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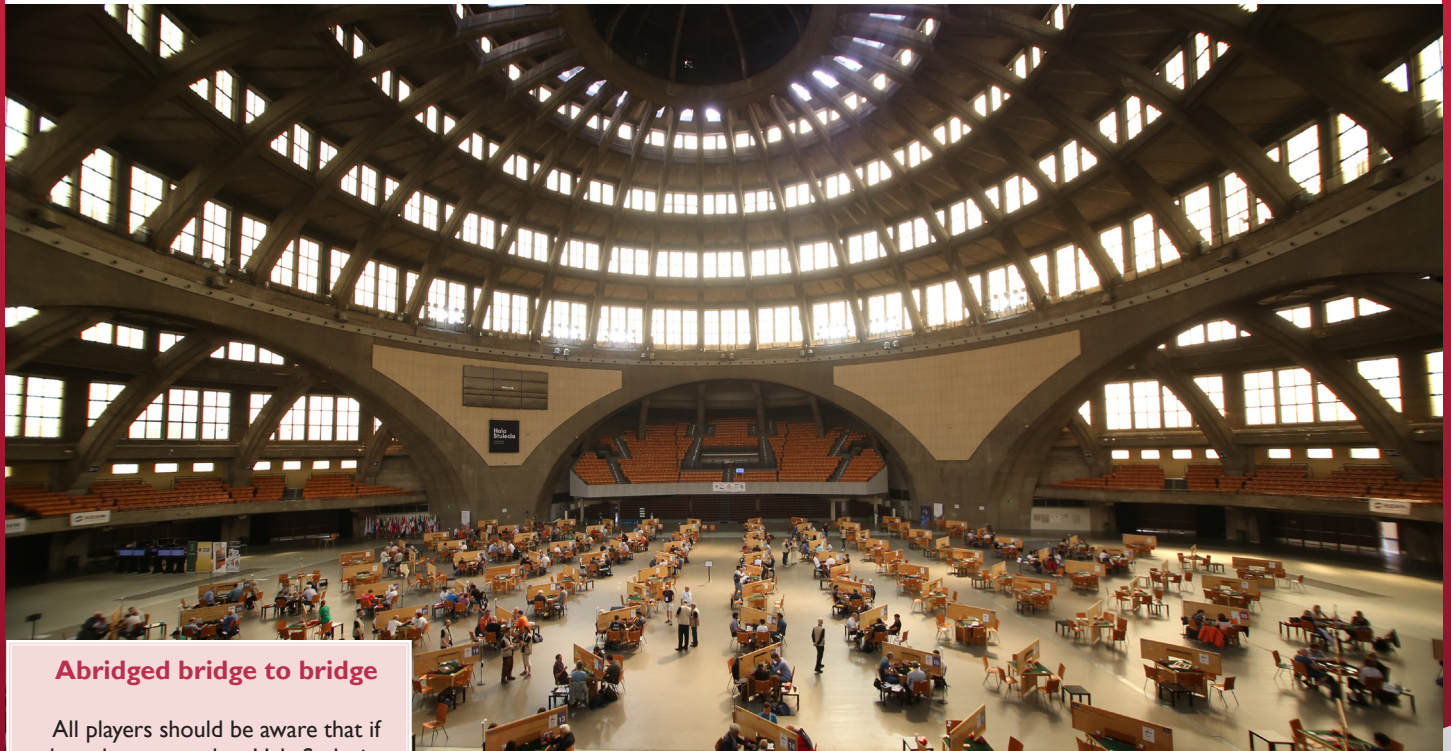
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LET BATTLE COMMENCE!



Abridged bridge to bridge

All players should be aware that if they plan to travel to Hala Stulecia by car, their **journey** may take **up to 20 minutes longer from Monday onwards**. This is because repairs to the bridge that provides access to the venue will restart on Monday.

So please allow more time if you plan to travel by car. This should not affect the trams.



Plenty Of Room to Manoeuvre

In the race to secure one of the four semifinal berths in the McConnell, undefeated **Broday** has jumped out in front, ahead of **Edmonds**, **Tri Polar** and **No Name**, the latter also being undefeated.

In the Rosenblum, after four rounds, four teams were undefeated, The Mavericks, Gupta, Drinteam and Cooreman Belgium. When the first day's play ended only **The Mavericks** and **Drinteam** had maintained their 100% records, the former holding the overnight lead, the **Apres Bridge Champs** separating them from the other undefeated team.

The big surprise is the position of the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions, Zimmermann, who are languishing in 51st position.

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Schedule Sunday 21st August

ROSENBLUM

Swiss Qualification
Five 10-board matches

10.00 - 11.25
11.45 - 13.10
14.30 - 15.55
16.15 - 17.40
18.00 - 19.25

McCONNELL

Qualification
Round Robin

10.00
13.30
16.15




Rosenblum Swiss R1
Zimmermann v Zamir
 by David Bird

It is not long ago that I played in my first Swiss teams event (in the 1960s, the recent end). I was told that it didn't matter much if you lost your first match or two. By dropping to the lower half of the table, you would be given an easy ride in the next few matches. The rosters for this Rosenblum Cup are studded with big-name players, so that may not be sound advice here.

I decided to watch Zimmermann (multi-national) v Zamir (Israel).

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friedlander	Drijver	Yekutieli	Brink
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Sjoert Brink's 2NT showed 21-23 HCP. Bas Drijver sought a 5-3 spade fit, and had no real cause to look beyond the game level. A heart was led to the queen and ace. Brink then led ace and another diamond, emerging with 11 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Zamir	Zimmermann	Toledano
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			


Here a 2NT opening would have been 20-21, so Oren Toledano opened with a strong 1♣. The 1♦ response is described as '0-7, or some positives' (possibly 4-4-4-1 types). Ami Zamir's 3♠ is deemed unworthy of a place on their convention card. It is not in my job description to make a guess (a singleton heart?). Nor is the meaning of 4NT evident. (Editor: the players confirmed that 3♠ was

Minor-Suit Stayman and 4NT more encouraging than 5♦). Anyway, they did very well to reach a handsome 6♦.

East led the ♠7 and Zamir rose with dummy's ace. A club to the king was followed by a successful finesse of the ♦J. The trump ace failed to drop the king, but declarer could then claim 12 tricks. He would discard the ♠J on the ♣Q and ruff two black-suit losers in the dummy. It was 10 IMPs to the Israeli team.

After six otherwise unexceptional boards, Zamir led by 13-0.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friedlander	Drijver	Yekutieli	Brink
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

It is popular to play a double major-suit raise as preemptive nowadays (usually alongside Bergen responses). GIB was boasting that the 'obvious ♦2 lead' would allow a diamond ruff for one down. Drijver preferred to lead the ♥3, to dummy's ace. Brink won the trump king with his ace and switched to the ♠2. Since South had opened the bidding, it was not surprising that Friedlander chose to rise with the king. The ♦Q was onside, but four tricks had to be lost for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Zamir	Zimmermann	Toledano
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Facing a spade opening bid, Zamir led the ♠A. Declarer then had ten tricks for +130, worth 6 IMPs in the previously vacant Zimmermann plus column.

Board 9. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 8 3</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ Q 10 4 3</p> <p>♣ Q 10 9 6 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 10 2</p> <p>♥ 8 6 5 2</p> <p>♦ A K J</p> <p>♣ A 8 7 5</p>	<p>♠ K J 6 5 4</p> <p>♥ K Q 10</p> <p>♦ 8 6</p> <p>♣ K J 2</p>
<p>♠ 9 7</p> <p>♥ A J 9 7 4 3</p> <p>♦ 9 7 5 2</p> <p>♣ 4</p>			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friedlander	Drijver	Yekutieli	Brink
—	INT	Dble	3♥
Dble*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Drijver had a good fit for partner's hearts. He thought for a while over West's (take-out) double, but not again over 4♠. His decision to defend was to pay off, as the cards lay.

South led the ♣4 to North's ace. A surprising number of declarers would contribute a careless ♣2 after this start. Asaf Yekutieli was there with his ♣J, hoping to make the ♣4 look like part of a doubleton. Drijver cashed the ♦K and delivered a club ruff. A diamond return to the ace allowed a second club ruff, for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Zamir	Zimmermann	Toledano
—	1♦	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Zamir advanced to 5♥, and this was doubled. Piedra cashed the ♠A and switched to the ♣3, won with dummy's ace. When a trump was led, Zimmermann put in the king, won with the ace. West showed out, so declarer re-entered dummy with a diamond and led another trump. East won with the queen and tried to cash the ♣K.

Toledano ruffed, drew the outstanding trump and took a successful finesse of the ♦J. Would the diamonds break 3-3, allowing him to ditch dummy's remaining spade for a glorious +650? Sadly not, from his point of view. He was one down for a loss of 7 IMPs.

Should we blame Zamir for his 5♥ bid? I don't think so. I glanced at the scores in other matches and saw several that were flat in 5♥ doubled for one down. Zimmermann edged the encounter by 17 IMPs to 15.

Championship Diary

The Daily Bulletin occupies the same room as in 2016, the Sala Cesarska on the first floor. What we had forgotten was that its circular shape produces a similar effect to that operating in the Whispering Gallery in Saint Paul's Cathedral.

If you are feeling hungry or thirsty there are lots of concessions in and around the playing area. For example, in the entrance close to the Registration desk, you will find Caffè Vergnano, offering a wide range of cold and hot drinks.



Watch out for news of the championships on the local television station – they were busy filming at the venue on Friday. You should also follow the efforts of our brilliant video team who will be filming every day.

If our wonderful photographer, Claudio Fossati, should point his lens in your direction, remember to smile – the world may see the result!

In the official programme Francesca Canali is described as *Life News Layout*. Should be interesting!

Championship offer

The NEW dealing machines and the cards that are (only) used during the championships are sold for the occasional price of **€2650** and **€0.79** respectively. Visit the book stall or email anna@jannersten.com



McConnell RRI

'We have lift-off'

by Mark Horton & Ron Tacchi

Utilising the vast resources at our disposal we easily solved the problem of how to cover a match in the McConnell by dispatching two of our foot-soldiers to the playing rooms, leaving the rest of the crew to ply their trade at the BBO tables. Ron followed the action in the Open Room.

As it happens we were late getting to the tables, missing the explosive start of the match:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baker	Eythorsdottir	McCallum	Seamon-Molson
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

5♦ Exclusion
5♠ 1 key card

We'll leave you to decide how speculative it was to use Exclusion Blackwood on this deal.



Ron Tacchi capturing all the action in the Open Room

On this layout the position in clubs meant there were only 11 tricks, -50.

Something similar appears to have happened in the other room – there was no swing.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

♠ Q J 5		
♥ J 9 6		
♦ 6 2		
♣ K Q J 10 2		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baker	Eythorsdottir	McCallum	Seamon-Molson
—	—	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
3♣	Constructive		

East led the ♣A and declarer ruffed and cashed the ♥A, +1460 and 13 IMPs when they stopped in game at the other table.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

♠ 2		
♥ K 3		
♦ Q J 7 5 2		
♣ K 9 6 5 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Meyers	Bertheau	Sanborn
—	Pass	1♥	2NT
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The opening lead was the ♣4, taken immediately by dummy's ace. The ♦10 was covered by the queen and ace and now declarer took the heart finesse losing to the king. The defence swiftly cashed a club and took a club ruff, with two top trumps still to come, two off, -200. If declarer plays for North to have both the top trumps, then she can make her contract by playing small at trick one as this will cut the communications for a ruff between the two defenders.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baker	Eythorsdottir	McCallum	Seamon-Molson
—	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		
INT 14-16			
2♥ Transfer			

We are confident that West's chosen sequence suggested an unbalanced hand. We don't know if that could include a hand with a singleton. On a good day partner might have a perfect fit offering a play for 6♠, but here it was all about making sure of ten tricks.

Declarer won the lead of the ♦2 with dummy's ace, played a heart to the ace and advanced the ♥Q, covered by the king and ruffed in dummy. When a spade to the queen held, declarer pitched a club on the ♥J and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing. She was assured of 10 tricks, +620 and 13 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Meyers	Bertheau	Sanborn
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT			
2♣ 6♦ or 5♦ + 4♥, 15-17			
2♥ Art, GF			

East upped the value of her hand to try and get the distribution across to partner who naturally then forced

to game and settled for 3NT. East considered at some length before passing. North led her fourth best ♣3 to the king and ace. South ducked the first finesse in diamonds, took the next one, and seeing partner's ♥5 switched to the queen of spades. Declarer took that with her ace and tried a small heart towards dummy but North took the ace and played a spade to her partner's jack. When a spade came back through West's ♠108, North's ♠K9 ensured declarer was two light, -200. Had East considered a little longer she might have pulled to Five Diamonds, which can be made.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baker	Eythorsdottir	McCallum	Seamon-Molson
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Passing 2♦ was conservative.

South led the ♥3 and North took the ace and returned the five. Declarer won with the king, played a spade to dummy's ace and ran the ♦J. South won and tried the ♥4, but declarer had the rest, +150 and 8 IMPs for Baker.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Meyers	Bertheau	Sanborn
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

North explained to East her 2♠ as 'I think it is weak'. When South bid out her shape North retreated to Four Diamonds and South wistfully passed. West led the ♠2 to declarer's ace. The ♣5 from hand brought the ♣6 from West and East overtook with her ♣8 to switch to the queen of diamonds, which declarer took in her hand. A small club was ruffed, and the queen of spades passed to West's king as declarer discarded a heart. The exit was a small trump to dummy's ♦10. A successful heart finesse followed, another club ruffed, felling the ace and establishing the suit for declarer. Though West now had a

trump trick, it would be her final one, leaving declarer with ten tricks and her contract, +130.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Baker	Eythorsdottir	McCallum	Seamon-Molson
—	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led an attitude ♠2 and declarer won with the ace and cashed the top diamonds, East discarding the ♠7. A diamond to dummy was followed by a heart to the queen. When that held, declarer cashed the ♥A, West pitching the ♠6. A diamond to dummy's jack was followed by the ♠Q and West won and returned a spade. A grateful declarer scored dummy's jack and played back a spade, claiming a ninth trick with the ♣K, +600 and 10 IMPs.

Having taken the ♠K West needed to exit with a low club.

If declarer had been able to read East's discarding, she would have held on to the ♥A after which West has no winning move after taking the ♠K. On a club exit declarer wins and exits with a club. Even if East wins declarer will always score a heart and eventually be given a spade.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Meyers	Bertheau	Sanborn
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2NT Game forcing

East selected the ♠10 as her lead, taken in dummy with the ace. A small club collected the queen, king and ace. East continued with the spade attack and declarer won in hand with the queen. Declarer tried the ♣9 which East captured with her jack and she played a third round of spades to dummy's king. A small diamond off dummy to declarer's ♦10 was won by East with her queen. She switched to the queen of hearts, taken by declarer's ace. The ♣10 was cashed, but when the diamonds did not split

3-3 declarer only had eight tricks and so was one down.

Having taken the ♥Q declarer should have played back a heart, ducking East's jack. If East exits with a club declarer wins in dummy and cashes the ♥K, squeezing East in the minors. To avoid this East must return a club, rather than a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Baker	Eythorsdottir	McCallum	Seamon-Molson
—	—	—	1♣
2♦*	2♥*	2♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♦	Majors		

West led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ace and played the ♣4 for the queen, king and ace, East switching to the ♥Q. Declarer won in dummy, and played the ♣9, East winning with the jack as West pitched a heart. Back came the ♥J and declarer won, played a spade to dummy's queen and a club for the eight and ten, West parting with the ♦8. Declarer cashed the ♠K pitching dummy's remaining heart, took the ♦K and exited with a club to force East to lead into dummy's diamond tenace, +600 and 12 IMPs to Tri Polar, who made a winning start, 48-36, 13.28-6.72 VP.

WCB 2021



The World Championship Book from Salsomaggiore 2021 is now available from the Jannersten book-stall here in Wroclaw. The official retail price is £25, US\$30 and €30. What differentiates this edition from past volumes is that it is available both in hardcopy and as an e-book. The book is distributed by Master Point Press and will be available from bridge suppliers around the world. The e-book is available on the MPP website, for US\$25.

Mobile phones and electronic devices

Mobile phones and any other electronic device which can be used to communicate and to connect to the internet can be carried to the tables but must always be switched off and clearly visible. They cannot be carried from the room until the end of play for any reason, but in case of emergency seek the permission of an official. When team events are played, the Tournament Directors will conduct random searches before every round: players of the drawn tables will be asked to empty their pockets and open their bags. Whoever refuses to do it will be penalised as if a device had been found, and escorted out of the playing room. A substitute will be allowed.

Rosenblum Swiss R2

Sandfia v Apres Bridge Champs

by Marc Smith

This match features a relatively young English sextet against an experienced team from Germany/Poland. They meet as a result of 14/15-IMP wins in their opening match. We begin with a couple of bidding problems for you to consider.

Firstly, with only the opponents vulnerable, you are West holding:

♠ K J 6 4 3
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 2
♣ A J 10 7

West	North	East	South
—	—	1♠	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
?			

South's 2♠ showed hearts and a minor (at least 5-5) and your 2NT bid was an invitational or better raise with at least four spades. Do you take your chances defending 6♥, or do you bid on to 6♠?

Finally, with both sides vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:

♠ 7
♥ K Q 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ A Q 4

West	North	East	South
3♦	Pass	3NT	?

What action, if any, do you take?

The match began with a series of quiet deals and Sandfia led 8-2 with six of the ten boards played. Then The Great Dealer woke up.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Leslie	Jagniewski	Bell
—	1♠	Dble	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

With both red suits lying perfectly for East/West, the defenders cannot stop declarer scoring 12 tricks in clubs. Making it is the easy part, though, and ABC's Polish contingent did well to bid an eleven-trick game on their combined 21 HCP despite serious pre-emption from the English pair. E/W +420.

In the replay, South began with only a mixed raise after East's double of the 1♠ opening...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Auken	Norton	Welland
—	1♠	Dble	3♥*
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

Roy Welland's 3♥ was alerted as some sort of raise and Tom Townsend started with a double on the West cards. When Sabine Auken's jump to 4♠ came back to him, Townsend doubled again. While Ben Norton considered his next move, the English contingent in the BBO VuGraph audience contemplated the possibility of East passing and leading the ♥A in response to his partner's first double. Norton's 4NT bid removed that awful spectre and Townsend's 5♣ duly got the partnership to their game. But Auken was not done yet, even though her partner had bid less than his counterpart at the other table. No one had anything remotely close to a 6♣ bid and, indeed, neither English player could even find a double, so Auken got to play for 50s.


Norton avoided the heart lead, so it looked like declarer would have to settle for nine tricks. In the endgame, though, Norton could not read the distribution and he thought



Sabine Auken

he would be endplayed if he captured declarer's ♥K with his ace, so he allowed Auken to take a trick with that card. The extra undertrick would have been worth only 1 IMP, though: E/W +50 and 9 IMPs to ABC.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Leslie	Jagniewski	Bell
—	—	1♠	2♠
3♥	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	All Pass

This looks like a well-judged auction to the par contract (absent the final double). Mike Bell started with a Michaels bid showing hearts and a minor, and Tim Leslie bid up to 5♥, which was the limit of what N/S could make. Rafal Jagniewski's 5♠ bid left the English pair with no legitimate winning option other than converting +50 into +100. N/S +50.

The average player can take some solace in realizing that even world class players do not get these high-level competitive decisions right all the time. One reason for this is that you sometimes cannot tell what is right even looking at both your hand and partner's, let alone just at one of them.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Townsend	Auken	Norton	Welland
—	—	1♠	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Townsend started with 2NT, showing an invitational or better spade raise with at least four trumps. Auken showed a good hand with a 3♠ cue-bid and then competed to 5♥. When Norton's 5♠ came back to her, though, she knew that bidding again might turn a small plus into a small minus, but she did not expect to get rich from defending 5♠x, and the potential upsides of bidding were significant.

And so it was that Townsend then had to deal with the first of the bidding problems posed earlier. Notice that, even looking at both the East AND West hands, you do not know whether to defend 6♥ or take the relatively cheap save in 6♠x. For example, if the South hand is 2-5-5-1, then you will make just a club trick against North's heart slam. On the actual hand, the defenders would have had a trick in each black suit, but Townsend understandably took the insurance. N/S +300 and 6 IMPs to ABC, who led 17-8 with two boards remaining.

On Board 19, both North/South pairs stayed out of game on a finesse and a 2-1 trump break: a flat board in 3♦+2. Then came the second of the bidding problems from the top of this article.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Auken	Norton	Welland
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With the vulnerable East unlikely to be messing around, Roy Welland chose discretion. He led the ♥Q against 3NT, and continued with a low heart when declarer ducked. Ben Norton won the ♥A and cashed his diamonds for one down: N/S +100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Leslie	Jagniewski	Bell
3♦	Pass	3NT	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

After the same start, Mike Bell took the glass-half-full attitude to the decision and braved the four-level on his less-than robust suit. Jagniewski duly doubled on his 17-count and Wojciech Gawel led the ♠Q.

Bell considered dummy for a full ten minutes, presumably considering whether he could manage to ruff two clubs without running into a second trump loser. Having decided that the answer was 'no', Bell eventually won with the ♠A and played a club to the queen. When that won, he was soon claiming ten tricks: N/S +790 and 12 IMPs to Sandfia, who emerged with a narrow victory, 20-17.

Rosenblum Rankings

After Round 5

1	THE MAVERICKS	77.35	41	VENTIN	48.79
2	APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS	73.49	42	EXPOSURE	48.32
3	DRINTEAM	70.05	43	VALUE MEDIA TEAM	47.51
4	MORIMURA	67.79	44	KRUSES CARDCIRCUS	47.40
5	MORAN	66.66	45	FLEISHER	47.30
6	BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS	66.00	46	KASIMIR	47.11
7	GUPTA	65.60	47	LEIBOWITZ	46.69
8	LEBOWITZ	65.45	48	HANS	46.64
9	SEOUL	64.37	49	SPS EKO ROZANKA	46.31
10	ORCA	63.79	50	VYTAS	46.09
11	ECF HOLDING	63.78	51	ZIMMERMANN	45.23
12	PERICULO	61.42	52	PDC	45.50
13	ODMET	61.12	53	PODDAR HOUSING	44.82
14	LUCKY FOUR	61.01	54	SZCZECIN UNIVERSITY	44.71
15	SPECTOR	60.61	55	AZS WRATISLAVIA	43.79
16	FINLAND	60.25	56	PREDDY	43.47
17	TEAM BLACK	60.16	57	WISLA CCSOFT	43.00
18	TEAM CANADA	60.04	58	SYNSYN	42.68
19	NICKELL	59.23	59	TJARNEMO	42.48
20	WOLFSON	59.16	60	FORMIDABLES	42.44
21	GOLDEN AGE	58.73	61	BRIDGE24PL B	40.87
22	SOUTH SWEDEN	58.16	62	BRIDGE 42	40.67
23	MIKADINHO	58.08	63	BAMSA	39.93
24	MINITER	57.95	64	BRIDGESCANNER	39.63
25	COOREMAN BELGIUM	57.62	65	TEXAN ACES	39.23
26	STREET	57.42	66	DINKIN	39.22
27	BAUER	57.36	67	CZECH REPUBLIC	39.15
28	THE BLACK SWAN	56.66	68	ZALESKI	38.90
29	COYNE	56.50	69	YOSHKA	38.36
30	WORLD BRIDGE TOUR	56.35	70	GUNS N ROSE	37.58
31	OBJECTIVITY	55.19	71	RENEES ANGELS	33.56
32	BORTOLETTI	54.10	72	REAL MAVERICKS	33.23
33	COMFORT	52.86	73	GWADA	32.36
34	GILLIS	52.40	74	WROBELKI	31.02
35	DON JULIO	52.37	75	SLIM	30.94
36	ROBINSON	51.21	76	DIAKUN	29.96
37	LAUSANNE	50.04	77	GONZO GALICJA	28.38
38	SANDFIA	49.94	78	KUWAIT	27.18
39	ZAMIR	49.67	79	UKRAINE	26.32
40	ROSENTHAL	48.89			

At the end of the qualification, at **approximately 8 pm a Captains' meeting** will be held to determine the bracket. Here are the relevant regulations:

7.3 Brackets for the KO stage

At the end of the qualification stage, the top 25% of qualifiers will each, in turn, choose their opponent from among the bottom 50%. The rest of the bracket will be assigned using the remaining teams' original seeding, based on the average WBF Master Points of the team's members for the respective category, e.g., Senior Master Points for the Senior teams. Seeding ties will be broken based on qualification rank.

7.2 Carryover and Ties in the KO stages

There will be no carryover in any of the Team events. Ties will be resolved in favour of the team that won the head-to-head match (if any) in the qualification stage or, otherwise, the higher-ranked team in the qualification stage.

The place where the meeting will be held will be announced in due time.

Video Corner

Our first video is online:



Welcome to Wroclaw

McCONNELL Draw and Ranking

RR 1

51 TEAM CANADA	GALATASARAY SK
52 BAKER	TRI POLAR
53 AUSTRALIA	BRODY
54 THISTLES	EDMONDS
55 GERMANY	NO NAME

RR 3

51 TEAM CANADA	BRODY
52 TRI POLAR	THISTLES
53 GALATASARAY SK	NO NAME
54 GERMANY	BAKER
55 AUSTRALIA	EDMONDS

RR 5

51 TEAM CANADA	NO NAME
52 THISTLES	GERMANY
53 BRODY	EDMONDS
54 AUSTRALIA	TRI POLAR
55 GALATASARAY SK	BAKER

RR 7

51 TEAM CANADA	EDMONDS
52 GERMANY	AUSTRALIA
53 NO NAME	BAKER
54 GALATASARAY SK	THISTLES
55 BRODY	TRI POLAR

RR 8

51 TEAM CANADA	AUSTRALIA
52 EDMONDS	BAKER
53 GERMANY	GALATASARAY SK
54 TRI POLAR	NO NAME
55 THISTLES	BRODY

RR 9

51 TEAM CANADA	BAKER
52 AUSTRALIA	GALATASARAY SK
53 EDMONDS	TRI POLAR
54 BRODY	GERMANY
55 NO NAME	THISTLES

RR 2

51 TEAM CANADA	TRI POLAR
52 GALATASARAY SK	BRODY
53 BAKER	THISTLES
54 NO NAME	AUSTRALIA
55 EDMONDS	GERMANY

RR 4

51 TEAM CANADA	THISTLES
52 BRODY	NO NAME
53 TRI POLAR	GERMANY
54 EDMONDS	GALATASARAY SK
55 BAKER	AUSTRALIA

RR 6

51 TEAM CANADA	GERMANY
52 NO NAME	EDMONDS
53 THISTLES	AUSTRALIA
54 BAKER	BRODY
55 TRI POLAR	GALATASARAY SK



After Round 3

1	BRODY	42.54
2	EDMONDS	38.88
3	TRI POLAR	38.34
4	NO NAME	36.73
5	TEAM CANADA	32.69
6	BAKER	30.32
7	GERMANY	28.32
8	AUSTRALIA	23.67
9	GALATASARAY SK	18.01
10	THISTLES	10.30

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MAIN EVENTS: 8th - 13th - NOVEMBER

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(1) - Minimum occupancy per room 2 persons

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€

747.72 (P)
577.72 (NP)

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637.50 (NP)

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1 192.78 (P)
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54.00

705.00 (P)
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56.00

50% discount on Wednesday and Friday social events if booked and paid for at the same time as the hotel package.

(P) - Player Package

(NP) - Non-player Package

Pre-tournament events:

3rd Nov 8.30pm | Portuguese National Simultaneous Pairs
4th and 5th Nov 4pm | IMP Pairs (separate events)
6th Nov - 4pm | Charity Tournament
7th Nov - 8.30pm | Warm-up Pairs
14th Nov - 8.30pm | Cool-down Pairs

Official Tournament Programme:

7th Nov - 6pm | Welcome cocktails
8th - 11th Nov - 4pm | Open Pairs
11th Nov - 8.30pm | Open Teams
12th Nov - 11am and 2.30pm | Open Teams
13th Nov - 2.30pm | Open Teams

Bridge Package includes:

- 7 nights' stay with buffet breakfast
- Entry fees for the two main events (Pairs and Teams)
- Airport transfers
- Welcome cocktails
- Prize-giving
- Closing dinner
- Light lunch on 12th November

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