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## A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



The night lights of Wrocław

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In the Rand Cup ZIMMERMANN has powered their way to the top of the table, followed by CZTERECH SZWEDOW, VYTAS, PENFOLD and GOODMAN. You might care to try and calculate how many world titles the players in these teams have!

There is also no shortage of world champions in the squads who are doing well in the Mixed Teams. See how many you can spot amongst the leading teams, who are currently CZERBIA, ZADRA, REASON, WILSON, DONNER and ROSENTHAL.

### 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 Monday 29th August

#### MIXED TEAMS

##### Swiss Qualification

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

#### RAND CUP

##### Round Robin

10.00 - 11.45  
12.00 - 13.45  
14.45 - 16.30  
16.45 - 18.30

# Women's Pairs Semi-finals Stanza 2

by Barry Rigal

Time to try to get to see a few new faces for the second set.

First up was Malene Christensen and Esther Visser against Dilek Yavas and Hatice Ozgur.

Honors were even off the first two deals, the Dutch pushing to a thin but playable game, down when although the other cards cooperated, they had an inevitable loser in trumps with Jxxx facing AK10x. On the second board they got back to average on the round when the defenders led passively against a 3NT contract where both declarer and dummy had a long running suit. Accordingly, one of the defenders' three top tricks got away. But the third board of the round was an interesting one.

## Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 8 5 3 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ 4 2	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>S</div> <div>E</div> </div>	♠ J ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 10 8 2 ♣ J 10 8 7 5 3	♠ Q 10 6 ♥ A 8 7 2 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ Q 9 6	♠ K 7 4 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3 ♦ J 4 ♣ A K	<b>West</b> Christensen — All Pass	<b>North</b> Ozgur —	<b>East</b> Visser 3♣	<b>South</b> Yavas 3NT

I admire Yavas' 3NT call; no shortage of testosterone there! Maybe Visser might have contemplated balancing into 4♦ but that would have been truly unilateral...of course an initial pass or even a weak 2♦ – if there is anyone left who plays one – might have done better. Against 3NT the low spade lead to the ten jack and king saw declarer take a few hearts then lead a spade towards the ♠Q for the 12<sup>th</sup> trick. +690 was a clear top, with few finding the spade ruff against 4♥ to hold it to 650.

I took a few moments to watch some play from Semi-final B. Again there was a fine point of defence found by Eva Caplan.



## Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ J 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ 10 3 2	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>S</div> <div>E</div> </div>	♠ 10 5 ♥ Q 10 3 2 ♦ A K 5 ♣ K Q 8 6	♠ A J 9 8 6 4 3 ♥ A J ♦ 7 ♣ J 7 5	♠ K 7 ♥ 9 8 7 6 4 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ A 9 4	<b>West</b> Thompson — Pass 2♦ 3♦	<b>North</b> U. Staniszewska — 1♠ 2♠ 3♠	<b>East</b> Caplan — Dble Pass All Pass	<b>South</b> A. Staniszewska Pass Rdbl Pass

Urszula Staniszewska might have jumped to 3♠ at her second turn if that showed extra shape rather than high cards but she ended in a sensible spot. The defenders led a top diamond and shifted to a trump. Declarer won in hand and played ♥A and another. Jenny Thompson accurately shifted to a club, and Caplan deviously contributed the king. Now it looked logical for declarer to lead a club towards the jack and that held her to nine tricks. Had Caplan played the queen, no doubt declarer might have ducked, then played the club/heart squeeze on her LHO.

## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 4 ♥ 10 8 ♦ J 8 6 2 ♣ A J 10	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>S</div> <div>E</div> </div>	♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ A 9 ♣ K Q 9 3	♠ A Q J 3 ♥ K 5 4 3 2 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ 8	♠ 6 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ K Q 5 4 ♣ 7 6 5 4 2	<b>West</b> Thompson — All Pass	<b>North</b> U. Staniszewska 1♥	<b>East</b> Caplan INT	<b>South</b> A. Staniszewska 2♥

Urszula had won the battle by getting into the auction with sketchy values. Now the key was whether she could



take all the tricks available. Thompson overtook the club king lead to shift to a trump; 10, 2 Q A. Now came ♠A and a ruff, club ruff, ♠Q covered all round and another club ruff. Worried perhaps by the possibility of a 4-1 trump break declarer cashed the fourth spade and without taking the ♥K she led a diamond up. Caplan took her chance; she rose with ♦A and led her last club for her partner to ruff with ♥8, promoting an extra trump trick. That was good enough to get back to average on the deal.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

		♠ A Q 9 8 6		
		♥ 7 6		
		♦ 4 2		
		♣ 9 6 4 2		
♠ K J 10 5 2	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 4		
♥ A K 4 3		♥ Q J 10 9		
♦ A		♦ K Q J 10 8 6 3		
♣ K Q 8		♣ 3		
		♠ 7 3		
		♥ 8 5 2		
		♦ 9 7 5		
		♣ A J 10 7 5		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Eythorsdottir</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>S-Molson</i>	
1♣*	1♠	Dble	Pass	
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass	
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			

1♣ Polish; 12-14, or clubs 15+, or any 18+

A nice, controlled auction, but it persuaded Eythorsdottir to lead the ♠A then on seeing dummy to shift to a club. Cashing out was worth 10/4 for the defenders. No fewer than two pairs brought home 6NT here as West. Leaders Arnolds/Kolen and Baker/McCallum played 6NT on a club lead and the defenders did not find the spade shift.



## Thanksgiving

The INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION arranges a party in the Radisson Blu hotel on Wednesday (the 31st) at 7.40 p.m. where we will pay homage to the immediate past Presidents of EBL and WBF. We will also welcome the new Presidents of those organisations. You can register to this party in the media room, or at the book stall.

## Let me ask you how would you play this hand?

On today's deal, you, playing as South, become declarer in 3NT. IMPs Scoring. West, on the left, leads the ♣3.

What is the best line of play?

♠ Q J 9 6  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ J 9 8 5  
♣ A 5

N  
W     E  
S

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

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# Ventin v Nickell - Set 5

After an even set this morning, Nickell came into this penultimate set of the final with a lead of 16 IMPs, 116-100. So far, this match has been feast or famine for Bulletin writers, David getting more than 100 IMPs of swings yesterday, whilst I had to settle for a reminder that the NFL season is just 13 days away (with a set that finished 13-9). To even things up, the Great Dealer saw fit to provide David with 16 boards that produced just a solitary double-digit swing this morning, so we are hoping for.... Sorry, no more time for idle chat, they've started playing and there is action right out of the box.

♠ K J 9 8 6  
♥ 10  
♦ J 10 8 7 3  
♣ 6 4

West	North	East	South
?	1♣	Pass	1♦*

Next, with just the opponents vulnerable, you are in the South seat with:

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



**Geoff Hampson**

West	North	East	South
—	—	2♠	3♣
4♠	Dble	Pass	?

While you mull those over, we start with the very first deal of the stanza, on which both West players faced the first of the problems posed above.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

♠ K J 9 8 6  
♥ 10  
♦ J 10 8 7 3  
♣ 6 4

W N E S

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

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

## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
—	I ♣	Pass	I ♦*
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Dble
All Pass			

Frederic Wrang's 1♦ response showed hearts, and Geoff Hampson entered with an ultra-aggressive five-card weak jump overcall of 2♠ on the West hand. Eric Greco raised to game and Wrang's double ended the brief auction.

The defence was pinpoint accurate, Antonio Palma opening with a low trump. Wrang won trick two with the  $\diamond A$ , cashed the  $\clubsuit Q$ , then the  $\clubsuit A$ , and played a heart to his partner's ace. Palma then completed the excellent work by playing the  $\spadesuit A$  and a third round of trumps. Declarer was thus left with a losing diamond in addition to the obvious five top losers. N/S +500.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Nickell</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♣*	Dble	4♠	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Thibo Sprinkhuizen and Guy Mendes de Leon won a European Championship together as youngsters almost a decade ago, but they were still members of the Dutch junior team as recently as 2019. On this deal, they too



applied maximum pressure, but they also gave the Americans just enough rope for them to hang themselves. No thought of passing, of course, Sprinkhuizen settled for a 2♣ cue-bid on the West hand, showing diamonds and spades. This gave Ralph Katz enough room to show three hearts via a support double. Here, too, Mendes de Leon applied maximum pressure with a leap to 4♠ on the East cards, but Nickell had just a little more information than his counterpart at the first table. And it was just enough to persuade him that he should be declaring on this deal. Once he had pressed on with 5♦, perhaps they were already too high, but Katz took Nickell seriously and offered a choice of slams.

Nickell won the spade lead, ruffed a spade to hand, and took the losing trump finesse. With the contract clearly now hopeless, he lost concentration and suffered a diamond ruff in addition to a natural diamond trick to go two down. N/S -200 and 12 IMPs to Ventin to open the set and reduce the margin to just 4 IMPs. Then came:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 5	♠ A 9 8 7 2	♠ K 4
♥ A K Q 9 5	♥ 8 7 4 3	♥ 10
♦ J 9 8 2	♦ 5 3	♦ A 7 4
♣ J 9 6	♣ Q 5	♣ A 10 8 7 4 3 2
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>N</p> <p>W S E</p> </div> </div>		
♠ Q J 10 6 3		
♥ J 6 2		
♦ K Q 10 6		
♣ K		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	Katz	Mendes de Leon	Nickell
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♥	3♣	3♥
4♣	All Pass		

A controlled auction by both sides ended with the Dutch in the par contract (absent a final double). All lines of play seem to result in nine tricks: N/S +50

The American's Strong Club method added more impetus to the auction in the replay:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Palma	Greco	Wrang
Pass	3♥	2♣	2♠
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Greco's natural 2♣ opening meant that everything happened a level higher, and thus Palma found himself in game. With three aces to lose, declarer has to do something to dispose of the club losers in his hand. If

Greco could find a diamond lead, the defenders would inevitably come to a diamond ruff (or, if declarer drew trumps, a second club trick).

When Greco started with the ♣A and a second club, things became much easier for declarer. Palma ruffed in dummy, bringing down West's ♣Q, so declarer's ♣J was now good. All that remained was to draw trumps and knock out the ♦A. N/S a somewhat fortunate +620 and 11 IMPs to Ventin, who get their noses back in front.

Nickell had edged back into a 1-IMP lead, but then came a case of friendly fire. Both South players saw identical auctions up to the point of today's second bidding problem.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 5	♠ K 9 8 2	♠ J 10	♠ A Q 7 6 4 3
♥ A 9 8 6 2	♥ Q J 10 5 3	♥ K	♥ 7 4
♦ A 10 9 8 2	♦ K Q	♦ J 7 6 4	♦ 5 3
♣ 4 3	♣ 7 2	♣ A Q J 10 9 8	♣ K 6 5
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>N</p> <p>W S E</p> </div> </div>			
West	North	East	South
Hampson	Palma	Greco	Wrang
Sprinkhuizen	Katz	Mendes de Leon	Nickell
—	—	2♠	3♣
4♠	Dble	Pass	?

After identical auctions, Wrang passed and Nickell retreated to 5♣, which was doubled by East on the way out.

Against, 4♠X, Wrang opened the ♥K and switched to a diamond at trick two. Palma won and switched to clubs, the defenders taking their two tricks in that suit. Declarer still had to lose the ♥A later: N/S +500.

Sprinkhuizen led a diamond against 5♣X. Nickell won with the ♦A and played a spade. Mendes de Leon won with the ace and cashed his partner's high diamond. Nickell won the heart switch in dummy with the ace and took a winning trump finesse, then ruffed his remaining spade. Crossing

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back to hand with a heart ruff, he now needed the ♣K to come down. When it did not, he was one down: N/S -100 and 12 IMPs to Ventin, back in front again.

With the wind in their sails, it was only fitting that a nation of sailors should generate a swing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	Katz	Mendes de Leon	Nickell
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♥
3♠	All Pass		

Nickell might have evaluated the South hand as an invitational raise, rather than pre-emptive. Despite the extra heart, with the spade holding under the overcaller it is difficult to drum up much enthusiasm for the North hand, and Katz was not close to taking another bid over 3♠.

Nickell led a heart and Katz switched to his diamond. When Nickell then got back in with the ♠Q, he delivered his partner's ruff. There was still a club to lose: N/S +50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Palma	Greco	Wrang
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Antonio Palma opened 2♥ in third seat, which apparently showed 10-13 HCP. As I cannot imagine a Scandinavian suggesting intermediate twos, (*Editors: why not? They are relatively common in Sweden*) this swing is probably attributable to the Portuguese member of the team. Wrang inquired and Palma's 3NT presumably showed some kind of maximum, so game was easily reached here. Declarer just had a loser in each of the side suits: N/S +420 and another 9 IMPs to Ventin.

Ventin won the fifth stanza 45-19; so they lead by 10 IMPs, 145-135, going into the last 16 boards of this final. After so many close finishes in knockout matches already at these championships, why would we be surprised by another nailbiter?

## Green for Danger

by Mark Horton

I am reliably informed that red is one of the most visible colours in the spectrum (surprisingly, at least to me, yellow is the most visible, which perhaps explains why it was the colour of choice for both WBF and EBL staff polos for many years). It is readily identified as a warning sign – for example think traffic lights and fire engines. At the bridge table a red card is sometimes used to tell the opponents they are in trouble, and red is used in connection with vulnerability.

However, green can also be dangerous, especially at the bridge table!

In Round 1 of the Mixed Teams, you have a modest hand as South:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ K 9 8 4 2
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 6

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

Do you pass in sleep?

This was the layout:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Partner's sequence is indicative of a powerful hand, almost certainly with four-card support.

South's fifth heart has become important so you should raise to 3♥, which will see partner advance to game. (Replace South's ♥K with the ♥6 and as long as trumps are 2-2 you will still take ten tricks!)

As you can see, 4♥ is child's play.

Of the 56 pairs who played this deal, nine failed to reach the heart game, once in the same match.

## Rosenblum Final

## Ventin v Nickell - Set 6

by Jos Jacobs

Team Ventin went into the final 16 boards with a tiny lead: 145-135. A tense session thus was definitely in prospect. Team Nickell scored the first two IMPs of the session when Greco doubled 4♠, holding five trumps, for one down. The same contract was reached at the other table but there was no double. The next board offered a better chance for a substantial gain for either side.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This was looking very much like a matchpoint auction, even more so when North decided to convert partner's double. His lead of the ♠Q was unlucky, as they say, but when declarer threw a diamond on dummy's newly created spade winner, the defence's chances were still basically intact. Club to the king and a diamond. North rose with his king, cashed the ♣Q and exited in diamonds. South won the ♦A, cashed the ♣A and played a spade. The position now was, with the defence having scored four tricks:



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

South led a spade and declarer ruffed it with the ♥Q. Now, if North discards his last diamond, he will come to three more tricks. He can win the ♥J and exit to dummy's ♥10, waiting for his ♥A9 to come in. However, when he immediately overruffed with the ♥A, he thus limited the number of undertricks to just one, converting +500 into +200 only. A possibly expensive error at the actual state of the match...

In the other room, they produced the same matchpoint-style auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

The only difference came in the end, when Hampson did not want to sit the double but opted for the 3-4 fit instead. This contract duly made but it still cost the Nickell team 3 IMPs (but not nine).

On the next board, N/S were not in matchpoint mood:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	All Pass

With the N/S club fit effectively out of the picture after West's opening bid in the suit, E/W were soon allowed to play in their legitimate partscore. Just made, of course, Nickell +110.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
1♣	2♣	All Pass	

When Wrang opened 1♣ at the other table as well, Hampson showed no inhibitions and simply overcalled in the suit. When East felt he was not strong enough to bid, it rested in 2♣ which proved an easy enough make after the initial three rounds of spades. That was another +90, and 5 IMPs to Nickell.

On the next board, Levin was still in matchpoint mood:

## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
—	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

On hands like this, it usually is a good idea to apply your matchpoint mood in team contests as well. On this layout, it is difficult to see how even 4♠ can be defeated. Weinstein even made 11 tricks. Nickell +200. Would this be a chance for Ventin to score a game swing?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	1♥	Pass	INT
Dble	2♥	All Pass	

South's INT response made it more difficult for E/W to be sure of a fit their way. When East apparently could not bid spades over 2♥, Wrang called it a day when 2♥ came

round to him. The contract made with an overtrick and thus resulted in a double partscore swing of 8 IMPs to Nickell, who therefore regained the lead, by 2 IMPs.

On the next board, a vulnerable game was in the air, though not legitimately on the cards.

## Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
—	—	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♦
All Pass			

Once South repeated his good suit, West felt he was too weak for action. In defending 3♦, E/W lost a vital trick when East, not knowing the position of course, let the ♠J lead run to declarer's queen. He might have recovered later on after West was given his ♦K but when he won partner's heart return, he first tried to cash a second top heart. Contract made, Ventin +110. Would they regain the lead that soon already?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	—	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Greco chose a redouble rather than a raise, Wrang could just show his suit (?), only to find himself in



the heart game seconds later. The defence started off by cashing the three minor suit winners after North's  $\diamond 7$  lead but then came the crucial moment.. A trump now would make it impossible for declarer to ruff out the spades and bring the suit in later because the trumps are 4-1. When South continued another club, dummy ruffed North's  $\clubsuit Q$  with the jack and went for a complete cross-ruff.  $\spadesuit A$ , spade ruff,  $\diamond K$  and a club (!) ruffed in dummy etc. Ruffing himself back to dummy with a diamond would have been no good because North can then discard his last spade, the king. So a fine +620 to Ventin, who thus regained the lead immediately: 10 IMPs up with 10 to go.

## Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
—	—	—	Pass
1 $\clubsuit$	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$	1 $\spadesuit$
2 $\heartsuit$	2 $\spadesuit$	3 $\diamond$	Pass
3 $\spadesuit$	Dble	4 $\heartsuit$	All Pass

Not too aggressive overcalling by N/S who eventually allowed their opponents to play 4 $\heartsuit$ . On this friendly distribution (trumps 3-2, for once...) the play presented no problems. Declarer simply ruffed the clubs good after a spade lead and a diamond switch. Nickell +620.

In the Closed Room, the auction went full speed ahead:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	—	—	Pass
1 $\clubsuit$	Pass	1 $\diamond$	1 $\spadesuit$
3 $\diamond$	3 $\heartsuit$	4 $\heartsuit$	4 $\spadesuit$
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East's 1 $\diamond$  showed hearts and 3 $\diamond$  by agreement showed 13-15 hcp. and four-card heart support. After partner's good raise, Greco immediately took the sacrifice. Right he was: just one down, -200 but 9 IMPs to Nickell. They were exactly 1 IMP behind now.

On the next board, they went on to level the match with an otherwise irrelevant overtrick but on #25, again both teams had their chances.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
—	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	3 $\diamond$
4 $\spadesuit$	5 $\diamond$	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Double dummy, 4 $\spadesuit$  can even go down two but on the North cards, it seems so normal to believe the opponents or maybe even in your own chances of making a contract. Down two, Nickell +300.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\diamond$
2NT	5 $\diamond$	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West's 2NT also showed a solid enough spade raise for North to believe the opponents. No swing but chances missed all round.

Then came a nice 7-5 hand.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
R. Levin	Mendes de Leon	Weinstein	Sprinkhuizen
—	—	Pass	2 $\clubsuit$
Pass	4 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	

In the other room, it was West who opened the bidding in clubs.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Two part score swings to them had seen the Nickell lead go up to 19 when board 29 arrived.

## Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Levin</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
—	1♠	1NT	2♠
Dble	3♦	Pass	3♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
4♣	All Pass		

For once, the Americans were in the only makeable game but when Sprinkhuizen found a double, Levin decided to run, thus keeping the option of a late rally by Ventin open. Just made. Nickell +130.

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	1♠	INT	2♠
Dble	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

The first of these, however, might have changed the result of the match in different circumstances.

## Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A 8 6 5  
♥ J 8 5 2  
♦ Q 5  
♣ J 9 3

♠ 10 7  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K J 10 9 8 4  
♣ K 7 6

W N E S

♠ Q 9 2  
♥ A Q 9 7 3  
♦ 7 3  
♣ A O 4

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R. Levin</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>
—	—	1♣	1♥
3♦	3♥	3NT	All Pass

Even with a heart lead to declarer's king, there was no chance for declarer to make his contract. Yet, it was a good matchpoint score for the Americans because 3♥ was making. Down two. Ventin +100.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	Hampson	Palma	Greco
—	—	1♣	1♥
2♣	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

3♦ was a mixed raise in hearts. On the ♠10 lead, 4♥ might have been made if both black kings had behaved. But when one of them let declarer down, he had to go one down after all. Another +50 and 4 IMPs to Ventin.

The two final boards were pushes, one obvious and one far less obvious, so we can congratulate both teams on a great overall performance and the Nickell team on a great Rosenblum victory: 186-164.



# Women's Pairs Final Stanza 1

by Barry Rigal and Herman De wael

As yesterday, Herman was at hand to provide a second table view.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	Eggeling	Vechiatto	Bell
—	—	1♣	Dble
Rdbl	2♦	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Brock	Dhondy	Smederevac	Nettleton
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♠	2♦	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At both our tables, after a diamond lead the defenders cashed the first seven tricks. (It was a good job I was not on lead as North; sitting behind Marie Eggeling I was

wondering if a spade might have been right.) Unlucky or ill-judged by West? The same thing happened at four of the seven tables and scored 9 MP for N/S and 3 for E/W.

I suppose Sally Brock might have explored with 3♦ over 3♣, hoping partner would as here temporize with 3♥ so that 3NT would express doubt...there again, 3NT is the only making game a fair amount of the time partner has a doubleton diamond. And even here 3NT makes 10 tricks when the ♦J or ♦AK are well placed.

(If South starts with a 1♥ overcall that really doesn't make it any easier, does it? However it did result in two Easts declaring 3NT, in one case on a spade lead for 11 tricks; in one case on a heart lead for 13 tricks. Only Pyykko/Johansson bid the E/W cards to 5♣.)

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pyykko	Özgür	Johansson	Yavas
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass
2♥	Dble	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Would you as West have jumped to 3NT over partner's vulnerable overcall? Put me in the 'Yes' camp. Ylva Pyykko took a more restrained route and Özgür led a top diamond and shifted to a spade. Declarer won and advanced the ♦Q, taken by North for a belated club shift. Declarer won and dislodged the ♠A and had nine tricks (2/10 matchpoints).

West	North	East	South
Nettleton	Eggeling	Dhondy	Bell
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The opening bid from West saved Eggeling from herself. There was little temptation to lead anything but a heart with all those side entries. Eggeling also continued the suit



Sarah Bell

after getting in with the ♠A. She ended up with two more heart tricks of her own and the contract was two down (10/2). Since game is no worse than the club break maybe E/W were just a little unlucky. Still, if you open aceless 11 counts with no defensive tricks the more cynical of the analysts believe you DESERVE to be unlucky.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nettleton	McCallum	Dhondy	Baker
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

A thoughtful 3♠ call by Heather Dhondy. Seated behind Karen McCallum I could see a good reason for not leading a spade. If partner had eg ♠Jx you didn't want to lead a trump. You needed partner to retain their high trump to overruff dummy. After much internal cogitation McCallum did lead a trump to the 10 and jack. Diana Nettleton played a top diamond then ruffed a diamond, and now needed trumps 3-2 to survive, since she had to ruff two hearts to hand. After the trump lead has neutralized the



Diana Nettleton

♠10, better is to cash the ♦AK – if someone ruffs in you were doomed. Then ruff a diamond with ♠9. Now if they break you simply draw trumps, if not revert to plan B of the trump break.

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Özgür	S. Baldysz	Yavas
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		
1♣	Polish		
2♣	5♣, 15+		
2♦	GF any 10+		
4♦	0-1 ♦		
5♦	0/3 of 5		

Hatice Özgür also led a trump and Cathy Baldysz cross-ruffed some hearts and diamonds before claiming 13 tricks. 10/2 for the declaring side. Three grand slams, one small slam, two games, and 6NT down is the sorry reporting here.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nettleton	McCallum	Dhondy	Baker
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♦*	2NT(♣)	Pass
3♣	Dble	Rdbl	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

Nettleton ducked the first two top hearts and Karen McCallum shifted accurately to her singleton club. Alas for her, the fact that it was the ten allowed Nettleton to win the ace, unblocking the king; a thoughtful play. She next led a spade to the ten. When the king appeared declarer claimed her nine tricks. Had the spade lost to the jack, North would have been endplayed so long as she had started with a singleton club.

I think you can make a decent case if North has a singleton small club instead of the 10 for winning that club in hand and plonking down the ♠Q, knowing North has the ♠K. If instead you run the clubs you are likely to squeeze your own hand.

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Özgür	S. Baldysz	Yavas
—	—	Pass	Pass
INT	Dble*	2♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		
Dble 4M, 4+m			
2♠ transfer			
3♣ not maximum with 3♣			

Here too the fact that the spade jack was onside meant declarer had a safe route to nine tricks. But +110 was 2/10 for declarer, while +600 was 10/2 the other way.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brewiak	Kazmucha	Sobolewska	Sarniak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
2NT Puppet to 3♣			

Danuta Kazmucha showed a non-forcing reverse with extras. Anna Sarniak's 2NT call puppeted 3♣ but with a singleton club wouldn't a 3♦ break be a possibility here for North...you really do not want to play 3♣ under just about any circumstances; in fact maybe passing 2NT is right? Be that as it may, Kazmucha completed the transfer in disciplined fashion and Ewa Sobolewska found the incisive ♠K lead against 3♣. The defenders took three spades and shifted to hearts. Declarer took the ♥A, pitched dummy's spade on the good diamond and led a club up. Sobolewska put in the jack, for the queen and king. Back came an accurate heart. Declarer won, ruffed a diamond and led a low club to drop the bare ace. She could ruff the heart return high and draw the last trump for down one. Nice try...but the MP were 5/7 in favour of the defence.

Elsewhere there was interesting play in both 2♠ and 3NT.

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

A heart was led and taken by the ace. South attacked diamonds and gave one up to West, who persisted in hearts. At the table for the last time, declarer cashed her tricks in hearts and diamonds and tried a spade. E/W took the rest. Two down for 1/11.

By contrast, in the same spot, Sarah Bell won West's heart lead in hand and ran the diamonds with the aid of the finesse. The discards told her hearts were 5-2 so she led a club to the 10. In this ending:

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

West could exit with a heart but declarer could win and lead a spade and hold the defenders to their four black winners one way or another. 10/2 against the leaders, Meyers/Sanborn.

Brock/Smederevac defended 2♠ on 1♦-1♠-2♠, which seems a very sensible auction to a nasty spot. On Brock's heart lead declarer won in hand and ducked a club to East, won the heart return in hand and ruffed a club, then cashed three diamonds pitching clubs. When she tried a third top heart Brock ruffed, played ♠A and another spade to her partner. Smederevac cashed a club and led a fourth heart to re-promote the ♠10 for the setting trick.

## Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kolen	Eythorsdottir	Arnolds	Seamon-Molson
—	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

With a horrible lead problem Carla Arnolds guessed very well to start with a diamond. (Again, your scribe would



Sandra Kolen won and led a diamond to her partner's king. Dummy had pitched two spades, so when Arnolds continued her accurate defence by playing a spade, declarer could not duck, or a second spade would squeeze dummy. Having taken the ♠A declarer could only succeed by cashing ♣J then playing ♥AK and running the nine (if no key doubleton appeared from South, declarer would take their best guess in clubs should the eight have appeared on her right). Should you trust your opponents to give true reverse count even in world championships? I'm not telling.

2NT 5-card Stayman  
3♦ 1 or both 4-cards  
3♠ is it hearts  
3NT no

**Sandra Kolen**

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

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



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

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

Playing a variety of XYZ, even by a passed hand, Jill Meyers could invite game and suggest only four hearts. Kerri Sanborn wasn't interested, but 3NT does have nine tricks – and how is one supposed to work that out? With most of the field in 3♣ or wrapping up 150 in no-trump, the play in clubs was critical.

Sanborn won the diamond lead and ducked a heart. When South cashed a second heart before playing spades, alarm bells went off. Sanborn won the spade shift, pitched spade losers on the diamonds, and ruffed a spade. Then she cashed ♣K and saw the jack fall. After a few seconds she took the ♣Q (heart discard from North) and followed up with the ♣10, hoping North had begun with a 4-5-3-1 shape, when she would be caught in an overtaking squeeze. If she pitched a spade Sanborn would overtake the ♣10 and ruff a spade, if a heart Sanborn would ruff out the hearts. Alas for the lovers of aesthetics, North pitched a pedestrian diamond and Sanborn now knew to overtake and set up spades. Well done if only for a 7/5 MP split.

There was one more fun deal to come (well, not everyone found it fun but I did).

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

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

♠ —  
♥ J 8 7 5 2  
♦ Q J 8  
♣ 9 7 4 3 2

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

West	North	East	South
Eythorsdottir	Yavas	Seamon-Molson	Özgür
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6♠ has 11 tricks but not 12. To have a chance to make the slam you need one suit singly guarded and perhaps avoid a lead that severs communications.

(To show you what I mean by that, switch the club eight and nine so West has sole guard of clubs. A diamond lead or shift cuts the communications for the double squeeze.)

At the table, the defence naturally led a top club and took the ♠A to return a club. Declarer ruffed, and now the critical point of the defence is for West to abandon clubs to her partner, who has the menace over dummy.

This is the winning position for the defenders, East having to make a pitch still on trick seven.

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

There are really only two rules you need to know about double squeezes – the rest is commentary, go and follow it.

Where the defenders have to abandon a suit, keep the suit guarded over your opponent not under them.

Where as here a defender has a positional menace (here in clubs once East lets go their guard) under the threat, West will have to abandon either hearts or diamonds. BEFORE cashing the last threat, take the winners in the suit they have abandoned. THEN play the last card in the trump/long suit.

Thus in the six-card ending when East keeps three cards in hearts and diamonds, West having unguarded diamonds earlier, declarer could have succeeded by taking the ♦AK, which she did, and leading her last trump as she did.

Seeing the position coming Eythorsdottir nonchalantly abandoned her club stop...and declarer pitched the club eight from dummy, so the slam still went down.

Sanborn also reached this ending in 4♠ and did play the double squeeze successfully when the defenders fell into the same trap. That was 11/1 for her.

## Did you get it right?

Let me tell you how you should have played it...

### We have:

0 tricks in ♠  
1 trick in ♥  
1 trick in ♦  
3 tricks in ♣

North: ♠ Q J 9 6, ♥ A 7 2, ♦ J 9 8 5, ♣ A 5

West: ♠ 7 3, ♥ Q 10 5 4, ♦ K 3 2, ♣ 10 9 6 3

East: ♠ A 8 4 2, ♥ K J 9 6, ♦ Q 10 6, ♣ J 8

South: ♠ K 10 5, ♥ 8 3, ♦ A 7 4, ♣ K Q 7 4 2

The ♠ suit offers a solid opportunity for 3 extra tricks but the issue is we are still 1 trick away from 9. We might be able to find the trick needed in ♣ but we might have no enough time to take it. Let's say we win the lead and start playing ♠. The opponents would win and might very well find a ♥ switch. Now if ♣ are not 3-3 we are in trouble.

**A clever idea** might be to duck the lead. East would likely not smell anything and continue with a ♣. In order to give them the impression we want, we should play the ♣4 from hand. This keeps the ♣2 in the picture, making our version consistent. East would think West led from a 5-card suit and will almost certainly find no reason to change the original suit led. This is exactly all we need. Now our 4 tricks in ♣ are ready to be cashed and we will just play a ♠, setting up our 3 tricks there while the red suits are still under control.

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# Women's Pairs Final Stanza 2&3

by Barry Rigal

Sometimes you can be at the mercy of your opponents as to whether you get a top or bottom. Witness the first round of the second stanza, where on the first deal E/W had doubled Sanborn in a partscore at the one level for the magic 200 (only for 7/12 but it felt like more...). On the next they also pushed the boat out, with less success.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10		
	♥ 8 5		
	♦ Q 10 9 8 6		
	♣ 9 8 6 3 2		
♠ 9 6 5 4	<div>W N S E</div>	♠ A Q J 8 3	
♥ A K J 10 6 4 3		♥ Q 2	
♦ 5 3		♦ A 7	
♣ —		♣ A K 7 4	
	♠ K 7 2		
	♥ 9 7		
	♦ K J 4 2		
	♣ Q J 10 5		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♥(!)	All Pass		

Sanborn was looking at three possible defensive tricks so was not unhappy to defend a grand slam. She led a top club and in due course declarer took the spade finesse. Down one and all 12 MP. If the finesse works, E/W get the 12 MP, with the whole field in the small slam here.

A few boards later it was the Americans' turn to go head-hunting.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nettleton	Meyers	Dhondy	Sanborn
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	INT	2♠	Dble
3♦	Pass	3♠	Dble
All Pass			

Meyers would be the first to admit her hand wasn't worth a 1NT call, but no one gets rich passing in a pairs event. At her second turn she decided not to bid hearts because of her soft defence to spades and diamonds, and at her third turn it looked like she had a choice of -800 or -730. Nettleton ruffed the heart lead and played a low diamond from hand. Meyers won and hopefully tried the ♣K and another club. Declarer did not unblock the queen, but Sanborn won the ace and shifted to spades to try to kill the ruffs. (A club also works.)

Nettleton won and could not avoid two losers. She took the ruffing finesse in hearts, and still had to lose a trump. Down one for 200 was 11/1 MP to E/W instead of the other way. If declarer plays a club at trick two North rates to take her king. Now what? North can succeed by the unlikely defence of leading a diamond to partner for a second heart play, then a third heart play when in with ♣A – if I found THAT, I'd be mighty impressed. Equally difficult to find might be continuing clubs, taking the ruff, then putting partner in with ♦A for the second ruff.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vechiatto	Eggeling	Smykalla	Bell
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Smykalla led a top club, ducked all round, and shifted to a low spade to declarer's ♠10. When declarer advanced the ♦10, West wasn't ready to duck in tempo (did anyone?) so she won her ♦Q and played back a club. East took the nine and after much thought played a diamond, forcing declarer



to run her long suit and take the heart finesse. When that held, she gave up a spade and claimed. Of course with the cards lying the way they do, 4♥ is much easier but the field was in 3NT. Three made, three failed, twice on a spade lead. You could certainly make the case for going after hearts rather than diamonds after a spade lead?

On the next deal Sarah Bell scored a goal in fourth chair when she opened 2♠ holding:

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

This bought the pot facing an ace and two kings; with three finesses losing, 2♠ was the limit. After a 1♠ opening and a Drury sequence your LHO might be able to balance with their 1-3-4-5 10-count; and since their side is cold for 5♦ on the aforementioned three finesses and two breaks, the best you can hope to do is compete to 3♠ for -100. Three pairs went plus in 2♠, four went down in more ambitious spots.

At the end of the ten-board stanza Sanborn/Meyers had a six percent lead (2 boards) over Bell/Eggeling and Eythorsdottir/Seamon-Molson.

An opening lead problem:

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

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A heart seems out, but assuming declarer has a source of tricks in diamonds, you'd surely prefer a spade lead to a club? So thought Cathy Baldysz, but declarer had a 3-3-4-3 18-count with ♣1098 and dummy's sole entry to the spades was the club king. A club lead holds declarer to nine tricks, even on accurate play, while a spade lead give declarer an easy ten tricks. Since 4♠ makes 420 on normal play the overtrick was painfully expensive.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
C. Baldysz	Yavas	S. Baldysz	Özgür
—	—	1♦	Dble
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Cathy Baldysz judged the hand nicely to take the advance save. With 11 tricks easy for her opponents, it was only the fact that two pairs bid the N/S cards to 3NT down two that spoiled her MP score. Sanborn played 4♠ on a top club lead. East overtook to play a heart but declarer simply won and ruffed a club then ran trumps pitching dummy's hearts. The ♥7 in hand was enough to squeeze East in the red suits. Only one other South found the squeeze.

Another opening lead problem:

♠ 10 6 5 2  
♥ 9 6 5 2  
♦ J 10  
♣ J 6 3

You are on lead against 2NT-3NT. A safe diamond sequence? A passive heart? A not quite so passive spade? What if I told you partner had ♦AQxx? What if I told you partner had a chunky four-card major?

The field split nicely here on that extreme rarity of a deal where everyone played the same contract from the same hand on essentially the same auction. Two votes for the ♠2, two for the ♠6, two for the ♦J and one for the ♥5. And the winner is...(drumroll).

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

As you can see a spade lead leaves declarer with 10 tricks for 3MP out of 12. The heart lead is worst: declarer wins in hand, unblocks clubs, runs the hearts then clubs and now to hold declarer to 12 tricks South must unblock the ♦A! Not gonna happen as Dana Carvey might say. On a diamond lead to avoid a similar fate maybe South should win the diamond ace and exit in diamonds then sit back for the spade trick.

Sanborn had her fate in her own hands on our next exhibit, on opening lead. A 4♥ opening bid to her right opened and closed the auction. What would you lead with:

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

If you lead a spade and dummy hits with ♠QJ1093 do you think you have done the right or the wrong thing? It was very much the right thing today, since dummy also had ♣AKJ4 with declarer holding a void! Declarer had a 1-6-6-0 pattern and your spade winner goes away unless you take it right now. If you do, your two trump tricks and partner's ♦K mean down one for 9 MP instead of -420 for 1 matchpoint.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

N  
 W S E

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

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

West	North	East	South
Baker	Eggeling	McCallum	Bell
—	1♥	Dble	INT(♣)
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Everyone except Baker joined in the spirit of the auction by bidding at least as much as their hand was worth. McCallum led two rounds of diamonds, and Eggeling ruffed and after due consideration played ♥A and took the trump finesse. Nicely done. That was +480 for 10 MP; of course, as the cards lie you do have time to misguess but that isn't the point...

At the end of stanza three, with 12 deals to play, Meyers/Sanborn remained a board in front of Eggeling/Bell with Eythorsdottir/Seamon-Molson two boards further behind them.

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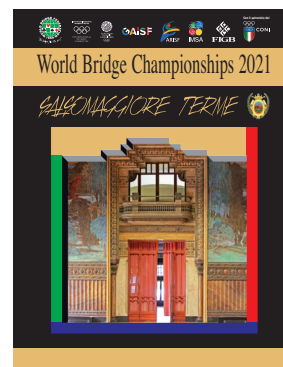
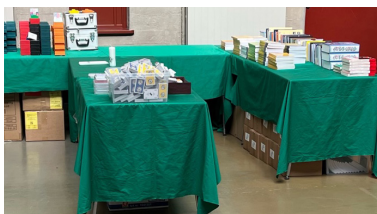


Halftime

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# Women's Pairs Final Stanza 4

by Barry Rigal

We entered the last 12 deals with Sanborn/Meyers a top ahead of Eggeling/Bell, themselves two tops ahead of Seamon-Molson/Eythorsdottir.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.


		♠ K 7 6 5 3	
		♥ J 2	
		♦ 3 2	
		♣ Q 10 7 4	
♠ Q 10 8 4		♠ 9 2	
♥ A 9 8 7 5		♥ K Q 4 3	
♦ Q 8 6		♦ A J 10	
♣ 5		♣ K 9 8 3	
		♠ A J	
		♥ 10 6	
		♦ K 9 7 5 4	
		♣ A J 6 2	
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Meyers</i>	<i>Arnolds</i>	<i>Sanborn</i>	<i>Kolen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Kolen led a diamond against 2♥; Q, 2, 10. Sanborn led a trump to hand and a trump to dummy, then advanced the ♣ 5 and put in the nine when Arnolds followed low (a tough example of second-hand high). Now there was only one defence to hold declarer to nine tricks – and this wasn't one you could find in the appropriate tempo was it? Kolen has to lead the spade jack, covered by the queen,

and North has to win, not duck it. Of course Kolen led ♠A and another spade, and now when declarer covered she had two homes for her losers on the spades. +170 was worth 9/3 MP while +140 would have been only 3 MP.

On the next round against the leaders both Anna Sarniak and Danuta Kazmucha judged a competitive auction extremely well to sell out to 4♣, a ten-card fit, when they had 10-card spade fit of their own. Nine tricks was the limit in each strain, and that earned the defence 10 MP out of 12. This was the next deal.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

		♠ 7 5 3			
		♥ A Q 10 9 6			
		♦ J			
		♣ J 9 7 3			
♠ A 8		♠ K J 9 6 2			
♥ J 8 2		♥ K 5 4 3			
♦ 9 8 6 3 2		♦ K Q			
♣ Q 5 4		♣ A K			
		♠ Q 10 4			
		♥ 7			
		♦ A 10 7 5 4			
		♣ 10 8 6 2			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>		
Sarniak	Meyers	Kazmucha	Sanborn		
—	—	1♣*	Pass		
1♦*	1♥	1♠	Pass		
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass		
1♣ Polish					
1♦ 0-7					

Kazmucha's 1♠ call showed 18+. Sanborn decided this auction didn't demand a heart lead. Her diamond lead looks helpful but it gave declarer all sorts of problems. Having won trick one she paused for about five minutes and eventually decided to rely on spades behaving. She unblocked clubs, crossed to the ♠A and cashed the ♣Q before finessing in spades. The defenders now had the chance for two down if they take their diamonds then their club and get out with a spade. However Meyers pitched her spade on the diamonds so had to lead hearts after winning the ♣J. Only one pair made 3NT here after a club lead from South, three pairs stopped in 2♠ – perhaps they used Gazzilli but that still strikes me as notable self-restraint.

The leaders then accurately bid to 6♦ with

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



Danuta Kazmucha



On the next deal Meyers/Sanborn were doubled in 4♠ where trumps were 4-1, but the trump finesse succeeded and a doubleton ♣K missing five put in a welcome appearance. A complete top for them while game was not generally being bid and made (it was against Bell/Eggeling who were now two tops behind).

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

W N E S

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

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

<b>West</b> <i>Meyers</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Vechiatto</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Sanborn</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Smykalla</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♠
INT	2♥	All Pass	
<b>West</b> <i>Bell</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Sobolewska</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Eggeling</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Brewiak</i>
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	3♦(♥)	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Played the other way up it wasn't quite so easy, and after the initial club lead and diamond shift Bell played a second club, and on winning the second diamond played a third club. That allowed declarer out for two down and the same 3/12, with +150 worth 9/12.

## Championship Diary

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In case you are wondering why there were no Senior matches on BBO yesterday, it is worth pointing out that it would require a new server to be set up, and someone who sends over hands at different times (because they start at different times after the first match of the day). Then you need a specific schedule for two specific BBO operators, and someone who stays in the BBO area when the others have a lunch break. This includes TDs, caddies and all the needed personnel, including a starting position monitor and a time monitor. The knock-out phase will be on BBO.



## Mixed Swiss RI

## Rosenthal v BV Waldsolms

by David Bird

After the stress of the very close Rosenblum final, it is time to unwind and watch the early stages of the Mixed Teams championship. Which match shall I choose? Ah, Michael and Debbie Rosenberg are playing on BBO-7. Let's take our seats there. Rosenthal faces BV Waldsolms (Germany/Norway).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoyland	M. Rosenberg	Sjodal	D. Rosenberg
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Sofie Sjodal arrived in 3NT. GIB informs me that 11 tricks are obvious. You take the routine correct view in both minor suits and later add the ♥K for good luck. Ah yes, 11 tricks. I see it now. But maybe life will not be so easy for our human bridge players.



Andrew Rosenthal

Debbie Rosenberg led the queen of spades, won with dummy's ace. Sjodal crossed to the club ace and finessed clubs into the safe North hand. When a spade was returned, she rose with the king, again anxious to avoid a heart through dummy's king. After cashing two club winners, she played the ace and nine of diamonds, South's queen appearing. Two more diamond winners and a neatly played +400 was entered on her card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zur-Campanile	Eggeling	Rosenthal	Gotard
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This time, West declared 3NT. 'Makes no difference,' muttered GIB. A heart lead would have forced declarer to play for the drop in one minor, finessing in the other minor if the queen did not fall. No, the ♠2 was led.

Migry Zur-Campanile won with the ace, crossed to the ace of clubs and took a losing finesse of the ♣10. She ducked the next spade to South's jack and rose with the king when the ♥10 was returned. Declarer then had eight top tricks and would need to find the ♦Q. She cashed two clubs, North throwing a heart winner. King of diamonds and a diamond to the jack put the game one down. Near the end, the odds favoured playing North for the diamond queen, since she was likely to hold more cards in the suit. It was 11 IMPs to BV Waldsolms.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hoyland	M. Rosenberg	Sjodal	D. Rosenberg
—	—	1♠	Dble
2♣*	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
?			

What should Sven Olai Hoyland do now? The opponents had suffered a bidding misunderstanding and arrived in 3NT with only 20 HCP. He had only to pass, to collect +200. When he chose instead to double 3NT, a relieved Michael Rosenberg escaped to 4♣ and picked up +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zur-Campanile	Eggeling	Rosenthal	Gotard
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

South did not venture an off-shape double and 2♠ went one down. It was 2 IMPs to Rosenthal, but it might have been 6 IMPs the other way.

Next we saw a brilliant defence by Sofie Sjodal, who played in the junior world championship 9 years ago, at the age of 11.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoyland	M. Rosenberg	Sjodal	D. Rosenberg
Pass	1♣*	1♦	Pass
3♦	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The jack of spades was led, won with dummy's ace. Debbie Rosenberg crossed to her trump king, West's queen falling, and then played two top clubs for a spade discard. After this questionable start, only a diamond is good enough from dummy. Instead, she called for the ♣Q. What should East do? Should she ruff or not?

Sjodal thought for quite a while. In a way, it was unattractive to ruff from a natural trump winner, since declarer would discard a loser on the trick. Eventually she did ruff with the ♥10, declarer discarding another spade. She then cashed the ♠K (a vital precursor, to prevent declarer discarding a spade two tricks later) and switched to the ♦9!

West overtook and then needed to play another club, to promote East's bare jack of trumps and close out an excellent defence. Sadly, he returned a spade, and the game was made.

Declarer could have prevented this very special defence by playing the ace of trumps, instead of the king, before moving to the top clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zur-Campanile	Eggeling	Rosenthal	Gotard
Pass	1♣*	Dble	1♦*
Pass	2♦*	Dble	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The ♠J was led to the queen. East's king and South's 5. Rosenthal cashed the king of diamonds and returned the ♠8 to the 9, 10 and dummy's queen. This left declarer's ♠7 ruling the roost. After cashing the ace and king of hearts, Thomas Gotard demonstrated that he had been watching the spade suit, cashing the 7 and 6 of spades. A trump trick had to be lost, but that was +620 for a push board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoyland	M. Rosenberg	Sjodal	D. Rosenberg
—	Pass	2♥	3NT
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ace of clubs, ruffed by declarer. A low trump fetched South's ace, and Debbie Rosenberg continued with another high club, Sjodal ruffing. With a spade and two trumps to be lost, she needed to guess who held the diamond queen. This was not needed to make up South's 3NT bid, and North was likely to hold the greater diamond length. I had just finished explaining this to the kibitzers when Sjodal played a diamond to the 10! That was a wonderful +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zur-Campanile	Eggeling	Rosenthal	Gotard
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	2♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

My colleague, Marc Smith, will be as puzzled as I am at East's failure to open the bidding. Declarer won the ♥9

lead with the ace and promptly led the ♠4. West defended well by rising with the ace. She continued with another heart, East winning and switching to a low diamond. The diamonds were taken for three down, vulnerable. It was still 7 IMPs to the German/Norwegian team.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hoyland	M. Rosenberg	Sjodal	D. Rosenberg
—	1♥	Pass	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Declarer might have been luckier with the lie of the cards, it's true. Marc Smith just phoned me, and he said that he would have bid 4♠ too. It's only the vulnerability that might deter you. After the ace of clubs and a club ruff, South switched to a heart, declarer winning with the ace.

A trump to the king and ace, North showing out, did not raise declarer's spirits too much. A heart to the jack was followed by the king of hearts, ruffed. South won the next round of trumps and played back a trump. A club had to be lost to the queen and that was a painful 800.

West	North	East	South
Zur-Campanile	Eggeling	Rosenthal	Gotard
—	1♥	Pass	2♣*
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

The king of spades lead was covered by the ace and jack, Marie Eggeling throwing a diamond. A club to the ace came next, followed by a club ruff. When the ♦6 was called for, Mr GIB grunted his disapproval, continuing to moan when West ruffed with the ♥9. Declarer ruffed a second round of spades with the ♥J and played a trump to the queen and ace. She ruffed the next spade with the king, and was still on track for a make, by knocking out the ace of diamonds.

The play record ends abruptly, with five tricks still to be played. The score is given as one down for -50. A bit unsatisfactory all round, but it was a 750 swing to Rosenthal anyway, for a 13-IMP gain.

On the last board the BV Waldsolms team gained 6 IMPs by making a part score at both tables. They won the match by 25-23, but the margin could have been so much more.

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### After Round 5

1	CZERBIA	74.36
2	ZADRA	73.48
3	WILSON	69.74
4	REASON	69.52
5	DONNER	68.16
6	ROSENTHAL	64.79
7	CORIANDRE	62.48
8	GILLIS	62.18
9	KNOTTENBELT	62.18
10	MCINTOSH FUNCLUB	61.68
11	ZALESKI	61.39
12	VALUE MEDIA TEAM	59.58
13	SUSHI	59.28
14	BLAKSETS BIN	57.79
15	BROS1005	57.39
16	MILLENS	56.45
17	NEW AMSTERDAM	55.38
18	TECZA SZCZECINEK	55.16
19	NO PASARAN	54.76
20	EDMONDS	54.34
21	MINITER	54.33
22	WOLFSON	53.89
23	HETZ	53.17
24	CROCODILE	53.05
25	SCANDINAVIA MIX	53.03
26	THE ITEMS	52.58
27	PDC	51.78
28	AARDVARKS	51.11
29	FORMIDABLES	50.94
30	BV WALDSOLMS	50.61
31	GIZMO	49.63
32	BRIDGE24	49.51
33	SEOUL	49.14
34	APA HEILI	48.57
35	ORCA	48.23
36	GLOBETROTTERS	46.59
37	BRIDGE24PL MIXED	44.97
38	TEAM CANADA	44.1
39	FEPANANDRA	42.99
40	DINKIN	42.89
41	GALATASARAY SK	42.55
42	GUNSMOKE	41.67
43	DRIMTIM	41.56
44	HEADS OR TAILS	41.29
45	BINKIE	40.6
46	SIEJA	40.54
47	THOMPSON	39.15
48	FERM	37.66
49	MIXING IT UP	36.92
50	DENIZCI	35.93
51	GERMANY SW	35.7
52	MAITRA	34.87
53	NEDGERNED	33.34
54	QUAGGAS	32.4
55	OHNO	31.5
56	BEACH	30.14
57	MAVERICKS	24.18

## Rand Cup Rankings

### After Round 4

1	ZIMMERMANN	58.71
2	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	50.04
3	VYTAS	48.11
4	PENFOLD	47.92
5	GOODMAN	47.41
6	KALISH	36.95
7	ANDRZEJKI	36.91
8	WITEK	33.67
9	KENDRICK	31.95
10	WISLA CCSOFT	30.02
11	MARKOWICZ	29.09
12	AUSTRALIA	27.22

## 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.





# Rand Cup Draw and Results

## RR 1

		IMP		VP	
ANDRZEJKI	WITEK	36	12	16.37	3.63
PENFOLD	KENDRICK	51	50	10.36	9.64
MARKOWICZ	GOODMAN	11	51	1.22	18.78
AUSTRALIA	ZIMMERMANN	11	26	5.54	14.46
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	VYTAS	39	35	11.38	8.62
WISLA CCSOFT	KALISH	34	21	13.97	6.03

## RR 2

		IMP		VP	
ANDRZEJKI	KENDRICK	20	28	7.39	12.61
WITEK	MARKOWICZ	19	28	7.10	12.90
ZIMMERMANN	PENFOLD	36	31	11.70	8.30
GOODMAN	VYTAS	25	20	11.70	8.30
AUSTRALIA	KALISH	21	41	4.42	15.58
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	WISLA CCSOFT	40	13	16.91	3.09

## RR 3

		IMP		VP	
ANDRZEJKI	MARKOWICZ	23	28	8.30	11.70
KENDRICK	ZIMMERMANN	5	35	2.60	17.40
VYTAS	WITEK	29	14	14.46	5.54
PENFOLD	KALISH	48	17	17.56	2.44
GOODMAN	WISLA CCSOFT	13	14	7.64	10.36
AUSTRALIA	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	27	38	6.55	13.45

## RR 4

		IMP		VP	
ANDRZEJKI	ZIMMERMANN	15	33	4.85	15.15
MARKOWICZ	VYTAS	16	42	3.27	16.73
KALISH	KENDRICK	30	21	12.90	7.10
WITEK	WISLA CCSOFT	50	20	17.40	2.60
PENFOLD	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	18	13	11.70	8.30
GOODMAN	AUSTRALIA	17	19	9.29	10.71

## RR 5

51 ANDRZEJKI	VYTAS
52 ZIMMERMANN	KALISH
53 WISLA CCSOFT	MARKOWICZ
54 KENDRICK	CZTERECH SZWEDOW
55 WITEK	AUSTRALIA
56 PENFOLD	GOODMAN

## RR 6

51 ANDRZEJKI	KALISH
52 VYTAS	WISLA CCSOFT
53 CZTERECH SZWEDOW	ZIMMERMANN
54 MARKOWICZ	AUSTRALIA
55 KENDRICK	GOODMAN
56 WITEK	PENFOLD

## RR 7

51 ANDRZEJKI	WISLA CCSOFT
52 KALISH	CZTERECH SZWEDOW
53 AUSTRALIA	VYTAS
54 ZIMMERMANN	GOODMAN
55 MARKOWICZ	PENFOLD
56 KENDRICK	WITEK

## RR 8

51 ANDRZEJKI	CZTERECH SZWEDOW
52 WISLA CCSOFT	AUSTRALIA
53 GOODMAN	KALISH
54 VYTAS	PENFOLD
55 ZIMMERMANN	WITEK
56 MARKOWICZ	KENDRICK

## RR 9

51 ANDRZEJKI	AUSTRALIA
52 CZTERECH SZWEDOW	GOODMAN
53 PENFOLD	WISLA CCSOFT
54 KALISH	WITEK
55 VYTAS	KENDRICK
56 ZIMMERMANN	MARKOWICZ

## RR 10

51 ANDRZEJKI	GOODMAN
52 AUSTRALIA	PENFOLD
53 WITEK	CZTERECH SZWEDOW
54 WISLA CCSOFT	KENDRICK
55 KALISH	MARKOWICZ
56 VYTAS	ZIMMERMANN

## RR 11

51 ANDRZEJKI	PENFOLD
52 GOODMAN	WITEK
53 KENDRICK	AUSTRALIA
54 CZTERECH SZWEDOW	MARKOWICZ
55 WISLA CCSOFT	ZIMMERMANN
56 KALISH	VYTAS



## Team Rosters Mixed Teams

BEACH	David BEAUCHAMP, Julia HOFFMAN, Robert KROCHMALIK, Christopher QUAIL, Jodi TUTTY, Viv WOOD, Viv WOOD captain, Jodi TUTTY coach
AARDVARKS	Paul BARDEN, Imogen LA CHAPELLE, Claire ROBINSON, Stefano TOMMASINI, Paul BARDEN captain
APA HEILI	Alon BIRMAN, Daniela BIRMAN, Axel JOHANNSSON, Karen McCALLUM, Jovanka SMEDEREVAC, Alexander (Sasha) WERNLE, David BURN captain
BINKIE	Brian CALLAGHAN, Christine DUCKWORTH, Peter GILL, Elisabeth SYLVESTER
BLAKSETS BIN	Jostein AUSTAD, Nadia BEKKOUCHE, Tonje Aasand BROGELAND, Flemming DANIELSEN, Jason HACKETT, Flemming DANIELSEN captain
BRIDGE24	Grazyna BREWIAK, Krzysztof BURAS, Tomasz LATOS, Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ, Ewa SOBOLEWSKA, Joanna ZALEWSKA, Krzysztof BURAS captain, Tomasz LATOS coach
BRIDGE24PL MIXED	Ewa BANASZKIEWICZ, Igor CHALUPEC, Bartosz CHMURSKI, Stanislaw GOLEBIEWSKI, Anna SARNIAK, Marta SIKORA, Bartosz CHMURSKI captain
BROS1005	Sabine AUKEN, Vincent DEMUY, Brigitta FISCHER, Marusa GOLD, Ola RIMSTEDT, Roy WELLAND
BV WALDSOLMS	Marie EGGELING, Thomas GOTARD, Sven Olai HOYLAND, Sofie Grasholt SJODAL, Thomas GOTARD captain
CORIANDE	Isabelle BELLO, Aurelie LORENZINI, Cedric LORENZINI, Pierre SCHMIDT, Joanna ZOCHOWSKA
CROCODILE	Michael BAREL, Kaare BOGO, Paz KATZ, Stephen PETERKIN, Sam PUNCH, Ranja SIVERTSVIK
CZERBIA	Erik KLEMS, Selena PEPIC, David VOZABAL, Jovana ZORANOVIC
DENIZCI	Aylin DENIZCI, Volkan DENIZCI, Aliye UGUR, Ufuk UGUR, Volkan DENIZCI captain, Volkan DENIZCI coach
DINKIN	Giorgia BOTTA, Sam DINKIN, Jacob FREEMAN, Zachary GROSSACK, Anam TEBHA
DONNER	Leslie AMOILS, Per-Ola CULLIN, Kevin DWYER, Marion MICHELSEN, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Sandra RIMSTEDT, Gary DONNER captain
DRIM TIM	Joanna OKLA, Szczepan OKLA, Malgorzata PURTA, Marcin PURTA, Marcin PURTA captain
EDMONDS	Katarzyna DUFRAT, Jodi EDMONDS, Michal KLUKOWSKI, Joel WOOLDRIDGE, Piotr ZATORSKI, Justyna ZMUDA, Michal KLUKOWSKI captain
FEPANANDRA	Patrick BOCKEN, Anastasia DI LORENZO, Federico IAVICOLI, Aleksandra MIERZWA, Ewa RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ, Olgierd RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ, Patrick BOCKEN captain
FERM	Sjoert BRINK, Simon DEWIJS, Bas DRIJVER, Barbara FERM, Christina Lund MADSEN, Daniela VON ARNIM, Sjoert BRINK captain
FORMIDABLES	Marianne KARMARKAR, Sandeep KARMARKAR, Himani KHANDELWAL, Rajeev KHANDELWAL, Kiran NADAR, Bachiraju SATYANARAYANA
GALATASARAY SK	Serdar ERDEM, Yusuf KAHYAOGU, Emre KAYA, Serap KURANOGLU, Hatice OZGUR, Dilek YAVAS, Serdar ERDEM captain
GERMANY SW	Hartmut KONDOCH, Michael SCHNEIDER, Gisela SMYKALLA, Claudia VECHIATTO, Karin WENNING, Ulrich WENNING, Michael SCHNEIDER captain

GILLIS	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD, Simon GILLIS, Marianne HARDING, Erik SAELENSMINDE, Erik SAELENSMINDE captain
GIZMO	Cathy BALDYSZ, Mike CAPPELLETTI JR, Allison HOWARD, Jacek KALITA, Jacek PSZCZOLA, May SAKR
GLOBETROTTERS	Laurence DUC, Claudia Valerie GAMIO, Stephan MAGNUSSON, Adam MEYERSON, Elianna MEYERSON, Carlos PELLEGRINI, Adam MEYERSON captain, Luis GAMIO KLAPIC coach
GUNSMOKE	Fredrik HELNESS, Gunn HELNESS, Svein Arild Naas OLSEN, Catherine SEALE
HEADS OR TAILS	Ilan BAREKET, Assaf LENGY, Michal NOSACKI, Nathalie SAADA
HETZ	Ronnie BENIN-BARR, Clara HETZ, Nathan HETZ, Ron PACHTMAN, Matilda POPLILOV, Yaniv ZACK
KNOTTENBELT	Michael BELL, Fiona BROWN, Oliver BURGESS, David GOLD, Maggie KNOTTENBELT, Nevena SENIOR
MAITRA	Uttam GUPTA, Rubinder Kaur KOCHAR, Manju LAW, Uday MAITRA
MAVERICKS	Ozlem KANDOLU, Subodh MASKARA, Bindiya NAIDOO, Priya Ranjan SINHA
MCINTOSH FUNCLUB	Ann-Sophie ANDERSSON, Peter BERTHEAU, Sally CLARK, Gunnar HALLBERG, Andrew McINTOSH, Sara MORAN
MILLENS	Kathrine BERTHEAU, Thomas BESSIS, Shan HUANG, Amber LIN, Joan MILLENS, Shan HUANG captain
MINITER	Sanna CLEMENTSSON, Joe GRUE, Geir HELGEMO, Jessica LARSSON, Gillian MINITER, Fredrik NYSTROM, Joe GRUE captain
MIXING IT UP	Susan AITCHISON, Tracey BAUER, James FORSYTH, Metin GUVEN, William O'SHEA
NEDGERNED	Robbie DE KOSTER, Anne GLADIATOR, Michael GROMOELLER, Eva POPPE, Mark THIELE, Renee VERDEGAAL
NEW AMSTERDAM	Espen ERICHSEN, Helen ERICHSEN, Aida JANSMA, Jan JANSMA, Diana NETTLETON, Thomas PASKE
NO PASARAN	Mustafa AKHUN, Burak BASKAN, Eren OZAN, Riva SALHON, Mustafa AKHUN captain
OHNO	Kyoko OHNO, Ayako SHIMAZAKI, Akihiko YAMADA, Jinlong ZHAO
ORCA	Simon COPE, Peter CROUCH, Mia DESCHEPPER, Paula LESLIE, Richard Mark PLACKETT, Nicola SMITH
PDC	Sophia BALDYSZ, Patricia CAYNE, Malene Holm CHRISTENSEN, Dano DE FALCO, Bob DRIJVER, Tim VERBEEK, Patricia CAYNE captain
QUAGGAS	Nicola Mae BATEMAN, Larry CHEMALLY, Craig GOWER, Diana ROSSLEE, Craig GOWER captain
REASON	Renee COOPER, Adam GROSSACK, Emma KOLESNIK, Pony Beate NEHMERT, Ben THOMPSON, Adam WILDAVSKY
ROSENTHAL	Sally BROCK, Debbie ROSENBERG, Michael ROSENBERG, Andrew ROSENTHAL, Chris WILLENKEN, Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE
SCANDINAVIA MIX	Lise BLAAGESTAD, Katrine MARTENSEN-LARSEN, Jan PEDERSEN, Flemming POULSEN, Flemming POULSEN captain
SEOUL	Massimiliano DI FRANCO, Hye Young KIM, Andrea MANNO, Hye Min OH
SIEJA	Jacek DMOWSKI, Igor GRZEJDZIAK, Sabina GRZEJDZIAK, Ewa MISZEWSKA
SUSHI	Charlie BUCKNELL, Niklas (Nick) SANDQVIST, Nathalie SHASHOU, Ewa WIECZOREK
TEAM CANADA	Louise BERTHIAUME, Sondra BLANK, Kamel FERGANI, Marc-Andre FOURCAUDOT, Judith GARTAGANIS, Nicholas GARTAGANIS

TECZA SZCZECINEK	Grazyna BUSSE, Piotr BUSSE, Marcin DOBROWOLSKI, Anna MADUZIA, Grazyna BUSSE captain
THE ITEMS	Adi ASULIN, John Grayson McALLISTER, Olivia SCHIRESON, Ami ZAMIR
THOMPSON	Eva CAPLAN, Damon FLICKER, Jamie THOMPSON, Jenny THOMPSON, Jenny THOMPSON captain
VALUE MEDIA TEAM	Jelena ALFEJEVA, Monica CUZZI, Dominik FILIPOWICZ, Maciej HUTYRA, Danuta KAZMUCHA, Karlis RUBINS, Danuta KAZMUCHA captain
WILSON	Signe BUUS THOMSEN, Ida GRONKVIST, Mikael GRONKVIST, Mikael RIMSTEDT, Ricco VAN PROOIJEN, Alison WILSON
WOLFSON	Steve GARNER, Christal HENNER, Uday IVATURY, Jill MEYERS, Kerri SANBORN, Jeff WOLFSON
ZADRA	Rafal MARKS, Zuzanna MOSZCZYNSKA, Dominika OGLOBLIN, Artur WASIAK, Zuzanna MOSZCZYNSKA captain
ZALESKI	Dario ATTANASIO, Irene BARONI, Benedicte CRONIER, Philippe CRONIER, Gabriella MANARA, Romain ZALESKI



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ANDRZEJKI	Andrzej FRONCZAK, Tomasz GOTARD, Kazimierz OMERNIK, Krzysztof SIKORSKI, Wacław WEJKNIS, Andrzej ZALESKI, Krzysztof SIKORSKI captain
AUSTRALIA	Richard J BRIGHTLING, Neil EWART, David HOFFMAN, Ian ROBINSON
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	Lars GOLDBERG, Ulla-Britt GOLDBERG, Henrik WEGNELIUS, Thomas WRANG, Lars GOLDBERG captain
GOODMAN	David BERKOWITZ, Andy GOODMAN, Mark LAIR, Jeff MECKSTROTH, Mike PASSELL, Andy GOODMAN captain
KALISH	Dani COHEN, Joseph ENGEL, Nir GRINBERG, Avi KALISH
KENDRICK	Roger BRYANT, David KENDRICK, Malcolm PRYOR, Nick SMITH, Malcolm PRYOR captain, Roger BRYANT coach
MARKOWICZ	Piotr BIZON, Marek BLAT, Victor MARKOWICZ, Victor MELMAN, Mirosław MILASZEWSKI, Krzysztof MOSZCZYNSKI, Victor MARKOWICZ captain
PENFOLD	Paul D HACKETT, John HOLLAND, Alan MOULD, Kay PREDDY, Norman SELWAY, Brian SENIOR, Brian SENIOR captain
VYTAS	Apolinary KOWALSKI, Michał KWIECIEN, Wojtek OLANSKI, Jacek ROMANSKI, Włodzimierz STARKOWSKI, Vytautas VAINIKONIS, Wojtek OLANSKI captain
WISLA CCSOFT	Jan GOLINSKI, Janusz LEKKI, Piotr STOPA, Włodzimierz WALA, Piotr STOPA captain
WITEK	Adolf BOCHENSKI, Bogusław GIERULSKI, Jerzy RUSSYAN, Jerzy SUKOW, Marek WITEK, Marek WITEK captain
ZIMMERMANN	Marc BOMPIS, Piotr GAWRYS, Krzysztof MARTENS, Philippe SOULET, Piotr TUSZYNSKI, Pierre ZIMMERMANN, Fernando PIEDRA captain