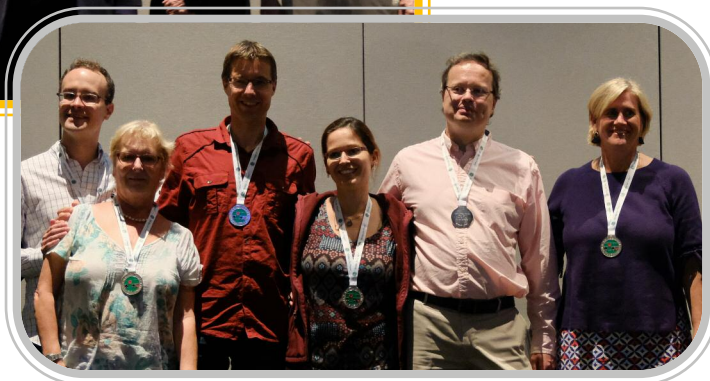




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MANFIELD EARNS GOLD IN MIXED TEAMS



Mixed Teams medal winners, from left by team name: Barbara Ferm (bronze), Melanie Manfield (gold) and Alison Wilson (silver)

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The team led by Melanie Manfield, in a close match with the Alison Wilson squad, scored the last 42 IMPs to win the World Mixed Teams 133-81.

The champions are Manfield, William Cole, Beth Palmer, William Pettis, Debbie Rosenberg and Michael Rosenberg. Palmer served as captain. All members of the team are American.

The silver medal went to Wilson, Sally Brock, Chris Willenken, Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Ticha and Ricco van Prooijen. Brock is from England, Ticha, Ritmeijer and Van Prooijen are Dutch. Wilson and Willenken are American.

The bronze medal went to the team led by Barbara Ferm, winners over the Zhaocheng team (China) 154-114 in the playoff for third. Ferm, an American, played with Sjoert Brink, Simon de Wijs, Bas Drijver, Christina Lund Madsen and Daniela von Arnim. Brink, De Wijs and Drijver are Dutch, Lund-Madsen Danish and von Arnim German. Brink served as captain.

In the Mixed Pairs, Franck Multon and Sylvie Willard scored 62.67% to win by 5.67% over the runners-up, Petra Hamman and Hemant Lall, who scored 57%. Third place went to Bénédicte and Philippe Cronier, who scored 55.50%.

Willard is French. Multon represents Monaco. Hamman and Lall are American. The Croniers are French.





The Mixed Pairs Medalists:

Hemant Lall and Petra Hamman (silver), Franck Multon and Sylvie Willard (gold) and Benedicte and Philippe Cronier (bronze)



The winners of the IMP Pairs: Will Ehlers and Dori Byrnes, together with the Head TD Matt Smith



Thanks, team

I arrived in Orlando on Sept. 21 expecting to be one of the Daily Bulletin co-editors, then found out I was a substitute for the regular Daily Bulletin editor, Mark Horton, who was greatly missed at the 15th World Bridge Series in Orlando. No fill-in could ask for better support than I received from Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Herman De wael, Monika Kümmel (extremely good with layout and other necessities) and the reporters in the field: David Bird, Marc Smith, Ron Tacchi, Jos Jacobs and, new to the Daily Bulletin routine, Shireen Mohandes and Paul Barden. I would be remiss if I failed to thank Peter Eidt, who helped with the Daily Bulletin with proof reading most days after completing his scoring duties.

Many thanks also to Gianni Bertotto, who cheerfully delivered the printed hand records we depend on to do our jobs properly.

The Championships, as always, were exciting and entertaining. We hope the Daily Bulletin enhanced that experience.

Brent Manley

Thank you all for your smiles



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WBF PRESIDENT FAREWELL

ORLANDO, USA

21ST SEPTEMBER – 6TH OCTOBER 2018

Dear friends,

the curtain falls, we come to the end of the Championship and I am delighted that it has proved to be successful.

The On Site Organiser Alvin Levy has done a sterling job in organizing this event, which under the coordination of the WBF Championship Committee has gone very smoothly and I would like you all to know just how much we appreciate your efficiency, professionalism and dedication.

I think that you will all agree that the playing conditions have been splendid and you will all have taken advantage of the services, which were provided.

A large part of the success of these championships has to be credited to our marvellous staff, who did an excellent and exemplary job as always. I will now call on the various departments of these Championships to please stand to receive well-deserved applause.

Our thanks go to Alvin Levy, Chairman of the World Computer Championship assisted by Gerard Joyez; Maurizio Di Sacco, Operations Director and his assistant Gianni Bertotto; Simon Fellus, Services Coordinator; John Wignall and Laurie Kelso on Systems; our Reviewers Ata Aydin with the assistance of Herman De wael; our Tournament Directors led by the Head Tournament Director; Matt Smith and Co-Head TD Antonio Riccardi, Bertrand Gignoux, Laurie Kelso, Rui Marques, Jeanne van den Meiracker and Sol Weinstein as Chief TDs, Marc van Beijsterveldt and Bernardo Biondo, Assistant Chief TDs, Mihaela Balint, Gustavo Chediak, Anthony Ching, Waleed El-Menyawi, Ken Horwedel, Jakub Kasprzak, Mike Roberts and Yunjian Tang TDs and Gerald Tan and Tiffany Tse as Assistant TDs; the Secretariat with Marina Madia, Carol von Linstow and Dirk De Clercq; Protocol run by Sevinç Atay; Communication/PR run by Anna Gudge with Amaresh Deshpande, Development and Sponsorship Lindsey Weinger; Mark Newton as Manager of Master Points; Broadcasting with Mario Chavarria Kaifmann, Director, Cristian Cuchian, Editing, Sandra Leal, Graphic & Asst. Editing, Fabio Poleggi, Software Systems, and Alberto Benetti, Fernando Lema and Arianna Testa as Interviewers; Hospitality & Information run by Silvia Valentini, Chief of Hospitality, with Gildana Caputo as Chief of Registration assisted by Virginia Chediak, Matilde Faini, Branka Grguric, Fernanda Joanitti and Joanna Kowalczyk. The Main Office/Caddies overseen by Armand Trippaers, Gianluca Barrese, Manager, Chicco Battistone, Kristian Kantarevic and Alessandro Clair, Assistants and the Caddies Mattia Dallaturca, Jennifer Freedland, Matteo Galbiati, Samuele Meschi, Alessandro Pisconti, Luca Saglia and Federico Tosi; the Press Room under the Management of Jan Swaan with

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To all of you goes our most grateful appreciation.

But above all, on behalf of the WBF and personally I am pleased to congratulate you, the players, the true protagonists, and to express to all of you our gratitude. With your behaviour, creating an unforgettable atmosphere, you guaranteed the success of this event showing, once again, the values of fair play, friendship, harmony, solidarity, and the rejection of any discrimination, which are within sport in general and bridge in particular.

Once again and particularly this year, on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the WBF, we are especially happy and proud as bridge shows that it is a marvellous sport.

Dear friends, going back home and leaving you I am a little bit sad, but I will bring with me the memory of this great event, of you, of the old and new friends I met, and the enrichment of another extraordinary experience. And I am confident that you too will share my sentiments.

I am honoured to declare officially closed the 15th World Bridge Series.

Thank you. Have a safe back home.

Un abbraccio to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona

The Press Conference

On Saturday morning, the customary press conference was held.

Present were: Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President, Marc De Pauw, WBF Treasurer, David Harris, WBF Counsel, Barry Rigal, IBPA President and Simon Fellus, Services Coordinator. Some 20 journalists and interested parties attended the event.



Barry Rigal, president of the IBPA, David Harris, Marc De Pauw and Gianarrigo Rona, waiting for questions from the public.

Gianarrigo Rona gave a summary of recent events in the bridge world. He started by thanking the members of the Championship Committee who had done a fantastic job in organising this event, which he considered successful.

The venue was very nice, although the distances were a bit long.

Regarding the participation, the numbers were acceptable, except for the women teams. Many women prefer to play in the open competitions, so maybe a different format needs to be found for this event. Bringing back the knock-out to 64 teams (last used in Biarritz in 1982) had turned out to be a good idea. Perhaps adding another day to the qualifying might make the formula even better.

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the WBF, a special medal was made, which was handed out to all collaborators as well as to WBF Masters and bridge personalities.

This year also saw another world event: the Youth Championships in Wujiang, where 77 teams participated in 4 categories. The full quota of 22 teams (like for the Bermuda Bowl) had been reached in the Junior and Youngster categories, while there had been 18 teams from 5 zones in the Kids category. Our idea is to teach bridge to children, and put everything in place for them to return to the sport when they reach the age of 25. Also, teaching kids might encourage parents and grandparents to take up the sport.

At the WBF congress earlier in the week, new statutes and by-laws had been confirmed. They were now more modern, according to the Olympic charter and following the ideals of democracy and transparency. From 2020, three members of the Executive Council will be elected by the Congress (the others being, as now, appointed by the zones). The president would not be able to serve more than three terms, and an age limit of 80 would be imposed on the members of the executive. A strong structure which will guarantee the future of our sport.

Regarding the Olympic Games, Rona told the conference that bridge had just made its debut as part of a multi-sport event: the Asian Games. The players stayed in the athlete village, together with participants in other sports, and they walked in the opening ceremony. This is a very important evolution and the hope is that there will be a repeat. This is very likely in Beijing in 2022, and talks are going on with the organizers of the European Games. The dream of getting to the Olympics themselves received a boost when it was announced that the IOC had recognised e-sports, certainly even less of a physical activity than bridge, but carrying a lot of financial assets. Ideas are being put forward of separate games for "sports of attention" and the period between the Olympics and the Paralympics is suggested for such an event. The IOC recognises 73 International Federations and the WBF is proud to be one of them.

The president opened the floor to questions, the first of which came from Marshall Lewis. He wanted to know how the WBF intends to defend the integrity of the sport after the recent decisions of the CAS. David Harris replied that we need to comply with the rules of the CAS, even when these seem contrary to our expectations. The WBF has introduced a clause into our disciplinary code which would compel the CAS to appoint an expert (taken from the list of top 20 World Grand Masters) that would aid the tribunal who might not understand the complexities and specific needs of the sport of bridge. We will continue to talk to the CAS.

Barry Rigal wished to know if the WBF would advise the member countries on how to write rules based on probability, not certainty for convictions for cheating. David Harris replied that the CAS uses the concept of "comfortable satisfaction", which is somewhat between the standard in criminal cases and the one in civil matters.

David Harris commented on the case of the German seniors. They had been successful in an appeal to the German legal system, not because they were judged innocent, but because of procedural matters. Since then, all participants need to sign a declaration stating they must go through the process of arbitration.

Elisabeth van Ettinger, speaking also on behalf of Jan van Cleeff, wished to know developments in the matter of

For the 2021 Bermuda Bowl, discussions are under way with Marrakech, Morocco.

Al Levy

Board 64. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Synrey</i>	<i>WB5</i>	<i>Synrey</i>	<i>WB5</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

5♣ 0 or 3 key cards

(Editor: Had East discarded twice, the computer would have had to guess the ending. This deal perhaps indicates the strength and weakness of computers.)



Mixed Teams SF - S3

In search of a come-back

Barry Rigal

With the margins in both semi-finals uncomfortably large, the trailing teams would need to start making an impression quickly. For ZHAOHENG there were 28 deals to go – but 45 IMPs is 45 IMPs. And in the other match it wasn't just that FERM trailed by 75, it was that they had only scored 26 IMPs so far.

We shall focus on WILSON v ZHAOHENG for this set. After a quiet first deal (both tables using keycard to stay out of a slam missing two keycards) a weak 2♠ worked far less well than a Multi 2♦.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	S. Wu	Willenken
2♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	Dble	4♣	Pass

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
2♦*	2NT	Pass	Pass
		All Pass	

Chris Willenken had a tough choice, and did well to pass out 4♠x – though in fact one can make five of a red suit. But would N/S have found clubs if Willenken had bid 4NT? 2NT made 150 on the lead of ♥J, won in dummy to play ♦Q, while 4♠x cost 500 when declarer did not manage to divine the layout of the spades.

In the other match, however, De Wijs escaped for 300 in 4♠x (after opening the West cards 3♠) while 4♥ was allowed to play for 650 in the other room after Pettis opened 2♠. 8 IMPs to FERM.

The next deal saw both Easts struggle in INT on an accurate defense, Ritmeijer reading the position better than his counterpart to escape for down one, and pick up a further 3 undertrick IMPs. It was now 141-86.

The next deal offered vast possibility for swing.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Liao	Ritmeijer	Xie
1♣!	1♠	Double	2♣!
2♥	5NT	7♥	Double
All pass			

West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	S Wu	Willenken
Pass	1♦	2♥	3♣
4♥	4♣	All pass	

Curiously only one of the four tables got close to slam though. After Brock opened 1♦ the opponents competed in hearts, Willenken bid clubs, and Brock simply bid 5♠ over 4♥. In the other room Liao overcalled 1♠ over Ticha's 1♣ opening (gag me with a spoon!) and now Xie could produce a cuebid raise over Ritmeijer's negative double. Liao tried a delicate 5NT call at her next turn but Ritmeijer saved in 7♥ and after three rounds of diamonds, ruffed high, he was able to endplay his opponents to broach clubs, and escape for 1100 and a loss of 9 IMPs.

In the other match Madsen bid single-handedly to 5♠ in the face of her partner's silence plus double of 5♥. Facing anyone less ebullient that this North, Drijver might have considered slam, I suppose.

The set went quiet for a while, though both trailing teams picked up partscore swings, once when Li/Wu competed more effectively than their counterparts, and once when Palmer misguessed the play in a partscore and De Wijs found the defense to take advantage of that.

ZHAOHENG then picked up a significant swing on the eighth deal of the set, when Willenken held:

♠	K Q 6
♥	10 8 6 5
♦	Q J 8 5 3
♣	K

After his partner opened INT he heard his RHO bid 2♠. He jumped to 3NT – eminently practical but disastrous

That board was enough to kick-start ZHAOHENG into action.

♠ A Q 7 3
 ♥ A 9 7 6 5
 ♦ —
 ♣ O 10 7 6

♠ 9 8
♥ 4 2
♦ J 8 7 4
♣ J 9 8 4 2

♠ J 6 5
♥ Q 10 3
♦ K Q 9 5 3
♣ A 3

♠ K 10 4 2
♥ K J 8
♦ A 10 6 2
♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>S. Wu</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
		1♦	Dble
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Ticha</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Xie</i>
		1♦	Dble
3♦	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All pass	

He now had 11 tricks (two ruffs, four spades, the diamond ace and two tricks in hearts and clubs). I'm not sure whether he planned to finesse in hearts next, but when he led a low heart from the dummy East played the ten! Willenken now took the king, drew trumps, and needed either the club jack or to be able to play hearts for no loser — either dropping the queen or finessing against West. Neither line worked today.

In the other room Xie took an early heart finesse. Easy peasy...and 17 IMPs in the process to make the score 146-128.

Two deals later the Chinese went plus in both rooms, defeating a part-score and a game, (made by Drijver in the other match after some uninspired defense, to leave the set score 29-3 to FERM and the match score as 104-55 at the break). Then ZHAOHENG reduced the match margin to single figures:

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ 4 2
♦ A K 7
♣ Q 7 3

♠ J 4
♥ A K J 9 8 3
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 9 2



♠ K 8 6
♥ Q 10 7 5
♦ J 3 2
♣ K 10 5

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 6
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ A | 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Li</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>S. Wu</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ticha</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Xie</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

Ritmeijer's decisions appear somewhat inconsistent (didn't either the ♠K get worse when the opponents have nine trumps, or South suggest extras by competing again, so partner rates to have less?). But it is easy to be wise after the event. On balance two down in 4♥ was cheap at the price and Liao's double meant that the match margin was down to 9 IMPs.

Finally some respite for the WILSON team:



Zhaobing Xie

Board 14. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Li	Brock	S. Wu	Willenken
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All pass	

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

All pass

Here Xie made a slam try then used keycard, and signed off when an ace was missing. That seems inconsistent to me — make partner's heart jack the queen, and slam is basically cold. As it was, on a trump lead or heart lead and trump shift declarer would be awkwardly placed, because of the removal of an entry to dummy. Slam would then depend on the club break, but with significant double squeeze and guard squeeze chances because of the threat in hearts.

After a heart lead and diamond shift declarer jeopardized the contract by playing to ruff out clubs (a 5-1 break would surely defeat you now) but all was well and the irrelevant overtrick duly materialized.

Willenken showed a semi-solid suit or better and then the partnership cuebid their way to slam. Here too the defenders led hearts and shifted to diamonds. In this room Wu might well have switched to spades; however, if declarer had begun with ♠KQJ10xxx ♥K ♦AJ10x ♣x West would have been inextricably caught in a triple squeeze and forced to reveal the diamond position.

Willenken ruffed out the clubs and had his slam. WILSON led 159-139 with a set to go.

Yeh Bros Cup 2019

The 2019 Yeh Bros Cup will take place from
9th-April-2019 to 13th-April-2019

venue is

“Dongjiao State Guest Hotel” of Shanghai.

Dongjiao State Guest Hotel was the venue of 2015 Yeh Cup. In 2019, there will be 28 teams participating and all teams are from invitations; tournament formats are same as before.

A formal invitation will be sent out later.



Yeh Bros Cup Bridge Invitation

9th-13th April 2019



Hosted by: Chinese Contract Bridge Association
Organized by: Shanghai Financial Bridge Club
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Mixed Teams SF - S4

ZHAOHENG v WILSON and FERM v MANFIELD

Jos Jacobs

After ZHAOHENG's rally in the 3rd set, only 20 IMPs separated the two contenders with 14 boards to play: the scoreboard stood at 159-139 to WILSON. ZHAOHENG had won the 3rd set by 25 so another 25 would be more than enough to see them through to the final.

In the other semi-final, MANFIELD were leading FERM 104-55 when the set started, so FERM would need yet another Houdini act (we had already seen some fine recoveries by them) to reach the final.

This was the first board:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Liao</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Xie</i>
2♣	Dble	3♣	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

West led the ♣10. The right line, if there is any, is far from obvious. Declarer ducked the ♣10 and won the second club. His next move was a low diamond. West won the ♦10 and played the ♣Q on which East could discard a spade – an essential move, as we shall see. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond in dummy. Next came the ♠AK and a spade, on which East discarded her ♦K while declarer again had to ruff in his hand. A trump then went to West's blank ace but with only trumps left, East was bound to score another trick: the setting trick. WILSON +100.

At the other table, Richard Ritmeijer was helped by the bidding and the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jia Li</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>T. Zhou</i>	<i>Tichá</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Rdbl	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

He was playing the hand from the other side of the table, and got a spade lead from East. He won the ace and immediately ran the ♦9 which lost to West's ♦10. Back came the ♣9 to the jack, king and ace. He went on to cash the ♦A and ruff a diamond in hand before leading a heart to the ♥9 in dummy. West won the ace, cashed a club and continued the suit, dummy ruffing with the ♥10 as East discarded a spade. A diamond could now be ruffed with the ♥6 in hand, bringing down the ♦K from East and Ritmeijer then had the rest in a high cross-ruff for a useful +620 and 12 IMPs to WILSON.

In the FERM v MANFIELD match, we saw almost exactly the same swing. Here is what happened there:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>	<i>S. Drijver</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

Debbie Rosenberg led the ♣10, which held the trick, and shifted to a spade. Bas Drijver won dummy's ace and led a diamond. Michael Rosenberg split his honours and his ♦Q was allowed to win. Back came the ♣K to declarer's ace, and the ♥Q went to West's ace. Declarer ruffed the club continuation, on which East shed a low diamond, and cashed the ♥J, getting the bad news. He went on to cash the ♥10, cross to the ♠K and draw the last trump before making the last three tricks by way of the diamond finesse through East. FERM +620.



Debbie Rosenberg

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Palmer	von Arnim	W. Cole
3♣	Dble	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

De Wijs led the ♣10, which declarer immediately won with the ace. A low diamond went to West's ♦10 and a club went to the king and ace. The ♥Q was won by West's ace and declarer ruffed the club continuation in hand, East shedding a spade. Next came ♦A, diamond ruff, ♠AK and a spade ruff in hand on which East could discard her ♦K. As she could overruff dummy's low trump now, the contract had to go one down for another +100 and 12 IMPs to FERM. Would this be the start of their recovery?

Back to WILSON v ZHAOHENG.

Two boards later, there was an accident.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Liao	Brock	Xie
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♣
	3NT	All Pass	

In the Open Room, the Chinese reached the proper contract for +400. On a heart lead to the ace and a heart back, East won the ♥10 and did her best by returning the ♣Q but declarer put up the king and was home when the diamonds were worth five tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Ritmeijer	T. Zhou	Tichá
	INT	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Once West could plant doubts into N/S minds about the quality of their heart stoppers, the damage was done. Heart to the ace and a heart back, declarer throwing a club from dummy on the ♥K. The ♣J then went to the queen and king which held and the next club went to East's ♣8. The ♠J was returned to the ♠A. Rather than giving up a

trump trick and cashing five diamonds (yes, an unlikely line), declarer ruffed a heart in dummy and ruffed a club with his ♠8 when West discarded the ♦10. When declarer crossed to the ♦A and drew two top trumps, the defenders had the rest. One down, ZHAOHENG +50 and 10 IMPs back to them.

The next board was a slam, maybe.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Liao	Brock	Xie
1♠	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

Brock and Willenken came nowhere near a slam and scored a solid +450 for WILSON.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Ritmeijer	T. Zhou	Tichá
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	5♦	Dble
5♥	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
		6♣	All Pass

After the Strong Club, the Chinese had a basically natural auction to the slam in the wrong denomination. This went down two for another +100 and 11 IMPs to WILSON who were starting to really run away from their opponents now.

In the other match, FERM did indeed reach the spade slam.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
D. Rosenberg	Lund Madsen	M. Rosenberg	S. Drijver
1♠	Pass	1♣	1♦
3♦	Dble	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	4♥	Pass

A routine +450 for MANFIELD.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Palmer	von Arnim	W. Cole
1♠	Pass	1♣	1♦
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass	6♦	Pass

Simon de Wijs won the heart lead in hand, ruffed a diamond in dummy and played ♠A and another. South won the king and returned a diamond but when De Wijs won the ace and tried a ruffing club finesse through South, he had to accept one down in what was a crucial board in this match. MANFIELD another +50 and 11 IMPs to them to lead by 42 but had Simon made his contract, the FERM deficit would have been reduced to 20.

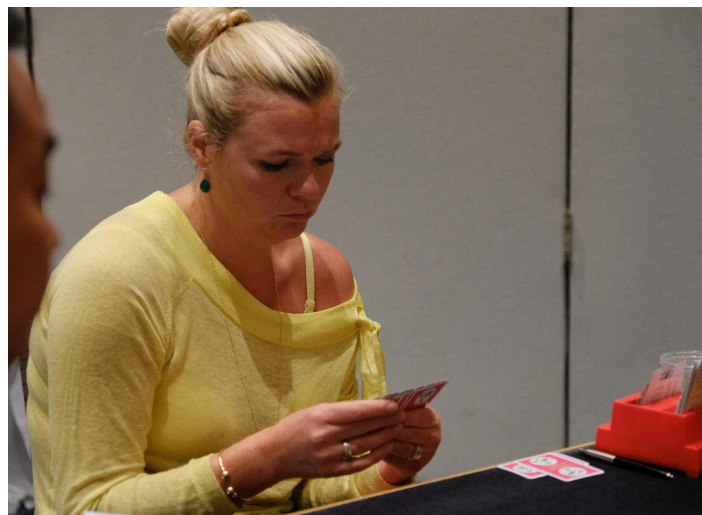
Back again to ZHAOHENG v WILSON.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Liao	Brock	Xie
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Christina Lund-Madsen

North led a heart to the queen and ace. Willenken cashed his five clubs and played a spade to the king. When this held, he had nine tricks. WILSON +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Ritmeijer	T. Zhou	Tichá
2NT	Pass	3NT	2♥
			All Pass

Same contract and same lead in the other room. The difference was that declarer, after crossing to dummy's ♣A, immediately led a low spade. When Tichá went up with her ace to return a heart, declarer played low, so North could win the ♥10 and return the suit to defeat the contract. WILSON another +100 and 12 IMPs to extend their lead to 48 with 9 to play.

The next board was fun, especially in the FERM v MANFIELD match:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
D. Rosenberg	Lund Madsen	M. Rosenberg	S. Drijver
1♥	2♣	4♥	5♣
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

In the ZHAOHENG v WILSON match, both tables were in 5♣X. Ritmeijer even made an overtrick when East forgot to cover the ♠10, on which dummy's second diamond disappeared. WILSON 5 more IMPs.

In the FERM v MANFIELD match, Christina Lund Madsen knew even better than that and redoubled for a round score of +1000.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Palmer	von Arnim	W. Cole
1♥	2♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

No redouble here, so FERM lost only 750 and scored another 6 IMPs.

Back again to WILSON v ZHAOHENG.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Liao	Brock	Xie
	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		



Bas Drijver

Against this simple auction South led a diamond. Dummy's ace won and the ♥J was run to South's blank ace. A diamond came back to dummy's king and declarer played another heart on which North inserted the ♥10. Declarer won the king and conceded a trick to North's ♥Q (South discarding the ♦6 and dummy a spade). When North returned a spade rather than a club, Brock could draw the last trump and cash the remaining spades to make her contract for +420 to WILSON.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Ritmeijer	T. Zhou	Tichá
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Diamond lead and a trump to the king and ace for a smooth down two and another +100 or 11 IMPs to WILSON. This match looked all over by now.

For the sake of completeness, here is a board on which ZHAOHENG got some IMPs back near the end.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Liao	Brock	Xie
		Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♠	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Well done to the proper contract. ZHAOHENG +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jia Li	Ritmeijer	T. Zhou	Tichá
		Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♠	3♣	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

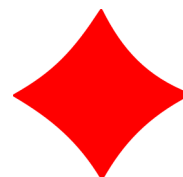
After West's double, N/S did well to stay out of no-trump altogether, but it proved too difficult for them to stay out of game. One down, with East's double as the icing on the cake for another +200 and 8 IMPs to ZHAOHENG.

The final scores:

ZHAOHENG v WILSON 221-161

FERM v MANFIELD 92-117

It would be WILSON v MANFIELD in Saturday's 56-board Mixed Teams final.



Mixed Teams Final - S1

WILSON v MANFIELD

Marc Smith

The all-American MANSFIELD team takes on the multi-national WILSON in the Mixed Teams final. Each team has one player looking to complete a remarkable double by winning a second team's title at these championships: Sally Brock from the WILSON team and Beth PALMER from MANFIELD were both members of the BAKER team (Palmer was npc) that won the Women's title a few days ago. Congratulations to both of them on a fabulous championship.

In an opening set that saw only 43 IMPs exchanged, there were three double-figure swings and nothing else representing more than an extra undertrick. WILSON stepped out to an early lead on this deal.

This proved to be a poor advertisement for 19-20 2NT openings. Melanie Manfield transferred at the 4-level then rolled out RKCB. She found first the missing three key-cards and then the $\diamond K$ opposite her singleton. True, she didn't know about the $\heartsuit K$ or the extra spade length opposite, but the signoff at the six-level still seems cautious.

Things were perhaps more straightforward at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M.Rosenberg	Brock	D.Rosenberg	Willenken
			1 \clubsuit
Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 \clubsuit
Pass	7 \spadesuit	All Pass	

Chris Willenken opened One Club and his raise to game in spades suggested no shortage, and thus virtually promised an 18-19 no-trump with four spades. Sally Brock checked on key cards and jumped straight to the grand when they were all accounted for. N/S +1510 and 11 IMPs for WILSON.

The next swing was not long in coming and, again, everything seemed fairly normal in the Closed Room. This was the layout:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit K Q		\spadesuit J 9 5 3
\heartsuit Q 10 9 6		\heartsuit A 5
\diamond K 6 5		\diamond 8 7 3
\clubsuit K 6 3 2		\clubsuit Q J 8 4
\spadesuit A 10 8 6 4 2	<div><div>N</div><div>W</div><div>E</div><div>S</div></div>	\spadesuit 7
\heartsuit 8 4 2		\heartsuit K J 7 2
\diamond J 10 2		\diamond A Q 9 4
\clubsuit A		\clubsuit 10 9 7 5

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M.Rosenberg	Brock	D.Rosenberg	Willenken
		Pass	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Dble	3 \clubsuit	3 \spadesuit
Pass	4 \clubsuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit
All Pass			

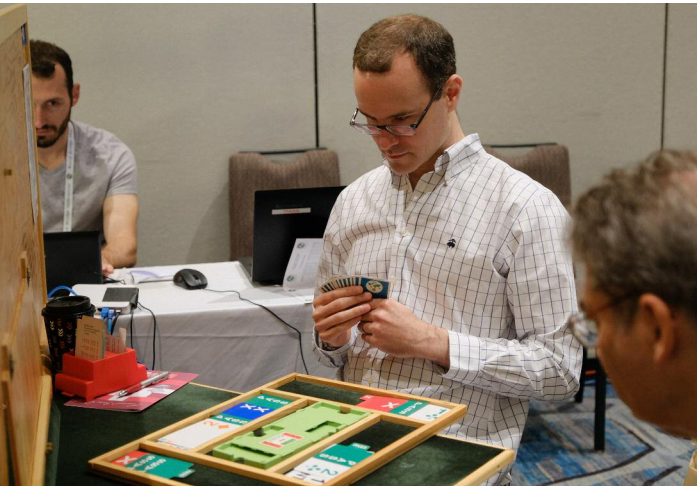
Michael Rosenberg might perhaps have chosen to open with a weak Two Spades in third seat at red, but One Spade looks quite normal. Sally Brock doubled on what was really

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit 9	\spadesuit A Q J 10 5 2	\spadesuit 7 4
\heartsuit Q J 6 4 2	\heartsuit A 7 5	\heartsuit 10 9 8
\diamond 6 5 3	\diamond J	\diamond Q 10 9 8 7 2
\clubsuit J 8 6 2	\clubsuit K 9 7	\clubsuit 4 3
	<div><div>N</div><div>W</div><div>E</div><div>S</div></div>	
	\spadesuit K 8 6 3	
	\heartsuit K 3	
	\diamond A K 4	
	\clubsuit A Q 10 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Prooijen	Manfield	Wilson	Pettis
			2NT
Pass	4 \heartsuit *	Pass	4 \spadesuit
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 \clubsuit
Pass	5NT	Pass	6 \diamond
Pass	6 \spadesuit	All Pass	



Chris Willenken

a horrible hand, but we all would, I'm sure. Debbie Rosenberg's jumps to Three Clubs as a passed hand was now some sort of constructive spade raise.

Perhaps the South hand is only worth Three Hearts now, but you know that you cannot win the auction there as the opponents have effectively already competed to Three Spades. Not unreasonably, expecting that the hands might fit rather better, Willenken opted to get his side to game whilst showing suitability for denominations other than hearts on the way, just in case partner was off-shape with extra values.

Four Hearts never had any chance. The defense have three aces and cannot avoid making a second club trick even if they do not take their ruff (the Rosenbergs did, which hastened the play). N/S -50.

West's actions at the other table were the antithesis of the normality displayed by Michael Rosenberg here.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Prooijen	Manfield	Wilson	Pettis
		Pass	Pass
Pass!?	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠!!!	Dble	All Pass	



Ricco van Prooijen

Ricco van Prooijen elected to pass the West hand in third seat, an eclectic choice indeed. North was now comfortably able to show a minimum opening bid with 4-card heart support. Alison Wilson gently competed to Two Spades after her partner's delayed entry into the auction and William Pettis made an aggressive game try on the South cards. Melanie Manfield did not much like her hand, so she quite reasonably signed off.

Now the auction slipped into Alice in Wonderland territory. Wilson, presumably regretting not making the pre-emptive raise her hand was worth on the previous

round, but understandably confused by her partner's initial pass, competed to the three-level in spades. Pettis, having made a marginal effort that had been rejected by his partner, now accepted his own game try and soldiered on to Four Hearts. Words fail me at this juncture: suffice it to say that West now bid Four Spades. A grateful North applied the axe, so N/S -50 had magically become +500 and MANFIELD gained 11 IMPs to take a narrow lead.

Swings were in short supply over the next few deals, but one board had marginal potential. E/W could make a fairly comfortable ten tricks in hearts, but was there any way to bid game on their very limited values?

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Rosenberg	Brock	D. Rosenberg	Willenken
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♦
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

The odds on reaching game reduced dramatically when Debbie Rosenberg passed a hand that surely most people on my side of the Atlantic these days would consider a routine One Heart opening. She overcalled belatedly once both opponents were bidding and now, much to the BBO VuGraph commentators' surprise, Michael made what seemed to be a very ambitious takeout double on a hand that seemed to be worth no more than a raise to Two Hearts facing a passed partner. But you can understand why he might want a spade lead, of course, on defense.

Debbie bid her second suit, but never considered bidding again once partner corrected to Three Hearts. E/W +170.

The auction at the other table was equally mysterious:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Prooijen	Manfield	Wilson	Pettis
		1♥	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Here, Alison Wilson did open One Heart on the East hand. South intervened with a takeout double and West now seems to have a choice between a natural One Spade

(planning to show his heart fit at his next turn) and a rather heavy raise to Two Hearts. A good advert for transfers in this auction, perhaps.

Eschewing both of these options, van Prooijen passed and, when North's Two Diamonds was passed back to him, he simply contested the two-level with Two Hearts, to my untutored eye suggesting a hand that was not even worth a simple raise over One Heart - Double. Of course, there was no way Wilson was bidding again now: E/W +170 and yet another pushed board. (Editor: we suspect West did not raise hearts in case his partner was very short in spades and over-competed.)



Michael Rosenberg

The final major swing of the set came late on, and from an unexpected quarter:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Prooijen	Manfield	Wilson	Pettis
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Alison Wilson simply raised to game, rather than looking for a spade fit. It seems as if declarer may be in trouble on

a heart lead through dummy's K-J-x and a club switch, which forces declarer to cut himself off from one hand or the other. If declarer now ducks the first round of spades when the jack appears, South can play a diamond to remove the ♦A whilst the spades are still blocked. However, declarer can always prevail, since South gets squeezed when declarer cashes black suit winners and can then eventually be endplayed to give dummy a trick and the lead.

When Manfield opted for a spade lead, though, declarer was not tested. The Dutchman was soon claiming ten tricks: E/W +430 and what looked like another flat board against Four Spades at the other table.

But, a strange thing happened on the way to the forum:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Rosenberg	Brock	D. Rosenberg	Willenken
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

The auction looks quite normal for the first five bids. Over Three Spades, though, Debbie Rosenberg (who has played faultlessly in the sets that this author has seen in the latter stages of this event) chose to make a slam try via a Four Diamond cue bid. The VuGraph commentators were unanimous that this was just too much on what was known to be a combined 29-30 count with two balanced hands and an eight-card fit. Unfortunately for the MANFIELD team, Michael had a suitable hand and launched into Blackwood: even 11 tricks would have been too many on a black-suit lead.

Willenken cashed his ♥A at trick one, ensuring that nothing could go wrong for the defense. When he then continued with a second heart, declarer had the rest except for the unavoidable trump loser: E/W -50 and 10 IMPs to WILSON, who retook the lead and held a 23-20 advantage with 14 of the 56 boards completed.



Sally Brock

Mixed Pairs Final – Session One

Brian Senior

The 2018 World Mixed Pairs final saw 26 pairs play an all-play-all competition of 50 boards, split into three sessions. 23 pairs had qualified through semi-final A and three from semi-final B. With a bronze medal play-off in the World Mixed Teams, there were no drop-ins from that event.

The movement of pairs is such that we see a good selection just by watching one table so I will concentrate on Table 10 for this report.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gulevich	Multon	Gromov	Willard
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The France/Monaco pairing of Sylvie Willard and Franck Multon bid smoothly to the spade game. Anna Gulevich led the eight of diamonds to the jack and ace and Willard led a club to the nine, a good start for her when it held the trick. She continued with a heart to the jack and queen, and back came the ten of diamonds. Willard ruffed and played the king of hearts, running it when Gulevich played low. When the ♥K held the trick, Willard ruffed her low heart, drew trumps and led a club to the ten. A diamond ruff put her back in hand and a further club finesse saw her with 12 tricks for a solid +480.

All 13 tables saw N/S play in the spade game, one going to the five level. One declarer found a way to make only 10 tricks, while four made 11 and eight 12, so Willard/Multon scored 17 out of 24.



Sylvie Willard

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gulevich	Multon	Gromov	Willard
4♥	Dble	2♥	3♦
		All Pass	

Russia's Andrei Gromov opened with a weak 2♥ and Gulevich raised to game over Willard's overcall. Multon doubled to show his good values and Willard, with no exceptional distribution for her overcall, left it in. Willard led the two of clubs, Gromov rising with the ace and ruffing a club then giving up a diamond. Multon won that and returned the queen of spades to the king and ace. Willard played back a spade, so Multon won two more of those then switched to his low heart. Gromov played low, losing to the bare queen, but had the rest for down two and -300.

There was plenty of variety on this one, with one N/S scoring +620 in 4♠ and two bidding and making 5♦, while 3NT and 5♦ doubled each failed once. That left the +300s scoring 11 out of 24 for N/S.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Pszczola	Hinden	Sakr
2♣	2♦	2♥	Pass
4♣	5♦	6♣	3♦
			All Pass

England's Graham Osborne opened a strong and artificial 2♣ and Jacek Pszczola overcalled 2♦, natural. Frances Hinden showed her heart positive and May Sakr supported her partner's diamonds. When Osborne now showed the clubs and Pszczola took the advance save in 5♦, Hinden bid 6♣, ending the auction. Pszczola led the queen of spades, Sakr winning the ace. That was all for the defence, so Osborne had his slam for +1370. Six Diamonds would have been cheap – even losing to both the ♠K and ♦Q would be only down five.

You have to feel sorry for Osborne and Hinden on this one as 6♣ making exactly scored just 1 MP. Six times, 6♣ received a diamond lead so made the overtrick, while there were also five 1470s in 6NT – you can see the potential problem in that contract.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Pszczola	Hinden	Sakr
1♣	Pass	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

When Osborne's 1♣ opening was passed round to her, Sakr had no ideal call with her 18 HCP but the wrong

three-suiter to show via a double. She improvised a little, jumping to 2NT to show around 18-20 balanced, and that ended the auction. Osborne cashed the ace of clubs then continued with the king before switching to a low heart round to the ten and queen. Sakr played diamonds from the top and when the queen fell cashed out the suit. She had two spades and a club to come so nine tricks in all for +150.

One N/S bid and made 3NT, while another collected +500 out of 2♥ doubled. The rest all made partscores, raging from 2♣ just making to 2♦+3 and 1NT+3. Sakr scored 8 out of 24 for her +150.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Blaagestad	Gan	Bilde	Shan
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

The Chinese N/S pair found their spade fit, made an artificial game try, and stopped in 3♠, which looks fine on the combined hands, though the cards lie kindly so that



Ling Gan

game was made. Dennis Bilde led the three of clubs to his partner's ace and Lise Blaagestad switched to the seven of diamonds to the eight and king. Bilde returned the $\diamond 2$ and when Gan played low from dummy West put in the queen. Gan won the ace of diamonds, led a heart to the jack and, when that held the trick, led the nine of spades and ran it, followed by the queen, again finessing. He drew the last trump and had the rest of the tricks, 11 in all, for +200.

Three pairs bid and made $4\spadesuit$, while there was also a +500 from $3\diamond$ doubled. That eleventh trick, however, saved the board for Gan/Shan, who scored 15 MPs out of 24.

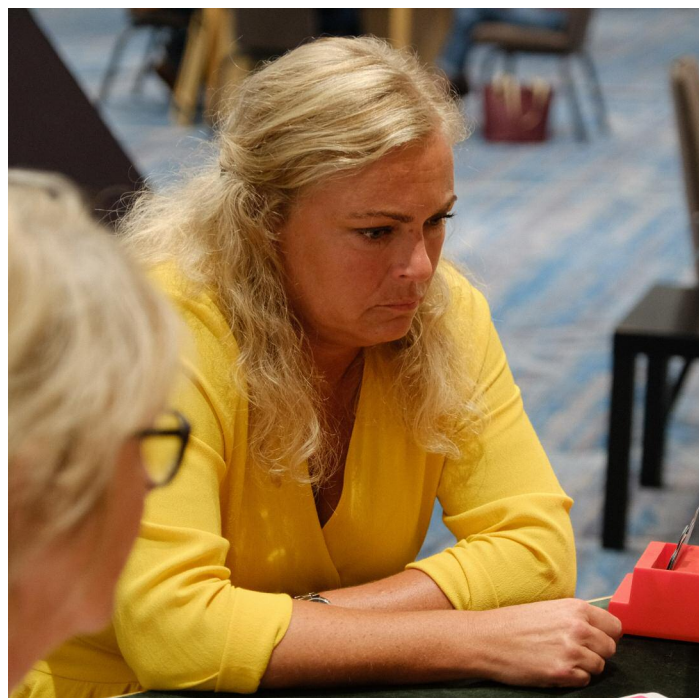
Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Blaagestad	Gan	Bilde	Shan
Pass	$1\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	$2\spadesuit$

The Chinese pair again played a spade partscore, Shan making the interesting decision to raise the $1\spadesuit$ opening to $2\spadesuit$ with the doubleton king-queen. That might have benefited Gan as he was in the same contract as many other declarers but with the defence knowing less about his hand than at other tables. Bilde led the jack of diamonds round to declarer's bare ace. Gan led a low heart from hand, won the spade return and played a heart to the king and ace. Bilde returned a second trump to dummy's king. Gan was not where he wanted to be. He ruffed a diamond back to hand and gave up a heart to establish two winners in the suit. Blaagestad won the heart and returned a diamond and Gan did the best he could by discarding a club as Bilde won the king. Bilde switched to the jack of clubs to the king and ace and Blaagestad continued with the $\clubsuit Q$. Gan ruffed and cashed the ace of spades then played a heart. Bilde ruffed and had to concede the last trick to dummy's queen of diamonds, so the contract was down one for -50.

One N/S played in $3\heartsuit$ and made it – how do you get to play in hearts? One made $2\spadesuit$. The rest were making six or seven tricks in $2\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit$ or $2NT$. Minus 50 was worth 16 out of 24. Gan's club discard when Blaagestad returned a diamond after winning the third heart, creating an extra winner in the queen of diamonds, gained him 9 extra MPs compared to ruffing, when he would have been down two.



Lise Blaagestad

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde Hammond	Fuglestad	Onsgard	
$1\clubsuit$	$1\heartsuit$	$3NT$	Pass
			All Pass

Norway's Erik Saelensminde opened $1\clubsuit$ and Hammond overcalled $1\heartsuit$. Ann Karin Fuglestad jumped to $3NT$ and played there on the lead of the two of hearts from Kristen Onsgard. That went to the six, nine and jack and Fuglestad played the ten of spades, Hammond winning the ace and returning the $\heartsuit Q$ to pin dummy's ten. Fuglestad won the heart and continued with the queen of spades. Hammond won the king and persisted with a third heart. Fuglestad won and cashed dummy's spade winners, Hammond throwing both his remaining hearts and Fuglestad, after a little thought, a club. Next she led a low diamond towards the jack and when Hammond won the queen had the rest; 10 tricks for +630.

Everyone played in $3NT$ and only four declarers managed the overtrick, so Fuglestad/Saelensminde scored 21 out of 24.

Unfortunately, we lost BBO coverage for a couple of boards so we rejoin the action with Board 10.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
M. Bell	Zhang	S. Bell	Zhao
		INT	All Pass

England's Sarah Bell opened INT and played there. China's Zhao led the queen of diamonds and Bell won the ace and returned a low diamond to South's jack. He tried a heart now, the jack losing to declarer's ace, and Bell played the ♦10 to Zhao's king. Though Zhang had pitched a heart on the third diamond, nothing else appealed and Zhao played a second heart to the queen and king. Bell ducked a club now, Zhang overtaking her partner's nine with the ten and returning the three of spades. Declarer's eight forced the queen and, having won the ace she ducked a second club and had nine tricks for +150.

There was one E/W pair going down in 3NT, and three in 2NT, making exactly. The rest played in INT and most made only eight tricks. Bell scored 22 out of 24 by being one of only three declarers to make a ninth trick.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Orlov	Czyzowicz	Dikhnova	Blank
			INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♣
3♥	All Pass		

Canada's Sondra Blank opened INT as dealer and Jurek Czyzowicz transferred to spades then passed the completion. Russia's Tatiana Dikhnova made a balancing double and Blank took the opportunity to introduce her powerful club suit. Sergey Orlov competed with 3♥ and that bought the contract. Czyzowicz led the three of clubs, Blank winning the nine and continuing with a top club, which declarer ruffed. He led the jack of hearts and ran it, won the low spade return with his ace, and led a diamond to the queen, ruffed dummy's last club, and cashed the queen of hearts. A diamond to the king and ace put him in dummy to draw the outstanding trump, and that was 11 tricks for +200.

One N/S pair bid and made 4♠, while two other made 11 tricks in 2♠. Twice, E/W were doubled in 4♦ and made exactly. Nobody else played in a heart contract, and Orlov's 3♥+2 scored 16 MPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Orlov	Czyzowicz	Dikhnova	Blank
Pass	Pass	1♥	INT
All Pass			

Dikhnova opened 1♥ and Blank overcalled INT. Some would no doubt have doubled with the West hand but Orlov went quietly and led the six of hearts to the jack, Blank ducking. Dikhnova continued with the king of hearts, Blank winning the ace and playing the queen of spades. That was ducked and she now judged to switch her attention to clubs, leading the six to dummy's nine. Dikhnova ducked the club so Blank tried the remaining suit, diamonds. She led low and got it wrong, putting in the jack and losing to the queen. The defence can take the rest of the tricks now, but Orlov wasn't sure which suit to return and finally hit on a low spade. Blank won dummy's nine and played the ♠J and Dikhnova discarded her last losing card, the seven of clubs. Orlov won the spade and led a club and that was that; down three for -300.

Two Souths played in 1♠ doubled, making exactly. Four E/Ws bid to game and made it, three times 4♥, and once 3NT+1. Plus 300 scored 15 out of 24, and the extra undertrick which could have been taken would have been worth only one more matchpoint.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Bessis	Bompis	Baroni
	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble	INT	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Marc Bompis (France) opened 1♣ and Italy's Irene Baroni made a wafer-thin overcall of 1♦. Catherine d'Ovidio doubled to show hearts then raised her partner's free support-bid to game. Baroni led the four of diamonds, Bompis playing low from dummy and Thomas Bessis winning the ace. Bessis switched to a trump, Bompis winning cheaply in dummy and playing the jack of clubs to the king and ace. He drew the remaining trumps now, ending in dummy, and led a club to the eight. When the ♣10 fell Bompis could get rid of both dummy's small spade and simply give up a diamond then ruff the last diamond; 11 tricks for +650.

Everyone played in 4♥, with six declarers finding the overtrick, seven not. That meant 19 MPs to d'Ovidio/Bompis.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
D'Ovidio	Bessis	Bompis	Baroni
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♠	All Pass	

D'Ovidio opened 1♦, possibly three cards, then made a Support Double to show three hearts. Bessis's simple spade raise was enough to cut out Bompis's diamond support and Baroni was allowed to declare 2♠. D'Ovidio led the ace of diamonds then continued with the king, Baroni ruffing. Baroni played four rounds of hearts, being allowed to ruff the fourth round low in dummy, then ruffed dummy's last diamond and led a spade to the jack. Bompis won the ♠K and returned a club. Three rounds of those saw him collect a ruff but declarer had the last two tricks with top trumps so eight tricks in all for a useful-looking +110.

A couple of N/Ss got as high as 4♠, no doubt after South had opened the bidding, and were down two, while three others managed nine tricks in partscore. The top E/W score went to the pair who were allowed to play in 3♦ for +110, while two others were down one in 4♦ and two more pushed their opponents to 3♠ down one. All of that meant that Baroni/Bessis scored 16 MPs for +110.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Gromov	Zmuda	Gulevich
			Pass
Pass	1♠	INT	2♠
Dble	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Gromov opened 1♠ in third seat and Poland's Justyna Zmuda overcalled INT. When Gulevich supported Gromov's spades, Michal Klukowski found an aggressive take-out double with the West cards and Zmuda responded 2NT. For me, that would have been two places to play, and Zmuda's hand suggests that this might have been what she intended by it, but Klukowski passed. Gulevich led out the ace then jack of spades. Zmuda won the king and led a low heart to the queen and king, and Gromov rattled off the spades. Having done so, he switched to a club, but Zmuda could win that and knock out the ace of hearts before claiming the rest for down two and -100; not so bad, at least on paper, with N/S cold for 10 tricks in a spade contract.

And, sure enough, there were nine tables at which N/S did play a spade partscore, including 2♠ doubled plus two on one occasion. The top E/W score went to a pair who were allowed to play INT, just made, but Klukowski/Zmuda's -100 came next, along with 22 MPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p> ♠ 9 7 5 ♥ K Q 9 4 2 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ A 6 </p>			
♠ 4 ♥ 7 ♦ A 4 3 2 ♣ K Q J 9 7 5 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 8 6 3 2 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ 10 8	
<p> ♠ K Q J 10 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ 4 2 </p>			
West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Gromov	Zmuda	Gulevich
4♣	All Pass		

Klukowski opened 4♣, pre-emptive but showing quite a lot of playing strength at this vulnerability. Nobody had anything to add to that so 4♣ it was, against which Gromov led the king of hearts to dummy's ace. Klukowski led the eight of clubs to the king and ace and back came the seven of diamonds to the jack and ace. He ran a few trumps but nothing good materialised and he eventually played king and another diamond to set up the thirteenth card and had 11 tricks for +150.

Plus 150 didn't get the job done for E/W, with no fewer than 10 pairs bidding and making either 3NT or 5♣. The top score went to 3NT+3, on the lead of the king of spades, so North must have switched to a heart on winning

**Catherine d'Ovidio**

the ace of clubs, and both defenders must then have ungaurded the diamonds. The other three Easts who declared 3NT also received a spade lead but made only nine tricks. Plus 150 scored just 2 MPs out of 24.

The first session ended with Multon/Willard on 61.98 %, ahead of Hemant Lall and Petra Hamman on 61.46. The Bells lay third with 58.33, then there was a sizeable gap to three joint fourths on 53.91.

Deals

During these championships, 103422 deals have been played. This includes extra boards and excludes non-played boards of matches that were stopped early. It also includes the Junior Triathlon and all side games.

It makes the Orlando tournament smaller than the events in Verona in 2006 (147542) and Philadelphia 2010 (144677) but larger than the one in Sanya four years ago (81275). In ACBL terms, the event attracted 4185 tables, which is like a sizeable regional.

Monica Gorreri of the duplication department confirms these numbers. They produced 105718 boards, but of course some of those were left unused. Every single duplicated board was played only once, it is the first time this has been achieved at the World Games.



Mixed Teams Final S3

Setting the stage

Barry Rigal

What a difference a day makes; the two teams that had put up a century in the first half of their matches on Friday (ask Herman De wael if you need help with cricket terms) were locked in a defensive struggle at 41-31 after 28 deals.

Both tables bid to a delicate 3NT on the first deal with the cards lying very nicely. Ritmeijer had been able to slip a lead directing overcall in on ♠AQJx, but that wasn't enough to set the game. So no swing, when in the other room the hand on lead with five diamonds to the queen led them in an uncontested INT-3NT auction and actually in some ways had a better chance to set the game.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Brock	Manfield	Willenken
4♠	4NT	2♠	3♥
		5♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ticha	D. Rosenberg	Ritmeijer	M. Rosenberg
Pass	Dble.	4♠	Pass
Dble	5♣	Pass	4NT
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Melanie Manfield scored a spectacular goal by blowing cold then hot. If her partner was saving in 4♠ then it was a good idea for her to continue the process, if he had bid to make, her huge extra shape and negative defense might make sacrificing a good idea. Right she was; even when her side did have a spade trick (no doubt to her disappointment) it was still right to save. 5♠ doubled cost 300. Ritmeijer's 4♠ opening was entirely in character for what we have seen from this partnership (team motto: 'Think of a number and add one'). Ticha was no doubt more hurt than surprised to find game was cold. Manfield had 10 IMPs and the match was level at 41-41. Two deals later a revoke gave Wilson 5 undertrick IMPs; cheap at the price one might say, since it only made the difference between game down one and down three.

Both Souths then did well on lead to 4♥ with:

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 10 9
♦ J 4
♣ 8 6 5 4 3 2

Would your choice change if the bidding had gone 1♣ (2+) – 1♥ – 2♥ – 4♥ or 1♦ – 1♥ – 2♥ – 4♥? Michael Rosenberg and Chris Willenken both put the ♦J on the table, and found partner with ♦K10xx over dummy's ace-queen, and that this was the only way to take partner off the endplay! (And yes, for all you transfer-responders to 1♣, 4♥ would have been making the other way up.)

Manfield took the lead when Ticha/Ritmeijer did more bidding than their opponents, and found that the extra information from those actions did not avail them.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Brock	Manfield	Willenken
Pass	1♣(2+)	Pass	1♥
All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT

West	North	East	South
Ticha	D. Rosenberg	Ritmeijer	M. Rosenberg
Dble	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
	3NT	All Pass	

Where Manfield was on lead to a blind auction she guessed extremely well to lead a low spade. Pettis won the king and returned the two, covered by the jack and queen. If Brock had believed the count-card, she might have taken the ace, but would then surely have gone after diamonds rather than clubs, allowing the defenders to unblock their tricks. Brock actually ducked the second spade and there were no further problems for the defenders.

On lead to 3NT doubled Ticha construed the final double as lead-directing for diamonds (though she surely knew her

partner had five hearts?). Ritmeijer had done well in a sense, since after a club lead declarer would have been home and dry. But after a diamond lead ducked, and a second diamond, Rosenberg cashed two hearts to get the count there, and led a club to the queen and ace. Back came a club, and Rosenberg was confident enough of the count on the hand to rise with the king and knock out the diamond ace for his ninth trick. Had Ritmeijer taken the first diamond to play on spades, Rosenberg would have known to block the spade suit on the second round and drive out the club ace.

Those 13 IMPs made it 54-46. The next five deals did not trouble the scorers unduly, though Manfield had an opportunity to bring home a non-vulnerable game, but gave the defenders a second chance to set her, which this time they took. (In the other room her teammates had taken a 100 save so the cost was only 4 IMPs on the scoresheet). The Manfield team then increased their lead on a challenging bidding problem.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Brock	Manfield	Willenken
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ticha	D. Rosenberg	Ritmeijer	M Rosenberg
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

A jack, a jack, my kingdom for a jack. When Ritmeijer found out Ticha had a 5-3-4-1 pattern he needed her to produce the heart jack or a minor spade honor for slam to be good. Alas, today was not that day. After a heart lead and continuation the contract was dead in the water, and Manfield had another 12 IMPs to lead 68-50.

Wilson had the opportunity to strike back at once:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pettis	Brock	Manfield	Willenken
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥ All Pass
4♣	Bid the suit below your suit		

West	North	East	South
Ticha	D. Rosenberg	Ritmeijer	M Rosenberg
Pass	Pass	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass	3♦ Invitational + in hearts		

4♥ was never in danger, and finished up with 12 tricks. In the other room was 3NT a maximum unsuitable for hearts or any upper-range hand without three hearts? I'm told it was the latter so maybe North ought to have transferred?

3NT could be made, but declarer's natural lines involved winning the first spade, and advancing the ♥Q, covered all round. Now was declarer supposed to combine his chances by cashing the ♥J and if no ten fell, running the ♦9? or was he supposed to play off the ♦AK and finesse in hearts if no queen appeared? You can make the argument that if Michael Rosenberg follows a line it must be the percentage action...but the fact remains that the former line led to -200, while the second line would have worked. With one set to go it was 68-63.



Mixed Teams Final and Playoff for bronze, S4

MANFIELD v WILSON and ZHAOHENG v FERM

Jos Jacobs

Layout-editor's note: This coverage has been written, corrected and layed out after the end of the Championships. It's time of arrival on your screens has been delayed by my journey back home from Orlando, including delayed flights, a new flight route and one hour spent blocked in an elevator. I hope that many of you have been patient and find this updated version and that all of you who attended had a safe journey home. Enjoy!

With only the final 14 boards to be played, in both matches the tension was mounting. MANFIELD were just 5 IMPs ahead of WILSON and FERM had already performed yet another Houdini act against ZHAOHENG, turning round a 19-IMP deficit at haltime into a 19-IMP lead after the 3rd session.

Once again, the dealing machine had done a fine job, providing us with more than enough interesting or entertaining boards, especially at the start and near the end of the set.

After a misfit opening board that nobody could handle very well, this was the second board.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

In the final, WILSON reached a thin slam:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	D. Rosenberg	Brock	M. Rosenberg
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

When West showed spades and a singleton heart by bidding 2NT and 3♠, East was interested. Her 4♦ call showed a serious slam-try, systemically, but her correct call was a non-serious slam-try, she later admitted. Had the ♠K been right, the contract might have had some play. One down, MANFIELD +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
W. Cole	Ritmeijer	Palmer	Ticha
Pass	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

North's very light Muiderberg opening bid (five-card major and 4+ in a minor) did not deter E/W; they duly reached their spade game. MANFIELD another +650 and 13 IMPs to increase their lead to 18 now.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the bronze playoff. Lund Madsen's little gamble paid off on the next board.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	T. Zhou	S. Drijver	Jia Li
	Pass	Pass	3♦
3NT	All Pass		

It's not easy to see for the defence that a club lead from North and a spade shift by South beat 3NT. On the expected diamond lead, West immediately claimed her nine tricks. FERM +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H. Wu	De Wijs	S. Wu	Von Arnim
	1♣	Pass	2♦
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

No experimental 3NT by West in the replay but a straightforward 4♥ bid. North had an equally straightforward double and a singleton lead available and the contract went two off without further ado. Another +300 and 12 IMPs to FERM, to increase their lead to 28.

Back again to the final.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 6 5 3		
	♥ K 9 6		
	♦ 6 4 2		
	♣ 8 7 6 4		
♠ K 8 7	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q J 10 9 4	
♥ J 8 4 3		♥ Q 7 2	
♦ 8 3		♦ A K 7	
♣ J 10 9 2		♣ K	
	♠ 2		
	♥ A 10 5		
	♦ Q J 10 9 5		
	♣ A Q 5 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>D. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>
2♠	Pass	1♠	Dble
		4♠	All Pass

When the defenders never touched hearts, declarer had to lose the obvious three tricks in that suit, as well as the ♣A. One down, MANFIELD +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>W. Cole</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Tichá</i>
2♠	Pass	1♠	Dble
		4♠	All Pass

This should have been a board without history but there was a distributional accident during the play. South led a diamond to declarer's ace. Trumps were drawn and diamonds eliminated before declarer led a heart from dummy. When North contributed the ♥9 as a count signal, declarer could later finesse the ♥10 through South and thus make his contract. MANFIELD another +420 and 10 more IMPs. And the next board in the final:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 6 5 2		
	♥ Q 3		
	♦ J 6 5 4		
	♣ Q 9 2		
♠ 10 8 4	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K	
♥ A J 8 6		♥ K 10 4 2	
♦ 10 9 8 7 2		♦ K 3	
♣ 7		♣ A K 10 8 6 5	
	♠ A Q 9 7 3		
	♥ 9 7 5		
	♦ A Q		
	♣ J 4 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>D. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>
Pass	INT	Dble	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This looked like a routine game contract for E/W, bid in routine fashion. Lead: ♠A and a spade. Declarer ruffed, played ♣AK and ruffed the 3rd club in dummy before playing ♥A. When the next heart brought down North's ♥Q, declarer was home. WILSON +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>W. Cole</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Tichá</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	INT
2♦	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	3♣	2♠
			All Pass

The weak INT had E/W in trouble. South's redouble showed any five-card suit but E/W never mentioned hearts. Three Clubs was just made for +110 to MANFIELD but WILSON had recouped 11 IMPs.

Bronze playoff:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>T. Zhou</i>	<i>S. Drijver</i>	<i>Jia Li</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	INT
			All Pass

In the play-off, they also were using a weak INT but West decided to sit it, with a good lead available (or so she thought). The ♦10 went to declarer's queen and when the ♠A next brought down the king, declarer had 7 tricks for +180 to ZHAOHENG.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>H. Wu</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>S. Wu</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	2♠	3♣	1♠
			All Pass

In the replay, N/S made enough noise to get their opponents out of their heart fit but as Three Clubs also made, ZHAOHENG could add +110 to the +180 from the Open Room and chalk up 7 IMPs.

Back to the final again.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 8 7 3 2		
	♥ A 9 7		
	♦ J 10 4 3 2		
	♣ 10		
♠ J 10	<div style="background-color: #2e7d32; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 9 6 4	
♥ 8 6 5 4		♥ K J 10 3 2	
♦ 6		♦ A K	
♣ A J 9 8 5 3		♣ K 2	
	♠ K Q 5		
	♥ Q		
	♦ Q 9 8 7 5		
	♣ Q 7 6 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>D. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>M. Rosenberg</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

As so often at the end of a long championship, tiredness enters the scene in the later stages. This board seems a perfect example. South led the ♠K which declarer won with the ace. Rather than cashing the ♦AK and discarding dummy's heart loser, declarer immediately crossed to dummy's ♣A to lead a heart. When she inserted the jack from hand, South won the queen, cashed the ♠Q and gave partner a club ruff. With the ♥A still to come for the defence, this meant one down. MANFIELD an unexpected +100. On balance though, running into two specific bad breaks (a precise 3-1 trump break plus a club ruff was more than unlucky.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
W. Cole	Ritmeijer	Palmer	Tichá
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When South at the other table made the unlucky lead of the ♥Q (tiredness, too?), declarer's problems were over. Two overtricks, MANFIELD another +680 and 13 IMPs to them to lead by 23 now.

After this, we saw a series of five quiet boards before the last three boards of these World Bridge Series were due. Believe it or not: the margins in both the final and the bronze play-off stood at 28 to MANFIELD and FERM respectively. So it looked all over in both matches but the closing boards were spectacular enough to include them all in this report.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

In the final, this was a push in 6♣ down one but in the play-off, they had better ideas at one of the tables.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	T. Zhou	S. Drijver	Jia Li
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5NT

South's 1♣ was Strong Club and 1♥ showed 8+ hcp. Two natural bids, two cuebids, a sign-off and a grand slam try

followed but the eventual final contract was not a success. One down, FERM +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H. Wu	De Wijs	S. Wu	Von Arnim
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	4♣

Nicely bid by N/S to the proper contract for a well-deserved +650 and 13 IMPs to secure the bronze medal for the FERM team.

Next:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	D. Rosenberg	Brock	M. Rosenberg
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♣
Dble	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led a trump to declarer's ♠10 when East withheld her ♠J. Declarer went on to cash the ♣A and ♦A, then ruffed a club and threw his heart loser on dummy's ♦K. Another club then went on the ♦J but West ruffed and returned a club, ruffed in dummy with the ♠9 and overruffed by East with the ♠J. The diamond return was ruffed by declarer and overruffed by West with the ♠K but with the defence now out of trumps, declarer could ruff his last losing club in dummy and chalk up +420 to MANFIELD.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
W. Cole	Ritmeijer	Palmer	Tichá
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♠

A natural but over-optimistic auction saw the Dutch N/S pair end up in a hopeless slam. Down three, another +150 and 11 IMPs to MANFIELD to secure the gold medal for them.

In the play-off:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	T. Zhou	S. Drijver	Jia Li
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

Warned by the overcall after the Strong Club, declarer played carefully after the ♣Q lead. He lost a club overruff to East's ♠J, a trump to West's ♠K and a club trick in the end to score just +420 to ZHAOHENG.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H. Wu	De Wijs	S. Wu	Von Arnim
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Without the overcall, declarer in the replay was left to her own resources. Tiredness may have played its part here as well, as she lost four tricks: the ♠K ruffed away by East when she tried to cash it after ruffing a club in dummy, as well as a club overruff by East's jack, the ♠K and the last club. One down gave ZHAOHENG 10 IMPs back.

On the last board, E/W had a fine sacrifice available but it was found only half the time..

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	D. Rosenberg	Brock	M. Rosenberg
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♣	5♥	6♣
All Pass			

A free run for N/S, in the end. MANFIELD +1370..

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
W. Cole	Ritmeijer	Palmer	Tichá
2♥	3♣	4♥	4NT
5♦	Dble	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

By starting at a lower level, West got the chance to introduce both his suits. This proved very helpful for East, so the sacrifice was easily found. Down three, WILSON only +500 and thus another 13 IMPs to MANFIELD. The final score 133-81 to them.

In the play-off, some wheels came off here and there.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	T. Zhou	S. Drijver	Jia Li
2♦	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	7♣
7♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	7NT	Dble	All Pass

When North jumped to 6♣ after the Multi and the preemptive raise (pass or correct), N/S were in the proper contract but only temporarily. East led the ♦A and continued a heart. Remarkably enough, the contract went only one down but this still meant +200 to FERM.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H. Wu	De Wijs	S. Wu	Von Arnim
2♥	3♣	4♥	6♣
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

A par auction at the other table, but for down two, another +300 and 11 IMPs to FERM. The final score here: 154-114 to FERM.



Jia Li

Roll Of Honour

Rosenblum Cup

Gold: ZIMMERMANN:

Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann (pc) (MON), Piotr Gawryś, Michał Klukowski (POL)

Silver: LAVAZZA:

Alejandro Bianchedi, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Agustín Madala, Antonio Sementa (ITA), Dennis Bilde (DEN), Maria Teresa Lavazza (npc), Massimo Ortensi (coach)

Bronze: ALLFREY:

Alexander Allfrey (pc), Edward Jones, Thomas Paske, Andrew Robson (ENG)

Bronze: SPECTOR:

Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Warren Spector (pc), Gavin Wolpert, Joel Wooldridge (USA)

Piotr Gawryś and Geir Helgemo have now won seven World titles, Tor Helness and Franck Multon six, Michał Klukowski five, Pierre Zimmermann four. Franck Multon becomes only the second player who has won all four team world titles (Bermuda Bowl, Rosenblum, World Games and Transnational). Piotr Gawryś achieved that particular milestone already in 2015. Geir Helgemo (18), Tor Helness (16), Franck Multon (14) and Piotr Gawryś (13) are joined by Giorgio Duboin in having won ten medals at a World Championship.

Roll Of Honour

McConnell Cup

Gold: **BAKER:**

Lynn Baker, Irina Levitina, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn (USA)
Sally Brock, Fiona Brown (ENG), Beth Palmer (npc)

Silver: **SMITH:**

Nicola Smith (pc), Yvonne Wiseman (ENG), Kathrine Bertheau, Jessica Larsson (SWE), Sølvi Remen (NOR), Paula Leslie (SCO)

Bronze: **BARONI:**

Véronique Bessis, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller (FRA), Irene Baroni (pc), Simonetta Paoluzi (ITA)

Bronze: **APEROL:**

Tatiana Dikhnova, Victoria Gromova, Anna Gulevich, Tatiana Ponomareva (RUS), Catherine d'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard (FRA)

Kerri Sanborn now has nine World titles,
Karen McCallum seven, Sally Brock six.
Irina Levitina has seven world titles, six in bridge and one in chess.

Nicola Smith has won the 19th world medal of her career,
which puts her fourth on the all-time list.

Kerri Sanborn has 15.
Sally Brock and Véronique Bessis 14,
Sylvie Willard 12, Irina Levitina 10.

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Rand Cup

Gold: MILNER:

Steve Garner, Mark Lair, Hemant Lall, Reese Milner (pc)(USA), Krzysztof Martens (MON), Michał Kwiecień (POL)

Silver: CHINA EVERTRUST:

Lin Rongqiang, Shen Mingkun, Shen Xiaonong, Sun Ming, Tao Jian Hua (CHN)

Bronze: SILVERMAN:

Barnet J Shenkin, Neil Silverman (pc), Fred Stewart (USA), Robert Lebi (CAN)

Bronze: WOLFSON:

David Berkowitz, Bart Bramley, Bob Hamman, Michael Rosenberg, Jeff Wolfson (pc), Kit Woolsey (USA)

Reese Milner has now won his third consecutive Rand Cup (2010,14,18). He has won a total of six world titles. Hemant Lall has won five.

Bob Hamman's senior team bronze is his 31st world medal. That is 11 more than the joint seconds on the list, Giorgio Belladonna and Bobby Wolff.

Mixed Teams

Gold: MANFIELD:

William Cole, Melanie Manfield (pc), Beth Palmer, William Pettis, Debbie Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg (USA)

Silver: WILSON:

Richard Ritmeijer, Magdalena Tichá, Ricco van Prooijen (NED), Chris Willenken, Alison Wilson (pc) (USA), Sally Brock (ENG)

Bronze: FERM:

Sjoert Brink (pc), Simon de Wijs, Bas Drijver (NED), Christina Lund Madsen (DEN), Daniela von Arnim (GER), Barbara Ferm (USA)

This was Sally Brock's 15th medal at World Championships. Beth Palmer wins her 11th medal, the sixth gold of her career.

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Open Pairs

Gold: Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt (SWE)
Silver: Joe Grue - Brad Moss (USA)
Bronze: Bogusław Gierulski - Jerzy Skrzypczak (LTU)

This is the second world title for the Rimstedt twins this year. They were on the Swedish Junior team that won the world title in Wujiang, China two months ago. Bogusław Gierulski and Jerzy Skrzypczak are Polish, but they represent Lithuania in European Championships, thus providing the first world championship medal for Lithuania.

Women Pairs

Gold: Véronique Bessis - Anne-Laure Huberschwiller (FRA)
Silver: Candace Griffey - Kathy Sulgrove (USA)
Bronze: Huang Yan - Wang Nan (CHN)

Senior Pairs

Gold: Marc Jacobus - Mike Passell (USA)
Silver: Apolinary Kowalski - Jacek Romański (POL)
Bronze: Mark Itabashi - Eddie Wold (USA)

Mixed Pairs

Gold: Sylvie Willard (FRA) - Franck Multon (MON)
Silver: Petra Hamman - Hemant Lall (USA)
Bronze: Bénédicte Cronier - Philippe Cronier (FRA)

Bénédicte Cronier and Franck Multon win their 15th medal at World Championships, Sylvie Willard her 13th. It is Multon's seventh title, Willard's fourth.

Sally Brock, Véronique Bessis, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller, Hemant Lall and Franck Multon win two medals at these championships. Multon's medals are both gold ones.

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Winners of the other events

Junior Triathlon:
Yuan Zhijie (CHN)

Short-Track Pairs:
Deng Cheng - Liu Haochen (CHN)

Joan Gerard Trophy:
Overall and Open Pairs final B: Szabó Csaba - Hodosi Péter (HUN)
Women Pairs Final B: Shimamura Kyoko (JPN) - Allison Howard (USA)
Senior Pairs Final B: Imakura Tadashi - Morimura Shunsuke (JPN)
Drop-in: Lu Yijia - Ge Chenyun (CHN)

WBF Pairs (1):
Robert Lavin - Harold Feldheim (USA)

WBF Pairs (2):
Yeshayahu Levit - Amos Kaminski (ISR)

IMP Pairs:
Dori Byrnes - Will Ehlers (USA)

Mixed Pairs Final B:
Joan Dziekanski - Michael Radin (USA)

Medal Table for Orlando

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	3.33	3.33	3.92	10.58
France	1.5		1.83	3.33
China		1	1	2.00
England	0.33	0.5	1	1.83
Poland	0.50	1		1.50
Monaco	1.33			1.33
Sweden	1	0.33		1.33
Italy		0.83	0.50	1.33
Netherlands		0.50	0.50	1.00
Lithuania			1	1.00
Russia			0.67	0.67
Denmark		0.17	0.17	0.33
Canada			0.25	0.25
Norway		0.17		0.17
Scotland		0.17		0.17
Germany			0.17	0.17
Total	8	8	11	27

Explanation: See next page.

Cumulative Medal Table for all World Championships

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	94.17	78.30	55.72	229.19
France	22	31.67	39.03	92.70
Italy	38.27	18.83	12.83	69.93
China	14.5	21.67	25.33	61.50
Poland	19.48	24.16	16.25	59.89
Netherlands	15	13.17	24.5	52.67
England	16.17	17.63	19.94	47.74
Sweden	12.67	7.17	16.57	36.40
Norway	5.67	7.17	10.25	23.09
Germany	5.58	6	10.32	21.90
Israel	9.19	5.17	5	19.35
Canada	1.25	8.87	8.98	19.10
Denmark	4	2.67	12.17	18.84
Austria	6.73	6.17	2	14.90
Brazil	4.33	3	6	13.33
Russia	2.33	3.5	7	12.83
Indonesia		6	3	9.00
Bulgaria	1.2	2	5	8.20
Australia		4	4	8.00
Monaco	2.63	3	2	7.63
Argentina	0.17	2	4.2	6.37
Japan	1.5	2		3.50
Chinese Taipei	1	1.83	0.33	3.17
Iceland	2.67		0.33	3.00
India			3	3.00
Turkey	0.17	1	1.17	2.33
Scotland	1	0.53	0.58	2.11
New Zealand	1	1		2.00
Pakistan		2		2.00
South Africa		2		2.00
Singapore		1	1	2.00
Venezuela		1	1	2.00
Hong Kong			2	2.00
Egypt	1.5			1.50
Switzerland	0.83	0.67		1.50
Greece	1		0.25	1.25
Croatia	1			1.00
Hungary	1			1.00
Serbia	1			1.00
Latvia		1		1.00
Uruguay		0.5	0.5	1.00
Belgium			1	1.00
Lithuania			1	1.00
Romania			0.75	0.75
Czech Republic	0.5			0.50
Ireland	0.5			0.50
Belarus		0.17		0.17
Thailand		0.17		0.17
Total	291	286	298	875

(48 different countries)

Explanation: Every medal is counted equally (teams, pairs and individual), and medals gained by multi-national participants are divided.

Competitions are counted from eight categories: Open, Women, Mixed, Seniors, Juniors, Girls, Youngsters and Kids.

All World Championships since 1950 are counted.

Lithuania won their first ever medal at World Championships.

Mixed Pairs Final A

1	MULTON Franck - WILLARD Sylvie	MON - FRA	62.67
2	HAMMAN Petra - LALL Hemant	USA - USA	57.00
3	CRONIER Benedicte - CRONIER Philippe	FRA - FRA	55.50
4	GAN Ling - SHAN Sheng	CHN - CHN	53.17
5	DEAS Lynn - WEICHSEL Peter	USA - USA	52.50
6	DIKHNOVA Tatiana - ORLOV Sergey	RUS - RUS	51.67
7	BILDE Dennis - BLAAGESTAD Lise	DEN - NOR	51.67
8	KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	51.58
9	BELL Michael - BELL Sarah	ENG - ENG	50.75
10	BOMPIS Marc - D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	50.58
11	KORBEL Daniel - SHI Sylvia	USA - USA	50.50
12	WANG Nan - ZHANG Bangxiang	CHN - CHN	49.92
13	BESSIS Thomas - BARONI Irene	FRA - ITA	49.75
14	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin - SAELENSMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	49.67
15	GROMOV Andrey - GULEVICH Anna	RUS - RUS	49.42
16	KUANG Yuegang - LIU Shu	CHN - CHN	48.58
17	GRUE Joe - TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	48.33
18	BLANK Sondra - CZYZOWICZ Jurek	CAN - CAN	48.25
19	STANSBY JoAnna - STANSBY Lew	USA - USA	48.08
20	JIN Ke - ZHU Ping	CHN - CHN	47.33
21	ZHANG Yu - ZHAO Jie	CHN - CHN	47.17
22	PSZCZOLA Jacek - SAKR May	USA - USA	46.92
23	HAMPSON Geoff - PEARLMAN Lindsay	USA - USA	46.83
24	BAO Jingjing - LIU Ning	CHN - CHN	46.75
25	HAMMOND Nicolas - ONSGARD Kristen	USA - USA	44.25
26	HINDEN Frances - OSBORNE Graham	ENG - ENG	41.17

IMP Pairs

1	BYRNES Dori - EHLERS Will	USA - USA	0.91
2	LIU Jing - WANG Zizhuo	CHN - USA	0.63
3	VARGAS DE ANDRADE Isabella - BARG Stanley	BRA - USA	0.60
4	HUANG Shan - MILLENS Joan	USA - USA	0.34
5	ZUCKER Rick - FURTSCHE Pamela	USA - USA	0.29
6	FASKOW Donald - ALBRIGHT John	USA - USA	0.21
7	ITABASHI Mark - MCMURDIE Veronica	USA - USA	0.09
8	GEIGER Gen - MCHENRY Terry	USA - USA	-0.10
9	LAVIN Robert - FELDHEIM Harold	USA - USA	-0.15
10	KRIZEL George - SHEKHTER Albert	USA - USA	-0.43
11	MAIER Bruce - GORDON Athena	USA - USA	-1.06



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The start of this new format will be announced on the WBF website.

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Mixed Pairs Final B

1	RADIN Michael - DZIEKANSKI Joan	USA - USA	62.12	32	GLADYSZAK Stephen - BORGSCULTE Ann	USA - USA	50.67
2	ZOBU Ahu - ARONOV Victor	TUR - BUL	61.40	33	VERSACE Alfredo - PRAMOTTON Emanuela	ITA - ITA	50.61
3	PASELL Mike - NOLAND Nanette	USA - USA	60.52	34	BIANCHEDI Alejandro - SULTAN Perla	ITA - VEN	50.58
4	KING Victor - GABAY Sheila	USA - USA	60.01	35	STEPHENS Robert - SORENSEN Lotte	RSA - RSA	50.30
5	DEMUY Vincent - TARNOPOL Lynne	USA - USA	57.68	36	MILLER John - SHANNON Lynn	USA - USA	50.24
6	CAO Xueliang - ZHENG Yili	CHN - CHN	56.98	37	LAIR Mark - ABRAMS Nancy	USA - USA	49.68
7	MARASHEV Vladimir - MITOVSKA Miriana	BUL - BUL	56.37	38	ZOCHOWSKA Joanna - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	FRA - MON	48.48
8	KISSINGER Susan - KISSINGER John	USA - USA	55.58	39	SMITH Monique - HIRSH Merril	USA - USA	48.23
9	SCHMIDT Pierre - SCHMIDT Pauline	FRA - FRA	55.46	40	REYES HILLER Tania - LEWIS Paul	USA - USA	47.98
10	COHEN Stasha - COHEN Mark	USA - USA	55.23	41	HERRERA Gonzalo - HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	47.96
11	GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	55.11	42	GOWER Craig - ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	47.90
12	MEYERS Jill - DUNITZ Mitch	USA - USA	54.78	43	BENNER Debbie - CHEEK Curtis	USA - USA	47.84
13	BARRETT Karen Lee - SOLICK Robert	USA - USA	54.21	44	COPE Simon - ROBERTSON Marion	ENG - ENG	47.56
14	DOUB Doug - STARR Yiji	USA - USA	53.86	45	WALKER Karen - GETTLEMAN Eric	USA - USA	47.08
15	MUKHERJEE Sumit - JAJOO Monica	IND - IND	53.51	46	FRANCE Nicholas - HESS Judith	USA - USA	46.95
16	KOISTINEN Kauko - CUSHING Justine	FIN - USA	53.45	47	ELLINGSEN Kristian - GRUDE Marian	NOR - NOR	46.86
17	LOO Choon Chou - WANG Wei	SIN - CHN	53.27	48	HARRIS Cindy - HARRIS Joe	USA - USA	46.73
18	COLIN Cynthia - HAND Jeff	USA - USA	53.18	49	GUPTA Subhash - DOMICHI Noriko	IND - JPN	46.64
19	HAACK Ronald - MITURA Amy	USA - USA	53.01	50	McGREAL Jacqui - JONES John	ISL - USA	46.47
20	WOOLSEY Kit - WOOLSEY Sally	USA - USA	52.63	51	DUBROVSKY Leora - DUBROVSKY Richard	USA - USA	46.31
21	ENGEBRETSSEN Geir - LINDAHL Solbritt	NOR - NOR	52.63	52	HINZE Greg - ENFIELD Kay	USA - USA	46.12
22	SYRAKOPOULOU Christina - LIOSSIS Georgios	GRE - GRE	52.60	53	REITZ Carol - BISSELL Edward	USA - USA	46.06
23	RODWELL Eric - RODWELL Donna	USA - USA	52.31	54	COMPTON Chris - ELMORE Linda	USA - USA	44.19
24	PHELAN John - PHELAN Lucy	IRL - IRL	52.04	55	PUNCH Sam - PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO	43.98
25	MOLLER Rachael - GURVICH David	USA - USA	51.96	56	DONNER Gary - SOBEL Yoko	USA - USA	43.93
26	FARHOLT Stense - CASPERSEN Henrik	DEN - DEN	51.90	57	FELDMAN Jason - STOBBER Ruth	USA - USA	43.28
27	WANG Wen Fei - GU Jiang	CHN - USA	51.90	58	GINOSSAR Eldad - BARR Ronnie	USA - ISR	43.17
28	PERLMAN Linda - HIRSCHMAN Martin	USA - USA	51.72	59	KOVACHEV Valentin - MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	43.05
29	MAJUMDER Debabrata - BATRA Puja	IND - IND	51.62	60	URBANEK Chris - SINCLAIR John	USA - USA	42.64
30	ZACK Yaniv - OREN Efrat	ISR - ISR	51.17	61	BARRETT Geoffrey S Jade - HAMMER S.Kay	USA - CRC	41.88
31	ALELA Maya - Horiguchi Bruce	USA - USA	50.88				



