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LADIES IN WAITING

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.



Even [Wroclaw's gnomes](#) (krasnale) are joining the World Bridge Series!

The first medals will be decided tomorrow as the McConnell Women's teams comes to an end, the gold medal round being between **TRI POLAR**, and **BRODY**.

The Rosenblum is down to the last eight, with most of the big guns advancing.

In the Open Pairs, the leaders are **Thomas Bessis** and **Cedric Lorenzini** followed by **Joe Grue** and **Brad Moss** and **Alexander Allfrey** and **Andrew Robson**.

A huge welcome to everyone competing in the Women's Pairs, which starts today.

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McConnell Prize Giving Ceremony

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

Schedule Wednesday 24th August

Rosenblum	McConnell	Open Pairs	Women Pairs
Quarterfinals	Finals	Semifinals A&B	Qualification
4x14-boards	3x14-boards		
10.00 - 12.00	10.00 - 12.00	10.00 - 12.30	10.00
13.00 - 15.00	13.00 - 15.00	14.00 - 16.30	14.00
15.20 - 17.20	15.20 - 17.20	17.00 - 19.30	17.00
17.40 - 19.40			

Open Pairs Qualification

Can Lightning strike Twice?

by Herman De wael

I am an idiot.

Mark had asked me to cover a few deals from the start of the Open Pairs qualification. I walked into the room at the start of the first session, looking for interesting people to follow. The only pair I briefly considered were Caric – Marinovski of Croatia, but I decided against it, as I did not want to follow a pair just because they are my friends. When I told Mark later that I had missed following the winners of the first session, he used some choice adjectives not suited for publication (idiot being the least offensive).

So, I could now start following the second session, not behind my friends, but behind the current leaders of the event.

Jurica Caric is the president of the Croatian Bridge Federation. He recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of representing his country, and he was still active on the Croatian national team in Madeira in June. Kiril Marinovski is a Bulgarian who has lived in Croatia for as long as I've gone there for the Pula festival. I have to please my Croatian friends by urging you to go to (one of) the best festival(s) in Europe.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Caric	Plocki	Marinovski	Sakowicz
—	Pass	INT	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♣	Majors		
3♦	Invitational or better with Spades		

West found the correct lead of a club, and Martinovski took the king and ace and returned the ♣7 for the uppercut. When declarer failed to ruff high, the trump ace was the setting trick. A score of 96% was the reward (I shall always give the score as marked by our E/W pair)

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Caric	Plocki	Marinovski	Sakowicz
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Kiril took the heart lead with the jack and immediately returned the suit, eventually setting up a third trick in it. In with the ♥A, South returned the ♠J, which was taken by North, who returned the ♠9. When South discarded a heart on this, declarer was pretty certain that South had a 4441 distribution. He played the ♣Q, which South took. He tried a diamond next, but Kiril took the king, and cashed three more winners on the table (♣K, ♠A and ♥Q).



Kiril Marinovski

This was the situation before the ♥Q was played:

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

When declarer discarded his ♣10 South threw a diamond and declarer made three more diamond tricks. Nicely done!

The overtrick turned a 51% score into 82%.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Marinovski	T. Bakkeren	Caric	F. Bakkeren
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	3♥
4♦	All Pass		
3♥ Weak			

Caric gave up two spades and the trump queen. Just made, and 84% because of the brave support to the four-level.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Jurica Caric

West	North	East	South
Marinovski	Bartosinski	Caric	Witek
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣*	All Pass		

Martinovski alerted his 1♠ and explained it could be done on a four-card suit. He had a few more. He alerted his call of 3♣ and said "oh oh" when the tray came back with a pass. After the lead of the ♥A, Caric claimed 12 tricks. Kiril explained that he intended to get partner to give a cue-bid in hearts, two rounds later, so that he could bid 6♣. He had not expected a pass opposite. 12% was the meagre reward.


Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Martinovski	Bartosinski	Caric	Witek
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After a diamond lead to the ace and a diamond return, Marinovski did not hold up his king. After all, there could be 12 tricks there. He cashed five spades and three hearts and gave up the last two tricks in clubs. 41%.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Marinovski	Hanlon	Caric	Volcker
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Several pairs did reach this slam, so +680 scored only 41%.

After the board, Tom Hanlon shows his spade suit. "Sorry, I'm bad on leads" says Frédéric Volcker. Jokingly, Tom gave two explanations for his pass. After all, it was not a solid suit. And since he leads fourth best, he might give a trick to the jack! Anyway, the spade lead does not create an extra trick.

After that, I got message of a review being prepared, so I had to leave to go perform my real job. Luckily the further six deals proved dull. The Croats had a session of 54.60%, giving them a total of 62.36%, leaving them in second place.

Maybe lightning does strike twice?

Zero Tolerance for Inappropriate behaviour at the table

As we have stressed in both written and verbal communications the WBF has no tolerance for abusive, bullying, harassing and similar behaviour at our events. An incident occurred during play today (Tuesday) whereby an older man behaved inappropriately towards his young female opponent. Even if his intent was not malicious such behaviour cannot be tolerated - it is the feelings of the victim that are important.

The offender has been suspended from the current event and for the remainder of these championships.



WBF Championship Committee

Championship Diary

My mobile phone gets regular messages from the Polish threat warning system, currently that heavy rainfall, combined with river swelling and possible flooding is possible for the next couple of days. It is certainly accurate about the rain! The system is called: Alert RCB!



On Sunday our resident bon vivant, Ron Tacchi, not wanting to have a second shower, broke new ground by giving up his breakfast in favour of getting a lift to the venue. Meanwhile Monika Kümmel, who had gone into town to look for rain gear, was caught in a downpour and sent a message: it seems that swimmingly has a whole new meaning....



The Jannersten bookstall has relocated and is doing a roaring trade – especially in umbrellas! They still have copies of the latest World Championship book, but they are running short of previous editions.



Fan of Zia

The eight-year-old (!) Polish bridge adept has his idol, whom he cheered on in the Centennial Hall, and during the break he got an autograph on the Master's book and posed for a joint photo.

As you can see, for some kids Pele, Maradona or Lewandowski are role models, and for others - Zia Mahmood ...



Photo Marek Malysa, Wrocław

by Marc Smith

Just one bidding problem for you today: with just your side vulnerable you are North holding:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2♣	4♠	5♦
Pass	?		

The opening 14-board set of this match finished with Robinson ahead 33-11. However, the English team significantly reduced the 22-IMP deficit on the first deal of the second stanza when both North players faced the bidding problem posed above.

♠ —
 ♥ A 10 6 2
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ AKQ 9 8 7 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 9 6 4 2

♥ K 9 8 7

♦ J

♣ J 6 5

♠ K J 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ AKQ 10 7 6 5 4
 ♣ 2

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Lawrence</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>O.Lawrence</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2♣	4♠	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

David Gold advanced with a five-level spade cue-bid. Despite good trumps, which he had probably already strongly suggested, Zia could not commit to a grand slam with only one first-round control. There was nothing to the play: N/S +1390.



Oliver Lawrence

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Allfrey	Robinson	Robson
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2♣	4♠	5♦
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

Robinson added a couple of partscore swings to make it 41-24, and then came:

♠ A 5 4 3 2
♥ J 2
♦ K 8 5 3
♣ 8 6

♠ 10
♥ A Q 5
♦ A J 10 4 2
♣ A 10 4 3

W N E S

♠ J 8 6
♥ 10 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K J 7 5 2

♠ K Q 9 7
♥ K 9 8 6 4 3
♦ Q
♣ O 9

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Lawrence</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>O.Lawrence</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A singleton in partner's suit is generally not good news, so David Gold's 2♦ bid hardly enthused Zia, and Zia's spade bid did little to improve Gold's hand.

Patrick Lawrence led the ♣8, ducked to East's king, and a second club came back. Declarer drew trumps and advanced the ♦Q and, when West mistakenly covered Zia was able to discard all four of his spades on three diamond winners and the ♣A. N/S +480.

The stage was now set for another edition of the Alexander Allfrey show:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Allfrey	Robinson	Robson
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Dble	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Daniel Korbel's featherweight 1♠ overcall added some impetus to the English auction, allowing Allfrey to agree hearts immediately via a 2♠ cue-bid. Robson gave his partner no encouragement, simply retreating to hearts at the lowest available level at every opportunity, but Allfrey was undeterred and carried his partner all the way to slam.

Korbel led the ♣8 and now it was up to Robson to justify his partner's ambitious bidding. He won with the ♣A, crossed to hand with the ♥K, and successfully ran the ♦Q. Returning to dummy with a second round of trumps, Robson disposed of his club loser on the ♦A. A diamond ruff failed to bring down the ♦K, but Robson had a second string to his bow – he knew that West held the ♠A, so he simply exited with a low spade towards dummy's ten. It mattered not who had the ♠J – the defence could win with that card but West's ♠A would eventually be ruffed out to set up declarer's remaining spades. Bravo! N/S +980 and another 11 IMPs to Periculo, reducing the difference in the match to just 6 IMPs, 41-35.

However, simply bidding more than your opponents does not always bring in IMPs.



Alexander Allfrey

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Allfrey	Robinson	Robson
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Robson's 1♦ response showed hearts, and Allfrey's jump rebid showed a minimum opening bid with four-card support. Robson's jump to 4♥ was marginal, but one that was not destined to succeed on this layout. Eric Robinson led the ♠A and continued with a second spade, ensuring the defence a ruff to go with their three aces: N/S -100.

Of course, it's normal to bid this sort of game as they are bound to be in it at the other table too, aren't they? Well, let's see some excellent judgement from Zia followed by a much more questionable action – remember what we just said about just bidding more than everyone else?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P.Lawrence	Gold	O.Lawrence	Zia
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Zia was in a similar position to Robson at the first table, although he could not be sure that he was facing four-card trump support. Even so, his pass of 2♥ proved to be exemplary. I will leave you to come up with your own adjective to describe West's decision to back in with 2♠ on that West hand but, if Zia was uncertain what to do on the previous round of the auction, he had no doubts when 2♠ came back to him.

Had David Gold found a trump lead, declarer might have been restricted to just his three aces and could have made at most four tricks. Once North had started with a high club and then switched to the ♥10, declarer managed to scramble five tricks, but that was still N/S +500 and 12 IMPs to Robinson.

Just two boards later, along came another potential slam hand, and with it more proof that the worm had turned:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Allfrey	Robinson	Robson
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I cannot tell you what Eric Robinson's 3♣ was: many play 3♣ here as Puppet, which would seem reasonable on this hand, but West's 3♠ response seems to rule that out. The end result, though, was what seems to be a fairly normal contract. E/W +600.

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, the English team took a far brighter view of the East hand:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P.Lawrence	Gold	O.Lawrence	Zia
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Canadian Martin Johnson, commenting on BBO VuGraph, observed that "3♣ is marginal, 4♣ dubious". How polite!

One can hardly blame West for co-operating and, indeed, we have all been in worse making slams. This one would succeed with trumps 2-2 but it seems that The Great Dealer had tired of a "Bid em up, gain some IMPs" game. There was a spade and a club to be lost: E/W -100 and another 12 IMPs to Robinson, who now found themselves with a 30-IMP lead.

Towards the end of the set, Periculo picked up three consecutive partscore swings to again halve the margin, but then finished the set by bidding a grand slam off a cashing ace whilst their opponents were scoring a routine +980 at the other table. Periculo won the stanza 51-46, so they trail 62-79 at the midway point of the match. With Berkowitz/Meckstroth to come back in for the remaining sets, though, perhaps this is the end of the road for the underdogs. But stranger things have happened.

Not just the smartest dresser...

by Krzysztof Jassem

Patrick Patreuha, who I met in Salsomaggiore in the junior event, must have a strong claim to be the snappiest dresser here, but as Krzysztof Jassem reports, his smart plays are not restricted to the sartorial variety.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Zatorski	Patreuha	Pachtman
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the other room E/W had boosted the auction to 3♠ and been doubled there for -300, so a lot of IMPs were riding on whether 3NT could be brought home.

Patreuha led the ♣Q asking for unblock of the jack or count, and Jassem's ♣7 suggested the actual layout. Plan the defence.

Patreuha shifted to a spade; declarer won in hand and led a diamond up. Patreuha discarded the ♥Q and when declarer finessed in diamonds he pitched the ♥J. Both plays are absolutely necessary to prevent declarer establishing hearts without letting West on lead for the killing club shift.

(Declarer's line of play was absolutely logical and technically sound; to succeed he would have had to play a heart at trick two and duck East's jack – an impossible play to find.)

Championship offer

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Rosenblum Round of 32 S3

Robinson v Periculo

by Jos Jacobs

At halftime, Robinson were leading 79-62, a margin small enough for me to expect an interesting 3rd segment. Right on the opening board, I already was feeling happy with my choice of match to report on as this was the auction in the Open Room:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
3♠	4♠	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Who is voluntarily overbidding here? Maybe the auction in the other room will produce a hint.



Patrick Lawrence

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Or maybe it will not. The auctions reminded me of a famous line from Goethe's Faust: "Da steh'ich nun, ich armer Tor, und bin so klug als wie zuvor." (There I am, poor silly me, not any smarter than I was earlier).

No score.

On the next board, the English E/W timed their defence to perfection. Even in a modest partscore, this can be worth a few IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Lead ♥Q which held the trick, heart to the ace and ♦Q. Declarer wins and attacks trumps but West can win his ace at first or second attempt, cross to partner's ♣A and get his ruff. It is all looking very easy, isn't it?. One down, Periculo +100.

Maybe it is not.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	All Pass	

Lead: ♥Q followed by a top club and a heart. West won and returned his ♦Q but with East's side entry gone, there

Not very much, it turned out. Just 1 IMP over the next three boards. But then came:

♠ J
♥ A 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 10 8 2
♥ K 2
♦ Q J 9 2
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ K 9 7 5
♥ Q J
♦ K 8 5 3
♣ 8 7 4

♠ A Q 6 4 3
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ A 10 7 4
♣ —

West	North	East	South
<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	All Pass

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

♠ Q 6 3
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ J 6 3
♣ K J 4

♠ J 8 4
♥ —
♦ Q 8 7 5 2
♣ Q 8 7 5 3

W N E S

♠ A K 10
♥ A J 10 6 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ 10 6

♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ K 9
♣ A 9 2

Do you have the tools to reach your proper contract

In the Closed Room, David Gold had no major suit opening bid at his disposal:

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
Pass	Pass	♠♣	♥♦
4♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The next board was again a matter of timing your preemptive actions well:

♠ K J 2
♥ J 10 2
♦ Q J 6
♣ Q J 5 3

♠ A Q 8 5 4
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ 10 2
♣ 7 2

♠ 10 9 7 6
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ A K 5 4
♣ 6

♠ 3
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 8 7 3
♣ A K 10 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	1♦	4♣
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Two boards later, East had a difficult judgement problem.

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ A K 9
♦ J 8 5
♣ 9 8 2

♠ 2
♥ Q 10 6 3
♦ A K 7 6 3 2
♣ 10 3

W N E S

♠ A 10 8
♥ J 7 5 4 2
♦ 10
♣ K Q 1 5

♠ K Q 6 5 3
♥ 8
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass

In the other room, David Gold passed as East so Robson had to try his luck in 3♥.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	2♥	Dble	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

In another match, 3♥ also was the final contract but the opponents had sent a warning sign:

West	North	East	South
<i>Roh</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Helgemo thus was well aware of the trump situation and played accordingly. The first four tricks were the same but at trick 5, Helgemo did not play a low trump from hand but the jack. West covered, East followed suit, dummy won the ace and the ♠J was called for next. East covered, South won the ace and led his low club to dummy's master ♣9. It would not do West any good to ruff this so he discarded. A spade came next, East winning the king. Whatever black suit East would return, the defence would come to only one more trick, so Helgemo had made his contract for +530. The warning sign had backfired, as we have seen so often in our bridge life.

On the next deal, there was an accident:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Lawrence</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>O Lawrence</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	Dble
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

Once West decided to open his sub-minimum hand at the one-level, E/W were in dire trouble. When N/S had used up nearly all their red cards, the bidding finally came to an end in one of the many unhappy E/W spots. Down five, Robinson +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>D Gold</i>	<i>Robson</i>
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Believe it or not: Zia opened the bidding at the two-level and escaped undoubled. The opponents duly bid and made their vulnerable game with an overtrick, but the damage had been done. Robinson gained another 10 IMP to eventually finish the segment 29-21. Their lead had gone up to 108-83.



Allfrey, Gold, Robson and Zia in the Closed Room

Edmonds v Baker

by Ron Tacchi & Barry Rigal

In the penultimate qualifying match to determine the four teams to advance to the semi-finals, Edmonds met Baker, with the later currently out of the top spots, the former in 3rd position but not by any means sure of a place yet.

Neither captain would be participating, Edmonds fielding an all-Polish squad, Baker with one English and one American pair at the table. The gregarious Tacchi took his usual place in the Open Room whereas his retiring fellow-journalist retreated to the Closed Room.

Both N/S pairs avoided what was at best a marginal slam on the first deal since it needed no diamond loser from $\diamond QJ1092$ facing $\diamond A64$. The finesse lost; but that was not quite the full story, since on lead after hearing an unopposed sequence $1\heartsuit-2\diamond-2\spadesuit-2NT-3\diamond-3NT-4\diamond-5\diamond$ Sarniak chose a trump from $\spadesuit 653$ $\heartsuit QJ1085$ $\diamond 85$ $\clubsuit A104$. A heart lead would have found partner with $\diamond Kxx$ over the ace in dummy, and a singleton heart. Although at double-dummy declarer might make, most normal lines of declarer play would lead to defeat.

On the next board Edmonds had another chance, of sorts. Kazmucha heard her partner open a Polish Club at favourable vulnerability, and Meyers overcalled 1♦. With:


♠Q10 ♥109 ♦AQJ9 ♣J10742 Kazmucha bid 1NT and ended in 3NT for a flat board. Had Kazmucha gone out on a limb and played for penalty, she would have caught partner with extra values and a classic 4-4-1-4 take out double. The defenders have nine top tricks against 1♦ for 800 against their non-vulnerable game.



Fiona Brown

A non-vulnerable undertrick left the match score at 2-1 after three deals. There was no swing on the next deal, where 14-16 no-trumps meant that East was hardly worth a try facing a 1NT opener unless a fit could be found. But the ♣9 and ♥10 make slam pretty decent.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Dufurat</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
3♣	GF Relay		
3♦	I have a 5-card minor		
3♥	Which?		
3♠	Clubs		

After a Stayman enquiry, Brown invited Brock to bid slam but with an absolute minimum the offer was declined. Dufrat led the ♠9 taken in hand with the king and a small club to the ♣10 lost to Zmuda's queen. Spades were continued and ducked. When another spade was led declarer could claim the rest of the tricks for plus two.

By contrast, Kazmucha found her partner's long suit and subsided in 3NT. After a heart lead Sarniak won the ♥10, took the club finesse in logical fashion and claimed 12 tricks quickly. Slam looks to me to be upwards of 65% but none of the McConnell teams could work that out, and I don't really blame them. Edmonds led 3-1 now.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Dufrat	Brown	Zmuda
—	2♦*	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		
2♦	Multi		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Meyers	Kazmucha	Sanborn
—	2♦*	Pass	2♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♦	Multi		

In the Open Room, Zmuda elected to try to play in Two Diamonds, perhaps catching out Brown who might have been hoping to come into the auction at a later stage. After Brock's intervention Brown tried for a spade game but had to settle for the minor-suit part-score. The lead was the ♦2 to Zmuda's ace. The ace of hearts was cashed and the ♦10 returned for declarer's king. Declarer's third diamond was ruffed in dummy and an unsuccessful finesse of the king of clubs saw Dufrat win and cash the king of hearts. Declarer had the rest of the tricks and so finished one light.

The stakes were higher in the Closed Room. Sitting behind Sanborn, who was in deep thought on lead to 3NT, I wondered if she was going to lead the ♦A, which seems the percentage action to me. When she led a low diamond, declarer could win the ♦J, and now had to be very careful. It looks obvious to take, then repeat the club finesse but now (as the cards lie) your entries are screwed up. As Mark Horton has subtly pointed out elsewhere, you must unblock spades at trick two and lead a low club to hand. When it holds, cash the ♠K and duck a club and the defenders will eventually have to give you a trick in one of the side suits. Not by any means easy, and Kazmucha got away with taking a club finesse (holding) then losing a club to North when that player exited in hearts, not diamonds. Declarer could build an additional trick in a red suit in complete safety.

Edmonds led 13-1 now, and they increased that to 21-1 when Brown opened a concentrated 4-2-2-5 14-count a 14-16 no-trump and reached 3NT off the whole diamond suit. Words such as 'Serves you right' spring quickly to the mouth of the less forgiving commentator but have been censored by the more generously inclined author.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 8		
♥ 9 8 3 2		
♦ A 19		
♣ K 10 9 6 2		
♠ A K 10 5		♠ Q 6 4
♥ Q J 4		♥ A K 6 5
♦ K J 9 8		♦ 7 6 2
♣ 5 4		♣ A 8 7
♠ J 7 3 2		
♥ 10 7		
♦ Q 5 4 3		
♣ Q J 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Dufrat	Brown	Zmuda
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Meyers	Kazmucha	Sanborn
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
3♣	Relay		

Kazmucha explored for a 5-3 spade fit but settled in 3NT when none was found. Meyers led the club ten and Sanborn overtook with the jack to return the queen (in retrospect I suspect that playing back the low club might persuade declarer that clubs were 4-4, and that might change her plan in the endgame?). Meyers overtook the queen and played the honest ♣2, perhaps persuading declarer that the ♦A was to her left. In any event after four rounds of hearts saw length in North it was clearly the percentage play to play ♠A then ♠Q and finesse in spades. The Open Room reached the same contract in fewer bids. Here the opening lead was less clear. But North also led clubs. This time, though, the opening lead of the ♣6 was ducked to the jack. South had to continue with the ♣Q here, I think, and Brock took the third round in dummy. Four rounds of hearts ensued followed by the ace and queen of spades. With Dufrat marked with five clubs and four hearts and no spades having been discarded by South, Brock then finessed against South's jack of spades to claim her contract.

No swing and still 21-1 for Edmonds.

But would the Open Room get there? Yes indeed, they constructed an auction where everyone wanted to have their say. Zmuda pulled Dufrat's penalty double and gave her partner the choice of which minor to play. After the double of 5♣ the defence took their two hearts, two diamonds and a trump for three off: -500, less than Four Spades doubled (perhaps with an overtrick) so a good decision by Zmuda. Operation successful; patient died. Those 9 IMPs made it 21-10 for Edmonds.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Dufurat</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
—	Pass	Pass	INT
2♣*	3♦	3♠	3NT
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
2♣ Majors			

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Dufprat</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>
—	—	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠*	All Pass		
2♠	Invitational, 5♠		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
—	—	INT	Dble*
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room Kazmucha's raise to 3♠ was shape rather than a high-card invitation. Sarniak had no real reason to go on I think, but she was certainly tempted. Meyers (who might have had a way to show the minors and values at her first turn or even a club raise?) reopened to show the minors and give her opponents a second shot. But neither saw any reason to mistrust their earlier judgment and 4♣ on a spade lead lost two tricks in each red suit and eventually East scored a trump trick as well. No double no trouble and -100 against the somewhat unlikely but nonetheless cold 4♠.



Katarzyna Dufurat

Brown had no reason to go on after the invite from her partner and so they rested in the spade part-score. Dufrat led her singleton club to Zmuda's queen, and she returned her singleton diamond. Declarer hopped up with her ace and immediately took two rounds of trumps to avoid the defensive crossruff and finished up with nine tricks.

In the Closed Room 3NT on a low club lead was certainly not a terrible spot. Declarer overtook the club in hand to play on diamonds. Meyers won the first and saw that she needed to shift to a high heart to retain the lead in case declarer had e.g., ♥K9x. The queen, however, turned out to be a card she could not afford. Declarer won and rattled off three more diamonds, reducing to a seven-card ending where South had three hearts and two cards in each side suit. Declarer had followed suit and now exited in clubs to South. When a spade came back, declarer accurately cashed two spades and the diamond, pitching a club, and endplayed South in clubs to lead hearts for the ninth trick and 10 more IMPs. It was 31-10 now.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Duftrat	Brown	Zmuda
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Meyers	Kazmucha	Sanborn
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Sanborn had the option to rebid 2♦ and convert 2♠ to 2NT, but that might lead to playing 2♦ when 3NT was cold. 2NT on a club lead stood no play. However, this was also a terrible hand for Polish Club since there is no way to differentiate strong hands with 5-4 in spades and diamonds from the same shape with the suits the other way round.

Zmuda's 1♠ call was consistent with 12-14 balanced, but the 2♠ call showed the extras without clarifying suit lengths. Thus, at both tables nobody could bid diamonds naturally. No swing at -50 in both rooms.

Then both E/W pairs stayed out of a respectable but not cold grand slam with:

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

From her side of the table Sarniak was able to show her 4-1-1-7 shape precisely after a series of relays following a 2♣ opener. But there was clearly some disagreement as to the precise meanings of her calls, and Kazmucha was closer to passing 5♣ than bidding 7♣. I think the grand slam is respectable by ruffing out diamonds, though the play does get tangled. Nobody in the McConnell got to the grand slam and quite a few stopped in game.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brock	Duftrat	Brown	Zmuda
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	GF, Natural or balanced		
2♥	Diamonds		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Meyers	Kazmucha	Sanborn
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
3♣	Invitational		

Kazmucha's decision to bid on over 3♣ saw her partner in 3NT and Meyers did very well to lead a spade to the nine, jack and king. With entries to declarer's hand all but gone, Sarniak could not see anything better than to cash the ♣A and play for a miracle in diamonds. It was not forthcoming.

By contrast Duftrat found the lead of the queen of hearts, which was allowed to hold the trick, and she switched to the ♦4. Brock inserted the ♦J and when that held the ace of hearts was cashed, Duftrat unblocking the ♥K. Another round of hearts established the suit, declarer discarding a club, and left Zmuda on lead. A diamond went to dummy, and the good hearts were cashed followed by another diamond, revealing the bad break. Brock now took her only chance when she ran the ♠10, and she was rewarded when the ace and jack were on her right. Nine hard won tricks.

Those 13 IMPs brought the match back to 31-24. A couple of extra IMPs to Edmonds when both teams missed a very respectable game but at least Sarniak reached a higher-scoring part-score, left it at 33-24. Edmonds looked safe now; Baker would have to beat Canada in their final match to make it through to the KO.

Rosenblum Round of 32 S4

Three Deals that shook the World

by Mark Horton

The match between the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions and COOREMAN BELGIUM was a terrific struggle. Going into the final session ZIMMERMANN led 90-77. The final session featured three dramatic deals. With six deals remaining the lead was down to 9 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dehayé	Drijver	Coenraets	Brink
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Dble	Rdbl
All Pass			

You can bet a Euro to a cent that East's double was asking for a spade lead. With none at hand West went with the ♦6 for the seven, king and ace. Declarer must have feared the worst, as West was likely to hold one of the heart honours as well as a significant number of diamonds. He continued with a heart to the ten and ace and back came a diamond – miraculously (a 0.3060 miracle to be precise) it was the jack, which meant dummy's ten was now a winner. Declarer continued with the ♥Q and West won with the king and exited with the ♦9 to dummy's ten. A spade to the nine and queen saw declarer continue with the ♥J and when East discarded the ♣2 a club to the ace was followed by a spade to the ten and ace. East had pitched one spade, but had also played the ten and nine, so declarer could exit with the ♠8 knowing he would be sure of nine tricks, +1000.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bocken	Gawrys	Neve
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Here West led the ♦8 for the king and ace and declarer played a club to the king, a spade to the queen (West pitching the ♦3) and a heart for the ten and ace. Back came the ♦J and declarer won and played the ♥J, West winning and exiting with a diamond to dummy's ten. A spade to the ace and the ♥Q were followed by a club to the ace for eight tricks, +120 but a 13 IMP loss.

A part score recovered 3 of those IMPs, and was followed by:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dehayé	Drijver	Coenraets	Brink
—	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
4NT	RKCB		
5♥	2 key cards		

South led the ♥A and switched to the ♣4. Declarer won with the king, played two rounds of trumps, ruffed a club, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade, drew trumps and claimed, +1370.

Declarer would have had a tougher assignment if South had led a club. He wins with dummy's king and might easily go wrong, for example cashing a top spade and ruffing a spade, relying on reasonable breaks will fail.

One line that works is to draw trumps, North discarding hearts. Then declarer must play a spade to the ten and cash two more spades discarding hearts. Then he ruffs a heart, cashes the ♣A and exits with a club forcing North to win and lead into dummy's spade tenace. Wouldn't that be something!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bocken	Gawrys	Neve
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass
1♣	Polish, 11-14, balanced or natural (4414, rarely 3415/4315) or 15+ 5(4)+♣ (4 only if 4414) or 18+, any		
1♦	0-6 or 7-10(11) both minors or 16+ balanced, neither five-card minor, nor four-card major		
2♠	Strong		

It was just as well that EW stopped in game, as here West would have been the declarer.

South led the ♣7 and declarer won with the king and played four rounds of spades, North winning and switching to the ♥9 for the king and ace. South cashed the ♥Q, but that was the last trick for the defence, +620 but a 13 IMP loss to close the gap to 6 IMPs.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dehaye	Drijver	Coenraets	Brink
—	—	5♦	All Pass

As you can see, the situation in diamonds is such that declarer can always take 12 tricks. He ruffed the heart lead, went to dummy with a club and played a diamond, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bocken	Gawrys	Neve
—	—	5♦	All Pass

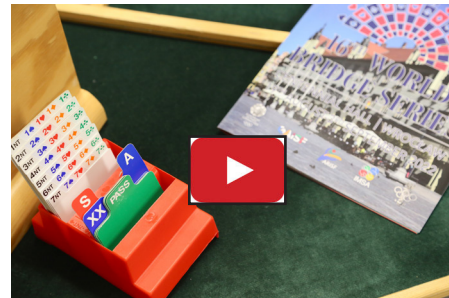
Here South led the ♣6 and declarer took dummy's ace, played a diamond, drew trumps and claimed all the tricks when North pitched a club, +640 and an IMP.

Had East opened 6♦ (as did Joe Grue for team FLEISHER or David Calipetre for THE BLACK SWAN) the world champions would have been eliminated!

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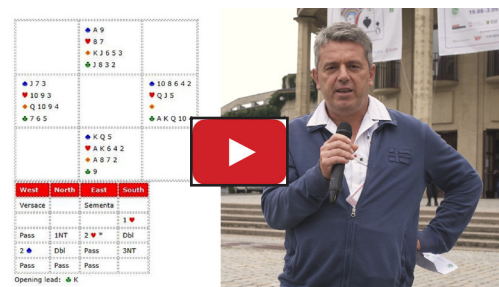
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Rosenblum Round of 32 S3


Nickell v The Black Swan

by Brian Senior

At the midway point in their Rosenblum Round of 32 match, Nick NICKELL's all-American team trailed by 72-75 IMPs against the all-Romanian team, THE BLACK SWAN.

The match started with a lively deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
—	2♠	3♣	4♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

For NICKELL, Weinstein passed as dealer, allowing Calipetre to open 1♣ with the East hand. When Levin overcalled 1♠, Weinstein leaped to 4♠ and Bacalu, having first shown his heart suit, now bid 5♣. There were two major-suit tricks to be lost but that was all; +400.

For THE BLACK SWAN, Georgescu's weak two-suited opening, spades and a minor, added momentum to the auction. Nickell overcalled, Gheorghe cuebid to show that he was bidding 4♠ to make, and Katz introduced his hearts, then showed the club support when Gheorghe bid 4♠. Gheorghe took the push to 5♠ over 5♣, and Katz in turn went on to 6♣, which Gheorghe doubled. Again, there were just the two major-suit losers, but that meant down one for -100 and 11 IMPs to THE BLACK SWAN, who led by 86-72.

Boards 2 and 3 were quiet part scores for E/W, then:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.


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

West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
2♦	2♥	2♠	4♥
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Gheorghe cuebid to show his constructive heart raise, then went on to game over Georgescu's 3♥ sign-off. Either ace and another spade or a diamond lead would have beaten 4♥, but Nickell chose the eight of clubs, so Georgescu could win, draw trumps, and had five hearts, four clubs and a spade, or 10 in all, for +620.

At the other table, Bacalu opened a weak 2♦, Weinstein overcalled, Calipetre introduced the spades, and Levin bid the heart game. Calipetre, of course, could have led a diamond now to defeat the contract, but in practice led ace and another spade, which was just as effective, and Bacalu ruffed the second spade and cashed the top diamonds for a quick down one and -100; 12 more IMPs to THE BLACK SWAN, whose lead grew to 98-73.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
Pass	2♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
Pass	3♠	3NT	All Pass

Weinstein opened a weak 2♠ and Calipetre, with no ideal bid, judged to pass. Nobody else had anything to add, so Weinstein became declarer in 2♠. Calipetre cashed the ace of diamonds, collected an encouraging two from Balacu, and continued with his low diamond. Balacu won the queen and switched to a spade to the jack and queen. That put paid to any hope Weinstein might have had of ruffing a diamond in the dummy, and Calipetre proceeded to cash the king and jack of diamonds followed by the king of hearts. His continuation of the ace of hearts was ruffed, and Weinstein cashed the top spades and club ace, conceding a spade and a club, so down three for -300.

Georgescu opened a level higher and Nickell overcalled 3NT, hoping for the best. That ended the auction. Gheorghe led his singleton spade against 3NT, Georgescu putting in the seven in hope of keeping communications with partner open. Nickell won the ♠10 and led his club up. Gheorghe put up the ace and returned the jack of hearts, and Nickell had 10 tricks for an easy +430, and 4 IMPs to NICKELL; 77-98.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♠
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Katz made a Michaels cuebid then showed his minor when requested to do so, and Nickell didn't like the fact that most of his high cards were facing partner's short suits, so passed. Georgescu led the two of spades, Gheorghe winning the queen and trying to cash the ace.

Katz ruffed with the ten, cashed the ace of clubs, and saw that he was plenty high enough. He continued with a low heart to Georgescu's king and back came the queen of diamonds. Katz ducked, and Georgescu switched to his remaining heart. Katz won in dummy, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, and cashed the king and queen of trumps before playing winning hearts. Georgescu had the jack of clubs, but that was all; nine tricks for +110.

Bacalu overcalled 2♣ and, on getting a raise from Calipetre, committed to game by introducing his second suit. Calipetre went back to 5♣, against which Weinstein led the ten of spades. Levin won the queen, cashed the ace of diamonds, and switched to a heart. Bacalu ducked so Weinstein won the king. He switched to the queen of diamonds to dummy's king, and there was still a club to be lost, so Bacalu was down two for -200 and 7 IMPs to NICKELL, closing to 84-98.

It is Game All and right-hand-opponent opens 1♥. Do you bid, holding:

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K 10 3
♦ A 10 2
♣ 5 4 3

On Board 7, Georgescu passed, and his opponents continued, 1NT - 2♣ - 2♥. That proved to be making for +110.

Weinstein overcalled 1NT and played there, and that was a comfortable make, Weinstein actually coming to two overtricks for +150 and another 6 IMPs to NICKELL; 90-98.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
2♦	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Possibly, both N/S pairs would have bid to game anyway, though it is far from being automatic to get there. However, at both tables the E/W actions put momentum into their opponents' auctions, so that it became normal to bid to game.

Katz passed as dealer but then made a pre-emptive raise of Nickell's potentially three-card 1♣ opening. Once Georgescu had allowed himself to be bullied into supporting hearts at the three level, it was automatic for Gheorghe to go on to game. Katz's decision to lead a normal club, of course, ensured that there would be no misguess in that suit. Gheorghe won trick one with the ♣10 and returned his remaining club to the jack and ace. Nickell played the king of diamonds, Gheorghe winning the ace and leading the ♠10 to dummy's queen, cashing the ♣K for a diamond pitch, and leading the nine of hearts and running it. When that held the trick, a second heart lead held Nickell to one trump trick; 10 tricks for +420.

Bacalu opened a weak 2♦ and Calipetre raised to 3♦. That forced Levin to overcall at the three level, and Weinstein raised to game. Bacalu led a diamond, the partnership suit, to the king and ace. There was no way home from here even had Levin got both clubs and hearts right, due to the impending diamond ruff. He cashed the ace of hearts and was down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to THE BLACK SWAN, growing their lead back out to a healthier-looking 109-90.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
—	Pass	1♦	3♣
Dble	4♣	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
—	1♣	Dble	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Georgescu opened 1♣ on the flat 11-count, Nickell doubled, and Gheorghe raised all the way to 5♣. That was not enough to shut out Katz, who made a responsive double and, with a minimum double and no long suit, Nickell had an easy pass. Nickell led three rounds of diamonds, Katz ruffing and switching to hearts. The contract was

down four for -800. That was not good, but it would be disastrous should team-mates be unable to bring home their heart game at the other table.

Weinstein did not open in the other room, so Calipetre opened the East hand, Levin made a weak jump overcall, and Weinstein contented himself with a simple club raise over Bacalu's negative double. Calipetre bid 4♥ and that was that. Levin cashed the king of clubs and continued with the ace, which Calipetre ruffed. He cashed the king then ace of trumps before leading the ten of spades and going up with the ace. Calipetre drew the third round of trumps, crossed to hand with a diamond, and led a spade up. When Levin showed out, he knew he was doomed. Weinstein won and played a club, which Calipetre ruffed. The good news was that Levin had been discarding clubs to keep diamonds, so there was only one defensive club trick to be cashed but that was the setting trick; down one for -100 and 14 IMPs to NICKELL, who were much closer again at 104-109.

Calipetre forgot one of the first rules of dummy play – look after the side-suit first. He has only one club loser so can afford two spade losers if the hearts behave, simply ruff the second club and lead a spade to the ace at trick two followed by a second spade. Declarer can ruff the third club whenever he likes, should the ruff and discard be the defence's preferred approach, and play a third spade to establish two extra winners.

After all the action, Board 10 was flat in 2♠ just making by the respective West players, but we were back to the action on the next deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin
—	—	—	1♥
3♦	3♥	3♠	Pass
3NT	Dble	4♦	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Katz did not come in over the 1♥ opening, but balanced with 3♦ when his opponents stopped in 2♥. Gheorghe took the push to 3♥ and was left to play there. He didn't enjoy the experience, which was fair enough, as the 3♥ bid was hardly automatic on that heart suit and minimum opener. Still, as they say, no double, no trouble. Katz led out two top diamonds. Gheorghe ruffed and led a heart to the ace followed by a spade to his ten, when Nickell didn't split his honours. That was all good so far but, Gheorghe continued with the king of clubs, Nickell won the ace and played the queen of diamonds. Gheorghe ruffed and led a heart to the ten and king, and the roof fell in. He was able to cash one club winner, but then Katz ruffed the next round, drew the trumps, and had three diamond winners to cash. The contract was down three for -150.

Bacalu came in immediately over 1♥ with a 3♦ weak jump overcall. When Weinstein raised to 3♥, Calipetre introduced his spades but, when Bacalu tried 3NT over that and was doubled, quickly ran to the safety of the diamond fit. Weinstein led the king of hearts against 4♦, switching to a club on sight of dummy. Bacalu ducked that, won the club continuation, and played the king of spades. Levin won the ace and returned a low club, Bacalu ruffing then ruffing a heart. He cashed the ♠Q for a heart pitch, followed by the queen of diamonds. A spade ruff was followed by a heart ruff, and Bacalu had three trump winners for the last three tricks, so 10 tricks in all for +130 but 1 IMP to NICKELL; 106-109.

NICKELL picked up an overtrick IMP in a N/S 3NT on Board 12, and were only 2 IMPs down at 107-109, with two boards to play in the third quarter.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

				♠ A 9 5			
				♥ J 10 7 6			
				♦ A 6			
				♣ J 8 5 3			
				♠ Q 10 6			
				♥ A 4 3 2			
				♦ K 8 7 2			
				♣ K 9			
				♠ K 8			
				♥ K 9 5			
				♦ J 10 9 5 4			
				♣ Q 10 2			
West	North	East	South				
Bacalu	Weinstein	Calipetre	Levin				
Katz	Georgescu	Nickell	Gheorghe				
—	Pass	1♦	Pass				
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass				

This one was all about the opening lead.

Gheorghe was put off his natural lead by declarer's 1♦ opening, choosing the nine of hearts as his alternative. Nickell put up the queen, played on spades and had eight tricks for +120.

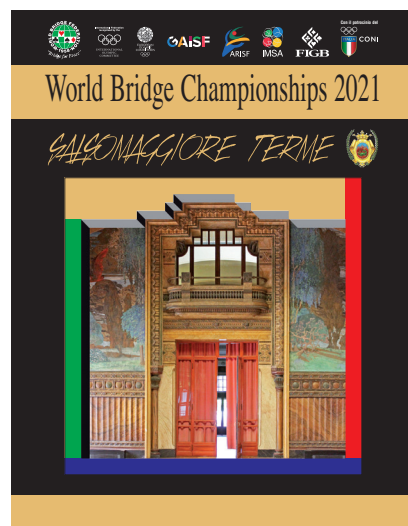
Levin led his fourth-best diamond and found a dream layout of the suit, when trick one went queen, ace. The diamonds were cleared and Calipetre played the ten of spades from hand. Levin won the king and cashed the long diamonds, and dummy was squeezed. Needing to keep both hearts to prevent an easy heart play by the defence, and needing three spade tricks if he was to come to seven in all, Calipetre came down to the bare ace of clubs. Levin therefore switched to his low club after the fifth diamond, and Calipetre won the ace and played a spade to the queen, then cashed the king of clubs before playing another spade. He must have been hoping that Levin would win and be down to nothing but hearts headed by the king, so would be endplayed to give the contract. When Weinstein won the spade and returned a low heart, Calipetre knew from his failure to open the bidding that the ♥K was in Levin's hand, so rose with the ace, but then had to concede the last two tricks and was down two for -200 and 8 IMPs to NICKELL.

On Board 14, two 11-point N/S hands were bid to 2NT-1 for -50 by Gheorghe and Georgescu, while the board was passed out at the other table. That meant 2 more IMPs to NICKELL, who had won the last 26 IMPs in the set and would go into the final quarter with a narrow advantage at 117-109.

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Rosenblum Round of 16 S1

Robinson v Hans

by David Bird

Sixteen teams survive in the Rosenblum, and we will watch the first set of the encounter between Robinson (playing with Berkowitz, Gold, Korbel, Mahmood and Meckstroth) and the Australian team Hans (alongside Edgtton, Gill and Whibley). Will the boards entertain and inform us? Time will tell.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Edgtton	Gold	Whibley	Zia
—	—	INT	3♣
3♥*	Pass	3♠	All Pass

INT was advertised as 14-16 (it is unclear how many points they award to a singleton king). The resultant 3♣ contract went one down, declarer losing two trump, two hearts and a diamond. Could North/South pick up more than +50 at the other table, we wondered.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Gill	Robinson	Hans
—	—	1♣	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

All would depend on Eric Robinson's lead. Both minor suits had been bid strongly against him. West had bid spades but was unlikely to have entries outside his suit. Did that point to a heart lead, which would have beaten the game? His Q542 in the suit would have inspired me no more than it did Robinson. He duly led the spade king.

Peter Gill won with the ace and led a club to the king. When he ran the queen of diamonds, this won the trick. The queen of clubs came next, East winning with the ace and returning a heart to dummy's ace. The ♣10 to the jack set up that suit, and another heart was won in the dummy. One spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs gave declarer his +400, and that was a swing of 11 IMPs to Hans.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Edgtton	Gold	Whibley	Zia
1♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

East, but not West, feared a spade game by the opponents. Zia led the ace of diamonds against four hearts, his partner signalling with the king. A diamond to the queen was followed by the ♦5, Whibley ruffing with the 10 and Zia pitching a club. A spade to the ace was followed by a trump to the queen and ace.

The play record ceases with 'two down' looking the likely outcome, providing declarer leads a diamond from dummy after winning a club switch. The recorded result is three down, so maybe declarer led a black suit instead. Zia would then score an extra trump trick. It was 300 away.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Gill	Robinson	Hans
1♣	1♦	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

At any vulnerability, a 1♦ overcall looks dubious to me. Since the bid consumes no space, partner is entitled to expect a better hand than that. West was then happy to double the spade game.

Daniel Korbel cashed the ace-king of clubs and switched to the ♦6, Sartaj Hans winning with the ace and cashing the heart ace. When a spade was led, we are told that West took the king. A second diamond was won in the dummy, and a heart was discarded on the club queen. The ♣10 permitted another heart discard, and a diamond was ruffed low. West could make only two of his remaining three trumps, and that was two down for -500 and 13 IMPs to Robinson. (In the match between Ventin and Bortoletti, 4♥ doubled and 4♠ doubled both went 800 down, for a swing of 17 IMPs.)

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Edgton	Gold	Whibley	Zia
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦10 to the queen and ace. After ace and another trump, Zia was able to claim an overtrick for +650. His 2NT opening had worked well.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Gill	Robinson	Hans
—	—	—	1♣*
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Life was not so easy for the strong-clubbers, who collected +200 for the loss of 10 IMPs. 3NT would have been there too, with the diamonds sitting well, but Hans had little idea of what lay opposite. Only three tables out of sixteen failed to bid and make game on this board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ AKQJ4	
	♥ 854	
	♦ QJ8	
	♣ 92	
♠ 8	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 1076532
♥ AJ10763		♥ KQ9
♦ A75		♦ 104
♣ J43		♣ KQ
	♠ 9	
	♥ 2	
	♦ K9632	
	♣ A108765	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Edgton	Gold	Whibley	Zia
—	—	1♠	2NT*
3♥	4♦	4♥	All Pass

David Gold thought for quite a while, when 4♥ ran back to him. He could expect Zia to be short in hearts. How good would his minors be for a vulnerable 2NT? Maybe 5♦ was a good two-way bet, although Zia had passed over 4♥.

Eventually Gold passed, finding that there were ten unbeatable tricks in the heart game. As for a sacrifice in five diamonds, this would go two for 500, providing the defenders cashed a heart at trick one. What would happen in the Closed Room?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Korbel	Gill	Robinson	Hans
		Pass	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Robinson could not be certain of his defence against five clubs and opted not to double the spade game. After the king of hearts lead, overtaken with the ace for a trump switch, Gill went four down undoubled, losing 400. This picked up 6 IMPs against the other table's 620. What would have happened if East had doubled 4♠, we will never know.

At the end of this first set, Hans led Robinson by 32 IMPs to 23.

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McConnell SF S1

The Dynamic Duo

by Ron Tacchi & Mark Horton

With the McConnell entering the semifinal stage we dispatched our forces to the dungeons (sorry basement) to provide blanket coverage. As usual, Ron was on duty in the Open Room.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	S. Rimstedt	Brock	Brody
1♣	1♦	3♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
3♥	Pre-emptive		

Brown no doubt hoped that her quick tricks and the prospect of short diamonds in her partner's hand would give a play for game. It was not to be this time. Brock had no choice but to lose two diamonds and three trump tricks to fail by two tricks.



Sally Brock

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	McCallum	Michielsen	Baker
1♦	Pass	2♥*	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
2♥	Weak, about 4-8		

South felt obliged to bid, but with such a poor suit there was certainly a risk involved. When North raised, West expressed her opinion.

She cashed the top clubs and switched to the ♦7, declarer winning with the ace, cashing the ♥A and ruffing a heart. She pitched a heart on the ♣Q and continued with the ten, discarding a diamond, as did East. West, who had pitched a club on the second round of hearts could ruff with the ♠9 and had three more trump tricks to come, -500 and 12 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	S. Rimstedt	Brock	Brody
—	—	—	1♦
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♦
All Pass			

With the buffer of having three diamonds North might have mentioned her spades; had she done so I suspect game would then have been reached. The play need not detain us as if you were in the diamond game you should make it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	McCallum	Michielsen	Baker
—	—	—	1♦
2♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			



Karen McCallum

With three trumps, a singleton and an ace North might have considered raising to 4♦. Another point to consider – if South rebids 2NT does it suggest this type of hand with a good suit – and if so, should North raise to game?

Declarer took the spade lead with the ace, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club and played a diamond to the jack. After drawing trumps she played the ♥Q for the king and ace which meant she lost three tricks, +130. It was missed opportunity for both teams.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ A 10 4 2		♠ Q 9 8
♥ 10 7 4 3		♥ 9 2
♦ 10 6 2		♦ J
♣ 10 7		♣ A Q J 9 8 6 5
♠ K 5 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 7 6
♥ A 6 5		♥ K Q J 8
♦ Q 9 8 7 5		♦ A K 4 3
♣ 4 3		♣ K 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	S. Rimstedt	Brock	Brody
—	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

After Rimstedt won the opening lead of the ♦J in hand she set about the hearts. Brown took the second round and saw her partner peter. Brown now cogitated for some time before returning a club to Brock's ace and dummy took the club continuation. When Brown did not cover the ♠J Brock won with the queen and had to lead a trump

or give a ruff and discard. Somehow declarer had escaped with one loser in each suit and so made her contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	McCallum	Michielsen	Baker
—	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦*	All Pass	

3♦ Artificial, usually weak, forcing for one round

South had forgotten that 3♦ was artificial.

East led the ♥9 for the king and ace and West continued with the ♥6, declarer winning with the ten and cashing dummy's top diamonds. It was all down hill from there, the contract finishing three down, -150 and a 7 IMP loss.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q J 6 5		♠ 9
♥ 2		♥ Q 9 8 7
♦ A K 4		♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ K Q 6 4 3		♣ A J 10 7
♠ K 8 7 4 3 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 10
♥ 6 3		♥ A K J 10 5 4
♦ 9 7 6 3		♦ J 10
♣ 8		♣ 9 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	S. Rimstedt	Brock	Brody
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Joan Brody



Lynn Baker

On the lead of the $\diamond 2$ Rimstedt was not going to be troubled when the $\diamond 10$ held the trick. Hearts were played from the top, Brock taking the fourth round. Now Rimstedt had nine top tricks and could develop another in the club suit to bring home her contract with an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	McCallum	Michielsen	Baker
—	—	—	$1\heartsuit$
$2\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass	$3\heartsuit$
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South's decision to rebid $3\heartsuit$ represented a missed opportunity. Had she doubled North would have passed after which careful defence should restrict declarer to four tricks. 3NT was easy enough, declarer ducking the spade lead to West's king and also ducking the diamond switch. She took the next diamond and played a heart to the jack and after cashing another heart she unblocked the $\spadesuit A$ and played a club, +400 to lose an IMP.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	S. Rimstedt	Brock	Brody
Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	$1\spadesuit$
Pass	$2\clubsuit$	Pass	$2\diamond$
Pass	2NT	Pass	$3\diamond$
Pass	3NT	Pass	$4\spadesuit$
All Pass			

South might have been more forceful with her three-loser hand, as playing in game when a grand slam is making is unfortunate. Perhaps keeping the ball in play with $4\diamond$ over 3NT is the best move. Declarer took 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	McCallum	Michielsen	Baker
Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	$1\spadesuit$
Pass	$2\clubsuit$	Pass	$2\diamond^*$
Pass	3NT*	Pass	$4\diamond$
Pass	$6\diamond$	All Pass	

$2\diamond$ Fourth suit forcing

3NT Extra values (2NT not forcing)

$6\diamond$ was a practical bid. The scientific approach is to bid $5\clubsuit$ and then perhaps continue with $5\spadesuit$ over $5\diamond$. With spades breaking there was nothing to the play, +1390 and 12 IMPs when, on a bad day, 13 might have gone in the opposite direction. Those IMPs meant Baker trailed 15-34.



Sandra Rimstedt

Open Pairs Qualification

After Session 6

A total of 112 pairs qualify to Semifinal A, including drop ins from the Rosenblum Round of 16. Since the maximum number of drop ins is 32, the minimum number of pairs coming from the qualification is 80.

All other pairs will play in semifinal B. There will be no carry-over in either semifinal.

As written in the Conditions of Contest, a minimum of 52 pairs qualify to Final A: 47 from Semifinal A and 5 from Semifinal B. They will be joined by pairs dropping in from the Rosenblum semifinals (maximum 6).

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	BESSIS Thomas	LORENZINI Cedric	FRA - FRA 59.79
2	GRUE Joe	MOSS Brad	USA - USA 59.38
3	ROBSON Andrew	ALLFREY Alexander	ENG - ENG 58.34
4	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	ZAWADA Przemyslaw	POL - POL 57.94
5	ANKLESARIA Keyzad	TEWARI Rajeshwar	IND - IND 57.89
6	THORESEN Siv	OVESEN Jo-Arne	NOR - NOR 57.81
7	ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad	KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof	POL - POL 57.8
8	MANNO Andrea	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	ITA - ITA 57.53
9	GROSSACK Zachary	KOLESIK Finn	USA - USA 57.51
10	BROGELAND Boye	BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR 57.43
11	CZIMER Csaba	SZALKA Tamas	HUN - HUN 57.3
12	KIM Daehong	LEE Soo Ik	KOR - KOR 57.14
13	SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw	MAJCHER Arkadiusz	POL - POL 56.59
14	KUJAWA Krzysztof	KOMAJDA Cezary	POL - POL 56.55
15	ARGELAZI Eliran	ROSENTHAL Lee	ISR - ISR 56.53
16	CIBOROWSKI Konrad	KEDZIERSKI Maciej	POL - POL 56.53
17	STAMATOV Jerry	ZHAO Jie	BUL - CHN 56.21
18	MUKHERJEE Sumit	MAJUMDER Debabrata	IND - IND 56.2
19	SENSARMA Joyjit	PODDAR Biswajit	IND - IND 56.15
20	BARTKOWSKI Mariusz	SZULEJEWSKI Bogdan	POL - POL 56.03
21	KOLUDA Piotr	ILCZUK Piotr	POL - POL 55.82
22	GOLFARELLI Vittorio	DELLE CAVE Giuseppe	ITA - ITA 55.42
23	LOSIEWICZ Igor	BLACH Michal	POL - POL 55.4
24	MESBUR Adam	GARVEY Tommy	IRL - IRL 55.39
25	STOLINSKI Robert	SZLACHETA Bogdan	POL - POL 55.12
26	JANSMA Jan	WILLENKEN Chris	NED - USA 54.99
27	KIELICHOWSKI Urban	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 54.94
28	KOTOROWICZ Jakub	MIECHOWICZ Pawel	POL - POL 54.85
29	BLASZCZYK Przemyslaw	KORECKI Piotr	POL - POL 54.82
30	KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	POL - POL 54.74
31	WILDAVSKY Adam	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA 54.7
32	VOLHEJN Vit	MEDLIN Ales	CZE - CZE 54.65
33	MIELNIK Krzysztof	LONSKI Adam	POL - POL 54.53
34	BROWNSTEIN Sid	HENNER Christal	USA - USA 54.5
35	GOTARD Thomas	ALTER Florian	GER - GER 54.44
36	PONT Juan	FREY Jan	ESP - SUI 54.4
37	JURKIEWICZ Andrzej	POMARANSKI Artur	POL - POL 54.32
38	LAWRENCE Oliver	LAWRENCE Patrick	ENG - ENG 54.29
39	RIMSTEDT Mikael	RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE 54.24
40	MARTEL Chip	FLEISHER Martin	USA - USA 53.95
41	BACH Ashley	PELLEGRINI Carlos	NZL - ARG 53.89
42	MOLLER Rachael	GURVICH David	USA - USA 53.8
43	GARTAGANIS Nicholas	LORBER Michel	CAN - CAN 53.67
44	VERBEEK Tim	NAB Bart	NED - NED 53.63
45	GRZELAK Roman	SZELKA Waldemar	POL - POL 53.57
46	NIELSEN Lars Kirkegaard	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN 53.44
47	NAIDOO Bindiya	SINHA Priya Ranjan	IND - IND 53.43
48	HANLON Tom	VOLCKER Frederic	IRL - FRA 53.39
49	PASSELL Mike	GOODMAN Andy	USA - USA 53.36
50	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	OLANSKI Wojtek	LTU - LTU 53.35
51	MOLENDAR Jaroslaw	WINKLER Artur	POL - POL 53.34
52	IAVICOLI Federico	CAFFI Cristoforo	ITA - ITA 53.3
53	TRENKA Peter	KEMENY Gyorgy	HUN - HUN 53.3
54	THROWER James	ROSE Henry	ENG - ENG 53.15
55	MULLER Bauke	DEWIJS Simon	NED - NED 53.15
56	TIHOLOV Todor	VOS John-Henry	ENG - ENG 53.03
57	GAVRON Grzegorz	KOWAL Jakub	POL - POL 52.92
58	NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	INGIELEWICZ Zdzislaw	POL - POL 52.92
59	GOODMAN Peter	MCINTOSH Daniel	IRL - ENG 52.89
60	AKGUL Mustafa	ASLAN Bulent	TUR - TUR 52.83
61	KEAVENEY Gay	GLYNN Enda	IRL - IRL 52.79
62	CZARNECKI Robert	TOEPLITZ Artur	POL - POL 52.66
63	JANIK Stanislaw	BUBLEWICZ Miroslaw	POL - POL 52.6
64	LIU Zhejun	DANIELEWICZ Christoph	CHN - SUI 52.59
65	PETERSEN Henrik Kruse	HANSEN Kjeld	DEN - DEN 52.56

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66	GOWER Craig	RSA - RSA	52.54
67	KHARE Ajay	IND - IND	52.51
68	ARONOV Victor	BUL - BUL	52.51
69	MALINOWSKI Artur	ENG - ENG	52.48
70	WINCIOREK Tomasz	POL - POL	52.34
71	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	52.32
72	AGICA Marius	ROM - ROM	52.22
73	VOZABAL David	CZE - CZE	52.2
74	GARNIER Charles	GLP - GLP	52.17
75	STREET Paul	USA - CAN	52.12
76	KANG Seongseok	KOR - KOR	51.88
77	BOLESTA Slawomir	POL - POL	51.69
78	RAWLIK Sebastian	POL - POL	51.62
79	ADAMCZYK Stanislaw	POL - POL	51.59
80	KOISTINEN Kauko	FIN - FIN	51.54
81	PIETRASZEK Marek	POL - POL	51.52
82	CHMURSKI Bartosz	POL - POL	51.51
83	VAINIKONIS Erikas	LTU - LTU	51.5
84	TRENDAFILOV Rumen	BUL - BUL	51.45
85	KARLYKOV Petro	UKR - UKR	51.41
86	KURANOGLU Serap	TUR - TUR	51.39
87	LANZAROTTI Massimo	ITA - ITA	51.26
88	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	NED - NED	51.26
89	KOWALSKI Dariusz	POL - POL	51.24
90	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	ENG - NOR	51.24
91	MATHIEU Philippe	GLP - GLP	51.17
92	MELMAN Victor	USA - POL	51.14
93	SJOQVIST Mans	SWE - SWE	51.13
94	CARIC Jurica	CRO - CRO	51.11
95	HOYLAND Jim	NOR - NOR	51.01
96	SAKOWICZ Ryszard	POL - POL	50.99
97	FAILLA Giuseppe	ITA - ITA	50.87
98	COOPER Renee	AUS - CAN	50.82
99	ALENFALK Bjorn	SWE - SWE	50.78
100	PUNCH Sam	SCO - SCO	50.76
101	ATTANASIO Dario	ITA - ITA	50.74
102	BAKKEREN Ton	NED - NED	50.7
103	CAMMARATA Michele	ITA - ITA	50.61
104	MAAT Roeland	NED - NED	50.54
105	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	POL - POL	50.44
106	BOGUCKI Darek	POL - POL	50.31
107	JADCZAK Bernard	POL - POL	50.3
108	NEHMERT Pony Beate	GER - USA	50.24
109	CARROLL John	IRL - IRL	50.24
110	KOBYLARSKI Janusz	POL - POL	50.08
111	SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	IND - IND	50.01
112	URMAN Lior	ISR - ISR	49.99
113	JASKIEWICZ Ryszard	POL - POL	49.97
114	WITEK Marek	POL - POL	49.94
115	NEVE Olivier	BEL - BEL	49.92
116	FREDIN Peter	SWE - NOR	49.88
117	NUNN Tony	AUS - AUS	49.77
118	CHONIAWKO Andrzej	POL - POL	49.72
119	MAGNUSSON Stephan	SUI - SUI	49.66
120	BAREL Michael	ISR - ISR	49.62
121	WEISS Florian	AUT - ENG	49.51
122	HESHMAT Mohamed	EGY - EGY	49.46
123	WOLANSKI Rafal	POL - POL	49.46
124	PASZKO Wojciech	POL - POL	49.42
125	BIELAWSKI Maciej	POL - POL	49.36
126	STEPINSKI Jeremi	POL - POL	49.26
127	DOECKE Michael	AUS - AUS	49.25
128	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	49.25
129	STRANDBERG Ylva	SWE - SWE	49.21
130	KMIECIK Cezary	POL - POL	49.14
131	VON ARNIM Daniela	GER - USA	48.96
132	LEKKI Janusz	POL - POL	48.96
133	SUBRAMANIAN Vijayraghavan	IND - IND	48.86
134	KRYSA Adam	POL - POL	48.82
135	HOOGENKAMP Ed	NED - NED	48.79
136	WALCZAK Piotr	POL - POL	48.78
137	GULYAS Daniel	HUN - HUN	48.7
138	RYBNIKOV Gennadii	UKR - UKR	48.7
139	CIBOROWSKA Lucja	POL - POL	48.69
140	BEDNARCZYK Edward	POL - POL	48.67
141	SOSNOWSKI Pawel	POL - POL	48.65
142	WINKLER Gabor	HUN - HUN	48.6
143	KUC-DZIERZAWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	48.49
144	RAMARATNAM Krishnan	IND - IND	48.44
145	DE FALCO Dano	ITA - USA	48.42
146	SZCZERBOWSKI Jacek	POL - POL	48.39
147	BARONI Irene	ITA - ITA	48.25
148	HAMMOND Nicolas	USA - AUS	48.19

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149	STOPA Piotr	LATALA Grzegorz	POL - POL 48.13
150	SHAH Anal	MASKARA Subodh	IND - IND 48.09
151	SILVERSTEIN Aaron	ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA 48.03
152	TJARNEMO Jonas	OHLSSON Bjorn	SWE - SWE 48.02
153	GOTARD Tomasz	BOCHENSKI Adolf	GER - POL 47.97
154	EKSIOGLU Metin	AKPINAR Mehmet Hakan	TUR - TUR 47.89
155	GALEK Przemyslaw	SYNOWIEC Rafal	POL - POL 47.78
156	LATUS Krzysztof	ZAJAC Jacek	POL - POL 47.71
157	TUBAK Daniel	VIKOR Attila	HUN - HUN 47.68
158	MAAMARBACHI Clement	VROUSTIS Vassilis	LIB - GRE 47.64
159	SALINSKI Przemyslaw	PALASZ Ryszard	POL - POL 47.31
160	CHEN Lin-Huan	HSIEH Ding-Hwa	USA - USA 47.25
161	CIESIELCZUK Marek	SOLTYSIAK Wojciech	POL - POL 47.22
162	PIGOT Peter Jr	COYNE Ciaran	IRL - IRL 47.22
163	ROSENBERG Debbie	GUPTA Vinita	USA - USA 47.13
164	DINKIN Sam	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA 46.84
165	RAE Kenneth	BLICHARZ Grzegorz	SCO - ENG 46.74
166	OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN 46.63
167	VARDAR Rifat	KAYA Murat	TUR - TUR 46.57
168	KRITSALIS Filippas	ZERVOGIANNIS Alexandros	GRE - GRE 46.55
169	AIMALA Antti	KOIVU Oskari	FIN - FIN 46.54
170	SMIRNOV Alexander	SIGURJONSSON Julius	GER - ISL 46.52
171	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Ewa	POL - POL 46.28
172	LATOS Tomasz	GIZA Marek	POL - POL 46.27
173	KLUBINSKI Piotr	BROSCH Marek	POL - POL 46.23
174	CEGIELSKI Piotr	BARSKI Jacek	POL - POL 46.2
175	KITA Mariusz	LESIECKI Boguslaw	POL - POL 46.14
176	CZUBAK Edmund	GLODOWSKI Robert	POL - POL 46.14
177	CIESLAK Sylwester	GOLAS Krzysztof Chris	POL - POL 46.06
178	BRZUSTOWSKI Jerzy	PAWLUK Tomasz	POL - POL 46.06
179	GOSNEY John Paul	LEIBOWITZ Tony	AUS - AUS 45.99
180	KULPINSKI Dariusz	SZCZERBA Jacek	POL - POL 45.94
181	GOLDBERG Jerry	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA - USA 45.8
182	MAZUR Bohdan	LEVANDOWSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL 45.8
183	JANECZEK Marta	BUNIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 45.62
184	WRECZYCKI Maciej	BAJEK Grzegorz	POL - POL 45.57
185	OLSEN Roy-Hugo	SIVERTSEN Are	NOR - NOR 45.55
186	KAVALENKA Andrei	PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej	LTU - POL 45.47
187	SOSNA Zbigniew	KOZLOWSKI Marek	POL - POL 45.41
188	TJARNEMO Hakan	CARBONNIER Pierre	SWE - SWE 45.1
189	GAN Grzegorz	PIETRZAK Marek	POL - POL 45.09
190	WODKOWSKI Arkadiusz	LASOTA Pawel	POL - POL 45.01
191	BAUER Tracey	ROJKO Silvana	USA - SLO 44.83
192	KULIKOWSKI Maciej	SIERAKOWSKI Pawel	POL - POL 44.78
193	LAKOMSKI Henryk	LEBIECKI Mieczyslaw	POL - POL 44.69
194	KASPRZAK Alan	PRZYBIELSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL 44.66
195	EASWARAN Prakash	PRAKASH Anrudh	IND - IND 44.64
196	GLOWACKI Dominik	SLESICKI Waldemar	POL - POL 44.47
197	MORIMURA Shunsuke	ZHAO Jinlong	JPN - JPN 44.46
198	MACCORMAC Thomas	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	IRL - USA 44.36
199	SZKUDLAREK Leszek	KOCON Wlodzimierz	POL - POL 44.32
200	NYEMTSEV Oleksandr	KUPNOVITSKY Ostap	UKR - UKR 44.18
201	PEKALA Krzysztof	ZIEMBA Zbigniew	POL - POL 44.08
202	HELNESS Tor	SAELENMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR 44.06
203	BELL Michael	LESLIE Tim	ENG - ENG 43.97
204	KOZLOWSKI Boguslaw	ANTOSZ Grzegorz	POL - POL 43.88
205	ZACK Yaniv	COHEN Ilan	ISR - ISR 43.81
206	HUNKA Andrzej	KONIK Eugeniusz	POL - POL 43.59
207	SIKORA Jacek	JARZABKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 42.46
208	GIERULSKI Kazimierz	SKRZYPCZAK Mariusz	POL - POL 42
209	CHMIELAK Robert	CZAJKOWSKA Magdalena	POL - POL 41.99
210	LEDOCHOWSKI Lukasz	LEVANDOWSKI Adam	POL - POL 41.48
211	LIPOWSKI Krzysztof	GLOWINSKI Dariusz	POL - POL 40.67
212	SZYMCZYK Tomasz	KOPERNOK Henryk	POL - POL 39.45
213	KLOET Jos	ARENDSE Wim	NED - NED 39.33
214	MAKAREWICZ Edward	TELEC Zbigniew	POL - POL 39.08

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SEMIFINALS

	BRODY	34	48	15	35	132
	BAKER	15	13	33	16	77

	TRI POLAR	31	52	20	28	131
	EDMONDS	39	5	29	44	117

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	LEBOWITZ	142
	SEOUL	71

	AZS WRATISLAVIA	143
	STREET	112

	FLEISHER	113
	BORTOLETTI	169



	VENTIN	86
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	WOLFSON	133
	MIKADINHO	59

	WORLD BRIDGE TOUR	52
	ZAMIR	149

	HANS	124
	TEAM CANADA	63

	ROBINSON	141
	PERICULO	104

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
 LEBOWITZ	48	11	12	33	104
 AZS WRATISLAVIA	27	54	26	31	138

1	 AZS WRATISLAVIA
	 VENTIN

 VENTIN	53	30	30	16	129
 BORTOLETTI	14	4	20	28	66



 WOLFSON	21	27	22	15	85
 ZAMIR	31	4	2	42	79

2	 ROBINSON
	 WOLFSON


 ROBINSON	23	49	46	26	144
 HANS	32	14	3	35	84

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
 NICKELL	17	28	37	49	131
 BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS	33	13	9	16	71

3	 NICKELL
	 LUCKY FOUR

 LUCKY FOUR	6	24	24	39	93
 DRINTEAM	44	22	22	2	90

 ZIMMERMANN	28	36	36	18	118
 MINITER	21	18	13	42	94

4	 TEAM BLACK
	 ZIMMERMANN

 APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS	20	0	17	13	50
 TEAM BLACK	30	34	24	23	111



 NICKELL	156
 THE BLACK SWAN	129



 BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS	115
 SOUTH SWEDEN	86



 ODMET	85
 DRINTEAM	86

 LUCKY FOUR	120
 FORMIDABLES	93

 ZIMMERMANN	108
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 MINITER	123
 ZALESKI	103

 TEAM BLACK	125
 OBJECTIVITY	79

 APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS	188
 SPS EKO ROZANKA	113