITSYNA Irina	COL - USA	48.36
18	ARONOV Victor - ZOBUE Ahu	BUL - TUR	55.37	75	McGREAL Jacqui - JONES John	ISL - USA	48.14
19	FULTON Susan - HOGAN John	USA - USA	54.89	76	THEPAUT-VENTOS Solene - DEHEEGER Colin	FRA - FRA	48.10
20	JACOB Dan - NILSEN Louise	CAN - NOR	54.82	77	COPE Simon - ROBERTSON Marion	ENG - ENG	48.01
21	WHEELER Sally - HANBY Buddy	USA - USA	54.64	78	REYES HILLER Tania - LEWIS Paul	USA - USA	47.65
22	HARRIS Cindy - HARRIS Joe	USA - USA	53.85	79	MUIR William - MUIR Victoria	USA - USA	47.57
23	GARTAGANIS Judith - GARTAGANIS Nicholas	CAN - CAN	53.78	80	SMITH Monique - HIRSH Merrill	USA - USA	47.52
24	URBANEK Chris - SINCLAIR John	USA - USA	53.53	81	GOWER Craig - ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	47.32
25	PRYOR Malcolm - PRYOR Karen	ENG - ENG	53.41	82	KOISTINEN Kauko - CUSHING Justine	FIN - USA	47.15
26	RODNEY Avril - RODNEY David	USA - USA	53.36	83	LEWIS Marshall - LAMPORT Anne	CRO - AUS	47.04
27	HUGONY Fabrizio - TAGLIAFERRI Vera	ITA - ITA	53.26	84	CARACCI Marcelo - CUEVAS Loreto	CHI - CHI	46.91
28	MOSS Brad - GREENBERG Gail	USA - USA	53.14	85	LINDLEY Ann - DUNCKER Alfred	USA - USA	46.84
29	WEINGER Lindsey - PHIPPS Geoffrey	USA - USA	53.13	86	BIANCHEDI Alejandro - SULTAN Perla	ITA - VEN	46.65
30	YUEN Michael - FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	52.98	87	PETERKIN Stephen - PUNCH Sam	SCO - SCO	46.48
31	ASBI Taufik Gautama - BOJOH Lusje Olha	INA - INA	52.83	88	ALPERT Claire - FRUSCOLONI Leonardo	USA - ITA	46.37
32	COHEN Mark - COHEN Stasha	USA - USA	52.60	89	MACGREGOR John - CHAPLET Isabelle	CRC - CRC	46.19
33	DUBROVSKY Leora - DUBROVSKY Richard	USA - USA	52.55	90	BARRETT Geoffrey S Jade - HAMMER S.Kay	USA - CRC	46.12
34	GRUDE Marian - GRUDE Tor Eivind	NOR - NOR	52.54	91	NARASIMHAN Hansa - PELLEGRINI Carlos	USA - ARG	46.11
35	OREN Efrat - ZACK Yaniv	ISR - ISR	52.39	92	MULLER Virginia - VILLEGAS Marcelo	ARG - ARG	46.10
36	ROPER William - SELVAY Louise	ENG - ENG	52.38	93	REYNOLDS Peter - REYNOLDS Jane	AUS - AUS	46.00
37	GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	52.10	94	RETEK George - RETEK Mari	CAN - CAN	45.85
38	MILLER John - SHANNON Lynn	USA - USA	51.93	95	BART Brad - NELL Cristal	CAN - USA	45.65
39	HENNINGS Margot - KRAUSS Howard	USA - USA	51.87	96	HOYOS Carlos - LAVIN Alejandra	COL - CHI	45.29
40	BENNER Debbie - CRYSTAL Arthur	USA - USA	51.85	97	HAACK Ronald - MITURA Amy	USA - USA	45.17
41	FELDMAN Lynne - ROEDER Rick	USA - USA	51.78	98	CORY Matthew - MILLAR Penelope	USA - USA	44.85
42	ASSINI Jan - CYMERMAN Frank	USA - USA	51.70	99	FRANCE Nicholas - HESS Judith	USA - USA	44.75
43	REITZ Carol - BISSELL Edward	USA - USA	51.42	100	COOK Bill - BUCKMAN Harriette	USA - USA	44.67
44	PINOARGOTE Alamiro - CASTILLO Elsa	ECU - COL	51.37	101	LING Pauline - LING Roger	HKG - HKG	44.63
45	KRANTZ Corey - KRATENSTEIN Rhoda	USA - USA	51.19	102	HERRERA Gonzalo - HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	43.70
46	GLADYSZAK Stephen - BORGSCULTE Ann	USA - USA	51.03	103	BALES Toni - BANSAL Rajeev	USA - USA	40.65
47	FELDMAN Debbie - COWAN Chris	CAN - CAN	50.92	104	LOURIE Ora - BARBARY Joe	USA - USA	39.48
48	FISHER Arnold - BALL Linda Jane	USA - USA	50.80	105	PONTIFEX Marlene - DOERKSEN Leonard	CAN - CAN	39.16
49	EFRAIMSSON B.-E. - ZACK EFRAIMSSON A.	SWE - SWE	50.68	106	HAMILTON Carol - OXLEY John	USA - USA	37.78
50	COLIN Cynthia - HAND Jeff	USA - USA	50.67	107	DONNER Gary - SOBEL Yoko	USA - USA	37.29
51	JONES Bobby - SWIFT Virginia	USA - USA	50.44	108	ALELA Maya - HORIGUCHI Bruce	USA - USA	35.21
52	RADIN Michael - DZIEKANSKI Joan	USA - USA	50.31				
53	MALCOLM Chuck - MALCOLM Marti	USA - USA	50.24				
54	SATO Makiko - TERAMOTO Tadashi	JPN - JPN	50.18				
55	ROTARU Iulian - SCHNELWAR Susan	ROM - USA	50.11				
56	SMITH Dave W. - MCCAY Sandra	USA - USA	50.08				
57	BARRETT Karen Lee - SOLICK Robert	USA - USA	49.92				

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