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PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

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 22nd August onwards**. This is because of repairs to the bridge that provides access to the venue.

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



McConnell Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize Giving ceremony will be held in the **playing area** as soon as possible after play has finished.



The bridge students of Miroslawa Stachura will surely enrich the long history of Polish players in the years to come.

With the teams occupying fourth and fifth positions in the McConnell in opposition in the last round of the qualifying competition and separated by a single VP, a thrilling finish appeared to be on the cards. However, BAKER had much the better of things and they cruised to victory to join BRODY, TRI POLAR and EDMONDS in today's semifinals.

In the Rosenblum three teams overcame their higher seeded opponent, BORTOLETTI upsetting FLEISHER, ZAMIR over WORLD BRIDGE TOUR and DRINTEAM against ODMET.

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Schedule Tuesday 23rd August

ROSENBLUM	McCONNELL	Open Pairs
Round of 16	Semifinals	Qualification
4x14-boards	4x14-boards	
10.00 - 12.00	10.00 - 12.00	
13.00 - 15.00	13.00 - 15.00	10.00 - 12.30
15.20 - 17.20	15.20 - 17.20	14.00 - 16.30
17.40 - 19.40	17.40 - 19.40	17.00 - 19.30



McConnell RR4

Brody v No Name

by Ron Tacchi & Herman De wael

Round 4 of the McConnell Round Robin saw first placed Brody facing No Name who resided in fourth position. No Name (Arnolds, Kolen – who is Carla's daughter – Christensen and Visser) is a Dutch ensemble, whilst Brody (Brody, Fischer, Michielsen, Cecilia and Sandra Rimstedt) is a transnational team hailing from USA, Hungary and Sweden. With four teams progressing to the knock-out phase, continuing a good run of results is paramount.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Christensen	Brody	Visser	S. Rimstedt
—	—	1♣	Pass
INT*	2♥	Dble	All Pass
INT Game forcing			

Brody took her chances knowing that the opponents had sufficient ammunition for game. When Christensen transformed her partner's negative double it looked good for declarer, as partner's hand had some useful cards: the ♥Q and four diamonds. Visser led her trump which was taken in dummy. Declarer needed to take advantage of the sole entry to dummy to play a diamond towards her king. This would allow the contract to make, as she would have six hearts tricks and two diamond tricks, since the ace was onside. When a club was led from dummy the defence took their two club tricks. They then continuously pumped spades through declarer which meant she was forced to play diamonds from hand. She eventually finished two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Arnolds	C. Rimstedt	Kolen
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
1♦	Hearts		

The ♠K was led and ruffed, and Carla Arnolds played a trump to the queen. She immediately started on diamonds, to her king and another. Marion Michielsen thought for a long time before overtaking the ♦Q, but when she then cashed ♣AK, declarer could claim, with her fourth diamond providing the eighth trick. 15 IMPs to No Name.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Christensen	Brody	Visser	S. Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	6NT	All Pass
2♣	GF Relay		
3♥	55M, short ♣		

Visser pondered on what to call over Christensen's heart bid and eventually fell back on the tried and tested 'bid what you think you can make'. Her ♠10 nicely



Esther Visser

complimented partner's spade suit and after the lead of the ♣J twelve tricks were claimed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Arnolds	C. Rimstedt	Kolen
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Cecilia Rimstedt just had the ♠A to lose for a score of +620, but a loss of 13 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Christensen	Brody	Visser	S. Rimstedt
—	—	—	3♣
All Pass			

Visser thought long and hard in the pass-out position before finding a green card. Had she managed to speak, then perhaps the spade game might have been reached. Christensen kicked off with her singleton ace of hearts and switched to a small spade, taken by the other singleton ace. A club to dummy's queen held the trick and Rimstedt ruffed a spade off dummy. The king of clubs was now taken by the ace, and another spade came back, forcing declarer to ruff. A small diamond from hand saw the jack taken by dummy's ace and a small one from dummy was taken by the queen. Another spade was played by the defence; declarer now had to lose another trump and a heart for one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Arnolds	C. Rimstedt	Kolen
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The play lasted more than 10 minutes. The ♥A was led and the ♠2 returned. Sandra Kolen played a club to the queen and ruffed a spade. She presented the ♣K, over



Marion Michielsen

which Michielsen thought for a long time before taking the Ace. She then took even longer to continue with another spade. Now it was again up to Kolen to take more than a minute before cashing the ♣J, and another minute to play the ♣9 to the ten. Another spade was presented. Now it looks as if declarer had 8 tricks but a score of -2 was agreed upon. -500. 9 IMPs to Brody.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Christensen	Brody	Visser	S. Rimstedt
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT
3♠	All Pass		

N/S did well not to compete further in hearts, in theory, as on perfect defence eight tricks is the limit. Visser ruffed the opening heart lead and immediately set about the club suit. Rimstedt took her ace and decided on a trump lead to cut down on dummy's ruffing power. When she chose the queen, it must have been a disappointment to see partner's ace crash, however, according to my finessing

friend it does not affect the outcome. Brody returned the ♡3 and Rimstedt's king was ruffed in dummy. The ace of diamonds was cashed and another ruffed back to hand. Whereupon it was agreed the contract had failed by a single trick. As an aside can you tell me which is the only card South could have led to allow declarer to make her contract double dummy? The answer is the jack of diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsens</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kolen</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT*
3♠	4♥	Dble	All Pass

2NT Invitational with hearts

A spade was led round to the singleton ace, and Arnolds played a club to the ace and then discarded a diamond on the ♠Q. Rimstedt cashed the ♣K and played a diamond to Michielsen's ace, duly receiving her diamond ruff. One heart trick was still to come for two down and -300. 8 IMPs to Brody.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 10 5 4 3
♦ 8 6
♣ Q 10 7

♠ Q 2
♥ A K 8 7 2
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ J 6

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ 9 4 3

♠ K J 10 6
♥ J
♦ A 5 3
♣ A K 8 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Christensen	Brody	Visser	S. Rimstedt
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Christensen's opening bid was reported as showing five cards, a method that will undoubtedly have occasions when it is successful. Equally, though, it can fail -- and it can fail big time. Dummy did not fill declarer's heart with joy. The opening lead of the queen of diamonds was ducked, as was the jack. Now Brody switched to the queen of spades and Rimstedt overtook with her king; but declarer played her ace and returned the suit to the ten. Another spade, the jack, took the next trick and after the ace and king of clubs were cashed the suit was continued, with Brody ruffing declarer's queen. Now declarer took her second trick when a diamond was led, and she could ruff. When she then ducked a round of trumps to Rimstedt's jack she could not be denied another trump trick but that was five off for -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsens</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kolen</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A normal enough 10 tricks, but a similar number of IMPs flowing away from declarer here.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 5 4
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ A Q 9 8 7
 ♣ K J 9 8

♠ 9 6
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ K J 10 6 4 3
 ♣ A 5 3

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A K Q 9 5 3
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ Q 6

♠ K J 10 8 7 2
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ 10 7 4 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christensen</i>	<i>Brody</i>	<i>Visser</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>
—	—	1♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Sandra Rimstedt found the lead of a small club, which did the defence no harm. When Visser played low in dummy Brody took her king and made the natural but potentially fatal return of a spade. The queen was taken by the king and the suit continued to the ace in hand. Visser now



Sandra Kolen

cashed the queen of clubs and ruffed her losing spade and now she can make her contract by cashing the ace of clubs and discard a loser. It seems she believed that the pre-emptor has a doubleton club and therefore was more likely to have a diamond honour. So she cashed all her trumps but one and was greeted with the bad news that both diamond honours were offside, and the clubs were 4-4 all along. To be sure of beating the contract North has to switch to a trump or a small diamond at trick two – by no means an easy play to find.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Arnolds	C. Rimstedt	Kolen
—	—	1♥	2♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A well-judged 3NT call saw Cecilia Rimstedt reach the better contract. Kolen led a club to her mother's king. A spade was the obvious return, ducked by Cecilia. Another club went to the queen and a diamond to the jack and queen. While North was thinking, Rimstedt claimed "one more trick for you". "Only one?" was the reply, but this was swiftly agreed to. Surely declarer could rely on North's return being made more quickly if they had been 5-3 after all. 10 more IMPs to Brody.

On the final board declarer's trumps were Q9 to five with A10 to four in hand needing to play the suit for no loser. She could count her left-hand opponent for just one trump. You could see her double checking her calculations and she was justly rewarded when she led the queen from dummy to see the jack fall on her left. Thus she made her contract – which was worth 6 IMPs or the major part of the winning margin.

At the end of the match No Name had won by the small margin of 45-38 or 12.03-7.97 VPs.

Mobile phones and electronic devices



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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.

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Moran v Nickell

by Marc Smith

Firstly, an opening lead. You are East and hear the following auction:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 10 7
♦ J 6
♣ A 9 8 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Next, with only the opponents vulnerable, you are sitting in the West seat with:

♠ A 6 4
♥ K J 8
♦ 6 2
♣ A K Q 6 4

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
?			



Ralph Katz

Finally, with only your side vulnerable, you hold as East:

♠ Q J 10
♥ —
♦ K 10 9 7 4
♣ Q 10 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	?	

The match began with the Irish pair stopping in 2♠ at one table, whilst the Americans bid to a 3NT that could have been made. The result was 6 IMPs to Moran but, thereafter, the match turned into a demonstration of why members of this Nickell team have been serious contenders at almost every event for so many years.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ A 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q J

♠ K 5 3
♥ Q 9 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 10 6

♠ 10 7
♥ A 10 7
♦ J 6
♣ A 9 8 7 5 2

♠ A Q J 6 4 2
♥ J 6
♦ K 10 4
♣ 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Katz	Hanlon	Nickell	Volcker
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The defence started with a club to the ace and the ♣9 returned to dummy. Frederic Volcker took a losing trump finesse, and Ralph Katz found the only continuation to defeat the contract, a low heart. East's suit-preference signal at trick two perhaps makes it likely that he holds the ♥A but, if that is the case, then nothing South can do will prevent the defenders from playing a third round of clubs

to kill the discard and leave declarer with a diamond loser. Volcker therefore went up with the ♥K and the defenders quickly took their two tricks in that suit to put the game one down: N/S -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Hampson	Garvey	Greco
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			3NT

Geoff Hampson started with an artificial, game-forcing 2♣ response and then rebid 2NT when his partner rebid spades. Whilst Volcker, in a similar position, had bid his spades for a third time, Eric Greco simply raised to game in no-trumps.

Had South become declarer in 3NT, West has an obvious heart lead, which would have left declarer needing the spade finesse for his contract. With North as declarer, though, Tommy Garvey was left with the opening lead problem posed at the top of this article. Did you find the killing heart opening? Neither did Garvey. On the club lead, Hampson had time to concede a spade to West's king to establish his nine tricks. N/S +400 and 10 IMPs to Nickell.

The next test was just around the corner, and both West players had to answer the first of the bidding problems posed earlier:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Hampson	Garvey	Greco
2♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Having forced to game with his 2♣ response, does Adam Mesbur's 2NT not look like the obvious continuation? With a minimum opening bid, is there any reason for Garvey to do anything but raise to game? Might West now advance to 4NT?

The auction looks perfectly normal, and the contract is

where you would want to play. The diamond slam is against the odds, needing a bit more than the trump finesse. With clubs 3-3 and both red-suit finesses working, Garvey made twelve tricks: E/W +490.

There is obviously a good reason why Ralph Katz is playing on a contending team and I am just writing about it, as he evidently saw more in this West hand than I did.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Katz	Hanlon	Nickell	Volcker
2♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass	5♦	Pass

It seems to me that, having opened the bidding and repeated his diamonds, Nick Nickell revealed little more about his hand (other than to deny being able to make a stronger bid at any stage). That didn't stop Katz driving to slam, and who can argue with success?

Volcker led a spade, won in dummy with the ace. Nickell played a diamond to the jack, then crossed back to dummy in clubs and repeated the trump finesse. With trumps breaking 4-1, declarer now needed North to hold three or four clubs. With clubs 3-3, Nickell disposed of his last losing spade as North ruffed in with his trump trick. E/W +920 and another 10 IMPs to NICKELL.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Hampson	Garvey	Greco
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

That all seems straightforward. Declarer won the club lead with the ace, drew trumps, and claimed 12 tricks, conceding just the ♥A: E/W +980.

The auction followed similar lines in the replay, but Tom Hanlon threw something of a spanner into the American works:

when not to do so. The Americans struck the first blow, with Geoff Hampson demonstrating that he knew when to take action:

West	North	East	South
<i>Katz</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
1♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 4
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K J 9 8

♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ K J 9 3 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 6 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ —
♦ K 10 9 7 4
♣ Q 10 7 5 2

♠ A K 9 8 2
♥ A 7 5 4
♦ A 6 3
♣ 3

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Hampson	Garvey	Greco
	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Geoff Hampson's weak 2♥ opening on this North hand would have certain members of North America's bridge teaching fraternity tearing their hair out for various reasons. Perhaps, though, it is just time for them to accept that this is how the game is played in the 2020s.

And 4♥ was not such a bad contract either. Hampson won the opening spade lead in dummy, cashed the ♥A to reveal the 4-0 trump break, and continued with a heart to the nine. The only winning continuation now is to play on spades, which is perhaps counter-intuitive. When Hampson played a club, seeking to ruff his loser in that suit, West won and switched to a diamond through declarer's queen. The defence was now a step ahead, and declarer eventually ran out of trumps and thus never scored a long spade trick. E/W +50.

In the replay, Nick Nickell had to deal with the last of today's bidding problems.



Geoff Hampson

West	North	East	South
Katz	Hanlon	Nickell	Volcker
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Dble	3 ♠	4 ♦	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♣	Dble
All Pass			

Having passed as dealer, Tom Hanlon made a pre-emptive raise after Katz's takeout double of South's 1♠ opening. This left Nickell with the problem posed earlier. One option is, perhaps, a jump to 4NT, asking partner to pick a minor. When Nickell chose to bid just 4♦, it fell to the French star on the predominantly Irish team to illustrate the importance of knowing when not to bid to those



watching on BBO VuGraph. Alas, it is hardly obvious that conceding a diamond partscore is the best you can do from here. Volcker could not help himself and ploughed on to 4♠. When this came back to Nickell, he clearly reconsidered his position and unveiled the second string to his bow. Not surprisingly, Volcker doubled 5♣, but he was to be quickly disillusioned. He cashed a high spade at trick one and then tried the ♥A at trick two. Declarer duly ruffed, drew trumps, and took a finesse against the ♦Q. The Irish had obviously forgotten to bring their famed luck with them to this match: the only relevant card in the North hand turned out to be the one declarer needed there. That was 11 tricks: E/W +750 and yet another 12 IMPs to Nickell.

The Americans scored an emphatic win, by 41-8, to move up into fifth spot, consolidating their place in the knockout stage of this event. To be sure, no one will be hoping to draw them in the next couple of days. Meanwhile, the Irish dropped all the way down to 28th, only just above the bubble with three matches left in the qualifying stage. Time to get out that four-leaf clover, boys!

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by Mark Horton

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 2

♡ K | 10 9 8 2

◇ 92

♣ K 9 7

♠ A

♡ 543

◇ K 87

♣ A | 8 5 3 2

♠ K | 10 5 4

♡ 076

◇ 13

♣ O 10 4

♠ O 8 7 6 3

♡ A

◇ A O 10 6 5 4

♣ 6

West	North	East	South
—	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

There does not appear to be much point in starting with the ♥A, although it does allow you to take a look at dummy. Here it works if you switch to the ♦Q or more simply a spade.

You could opt to lead a spade – here that might work, but having won in dummy if declarer plays a low club and North goes in with the king and returns a spade declarer can get home by putting in the jack. Not too difficult as hearts must be 6-1 and North is unlikely to have the ♥AK and the ♣K. If you reject both of those possibilities in favour of a diamond, which card will you choose? Given that you have an entry why not start with the ♦A? Then it is easy enough to continue with the ♦Q.

However, on the two occasions where East was in 3NT South's choice was the $\diamond 6$. That allowed declarer to win in hand with the jack. How should declarer continue? Running the $\clubsuit Q$ is fine if North wins, but what if the finesse holds? Repeating it allows North to win and play a diamond when there are only eight tricks. It might be best to forget all about the finesse, and play a spade to the ace at trick two followed by a low club. If either defenders wins that you should be in clover and if the $\clubsuit 10$ holds you can cash the $\spadesuit K$ and then play the $\clubsuit Q$. Although I don't know how the bidding or play went, I can tell you that Danuta Kazmucha made 3NT for Edmonds and Hatice Ozgur did the same for Galatasaray SK. That represented a major setback for teams Baker and Germany.

Rosenblum Swiss R8

South Sweden v Team Black

Lucky Four v Minitier

Lebowitz v World Bridge Tour

by Jos Jacobs

In Round 8 of the Swiss qualification, the ante-penultimate round, the boards were not too helpful for any journalist looking for sensational stories. There was enough to enjoy for the connoisseurs, however. What is more: the lack of sensation offered me the chance to have a look at no less than three top matches in progress: tables 2, 5 and 6.

On the opening board of the set, 4♠ was the popular contract and going down one was the normal result: making game was just asking too much, though it was made here and there. This was the next board:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Here is the auction in the South Sweden v Team Black match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Fredin	Hult	Grude
—	—	4♥	4♠

All Pass

A nice play problem. West leads a heart to dummy's king and a trump goes to the queen and king. Heart back to the ace, cross in diamonds and another trump. East wins and can promote a trump in partner's hand by playing another heart or he can play a club, destroying the endplay on West but also conceding the contract immediately. On a heart, declarer ruffs high, draws one more round of trumps and plays on diamonds. West does not ruff but after cashing the diamonds, declarer exits with his last trump. South Sweden +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	P Bertheau	Gower	Black
—	—	3♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the other room, East did not open at the four-level, so N/S had ample room to settle for the alternative game

contract in 3NT. With the spade honours divided between East and West, a heart lead and continuation easily meant declarer's downfall. Down three, +300 and 14 IMPs to South Sweden.

In the Lucky Four v Minitier match, both Easts opened 4♥ and neither South bid 4♠.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Chan	Sementa	Sheng
—	—	4♥	All Pass

In the Open Room, N/S kept silent and scored +100 when 4♥ went the normal down two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Xu	Nowosadzki	S Huang	Kalita
—	—	4♥	Dble

All Pass

Mainly the same happened in the Closed Room but the difference was that Kalita as South had doubled 4♥. Minitier +300 and 5 IMPs to them.

In our third match, it was an entirely different story.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Bilde	Andresen	Madala
—	—	4♥	Dble

All Pass

Yes, Madala also doubled 4♥ but he led the ♦K and when this held, tried the ♠Q. Now declarer can win the ace



and guess correctly in clubs. But when he played another diamond himself, preparing for the ruff, the defenders reacted by playing two rounds of trumps, leaving declarer with six losers. Lebowitz +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	T Helness	A Grossack	Charlsen
—	—	4♥	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

The World Bridge Tour Norwegians launched an unusual 4NT over the take-out double, only to find out that there was no minor-suit game on. Lebowitz +100 and 12 IMPs to them.

The next board required restraint, but in our three matches most N/S pairs were in 4♠ which is simply too high. The odd pair out were Peter Bertheau and Andrew Black who managed to stop in 3♠.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	P Bertheau	Gower	Black
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Ironically enough, they made ten tricks when West led a low heart...

When their team-mates defeated 4♠ in the other room, Team Black thus scored 6 IMPs.

In the Lebowitz-World Bridge Tour match, they were also in game.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Bilde	Andresen	Madala
—	—	—	1♠
2♦	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When Hoftaniska also tried a heart as his opening lead, that meant +420 to Lebowitz.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	T Helness	A Grossack	Charlsen
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Lebowitz tried a trump lead, which gave declarer no chance at all. When declarer led a low club from his hand later on, West's ♣8 forced dummy's king so declarer managed to lose three club tricks for down two, another +100 and 11 IMPs to Lebowitz.

On the next board, both 4♠ and 3NT were popular contracts but were defeated more often than not. This was also the case in two of our three matches. The exception was the Lebowitz-WBT match.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Bilde	Andresen	Madala
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Once the defence attacks clubs, 4♠ will be defeated, even after an initial diamond lead. That was what happened in the Open Room. WBT +100.

In the Closed Room, they were in 3NT, however.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	T Helness	A Grossack	Charlsen
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led a spade to declarer's blank ♠K, the ♥A was unblocked and two rounds of spades came next. When East got off play, after winning his ♠Q, with the ♦Q rather than a club, declarer suddenly could get home by winning the ♦A, cashing the spades and continuing a diamond. When the nine appeared, he had made his contract. WBT +600 and 12 IMPs to them.

Near the end of the set, things started to happen again. This was the penultimate board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In the Lucky Four-Miniter match, E/W correctly settled for a club partscore.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Chan	Sementa	Sheng
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass

One overtrick, Miniter +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Xu	Nowosadzki	S Huang	Kalita
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
INT	2♦	3NT	All Pass

When North led a quite natural ♦J, the defenders easily put the contract down two for +200 and 8 IMPs to Miniter.

In the South Sweden v Team Black match, an interesting variation occurred.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Fredin	Hult	Grude
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

When East led the ♥J, declarer had no real chance. One down, Team Black +50.

At the other table, they reached 3NT as E/W.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Apteker	P Bertheau	Gower	Black
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North did not lead the ♦J but tried a low spade instead. Now, if declarer puts up the king and it wins, a successful heart finesse will see him home. As this seems the best practical chance, declarer, after a long huddle, played accordingly. When South won the ♠A and tried a top diamond, the outcome was just an extra undertrick. Team Black another +300 and 8 IMPs to them.

The final board was an interesting play and timing problem.



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Bilde	Andresen	Madala
—	—	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

On a spade lead to the queen, king and ace, declarer has some work to do, even more so because the other side might not be in game, as happened quite often. Only 28 out of 78 tables were in game and four of them went down by mistiming the play. Madala was one of the declarers who showed the way. Ruff a spade and finesse a heart. West can win his queen but what can he do? Declarer can always cross in clubs and take a second heart finesse. When this works, he will lose a club, a trump and a spade in the end. A diamond play by West does not help him because East is out of diamonds.

Alternatively, declarer might ruff a spade, take a second trump finesse and give up a spade in the end.

When West played a club to partner's ace, Madala could even afford to win East's trump return with the ace, cash the clubs and cross-ruff the rest of the hand. The ♥K was the 3rd and last trick for the defence.

At the other table, there was an accident.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	T Helness	A Grossack	Charlsen
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

West's INT was forcing but by passing now, North lost a round of bidding. I am still wondering what happened to N/S's hearts here. The contract was made with an overtrick, +130 to WBT but 10 IMPs to Lebowitz.

The final scores in the matches:

South Sweden v Team Black 32-19 or 14.28- 5.72 VP.

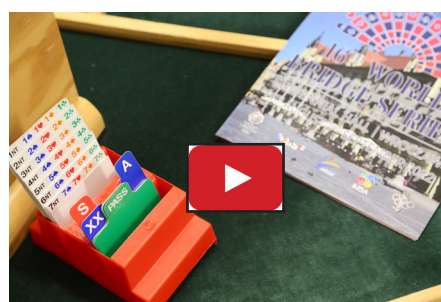
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Lebowitz v World Bridge Tour (WBT) 36-24 or 14-6 VP.

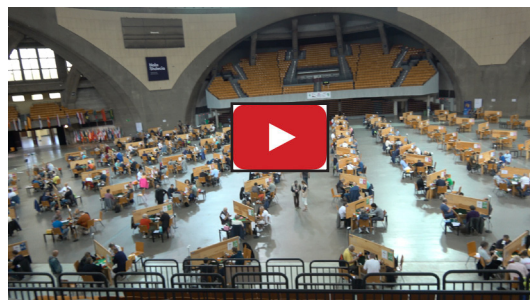
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Rosenblum Swiss R9

Apres Bridge Champs v South Sweden

by Brian Senior

With two rounds of the Swiss qualifying stage to play, the multi-national APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS led the way and were already sure of a place in the last 32. In Round 9 they faced the fourth-placed Swedish/South African combination, SOUTH SWEDEN. They were lying fourth, but over 22 VPs behind the leaders, though they too needed very little to be sure of a place in the knock-outs.

Board 11 saw the two East players declare a normal enough 3NT with 19 opposite 6, but down two when the obvious lead beat it straight away; flat at -100. However, we didn't have to wait long for the first major swing.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Morath	Auken	Gustawsson	Welland
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Fredin	Jagniewski	Grude
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2NT	Dble	3♦	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

For APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS, Welland opened 1♥ in fourth seat and rebid 3♥ when Morath's weak jump overcall came back to him. Having shown nothing to date, Auken had a comfortable raise to game with her 10-count. Morath led the nine of clubs, zero or two higher, and Welland called for the queen. When that, as expected, held the trick, he played three rounds of hearts, losing to the queen, won the diamond return with the ace, and repeated the club finesse. The diamond loser went away on the ace of clubs, and a subsequent lead towards the king of spades resulted in an overtrick for +650.

At the other table, Jagniewski opened 1♠ in third seat and that put a totally different complexion on the auction. Grude overcalled 2♥, Gawel showed a constructive spade raise, and Fredin doubled to show values. Jagniewski

showed his side-suit to help partner to judge whether to save over 4♥, and that is what Gawel did. In the face of what sounded like a constructive auction from their opponents, neither North nor South felt able to double the final contract.

Grude cashed the ace of hearts then switched to ace then jack of diamonds. Jagniewski won in hand with the king and ruffed a heart, before playing two rounds of spades. He had to lose a second heart and the ace of clubs, as well as Fredin's ♠K, but two down for -100 was a small price to pay with N/S cold for 4♥, and earned APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS an 11 IMP swing.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Morath	Auken	Gustawsson	Welland
—	1♣	1♥	1♠
2NT*	3♣	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Fredin	Jagniewski	Grude
—	1♣	1♥	2♣
2NT*	4♣	4♥	5♣
Dble	All Pass		
2NT Constructive heart raise			

Welland's 1♠ bid denied spades. When Auken showed long clubs in competition, he tried 3NT on the way to 4♣, just in case his partner was stronger, quickly corrected to the latter contract by Auken, who was allowed to play there, losing two diamonds and one trick in each black suit for down one and -100.

Grude showed club support at his first turn and Fredin's jump to 4♣, confirmed that he had genuine length in the suit, and tempted Grude to go on to 5♣ over 4♥, doubled by Gawel. Four Hearts could have been defeated, so going down two in 5♣ doubled for -500 was something of a disaster for the Swedes, and resulted in a further 9 IMPs going the way of APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Morath	Auken	Gustawsson	Welland
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Fredin	Jagniewski	Grude
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Auken opened the South hand and, while Morath overcalled then made a game try facing Gustawsson's constructive raise, Gustawsson was minimum so signed off in 3♥. A trump lead went to the queen and king and Morath played the king of spades to Auken's ace. Auken continued with a second trump, Morath winning in dummy and taking a club pitch on the queen of spades. He ruffed a spade, crossed to dummy with a trump, and ruffed another spade, setting up the fifth card in the dummy. A club to the

king lost to the ace, and there was a second club and a diamond to be lost, so nine tricks made for +140.

Grude did not open the South hand so Gawel got to open the West hand and, when Jagniewski used Drury then jumped to 3♥ to show a good invitational hand, went on to game. Fredin too led a heart to the queen and king, won declarer's spade play and continued with a second heart. Gawel won on table and played exactly as we saw from Morath. However, when he led a club to the king after ruffing the fourth spade, Grude cashed the queen of clubs and, as both defenders had thrown clubs away, that set up the eight of clubs as a winner – careless of the defence, to say the least. Gawel could therefore win the diamond switch with the ace and get rid of dummy's diamond loser on the winning club; 10 tricks for +420 and another 7 IMPs to APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS.

SOUTH SWEDEN got on the scoreboard on Board 15 with an overtrick IMP in a routine 4♠ by E/W, then:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Morath	Auken	Gustawsson	Welland
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Fredin	Jagniewski	Grude
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Morath made a pre-emptive heart raise over Welland's double and that went back to Welland, who doubled again. Auken had an easy 3♠ response to that and played there. Gustawsson led the three of spades against 3♠, Auken winning the ace and conceding a heart. Gustawsson won that and played a second spade, Auken going up with the king and felling Morath's queen. She drew the outstanding trump now then took the club finesse and, with no easy route back to hand, continued with ace and a third club, ruffing. She led a diamond up now, Gustawsson winning the bare ace and playing the ♣K to draw declarer's last trump. Auken had only the ♦K to come now so was down one for -50.



Sabine Auken and Marten Gustawsson

At the other table, Grude doubled 1♥ but let 4♥ go unmolested. Fredin, however, took one look at the vulnerability and took the save in 4♠, which nobody felt that they had the defence to double. Four Spades was, of course, a phantom save, but it looked to be just a couple of IMPs out, until something very good happened to Fredin in the play. Jagniewski cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a club. Fredin finessed the queen and gave up a heart. Jagniewski won that and played a second club, Fredin again finessing. He took a diamond discard on the ace of clubs then played dummy's last, losing, club, and Gawel ruffed in with his trump queen. Away went Fredin's last diamond and he ruffed high on the diamond return, drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and king, then ruffed another diamond high. Finally, he could lead the seven of spades to dummy's nine, and the king and ten of diamonds won the last two tricks, making 10 in all. Far from losing a couple of IMPs for being a level higher than the other room, Fredin had scored +420 and that meant 10 IMPs to SOUTH SWEDEN.

Board 17 was flat in 4♠+1 by North, and Board 18 in 3NT just made by West. On Board 19, the two N/S pairs chose to play different partscores on their combined 21 HCP and good five-three diamond fit. Welland made 2♦+1 for +110, while Grude declared 2NT, making exactly for +120 and no swing. If it looked as though the match was coming to a quiet finish, the arrival of Board 20 soon dispelled such a notion.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Morath	Auken	Gustawsson	Welland
Pass	1♦	4♠	6♣
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Fredin	Jagniewski	Grude
Pass	1♦	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Both Norths opened 1♦, both Easts overcalled 4♠, and both Souths had a problem.

Welland solved, if that is the right word given his result on the board, his problem with a leap to 6♣. With a sure

diamond loser, he needed a miracle in the club suit. As we can see, one was not forthcoming. Welland ruffed the opening spade lead, cashed the ace and king of clubs, and led his diamond towards dummy. Morath took the ace and played a second spade. Welland again ruffed, cashed the king of hearts and led a second heart to the ace. He cashed the king and queen of diamonds and a third heart, and had just to concede two trump tricks for down two and -200.

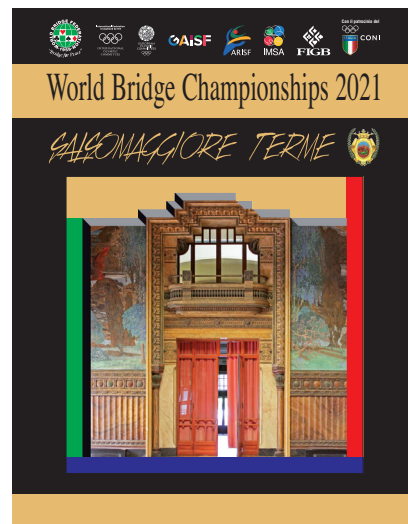
Grude did better in the bidding, starting with 4NT then converting the 5♦ response to 6♣ to show a very two-suited hand with longer clubs than hearts. Of course, Fredin converted to 6♥ with real hopes of success. Fredin ruffed the lead of the king of spades and ruffed a low club. Next he played ace and another heart to dummy's king, followed by three more rounds of clubs, ruffing. Had clubs been four-two, this line would have been successful. Alas, they were five-one. Fredin played the queen of diamonds. Gawel won the ace and returned the jack of trumps, so Fredin won the queen and gave up a club, claiming the last three tricks for down one and -100, but 3 IMPs to SOUTH SWEDEN.

APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS had run out winners by 27-14 IMPs, translating to 14.28-5.72 VPs. They had consolidated their position at the head of the rankings, though LEBOWITZ were still close behind, while SOUTH SWEDEN had slipped to 11th place but had earned the few VPs they had required to ensure a spot in the knock-outs.

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Rosenblum Swiss R10

Street v Robinson

by Barry Rigal

The match between Street and Robinson would give us the opportunity to see two teams in the top echelon of the qualifiers. The match started with both teams defining what did or did not constitute an opening bid (Al Roth, please close your eyes).

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ K J 10 6		
		♥ 8 6 3		
		♦ 6 5 2		
		♣ J 8 5		
♠ A 8 4		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 7 2	
♥ 10 4			♥ A Q 7 5	
♦ Q 10 3			♦ A J 9 7	
♣ A Q 4 3 2			♣ 7 6	
		♠ Q 5 3		
		♥ K J 9 2		
		♦ K 8 4		
		♣ K 10 9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♦ 2+			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		
1♣ 2+			
1♠ Relay			

The cards lie moderately unfavourably for no-trump by E/W; but if East passes N/S may find themselves declaring the hand and not enjoying it one bit.

Berkowitz drove to game facing a likely 11-13 and ducked two spades, after which a heart back would have left him no chance. When the third spade was played the club suit offered some tempting avoidance possibilities; but the shortage of entries to the West hand meant accurate defence should still prevail.

Declarer ran the diamond queen to South who won it and played back a diamond; yes, ducking might have been more discreet. Berkowitz won the diamond return in dummy to play clubs. The club finesse succeeded but declarer could not cross to a diamond to lead up towards the club ace, since then he would no longer have a re-entry to hand.

And if he led the club ace from hand; South could unblock the king and let North win the third club and cash a spade. Thus one down was the best he could do.

Against 2NT a passive heart lead to South's jack, followed by a spade shift, looked promising. But declarer ducked two spades then set up the hearts, simply needing one minor-suit finesse to succeed, as it did. +120 meant Street led 5-0.

3NT by East came home quite a few times but you have to sympathize with ECF Holding, who collected 400 in 3NT but still lost 6 IMPs when in the other room East was allowed to play 1♦xx for 630.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

		♠ Q		
		♥ A 10 7		
		♦ 10 7 6 4 3		
		♣ A 10 8 5		
♠ A J 4 2		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 7 6 5 3	
♥ Q 5 4			♥ K J 9	
♦ K Q 5			♦ A J 8 2	
♣ 7 6 3			♣ K	
		♠ K 10 8		
		♥ 8 6 3 2		
		♦ 9		
		♣ Q J 9 4 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	All Pass
3♣	Limit with three or four trumps		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2NT	Limit+		

Berkowitz respected his partner's sign off, Manno did not. Against 3♠ the ♣Q lead meant the defenders could never score more than four tricks. But Zia had cunningly upped the stakes against Di Franco. He led his singleton and dummy may not have been what he wanted to see; but where there's life there's hope. Declarer won the lead in hand and led a spade to Zia's eight. After much deliberation, and respecting Zia's double just a little too much, he put in the jack. Two diamond ruffs later declarer may not have been wiser but he was certainly sadder.

+500 and 12 IMPs to Robinson.

4♠ came home after a non-diamond lead (and sometimes after a diamond lead) rather more often than one might have guessed.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Zatorski	Meckstroth	Pachtman
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦(♥)	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Gold	Di Franco	Zia
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Berkowitz's spade queen lead saw Pachtman reasonably placed. He won in hand to lead a diamond up. Berkowitz took his king to return a spade. When declarer won in dummy and unblocked the ♦Q then led a club to the eight, West won and returned a club. That left declarer with no way to set up either minor. He cashed the ♦A and ran the ♥9 but had only eight winners after a spade return when hearts did not break.



The table in the Closed Room

On a less informative auction in the other room Manno led the club seven to the jack and ace. Now Zia ran the ♥10 to the king, ducked the spade shift round to the ace and tried a low club from dummy. When West took the ♣8 with the king he exited with the ♠Q, not unreasonably. Zia could now win in hand and lead the ♥9 covered all round, then give up a club. He had three clubs, two hearts, three spades and a diamond in the bag. Had Di Franco risen with the club jack to play a spade might Zia have finessed? Then West can do no better than exit with the heart jack. Declarer wins to play a third club and must subsequently finesse in hearts to bring home his game.

Those 12 IMPs made it 24-5 to Robinson.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Zatorski	Meckstroth	Pachtman
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	INT(♣)	2♥	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Gold	Di Franco	Zia
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Both Souths felt obligated to disclose their untold riches at their second turn by raising clubs. Zatorski was happy to hang his partner, Gold offered his partner a way out, and Zia gratefully took it. In 4♣ Gold ruffed the second spade and unblocked hearts, then led a trump to dummy and ruffed a heart. When hearts behaved he had 10 tricks and manoeuvred an extra trick when Di Franco bared his ♦K in the ending.

Pachtman as South received a top spade lead and a shift to ♥9 (a spade is no better if declarer reads the position). To come home South needed to play ♦A and ruff a diamond, playing for the king to fall in three or to be able to ruff the fourth diamond without being overruffed. He seems to have the entries and trump spots for that..

♠ Q 5 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K Q 8 6 5 2
♣ 4

The final swing deal of the set saw Manno-Di Franco essay a slam off an ace and KJ10x of trump. When that didn't fetch, Robinson had a 43-5 win and finished the round robin in 4th while Street dropped to 16th.



The table in the Open Room

McConnell RR6

The Remains of the Day

by Ron Tacchi & Mark Horton

In Round 6 of the McConnell we checked out the form of Germany and Canada, the former probably needing to win to keep their hopes alive. As usual, Ron was in the Open Room.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Cao	Gromann	Huang
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
All Pass			

South's rebid over 1♠ seems to undervalue her hand, with only five losers and the king of spades handily placed. North could see no good reason to go further with her hand and so the pair languished at the two-level. With the kind layout of the diamond suit declarer quickly landed eleven tricks, +200.



Ingrid Gromann

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Vechiatto	Chen	Smykalla
—	—	—	1♥*
Pass	2♥*	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

The system being employed by NS included Canapé, hence the 1♥ opening.

West led the ♠8 and East won with the ace and switched to the ♦K. Declarer took dummy's ace, played three rounds of hearts and then played a diamond to East's queen. She finished with ten tricks, +620 and 9 IMPs for Germany.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ J 7 6 4	♠ A K 9	♠ Q 10 8 5 3 2
♥ J 8 2	♥ A Q 9 4 3	♥ 5
♦ 7 3	♦ A 10 4 2	♦ 9 8 6
♣ K Q 5 2	♣ 8	♣ A 10 4
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W S E </div>	
	♠ —	
	♥ K 10 7 6	
	♦ K Q J 5	
	♣ J 9 7 6 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Cao	Gromann	Huang
—	1♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

South's 3♠ showed hearts along with a void and after a couple of cue-bids Blackwood was invoked. When it revealed one keycard, North bid the good slam. After East led the ace of clubs and switched to a trump declarer could claim her twelve tricks, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Vechiatto	Chen	Smykalla
—	1♣*	1♠	Dble*
2♠	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
1♣ Strong			
Dble 6+, usually not more than 2 controls			



There are many ways to develop the auction after North's 3♥. If South bids 4♦ as an advance cuebid, she can then consider bidding 4♠ over North's 4♥. Whatever one makes of that, missing the slam cost Germany 11 IMPs.

♠ 9 8
♥ 10 4 2
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ A 10 9 7

♠ K 10 6 2
♥ 8 7 6 3
♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ 8

W N E S

♠ A Q 7
♥ 5
♦ A Q J 10
♣ K 10 5 3 2

♠ J 5 4 3
♥ A K Q J 9
♦ 8
♣ Q 6 4

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Cao	Gromann	Huang
—	—	1♥	2♣
3♥*	5♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West <i>Zhang</i>	North <i>Vechiatto</i>	East <i>Chen</i>	South <i>Smykalla</i>
—	—	1♥	Dble
2♥	2NT*	3♦*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

South led the ♣2 and North won with the ace and switched to the ♦5, South winning and returning the ♥5. Declarer won with the nine, cashed the ♥A and played a spade to the ten. She emerged with ten tricks, +170, and 13 IMPs.

♠ Q 8
♥ Q 10
♦ 10 8 7 6 4 3 2
♣ A Q

♠ A 10 6 5 3 2
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ 9 5
♣ K

♠ K J 9 7 4
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ A Q
♣ 6 2

♠ —
♥ K J 5
♦ K J
♣ J 10 9 8 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Cao	Gromann	Huang
—	—	—	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West <i>Zhang</i>	North <i>Vechiatto</i>	East <i>Chen</i>	South <i>Smykalla</i>
—	—	—	4♣
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Vechiatto	Chen	Smykalla
Pass	Pass	Pass	I ♥
2♣	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣Q and East thought for some time. As you can see, on this layout there is no way to prevent declarer arriving at 12 tricks. The probability of securing five tricks in spades is 73.47%, and you score four tricks in hearts 54.84% of the time. Here it was important the jack appeared early to provide an extra entry to dummy. +680 was worth 13 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 9 8 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ A K Q 10 9 3 2
 ♣ A 3

W	N	E
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♠ A 5 4 3
 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 5 2

♠ 7
 ♥ J 7 5 4
 ♦ J 6 5 4
 ♣ K 9 7 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wenning</i>	<i>Cao</i>	<i>Gromann</i>	<i>Huang</i>
—	1♦	1♥	2♦
2♥	5♦	All Pass	

Once South has shown diamond support North's hand goes from being very good to enormous. It does not require much from South for a slam to be odds on and in fact as we can see with only a five count South has more than enough to take twelve tricks. An opportunity missed, perhaps. +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Vechiatto	Chen	Smykalla
—	1♣*	1♥	Pass*
2♥	Dble	4♥	Dble
All Pass			
1♣ Strong			
Pass 0-5			

We cannot be sure that NS would have reached $6\heartsuit$ if North had preferred $3\heartsuit$ to double, but it might at least have been in the picture.

South led the ♠7 and when declarer tried dummy's queen North calmly followed with the two. Declarer played a heart to the ace, ran the ♥8 and exited with the ♣2. North won with the ace and should now play a spade

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Cao	Gromann	Huang
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North, no doubt, was waiting for a reopening double from partner, but when South elected to show her hearts rather than rebid her spades, North made the 'normal' bid of 3NT. There are some whose methods would be to double and then pull 3♦ to 3♥ to show a good hand. Unfortunately for North, East did not have a club in her hand, so could not lead her partner's suit. This left diamonds as the unbid suit, and declarer took the third round and thought long and hard before running the ten of hearts which lost to the jack, one down, -100. Declarer's plan seemed to be to take four hearts, a diamond, two clubs and then two spades when the spade king was onside. Playing hearts from the top offers a slightly better chance of four tricks. as any 3-3 split or a singleton or doubleton jack suffices.



Candice Huang

which produces two down. When she cashed the $\diamond A$ and continued with the king declarer could pitch a club, ruff in dummy and run the $\spadesuit J$, escaping for one down, -200 and 9 IMPs.

Cecilia Rimstedt and Marion Michielsen were the only pair to bid $6\diamond$ - collecting a mere 9 IMPs when their teammates doubled $5\diamond$ in the other room.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

\spadesuit Q J 6 3 2		\spadesuit —
\heartsuit 10 4 2		\heartsuit A 8 7
\diamond 8 6		\diamond A K Q 7 5 3
\clubsuit J 7 5		\clubsuit A 8 4 3
\spadesuit A 10 9 8	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">N W S E</div>	
\heartsuit K 9 3		
\diamond J 4 2		
\clubsuit K 9 2		
\spadesuit K 7 5 4		
\heartsuit Q J 6 5		
\diamond 10 9		
\clubsuit Q 10 6		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Cao	Gromann	Huang
—	—	1 \diamond	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Pass	3 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Another hand where the bidding is 'the thing', not the play. You only need a sensible trump and/or a reasonable club split to make Six Diamonds cold. East's problem is how to get her hand across and it is difficult to argue against 3 \clubsuit as both 2 \clubsuit and 3 \diamond are not forcing. Surely West should now show her diamond support; she may have a balanced hand but opposite a forcing non-balanced hand she has excellent cards, honours in both of partner's suits and controls in the other two. After 3 \diamond I cannot guarantee you will get to the diamond slam but I am certain you will not if you bid 3 \heartsuit . The no-trump slam can be beaten on a spade lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Vechiatto	Chen	Smykalla
—	—	1 \clubsuit *	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3 \diamond	Pass
3 \spadesuit	Dble	3NT	All Pass
1 \clubsuit Strong			
2NT 11-13			

North led the $\spadesuit 3$ and declarer finished with 11 tricks, +460. It was a missed opportunity in both rooms.


Clearly you want to be in $6\diamond$ - well done to the three pairs that managed it.



Germany won 51-40, 12.74-6.66 VP and still had an outside chance of qualifying.

McCONNELL

Team	BRO	TRI	EDM	BAK	CAN	NED	GER	AUS	TUR	SCO	Bye	Pen	Team	Total Rank
BRODY	x	16.26	15.92	19.07	15.19	7.97	18.21	12.55	14.8	15.38			BRODY	135.35 1
TRI POLAR	3.74	x	7.97	13.28	8.8	14.8	12.55	18.66	19.61	16.26			TRI POLAR	115.67 2
EDMONDS	4.08	12.03	x	12.55	10.91	19.69	15.74	9.39	16.88	13.75			EDMONDS	115.02 3
BAKER	0.93	6.72	7.45	x	15.74	11.2	3.91	16.88	15.74	19.69			BAKER	98.26 4
TEAM CANADA	4.81	11	9.09	4.26	x	14.18	6.66	6.72	16.88	14.18	0.5		TEAM CANADA	87.78 5
NO NAME	12.03	5.2	0.31	8.8	5.82	x	12.03	14.39	10.31	10.61			NO NAME	79.5 6
GERMANY	1.79	7.45	4.26	16.09	12.74	7.97	x	7.97	8.8	10.91	0.3		GERMANY	77.98 7
AUSTRALIA	7.45	1.34	10.61	3.12	13.28	5.61	12.03	x	7.71	9.39			AUSTRALIA	70.54 8
GALATASARAY SK	5.2	-0.41	3.12	4.26	3.12	9.69	11.2	12.29	x	15.74	0.8		GALATASARAY SK	64.21 9
THISTLES	4.62	3.74	6.25	0.31	5.82	9.39	9.09	10.61	4.26	x			THISTLES	54.09 10

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Rosenblum Round of 32 S1

Seoul v Lebowitz


by David Bird

Two days of Swiss qualification reduced the Rosenblum field to 32 teams. I hear that the Wroclaw beer-houses had record takings last night, with so many non-qualifiers seeking liquid consolation.

Let's concentrate on some of those who instead took an early night, to be fresh for their round-of-32 match the following day. We will watch as Seoul face Lebowitz.

Board 2 was a small slam depending on a finesse against the ♥K. Since a nett swing of 26 IMPs might depend on the lie of one card, I was pleased to see that both teams bid (and made) it.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S.Lee	Nystrom	D.Kim	Helgemo
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Geir Helgemo won the king of hearts lead in dummy, picked up the trump suit and lost only one club trick, for +480. There are two possible reasons why such a deal should appear in the daily bulletin: either the writer is displaying worrying signs of senility, or something different happened at the other table.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	S.Kang	Grossack	S.Roh
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

A (fairly) diligent search for the Kang/Roh convention card proved unsuccessful. North's 3♥ must have shown the nature of his spade raise. Roh's 4♥ cannot have been RKCB, since the fourth step would then show two aces

plus the trump queen. Be that as it may, Seoul were 11 IMPs to the good, two finesses later.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S.Lee	Nystrom	D.Kim	Helgemo
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Sorry, but I don't like that 3♥ bid at all. If you bid 3♣, partner can judge whether his tricks outside clubs will be quick enough for 3NT. Another possibility is to hope for the best and raise to 3NT.

Helgemo may have worried about the spade situation and opted to play in the 4-3 heart fit. East won the ♠6 lead with the queen and cashed the spade ace. A diamond switch went to West's jack, and the queen of clubs switch was won in the dummy. When a trump finesse lost to the king, West returned another club to kill dummy's suit. Helgemo won with his jack and cashed the jack of spades for a club discard. A diamond ruff in dummy was followed by the club king, ruffed with the ♥6 and overruffed with the ace.

Helgemo ruffed his penultimate diamond with the ♥9 and led a good club, ruffed by the 6, 8 and 10. West then cashed the ♦A, for three down and a penalty of 300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	S.Kang	Grossack	S.Roh
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Nine tricks were made, and the sensibly restrained auction was rewarded with a swing of 9 IMPs.

On Board 5, both sides bid a 22-HCP heart game on a

4-4 fit. Soo Lee guessed which defender held the trump queen; Laurence Lebowitz did not. Another 10 IMPs changed hands and Seoul led 32-0. It's at such moments that those with an unoccupied plus-column are glad they are playing a 56-board match.

One thing I really enjoy is watching world-class players judging high-level competitive deals. Let's end with a couple of those.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S.Lee	Nystrom	D.Kim	Helgemo
—	1♥	Dble	2NT*
3♠	4♦	4♥*	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Some kibitzers were puzzled by the 5♥ bid. 'He had a minimum for his 2NT.' Both North's 4♦ and South's 5♥ were fine bids, as I see it. I am less certain about East's 4♥ (instead of 4♠). This set up a forcing-pass situation, which was not justified by his potential defence. He may then have thought that he was obliged to double 5♥. Even if he made a spade and the ♦K, sitting over the bidder, why should there be a third trick?

With the two red kings onside, Nystrom was not pressed to make a doubled overtrick for +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	S.Kang	Grossack	S.Roh
—	1♥	Dble	3♣
3♠	4♦	4♠	5♥
All Pass			



Again, there was less excitement at the other table. Declarer picked up +480, but 7 IMPs were lost.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
S.Lee	Nystrom	D.Kim	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	1♥
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Helgemo hoped that his partner would be short in spades. He also expected 4♠ to be made. It turned out that North-South were cold for +650.

If East were to venture 5♠ (the despised five-over-five), this would have cost only 200. That's because both sides had a monumental double fit. Since only the major suits had been bid, the minor-suit situation was completely unknown. There was no reason for East to contemplate such an action.

What would happen at the other table?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lebowitz	S.Kang	Grossack	S.Roh
—	—	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Seongseok Kang showed his hand with a fit-jump, which would have helped South to judge the situation over a possible 4♠. West chose not to bid again, and it was a push board in +650.

Lebowitz scored 20 unanswered IMPs in the second half of this first set, leaving the score at 33-20 in Seoul's favour.

Before I pull down the shutter, I must say a word about the BBO coverage. The standard of the VuGraph operators has been brilliant! It is also hugely welcome that operators have been provided for so many tables. The full bidding and play details at some ten different tables is therefore saved for posterity in the BBO archive.

Open Pairs Qualification

After 3 Sessions

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	CZIMER Csaba	HUN - HUN	61.36
2	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	POL - POL	60.61
3	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	60.33
4	MESBUR Adam	IRL - IRL	59.82
5	MIELNIK Krzysztof	POL - POL	58.98
6	GROSSACK Zachary	USA - USA	58.82
7	KWIECIEN Michal	POL - POL	58.63
8	ARGELAZI Eliran	ISR - ISR	58.43
9	PASELL Mike	USA - USA	58.19
10	PIETRASZEK Marek	POL - POL	58.01
11	MOLENDAR Jaroslaw	POL - POL	57.85
12	KOLUDA Piotr	POL - POL	57.84
13	NAIDOO Bindya	IND - IND	57.44
14	SENSARMA Joyjit	IND - IND	57.38
15	KARLYKOV Petro	UKR - UKR	56.68
16	TIHOLOV Todor	ENG - ENG	56.60
17	KIELICHOWSKI Urban	POL - POL	56.52
18	TRENDAFILOV Rumen	BUL - BUL	56.43
19	ARONOV Victor	BUL - BUL	56.37
20	BROGELAND Boye	NOR - NOR	56.21
21	CARIC Jurica	CRO - CRO	56.13
22	KEAVENEY Gay	IRL - IRL	55.72
23	JADCZAK Bernard	POL - POL	55.68
24	BACH Ashley	NZL - ARG	55.39
25	STOLINSKI Robert	POL - POL	55.34
26	BOLESTA Slawomir	POL - POL	55.25
27	GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	55.17
28	AGICA Marius	ROM - ROM	54.95
29	CIBOROWSKI Konrad	POL - POL	54.86
30	THROWER James	ENG - ENG	54.78
31	RIMSTEDT Mikael	SWE - SWE	54.76
32	BARTKOWSKI Mariusz	POL - POL	54.72
33	WILDAVSKY Adam	USA - USA	54.63
34	ADAMCZYK Stanislaw	POL - POL	54.56
35	PETERSEN Henrik Kruse	DEN - DEN	54.45
36	HANLON Tom	IRL - FRA	54.42
37	KUJAWA Krzysztof	POL - POL	54.35
38	BROWNSTEIN Sid	USA - USA	54.30
39	LEKKI Janusz	POL - POL	54.27
40	CARROLL John	IRL - IRL	54.24
41	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	LTU - LTU	54.20
42	LOSIEWICZ Igor	POL - POL	54.20
43	GRZELAK Roman	POL - POL	54.17
44	NEHMERT Pony Beate	GER - USA	54.07
45	BLASZCZYK Przemyslaw	POL - POL	54.01
46	LIU Zhejun	CHN - SUI	53.98
47	CHONIAWKO Andrzej	POL - POL	53.90
48	JANSMA Jan	NED - USA	53.54
49	RAWLIK Sebastian	POL - POL	53.54
50	MATHIEU Philippe	GLP - GLP	53.53
51	SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw	POL - POL	53.48
52	MELMAN Victor	USA - POL	53.37
53	SOSNOWSKI Pawel	POL - POL	53.20
54	TRENKA Peter	HUN - HUN	53.14
55	CAMMARATA Michele	ITA - ITA	53.07
56	ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad	POL - POL	52.95
57	KURANOGLU Serap	TUR - TUR	52.88
58	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	POL - POL	52.82
59	JANIK Stanislaw	POL - POL	52.81

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
60	VERBEEK Tim	NAB Bart	NED - NED 52.71
61	ROSENBERG Debbie	GUPTA Vinita	USA - USA 52.70
62	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	KOZUCHOWSKI Waldemar	POL - POL 52.67
63	KOWALSKI Dariusz	SIELICKI Tomasz	POL - POL 52.56
64	STEPINSKI Jeremi	HUTYRA Maciej	POL - POL 52.34
65	WITEK Marek	BARTOSINSKI Jaroslaw	POL - POL 52.09
66	FAILLA Giuseppe	DE MICHELIS Luca	ITA - ITA 51.92
67	WOLANSKI Rafal	STACH Jaroslaw	POL - POL 51.64
68	IAVICOLI Federico	CAFFI Cristoforo	ITA - ITA 51.56
69	NIELSEN Lars Kirkegaard	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN 51.49
70	KOTOROWICZ Jakub	MIECHOWICZ Pawel	POL - POL 51.48
71	GAWRON Grzegorz	KOWAL Jakub	POL - POL 51.36
72	MULLER Bauke	DE WIJS Simon	NED - NED 51.35
73	WINKLER Gabor	DUMBOVICH Miklos	HUN - HUN 51.31
74	PADHYE Anil	VENKATESH Gopal	IND - USA 51.27
75	KHARE Ajay	TOLANI Raju	IND - IND 51.14
76	KMIECIK Cezary	SOLECKI Piotr	POL - POL 51.11
77	BIELAWSKI Maciej	KRYSTECKI Jacek P	POL - POL 51.11
78	VOLHEJN Vit	MEDLIN Ales	CZE - CZE 51.01
79	SJOQVIST Mans	SAFSTEN Johan	SWE - SWE 50.98
80	BAREL Michael	KATZ Paz	ISR - ISR 50.82
81	BOGUCKI Darek	KURKOWSKI Wojciech	POL - POL 50.65
82	GALEK Przemyslaw	SYNOWIEC Rafal	POL - POL 50.63
83	JURKIEWICZ Andrzej	POMARANSKI Artur	POL - POL 50.60
84	KOBYLARSKI Janusz	WARZALA Waldemar	POL - POL 50.42
85	AKGUL Mustafa	ASLAN Bulent	TUR - TUR 50.37
86	PONT Juan	FREY Jan	ESP - SUI 50.35
87	HOYLAND Jim	HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR 50.33
88	GARNIER Charles	GERIN Dominique	GLP - GLP 50.30
89	VOZABAL David	SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE 50.25
90	CHMURSKI Bartosz	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL 50.21
91	SZKUDLAREK Leszek	KOCON Wlodzimierz	POL - POL 50.18
92	GOODMAN Peter	MCINTOSH Daniel	IRL - ENG 50.13
93	WRECZYCKI Maciej	BAJEK Grzegorz	POL - POL 50.12
94	BAKKEREN Ton	BAKKEREN Frank	NED - NED 50.08
95	KOISTINEN Kauko	SALONEN Jari	FIN - FIN 50.00
96	MAAMARBACHI Clement	VROUSTIS Vassilis	LIB - GRE 49.97
97	OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN 49.94
98	VAINIKONIS Erikas	ARLOVICH Andrei	LTU - LTU 49.90
99	KASPRZAK Alan	PRZYBIELSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL 49.84
100	KRYSA Adam	KALINOWSKI Tomasz	POL - POL 49.68
101	CIESIELCZUK Marek	SOLTYSIAK Wojciech	POL - POL 49.57
102	SMIRNOV Alexander	SIGURJONSSON Julius	GER - ISL 49.56
103	PIGOT Peter Jr	COYNE Ciaran	IRL - IRL 49.43
104	GULYAS Daniel	HODOSI Peter	HUN - HUN 49.41
105	KULPINSKI Dariusz	SZCZERBA Jacek	POL - POL 49.41
106	CHEN Lin-Huan	HSIEH Ding-Hwa	USA - USA 49.28
107	CZARNECKI Robert	TOEPLITZ Artur	POL - POL 49.25
108	STRANDBERG Ylva	ANDERSSON Gunnar	SWE - SWE 49.17
109	BAUER Tracey	ROJKO Silvana	USA - SLO 49.13
110	HUNKA Andrzej	KONIK Eugeniusz	POL - POL 49.09
111	CIBOROWSKA Lucja	CIBOROWSKI Konrad	POL - POL 49.09
112	MAAT Roeland	DE MEER Mark	NED - NED 48.98
113	HAMMOND Nicolas	JOHANNSSON Axel	USA - AUS 48.96
114	LATOS Tomasz	GIZA Marek	POL - POL 48.82
115	LATUS Krzysztof	ZAJAC Jacek	POL - POL 48.77
116	HESHMAT Mohamed	HUSSEIN Ahmed	EGY - EGY 48.75
117	STOPA Piotr	LATALA Grzegorz	POL - POL 48.71
118	EKSIOGLU Metin	AKPINAR Mehmet Hakan	TUR - TUR 48.71
119	COOPER Renee	FREEMAN Jacob	AUS - CAN 48.68
120	VARDAR Rifat	KAYA Murat	TUR - TUR 48.68
121	KAVALENKA Andrei	PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej	LTU - POL 48.63
122	MOLLER Rachael	GURVICH David	USA - USA 48.55
123	WINCIOREK Tomasz	CIECHOMSKI Jacek	POL - POL 48.54
124	VON ARNIM Daniela	JOEL Geeske	GER - USA 48.43
125	JASKIEWICZ Ryszard	SOSIN Dariusz	POL - POL 48.22
126	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	THORPE Stefan	NED - NED 48.19

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
127	WODKOWSKI Arkadiusz	LASOTA Pawel	POL - POL 48.10
128	KITA Mariusz	LESIECKI Boguslaw	POL - POL 47.78
129	RAE Kenneth	BLICHARZ Grzegorz	SCO - ENG 47.74
130	KLUBINSKI Piotr	BROSCH Marek	POL - POL 47.66
131	BELL Michael	LESLIE Tim	ENG - ENG 47.64
132	DE FALCO Dano	CAYNE Patricia	ITA - USA 47.63
133	MAGNUSSON Stephan	AMIGUET Jerome	SUI - SUI 47.62
134	WALCZAK Piotr	WITTENBECK Pawel	POL - POL 47.46
135	MAZUR Bohdan	LEWANDOWSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL 47.46
136	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anrudh	IND - IND 47.44
137	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Ewa	POL - POL 47.43
138	RAMARATNAM Krishnan	PODDAR Dipak	IND - IND 47.41
139	SHAH Anal	MASKARA Subodh	IND - IND 47.14
140	PASZKO Wojciech	ZARNOWSKI Adam	POL - POL 47.00
141	RYBNIKOV Gennadii	ROVYSHYN Oleg	UKR - UKR 46.83
142	KRITSALIS Filippas	ZERVOGIANNIS Alexandros	GRE - GRE 46.75
143	WEISS Florian	SELWAY Louise	AUT - ENG 46.74
144	GOSNEY John Paul	LEIBOWITZ Tony	AUS - AUS 46.39
145	SILVERSTEIN Aaron	ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA 46.22
146	KUC-DZIERZAWSKI Piotr	STRYSZAWSKI Tomasz	POL - POL 46.11
147	SAKOWICZ Ryszard	PLOCKI Pawel	POL - POL 46.08
148	NUNN Tony	DALLEY Paul	AUS - AUS 46.07
149	TJARNEMO Jonas	OHLSSON Bjorn	SWE - SWE 46.07
150	ALENFALK Bjorn	JOHANSSON Mats	SWE - SWE 45.96
151	LAKOMSKI Henryk	LEBIECKI Mieczyslaw	POL - POL 45.73
152	URMAN Lior	EZION Amir	ISR - ISR 45.65
153	GAN Grzegorz	PIETRZAK Marek	POL - POL 45.62
154	PUNCH Sam	PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO 45.52
155	SZCZERBOWSKI Jacek	ZWOLAK Ryszard	POL - POL 45.08
156	DINKIN Sam	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA 45.01
157	GLOWACKI Dominik	SLESICKI Waldemar	POL - POL 45.00
158	AIMALA Antti	KOIVU Oskari	FIN - FIN 44.97
159	CZUBAK Edmund	GLADOWSKI Robert	POL - POL 44.94
160	TUBAK Daniel	VIKOR Attila	HUN - HUN 44.82
161	DOECKE Michael	O'SHEA William	AUS - AUS 44.79
162	LIPOWSKI Krzysztof	GLOWINSKI Dariusz	POL - POL 44.78
163	SALINSKI Przemyslaw	PALASZ Ryszard	POL - POL 44.61
164	MACCORMAC Thomas	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	IRL - USA 44.18
165	BEDNARCZYK Edward	KROL Stanislaw	POL - POL 43.92
166	SOSNA Zbigniew	KOZLOWSKI Marek	POL - POL 43.71
167	SUBRAMANIAN Vijayraghavan	RAGHAVACHARY Vasudevan	IND - IND 43.60
168	KOZLOWSKI Boguslaw	ANTOSZ Grzegorz	POL - POL 43.41
169	JANECZEK Marta	BUNIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 43.31
170	TJARNEMO Hakan	CARBONNIER Pierre	SWE - SWE 43.28
171	GOLDBERG Jerry	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA - USA 43.12
172	PEKALA Krzysztof	ZIEMBA Zbigniew	POL - POL 43.03
173	GOTARD Tomasz	BOCHENSKI Adolf	GER - POL 42.57
174	KULIKOWSKI Maciej	SIERAKOWSKI Pawel	POL - POL 42.25
175	CIESLAK Sylwester	GOLAS Krzysztof Chris	POL - POL 42.11
176	LEDOCHOWSKI Lukasz	LEWANDOWSKI Adam	POL - POL 41.89
177	OLSEN Roy-Hugo	SIVERTSEN Are	NOR - NOR 41.72
178	ZACK Yaniv	COHEN Ilan	ISR - ISR 41.70
179	SIKORA Jacek	JARZABKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 41.46
180	NYEMTSEV Oleksandr	KUPNOVITSKY Ostap	UKR - UKR 41.41
181	CHMIELAK Robert	CZAJKOWSKA Magdalena	POL - POL 41.12
182	KLOET Jos	ARENDSE Wim	NED - NED 40.67
183	GIERULSKI Kazimierz	SKRZYPCZAK Mariusz	POL - POL 40.56
184	MORIMURA Shunsuke	ZHAO Jinlong	JPN - JPN 39.05
185	CEGIELSKI Piotr	BARSKI Jacek	POL - POL 38.19
186	SZYMCZYK Tomasz	KOPERNOK Henryk	POL - POL 35.87
187	MAKAREWICZ Edward	TELEC Zbigniew	POL - POL 34.50

Rosenblum KO Brackets

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
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	LEBOWITZ	24	56	62	0	142
	SEOUL	32	32	7	0	71

	AZS WRATISLAVIA	18	69	27	29	143
	STREET	30	14	36	32	112

	FLEISHER	36	25	28	24	113
	BORTOLETTI	44	62	20	43	169

	VENTIN	42	21	17	6	86
	ECF HOLDING	11	4	31	31	77

	WOLFSON	69	42	22	0	133
	MIKADINHO	3	34	22	0	59

	WORLD BRIDGE TOUR	20	10	22	0	52
	ZAMIR	60	53	36	0	149

	HANS	20	19	60	25	124
	TEAM CANADA	36	1	4	22	63

	ROBINSON	33	46	29	33	141
	PERICULO	11	51	21	21	104

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 **NICKELL**
 **BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS**

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 **LUCKY FOUR**
 **DRINTEAM**

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 **ZIMMERMANN**
 **MINITER**

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 **APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS**
 **TEAM BLACK**

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
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	NICKELL	43	29	45	39	156
	THE BLACK SWAN	44	31	34	20	129

	BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS	40	35	25	15	115
	SOUTH SWEDEN	14	28	27	17	86

	ODMET	27	34	22	2	85
	DRINTEAM	16	23	11	36	86

	LUCKY FOUR	41	45	23	11	120
	FORMIDABLES	38	12	24	19	93

	ZIMMERMANN	41	23	26	18	108
	COOREMAN BELGIUM	18	29	30	28	105

	MINITER	48	32	19	24	123
	ZALESKI	22	26	34	21	103

	TEAM BLACK	33	20	49	23	125
	OBJECTIVITY	8	16	22	33	79

	APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS	79	24	50	35	188
	SPS EKO ROZANKA	47	8	6	52	113