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A GOOD DAY FOR PRESIDENTS

In this issue we report on the meeting of the WBF Congress which approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint Gianarrigo Rona President Emeritus of the WBF. The subsequent meeting of the new Executive Committee elected Jan Kamras as President of the WBF.

Congratulations to our new World Champions, the winners of the McConnell Cup, **Brody** (Joan Brody, Brigitta Fischer, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt & Sandra Rimstedt) who defeated **Tri Polar** (Katherine Bertheau, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Jessica Larsson, Janice Seamon-Molson, Nevena Senior & Nicola Smith) by just 7 IMPs.

The bronze medals went to **Baker** (Lynn Baker, Sally Brock, Fiona Brown, Karen McCallum, Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn) and **Edmonds** (Jodi Edmonds, Katarzyna Dufrat, Danuta Kazmucha, Irina Levitina, Anna Sarniak & Justyna Zmuda). The Rosenblum final will be between **Nickell** and **Ventin**.

The reigning champions **Mikael** and **Ola Rimstedt** topped the qualifiers in the Open Pairs.

In the Women's Pairs it was **Carla Arnolds** and her daughter **Sandra Kolen** who led the way.



Newly appointed President Emeritus of the WBF, Gianarrigo Rona, and his successor as WBF President, Jan Kamras.

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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.



Schedule Friday 26th August

| Rosenblum | Open Pairs | Open Pairs | Women Pairs |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Finals | Final A | Final B | Semi-finals A & B |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 13.30 | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| 16.15 | 15.30 | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| | 17.20 | | |

McConnell Final Set 2

Brody v Tri Polar

by Ron Tacchi

After a potentially swingy set of boards for the first of six sessions for the McConnell Cup, Brody have a small lead of 32-23 over Tri Polar at the start of the second session.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Eythorsdottir | C. Rimstedt | Seamon-Molson | Michielsen |
| — | — | — | 1♠ |
| Dble | 3♠ | All Pass | |

Rimstedt's pre-emptive raise won the auction. Eythorsdottir did not have an obvious attractive lead, so perhaps Brother Hubert's advice might have been the best option. Her actual choice of the ♣6 gave declarer every chance. When eventually the ♥10 was covered with the queen there was just a loser in each suit and so the contract succeeded.



Hjordis Eythorsdottir ("Disa")

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|-------------|-------|
| Brody | Senior | S. Rimstedt | Smith |
| — | — | — | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♥* | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

In the most recent convention card I can find for Senior and Smith, 3♥ is annotated as an invitational three-card raise. Whatever it was it persuaded Smith to go on to game. When Brody did follow Brother Hubert's methods, Smith could not avoid the loss of five tricks and 8 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Eythorsdottir | C. Rimstedt | Seamon-Molson | Michielsen |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| 2♣* | Pass | 2♦* | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♥* | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4NT* | Pass |
| 5♦* | Pass | 5NT* | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

Eythorsdottir's opening seemed to excite Seamon-Molson and the bidding quickly got too high. The defence lost their way a little and only took the three tricks.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Brody | Senior | S. Rimstedt | Smith |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♥* | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 3NT* | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

When the defence started with a diamond, declarer did not have a legitimate play for the contract as Smith could push a heart through whist still having trump control to prevent the run of the diamonds. Fortunately, for Tri Polar, only 2 IMPs to Brody.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Eythorsdottir</i> | <i>C. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Seamon-Molson</i> | <i>Michielsen</i> |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| 1♦ | 1♠ | Dble | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | 5♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | All Pass | |

Michielsen showed four-card support for Rimstedt's spades. Seamon-Molson made a two-way bid: either it might succeed, or it might be a good sacrifice. When done with sufficient confidence it may not attract a double if it is the latter. It did attract a double, but there were only three tricks for the defence. One down.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>Brody</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>S. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| 1♦ | Dble | 1♥ | Dble |
| 2♥ | 4♠ | All Pass | |

When you glance at the N/S cards you would think there would be a play for the major suit game. The unkind four-nil trump split scuppered any chance of making the game and again one off. 6 IMPs to Brody. Not one table in the Rosenblum had a successful contract.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Eythorsdottir</i> | <i>C. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Seamon-Molson</i> | <i>Michielsen</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |
| 1♠ | No major | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>Brody</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>S. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

In both rooms West led a heart to partner's king and when the ♥4 was returned, declarer playing the ♥J or ♥Q, both defenders played their ace thereby destroying the communication between the two hands and allowing the contract through.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Eythorsdottir</i> | <i>C. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Seamon-Molson</i> | <i>Michielsen</i> |
| 1♦ | 1♥ | 2♣ | 3♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♦ | All Pass |

When Eythorsdottir elected to open the hand with One Diamond (as opposed to 3NT or Three or Four Diamonds) it allowed her partner to consider game. When the diamonds were repeated it was easy to go on. With the king of clubs inside it was a trivial matter to bring home twelve tricks.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>Brody</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>S. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| 3♦ | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Brody's pre-empt did not tempt her partner to go further and so allowed the opposition to play in hearts. The silver lining of the rather large cloud was that Four Hearts failed by one trick but that was 9 IMPs to Tri Polar.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Eythorsdottir</i> | <i>C. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Seamon-Molson</i> | <i>Michielsen</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

A delicate 23-point 3NT. Michielsen led the ♥8 to partner's ace and the ♦5 was returned to dummy's king. Dummy's ♥10 ran round to Michielsen's queen. Exiting with a diamond to dummy's ace saw a spade played from dummy to the ace and dropping the singleton queen of spades. A spade to the king was followed by two rounds of hearts, Rimstedt discarding a top diamond and a spade. Declarer now cashed the ace of clubs and to her chagrin Rimstedt unblocked the king. Now there was no play for the contract as all exits allow the defence three tricks. Had the king not been unblocked then declarer could exit with a club and North could take the club and a diamond but would then have to lead into the spade tenace.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>Brody</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>S. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Same contract and the same start. Senior took the ace of hearts, returned the suit and Smith took the trick with the queen and exited with the ♦6. The ♣9 was led off dummy and run to Smith's ♣10 and the ♦4 was the exit. Had Senior now disembarassed herself of one of her diamond honours the contract was breakable. Sandra Rimstedt now cashed two hearts, watching Senior discard a spade and the king of clubs. After cashing the ace of clubs which forced Senior to part with a master diamond, the ♠9 towards the king collected the queen and now a spade back to the ♠7 was followed by the ace. Rimstedt now exited with her diamond to Senior's queen who then had to give dummy the ninth trick with a spade. Well read by Rimstedt and 12 IMPs to Brody.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Eythorsdottir</i> | <i>C. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Seamon-Molson</i> | <i>Michielsen</i> |
| INT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

To open INT would not be everyone's choice but it falls into the range of 15-17 and it is not unbalanced. It had the merit of getting to the best spot giving no undue information to the opponents. On the lead of a heart, declarer won in hand and led a club towards dummy and when that passed off peacefully came back to hand with the ace of diamonds to repeat the exercise. After two rounds of clubs the third round passed the lead to Rimstedt who exited with a heart to dummy's queen. The established clubs were cashed and in the four-card ending declarer had the ♥K and ♠KJ10, while the opponents had three spades, four diamonds and a heart between them. Now the spade from dummy saw declarer insert the jack for Rimstedt to win with the ace. The ♦10 now appeared, covered by the jack and king and back came the ♦8. Declarer now had to keep the right king to take the last trick. She was up to it and kept the ♥K, no doubt remembering that Rimstedt had initially led a heart.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>Brody</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>S. Rimstedt</i> | <i>Smith</i> |
| 1♥ | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ | All Pass |

By not opening INT it became virtually impossible for E/W to get to a no-trump contract. The part-score did have the merit of being cold. But that was 7 IMPs to Tri Polar.

At the end of a set with only moderately interesting deals, Brody had a very narrow win of 30-27 thus increasing their lead to 12.

WBF Congress Wroclaw 25th of August 2022

73 representatives from the affiliated countries were present at the meeting, more than enough to constitute a quorum.

These are the highlights from a lengthy agenda:

The initial business concerned the election of members of the World Bridge Federation's Executive Council. There were eight candidates for the three positions and the voting produced the following result:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Franck Riehm - Zone 1 France | 50 votes |
| Fernando Lema -Zone 3 Argentina | 43 votes |
| Helen Kruger – Zone 8 South Africa | 28 votes |

The unsuccessful candidates were:

Aida Abu Jaber (Jordan, Zone 4) Georgia Heth (USA, Zone 2) Esther Sophonpanich (Thailand, Zone 6) Khaled Al-Kattan (Saudi Arabia, Zone 4) and M. Rahman Mohan (Bangladesh, Zone 4).

The President of the World Bridge Federation, Gianarrigo Rona then presented his report. It will shortly be available online.

Following the presentation of his report, the Congress approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint Gianarrigo Rona President Emeritus of the WBF.

WBF Treasurer Marc DePauw presented his report which can be found online. It included an overview of the

12 years of Gianarrigo Rona's presidency, during which time the WBF's financial position has improved significantly.

The Congress approved the application of the Dominican Republic's NBO to join the WBF.

Representatives of the Federation Royale Marocaine de Bridge made a presentation concerning the World Team Championships that will take place from 18 August to 2 September 2023. The tournament will be played at the Mövenpick Hotel Marrakech:

[Mövenpick Hotel Marrakech | 5 Star Hotel in Marrakesh \(movenpick.com\)](https://www.movenpick.com/en/ma/marrakech)

All the details will be published on the WBF's website in the second half of September.

The Federation is looking forward to welcoming players from around the world, especially those competing in the Transnational event at the Championships.

The President Emeritus of the WBF, José Damiani, gave a presentation about E-Bridge. He pointed out that the existing online platforms, BBO, Funbridge and CBO, make it possible to arouse a great deal of interest by junior players in the game of bridge.

(You can read more about this in an interview with José by Tomasz Wolfke in today's Bulletin.)

Following the Congress, the new Executive Committee met and elected Jan Kamras to serve as the President of the WBF. His appointment takes place from the 1st January 2023.



David Harris, José Damiani, Jan Kamras and Marc de Pauw applaud Gianarrigo Rona, outgoing president, after his thank you speech.

Brody v Tri Polar

by Brian Senior

BRODY led by 32-23 at the end of the first set, and added another 3 IMPs to their lead in the second set, to lead by 62-50.

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| West <i>Bertheau</i> — Pass Pass Pass | North <i>Fischer</i> Pass 2♦ 2NT 4♥ | East <i>Larsson</i> 1♠ Pass Pass All Pass | South <i>S. Rimstedt</i> INT 2♥ 3♥ |
| West <i>C. Rimstedt</i> — INT 2♠ | North <i>Senior</i> Pass Pass All Pass | East <i>Michielsen</i> 1♠ 2♣ | South <i>Smith</i> Pass Pass |

Smith passed and saw her opponents bid to 2♠. Smith led the queen of diamonds, Michielsen winning dummy's ace and running the ten of clubs. Smith ducked that in tempo, so Michielsen repeated the club finesse. This time Smith won the king and gave Senior a ruff. Senior cashed the king of diamonds, then switched to the king followed by a low heart. Smith won the second heart and played a fourth club. Michielsen ruffed with dummy's queen, but now Smith had two trump tricks so the contract was down two for -100.

Of course, on a non-spade lead there are two spade losers, and the game is down one, but isn't it normal to lead partner's suit?

On Board 2, both Souths declared a spade game which needed one of three finesses to work. That is exactly what happened so the board was flat at +620. Three No Trump, with six running spades and three aces, would have made without the need for a winning finesse, but 4♠ was the normal place to get to. Board 3 saw the two N/S pairs both miss a good game, making in either major, for no swing, and on Board 4 both Norths played a routine 3NT, BRODY picking up an overtrick IMP to lead by 71-50. Board 5 was another normal game, this time 4♥ by N/S, and flat at +620.

Exciting was not the first word to spring to mind to describe the action to date in this set, and Board 6 did nothing to alter that, both Souths opening 2NT and being raised to game by a 3-4-3-3 seven-count. Ten tricks later we had another flat board at +430. Four Hearts, on the four-four fit, would also have come to 10 easy tricks.

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ A Q 9 3 2
♦ K
♣ A J 3

♠ J 4
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ A J 7 6 5 4
♣ 4

♠ Q 10 2
♥ 5 4
♦ 9 2
♣ K Q 9 7 5 2

♠ A K 8 5
♥ K J
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ 10 8 6

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| West <i>Bertheau</i> | North <i>Fischer</i> | East <i>Larsson</i> | South <i>S. Rimstedt</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| 1♦ | Dble | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |
| West <i>C. Rimstedt</i> | North <i>Senior</i> | East <i>Michielsen</i> | South <i>Smith</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

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Norths using GF checkback then raising partner to the spade game on finding the four-four fit.

Bertheau led her singleton club, Sandra ducking to Larsson's queen. A club return gave Bertheau her ruff, and she next played ace and another diamond. There was a trump trick to be lost, so the contract was down one for -100.

Was there scope for a major swing here? No, Cecilia too led her singleton and Smith ducked to the queen. Michielsen thought a bit before continuing with a low club, and the resulting ruff again led to down one for -100 and a push board.

It is possible to come to 10 tricks – win the ♣A, cash the top spades, then play ♥K, overtake the ♥J, and discard a club on the ♥Q. Because the ace of diamonds is not in the same hand as the remaining defensive spade, declarer is able to take all the ruffs she requires, and just loses one spade, one diamond, and one club. But ducking at trick one is only wrong when clubs are six-one and the long club hand also has the long spade.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--|----------------|--------------|--|--|
| | | ♠ A K J | | | |
| | | ♥ A K Q 10 9 4 | | | |
| | | ♦ A Q | | | |
| | | ♣ 10 9 | | | |
| ♠ Q 10 7 5 2 | <div>♠ N ♥ W E ♦ S ♣</div> | ♠ 9 6 4 | | | |
| ♥ 7 | | ♥ J 8 6 3 2 | | | |
| ♦ J 6 3 | | ♦ 9 8 | | | |
| ♣ A 6 5 2 | | ♣ K 7 3 | | | |
| | | ♠ 8 3 | | | |
| | | ♥ 5 | | | |
| | | ♦ K 10 7 5 4 2 | | | |
| | | ♣ Q J 8 4 | | | |
| West | North | East | South | | |
| Bertheau | Fischer | Larsson | S. Rimstedt | | |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | | |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ | | |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | | |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | | | |
| West | North | East | South | | |
| C. Rimstedt | Senior | Michielsen | Smith | | |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | | |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ | | |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | | |
| All Pass | | | | | |

Both Norths followed a Kokish sequence to launch their strong single suiter. Smith then raised to 4♥, while Sandra preferred to offer 3NT as an alternative, Fischer judging to go back to hearts.

Larsson led a spade to the queen and ace, Fischer played ace, king, queen, and nine of hearts. Larsson won the jack and returned a club, so Bertheau won the ace and switched to a spade, but Fischer won that, drew the last trump, and just had to lose a club at the end, so 10 tricks for +420.

Michielsen too led a spade and Senior won and played four rounds of hearts. Michielsen won and returned the nine of diamonds to declarer's ace. Senior cashed the major-suit winners and Cecilia was squeezed down to ♣A ♦J6 then endplayed to give the overtrick, TRI POLAR's first IMP of the set; 51-71.

Board 9 was a dull 4♠, just making, by E/W for a flat board, then came a slightly sub-par slam possibility:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | ♠ 10 8 7 5 4 3 | |
| | | ♥ 10 5 | |
| | | ♦ 7 4 | |
| | | ♣ Q 4 2 | |
| ♠ Q 6 | <div>W N E S</div> | ♠ J 9 | |
| ♥ Q 9 6 2 | | ♥ J 7 4 3 | |
| ♦ 10 9 6 | | ♦ J 3 | |
| ♣ K 8 6 3 | | ♣ A J 10 9 7 | |
| | | ♠ A K 2 | |
| | | ♥ A K 8 | |
| | | ♦ A K Q 8 5 2 | |
| | | ♣ 5 | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Bertheau | Fischer | Larsson | S. Rimstedt |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 5♦ | All Pass | |
| West | North | East | South |
| C. Rimstedt | Senior | Michielsen | Smith |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |



Jessica Larsson



Nevena Senior

Smith's 3♦ rebid denied a four-card major, hence Senior's 3♠ had to be at least a five-card suit, and Smith raised to game. A heart lead meant that Senior could win, cash the top spades, and claim all 13 tricks when the spades split two-two; +710. The even spade split is a roughly 40% chance, hence slam is sub-par rather than horrible. Six Diamonds, however, requires both suits to break, so is closer to a 29% chance.

Meanwhile, Fischer and Sandra bid to the diamond game, Fischer having suggested spades along the way, and 5♦ was an easy make, Fischer also coming to all 13 tricks after a club lead for +640 but 2 IMPs to TRI POLAR; 53-71.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The BBO operator took a break for whatever reason, so we don't have the auction which saw Sandra (South) become declarer in 4♠. She won the diamond lead in dummy to lead a heart up and could come to five spades, two diamonds, the ace of clubs, a heart and a heart ruff, for 10 tricks in all and +420.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------|------------|-------|
| C. Rimstedt | Senior | Michielsen | Smith |
| — | — | — | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

When Smith signed off facing Senior's invitational three-card spade raise, the English pair had missed the game. Smith made the same 10 tricks as in the other room, but that scored only +170 so 6 IMPs to BRODY; 77-53.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Bertheau | Fischer | Larsson | S. Rimstedt |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |
| West | North | East | South |
| C. Rimstedt | Senior | Michielsen | Smith |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Fischer opened 1♦ then rebid the suit over the game-forcing 2♣ response. Sandra showed her second spade, then the extra club, but Fischer was not interested and signed off in 3NT, where she made 12 tricks after a heart lead – Larsson returned a spade after winning her club trick – for +690.

Senior opened a mildly off-shape 1NT and Smith used Stayman then bid and rebid the long clubs before jumping to 6NT. That was the wrong slam, 6♣ being cold but 6NT going off on a heart lead, but Michielsen led a club, so Senior won the ace, unblocked the queen and jack of spades, then gave up a club and had 12 tricks for +1440 and 13 badly needed IMPs to TRI POLAR, who closed to 66-77.

Board 13 was a quick and easy 4♠+1 for N/S, so we went into the last board of day one with BRODY up by 11 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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|--|--|--|--|
| <p>♠ J 10 6 ♥ Q 10 6 4 3 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ 9 4</p> | | | |
| ♠ 8 7 5 ♥ 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4 3 2 ♣ 10 7 6 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> | ♠ A 2 ♥ A K 9 7 ♦ A 8 ♣ A J 5 3 2 | |
| | ♠ K Q 9 4 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ K Q 8 | | |
| West <i>Bertheau</i> — | North <i>Fischer</i> — | East <i>Larsson</i> 2NT | South <i>S. Rimstedt</i> All Pass |
| West <i>C. Rimstedt</i> — | North <i>Senior</i> — | East <i>Michielsen</i> 1♣ | South <i>Smith</i> 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♣ | All Pass | | |

Larsson opened 2NT and played there. After the king of spades lead, she ducked but won the continuation and led a low club. Sandra won the ♣Q and cashed out the spades, then switched to a diamond, and the contract was down three for –150.



Marion Michielsen

Michielsen opened 1♣, doubled 2♠ for take-out, then did as requested by bidding 3♣ over what was presumably a Lebensohl-style 2NT response. However, when Cecilia tried to sign-off in 3♦, Michielsen made one more try with 3♥, possibly thinking that 2NT had been two places to play rather than Lebensohl? Cecilia gave preference to 4♣, and that ended the auction. Michielsen ducked the lead of the king of spades but, perforce, won the spade continuation. She played three rounds of hearts, Smith ruffing in front of dummy with the ♣Q and playing a spade. Michielsen ruffed that and cashed the ace of clubs before playing the fourth heart. Smith ruffed with the king and there was a diamond to come for the defence. The contract was down one for –50 and 3 IMPs to BRODY. They would sleep slightly the easier of the two teams, leading by 80-66 IMPs overnight. There were three more 14-board sets to be played the next day.

For me, this had been a desperately dull set (as was my set the previous day). There were almost no competitive auctions, and game either was, or could have been, bid on every board but the last one, all but Board 7 making with virtually nothing in the play. So I'm hoping for an exciting finish tomorrow – it's unlikely to be as uninteresting as this set.

Mobile phones and electronic devices



Mobile phones and any other electronic device which can be used to communicate and to connect to the internet can be carried to the tables but must always be switched off and clearly

visible. They cannot be carried from the room until the end of play for any reason, but in case of emergency seek the permission of an official.

When team events are played, the Tournament Directors will conduct random searches before every round: players of the drawn tables will be asked to empty their pockets and open their bags. Whoever refuses to do it will be penalised as if a device had been found, and escorted out of the playing room. A substitute will be allowed.



Bridge Paralympics?

by Margaret Maruszkin

We all love to say 'Bridge is a game with no boundaries' – a grand slam in NT being the only limit. Wish you well, make it redoubled, but I would like however to focus on limits.

No age limit – that is true (I saw 6-7-8 years old players, craving for the next board and the oldest bridge player I played with was 103 years old, she made 6♠ smoothly).

No country limits – also true, and with the internet even unnoticeable.

No limits for the disabled – and here I want to attract your attention. People in wheel-chairs are not disabled in bridge, you don't even notice it, people who are dumb or deaf have bidding-boxes and you may not realize it. But what about the vision-impaired or blind? There is a saying (I heard it from one of them) in Polish 'A blind man does not play cards'. Really?

A couple of years ago I met Jurek (George) Czeszewski, a Polish vision-impaired bridge player from Białogard. And what a player! A Champion. He plays with those who can see – bridge enables integration and socialization – and those who cannot, usually twice a week, plus on the Internet with a special program. He started at the end of 1990. Bridge for the visually impaired developed in Poland in '70.-'80. They played chess in the morning, and bridge in the afternoons and by night. They were quite a few. In 1995 the very first match between Białystok and Olsztyn was held and then it really started and a year later the first Polish Championship took place with a great contribution by the late Piotr Łożyński, the captain. Since 1998 a team Championship is organized, and since 2002 an individual. Jurek told me about a group of about 30-40 Polish vision-impaired bridge players, mostly men, some blind, some visually impaired. They play regularly and since 2002 they organize training camps in Ustka, at the seaside.

He also asked me a question, if there were any international tournaments fit for them. I started to search and found a group in Athens, a pair in Kavala (Greece), a player in Croatia, a group in the Netherlands, and heard about a group in Belgium. Finland is interested, France used to play before Covid (now the club is suspended).

Before Covid I got the following information from Marie-José de Bruïne: *'In the Netherlands we are in the lucky circumstances that once a year a bridge drive is organised by volunteers of one of our bridge clubs. The game is played with a special set of cards, which are provided with a greater imprint (for the benefit of visually impaired low vision or bad-sight) as well with the Braille-annotation (for the benefit of the visually impaired completely blind). The bidding boxes are not provided with the Braille notes. During the game and I mean the whole process of the game, so not only the bidding part but also the playing part, is spoken out loud.'*



Margaret Maruszkin

I can add that during tournaments in Poland the visually impaired also tell you what card they play and it is valid, not the card that is taken out – which might be accidentally. The tournament director or a special assistant, always present at the tournament, helps the blind player with the location and distribution of cards, often prepares them, placing from spades through hearts and diamonds to clubs. It saves a lot of time. Some blind players read their cards themselves, thanks to Braille signs, and put them between fingers, in a sort of 'drawers', as it is called. One colour, one drawer, that makes the game easier. The results are put in a protocol, sometimes on a bridgemate. I have also heard about talking bidding boxes, but haven't seen it yet.

What about going further? With the blessing from our President, Marek Michałowski, I met the President of the Polish Paralympics Committee Łukasz Szeliga to investigate the possibility of including visually impaired bridge into the Games. If we do not try, we have nothing, if we do try, the chances are 50% (we will succeed or we will not succeed).

Let me quote Zia Mahmood on Om Parkash Chaudry in Bridge My Way:

'While playing in Calcutta I met an unforgettable bridge player, a young man called Om Parkash Chaudry. He is memorable not for his standard of play, which was high enough, but because he was blind. Moreover, he played without the benefit of Braille cards. A friend would sit behind him, whispering to him just once what his cards were as he picked them up.'

Similarly, if Om became the declarer, his friend would name the dummy's card as well. Om would call his cards whenever it

was his turn to play either on defense or as declarer. He rarely made a mistake, and would do this hand after hand, playing not only well but at normal speed.

The first time I saw him I was impressed and asked him to play in a tournament with me. He agreed, and we played a few days later in a pair event. We were doing well enough and Om was in the middle of playing a hand, when the electricity failed, a not uncommon occurrence in India. The play around him stopped, but Om, oblivious to what was happening, continued calling a card from the dummy.

"You'll have to wait, the lights have gone out," I informed him. Before I realized the significance of my own remark, Om answered, "I am sorry, I forgot that you can't play bridge with the lights out." Just an innocent statement, but a lesson at the same time, equally valuable in life and bridge. Try to understand a situation from the other person's point of view. Things often look very different from the other side."



Pharmacy shop window

Please, do let know if you are interested in joining in. If so, contact me. It is just the first step, but maybe it will turn a leap? We all love to say 'The Sky is the limit' and in bridge, it is true. We play in wheelchairs, and thanks to bidding-boxes and card racks there are no barriers for the disabled, even for the visually impaired (in Poland we have Championships every year). My idea is to join the Paralympics with our sport. It requires participation from different countries and different continents. If you find the idea appealing, please contact me at lubiebrydza@wp.pl or get in touch with the Polish Bridge Union at pzbs@pzbs.pl and remember – a Grand Slam is the limit!

All spots cards are equal...

But some are more equal than others...

by Barry Rigal

On this deal from Robinson against Wolfson David Berkowitz sat West and played 4♠ on an unrevealing auction, that saw North lead the heart two (3rd/5th).

Berkowitz (who did not know he had a spade loser) was initially focused on losing just one heart trick so he put in the seven – the correct play if North had led from 1082 or J82.

How should South defend?

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

If you play the eight, declarer will have no losing option on the next round. If you play the ten, the 'natural' false card, then when declarer gets in again and leads low he will see the six from North. Either North has ♥862 when you have no chance, or ♥KJ862 when you have no losing option, or South has the eight. If he has the eight, he cannot have ♥K108 or he would have played the eight on the first round so he must have ♥J108 and you won't go wrong.

But what if South plays the jack on the first round? Now when the six appears from North on the second round you will play him for ♥1062 won't you, with South having ♥KJ8, and thus put in the ♥9, won't you?

At the table South played the ♥10 at the first trick. Declarer drew two rounds of trump and led a diamond up. North perhaps mistakenly ducked, and declarer scored the ♦K. Now declarer switched his attention to clubs and could ruff the fourth club in dummy, since North had no entry left to draw dummy's trump. When it came to the heart guess Berkowitz got it right for the reasons mentioned before and wrapped up 620.

WBF President deeply concerned ...

(An interview with the President Emeritus of the World Bridge Federation, José Damiani, by Tomasz Wolfke)

During the World Bridge Series, the Congress of the World Bridge Federation (WBF) is also held in Wrocław. Taking this opportunity, we talked for a moment with its President Emeritus, Frenchman José Damiani.



José Damiani

It's not your first time in Wrocław?

José Damiani: Of course, I was here six years ago, during the first big event that you organized in the same Centennial Hall, the *World Bridge Games 2016*. For years I have had many friends among Polish bridge players and activists. I remember fondly your former president Radosław Kielbasinski a lot and we worked well together. I do not know the current head of the Polish Bridge Union so precisely, but he makes a positive impression, and the current championship is perfectly organized. Besides, the Polish bridge Union, next to the Chinese or the Dutch one, has always been one of those that did the most and best for our game.

During the deliberations of the WBF Executive and representatives, held at the Congress Centre in the Centennial Hall complex, important, although expected and not surprising decisions were made yesterday ...

Yes, we elected new officials. Sweden's Jan Kamras, the former Honorary Secretary and until recently the President of the European Bridge League (EBL), became the president-elect, who will take full power from the new year. His first deputy will be Ben Thompson from Australia, and the treasurer, i.e., the one who is responsible for the budget, will be a Belgian business manager, Marc De Pauw, who is experienced in this matter. Two ladies were also elected to the board; in general – we rejuvenate, we are going in the right direction ... (smile)

How do you evaluate the terms of office of Gianarrigo Rona, who is just saying goodbye to the presidency?

When I resigned after fulfilling four terms, I was ten years younger than he is now. Everyone evaluates it for himself, but it is obvious to me that at a certain age a person simply cannot be able to vigorously perform important managerial functions. Gianarrigo's tenure was good, although he did not have it easy during the first one. Now was the time to give way to the younger ones, and he understands it perfectly well. And yet it is different, because I would like to remind you that when running in the elections, 78-year-old Joe Biden swore that he would eventually serve only one term, and now – as the oldest president of the United States in history – he is eagerly preparing for the second ...

What is the biggest problem the new world bridge authorities will have to face?

The biggest problem with bridge is ... it dies. It worries me a lot... Young people have countless possibilities for electronic, virtual, dynamic entertainment. Regular card games do not turn them on. So, we must do everything to make bridge open to new technologies, and to make our game possible on smartphones and tablets. We must enter schools and teach bridge with modern methods. Fortunately, it already happens in many countries, I know you do too. The Chinese started thirty years ago, and for them it is simple: the directive comes from the top and everyone is implementing it without saying a word, so now the game has over a million bridge players. If people from the WBF do not work on promotion and development, bridge – unfortunately – will die ...



José DAMIANI

Born on June 7, 1939 in Paris, where he lives today for about six months a year, and spends the other half for family reasons in Corsica. A lawyer and economist by education. As a World International Master bridge player in the Open (WBF) and European Master (EBL) categories; today he plays much less often, both in real life and on the Internet.

He led the World Bridge Federation for 16 years (1994–2010), and before that he was the head of the French Bridge Union (1978–1983) and the European Bridge League (1987–1995). Founder and in the period 2005–2013 President of the International Federation of Mind Sports (IMSA). From 1995 (elected by acclamation) President Emeritus EBL, and from 2013 (same) President Emeritus WBF. During his presidency of the WBF, incl. in 1996 it received UNESCO patronage for teaching bridge in schools, and in 1999 it was recognized by the IOC as a fully-fledged international sports federation.

Eight Deals a Week

by Mark Horton

You either love or hate match pointed events. Whatever your predilection, there is no doubt that it always requires maximum concentration, something that is difficult to maintain over a single session, let alone the six that comprise the qualifying contest in the Women's event.

On Wednesday afternoon I selected a table at random and settled down to watch the first eight deals of session 2. 28 match points were up for grabs on each deal.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|----------|------------|---------|
| Brewiak | Kazmucha | Sobolewska | Sarniak |
| — | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 1♣* | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♣ | All Pass | | |
| 1♣ Polish Club | | | |
| 1♠ 7+ | | | |
| 2NT 18+ balanced | | | |



Gaye Inal

South led the ♥5 and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♠Q, South winning and returning the ♥4. Declarer finessed and North won with the queen and exited with the ♠2. Declarer won in dummy, came to hand with the ♠K and played a club to the jack. When that held she cashed the ♣A, the ♥K and played a low diamond for the jack and queen. When South returned the ♦10 declarer played low from dummy and was one down, -50, 13/15.

One EW pair was favoured by the lead of the ♦Q, +420 netting all 28 points.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|------------|---------|
| Brewiak | Kazmucha | Sobolewska | Sarniak |
| — | — | 1♦ | Dble |
| Rdbl | 3♠ | 4♦ | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |



Mine Babac

East led the $\diamond A$, cashed the $\heartsuit A$ and continued with a heart, West winning with the king and cashing the $\clubsuit A$ for one down, -100 and 21/7.

Do you think West should have advanced to $5\diamond$? It would have been a lucky make, probably worth 4-24. The two pairs who bid it were doubled and when South started with the $\spadesuit A$ they took 12 tricks for +650. Do you see how?

Declarer wins the club switch with dummy's ace, plays a diamond to the queen, ruffs a spade, comes to hand with a heart, cashes the $\diamond A$ and plays diamonds, squeezing South for the overtrick.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | \spadesuit 9 8 7 6 5 2 \heartsuit Q 10 8 3 \diamond A K \clubsuit J | | | |
| | | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit K 3 \heartsuit 7 6 4 \diamond 5 4 \clubsuit K 9 8 6 5 2 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S E</div> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit J 10 4 \heartsuit K 5 2 \diamond Q J 10 3 \clubsuit Q 10 3 </div> </div> | | | |
| | | \spadesuit A Q \heartsuit A J 9 \diamond 9 8 7 6 2 \clubsuit A 7 4 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| Babac | Lund Madsen | Inal | Ferm |
| — | — | — | INT |
| Pass | 2 \clubsuit * | Pass | 2 \diamond * |
| Pass | 3 \heartsuit * | Pass | 4 \spadesuit |
| All Pass | | | |
| 3 \heartsuit | Spades | | |

West led the $\clubsuit 8$ and declarer won with the ace, unblocked dummy's diamonds and played a heart to the jack. She ruffed a diamond, West pitching a heart, and played a heart to the nine. She ruffed a club and played the $\heartsuit A$.



Christina Lund Madsen

West ruffed and exited with a club, declarer ruffing and playing a spade. When she finessed she had only ten tricks, +420 and 9/19. Securing the overtrick (which was clearly possible) would have been worth 20/8.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | \spadesuit J \heartsuit A K 6 5 4 3 \diamond A J 7 6 \clubsuit 7 5 | | | |
| | | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit A 10 7 4 3 2 \heartsuit J 9 \diamond 2 \clubsuit K Q 9 8 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S E</div> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit Q 9 8 5 \heartsuit 8 7 \diamond K 9 8 4 \clubsuit A 10 2 </div> </div> | | | |
| | | \spadesuit K 6 \heartsuit Q 10 2 \diamond Q 10 5 3 \clubsuit J 6 4 3 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Babac | Lund Madsen | Inal | Ferm |
| 2 \spadesuit | 3 \heartsuit | 4 \spadesuit | All Pass |

North led the $\heartsuit A$, continued with the king and switched to the $\clubsuit 7$, declarer winning with the nine. When the $\spadesuit A$ did not collect the king that was one down, -100 and 22/6.

Would you have got the spades right? Making 4 \spadesuit would have been worth 8/20 (some declarers took 11 tricks!).

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | \spadesuit K 9 \heartsuit A Q J 6 \diamond A Q 7 4 2 \clubsuit 10 4 | | | |
| | | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit J 4 2 \heartsuit 8 7 4 2 \diamond 10 9 8 \clubsuit A Q 7 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S E</div> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> \spadesuit A 10 8 \heartsuit 10 5 \diamond K J 5 3 \clubsuit J 9 5 3 </div> </div> | | | |
| | | \spadesuit Q 7 6 5 3 \heartsuit K 9 3 \diamond 6 \clubsuit K 8 6 2 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| U. Staniszewska | Sikora | A. Staniszewska | Kater |
| — | INT | Pass | 2 \heartsuit * |
| Pass | 2 \spadesuit | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

East led the $\diamond 3$ and declarer took West's eight with the queen and played the $\spadesuit K$. East won and continued with the $\diamond 5$, West winning with the ten and returning the nine. Declarer took that with the ace and exited with a diamond, having pitched a club and a spade from dummy. When East switched to the $\clubsuit 3$ declarer put up dummy's king and was three down, -300 and 0/28.

If declarer simply covers the $\clubsuit 3$, she will be one down, worth 14/14. If she plays the $\spadesuit 9$ as opposed to a fourth

diamond East must cover it with the ten and West must then unblock the jack in order to defeat 3NT. The one pair who made it scored 28/0.

By now you will have realised that when she gets in with the fourth diamond in theory East does best to switch to the ♣J which ensures at least two down, -200 being worth 7/21.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

| ♠ 7 4 ♥ Q 8 6 5 2 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ 10 5 3 | | | |
|--|--|--|--------------|
| ♠ K J 10 8 ♥ A K 10 7 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ 2 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W S E</div> </div> | ♠ Q 9 5 2 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ K 8 4 | |
| ♠ A 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ A Q J 9 7 6 | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>U. Staniszevska Sikora</i> | | <i>A. Staniszevska</i> | <i>Kater</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Dble | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

West led the ♦3 and when dummy's queen held declarer ducked a spade to West's eight. The club switch went to declarer's nine and she played a heart, West taking the ace and returning a diamond. Declarer won with the jack, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade with the ♣10 and played a club to the jack, claiming the rest, +150 and 14/14.

The EW pairs who tried 3♠ were usually two down for only 24/4, but one lucky couple recorded +140 for 0/28.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

| ♠ K Q J ♥ 10 7 6 5 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A 9 5 2 | | | |
|--|--|--|--------------|
| ♠ 7 6 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ A 10 5 2 ♣ Q 10 8 4 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W S E</div> </div> | ♠ 9 5 4 3 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ J 4 3 ♣ J 7 3 | |
| ♠ A 10 8 2 ♥ K J 8 ♦ K Q 8 7 ♣ K 6 | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Wood</i> | <i>McCallum</i> | <i>Leybourne</i> | <i>Baker</i> |
| — | — | — | INT |
| Pass | 2♣* | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

West led the ♣4 and declarer took East's jack with the

king, played a spade to dummy's jack and a heart to the jack. When that held she went back to dummy with a spade and played a heart, East taking the ace and switching to the ♦3. West took declarer's king with the ace and returned a diamond for the jack and queen. Declarer played back a diamond and had ten tricks, +630 and 21/7.

If West's lead is fourth best, East might put in the seven, holding declarer to nine tricks and only 7/21. It was easier for the pairs playing third and fifth when West led the ♣8.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

| ♠ A K Q 10 9 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 10 3 | | | |
|--|--|---|--------------|
| ♠ J 7 5 4 ♥ K J 8 4 ♦ K ♣ K Q J 9 | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W S E</div> </div> | ♠ 6 ♥ A 10 9 6 5 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ 8 7 4 2 | |
| ♠ 8 2 ♥ Q ♦ 10 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ A 6 5 | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Wood</i> | <i>McCallum</i> | <i>Leybourne</i> | <i>Baker</i> |
| 1♣ | 1♠ | All Pass | |

East led the ♣7 and declarer won with the ace and played a heart. West won with the king and switched to the ♠4 but declarer won, ruffed a heart and played a diamond, finishing with ten tricks, +170 and 14/14.

Three pairs bid 4♠, the pair scoring +690 collecting a maximum. In a team game they would have been happy to score up with the EW pair who made 4♥ for 0/28.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| ♠ 4 3 ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ K 7 5 4 | | | |
|---|--|--|-------------|
| ♠ A K Q J 9 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♦ 4 ♣ Q | <div> <div>N</div> <div>W S E</div> </div> | ♠ 10 8 7 6 ♥ 4 ♦ Q J 9 7 6 ♣ A 10 6 | |
| ♠ 5 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ K 10 8 5 ♣ J 9 8 3 2 | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Robinson</i> | <i>Eggeling</i> | <i>Gross</i> | <i>Bell</i> |
| — | INT | Pass | Pass |
| 2♣* | Pass | 2♠ | 2NT* |
| 3♠ | All Pass | | |

NS had not discussed the exact meaning of 2NT, but it was clearly artificial and almost certainly suggested playing in a minor.

With four trumps, an ace and a singleton, East, who might have bid 3♠ on the previous round, was perhaps worth a raise to game.

South led the ♥3 and declarer had no trouble collecting 11 tricks for +200 and 15/13.

6 pairs bid the game, +650 scoring 1/27.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

| | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | | ♠ 3 2 | | |
| | | ♥ Q 10 6 4 | | |
| | | ♦ 10 9 8 | | |
| | | ♣ 6 5 3 2 | | |
| ♠ A Q 10 8 5 | <div>W N E S</div> | ♠ K 9 7 4 | | |
| ♥ J 8 | | ♥ A K 2 | | |
| ♦ A 4 | | ♦ 7 6 2 | | |
| ♣ K 9 8 7 | | ♣ A J 4 | | |
| | | ♠ J 6 | | |
| | | ♥ 9 7 5 3 | | |
| | | ♦ K Q J 5 3 | | |
| | | ♣ Q 10 | | |
| West | North | East | South | |
| <i>Robinson</i> | <i>Eggeling</i> | <i>Gross</i> | <i>Bell</i> | |
| — | — | INT | Pass | |
| 2♥* | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

South led the ♦K and declarer took dummy's ace, drew trumps ending in hand and played a club to the ten and king. She knew South was capable of playing the ten from a doubleton or even tripleton holding and when she played a club back to the jack, she had only 11 tricks, +650 and 16/12. Dropping the doubleton queen would have been worth 3/25.

Looking at the standings later in the day I noted that of the ten pairs I watched five were in the top half of the field – and one of them was leading.



Marie Eggeling

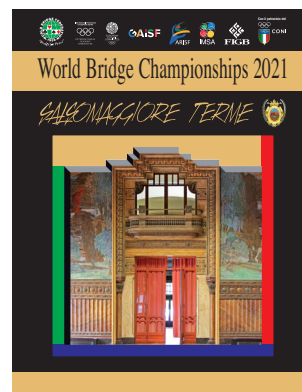


Kerri Sanborn

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Rosenblum Quarter-final S3

by Jos Jacobs

At halftime in the quarterfinal, my initial intention was to write a report on the 3rd segment of the Zimmermann v Team Black match only. However, during this match, I thought there were good reasons to extend this plan and to report on four matches instead:

- AZS Wroclaw v Ventin
- Robinson v Wolfson
- Team Black v Zimmermann
- Nickell v Lucky Four

Shortly you will see why, dear reader.

This was the opening deal:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Klukowski | McIntosh | Gawrys | Paske |
| — | Pass | 1♠ | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| 2♠ | 2NT | All Pass | |

When West led his partner's suit (♠Q), declarer had no problem in coming to eight tricks. Team Black +120.

In the other room, South doubled East's opening bid and a different auction developed.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|------------|-------|-------|
| P. Bertheau | S. Drijver | Black | Brink |
| — | Pass | 1♠ | Dble |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3NT |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

Had East led a spade, two down should have been the outcome but Black's lead of the ♣A followed by the ♣Q was good enough to set the contract thanks to West's ♣10. One down and 6 IMPs to Team Black. Please note that South's spade holding was not as useful as South might have hoped for...

In the AZS Wroclaw v Ventin match, we also saw a swing.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Sprinkhuizen | P. Patreuha | Mendes de Leon Jassem | |
| — | Pass | 1♠ | INT |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Maybe, North overbid a trifle here. Down two on a diamond lead when declarer played a spade to the jack and queen at trick 2. Ventin +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|----------|------------|-------|
| J. Patreuha | Ventin | Gołebowski | Palma |
| — | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| INT | All Pass | | |

The Poles could consider themselves lucky because they escaped a double here. The defence started off with five heart tricks and after that, declarer still had a lot of work to do. Down three for another +150 and 6 IMPs to Ventin.

After this start, the boards fell asleep for half an hour or so, but once they woke up again, they decided to make up for the lost ground in spectacular fashion. Here is board 7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The popular contract was 4♠ by South but it was not always defeated. If West leads his singleton, dummy has to play low and now, East should win and give his partner a ruff. This did not happen at all tables, probably because East was not able to read partner's ♣4 clearly as a singleton – that would be possible if you play low from a doubleton lead...

Drijver-Brink for Zimmermann avoided this trap by simply bidding 3NT which made with two overtricks, to compensate for 4♠ let through by their team-mates.

The next board looked like a simple 4♥ even with trumps 5-1.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

You win the spade lead into your tenace and then draw trumps, giving East his ♥J. You regain the lead and draw the last trump. What's the problem? Here is David Gold's line of play in the Robinson v Wolfson match.

After three rounds of trumps, he played his ♦AQ but for unclear reasons, he overtook the ♦Q with dummy's king to continue a diamond on which he shed a club from his hand. East discarded a spade and now, West continued spades. When Gold continued the ♥10, East won the jack, crossed to partner's ♣A and then another spade by West promoted East's ♥8 into the setting trick. Alon Birman at the other table did not experiment in the play of 4♥, so Wolfson had scored 10 IMPs from nowhere on the deal.

In the Team Black v Zimmermann match, they would have nothing to do with hearts:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>McIntosh</i> | <i>Gawrys</i> | <i>Paske</i> |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| 2♠ | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

On a spade lead, declarer gave up a heart trick and made the rest when the defence did not cash their club winners. Zimmermann +490.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>P. Bertheau</i> | <i>S. Drijver</i> | <i>Black</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
| 2♦ | Dble | 3♥ | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♣ |
| Pass | 5NT | Pass | 6♣ |
| Pass | 6NT | All Pass | |

In the Closed Room, Bertheau's innocent enough Multi caused severe problems for Drijver and Brink. We don't know what their bids meant but apparently, we are not the only ones. Down four, +200 and 12 IMPs to Team Black.

In another QF, the Lucky Four reached 7♦ at one table on this deal in their match against Nickell. We will not report the bidding...

Over to the next deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

This looks like a spade game for E/W and a good sacrifice in diamonds for N/S. This is exactly what happened in the AZS Wroclaw v Ventin match, so AZS Wroclaw gained 3 IMPs.

In the Robinson v Wolfson match, the latter fell overboard.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| <i>Verhees</i> | <i>D. Gold</i> | <i>Van Prooijen</i> | <i>Zia</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♥ | 2♥ | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | 5♠ | All Pass |

West's 1♥ showed spades but something went wrong later on about the lack of a club control which led to a voluntarily bid 5♠ down one. Robinson +100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Berkowitz</i> | <i>A. Birman</i> | <i>Meckstroth</i> | <i>Padon</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | 3♠ | 3NT | 5♣ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Dble | All Pass |



Sjoert Brink



Ricco van Prooijen

West's 2NT was GF with spades and N/S duly found their sacrifice – the par contract. Down three, +500 to Robinson and 12 unexpected IMPs to them.

Lest we forget: the Lucky Four got their revenge for their previous board disaster when Nickell got as high as 6♠ on this deal. +620 and +200 was worth 13 IMPs to them.

Over now to yet another slam, albeit a thin and lucky one.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

| | | | |
|----------------|--|---------------|--|
| ♠ 10 8 7 5 4 3 | | ♠ J 9 | |
| ♥ 10 5 | | ♥ J 7 4 3 | |
| ♦ 7 4 | | ♦ J 3 | |
| ♣ Q 4 2 | | ♣ A J 10 9 7 | |
| ♠ Q 6 | <div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> | ♠ A K 2 | |
| ♥ Q 9 6 2 | | ♥ A K 8 | |
| ♦ 10 9 6 | | ♦ A K Q 8 5 2 | |
| ♣ K 8 6 3 | | ♣ 5 | |

Robinson v Wolfson:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|--------------|-------|
| Verhees | D. Gold | Van Prooijen | Zia |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 6♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

Nothing to be particularly proud of but +1370 is +1370.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Berkowitz | A. Birman | Meckstroth | Padon |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

3NT showed a running minor – type of hand so West had no good reason to try a club lead. When he led a diamond, declarer had 12 tricks. Wolfson +690 but 12 IMPs to Robinson.

Team Black v Zimmermann:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Klukowski | McIntosh | Gawrys | Paske |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♠ | All Pass | |

A natural auction, no key-cards, no ♠Q but extra length. As it happened, this was enough. Team Black +1430.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|------------|----------|-------|
| P. Bertheau | S. Drijver | Black | Brink |
| — | — | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Natural bidding, 3♥ showing spades but when South saw no good reason to revert to spades, East made his natural lead of the ♣J. West duly played the king and returned the suit for down one, another +100 and 17 IMPs to Team Black.



Zia Mahmood

One quiet board in between and then over to yet another slam:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

AZS Wratistavia v Ventin:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <i>Sprinkhuizen</i> | <i>P. Patreuha</i> | <i>Mendes de Leon</i> | <i>Jassem</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 6♣ | All Pass | |

The Polish N/S had a fine natural Polish Club auction to a good contract. AZS Wratistavia +1370.

In the Closed Room, N/S had a misunderstanding or possibly a lack of concentration:

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>J. Patreuha</i> | <i>Ventin</i> | <i>Golebiowski</i> | <i>Palma</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Ventin +170 for the same 12 tricks, but 15 IMPs to AZS Wratistavia.

Robinson v Wolfson:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| <i>Verhees</i> | <i>D. Gold</i> | <i>Van Prooijen</i> | <i>Zia</i> |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 6NT |
| All Pass | | | |

This was the third-best slam. A heart lead immediately defeats it but the actual spade lead proved equally effective, when a heart came back after declarer gave up a club. One down, Wolfson +100.

In the other room, they reached the second-best slam.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <i>Berkowitz</i> | <i>A. Birman</i> | <i>Meckstroth</i> | <i>Padon</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

On a heart lead, dummy's ace won and declarer immediately took a losing trump finesse. East returned a spade but declarer simply won in hand, ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump and returned to his hand with the other spade to draw trumps and cash dummy's remaining winners. Wolfson +1370 and 16 IMPs to them.

In another quarterfinal, the declarer for Lucky Four also was in 6♦ but he got a spade lead. He thus won the ♠Q and crossed to the ♣A to take a diamond finesse. East won the queen and gave partner a club ruff for one down and 16 IMPs to Nickell. The other table here made 6♣.

In the Team Black-Zimmermann match, we saw one curious contract:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>McIntosh</i> | <i>Gawrys</i> | <i>Paske</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6♣ | All Pass | |

The English N/S had produced an exemplary natural auction to the top spot. Team Black +1370.



Andrew McIntosh

At the other table, Peter Bertheau again opened an innocent enough Multi.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|------------|-------|-------|
| P. Bertheau | S. Drijver | Black | Brink |
| 2♦ | Dble | 2♥ | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6♥ | Pass | 6♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

As I said before: we don't know what their bids meant but apparently, we are not the only ones. Down one, +100 and 16 IMPs to Team Black.

On the last board of this spectacular set, the agreements Verhees and Van Prooijen are playing to show a weak hand opposite a strong Club were very effective.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|--------------|----------|
| Verhees | D. Gold | Van Prooijen | Zia |
| — | — | 1♣ | 1♠ |
| Dble | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | All Pass |

As you can see, declarer cannot lose more than two trumps and a trick in either pointed suit. Just made, Wolfson +110.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Berkowitz | A. Birman | Meckstroth | Padon |
| — | — | 2NT | All Pass |

The classic opening bid of 2NT by East invariably led to down three at most of the other tables. This way, Wolfson scored 6 IMPs to end the set.

The scores with 14 boards to play were:

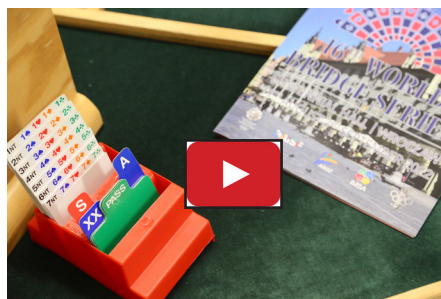
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| AZS Wratislavia v Ventin | 49-69 |
| Robinson v Wolfson | 103-73 |
| Team Black v Zimmermann | 115-71 |
| Nickell v Lucky Four | 113-63 |

An entertaining afternoon session thus came to an end. Would the final set produce the same amount of entertainment? We shall see – elsewhere in this Bulletin.

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Rosenblum Semi-finals S1


Team Black v Nickell

by David Bird

Team Black won a thrilling match yesterday, against the Bermuda Bowl champions, Zimmermann. Their reward will be to entertain us in the first session of the semi-final.

I will spare you the details of the first four boards, which ended with the none-too-arousing scoreline of 0-0.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Levin | Hult | Weinstein | Hallberg |
| — | — | — | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | 2♠ | Dble | 3♥ |
| Dble | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

With 5-card support, Simon Hult might have bid 4♥ at his first turn. Bobby Levin's subsequent double was a game-try in spades.

A minor-suit lead takes the spade game three down. North reduced this to two-down by cashing the ♥A at trick one. The ♣10 switch resulted in a third-round ruff, and that was two down.


Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Paske | Hampson | McIntosh | Greco |
| — | — | — | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | 2NT | 3♠ | 4♣ |
| 4♠ | Dble | All Pass | |

The penalty double of 4♠ was clear-cut here, and might well have been found at the other table. After a club lead to the king and a singleton diamond switch, all roads led to down three for -500, and that was a well-deserved 9-IMP swing to Nickell.



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Levin | Hult | Weinstein | Hallberg |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Some players are willing to rebid 1NT on the South cards. However, Gunnar Hallberg had his eyes on a world record claim: 'the worst ever rebid club suit'. We wish him well with it. Bobby Levin had little alternative to a heart lead, which was indeed the best start for the defence. Hallberg ducked the heart queen and the ♥9 on the next trick. There was now a long pause. 'What is West thinking about?' I tapped in. Kit Woolsey replied that West could see the heart suit was a dead duck and was contemplating overtaking to find a good switch. The first part of this prediction proved correct – Levin overtook with the heart jack. The ♦3 switch did not trigger any applause from the kibitzers, though. A hard-to find club switch had been needed. The winning line for declarer now was to play on spades, dropping the QJx. This was not appealing, and Hallberg played a club to the king. Steve Weinstein held up the ace, which was fine. He then held up his ace again, which was not fine. Four diamonds, two spades, two clubs and one heart brought declarer's total to nine, for +400. West might have assisted his partner by dropping the jack of clubs on the first round.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Paske | Hampson | McIntosh | Greco |
| — | — | — | 1♦ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♥* | Pass | 2♠* |
| Pass | 2NT* | Pass | 3♣* |
| Pass | 3♦* | Pass | 3♥* |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

This sequence of relay bids was impressive indeed, and would repay careful study. Sadly, the Editor informs me that there is insufficient space available, and I should just describe how the play went.

Andrew McIntosh did not find the dangerous heart lead. (Had he not listened to the bidding?) He led the $\diamond 9$, Geoff Hampson winning with dummy's 10. Again, the winning continuation of playing spades was not inviting, and a club was played to the 6 and king. McIntosh won with the ace and returned the $\heartsuit 9$ followed by the $\heartsuit Q$, both cards winning. Hampson won the next heart with the ace and still had the winning spade play available. He crossed to dummy's club queen and returned to the ace of spades. The clubs did break 3-3, but he lost three hearts and two clubs for one down. That was 10 IMPs to Team Black.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| \spadesuit Q 5 4 3 | | \spadesuit K J 2 |
| \heartsuit 9 5 3 2 | | \heartsuit 10 8 7 |
| \diamond A | | \diamond K Q 8 5 3 2 |
| \clubsuit K Q J 6 | | \clubsuit 8 |
| \spadesuit 8 7 6 | \spadesuit A 10 9 | |
| \heartsuit Q 6 4 | \heartsuit A K J | |
| \diamond J 10 7 6 | \diamond 9 4 | |
| \clubsuit A 9 7 | \clubsuit 10 5 4 3 2 | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Levin | Hult | Weinstein | Hallberg |
| — | 1 \clubsuit | 1 \diamond | 2 \diamond |
| 3 \diamond | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 4 \clubsuit | All Pass | |

With the queen of hearts offside, it looked for a moment like a good stop. Simon Hult won the king of diamonds lead and played a trump, West winning and returning a diamond, ruffed by declarer. After drawing trumps, Hult led a spade to the jack and ace. He was then able to set up a spade for a heart discard. That was eleven tricks, but only +150.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| Paske | Hampson | McIntosh | Greco |
| — | 2 \diamond^* | Pass | 2NT* |
| Pass | 3 \clubsuit^* | Pass | 3 \diamond^* |
| Pass | 3NT* | Pass | 4 \diamond^* |
| Pass | 4 \heartsuit^* | Pass | 5 \clubsuit |
| All Pass | | | |

Hampson opened a Precision-style 2 \diamond , 11-15 with diamond shortage. 3 \clubsuit showed a minimum. Over 3 \diamond , 3M would have shown a 3-card major and 4-3-1-5 shape. The actual 3NT denotes a 4-4-1-4 hand. With a singleton

diamond facing Greco's $\diamond 94$, the club game was duly bid. It was a well deserved 6 IMPs to Nickell.

The last notable swing was on this board:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

| | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| \spadesuit 7 3 | | \spadesuit 9 8 6 5 |
| \heartsuit A Q J 8 3 | | \heartsuit 10 6 2 |
| \diamond 3 | | \diamond 10 8 5 |
| \clubsuit 10 6 5 3 2 | | \clubsuit 8 7 4 |
| \spadesuit Q J 10 4 | | |
| \heartsuit K 5 4 | | |
| \diamond A K 6 4 2 | | |
| \clubsuit J | | |
| \spadesuit A K 2 | | |
| \heartsuit 9 7 | | |
| \diamond Q J 9 7 | | |
| \clubsuit A K Q 9 | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Levin | Hult | Weinstein | Hallberg |
| — | — | — | 1 \diamond |
| Pass | 1 \heartsuit | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3 \clubsuit | Pass | 4 \clubsuit |
| Pass | 4 \diamond^* | Pass | 4 \spadesuit |
| Pass | 5 \clubsuit | Pass | 6 \clubsuit |
| All Pass | | | |

I cannot help you with the 4 \diamond bid. Since it was alerted and 4 \spadesuit was not, it seems that it was not a control-bid. Perhaps it was an economical RKCB, with South showing three key-cards. Hallberg could not resist raising 5 \clubsuit to 6 \clubsuit , and they had arrived in (oh, no) a slam on a finesse.

Proceedings were cut short when Weinstein led a heart to the king and ace. The only potential problem remaining was a 5-1 heart break, although that was unlikely with West playing his $\heartsuit K$ at trick one. Declarer drew trumps with the ace, king and 10. He then played a diamond to the queen and ace. A heart back revealed that hearts were not 5-1 and the slam was claimed for +920.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Paske | Hampson | McIntosh | Greco |
| — | — | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3 \diamond^* | Pass | 3 \heartsuit |
| Pass | 4 \heartsuit | All Pass | |

After the ace of diamonds lead and a club switch, declarer collected +450. The Card Gods had determined that Team Black should gain 10 IMPs for their efforts.


The set drew to a close with Team Black leading by 27-22. I can now go out to a local pub for lunch, but they cannot. I would willingly swap places!

Pairs Semi-final stanza 4

by Barry Rigal

Since Sartaj Hans and Peter Gill were going to sit N/S for the fourth set, and since they were currently in third position at the start of the set, they seemed a good pair to watch.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Ciborowski | Hans | Kedzierski | Gill |
| — | — | Pass | 2♦* |
| Pass | 2♠ | All Pass | |

2♦ Three suiter 10-15 short diamonds


The 2♦ opener in Precision gave Hans something of a problem. It might have been right to respond 2♥, hoping partner would sometimes correct to 2♠ with a 4-3-1-5 pattern. But since he had broken tempo before making his call, he worried partner would now feel obliged to pass 2♥ even with that shape. At least if he found himself in 2♠ in a 4-3 fit he was in a strong suit.

The book tells you to lead trumps against a three-suiter; but what do the books know? The only defence to a major-suit game is to take a ruff in the other major, and trump leads won't help your cause when declarer (as here) doesn't need ruffs. After a spade to the ♠A and a spade back Hans finessed and claimed +170 for 58/118 MP. Almost nobody found the defence to beat either game.

The next two deals didn't help Hans' and Gill's cause. Rachael Moller and David Gurvich judged at unfavourable vulnerability to compete to 5♥ over 5♣, making 11 tricks, then played 6NT on a (winning) spade finesse rather than a 6♦ slam with 12 top tricks. That gave them 100 out of 118 MP rather than 68 MP.



Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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


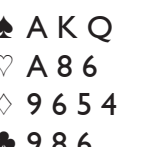
| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| Freeman | Hans | Cooper | Gill |
| — | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 4♣ | Dble |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

Hans obediently led the club eight against 4♥ and Gill won to shift to a trump. Jacob Freeman won with the ace and could be fairly confident that North was precisely 5-0 in the majors. He could see that if he played three rounds of diamonds and the ♦Q did not fall, then South would pitch a spade and get a spade ruff to set the game. Could he do any better than rely on the ♦Q falling in two rounds?

Because I could see all four hands I'm not sure if I can give an unbiased opinion, but at the table Freeman led a low spade to the queen and ace. When a spade came back he pout in the ten, losing to the jack, and now needed the ♦Q to fall even to get out for down one. As you can see, simply playing on diamonds directly would have worked better.

On the next deal it proved hard for E/W to get to the top scoring strain.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Those two deals got Hans and Gill back to average on the set. On the next two deals they found Polish opponents in generous mood. On the first deal a flight of fancy propelled the opponents to 5♥ when even 4♥ was not cold, and on the next a passed hand double of a 14-16 no-trump on an 11-count (how can those methods be a good idea?) led to an exercise in counting on one's fingers...

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <i>P. Patreuha</i> | <i>Hans</i> | <i>Jassem</i> | <i>Gill</i> |
| Pass | INT | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

♠ A3 ♥ A109764 ♦ AKJ74 ♣ —

Playing against Brad Moss and Joe Grue, Hans went to the well not once but twice, and I'm fairly sure he would have expected to have tried it once too often as he put down dummy.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Moss</i> | <i>Hans</i> | <i>Grue</i> | <i>Gill</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♠ |
| Pass | 1NT | Dble | Pass |
| 2♣ | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

When the set was over, Hans and Gill had returned to the top of the table, and with two sets to go and a 62% average were sailing towards qualification.

Open Pairs Semi-finals

Final B & Side event

Final B of the Open Pairs is to be played today, August 26th, whilst on August 27th a side event will be held. Participation to both events is free of charge for pairs that took part in the Open Pairs Championship.

There is no registration for Final B: we will be assuming that all pairs not qualified to Final A will take part. However, pairs not wishing to do so, MUST tell the registration desk or one of the TDs.

Registration will be required for the side event though, accessible on the Championships' microsite: <http://db.worldbridge.org/Repository/tourn/wroclaw.22/microSite/Participants.htm>



Semi-final A after 6 rounds

| Rank | Players | Nationality | % |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | RIMSTEDT Mikael | RIMSTEDT Ola | SWE - SWE 62.26 |
| 2 | GRUE Joe | MOSS Brad | USA - USA 58.87 |
| 3 | HOFTANISKA Thor Erik | CHARLSEN Thomas | ENG - NOR 58.65 |
| 4 | HELGEMO Geir | NYSTROM Fredrik | NOR - SWE 58.59 |
| 5 | MANNO Andrea | DI FRANCO Massimiliano | ITA - ITA 57.88 |
| 6 | EDGTTON Nabil | WHIBLEY Michael | AUS - NZL 57.80 |
| 7 | GILL Peter | HANS Sartaj | AUS - AUS 57.32 |
| 8 | MULLER Bauke | DE WIJS Simon | NED - NED 56.75 |
| 9 | MULTON Franck | ZIMMERMANN Pierre | MON - SUI 56.62 |
| 10 | VERBEEK Tim | NAB Bart | NED - NED 56.26 |
| 11 | PATREUHA Jakub | SOBCZAK Mateusz | POL - POL 56.04 |
| 12 | HOYLAND Jim | HOYLAND Sven Olai | NOR - NOR 55.80 |
| 13 | GOTARD Thomas | ALTER Florian | GER - GER 55.35 |
| 14 | BARTKOWSKI Mariusz | SZULEJEWSKI Bogdan | POL - POL 55.30 |
| 15 | JASSEM Krzysztof | PATREUHA Patryk | POL - POL 55.11 |
| 16 | AUKEN Sabine | WELLAND Roy | GER - GER 54.99 |
| 17 | WILDAVSKY Adam | ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry | USA - USA 54.84 |
| 18 | PIETRASZEK Marek | ZNAMIROWSKI Jacek | POL - POL 54.59 |
| 19 | ROBSON Andrew | ALLFREY Alexander | ENG - ENG 54.44 |
| 20 | HANLON Tom | VOLCKER Frederic | IRL - FRA 54.24 |
| 21 | BIRMAN Alon | PADON Dror | ISR - ISR 54.14 |
| 22 | KWIECIEN Michal | STARKOWSKI Włodzimierz | POL - POL 54.12 |
| 23 | JANSMA Jan | WILLENKEN Chris | NED - USA 54.08 |
| 24 | BESSIS Thomas | LORENZINI Cedric | FRA - FRA 54.06 |
| 25 | GROSSACK Adam | LEBOWITZ Laurence | USA - USA 53.97 |
| 26 | MIELNIK Krzysztof | LONSKI Adam | POL - POL 53.77 |
| 27 | GARTAGANIS Nicholas | LORBER Michel | CAN - CAN 53.63 |
| 28 | AKGUL Mustafa | ASLAN Bulent | TUR - TUR 53.23 |
| 29 | HUANG Shan | XU Zemin | USA - CAN 53.01 |
| 30 | SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw | MAJCHER Arkadiusz | POL - POL 52.92 |
| 31 | TRENKA Peter | KEMENY Gyorgy | HUN - HUN 52.81 |
| 32 | LANZAROTTI Massimo | FRANCHI Arrigo | ITA - ITA 52.24 |
| 33 | ANKLESARIA Keyzad | TEWARI Rajeshwar | IND - IND 52.13 |
| 34 | IAVICOLI Federico | CAFFI Cristoforo | ITA - ITA 51.87 |
| 35 | MARTEL Chip | FLEISHER Martin | USA - USA 51.74 |
| 36 | MESBUR Adam | GARVEY Tommy | IRL - IRL 51.74 |
| 37 | TOLEDANO Oren | ZAMIR Ami | ISR - ISR 51.68 |
| 38 | BURAS Krzysztof | LUTOSTANSKI Piotr | POL - POL 51.66 |
| 39 | FRIEDLANDER Ehud | YEKUTIELI Asaf | ISR - ISR 51.38 |
| 40 | MOLLER Rachael | GURVICH David | USA - USA 51.27 |
| 41 | KOWALSKI Dariusz | SIELICKI Tomasz | POL - POL 51.20 |
| 42 | DONATI Giovanni | PERCARIO Giacomo | ITA - ITA 51.18 |
| 43 | SAKOWICZ Ryszard | PLOCKI Pawel | POL - POL 50.86 |
| 44 | KOTOROWICZ Jakub | MIECHOWICZ Pawel | POL - POL 50.63 |
| 45 | VAINIKONIS Erikas | ARLOVICH Andrei | LTU - LTU 50.52 |
| 46 | STAMATOV Jerry | ZHAO Jie | BUL - CHN 50.46 |
| 47 | ARGELAZI Eliran | ROSENTHAL Lee | ISR - ISR 50.32 |
| 48 | KHARE Ajay | TOLANI Raju | IND - IND 50.32 |
| 49 | NIELSEN Lars Kirkegaard | POULSEN Flemming | DEN - DEN 50.16 |
| 50 | KIM Daehong | LEE Soo Ik | KOR - KOR 50.15 |
| 51 | SJOQVIST Mans | SAFSTEN Johan | SWE - SWE 50.07 |
| 52 | GROSSACK Zachary | KOLESNIK Finn | USA - USA 50.02 |
| 53 | BACH Ashley | PELLEGRINI Carlos | NZL - ARG 49.94 |
| 54 | JASZCZAK Andrzej | PSZCZOLA Jacek | POL - USA 49.94 |
| 55 | GOLFARELLI Vittorio | DELLE CAVE Giuseppe | ITA - ITA 49.89 |
| 56 | LIU Zhejun | DANIELEWICZ Christoph | CHN - SUI 49.83 |
| 57 | ALENFALK Bjorn | JOHANSSON Mats | SWE - SWE 49.78 |

| Rank | Players | Nationality | % |
|------|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 58 | GOODMAN Peter | IRL - ENG | 49.68 |
| 59 | VAN OOSTEN Sibrand | NED - NED | 49.57 |
| 60 | SENSARMA Joyjit | IND - IND | 49.55 |
| 61 | STREET Paul | USA - CAN | 49.49 |
| 62 | BROGELAND Boye | NOR - NOR | 49.42 |
| 63 | LEE Roger | USA - USA | 49.42 |
| 64 | MALINOWSKI Artur | ENG - ENG | 49.35 |
| 65 | CHAN Richard | CAN - USA | 49.21 |
| 66 | STRZEMECKI Wojciech | POL - POL | 49.11 |
| 67 | PETERSEN Henrik Kruse | DEN - DEN | 49.00 |
| 68 | VOZABAL David | CZE - CZE | 48.90 |
| 69 | MUKHERJEE Sumit | IND - IND | 48.81 |
| 70 | KURANOGLU Serap | TUR - TUR | 48.64 |
| 71 | ARONOV Victor | BUL - BUL | 48.55 |
| 72 | ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad | POL - POL | 48.50 |
| 73 | BLASZCZYK Przemyslaw | POL - POL | 48.44 |
| 74 | KUJAWA Krzysztof | POL - POL | 48.40 |
| 75 | GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw | POL - POL | 48.35 |
| 76 | GAWRON Grzegorz | POL - POL | 48.27 |
| 77 | WENNING Ulrich | GER - GER | 48.24 |
| 78 | CZARNECKI Robert | POL - POL | 48.23 |
| 79 | JURKIEWICZ Andrzej | POL - POL | 48.17 |
| 80 | PASSELL Mike | USA - USA | 48.12 |
| 81 | STOLINSKI Robert | POL - POL | 48.10 |
| 82 | VAINIKONIS Vytautas | LTU - LTU | 47.99 |
| 83 | CZIMER Csaba | HUN - HUN | 47.94 |
| 84 | KEAVENEY Gay | IRL - IRL | 47.89 |
| 85 | AGICA Marius | ROM - ROM | 47.88 |
| 86 | CAMPOS Joao-Paulo | BRA - BRA | 47.72 |
| 87 | COOPER Renee | AUS - CAN | 47.67 |
| 88 | CARIC Jurica | CRO - CRO | 47.59 |
| 89 | WINCIOREK Tomasz | POL - POL | 47.58 |
| 90 | TIHOLOV Todor | ENG - ENG | 47.55 |
| 91 | CHMURSKI Bartosz | POL - POL | 47.29 |
| 92 | CIBOROWSKI Konrad | POL - POL | 47.29 |
| 93 | KIELICHOWSKI Urban | POL - POL | 47.15 |
| 94 | KANG Seongseok | KOR - KOR | 47.15 |
| 95 | MATHIEU Philippe | GLP - GLP | 47.14 |
| 96 | KARLYKOV Petro | UKR - UKR | 47.10 |
| 97 | JANIK Stanislaw | POL - POL | 46.93 |
| 98 | KOLUDA Piotr | POL - POL | 46.89 |
| 99 | NORTON Ben | ENG - ENG | 46.87 |
| 100 | LAWRENCE Oliver | ENG - ENG | 46.54 |
| 101 | JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw | POL - POL | 46.53 |
| 102 | GOWER Craig | RSA - RSA | 46.49 |
| 103 | MOLENDAR Jaroslaw | POL - POL | 46.29 |
| 104 | NAIDOO Bindia | IND - IND | 46.15 |
| 105 | LOSIEWICZ Igor | POL - POL | 46.03 |
| 106 | FAILLA Giuseppe | ITA - ITA | 45.97 |
| 107 | RAWLIK Sebastian | POL - POL | 45.21 |
| 108 | MELMAN Victor | USA - POL | 45.19 |
| 109 | WOLFSON Jeff | USA - USA | 45.13 |
| 110 | THROWER James | ENG - ENG | 45.02 |
| 111 | KOISTINEN Kauko | FIN - FIN | 44.72 |
| 112 | BOLESTA Slawomir | POL - POL | 44.40 |
| 113 | GARNIER Charles | GLP - GLP | 44.16 |
| 114 | TRENDAFILOV Rumen | BUL - BUL | 43.83 |
| 115 | GRZELAK Roman | POL - POL | 43.70 |
| 116 | NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz | POL - POL | 42.89 |
| 117 | ADAMCZYK Stanislaw | POL - POL | 42.72 |
| 118 | VOLHEJN Vit | CZE - CZE | 42.47 |
| 119 | BROWNSTEIN Sid | USA - USA | 41.19 |

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Final after 6 segments

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | tot |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------|
|  BRODY | 32 | 30 | 18 | 16 | 25 | 12 | 133 |
|  TRI POLAR | 23 | 27 | 16 | 30 | 19 | 11 | 126 |

Semi-final B after 6 rounds

| Rank | Players | Nationality | % |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | NUNN Tony | AUS - AUS | 58.71 |
| 2 | SILVERSTEIN Aaron | USA - USA | 58.64 |
| 3 | CAMMARATA Michele | ITA - ITA | 58.11 |
| 4 | WALCZAK Piotr | POL - POL | 56.26 |
| 5 | BAKKEREN Ton | NED - NED | 55.95 |
| 6 | SMIRNOV Alexander | GER - ISL | 55.64 |
| 7 | SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju | IND - IND | 55.63 |
| 8 | ATTANASIO Dario | ITA - ITA | 55.49 |
| 9 | RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd | POL - POL | 55.25 |
| 10 | MAAT Roeland | NED - NED | 54.62 |
| 11 | HESHMAT Mohamed | EGY - EGY | 54.62 |
| 12 | WOLANSKI Rafal | POL - POL | 54.57 |
| 13 | WINKLER Gabor | HUN - HUN | 54.56 |
| 14 | ZACK Yaniv | ISR - ISR | 54.36 |
| 15 | PUNCH Sam | SCO - SCO | 54.22 |
| 16 | MACCORMAC Thomas | IRL - USA | 53.90 |
| 17 | KRITSALIS Filippas | GRE - GRE | 53.86 |
| 18 | HAMMOND Nicolas | USA - AUS | 53.42 |
| 19 | ROSENBERG Debbie | USA - USA | 53.37 |
| 20 | URMAN Lior | ISR - ISR | 53.08 |
| 21 | JANECZEK Marta | POL - POL | 53.05 |
| 22 | RAE Kenneth | SCO - ENG | 53.04 |
| 23 | GALEK Przemyslaw | POL - POL | 52.71 |
| 24 | TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata | POL - POL | 52.66 |
| 25 | CIBOROWSKA Lucja | POL - POL | 52.47 |
| 26 | CARROLL John | IRL - IRL | 52.41 |
| 27 | GOTARD Tomasz | GER - POL | 52.37 |
| 28 | PASZKO Wojciech | POL - POL | 52.35 |
| 29 | DINKIN Sam | USA - USA | 52.25 |
| 30 | JASKIEWICZ Ryszard | POL - POL | 52.15 |
| 31 | NEVE Olivier | BEL - BEL | 51.81 |
| 32 | TJARNEMO Jonas | SWE - SWE | 51.77 |
| 33 | TJARNEMO Hakan | SWE - SWE | 51.60 |
| 34 | KULPINSKI Dariusz | POL - POL | 51.49 |
| 35 | STOPA Piotr | POL - POL | 51.38 |
| 36 | RAMARATNAM Krishnan | IND - IND | 51.33 |
| 37 | OHNO Kyoko | JPN - JPN | 51.22 |
| 38 | JADCZAK Bernard | POL - POL | 50.94 |
| 39 | OLSEN Roy-Hugo | NOR - NOR | 50.88 |
| 40 | VON ARNIM Daniela | GER - USA | 50.87 |
| 41 | GAN Grzegorz | POL - POL | 50.82 |
| 42 | AIMALA Antti | FIN - FIN | 50.72 |
| 43 | GOSNEY John Paul | AUS - AUS | 50.68 |
| 44 | LATUS Krzysztof | POL - POL | 50.59 |
| 45 | SUBRAMANIAN Vijayraghavan | IND - IND | 50.51 |
| 46 | PIGOT Peter Jr | IRL - IRL | 50.37 |
| 47 | GULYAS Daniel | HUN - HUN | 50.32 |
| 48 | TUBAK Daniel | HUN - HUN | 50.24 |
| 49 | NEHMERT Pony Beate | GER - USA | 50.20 |
| 50 | MAGNUSSON Stephan | SUI - SUI | 50.17 |
| 51 | KITA Mariusz | POL - POL | 50.05 |
| 52 | BIELAWSKI Maciej | POL - POL | 49.99 |
| 53 | WRECZYCKI Maciej | POL - POL | 49.96 |
| 54 | EASWARAN Prakash | IND - IND | 49.75 |
| 55 | RYBNIKOV Gennadii | UKR - UKR | 49.54 |
| 56 | HOOGENKAMP Ed | NED - NED | 49.45 |
| 57 | KUC-DZIERZAWSKI Piotr | POL - POL | 49.43 |
| 58 | LATOS Tomasz | POL - POL | 49.32 |
| 59 | MORIMURA Shunsuke | JPN - JPN | 49.32 |
| 60 | WITEK Marek | POL - POL | 49.27 |
| 61 | SZCZERBOWSKI Jacek | POL - POL | 49.23 |
| 62 | GOLDBERG Jerry | USA - USA | 49.18 |
| 63 | EKSIOGLU Metin | TUR - TUR | 48.86 |
| 64 | MAAMARBACHI Clement | LIB - GRE | 48.80 |
| 65 | CZUBAK Edmund | POL - POL | 48.69 |
| 66 | KULIKOWSKI Maciej | POL - POL | 48.36 |
| 67 | BEDNARCZYK Edward | POL - POL | 48.29 |
| 68 | KLUBINSKI Piotr | POL - POL | 48.24 |
| 69 | HUNKA Andrzej | POL - POL | 47.90 |
| 70 | BAREL Michael | ISR - ISR | 47.78 |
| 71 | CHEN Lin-Huan | USA - USA | 47.65 |
| 72 | KRYSA Adam | POL - POL | 47.56 |
| 73 | STRANDBERG Ylva | SWE - SWE | 47.49 |
| 74 | CIESIELCZUK Marek | POL - POL | 47.29 |
| 75 | STEPINSKI Jeremi | POL - POL | 47.18 |
| 76 | MAKAREWICZ Edward | POL - POL | 46.93 |
| 77 | LIPOWSKI Krzysztof | POL - POL | 46.92 |

| Rank | Players | Nationality | % |
|------|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 78 | LEWANDOWSKI Krzysztof | POL - POL | 46.82 |
| 79 | DE FALCO Dano | ITA - USA | 46.58 |
| 80 | WODKOWSKI Arkadiusz | POL - POL | 46.53 |
| 81 | LEDOCHOWSKI Lukasz | POL - POL | 46.52 |
| 82 | SIKORA Jacek | POL - POL | 46.43 |
| 83 | KOBYLARSKI Janusz | POL - POL | 46.43 |
| 84 | SOSNOWSKI Pawel | POL - POL | 46.29 |
| 85 | SOSNA Zbigniew | POL - POL | 46.13 |
| 86 | CHMIELAK Robert | POL - POL | 45.78 |
| 87 | CIESLAK Sylwester | POL - POL | 45.76 |
| 88 | NYEMTSEV Oleksandr | UKR - UKR | 45.72 |
| 89 | KMIECIK Cezary | POL - POL | 45.65 |
| 90 | CHONIAWKO Andrzej | POL - POL | 45.55 |
| 91 | KLOET Jos | NED - NED | 44.24 |
| 92 | GLOWACKI Dominik | POL - POL | 43.95 |
| 93 | SZKUDLAREK Leszek | POL - POL | 43.06 |
| 94 | MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw | POL - POL | 42.61 |
| 95 | SHAH Anal | IND - IND | 42.43 |
| 96 | BARONI Irene | ITA - ITA | 41.78 |
| 97 | SZYMCZYK Tomasz | POL - POL | 41.31 |

Women Pairs

Qualification after 6 rounds

| Rank | Players | Nationality | % |
|------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | ARNOLDS Carla | NED - NED | 58.93 |
| 2 | MEYERS Jill | USA - USA | 56.56 |
| 3 | SARNIAK Anna | POL - POL | 55.55 |
| 4 | BROCK Sally | ENG - FRA | 54.59 |
| 5 | BABAC Mine | TUR - TUR | 54.27 |
| 6 | KANDOLU Ozlem | TUR - TUR | 54.23 |
| 7 | BAKER Lynn | USA - USA | 53.97 |
| 8 | YAVAS Dilek | TUR - TUR | 53.83 |
| 9 | CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm | NED - NED | 53.64 |
| 10 | EGGELING Marie | GER - ENG | 53.57 |
| 11 | TAGLIAFERRI Vera | ITA - ITA | 53.05 |
| 12 | BALDYSZ Cathy | POL - POL | 51.63 |
| 13 | SMYKALLA Gisela | GER - GER | 50.68 |
| 14 | DHONDY Heather | ENG - ENG | 50.35 |
| 15 | MADSEN Christina Lund | DEN - USA | 49.68 |
| 16 | SOBOLEWSKA Ewa | POL - POL | 49.66 |
| 17 | GROSS Susanna | ENG - ENG | 49.51 |
| 18 | WOOD Viv | AUS - AUS | 49.34 |
| 19 | BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa | POL - POL | 48.86 |
| 20 | MICHELIN Marjorie | USA - USA | 48.56 |
| 21 | PYYKKO Ylva | SWE - SWE | 48.04 |
| 22 | ROJKO Silvana | SLO - USA | 47.91 |
| 23 | KATER Ewa | ENG - POL | 47.76 |
| 24 | STANISZEWSKA Urszula | POL - POL | 47.27 |
| 25 | CAPLAN Eva | AUS - AUS | 47.02 |
| 26 | GREENWOOD Fiona | SCO - SCO | 46.5 |
| 27 | EDMONDS Jodi | USA - USA | 45.48 |
| 28 | SHIMAZAKI Ayako | JPN - AUS | 43.41 |
| 29 | TOMCZUK Ela | POL - POL | 29.37 |

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

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|  | LEBOWITZ | 142 |
|  | SEOUL | 71 |



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|  | NICKELL | 156 |
|  | THE BLACK SWAN | 129 |

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|  | LEBOWITZ | 104 |
|  | AZS WRATISLAVIA | 138 |

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|  | NICKELL | 131 |
|  | BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS | 71 |

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|  | AZS WRATISLAVIA | 143 |
|  | STREET | 112 |

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|  | AZS WRATISLAVIA | 83 |
|  | VENTIN | 106 |


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|  | NICKELL | 190 |
|  | LUCKY FOUR | 71 |

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|  | BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS | 115 |
|  | SOUTH SWEDEN | 86 |



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|  | FLEISHER | 113 |
|  | BORTOLETTI | 169 |

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|  | ODMET | 85 |
|  | DRINTEAM | 86 |

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|  | VENTIN | 129 |
|  | BORTOLETTI | 66 |

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|---|-------------------|----|
|  | LUCKY FOUR | 93 |
|  | DRINTEAM | 90 |

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|  | VENTIN | 86 |
|  | ECF HOLDING | 77 |

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|  | VENTIN | 23 | 14 | 38 | 61 | 136 |
|  | ROBINSON | 11 | 39 | 25 | 22 | 97 |


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|  | VENTIN | |
|  | NICKELL | |

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|  | LUCKY FOUR | 120 |
|  | FORMIDABLES | 93 |

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|  | WOLFSON | 133 |
|  | MIKADINHO | 59 |

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|  | ZIMMERMANN | 108 |
|  | COOREMAN BELGIUM | 105 |

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|  | WOLFSON | 85 |
|  | ZAMIR | 79 |

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|  | TEAM BLACK | 27 | 13 | 50 | 25 | 115 |
|  | NICKELL | 22 | 69 | 21 | 4 | 118 |

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|  | ZIMMERMANN | 118 |
|  | MINITER | 94 |

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|  | WORLD BRIDGE TOUR | 52 |
|  | ZAMIR | 149 |

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|---|----------------|-----|
|  | MINITER | 123 |
|  | ZALESKI | 103 |

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|  | HANS | 124 |
|  | TEAM CANADA | 63 |

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|  | ROBINSON | 148 |
|  | WOLFSON | 113 |



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|  | TEAM BLACK | 138 |
|  | ZIMMERMANN | 121 |

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|  | TEAM BLACK | 125 |
|  | OBJECTIVITY | 79 |

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|  | ROBINSON | 144 |
|  | HANS | 84 |

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|---|----------------------------|-----|
|  | APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS | 50 |
|  | TEAM BLACK | 111 |

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|  | ROBINSON | 141 |
|  | PERICULO | 104 |

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|  | APRES BRIDGE CHAMPS | 188 |
|  | SPS EKO ROZANKA | 113 |