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## THE WAY TO THE STARS

We experienced one of the most exciting days in Rosenblum history yesterday when Team Black overcame the reigning Bermuda Bowl champions in a thrilling encounter. Going into the final session they led by 44 IMPs, but the World Champions hit back strongly and after just seven deals they had taken the lead by 5 IMPs! However, **Team Black** rallied, and dominated the second half of the set to advance to the semifinals.

In the McConnell final, **Brody** won all three sessions to lead 80-66 going into the last day.

In the Open Pairs, **Joe Grue** and **Brad Moss** are leading in Semifinal A, while in the Women's Pairs **Mine Babac** and **Gaye Ignal** are leading the Qualifying contest.



### 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.



The Sky's the Limit

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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 Thursday 25th August

Rosenblum	McConnell	Open Pairs	Women Pairs
Semi-finals	Finals	Semi-finals	Qualification
4x14-boards	3x14-boards	A&B	
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			

## Rosenblum Round of 16 S2

## Zimmermann v Miniter

by Marc Smith

After a shaky start that saw them languishing in 52<sup>nd</sup> place at the midway point of the qualifying stage, the Bermuda Bowl champions turned on the afterburners in Day 2. Indeed, they had climbed all the way up to seventh by the time the 10-match Swiss came to an end. They then turned back into Mr Hyde in the Round of 32, leading by just 13 IMPs going into the final set against Cooreman Belgium, and losing the last set too. Fortunately, they lost just 10 IMPs and thus scraped through with victory by 108-105. Would the unpredictable old man show up again today? Or, would we see the reliable Dr Jekyll against the dangerous Miniter (Poland/Italy), an opponent with plenty of World Championship titles between them too.

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

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	?

East's 1♦ response to his partner's takeout double is alerted and described as 'any weak hand'. What action, if any, do you now take?

Zimmermann won the opening stanza of the match 28-21. Many of the large crowd gathering to follow the action



Alfredo Versace

on BBO VuGraph were still taking their seats as both South players contemplated today's bidding problem on the very first deal of the second segment.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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



♠ J 9 7  
♥ J  
♦ Q 10 9 6 3  
♣ 10 9 7 3

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Sementa	Gawrys	Versace
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Alfredo Versace chose to defend, and opened the ♣Q against 2♦ doubled. Piotr Gawrys won in dummy and played a heart to the jack and ace. This was Versace's last chance to save the overtrick, by switching to spades. When he continued with a second club, Gawrys won, led the ♥Q and ruffed away North's king, then drew three rounds of trumps with the aid of the finesse. One of declarer's spade losers now disappeared on dummy's ♥10. The defence had only two spades and the ♦K to come: N/S -280.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Drijver	Nowosadzki	Brink
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

After an identical start to the auction, Sjoert Brink essayed 2♥. Everyone passed and the defence began with three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing. Brink then crossed to dummy in spades and played the last club, ruffing with the ♥6. Jacek Kalita discarded a spade rather than overruffing with his natural trump trick, saving an overtrick. Brink now played the ♥A and continued with the last trump from his hand. Kalita split his honours and

dummy won with the ♥K. The ♥9 went to West's queen and Kalita exited with his last spade. Declarer could not now take advantage of dummy's long spade winner, as he had to win the second round in dummy in order to draw West's last trump, but that was still a plus score. N/S +110 and 9 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Board 17 may have looked like a dull 3NT deal, and it was in one room...

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Drijver	Nowosadzki	Brink
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Michal Nowosadzki opened 1♥, Jacek Kalita forced to game with a potentially short 2♣, and the 2019 Bermuda Bowl winners were quickly installed in game. Kalita won the diamond lead in dummy and tried a heart to the king for his ninth trick. Bas Drijver won and switched to spades but, when that suit broke 3-3, declarer had nine tricks. Cashing the ♠K exposed the position in that suit, and thus the marked club finesse then provided the tenth: E/W +430.

When Piotr Gawrys did not open the East hand, a whole different scenario unfolded:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Sementa	Gawrys	Versace
—	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Non-vulnerable after two passes, wouldn't we all open with a club pre-empt on that South hand? Versace duly did so, and although the auction turned sour very quickly, all was not lost for the Italian maestro.

Michal Klukowski led a top diamond against 3♣ doubled and, looking at all four hands, it seems like declarer can get out for just two down, losing a spade, a diamond and four trumps. When Klukowski switched to a low heart at trick two, though, Versace played low from dummy and Gawrys won with the ♥10. Now declarer is potentially in all kinds

of pain.

If Gawrys plays a second round of diamonds at this point, he will subsequently be able to score the ♣K by ruffing a third round of diamonds, and his partner will still have four natural trump tricks. Instead, Gawrys returned a second heart, for king and ace. That is still okay for the defence, as declarer still has to find a way to reach his hand to play trumps. East can still win the first round of spades and play his second diamond to collect 800. When declarer led a low spade from dummy, though, he was allowed to win with the ♠Q and play a round of trumps, breaking the defensive communications. That was still E/W +500, though. 2 IMPs to Zimmermann and a chance for something more substantial missed by both sides.

Watching this match, it seemed that the Zimmermann team were the proverbial unstoppable force, applying pressure at both tables on every deal... It seemed that they always bid when doing so made things difficult for their opponents but they also managed to keep silent when that was the right thing to do. It was relentless, 2 IMPs, 5 IMPs, 2 IMPs, 1 IMP, 2 IMPs, slowly building and building their lead. Not that every swing was a small one...

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Sementa	Gawrys	Versace
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

Klukowski opened a three-way Polish Club (12-14 balanced, 15+ natural or any 18+) and Gawrys showed 8+ points and 5+ spades with his 1♠ response. Examination of the pair's convention card did not explain the jump to 3♣, but it would seem to show a good hand, presumably with both minors. Gawrys set clubs as trumps, and 5♥ was Exclusion KCB. The response showed two key cards without the ♣Q, which is exactly what Klukowski needed to know. Declarer won the opening trump lead, drew a second round, and claimed: E/W +2140.

That looks easy enough, doesn't it? How much more difficult would it be, though, when the opponents get involved in the auction?



## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Drijver	Nowosadzki	Brink
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♥	4♦	4♥	5♥
6♦	All Pass		

Kalita started with a natural 1♦ opening, which one would think should make things easier, even with Brink overcalling at the two-level. Kalita cue-bid to show a good hand but, by the time the auction came back to him, the opponents were already at the five-level. With no space to investigate and so much he still needed to know, Kalita was never going to be able to bid more than a small slam from here. E/W +1390 and 13 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Although there had been only that one double-digit swing, Zimmermann had outscored their opponents 36-8 over the first 12 boards of the set. Then came a small chink in the armour:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Sementa	Gawrys	Versace
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2NT was an invitational or better heart raise and 3♥ limited the North hand. The play was the thing, though.

Versace won the opening club lead, cashed the ♠A, and then crossed to dummy by playing the ♦A and ruffing a diamond. He then cashed two high spades, discarding clubs, West ruffing the third round. Klukowski played a low diamond, declarer ruffing with the ♥10 and Gawrys overruffing with the king. Back came a high club, ruffed with the ♥Q. Versace now crossed to the ♥A and played dummy's remaining spade winner to discard his last diamond. West ruffed, which was the third trump trick the defenders had made, but that was all they could get. N/S +420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Drijver	Nowosadzki	Brink
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2NT	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

North again started with 2NT, but this time it was East who bid 3♣. Although it was alerted, there is no explanation in the records, but East had presumably shown both black suits. Here, too, West opened the ♣2.

Brink won with the ♣A and immediately played the ♦A and took a diamond ruff. He then returned to his hand with the ♠A and ruffed a second diamond with the ♥A. He then also played two high spades throwing clubs, but now East had an entry. Kalita crossed to his partner's hand with the ♥K and now a big club left declarer with no winning option. Declarer could throw his remaining diamond now, or lose it later, but West's ♥9 would be promoted as the setting trick in either scenario. N/S -50 and 10 IMPs to Miniter.

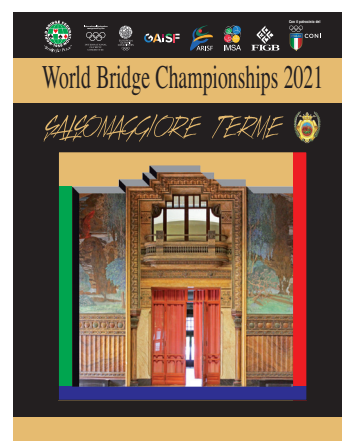
Zimmermann still won the set 36-18 to open up a 25-IMP lead (64-39) at the midway point of the match. On the evidence so far, it seems that the eminently sensible Henry Jekyll has shown up today, so it would be a major surprise if the pre-tournament favourites were not in tomorrow's quarter-final draw.

## WCB 2021

The World Championship Book from Salsomaggiore 2021 is now available from the Jannersten bookstall here in Wroclaw. The official retail price is £25, US\$30 and €30. What differentiates this edition from past volumes is that it is available both in hardcopy and as an e-book.



The book is distributed by Master Point Press and will be available from bridge suppliers around the world. The e-book is available on the MPP website, for US\$25.



## Rosenblum Round of 16 S3

## Wolfson v Zamir

by Brian Senior

The all-Israeli ZAMIR faced an Israeli/American/Dutch combination, WOLFSON, in the Rosenblum Round of 16. ZAMIR led by 31-21 after one quarter but trailed by 35-48 at half-time. With 28 boards still to be played, that 13 IMP lead was nice to have for WOLFSON, but it could be overturned in just one board, leaving the match still wide open.

Board 1 saw the two North players declare spade part scores, ZAMIR winning an overtrick IMP to make the score 36-48. Different no-trump ranges led to quite different auctions on Board 2.

## Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
—	—	INT	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	—	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For WOLFSON, Birman opened a 15-17 NT and Padon did well to raise directly to game rather than use Stayman, as 4♥ would have been doomed. Friedlander led his fourth-best diamond, won by dummy's eight, and Birman led a heart to the nine, losing to the ten. Friedlander returned the queen of spades, which Birman ducked, followed by the ♠K, which Birman won. He played a heart to the queen and ace then switched his attention to diamonds, leading low to dummy's nine. Birman reverted to hearts now and, with Friedlander holding the king but no spade, there was no way for the defence to get at its spade winners. Friedlander made his ♦A, but Birman had nine tricks for a very good +400.

Meanwhile, the other table saw Toledano, for ZAMIR, also open INT, but this showed 13-15 so Zamir passed

with the West cards. Van Prooijen overcalled 2♦ to show spades, as North, and Verhees asked then tried for game, Van Prooijen quickly signing off in 3♠. Toledano led the ace of clubs and promptly switched to the two of spades on sight of dummy. Two rounds of those left Van Prooijen with two more club losers, plus the ace of hearts, so he was down one for -100 but 7 IMPs to WOLFSON, who led by 55-36.

## Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	2♣	2♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Verhees opened a strong club and Zamir doubled to show both majors. Two Clubs was a natural positive, and Van Prooijen raised the 2NT rebid to game at his next turn. Zamir led the jack of hearts against 3NT. Verhees won the queen and played a heart straight back. Zamir rose with the ace and tried a spade, but Verhees had two of those to go with two hearts, three diamonds, and could set up a fourth club winner, so 11 tricks in all for +460.

Friedlander opened 2NT, so Yekutieli responded 3♠ to show the minors, then asked for key-cards when Friedlander bid his diamonds, not only showing four or more diamonds, but also a suitable hand to consider slam. On finding his partner with three key-cards, Yekutieli bid the small diamond slam. Padon speeded the play up by leading ace then jack of hearts, so Birman ruffed and Friedlander had the rest; down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to WOLFSON, who had started the set very well and now led by 66-36.

Board 4 was flat in 4♠+1 by E/W, so no swing, but Board 5 was rather more interesting, albeit not resulting in a swing.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
4♦	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	Pass	2♥	3♣
3NT	Pass	4♣	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

Verhees opened a strong club in third seat and Zamir, giving up on a possible 3NT his own way, judged to preempt to a level which would make it very tough for his opponents to get together in their own game. Zamir won the club lead and drew trumps before playing on hearts. Verhees won the first heart and played a club. Zamir ruffed

that and played a second heart, and Van Prooijen won that and led a spade through for down one and –50.

Birman opened 2♥ in front of Friedlander. Two Hearts showed both majors in a weak hand but, when Friedlander overcalled 3♣, Padon took a shot at 3NT – he did, after all, have eight running tricks and could rely on partner for major-suit stoppers. With more distribution than he had promised, Birman cuebid 4♣ to ask his partner to pick a major, and Padon duly did so. Birman won the club lead and played a heart to the jack.

Friedlander won that with the king and returned a diamond. Birman won the ace and played a heart and Yekutieli won the ace and returned a spade. Two spade losers meant down one for –50 and another flat board.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

Both Norths became declarer in 3♠ and both sets of defenders did well to find their heart ruff with which to beat it.

Toledano beat it on the go by leading king and another heart to collect an immediate ruff. He then switched to two rounds of clubs and that was down one for –50.

Birman led the king of clubs and continued with the ♣2. Padon won the ace and, after a little thought, switched to the two of hearts. Birman won the king and returned the ten, and he too collected a ruff to defeat the contract by a trick; –50 and no swing.

Board 7 saw the East players in 4♥, both making an overtrick for a fourth consecutive flat board, and Board 8 saw the respective Wests declare 4♠ which, off three aces, depended on the trump finesse. The king was onside so 4♠ was made for +420, and the run of push boards went up to five.

On Board 9, the South players opened a strong NT and played there. The contract was just a matter of overtricks, and Verhees seemed to have done well when he came to two of those to chalk up +150. Could Friedlander match



Ami Zamir





Dror Padon

him? No, Padon discarded slightly better than Zamir and held him to only eight tricks, so the run of flat boards was broken with 1 IMP to WOLFSON, who led by 67-36.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Toledano opened the East hand, Birman didn't, but the only difference this made was who became declarer.

Verhees led the eight of clubs, which Toledano ducked to Van Prooijen's king. A spade return went to the ace, and Verhees reverted to clubs. Toledano won in hand with the queen to lead a heart to the ten, losing to the queen.

However, he had the rest of the tricks, so 10 in all for +630.

Yekutieli led the king of clubs, which did not, as they say, paralyze declarer. Padon won the ace and played the queen of spades, which was ducked, followed by the ten of hearts. He ran that successfully then led a club to the ten followed by the king of spades off the dummy. Friedlander won that but Padon had the rest; 12 tricks for +690 and 2 IMPs to WOLFSON, who led by 69-36.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Identical auctions saw the two Easts declare 3NT, where they had no fewer than 10 winners – but couldn't get to four of them.

Verhees cashed the ace of hearts, caught an encouraging two from Van Prooijen, and continued with the king then the jack. Trusting his partner's suit-preference signals, Verhees next switched to the seven of clubs for the ten and ace, and all Toledano could do was to take his six tricks for down three and -150.

Friedlander too cashed the ace, king and jack of hearts, and Yekutieli also signaled for clubs, but Friedlander wasn't keen on opening up that suit – what if the deal was as it was except that declarer had the ten of clubs instead of one of his small cards? So Friedlander switched to a spade, and declarer did not have ♠AKx or ♦AKx, when he would have been able to get at all his winners. Birman too could come to only his six top tricks, and there was no swing.

Board 12 saw both Wests open 3♠ as dealer holding:

♠ A Q J 9 6 3
♥ —
♦ 6 3 2
♣ Q 8 4 3

Both were raised to game and ZAMIR gained an overtrick to trail by 37-69.

Board 13 was a spade partscore for N/S, WOLFSON picking up an overtrick IMP to lead by 70-37.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zamir	V Prooijen	Toledano	Verhees
Padon	Yekutieli	Birman	Friedlander
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A heart lead, particularly a heart honour, could seriously threaten 3NT, but hearts had been bid by dummy, not by partner, so why would East find such a lead?

Toledano led the five of spades to the ten and jack. Van Prooijen played ace, king, and a third diamond, and Toledano won the queen and led his remaining spade to Zamir's ace. Zamir cleared the spades, but Van Prooijen had all the winners he needed. He won the ♠K, cashed the diamonds, then one top club before crossing to the ace of hearts to lead the seven of clubs and, when the queen appeared, won the king and two more club tricks, Toledano having pitched a club earlier to keep his heart holding intact. That meant 11 tricks for +460.

And the lead and play followed the same lines in the other room, with the same result. Yekutieli also made 11 tricks for +460 and one more flat board in what had been a very dull set. WOLFSON won the set by 22-2 IMPs and would go into the fourth quarter with a handy 70-37 lead.

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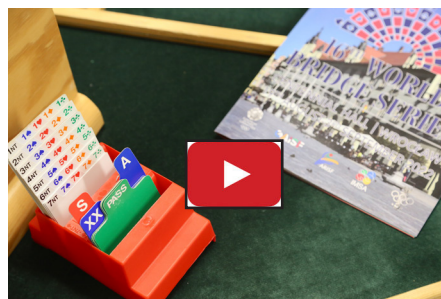
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## McConnell SF S4

by Mark Horton

Tri Polar led Edmonds 103-73 while Baker trailed Brody 61-97. Baker made some modest gains over the early deals, but never really threatened. For the most part I'll concentrate on the other semi-final.

## Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

## Tri Polar v Edmonds

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Senior	Kazmucha	Smith
2♣*	Dble	3♣*	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	
2♣	10-14, 5♣+4♥/♠ or 6♣		
3♣	Invitational with support		

East led the ♣8 and West took the ace and returned the five, declarer winning with dummy's queen and playing the ♥10 for the queen and king. A heart to the nine saw West win with the jack and switch to the ♠8. Declarer took the ace and played another heart, West winning and switching to the ♦5. East won and played a spade, and West's ruff was the setting trick, +50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Dufurat	Larsson	Zmuda
1♣*	1♥	2♦	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
1♣	12-14 NT (not 5♥/♠) or 10-22, 4+♣		
2NT	Diamonds		

South led the ♥9 and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♠8, North winning with the king and switching to the ♦K. Declarer won, ruffed a spade and played the ♣2. When North went up with the king, declarer no longer had a second loser in the suit. She ducked North's club exit, took South's queen with dummy's ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, drew trumps and claimed, +600 and 11 IMPs, 114-74.

## Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

## Tri Polar v Edmonds

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Senior	Kazmucha	Smith
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♣	2+♣, 11-14 balanced or 15+ or 18+ any		
1♥	4+♥, 7+		

South led the ♠10 and when North followed with the seven, declarer won with the queen and played the ♥5. South went up with the king and continued with the ♠9. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the ten and the friendly breaks in the red suits meant she was soon claiming, +400.



Justyna Zmuda

As you can see, South needs to find a club switch at trick 2. Had she ducked at trick two North would undoubtedly have switched, so perhaps the carding in spades was important? (Unusually for a World Championship, the players convention cards are not available online.)

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Dufrat	Larsson	Zmuda
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣	12-14 NT (not 5♥/♠) or 10-22, 4+♣		

South led the ♣2 and North took the ace and returned the five. South won with the queen and continued with the ♣3. In due course that meant one down, -50 and 10 IMPs, 116-84.

### Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

### Tri Polar v Edmonds

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Senior	Kazmucha	Smith
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣K and when North followed with the two she switched to the ♥J. Declarer put up dummy's king and North took the ace, cashed the queen and continued with the ♥3. Declarer pitched the ♣8 and must have been delighted when South followed suit. She ruffed a club and when the ace appeared she could draw trumps ending in dummy and pitch her losing diamonds on the ♥8 and the ♣QJ, recording a remarkable +620.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Dufrat	Larsson	Zmuda
—	—	—	1NT
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble*	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass
Dble	Takeout		



Danuta Kazmucha

South led the ♣K, continued with the ace and then took the ♦A before switching to the ♥9. North took the queen, cashed the ace and then played the ♣2. When declarer ruffed with the ♠8 South's overruff meant two down, -200 and 13 IMPs, 118-98.

Edmonds added another 6 IMPs over the next two deals to make the score 118-104.

### Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

### Tri Polar v Edmonds

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Senior	Kazmucha	Smith
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥4 and declarer won with the jack and played the ♣2 for the six, eight and king. Back came a heart and declarer won the third round of the suit with dummy's ace, discarding the ♠7. When East discarded on the ♣4 declarer ducked to West's nine and after winning the next trick with the ♥7 East switched to the ♠2 for the ten, king and ace. Declarer played a spade to the queen, cashed the ♣A and then took her diamonds, finishing two down, -200.

Declarer might have saved a trick at the end by exiting with a club, forcing West to open up the diamonds, but the main question is whether there is a winning line in 3NT?

The best line in clubs for three tricks is to start with a low card (81.95%) planning to put up dummy's jack if West plays a low card. However, if you need four club tricks then you have to hope to find someone with a doubleton ♣KQ, a mere 6.78% chance.

Suppose South cashes the ♣A at trick two and sees East's king? If declarer now applies the theory of restricted choice and continues with a club to the jack it is possible to get home, but only via the double dummy line of playing a spade to the seven.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Dufprat	Larsson	Zmuda
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ 11-14 balanced or natural (4414, rarely 3415/4315) or 15+ 5(4)+♣ (4 only if 4414) or 18+ any shape

When West led the ♣9 declarer took East's king with the ace and immediately played a club back to dummy's eight, East discarding the ♦4. West took the next club with the queen and switched to the ♦J. Declarer took dummy's king and played a heart for the seven, queen and king. West continued with the ♦8 and declarer won with the ten, unblocked the ♥J and exited with a club, setting up her ninth trick, +600 and 13 IMPs making the score line 118-117.

## Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## Brody v Baker

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Fischer	Sanborn	S. Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East went with the 'movie star' lead of the ♣K and declarer wrapped up 12 tricks, +480.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Brown	Michielsen	Brock
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
2NT*	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♣	All Pass	

West cashed her aces to ensure one down, -50 and 11 IMPs.

## Tri Polar v Edmonds

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Senior	Kazmucha	Smith
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble*
4♠	5♣	All Pass	

From the comfort of my office, it looks obvious to double 4♠, but things are never easy at the table. Declarer could not avoid the loss of three tricks after East led the ♦Q, -50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Dufprat	Larsson	Zmuda
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			
3♦	Puppet to 3♥		
4♥	Choice of games		

If you are looking for points then 3♣ is not without merit (that's as polite as I can get).



Anna Sarniak



A direct 3♥ would have been game forcing. If North had jumped directly to 4♥ it would presumably have been to play. Given that her pointed kings would have been protected should South have preferred the major suit game?

West led the ♠A and switched to the ♦A, no swing.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

### Brody v Baker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meyers	Fischer	Sanborn	S. Rimstedt
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and declarer won with the ace, cashed the ♠A, cashed the ♦Q and the ♥K, overtook the ♥J and played another heart. If West ruffs this high and plays two rounds of spades declarer will lose two clubs, but when she discarded a diamond declarer could continue with winning diamonds and West was helpless, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Brown	Michielsen	Brock
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and declarer won, overtook the ♥K and played a spade to the jack, East pitching the ♥5. Declarer overtook the ♥J in dummy, ruffed a heart, West ditching a diamond, and could now get home by overtaking the ♦Q and playing diamonds. Instead, she ruffed a club, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and played the ♦K. West ruffed in with the ♠K and exited with a club, the ♠Q subsequently becoming the setting trick, -100 and 13 IMPs that made the final score 132-77.

### Tri Polar v Edmonds

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Senior	Kazmucha	Smith
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠
All Pass			
4NT RKC			
5♥ 2 key cards			

East led the ♥8 and declarer won in hand with the king and cashed the ♠A. When East discarded the ♥3 she overtook the ♦Q and continued with three rounds of the suit, discarding clubs. West could score two trump tricks, but that was all, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Dufurat	Larsson	Zmuda
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠
All Pass			
4NT RKC			
5♥ 2 key cards			

If declarer could take 12 tricks Edmonds would level the scores and, by virtue of having won the match between the teams in the Round Robin, advance to the final.

The first issue is how to tackle the trump suit? The odds play is to take two finesses, giving you a 76% chance of losing only one trick. However, entries to dummy are in short supply. If you take the opening lead in hand, cash the ♣A, ruff a club and take a losing spade finesse there are various layouts where 11 tricks will be the maximum.

Suppose you win the lead with dummy's queen and play a spade to the ten seeing East discard a heart?

You overtake the ♥K with dummy's ace and play a second spade, ducking when West plays an honour. You win the club return, overtake the ♦Q and play the top diamonds pitching clubs. When the suit divides you play another diamond and West is helpless. If she discards your last club goes away and you can then play a spade. If West ruffs, you overruff, ruff a club, ruff a heart and draw the outstanding trump. That's +680 and a place in the final!

However, declarer took the lead in hand, cashed the ♠A, played a heart to dummy's ace and a spade. West took the queen and could now have ensured the demise of the contract by cashing the ♠K and then exiting with a diamond! When she got off play with a club declarer won, ruffed a club and cashed the ♦AK pitching a club. Needing to get rid of one more club she guessed to play the ♥Q but when West was able to ruff, declarer was left with a losing club, -100 and 13 IMPs away. Perhaps that was less painful than losing by making 5♠ and losing by a single IMP, but I suspect the players might not agree!



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## Rosenblum Round of 16 S3

# Lebowitz v AZS Wroslavia

## Nickell v Bridge for Business

by Jos Jacobs

At halftime during the Round of 16, only one match was close. Nickell and Bridge for Business were separated by the odd IMP so the 3rd segment of that match would be the obvious first entry into my report. As the secondary choice, I decided to have a look at another match involving a Polish team: Lebowitz v AZS Wroslavia – they might even be called a local team!

We saw a quiet overtrick IMP for both Lebowitz and Nickell on the opening board of the second half but board 2 had more impact.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

## Lebowitz v AZS Wroslavia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P. Patreuha	Nyström	Jassem	Helgemo
—	—	INT	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

On the logical diamond lead from South, declarer immediately had his eight tricks and he did not bother about a possible overtrick. With the spades blocked, you might give up two hearts and still lose only two more tricks: a spade and a diamond, double dummy. AZS Wroslavia +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Golebiowski	Bilde	J. Patreuha
—	—	INT	Dble
3NT	All Pass		

Following the line described above, Dennis Bilde might have brought home his game contract on a diamond lead, but he followed a different line, after all. Heart to South's ten, ♦A and another but after winning dummy's ♦K, he cashed out his three clubs and the ♠A for unclear reasons. One down, AZS Wroslavia another +50 and 5 IMPs to them rather than 7 IMPs away.

In the other match, there was more action.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	Weinstein	Wiankowski	R. Levin
—	—	INT	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

When INT came round to him, Weinstein, with his very weak hand (in hcp that is), knew that his partner would hold a fair hand. Levin produced a careful single raise and there it rested. The contract should have gone one down on the actual trump lead but when the defence was not aware of the danger, Weinstein actually made his contract. Dummy's ♠Q won the first trick and a club went to East's ♣K. The diamond return was ruffed by declarer and a low heart came next. When East did not rise with the ace, dummy's ♥K won, the ♥Q went on the ♦A and declarer only lost two more clubs and the insurmountable ace of trumps. Just made, Nickell +140.

In the replay, North also took action so this was the ensuing bidding.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R. Katz	Pszczola	Nickell	Lutostanski
—	—	INT	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
2NT	All Pass		



Dennis Bilde





Piotr Nawrocki

South led the ♠K which held the trick. The ♠Q was ducked as well and after this, declarer lost the more normal two hearts and the ♦A to just make his contract. As you can see, winning the first or second spade immediately would lead to an a priori unlikely nine tricks. Nickell another +120 and 6 IMPs to them.

On the next board, they were in the slam zone.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the Lebowitz v AZS Wroclaw match, both N/S pairs were in 3NT so only 1 IMP to Lebowitz resulted. In our other match, these were the two auctions.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	Weinstein	Wiankowski	R. Levin
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

No ambition, 11 tricks, Nickell +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R. Katz	Pszczola	Nickell	Lutostanski
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Maybe too much ambition shown here by the Poles. Even with the trumps nicely 3-2, you are not home yet even if South's hearts should go on North's clubs after trumps are drawn. At the table, his contract was soon defeated when East led his heart to partner's ace and immediately got a ruff. Nickell another +50 and 11 IMPs to them.

The next board was a classic solid-suit battle.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Lebowitz v AZS Wroclaw

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P. Patreuha	Nyström	Jassem	Helgemo
—	Pass	2♣	3NT
All Pass			

East showed his majors by opening 2♣ and Helgemo, at his first turn, showed his solid suit. Patryk Patreuha, who was looking at the one and only solid suit, quietly passed. At this vulnerability, he could not expect to score much more than 400 by bidding. Down four, AZS Wroclaw +400.

In the other room, Madala had his own thoughts about solid suits.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Golebiowski	Bilde	J. Patreuha
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
3NT	All Pass		

Well, his suit was solid, but partner's cards were not very helpful. So we had the rare case that the contract was 3NT in both rooms by the same team, made at neither table. One down here, AZS Wroclaw another +50 and

10 IMPs to them.

In the Robinson v Hans match, Zia showed how to deal with solid suits.

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Edgton	D Gold	Whibley	Zia
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

It is easy to see that this contract cannot be defeated. So much for Zia's approach: +710.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Gill	Meckstroth	Hans
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♦	All Pass		

Berkowitz' natural approach quickly bought the contract for another +110 and 13 IMPs to Robinson on their way to transforming a small lead into an overwhelming victory.

In the next four boards, 3 singles changed hands in our two matches but then came a curious affair.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

#### Nickell v Bridge for Business

##### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	Weinstein	Wiankowski	R Levin
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After the Puppet sequence, East might have been looking for a 4-3 fit but West was apparently hoping for the best. 3NT was a fair contract in a certain way because there are more than enough tricks available. The problem was, however, how to get there...South cashed his three top hearts and then sat back. Down three, Nickell +150.

In the other room, the Multi came into operation.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R. Katz	Pszczola	Nickell	Lutostanski
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	3♥
Dble	All Pass		

The only thing E/W had to do against this Multi was to use their red cards. Down three without much ado, +500 to Nickell and 12 IMPs to them.

In the Lebowitz v AZS Wroclaw match, West was desperately trying to reach a playable contract.

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
P. Patreuha	Nyström	Jassem	Helgemo
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South, not knowing E/W were in a 4-3 fit only, led his top hearts. Suddenly, West saw his chance. He ruffed, cashed the ♦AK, ruffed another heart, cashed the ♦Q and crossed in trumps to ruff dummy's last heart. The ♥AK and ♣A were still there. AZS Wroclaw a spectacular +420.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Golebiowski	Bilde	J Patreuha
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Piotr Wiankowski

No such inspirational bidding at the other table. East could only have a look at his nine tricks, not being able to cash them. Down one, AZS Wratistavia another +50 and 10 IMPs to them.

One IMP changed hands in both matches on the subsequent two boards, but the final board of the set once again cheered us up with swings in both matches.

#### Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

#### Nickell v Bridge for Business

##### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	Weinstein	Wiankowski	R Levin
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

When West immediately won the ♠4 lead (low from doubleton) with his ace, the chances of a ruff and thus of beating 5♦ were gone. Not that it mattered very much here. Nickell +150.

##### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R. Katz	Pszczola	Nickell	Lutostanski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When East, not being clairvoyant and not helped (or distracted?) by a double, did not lead a heart, declarer had the tempo to establish his diamonds. The spade lead had gone to West's queen and declarer's king. Two overtricks, Bridge for Business +460 and 7 IMPs to them.

In the other match, we saw a similar swing.

##### Open Room

West	North	East	South
P. Patreuha	Nyström	Jassem	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The same auction and the same first trick as in the Closed Room above but when East switched to a heart after winning his ♦Q, there were only nine tricks. Lebowitz +400.

##### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	Golebiowski	Bilde	J. Patreuha
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

When Jakub Patreuha, in spite of partner's strong bidding, could not find any good reason to go on, the Polish stayed in the same partscore as in the Open Room from our other match. On the same defence, they also made 11 tricks. AZS Wratistavia +150 but 6 IMPs to Lebowitz.

The scores in our two matches with one segment (14 boards) to go:

Lebowitz v AZS Wratistavia 71-107

Nickell v Bridge for Business 82-55

It was looking a bit clearer than at the start of this segment but still undecided.

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## Tri Polar v Edmonds

by Barry Rigal and Herman De wael

On the first deal Tri Polar picked up a small swing by going plus on defence in both rooms, then Edmonds broke their duck in more substantial fashion.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
—	—	1♣*	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♣	Natural		
2♦	asking 4 card Major		

I did not ask Seamon-Molson if 3♣ was available at her first turn for a club call (I assume it would have been pre-emptive). When she passed, planning to come back in later, her partner's overcall endplayed her somewhat. She was trying for 3NT while suggesting good clubs, looking for a spade stopper; Eythorsdottir was not on the same page. And I'm sure against 3NT the lead would have been a heart, after which the defenders will be in decent shape.

5♦ by contrast was always doomed after the ♠K lead. Even if declarer wins and plays a club up, it is hard for her even to come to 10 tricks. In fact when the ♠K was ducked the hand fell apart and the final result was down four.

In the Closed Room therefore the 3NT contract was sure to gain some IMPs. In fact, after the lead of the ♠Q, which turned out not to be best, Sarniak was in with a chance. Declarer played the ♦2 at trick two and East had

to think before playing low. South now played another diamond to the ace, and presented the ♣3, successfully finessing the jack. She next played ♣K, and when East thought long about her return after taking the ♣A, South claimed, stating "I give you one club". She had taken four clubs, two diamonds, two hearts and a spade and had 14 IMPs for her pains.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♦	Balanced		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room the ♠3 was led, trying to hit declarer's shortness. West did not cover the queen. Declarer played two top clubs and gave up the ♣Q (East discarding the ♦2). Bertheau now reached for the ♦3, but then took two minutes before playing it. In with the ♦K, Larsson thought almost as long for her ♥3 return. Kazmucha played another diamond, and West returned a heart. North now cashed two club tricks, the ♦10 and the ♠A, making the contract.

In the Open Room East's heart lead left the defenders in with a chance. Trick one went to the nine, ten and queen. Eythorsdottir played the ♣A and a low club, letting Levitina win the queen. Because her partner has the ♥7 a heart continuation will work best, but Levitina switched

to a diamond to the king, and ducked the diamond return (Edmonds returning an unhelpful  $\diamond 2$ ). Given her chance, Eythorsdottir ran the clubs, squeezing West down to one heart then cashed the  $\heartsuit A$  and endplayed Levitina to lead spades for her. Hard work for a flat board.

#### Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
1 $\diamond$	Pass	2 $\heartsuit$	2 $\spadesuit$
Pass	3 $\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
1 $\clubsuit^*$	1 $\diamond$	3 $\heartsuit$	All Pass

In the Closed Room against 3  $\heartsuit$  South started with  $\diamond A$  and another diamond. North played the  $\diamond Q$  and Sarniak did not see any reason to overruff, but discarded a club instead. Larsson played a spade to the table and presented the singleton trump, thinking quite some time before putting the queen on it. Now South did take her king. She played her  $\clubsuit 7$  which was taken by the ace. East ruffed a small spade and presented the  $\heartsuit 7$ . On the next spade declarer refused the finesse and then ruffed the  $\spadesuit J$ . The  $\heartsuit 10$  was for South and another spade saw East using her last trump. South made the  $\heartsuit 2$  for the final and down-two-setting trick.

Of course, if 3  $\spadesuit$  doubled could come home the second undertrick would be irrelevant, but Levitina had the contract set in her own hand. Yes but...Levitina cashed a top club and wasn't sure if the second club would cash. She shifted to a diamond and declarer played three rounds of the suit, overruffing East. Then came  $\heartsuit A$  and a second heart, West pitching her fourth diamond. Now when the  $\diamond J$  was led, pitching the club, West could ruff in and still had three more trump tricks (or two trumps and a heart) to come for down one. 8 IMPs more to Edmonds, leading 22-1.

The next few deals saw little excitement, a couple of dull games (one cold one with no play when a key finesse lost) and a third flat board where both Souths took advantage of the vulnerability in 2nd seat at favourable vulnerability to open a 7-3-3-0 with the ace-king of spades 4  $\spadesuit$  rather than 3  $\spadesuit$ . That only cost an extra non-vulnerable undertrick.

#### Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
—	Pass	3 $\clubsuit$	Dble
Pass	3 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
—	Pass	3 $\clubsuit$	Dble
Pass	3 $\heartsuit$	All Pass	

Eythorsdottir's decision to select spades rather than hearts looks odd to me (but I'm not denying it might work). Today was not that day. After the singleton diamond lead Eythorsdottir won and played the  $\heartsuit K$ . Maybe Levitina should duck that, but she didn't, instead winning to play back a club to the ace for a second club. It might well be right to run the  $\spadesuit J$  now? People have been known not to cover, and maybe LHO has a doubleton honor? Anyway a low spade went to the ten and queen. Back came a second heart, and Eythorsdottir won in dummy to duck a spade. The defenders played a third club now, leaving declarer two down.

In the Closed Room East led her singleton diamond against 3  $\heartsuit$ , taken with the king. West played low to the  $\heartsuit K$ , then took the ace and played her third heart, East discarding a club. Kazmucha now played a club, which East took at once, returning the  $\clubsuit Q$  to the table. The  $\spadesuit 6$  went to the ten and queen, and East was forced to play another spade. Declarer took this and threw in West with the  $\spadesuit K$ . She now had to open up the diamonds and the contract was made. Apparently "sorry" is the same in Swedish.

Edmonds led 29-6 now.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
—	—	2♠	All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥	2♠	4♥	All Pass

The late great Frankie Howerd was fond of saying "My flabber has never been so ghastrd". One sees what he means. 2♠ on a heart lead lost five trump tricks and control, a painful two down.

Since 4♥ in the Closed Room took 10 tricks via the diamond ruff painlessly enough, that was 13 IMPs to Tri Polar to make it 29-19.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

♠ A 10	♠ A 10
♥ A K J 10 5 4	♥ A K J 10 5 4
♦ J 10	♦ J 10
♣ 9 5 2	♣ 9 5 2

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Closed Room the lead of the ♦5 against 3NT meant that declarer had no trouble coming to 9 tricks by blasting out the ♥Q.

By contrast 4♥ in the Open Room on a club lead was very much in the balance. Edmonds won the (unreadable) ♣9 and shifted to spades. Declarer, convinced that West would have overcalled with six spades, ducked, and now the defenders cross-ruffed, leaving declarer to guess the ♥Q for down one. it was 39-19 now to Edmonds.

## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levitina	Eythorsdottir	Edmonds	Seamon-Molson
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Kazmucha	Larsson	Sarniak
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In 4♠ after the diamond lead declarer played ♠AKx and claimed 12 tricks. Not nearly enough of course. And no, I'm not sure why South chose this route and we didn't want to intrude on private grief...

I'm not sure if one wants to be in the grand slam here – I suspect had Eythorsdottir bid 5♣ over 4♦ Seamon-Molson might have gone all the way. But as you can see the play is not that simple, though with 3-3 spades you can hardly go down. Regardless Tri Polar would gracefully accept their 12 IMPs and move on. Two flat games saw Edmonds break with a 39-31 lead.



## by David Bird

Enough of such foolish banter, you say. On with the action!

Bas Drijver's 2♠ may have agreed clubs. Whatever it meant, Sjoert Brink's 3♦ must have been a transfer to hearts. Thomas Paske doubled for a lead, and North's leap to 4♥ is a mystery to me. One would imagine that 3♥ was forcing; he might instead have redoubled, holding the ace of diamonds.

North-South had done exceptionally well at the other table, and I thought there was a chance that the grand slam could be missed in the Closed Room. To stop in game when you have a drawerful of gold medals? No, that did not enter my mind. In fact, four North-Souths bid 7♣, two played in 6♣, and two in 4♥.

It was 14 IMPs to Team Black, but a hefty chunk of these were returned, two boards later.

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

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

W N E S

♠ 8 3  
♥ A K 10 8 7 3  
♦ 9  
♣ A K 9 6

♠ 9 6 2  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ Q 6 5 3 2  
♣ 4 3


West	North	East	South
<i>Piedra</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

Magnificent bidding! A 2♦ rebid would be natural and forcing, so a jump to 3♦ is a splinter bid, agreeing clubs. A spade control-bid was followed by Roman Key-card Blackwood, North showing two aces and the trump queen.

Pierre Zimmerman led a trump, and Simon Hult played a heart to ace before drawing the remaining trumps. He then set up the hearts and claimed his +1440. It seemed to be a brilliant result, but when you are facing the current Bermuda Bowl holders, there is every chance of a push board. Let's see.

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦*
Dble	4♥	All Pass	

Why do some players, even at this exalted level, respond in their shorter suit when they are worth at least two bids? Is it something to do with playing too much matchpoints? It just seems illogical to me.

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



**Gunnar Hallberg**



Bas Drijver

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hult	Zimmermann	Hallberg
—	—	1♠	2♥
2NT	Pass	4♠	5♣
Dble	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Should South show both of his suits straight away (perhaps with a Michaels cue-bid). Or does the sixth heart suggest starting with a 2♥ overcall? A possible problem with the simple overcall is that you may feel obliged to bid the clubs next time round.

That is what happened. North passed at his first turn, and the opponents reached 4♠. Was it right to persevere to 5♣, vulnerable against not with a silent partner? I greatly admire Hallberg as a player, and many of his bold moves pay off. Not here, sadly. After a spade lead and a diamond return, he went two down for minus 500.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	Drijver	McIntosh	Brink
—	—	1♠	2NT*
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Paske's double of 2NT put the brakes on South's ambitions. Brink led the ace of clubs, followed by the queen to declarer's king. The diamond queen was run to the king, and Andrew McIntosh discarded a club on the heart jack return. When South won with the ace and played back the ♣10, declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠7. An overruff by North can take the contract two down. He apparently surrendered two tricks by discarding his remaining heart instead.

GIB tells us that, to make the contract, declarer needs to lead the ♠4 next, or any heart. He preferred the ♠Q, covered by the king and ace, and went one down. The big number at the other table meant that it was 11 IMPs to Zimmermann.

## Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hult	Zimmermann	Hallberg
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Prepare to be shocked. On this occasion I actually DO know what the bidding means. The Swedish method over a Jacoby 2NT is to show any minimum with 3♣, extra values but no shortage with 3♦, and 3♥/3♠/3NT to show the three shortages. The 3♥ rebid showed a club shortage. (Yes, yes, it was a Swedish kibitzer who kindly explained this to me.)

Fernando Piedra led an adventurous ♣4. Hallberg eventually called for the jack, covered by the queen and ruffed with the ace. After a trump to the king, Hallberg ruffed a club with the ♥9. The ♥6 to the 8 permitted another club ruff, but the ace did not appear.

Hallberg's next move was a diamond to the 8, jack and king. He ruffed the club return and cashed the ace of spades. When he led the ♦3... beautiful sight... West's ♦10 appeared. He was then able to discard the ♠Q on his ♦Q and ruff a spade in dummy for +1430. It was an excellent result, but when facing the Bermuda Bowl champions, it might only be a push board.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	Drijver	McIntosh	Brink
—	—	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

What is a humble scribe meant to say when a current Bermuda Bowl champion opens 4♥ on that hand? An ace and a void outside? You could spend months searching for a textbook to recommend it. It was 13 IMPs to Team Black.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hult	Zimmermann	Hallberg
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Piedra's INT was 15-17, but many players would upgrade the hand to an 18-count. He held 17 HCP, two tens and splendid 5-card diamond suit. The ♦6 was led and eleven tricks were made for +200. Might West have had second thoughts and broken the transfer even with only three trumps?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	Drijver	McIntosh	Brink
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Paske did upgrade the hand. The jack of diamonds was led and +650 was worth 13 IMPs to Team Black.

We have been lucky with the boards, and I would



Thomas Paske

usually stop at this point, but how can I possibly not describe the adventures on Board 13?

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Hult	Zimmermann	Hallberg
—	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

First, let's admire the courage of someone who is willing to jump to 4♠ at Game All. Splendid! Piedra knew of a spade shortage opposite, but his 5♥ was still a gutsy move. Zimmermann thought for quite a while now. I told the kibitzers that it seemed to be a 50-50 decision, whether to bid the slam. East could not be criticized, whatever he decided. The third brave bid in a row closed the auction in 6♥.

A diamond lead and a ruff would have defeated the slam. What do you think happened after a lead of the queen of clubs?

Piedra won in the dummy and thought for an age. With trumps 2-2, we could see that ruffing two spades would make the slam. Eventually he said... 'Small diamond, please!'

It was now Hallberg's turn to think. If his partner held a singleton diamond, he would usually have led it. Even so, declarer might still hold a singleton king in the suit. Time stood still and then... Hallberg followed with the ♦4.

Piedra won with the king, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He then returned to the king of trumps and ruffed his last spade with the jack. It remained only to reach his hand with a club ruff and play the ♥A to find the trumps 2-2. That was +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	Drijver	McIntosh	Brink
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Declarer ruffed two spades, without playing on diamonds, and scored +680. It was 13 IMPs to Zimmermann.

It had been a hugely entertaining match. The bidding had raised a few eyebrows at times, it was true. Team Black won the session by 37 IMPs to 25.



## McConnell Final Set I

## Tri Polar v Brody

by Barry Rigal

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eythorsdottir	S. Rimstedt	Seamon-Molson	Fischer
—	1♠	Pass	3♦*
All Pass			
3♦	Invitational		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Larsson	Michielsen	Bertheau
—	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Brigitta Fischer's invitational jump worked far better today than the game-forcing sequence in the other room. With 5♦ making only ten tricks if the defenders lead hearts early enough, as they did in the Open Room, maybe playing 3NT was no worse than that. But it does look somewhat inelegant to have to end up there with three small facing a singleton. Brody led 5-0.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eythorsdottir	S. Rimstedt	Seamon-Molson	Fischer
—	—	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Larsson	Michielsen	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
4♠	Slam-try in ♦		
5♣	Cuebid		

Sandra Rimstedt deemed her hand not worthy of a slam invite (though if one had available a puppet to 3NT followed by 4♣ to show diamonds and get the slam played the right way up?)... 3NT fetched 11 painless tricks.

In the Closed Room, both North and South took the high road. A spade lead against 6♦ by North would have put Bertheau to the test, but Michielsen guessed to lead hearts. That set up the 12th trick at once for declarer when diamonds could not have been more friendly. That was 12 IMPs to Tri Polar.

Both tables then bid the N/S cards efficiently to an excellent grand slam in clubs which in essence required a 6-2 side-suit missing the queen to break 3-2 or for the queen to fall. That duly came home, as did a 4♠ game on the next deal where declarer needed to decide whether to take ruffs either in dummy or their own hand. Both lines worked.



Brigitta Fischer

Brody picked up 2 IMPs by saving an undertrick in a partscore, then:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Fischer</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♦	Game forcing		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♣	Drury		

Both tables reached 4♠, the Open Room on a revealing auction, the Closed Room on a less revealing one. The defence in each room led clubs and continued the suit. Yes a heart shift would have simplified the defence. Declarer now had at least one loser in each suit, but when Larsson ducked her ♦A declarer could win the ♦K then proceed with a cross-ruff and when the ♥K was onside that was the tenth trick. 4♠ went down in the other room, although here too, declarer was given a chance to make. Brody had regained the lead at 19-12.

On the next deal both North/South pairs bid INT-3NT leaving West on lead with jack-fourth in spades and diamonds and honors in the short suits. With no apparently safe lead, they tried a spade and gave declarer their ninth trick (one successful finesse later). It is hard to see any other rational lead but I am sure that didn't make either West feel better.

After an overtrick to Brody on a deal where their opponents had played a far superior suit partscore but the cards lay distressingly well in the inferior no-trump contract declared at the other table, a difference in valuation created a vulnerable game swing.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Fischer</i>
—	1♥	1♠	Dble
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

I wouldn't have guessed there would be that many hands where Michielsen would pass and another player would act. But this was one of them, and if this is the result you might assume there won't be many more in the future. 4♥ fetched 10 easy tricks, 5♥ went down when West cashed out, worried with some justification about the diamond suit. Tri Polar had regained the lead at 23-20.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Fischer</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
1♠	2NT	4♠	6♥
All Pass			
2NT	Invitational+ raise with 4 trumps		

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Michielsén</i>	<i>Bertheussen</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
1♠	2NT*	3♠	5♣*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The modern style is to differentiate three- and four-card raises at once. Each South was faced with a slightly awkward call at their second turn, and each reached for the skies. Any lead but a trump would have sunk the defence's chances at once. Rimstedt led a trump, Eythorsdottir led the ♣A. The latter simplified declarer's life, but the trump lead saw declarer win in dummy and ruff a club, then take the losing finesse in diamonds and win the spade shift with the ace. She needed 3-3 diamonds or the ♦10 to fall, and her ship came in today.

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

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

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

♠ 9 8 6 4  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ J 3  
♣ 9 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Fischer</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Bertheaume</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Both tables reached the marginal 4♥ by East which on a club lead might certainly be awkward (and of course it is much better played by West). On a low spade lead from Fischer to the queen Rimstedt opted for route one to goal by returning a spade – eminently sensible but not effective today. Declarer could draw trumps and lose just a club.

Michielsens received the lead of ♠J and when she won to play trumps the fall of the ♥Q meant she could take a ruffing finesse in diamonds for +450 and an IMP. After

a club lead to the queen and king, a heart shift lets South win and play a spade. If she does, North can win the king and exit in clubs, leaving declarer to guess how to tackle the spades and diamonds.

The E/W pairs then each went three down in a delicate 4♠ on a 4-4 fit on an unfavourable lie of the cards (3NT would certainly have been cheaper, today) and stayed out of a slam that needed the ♥Q to fall, missing four.

The final swing of the set owed more to tiredness than anything else, but it didn't come in the way you might expect.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Fischer</i>
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	—	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After a club lead Seamon-Molson followed the Unlucky Expert line of playing the intrafinesse in spades (hoping South has honour-10 doubleton). You lead up to the jack, and duck if no 10 appears. If an honour appears play South for honour-10 by crossing to dummy to run the ♠J. This line led to two down when the defenders scored a ruff as well as everything else.

Michielsen, who told me she had simply miscounted her losers, took the ♣A and led ♠A and another at trick two.

At this point, the defence should still prevail so long as North does not duck her ♥A. In fact, Bertheau shifted to the ♦J on winning the spade and that was fatal.

The 11 IMPs here made it 32-23 at set end.



# Open Pairs Semi-finals



## Semi-final A after 3 rounds

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	GRUE Joe	MOSS Brad	USA - USA
2	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	CHARLSEN Thomas	ENG - NOR
3	GILL Peter	HANS Sartaj	AUS - AUS
4	MANNO Andrea	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	ITA - ITA
5	HELGEMO Geir	NYSTROM Fredrik	NOR - SWE
6	BESSIS Thomas	LORENZINI Cedric	FRA - FRA
7	RIMSTEDT Mikael	RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE
8	EDGTON Nabil	WHIBLEY Michael	AUS - NZL
9	MULLER Bauke	DEWIJS Simon	NED - NED
10	KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	POL - POL
11	JASZCZAK Andrzej	PSZCZOLA Jacek	POL - USA
12	HANLON Tom	VOLCKER Frederic	IRL - FRA
13	BACH Ashley	PELLEGRINI Carlos	NZL - ARG
14	LANZAROTTI Massimo	FRANCHI Arrigo	ITA - ITA
15	KOTOROWICZ Jakub	MIECHOWICZ Pawel	POL - POL
16	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER
17	GARTAGANIS Nicholas	LORBER Michel	CAN - CAN
18	ROBSON Andrew	ALLFREY Alexander	ENG - ENG
19	GOWER Craig	APTEKER Alon	RSA - RSA
20	GOTARD Thomas	ALTER Florian	GER - GER
21	MIELNIK Krzysztof	LONSKI Adam	POL - POL
22	BURAS Krzysztof	LUTOSTANSKI Piotr	POL - POL
23	HOYLAND Jim	HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR
24	BARTKOWSKI Mariusz	SZULEJEWSKI Bogdan	POL - POL
25	WILDAVSKY Adam	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA
26	KARLYKOV Petro	CHUMAK Yuliy	UKR - UKR
27	TOLEDANO Oren	ZAMIR Ami	ISR - ISR
28	VERBEEK Tim	NAB Bart	NED - NED
29	SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw	MAJCHER Arkadiusz	POL - POL
30	Iavicoli Federico	CAFFI Cristoforo	ITA - ITA
31	ARONOV Victor	IVANOV Antoni	BUL - BUL
32	VOZABAL David	SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE
33	JANSMA Jan	WILLENKEN Chris	NED - USA
34	KUJAWA Krzysztof	KOMAJDA Cezary	POL - POL
35	MOLLER Rachael	GURVICH David	USA - USA
36	GROSSACK Adam	LEBOWITZ Laurence	USA - USA
37	ALenfalk Bjorn	JOHANSSON Mats	SWE - SWE
38	VAINIKONIS Erikas	ARLOVICH Andrei	LTU - LTU
39	DONATI Giovanni	PERCARIO Giacomo	ITA - ITA
40	COOPER Renee	FREEMAN Jacob	AUS - CAN
41	BROGELAND Boye	BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR
42	SAKOWICZ Ryszard	PLOCKI Pawel	POL - POL
43	MARTEL Chip	FLEISHER Martin	USA - USA
44	JURKIEWICZ Andrzej	POMARANSKI Artur	POL - POL
45	STREET Paul	L'ECUYER Nicolas	USA - CAN
46	ANKLESARIA Keyzad	TEWARI Rajeshwar	IND - IND
47	TRENKA Peter	KEMENY Gyorgy	HUN - HUN
48	PASSELL Mike	GOODMAN Andy	USA - USA
49	SENSARMA Joyjit	PODDAR Biswajit	IND - IND
50	ADAMCZYK Stanislaw	RUSZKIEWICZ Karol	POL - POL
51	LIU Zhejun	DANIELEWICZ Christoph	CHN - SUI
52	GAWRON Grzegorz	KOWAL Jakub	POL - POL
53	PIETRASZEK Marek	ZNAMIROWSKI Jacek	POL - POL
54	TIHOLOV Todor	VOS John-Henry	ENG - ENG
55	TRENDABILOV Rumen	BARANTIEV Nikola	BUL - BUL
56	AKGUL Mustafa	ASLAN Bulent	TUR - TUR
57	GOODMAN Peter	MCINTOSH Daniel	IRL - ENG
58	NIELSEN Lars Kirkegaard	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN
59	THORESEN Siv	OVESEN Jo-Arne	NOR - NOR
60	FAILLA Giuseppe	DE MICHELIS Luca	ITA - ITA

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
61	KANG Seongseok	KOR - KOR	48.79
62	CARIC Jurica	CRO - CRO	48.64
63	BLASZCZYK Przemyslaw	POL - POL	48.60
64	KEAVENEY Gay	IRL - IRL	48.58
65	PETERSEN Henrik Kruse	DEN - DEN	48.47
66	ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad	POL - POL	48.32
67	MUKHERJEE Sumit	IND - IND	48.25
68	KOLUDA Piotr	POL - POL	48.13
69	CZIMER Csaba	HUN - HUN	48.05
70	ARGELAZI Eliran	ISR - ISR	48.04
71	STAMATOV Jerry	BUL - CHN	48.02
72	NAIDOO Bindiya	IND - IND	47.98
73	KIELICHOWSKI Urban	POL - POL	47.93
74	KHARE Ajay	IND - IND	47.90
75	CIBOROWSKI Konrad	POL - POL	47.88
76	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	NED - NED	47.87
77	JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	47.85
78	RAWLIK Sebastian	POL - POL	47.75
79	MESBUR Adam	IRL - IRL	47.75
80	MALINOWSKI Artur	ENG - ENG	47.72
81	KURANOGLU Serap	TUR - TUR	47.67
82	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	POL - POL	47.63
83	SJOQVIST Mans	SWE - SWE	47.62
84	GOLFARELLI Vittorio	ITA - ITA	47.60
85	KIM Daehong	KOR - KOR	47.06
86	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	ISR - ISR	46.93
87	KOISTINEN Kauko	FIN - FIN	46.80
88	KOWALSKI Dariusz	POL - POL	46.60
89	CZARNECKI Robert	POL - POL	46.55
90	MATHIEU Philippe	GLP - GLP	46.30
91	LEE Roger	USA - USA	46.04
92	CAMPOS Joao-Paulo	BRA - BRA	45.87
93	MELMAN Victor	USA - POL	45.54
94	AGICA Marius	ROM - ROM	45.51
95	STOLINSKI Robert	POL - POL	45.33
96	GROSSACK Zachary	USA - USA	44.81
97	GARNIER Charles	GLP - GLP	44.77
98	NORTON Ben	ENG - ENG	44.52
99	JANIK Stanislaw	POL - POL	44.43
100	NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	POL - POL	44.38
101	WINCIOREK Tomasz	POL - POL	44.31
102	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	LTU - LTU	44.31
103	THROWER James	ENG - ENG	44.21
104	LOSIEWICZ Igor	POL - POL	43.80
105	LAWRENCE Oliver	ENG - ENG	43.48
106	VOLHEJN Vit	CZE - CZE	43.44
107	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	43.43
108	GRZELAK Roman	POL - POL	43.41
109	MOLENDIA Jaroslaw	POL - POL	42.70
110	BROWNSTEIN Sid	USA - USA	40.58
111	CHMURSKI Bartosz	POL - POL	38.45
112	BOLESTA Slawomir	POL - POL	36.84

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### Final after 3 segments

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
 <b>BRODY</b>	32	30	18				<b>80</b>
 <b>TRI POLAR</b>	23	27	16				<b>66</b>

## Semi-final B after 3 rounds

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	NUNN Tony	AUS - AUS	61.97
2	SILVERSTEIN Aaron	USA - USA	61.17
3	CAMMARATA Michele	ITA - ITA	58.78
4	URMAN Lior	ISR - ISR	57.84
5	ROSENBERG Debbie	USA - USA	57.35
6	JANECZEK Marta	POL - POL	57.02
7	JASKIEWICZ Ryszard	POL - POL	56.71
8	WALCZAK Piotr	POL - POL	56.61
9	KRITSALIS Filippos	GRE - GRE	56.57
10	MAAT Roeland	NED - NED	56.30
11	CZUBAK Edmund	POL - POL	56.21
12	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	POL - POL	56.15
13	WOLANSKI Rafal	POL - POL	55.32
14	HAMMOND Nicolas	USA - AUS	55.11
15	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - POL	54.87
16	MACCORMAC Thomas	IRL - USA	54.24
17	OHNO Kyoko	JPN - JPN	54.14
18	SMIRNOV Alexander	GER - ISL	54.01
19	SZCZERBOWSKI Jacek	POL - POL	53.88
20	SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	IND - IND	53.62
21	GAN Grzegorz	POL - POL	53.58
22	BAKKEREN Ton	NED - NED	53.33
23	BAREL Michael	ISR - ISR	53.32
24	NEVE Olivier	BEL - BEL	53.21
25	WINKLER Gabor	HUN - HUN	52.93
26	PUNCH Sam	SCO - SCO	52.90
27	TJARNEMO Jonas	SWE - SWE	52.79
28	JADCZAK Bernard	POL - POL	52.45
29	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	POL - POL	52.41
30	ATTANASIO Dario	ITA - ITA	52.39
31	DE FALCO Dano	ITA - USA	52.37
32	PASZKO Wojciech	POL - POL	52.27
33	WRECZYCKI Maciej	POL - POL	52.24
34	TUBAK Daniel	HUN - HUN	52.24
35	GULYAS Daniel	HUN - HUN	52.20
36	STRANDBERG Ylva	SWE - SWE	52.15
37	GOSNEY John Paul	AUS - AUS	52.00
38	KOBYLARSKI Janusz	POL - POL	51.92
39	RAE Kenneth	SCO - ENG	51.84
40	LATOS Tomasz	POL - POL	51.82
41	STOPA Piotr	POL - POL	51.67
42	AIMALA Antti	FIN - FIN	51.62
43	LIPOWSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	51.60
44	KULPINSKI Dariusz	POL - POL	51.37
45	WITEK Marek	POL - POL	51.20
46	DINKIN Sam	USA - USA	51.19
47	ZACK Yaniv	ISR - ISR	50.96
48	CIBOROWSKA Lucja	POL - POL	50.95
49	EKSIOGLU Metin	TUR - TUR	50.89
50	HESHMAT Mohamed	EGY - EGY	50.78
51	BEDNARCZYK Edward	POL - POL	50.69
52	GALEK Przemyslaw	POL - POL	50.33
53	RAMARATNAM Krishnan	IND - IND	50.12
54	MAGNUSSON Stephan	SUI - SUI	50.04
55	EASWARAN Prakash	IND - IND	49.90
56	CIESIELCZUK Marek	POL - POL	49.84
57	SUBRAMANIAN Vijayraghavan	IND - IND	49.80
58	RYBNIKOV Gennadii	UKR - UKR	49.74
59	BOGUICKI Darek	POL - POL	49.45
60	TJARNEMO Hakan	SWE - SWE	49.02
61	HOOGENKAMP Ed	NED - NED	48.97
62	PIGOT Peter Jr	IRL - IRL	48.71
63	BRZUSTOWSKI Jerzy	POL - POL	48.71
64	VARDAR Rifat	TUR - TUR	48.54
65	NEHMERT Pony Beate	GER - USA	48.51
66	STEPINSKI Jeremi	POL - POL	48.44
67	KULIKOWSKI Maciej	POL - POL	48.12
68	CARROLL John	IRL - IRL	47.76
69	SZKUDLAREK Leszek	POL - POL	47.73
70	HUNKA Andrzej	POL - POL	47.65
71	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	47.61
72	WEISS Florian	AUT - ENG	47.60
73	VON ARNIM Daniela	GER - USA	47.58
74	GLOWACKI Dominik	POL - POL	47.57
75	KASPRZAK Alan	POL - POL	46.99
76	KRYSA Adam	POL - POL	46.99
77	MORIMURA Shunsuke	JPN - JPN	46.88
78	LEWANDOWSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	46.80
79	LATUS Krzysztof	POL - POL	46.79
80	LEDOCHOWSKI Lukasz	POL - POL	46.72



Rank	Players	Nationality	%
81	KMIECIK Cezary	SOLECKI Piotr	POL - POL 46.69
82	OLSEN Roy-Hugo	SIVERTSEN Are	NOR - NOR 46.67
83	KLOET Jos	ARENDSE Wim	NED - NED 46.34
84	BIELAWSKI Maciej	KRYSTECKI Jacek P	POL - POL 46.21
85	MAKAREWICZ Edward	TELEC Zbigniew	POL - POL 46.10
86	KUC-DZIERZAWSKI Piotr	STRYSZAWSKI Tomasz	POL - POL 46.06
87	MAAMARBACHI Clement	VOUSTIS Vassilis	LIB - GRE 45.78
88	WODKOWSKI Arkadiusz	LASOTA Pawel	POL - POL 45.64
89	SOSNOWSKI Pawel	SAWICKI Ryszard	POL - POL 45.42
90	KLUBINSKI Piotr	BROSCH Marek	POL - POL 45.38
91	KITA Mariusz	LESIECKI Boguslaw	POL - POL 45.06
92	SALINSKI Przemyslaw	PALASZ Ryszard	POL - POL 45.00
93	SIKORA Jacek	JARZABKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 44.37
94	CHMIELAK Robert	CZAJKOWSKA Magdalena	POL - POL 44.11
95	SOSNA Zbigniew	KOZLOWSKI Marek	POL - POL 44.10
96	GOLDBERG Jerry	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA - USA 44.06
97	NYEMTSEV Oksandr	KUPNOVITSKY Ostap	UKR - UKR 43.96
98	KAVALENKA Andrei	PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej	LTU - POL 43.56
99	CHEN Lin-Huan	HSIEH Ding-Hwa	USA - USA 43.08
100	SHAH Anal	MASKARA Subodh	IND - IND 41.27
101	CIESLAK Sylwester	GOLAS Krzysztof Chris	POL - POL 40.15
102	BARONI Irene	ZALESKI Romain	ITA - ITA 39.48
103	SZYM CZYK Tomasz	KOPERNOK Henryk	POL - POL 39.30
104	CHONIAWKO Andrzej	HLIWA Janusz	POL - POL 35.07

## Women Pairs

### Qualification after 3 rounds

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	BABAC Mine	INAL Gaye	TUR - TUR 59.17
2	MEYERS Jill	SANBORN Kerri	USA - USA 58.88
3	CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	VISSER Esther	NED - NED 57.47
4	ARNOLDS Carla	KOLEN Sandra	NED - NED 57.05
5	BROCK Sally	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	ENG - FRA 55.75
6	TAGLIAFERRI Vera	CUZZI Monica	ITA - ITA 55.7
7	DHONDY Heather	NETTLETON Diana	ENG - ENG 54.03
8	BAKER Lynn	McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA 53.94
9	SARNIAK Anna	KAZMUCHA Danuta	POL - POL 53.59
10	MADSEN Christina Lund	FERM Barbara	DEN - USA 52.64
11	YAVAS Dilek	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR 52.5
12	SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL 52.2
13	MICHELIN Marjorie	KISLITSYNA Irina	USA - USA 51.17
14	CAPLAN Eva	THOMPSON Jenny	AUS - AUS 51.07
15	BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	POL - POL 50.89
16	EGGELING Marie	BELL Sarah	GER - ENG 50.52
17	KANDOLU Ozlem	ELMAS Tuna	TUR - TUR 50.1
18	PYYKKO Ylva	JOHANSSON Lena	SWE - SWE 49.64
19	GREENWOOD Fiona	PALMER Julia	SCO - SCO 48.75
20	WOOD Viv	LEYBOURNE Marina	AUS - AUS 48.46
21	BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	JAROSZ Aleksandra	POL - POL 46.66
22	ROJKO Silvana	BAUER Tracey	SLO - USA 46.49
23	GROSS Susanna	ROBINSON Claire	ENG - ENG 46.17
24	SMYKALLA Gisela	VECHIATTO Claudia	GER - GER 45.21
25	AITCHISON Susan	LEES Joan	SCO - SCO 44.75
26	KATER Ewa	SIKORA Marta	ENG - POL 44.65
27	EDMONDS Jodi	LEVITINA Irina	USA - USA 42.9
28	SHIMAZAKI Ayako	SYLVESTER Elisabeth	JPN - AUS 42.52
29	STANISZEWSKA Urszula	STANISZEWSKA Adrianna	POL - POL 41.58
30	TOMCZUK Ela	CHMIELEWSKA Joanna	POL - POL 35.96

#### Women Pairs format

At the end of the qualification, the pairs will be split into Semifinal A and B, each containing 16 pairs (two pairs will drop in into semifinal A from the McConnell final).

Both semifinals will play a full round robin of 15 rounds, 3 boards per round.

At the end, the top 12 pairs from Semifinal A and the two top pairs from Semifinal B will qualify to Final A.

There will be a linear carry over from qualification to Semifinal A, the winner being awarded two tops, and the last qualified getting 0 MP, whilst there will be no carry over from qualification to Semifinal B.

There will be a linear carry over from Semifinals A and B to Final A as well, equal to one top to the winner of Semifinal A and 0 MP to the last qualified from Semifinal A. The two pairs qualified from Semifinal B will be awarded, respectively, the carry-over of the sixth and ninth qualified from Semifinal A.

The 14 pairs qualified to Final A will play a double Round Robin, 26 rounds of two boards each.

# Rosenblum KO Brackets



	<b>LEBOWITZ</b>	142
	<b>SEOUL</b>	71



	<b>NICKELL</b>	156
	<b>THE BLACK SWAN</b>	129

	<b>LEBOWITZ</b>	104
	<b>AZS WRATISLAVIA</b>	138

	<b>NICKELL</b>	131
	<b>BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS</b>	71



	<b>AZS WRATISLAVIA</b>	143
	<b>STREET</b>	112

	Team	1	2	3	4	tot
	AZS WRATISLAVIA	16	14	19	34	83
	VENTIN	28	21	20	37	106



	Team	1	2	3	4	tot
	NICKELL	43	36	34	77	190
	LUCKY FOUR	10	33	20	8	71

	<b>BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS</b>	115
	<b>SOUTH SWEDEN</b>	86

	<b>FLEISHER</b>	113
	<b>BORTOLETTI</b>	169



	<b>ODMET</b>	85
	<b>DRINTEAM</b>	86

	<b>VENTIN</b>	129
	<b>BORTOLETTI</b>	66

	<b>LUCKY FOUR</b>	93
	<b>DRINTEAM</b>	90

	<b>VENTIN</b>	86
	<b>ECF HOLDING</b>	77

	<b>VENTIN</b>	
	<b>ROBINSON</b>	

	<b>TEAM BLACK</b>	
	<b>NICKELL</b>	



	<b>WOLFSON</b>	133
	<b>MIKADINHO</b>	59



	<b>LUCKY FOUR</b>	120
	<b>FORMIDABLES</b>	93

	<b>WOLFSON</b>	85
	<b>ZAMIR</b>	79

	<b>ZIMMERMANN</b>	118
	<b>MINITER</b>	94

	<b>WORLD BRIDGE TOUR</b>	52
	<b>ZAMIR</b>	149

	Team	1	2	3	4	tot
	<b>ROBINSON</b>	26	52	25	45	148
	<b>WOLFSON</b>	33	8	32	40	113

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
 <b>TEAM BLACK</b>	37	27	51	23	138
 <b>ZIMMERMANN</b>	25	42	4	50	121

	<b>MINITER</b>	123
	<b>ZALESKI</b>	103



	<b>HANS</b>	124
	<b>TEAM CANADA</b>	63

	<b>TEAM BLACK</b>	125
	<b>OBJECTIVITY</b>	79

	<b>ROBINSON</b>	144
	<b>HANS</b>	84

	<b>APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS</b>	50
	<b>TEAM BLACK</b>	111

	<b>ROBINSON</b>	141
	<b>PERICULO</b>	104

	<b>APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS</b>	188
	<b>SPS EKO ROZANKA</b>	113