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# AT LAST WE HAVE A FULL HOUSE



*A three pipe problem*

In the *Rand Cup*, **Zimmermann**, **Penfold**, **Vytas** and **Goodman** advanced to today's semi-finals. The *Mixed Teams* have reached the quarter final stage, so the four who survive today will be guaranteed a medal.

**Mike Cappelletti Junior** and **Allison Howard** are leading the way in the *Mixed Pairs*, followed by **Matilda Poplilov** and **Nathan Hetz** and **Kamel Fergani** and **Louise Berthiaume**.

Welcome to everyone taking part in the *Senior Pairs* – good luck to you all!

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### Schedule Wednesday, 31st August

MIXED TEAMS	MIXED PAIRS	RAND CUP	SENIOR PAIRS
Quarter-finals	Qualifying	Semi-finals	Qualifying
10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
13.00	14.00	13.00	14.00
15.20	17.00	15.20	17.00
17.40		17.40	

## Mixed Teams Swiss R7

## Donner v Reason

by Marc Smith

As we approach the point where the leading 32 teams will advance to the knockout stage, the cream is rising to the top. Today, I chose a match between two teams packed with quality players, both of whom are likely to be in contention as the competition heads towards the pointy-end.

As usual, we start with a couple of problems: Firstly, with only your side vulnerable, you are West holding:

♠ K 4			
♥ A K Q J			
♦ 3 2			
♣ A Q 10 6 2			
West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
?			

What action, if any, do you take?

Next, again with only your side vulnerable, you are sitting East with:

♠ 5 4			
♥ Q 9 8 7 5 3			
♦ J 6			
♣ Q 6 5			
West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	2♠	?	

Partner's double of INT is for penalties. What action, if any, do you take now?



Kevin Dwyer

Finally, with both sides vulnerable, you are in the West seat holding:

♠ 2			
♥ K 9 7 2			
♦ 9 7 6 3			
♣ A Q 8 4			
West	North	East	South
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
?			

What action, if any, do you take?

The Great Dealer was obviously in a benevolent mood this morning, and the action began whilst many of those watching live on BBO VuGraph were still getting coffee and finding their seats.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amoils	Cooper	S. Rimstedt	Thompson
—	1♥	Dble	Rdbl
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♠
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

If this is a preview of what is to come, I cannot wait to see how much Canada's Leslie Amoils will bid when some of his cards have faces on them. The defence against 4♠X started with two top hearts and a heart ruff, followed by two high clubs and the ace of trumps. Declarer claimed the rest: N/S +500 was a cheap save against a vulnerable game. Which game, though, might N/S actually make on these cards? After South's 3♠ bid they were, presumably, heading for game in one of the red suits. Perhaps it would have made, but it looks to me like declarer has an awful lot of work to do. I have a feeling that if this deal were set to music, "The Music of the Night" would be appropriate.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grossack	C. Rimstedt	Kolesnik	Dwyer
—	1♥	Dble	Rdbl
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The auction began in similar fashion at this table, but Emma Kolesnik did not raise her partner's spades and Kevin Dwyer ended in 3NT.

Adam Grossack led the ♠4 to king and ace. Dwyer crossed to the ♥A and advanced the ♣J, covered by queen and king. Looking at all four hands, we can see that declarer can make only eight tricks before the defenders get in to cash their spade winners. When declarer ran his club winners, though, East seemed to have trouble finding discards. She released one spade and one diamond but, on the last club she relinquished the ♥10. Declarer then played his remaining heart towards dummy, West followed low, and now things came to a grinding halt. Declarer could take the legitimate chance for his contract and play West for the ♥Q, or he could assume that East had misdefended. After much thought, Dwyer went with his table presence and rose with the ♥K. Down came East's queen and declarer claimed ten tricks. N/S +630 and an exciting 4 IMPs to DONNER to open the match.

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

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

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amoils	Cooper	S. Rimstedt	Thompson
—	—	2♠	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

A sensible auction led to what looks like a normal contract. Sandra Rimstedt won the heart lead in dummy and played the ♠4 to her jack and South's ace. The defence would make the ♠Q later, but that was their lot: E/W +650.

At the other table, East did not open and thus West

was faced with the first of the problems posed at the top of this article.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grossack	C. Rimstedt	Kolesnik	Dwyer
—	—	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The question for West is: what sort of hand can partner have, where she cannot open 1♠, 2♠ or 3♠ but can then jump to game after a one-level takeout double. Is the obvious answer that her spades are not very good? King doubleton hardly seems like the ideal holding for trumps in a slam facing a partner with a weak suit. Not to mention the question of a diamond control. However, Adam Grossack had evidently taken a double shot of testosterone with his breakfast, so he merrily raised to 5♠. Did this ask for good trumps or a diamond control? Kolesnik clearly thought the latter, although could West not have cue-bid 5♣ if he wanted a diamond control? In retrospect, though, perhaps the misjudgement on Kolesnik's part was in failing to open a weak two to start with.

South led a diamond, declarer winning and running the ♠J to North's queen. When Dwyer subsequently regained the lead with his ♠A, he was able to deliver his partner's diamond ruff for two down. E/W -200 and 13 IMPs to DONNER.

Our next offering was a potential trap for E/W.

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

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

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amoils	Cooper	S. Rimstedt	Thompson
—	2♠	All Pass	

In keeping with the modern style, Renee Cooper opened with a weak 2♠ for the Australians. As we saw earlier, Amoils is not shy in bidding on weak hands, so perhaps we might have expected him to back in with



2NT on this West hand. No, when he has a hand filled with honour cards, he passes throughout. Well judged, indeed, as East/West can make the square root of absolutely nothing on this deal. 2♠ drifted one down: N/S -50 was about the only way for the Australians to go minus.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grossack	C. Rimstedt	Kolesnik	Dwyer
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Dble	2♠	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Cecilia Rimstedt did not open the North hand, so it fell to Kevin Dwyer to flex his imagination, non-vulnerable in third seat. There are no explanations in the hand records and no convention cards available for these ad hoc partnerships, so I cannot tell you whether 1NT was really weak or just a third-in-hand stretch. Whatever it was, Grossack made a penalty double and Rimstedt removed to 2♠, which left Kolesnik with the second of today's problems. Serious partnerships may have specific meanings for pass and double here, and perhaps 2NT would be Lebensohl. Kolesnik probably had no particular agreements, so she guessed to bid 3♥. Grossack must have bid 3NT with no great expectation and was probably relieved to hear the auction end without a double, even before he saw dummy. 3NT drifted two down: N/S +200 and another 6 IMPs to **DONNER**.

At the midway point of the match, DONNER led 24-2. As Alan Shearer would say, though, “It’s a game of two ‘afs, Gary”. Both West players had to deal with the last of today’s problems on our next deal:

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♠ J 10 8 7

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ 10 9 7 3 2

## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	All Pass

I would guess that most players would take another bid with Adam Grossack's hand. Weak trumps, a shortage in partner's first suit, and the likelihood that some of his high cards would be wasted opposite partner's shortages all persuaded Grossack to back his judgement and pass. A foul trump split did not hurt Grossack's case, and declarer managed nine tricks: E/W +110.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Thompson</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

After the same start, Leslie Amoils raised to 3♦. Sandra Rimstedt then decided that was all she needed to hear and took a shot at game. Renee Cooper expressed her opinion regarding the viability of the contract in the traditional way. Nine tricks here too: E/W -500 and 12 IMPs to REASON, back in the match, and The Great Dealer still had one firecracker in store.



## Leslie Amoils



Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Thompson</i>
—	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Cooper opened a fairly heavy 20-22 2NT and Ben Thompson started with Muppet Stayman, the 3♥ response denying as many as four cards in either major. Thompson then offered his partner a choice of slams with 5NT, and they eventually meandered their way to no-trumps.

Declarer won the diamond lead and played the ♥A and a second heart to East's king. She won the diamond continuation and eventually came down to a three-card ending with three spades in both her hand

and dummy. However, with West known to still hold a diamond, there was no guess and, when Cooper cashed the ♠A, West's discard then enabled her to claim on the marked finesse. N/S +1440.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>
—	2NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Rimstedt also started with 2NT. Here, though, Dwyer transferred to hearts and then bid his spades. There then seems to have been some confusion about the meaning of North's jump to 4NT. It looks as if Rimstedt intended it as natural, showing a maximum without a fit. Judging from his continuations, though, it appears that Dwyer thought it was Blackwood for spades, his 5♣ then showing one key card (the ♠K) and 5♠ denying the ♠Q. Rimstedt clearly had a completely different interpretation.

With the ♥K offside, there was no chance at all: N/S -100 and 17 IMPs to REASON, who came from behind to win the match 35-24. REASON climbs a couple of places to 6th and DONNER drops to 12th. With only three matches to go until the top 32 advance to the knockout stage, both of these teams rate to advance. What's more, neither will be high on the list of teams anyone wants to draw.



Cecilia Rimstedt, Emma Kolesnik, Kevin Dwyer, Adam Grossack in the Open Room

## Part Scores not Included

by Mark Horton

Here are a couple of deals from the last round of the Mixed Teams, nothing dull I promise!

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

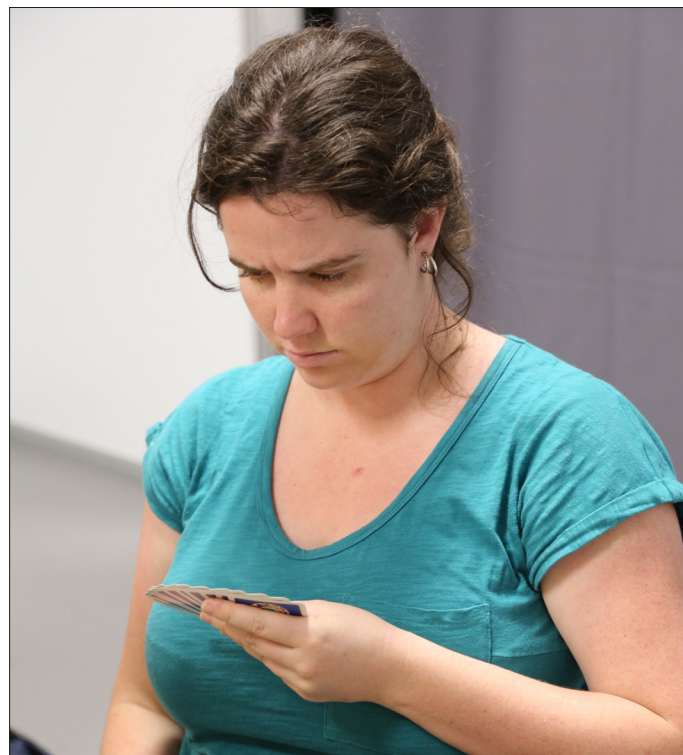
West	North	East	South
Maduzia	Nehmert	Dobrowolski	Wildavsky
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

How to interpret this auction?

I am confident about the meaning of 1♥, and it is reasonable to infer that 2♣ is an artificial game force. 2♠ is trickier – maybe it shows a weak balanced hand. 3♥ is obvious and 4♣ is perhaps a cue bid. 4NT looks like it is asking for something and presumably 5NT showed enough for East to bid the almost laydown grand slam. Not very satisfactory, but absent any annotations on BBO/Convention Cards it's the best I can do at 08.30.

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Renee Cooper

To ensure that history will be served, and the reader enlightened, I dispatched Herman to discover the meaning of the auction:

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 2♠ Not minimum, no other 4-card suit
- 4♣ Cuebid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5NT 2 key cards + ♥Q and one king

As to the play, declarer won the spade lead in dummy, took a round of trumps and claimed when everyone followed, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thompson	P. Busse	Cooper	G. Busse
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 2NT Heart support
- 3♣ 11-14
- 3♦ Relay
- 3♥ No shortage
- 5NT Kings?
- 6♣ ♣K or the other two kings

East knew West held at least five hearts headed by the

15 pairs bid 7♥, the biggest swing being 21 IMPs when E/W had an accident in the other room, playing in 6♣.

♠ Q 4 2  
 ♥ 9 8 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ 10 5  
 ♣ 10 5

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

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

♠ A 8 7 5  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ Q | 9 7 4 3

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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Maduzia</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Dobrowolski</i>	<i>Wildavsky</i>
1♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

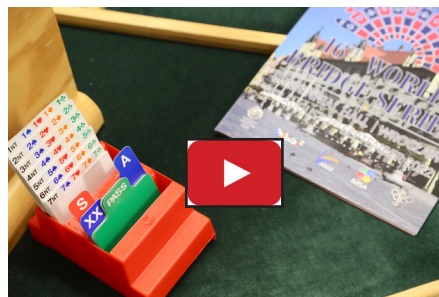
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Thompson</i>	<i>P. Busse</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>G. Busse</i>
INT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

11 tricks that were worth It was worth 10 IMPs.

## Video Corner



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### Card after Card



## What's your bid



## Two words with Vincent Demuy



## Rand Cup Round Robin 6

## Czterech Szwedow v Zimmermann

by Ron Tacchi and Herman De wael

The best laid plans of mice, men and bulletin reporters often go awry. Perusing the overnight schedules, it was decided that the match of the day would be the noon-time top of the table clash. However, the results of the first morning encounters substantially changed the order and so now our report concerns the teams in first and fourth spots. With two boards to play it was going to be second and fourth, but two good final boards helped Zimmermann regain first place. So, our match is between the leaders Zimmermann and fourth-placed Czterech Szwedow. Also this is the round that takes us past the halfway mark.

Be prepared for some stunning bidding sequences, starting with the first board (spoiler alert: this is intended to be ironical).

## Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bompis	Wrang	Soulet	Wegnelius
—	1♣	All Pass	

The most interesting fact is that this is an excellent case of breaking Burn's Law. The defence have eight trumps to your five, but the good news is that they split 4-4. The defence took eight tricks for two off. I have heard a rumour that this board is even more interesting as the same team have broken Burn's Law in the other room.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
U. Goldberg	Zimmermann	L. Goldberg	Martens
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
1♦ hearts			

East considered that he was prepared to play in all three remaining denominations, and West tried staying as low as possible, so another breaking of Burn's law occurred.

The defence started on hearts, and declarer took over and ruffed one round of the suit.

Next she cashed two diamond and two club tricks and allowed South to ruff the club queen. South cashed ♦Q and played another diamond, which declarer ruffed with the ten and overruffed. When Zimmermann then played the ♠8, this held, much to his surprise, as he still had two top trumps in hand. Still, only one down but 7 IMPs to team Zimmermann.

## Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 3	♠ J 3	♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 10 9 4	♥ K Q J 10 9 4	♥ K Q J 10 9 4
♦ J 9 6 4	♦ J 9 6 4	♦ J 9 6 4
♣ Q	♣ Q	♣ Q

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bompis	Wrang	Soulet	Wegnelius
—	3♥	All Pass	



Krzysztof Martens

Another scintillating auction. However, the defence was spot on. The king of spades was overtaken and Bompis's singleton diamond came flying back to Soulet's ace. The return of the  $\diamond 2$  was ruffed, a club to the ace saw another diamond ruffed and a spade back to the queen meant the defence had taken the first six tricks, two off.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
U. Goldberg	Zimmermann	L. Goldberg	Martens
—	3♥	All Pass	

Same auction, same lead, but no overtaking of the  $\spadesuit K$ . East cashed two more aces, and now the  $\spadesuit Q$  was taken by West. Considering that North might well have the 13<sup>th</sup> club, West played the  $\clubsuit 2$  but North ruffed with the king (to make certain, he added) and claimed his contract. 6 IMPs to the leaders.

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

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bompis	Wrang	Soulet	Wegnelius
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Dble
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When Bompis made a general game try Soulet was not going to stop short of game. The ace of hearts was led and the suit continued with dummy's king taking the second trick whilst a diamond was discarded from hand. A trump off dummy saw the king headed by the ace. Another heart tried for an uppercut but declarer overruffed the  $\spadesuit 9$  with the  $\spadesuit 10$ , cashed the spade queen and gave up a trump and claimed. He did not now need the diamond finesse as he had two further discards with the club suit and the  $\heartsuit 10$ .

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
U. Goldberg	Zimmermann	L. Goldberg	Martens
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lars Goldberg offered a choice of games and his wife

thought she had enough tricks to warrant staying in no-trumps. The play lasted for several minutes, with North thinking on almost every trick. South led the  $\heartsuit Q$  and North (and then declarer) decided to allow him to hold it. Another heart was played, and declarer, now certain of a second stopper, took this one. A spade to the king saw North take a long pause for the third trick in a row. The  $\diamond Q$  ran to South's king, who attacked the only remaining suit, clubs. This was taken on the table and a diamond to the jack was followed by a spade to the ten and jack. Again, Zimmermann thought for a long time, before just cashing both his aces for one down and 12 more IMPs in his column.

#### Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bompis	Wrang	Soulet	Wegnelius
1♣	1♥	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	Diamonds		

An auction that was always destined to end in 3NT, but nobody wanted to be first to say it. The jack of hearts held the first trick and Wrang overtook the  $\heartsuit 10$  continuation, but Soulet took his ace. It was now a game to create nine tricks without letting North obtain the lead. Declarer started with a club to the ace and played a small diamond to his queen and South ducked. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and noted that North had played the jack and ten whereas South had played two small cards. Declarer is now up to eight tricks and has a myriad of possible ways of making his contract, some of which are: establishing the diamonds, taking a successful club finesse and dropping the jack of spades. It was evident that declarer thought North possessed the  $\diamond K$ , though of course we can see that he does not. He was also loath to risk all on the club finesse. Declarer decided to take three rounds of spades and so got the bad news in that suit. He now had two options, firstly exit in spades and then hope the club finesse was right all along or secondly exit in hearts and hope North

♥A and ♠K, in that order, is essential. Earlier in the play, it turns out that taking the diamond finesse is not the 100% line. The same sequence of top tricks works as a strip squeeze against South: either he bares the spade, or he is thrown in with the bare ♦K to be forced to play into the spade tenace.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠ 9 8 6 4 3 2  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ A  
♣ 7 5

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

♠ J  
♥ 10  
♦ Q 9 5 4 3  
♣ K Q 10 9 4 2

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Soulet</i>	<i>Wegnelius</i>
—	—	—	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Some would describe North's foray into the auction as brave. He was lucky to escape for 800; it could easily have been 1100 as the defence managed to crash two spade honours.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>U. Goldberg</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>L. Goldberg</i>	<i>Martens</i>
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Here, it was South who was the brave one. West was not brave enough to make an overcall, but when partner offered a choice of possible locations, game in hearts was the place to be. The lead of the  $\diamond A$  and the switch to clubs were obvious, but alas South did not possess the  $\clubsuit A$ . After king and ace of hearts, declarer wanted to concede two trump tricks to North, but he politely refused and wrote down the overtrick. Another 4 IMPs to the “Swiss” team, who won the match 31-16 or 14.46-5.54 VP.





## Mixed Teams Swiss R9

## Wilson v Bros1005

by Barry Rigal

The opportunity to watch one Rimstedt brother try to assert superiority over the other comes but once every two years (at least according to Mikael). So I had no choice but to settle in at their table and hope for blood all over the carpet.

All four pairs are playing natural and non-forcing but potentially short clubs, several are playing transfer responses, and many transfers in competition.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	M. Rimstedt	B. Fischer	Buus Thomsen
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Grönkvist	Auken	I. Grönkvist	Welland
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All pass	

1♥ Spades

Strike one (rather randomly) for transfer responses to 1♣. Since this is my preferred method, I'm not unhappy to see it, but it was pure chance that Ola Rimstedt's three-card suit lead (hitting declarer's four-card suit) worked better than Ida Grönkvist's four-card suit lead, hitting dummy's length.

In the Open Room declarer won the heart and might have played one back. Instead, she played a top diamond, after which the defenders won and shifted to clubs. After that, they took two tricks in every suit and one in clubs. Normal enough, in a sense, but the club lead from Ida went to the eight, king and ace. Sabine Auken returned the suit, and when her nine held she too played a top diamond from the South hand. The king held, logically enough so

declarer ducked a heart and East was somewhat endplayed. She tried ♦A and another diamond and declarer ducked a second heart, won the third, cashed the long heart, and had six tricks in. meanwhile the defenders had two hearts, a diamond and a club. So when declarer led a low spade towards the king Mikael Grönkvist played small. Auken put in the ten, and the defenders could not prevent eight tricks being made. Bros1005 led 6-0.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	M. Rimstedt	B. Fischer	Buus Thomsen
2♠	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Grönkvist	Auken	I. Grönkvist	Welland
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦*
1♥*	Dble	Rdbl	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

1♦ Hearts  
1♥ Spades

I wish I could tell you that Ola Rimstedt's 2♠ opener got what it deserved but happy endings only exist in fairy tales. Signe Buus Thomsen's double of 3♠ left Mikael Rimstedt poorly placed (after all his partner's minors might have been switched). If you are going to bid over 3♠, non-leaping Michaels might be a plausible alternative to the double. Anyway, 3NT on the ♠J lead ducked saw declarer win the second spade and lose five spades and two aces in the fulness of time.

In the other room Welland's poison of choice over the short club is to play transfers. Mikael Grönkvist responded in kind and eventually Auken bought the hand in 4♦, on

a deal where 4♠ goes down on repeated heart leads shortening the East hand. 4♦ lost just the three aces and Bros1005 had 10 IMPs. Wilson trailed 16-0.

A flat game and a flat slam followed (Buus Thomsen making the slam on a friendly opening lead, Welland having to find a far more careful line on a neutral lead). The score was 16-1 after four deals.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	M. Rimstedt	B. Fischer	Buus Thomsen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Grönkvist	Auken	I. Grönkvist	Welland
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	
2♣	Drury		

You can decide for yourself whether a support redouble on the North cards is wise facing a passed hand. Mikael Rimstedt would point to the 10 IMPs in the in-column as proof enough and it might be hard to argue with that. Not that 4♠ wasn't anything but a stinking awful contract, since repeated club leads weaken dummy's trumps to the extent that you need honour-ten or possibly honour doubleton to be able to make game here. Whoop! There it is. In the other room a sedate Auken/Welland auction (not words that normally go together) led to the disciplined 2♥ contract that made +140 for the loss of 10 IMPs.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	M. Rimstedt	B. Fischer	Buus Thomsen
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M. Grönkvist	Auken	I. Grönkvist	Welland
1♣	Pass	1♦(♥)	1♥*
Dble	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

1♥ Spades, and better diamonds than clubs

Welland's slightly frisky entrance into the auction at his first turn persuaded Auken to try for game. Ida led a top heart, was in with ♣K at trick two, and accurately shifted to a trump. Mikael reverted to hearts; declarer won her ♥K and led a second club (heart from Ida) to the queen and ace. Declarer ruffed the third heart, played ♦A and ruffed a diamond and a third club. Ida pitched the ♦K, meaning that declarer could no longer ruff a diamond low in hand. When she tried, East overruffed and returned a spade and declarer had just seven tricks.

By contrast Buus Thomsen balanced over 2♥, and Fischer did not compete to 3♥, knowing that her partner with short spades might balance with the right hand. Defending to 2♠ she led her ♣K and shifted to hearts. Declarer played a second club and Ola won to cash ♠A and play a diamond. Now declarer could take two hearts and a diamond and six trumps separately for +140. Those 6 IMPs meant Wilson had gone into the lead 17-16.

The match was effectively decided when Ola Rimstedt and Mikael Grönkvist each had to decide what to do over a strong no-trump with ♠Q82 ♥8 ♦Q97 ♣QJ10982. Ola transferred (range/clubs) and converted the 2NT response to 3♣. Mikael showed a game force with clubs and short hearts (following the sound principle that if you can show your hand precisely at the overbid of a jack, do it!).

Partner converted to 3NT and had ♣Kxx. When the opponents could not hold up the ♣A for two rounds game had play – but it wasn't anything special. The cards forgave, however, and 3NT rolled home, leaving Wilson winners 25-18.

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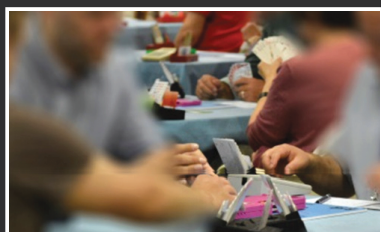
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## Mixed Teams Swiss R8

## Round-up of Match 8

by Jos Jacobs

Once again, I chose the middle match of the day for a report. The first board of the set happened to be an exercise in overbidding, found by about 40 of the 56 E/W pairs in play: 16+8 and a 4-4 fit is enough for game, certainly in the 21st century, and you then take your losses for granted. Yes, this is a comment from a grumpy old man who remembers that in the previous century, overbidding also was a common practice. :)

Board 3, however, qualifies for a more serious style of reporting, though one might doubt this as well, albeit for different reasons. The score sheet made it clear that the number of 800's exceeded the 620's but even together, they were only half the number of 100, 200 and more in undertricks when 4♠ was the final contract.

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

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

On perfect defence, 4♠ cannot be made but after three rounds of diamonds, North, having ruffed the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, on a number of occasions returned a low club rather than a trump. Declarer was in with a chance now; he unblocked the ♥A and ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, then led a third club. The defenders fell from grace again, South discarding a heart not a diamond, letting declarer draw trumps ending in dummy. If South keeps his ♥K and forces declarer to ruff another heart, East is down to one trump and can no longer succeed since he cannot overtake the ♠Q and draw trumps, and if he takes the ♠Q then leads a loser South eventually scores his long trump.

Where the 800's came from, explains itself. Some Norths were too enthusiastic about their suit.

The next board again showed a number of club contracts. This time, they were mostly OK because they were intended as sacrifices against the cold 4♥ game in E/W. So far, so good.

In the Knottenbelt v Reason match, there were uncertainties about the right level to start doubling.

## Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
A. Grossack	D. Gold	E. Kolesnik	Knottenbelt
2♥	4♣	Dble	All Pass

Too early. N/S +710.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Cooper	Brown	B. Thompson
2♥	4♣	4♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Correct. E/W +200.

Net gain: 14 IMPs to Knottenbelt.

In another match, 5♣X was actually made when East led the ♠A...

In the Tecza Szczecinek v Coriandre match, they were looking upon the clubs with disdain:



Emma Kolesnik

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schmidt	P. Busse	Zochowska	G. Busse
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	5♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

Better go one down yourself. Tecza +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dobrowolski	Bello	Maduzia	C. Lorenzini
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Just made, of course, Tecza another +620 and 13 IMPs to them.

Honourable mention for the Italian pair who collected 1,000 in defending 6♣ redoubled! Let them and their opponents remain anonymous, please...though it brought them 11 IMPs when their own team-mates were also in 6♣ but only doubled...

On the penultimate board, there were a few remarkable scores.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

No fewer than two pairs managed to end up in 7♠, much to the joy of their opponents who thus collected 800 and 1100 respectively.

Four Spades also went down occasionally. What do you think of this defence, produced by Ben Thompson and Renée Cooper? They had not come to Wrocław all the way from Australia for nothing:

Ben led the ♥A and followed this by the ♣A and a club to partner's king. Renee then exited with a low spade. Now try NOT to fall for it...

The last board of the set was a very good slam but bidding it proved too difficult. Only three Polish pairs and another Australian Thompson pair (Jenny, playing with Damon Flicker), bid it. Here is one of the exemplary Polish sequences.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schmidt	P. Busse	Zochowska	G. Busse
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4NT

The great majority of the N/S pairs stopped in 3NT, good for 11 tricks in most cases.



Joanna Zochowska

## Mixed Teams Round of 32 S1


## Knottenbelt v Thompson

by David Bird

Knottenbelt (England) headed the Swiss qualifier and will face Thompson (Australia) in the round-of-32. In many global championships the mixed event is very much an also-ran, with only a dribble of kibitzers. It's not so here. The Rosenblum is over and there are many big stars, men and women, strutting their stuff in the mixed event.

On our first deal, I will have to grit my teeth and write up a INT contract. I don't recall ever trying it before. Wish me luck!

## Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Damon	Maggie	Jenny	David
Flicker	Knottenbelt	Thompson	Gold
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	All Pass

David Gold started with the ace of spades and switched to a club, drawing the queen and king. The queen of hearts was covered by the king and ace. When the 10 and jack of hearts were played, North pitched a diamond. Declarer finessed the ♦8 to the 9, ending with three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs for +120. (Learned writer reaches for his glass of water.)

## Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Fiona	Eva	Oliver	Jamie
Brown	Caplan	Burgess	Thompson
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Rdble	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

So, that was 13 calls to reach INT. I am not one to claim world records lightly, but I am sorely tempted here. I wouldn't have redoubled on the West cards (unless it showed hearts, but no alert was shown). Nor would I have doubled 1♥. However, I have to admit that a big number

was available for East/West, against both 1♥ and 1♠.

Oliver Burgess had his partner's redouble in mind when he raised to 3NT. The ♣6 lead went to the jack and ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by the queen of hearts, not covered. The ♦8 then drew the queen from Jamie Thompson. He returned the ♥K to dummy's ace, declarer unblocking the 10. After a successful finesse of the ♦10, Burgess cashed the ♦K. A finesse of the ♥8 also succeeded, the ♥J and the ♣K then bringing the total to nine. That was +600 and 10 IMPs to Knottenbelt.

## Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Damon	Maggie	Jenny	David
Flicker	Knottenbelt	Thompson	Gold
—	1♣*	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sitting East, what would you have led against 3NT? Jenny Thompson found the splendid lead of a heart (a club would also have been successful). Declarer could have settled for two down but eventually played low from dummy. Damen Flicker won with the heart king and returned a spade. The game was then three down, East/West collecting 300.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fiona	Eva	Oliver	Jamie
Brown	Caplan	Burgess	Thompson
—	1♣	1♠	Dble
Pass	INT	2♠	3NT

Jamie Thompson was apparently sure that his partner would have a spade stopper for her INT bid. Burgess was less certain and opted to lead the ♠K. With no side entry to his hand, this seems very ill-advised to me. Too late, he switched to the ♥7. Fiona Brown won with the king, but had no spade to return. Declarer claimed three hearts,



four diamonds and two clubs for her contract, and +600. It was a 14-imp body-blow for the Knottenbelt team.

There was little noteworthy action (except for a system crash on board 7) until we reached this board:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Damon Flicker	Maggie Knottenbelt	Jenny Thompson	David Gold
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	4♣	4♠
All Pass			

A sacrifice in 5♣ would have cost 300. It might have been more from West's point of view, so it was very reasonable to let 4♠ play. The ♣5 lead went to the king and ace, David Gold ruffing the queen of clubs return with the 9. A possible three losers in the red suits were on view. After some thought, Gold led a heart at trick three. This was unlikely to be a singleton after declarer's prolonged thought, so Flicker played low. Dummy's king of hearts won, and Gold found the next required play, the ♠5 to his ace. West put up the ace on the next round of hearts and switched to a trump. In dummy with the trump jack, declarer discarded a diamond on the king of hearts. He then ruffed a heart high, drew the last trump and claimed his 420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fiona Brown	Eva Caplan	Oliver Burgess	Jamie Thompson
—	—	—	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Two top spades were led. Burgess ruffed the second round and led the ♦8 to the jack and king. Eva Caplan returned a diamond, declarer rising with the ace. A third diamond went to South's queen and declarer won the ♥K switch with dummy's ace. The good ♦7 was ruffed low by North and overruffed with the queen. Burgess then drew the last trump and the defenders wrote +300 on their cards. It was 3 IMPs to Knottenbelt.

One big swing remained. Let's see it.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Damon Flicker	Maggie Knottenbelt	Jenny Thompson	David Gold
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

A protective INT shows about 11-14. Even if it might be 15, raising to 3NT is too much with those North cards, particularly as they include only one 9 and no 10s or 8s. If you raise to 2NT, partner will go to game anyway, when he likes his hand.

Damon Flicker did brilliantly to double 3NT. He sensed from the lack of immediacy of the two North/South bids that it could be the right moment. The queen of spades was led and ducked. Gold won the next spade with dummy's ace and thought for some while, eventually playing ace and another club. Back came another spade, to the king. There was another long pause, then two more rounds of clubs. When a diamond was led, West won with the king and cashed two spade winners.

Gold spent what seemed like half an hour on the play (it may have been only 20 minutes). He was searching for food in an empty larder, and I felt very sorry for him. There was no way to avoid the eventual loss of 500 for two down. It was a splendid double by West, yes, but a raise to 2NT would not have been doubled.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fiona Brown	Eva Caplan	Oliver Burgess	Jamie Thompson
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

We will never know how high Caplan and Thompson would have climbed, nor whether Fiona Brown would have been given a chance to match West's double at the other table. INT went one down after the lead of the jack of hearts, and that was 11 IMPs to the Thompson team. They led by 35-19 with another 14 boards still to be played.

# Rand Cup Rankings

## After Round 11

1	ZIMMERMANN	147.40
2	PENFOLD	138.79
3	VYTAS	135.45
4	GOODMAN	121.75
5	KENDRICK	113.95
6	KALISH	113.51
7	WISLA CCSOFT	105.88
8	ANDRZEJKI	103.90
9	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	91.12
10	AUSTRALIA	86.67
11	WITEK	82.59
12	MARKOWICZ	72.99

## RR 9

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	AUSTRALIA	35 44	7.10 12.90
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	GOODMAN	38 2	18.28 1.72
PENFOLD	WISLA CCSOFT	9 29	4.42 15.58
KALISH	WITEK	41 36	11.70 8.30
VYTAS	KENDRICK	50 28	15.99 4.01
ZIMMERMANN	MARKOWICZ	51 20	17.56 2.44

## RR 10

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	GOODMAN	21 28	7.69 12.31
AUSTRALIA	PENFOLD	20 37	5.07 14.93
WITEK	CZTERECH SZWEDOW	37 16	15.79 4.21
WISLA CCSOFT	KENDRICK	29 14	14.46 5.54
KALISH	MARKOWICZ	51 6	19.34 0.66
VYTAS	ZIMMERMANN	25 12	13.97 6.03

## RR 11

		IMP	VP
ANDRZEJKI	PENFOLD	1 50	0.26 19.74
GOODMAN	WITEK	53 27	16.73 3.27
KENDRICK	AUSTRALIA	54 16	18.54 1.46
CZTERECH SZWEDOW	MARKOWICZ	21 31	6.82 11.18
WISLA CCSOFT	ZIMMERMANN	29 17	13.71 6.29
KALISH	VYTAS	45 30	14.46 5.54

# 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 Semi-finals



ZIMMERMANN



GOODMAN



PENFOLD



VYTAS



## Senior Teams Butler

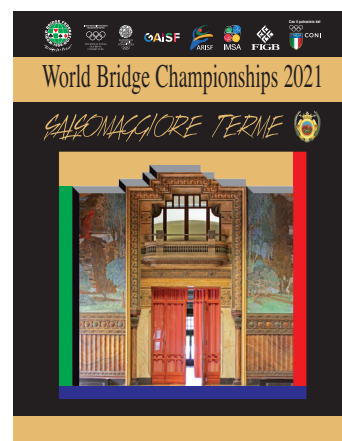
Player 1	Player 2	Butl	# Brd
WITEK Marek	BOCHENSKI Adolf	1.00	24
KOWALSKI Apolinary	ROMANSKI Jacek	0.82	84
HACKETT Paul D	SENIOR Brian	0.82	84
PREDDY Kay	SELWAY Norman	0.80	84
SOULET Philippe	BOMPIS Marc	0.70	96
TUSZYNSKI Piotr	GAWRYS Piotr	0.60	108
MARTENS Krzysztof	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	0.48	60
PASELL Mike	LAIR Mark	0.39	72
MOULD Alan	HOLLAND John	0.38	96
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.35	120
MECKSTROTH Jeff	BERKOWITZ David	0.27	132
ENGEL Joseph	COHEN Dani	0.27	132
GOTARD Tomasz	OMERNIK Kazimierz	0.22	108
FRONCZAK Andrzej	ZALESKI Andrzej	0.20	60
PASELL Mike	GOODMAN Andy	0.18	60
BRYANT Roger	SMITH Nick	0.13	132
BRIGHTLING Richard	HOFFMAN David	0.05	132
VAINIKONIS Vytautas	OLANSKI Wojtek	0.02	60
PRYOR Malcolm	KENDRICK David	-0.06	132
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-0.08	72
WALA Wlodzimierz	STOPA Piotr	-0.10	132
LEKKI Janusz	GOLINSKI Jan	-0.11	132
MELMAN Victor	MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw	-0.23	84
RUSSYAN Jerzy	WITEK Marek	-0.23	108
SIKORSKI Krzysztof	WEJKNIS Wacław	-0.28	96
KALISH Avi	GRINBERG Nir	-0.30	132
GOLDBERG Lars	GOLDBERG Ulla-Britt	-0.33	132
WRANG Thomas	WEGNELIUS Henrik	-0.61	132
EWART Neil	ROBINSON Ian	-0.74	132
GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SUKOW Jerzy	-0.95	132
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	-1.30	108

### WCB 2021

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





# Mixed Pairs Qualification

## Qualification after 3 Sessions

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	USA - USA	64.61
2	POPLILOV Matilda	ISR - ISR	58.30
3	BERTHIAUME Louise	CAN - CAN	57.88
4	BOHNSACK Susanne	GER - GER	57.83
5	NETTLETON Diana	ENG - ENG	57.11
6	KURANOGLU Serap	TUR - TUR	56.84
7	LAW Manju	UAE - CAN	56.46
8	BAKALARZ Adrian	POL - POL	56.45
9	BEAUCHAMP David	AUS - AUS	56.41
10	ZACK Yaniv	ISR - ISR	56.18
11	BESTRZYNSKI Olech	POL - POL	56.02
12	SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	55.65
13	GOWER Craig	RSA - RSA	55.50
14	ROMANOVSKA Maija	LAT - LAT	55.40
15	DE KOSTER Robbie	NED - NED	54.95
16	PATREUHA Patryk	POL - POL	54.92
17	KAHYAOGLU Yusuf	TUR - TUR	54.80
18	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	POL - POL	54.77
19	GUPTA Uttam	IND - UAE	54.44
20	GARTAGANIS Nicholas	CAN - CAN	54.40
21	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	POL - POL	54.24
22	BAKHSHI David	ENG - ENG	54.20
23	SAPORTA Pierre	FRA - FRA	53.88
24	NAIDOO Bindiya	IND - IND	53.68
25	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	ISR - USA	53.45
26	GILL Peter	AUS - AUS	53.39
27	SMYKALLA Gisela	GER - GER	53.38
28	WIECZOREK Ewa	ENG - ENG	53.37
29	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	53.33
30	OHNO Kyoko	JPN - JPN	53.29
31	KONDOCH Hartmut	GER - GER	53.28
32	MAGNUSSON Stephan	SUI - SUI	53.10
33	GOLDBERG Jerry	USA - USA	53.02
34	YUEN Sebastian	AUS - AUS	53.00
35	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	DEN - DEN	52.87
36	MEYERSON Elianna	SUI - SUI	52.73
37	ZHAO Jinlong	JPN - JPN	52.67
38	GUVEN Metin	TUR - USA	52.65
39	KALITA Jacek	POL - POL	52.18
40	HINTERTAN Adam	POL - POL	52.02
41	DZIEKANSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	51.73
42	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	51.68
43	DE FALCO Dano	ITA - USA	51.64
44	BAUSBACK Nikolas	GER - USA	51.53
45	KOWALSKA Anna	POL - POL	51.33
46	ZABIEREK Maja	POL - POL	51.29
47	GORSKA Aleksandra	POL - POL	51.28
48	PSZCZOLA Jacek	USA - USA	51.08
49	SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	ENG - ENG	51.08
50	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	51.06
51	BASKAN Burak	TUR - TUR	50.76
52	BLAAGESTAD Lise	NOR - DEN	50.76
53	SZAREK Roger	POL - POL	50.53
54	YAVAS Dilek	TUR - TUR	50.52
55	HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR	50.46
56	SEREK Cezary	POL - POL	50.33
57	WINCIOREK Tomasz	POL - POL	50.32

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
58	ERICHSEN Espen	ENG - ENG	50.20
59	HETZ Clara	ISR - ISR	50.14
60	CHEMALY Larry	RSA - RSA	50.08
61	AUGUSTYNIAK Krystyna	POL - POL	50.02
62	NAWROCKI Piotr	POL - SCO	49.93
63	LESZCZYNSKA Lena	POL - POL	49.78
64	SEALE Catherine	ENG - NOR	49.59
65	KARLYKOV Petro	UKR - UKR	49.48
66	ALP Zeynep	TUR - TUR	49.16
67	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	POL - POL	48.77
68	NOSALSKA Anna	POL - POL	48.64
69	SZTYRAK Leszek	POL - POL	48.53
70	FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre	CAN - CAN	48.51
71	SILBERBERG Gheorghe	ROM - ROM	48.34
72	DENIZCI Volkan	TUR - TUR	48.21
73	KROCHMALIK Robert	AUS - AUS	48.03
74	JANSMA Jan	NED - NED	47.62
75	KANDEMIR Ismail	TUR - TUR	47.56
76	WEISS Florian	AUT - ENG	47.56
77	GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	47.51
78	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	47.45
79	KANDOLU Ozlem	TUR - IND	47.37
80	LIS Elzbieta	POL - POL	47.29
81	BASARAN Berk	TUR - TUR	47.25
82	SHERMAN David	ENG - ENG	47.17
83	PELLEGRINI Carlos	ARG - ARG	47.10
84	McALLISTER John Grayson	USA - USA	46.99
85	ATAY Sevinc	TUR - BAR	46.16
86	BOJARSKA Beata	POL - POL	45.57
87	CHEDIAK Virginia	NOR - NED	45.57
88	SCHROEDER Michael	GER - GER	45.38
89	VERDEGAAL Renee	NED - NED	45.24
90	HAMMOND Nicolas	USA - POL	45.17
91	UGUR Aliye	TUR - TUR	44.91
92	MICHELIN Marjorie	USA - USA	44.74
93	MOLLER Rachael	USA - USA	44.66
94	FOSSUM Ann Birgitte	NOR - NOR	44.61
95	CHLADOWICZ Jaroslaw	POL - POL	44.14
96	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	43.94
97	KARDASINSKI Piotr	POL - POL	43.54
98	HOFFMAN Julia	AUS - AUS	43.52
99	YUEN Michael	CAN - CAN	43.52
100	PETER Thomas	GER - GER	43.39
101	PYTKA Anna	POL - POL	42.86
102	PIETRZYK Agnieszka	POL - POL	42.31
103	GORA Cezary	POL - POL	41.68
104	MOORE Nikolas	AUS - AUS	41.01
105	ROSIKIEWICZ Ryszard	POL - POL	39.74
106	CZARNECKA Barbara	POL - POL	37.84
107	RUTYNA Roman	POL - POL	37.50
108	HERRERA Gonzalo	MEX - MEX	34.77

### Mixed Pairs Format

A total of 96 pairs qualify to Semifinal A, including drop ins from the Mixed Teams' quarter finals. Since the maximum number of drop ins is 12, the minimum number of pairs coming from the qualification is 84.

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

As written in the Conditions of Contest, a minimum of 52 pairs qualify to Final A:

47 from Semifinal A and 5 from Semifinal B. They will be joined by pairs dropping in from the Mixed Teams' semifinals (maximum 6).

# Mixed Teams KO Brackets

Team	I	2	tot
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	<b>KNOTTENBELT</b>	19	18	<b>37</b>
	<b>THOMPSON</b>	35	42	<b>77</b>

	<b>GILLIS</b>	27	35	<b>62</b>
	<b>VALUE MEDIA TEAM</b>	30	59	<b>89</b>

	<b>ROSENTHAL</b>	27	32	<b>59</b>
	<b>CROCODILE</b>	61	26	<b>87</b>

	<b>MINITER</b>	38	63	<b>101</b>
	<b>BLAKSETS BIN</b>	39	5	<b>44</b>

	<b>DONNER</b>	38	32	<b>70</b>
	<b>SEOUL</b>	2	10	<b>12</b>

	<b>WOLFSON</b>	41	46	<b>87</b>
	<b>MCINTOSH FUNCLUB</b>	10	39	<b>49</b>

	<b>MILLENS</b>	34	19	<b>53</b>
	<b>FORMIDABLES</b>	45	45	<b>90</b>

	<b>TECZA SZCZECINEK</b>	36	37	<b>73</b>
	<b>ORCA</b>	32	35	<b>67</b>

Team	I	2	tot
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	<b>THOMPSON</b>	23	25	<b>48</b>
	<b>VALUE MEDIA TEAM</b>	35	25	<b>60</b>

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	<b>VALUE MEDIA TEAM</b>
	<b>MINITER</b>

	<b>MINITER</b>	51	59	<b>110</b>
	<b>CROCODILE</b>	9	5	<b>14</b>

	<b>DONNER</b>	3	38	<b>41</b>
	<b>WOLFSON</b>	19	16	<b>35</b>

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	<b>TECZA SZCZECINEK</b>
	<b>DONNER</b>

	<b>TECZA SZCZECINEK</b>	3	47	<b>50</b>
	<b>FORMIDABLES</b>	36	14	<b>50</b>

Team	I	2	tot
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	<b>WILSON</b>	27	24	<b>51</b>
	<b>CORIANDRE</b>	22	37	<b>59</b>

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	<b>CORIANDRE</b>
	<b>EDMONDS</b>

	<b>EDMONDS</b>	40	60	<b>100</b>
	<b>HEADS OR TAILS</b>	3	30	<b>33</b>

	<b>SIEJA</b>	6	19	<b>25</b>
	<b>FERM</b>	47	24	<b>71</b>

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	<b>BRIDGE24</b>
	<b>FERM</b>

	<b>ZADRA</b>	8	26	<b>34</b>
	<b>BRIDGE24</b>	47	41	<b>88</b>

Team	I	2	tot
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	<b>WILSON</b>	42	23	<b>65</b>
	<b>FEPANANDRA</b>	19	39	<b>58</b>

	<b>CORIANDRE</b>	20	68	<b>88</b>
	<b>REASON</b>	29	13	<b>42</b>

	<b>ZALESKI</b>	3	48	<b>51</b>
	<b>HEADS OR TAILS</b>	48	46	<b>94</b>

	<b>EDMONDS</b>	37	69	<b>106</b>
	<b>CZERBIA</b>	8	33	<b>41</b>

	<b>BROS1005</b>	17	36	<b>53</b>
	<b>SIEJA</b>	21	39	<b>60</b>

	<b>FERM</b>	47	72	<b>119</b>
	<b>DINKIN</b>	24	14	<b>38</b>

	<b>BRIDGE24</b>	19	67	<b>86</b>
	<b>APA HEILI</b>	33	41	<b>74</b>

	<b>ZADRA</b>	34	31	<b>65</b>
	<b>AARDVARKS</b>	24	38	<b>62</b>