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Prize Giving Ceremony

The prize giving for the Mixed Teams, Rand Cup, Mixed & Senior Pairs will take place today, Saturday 3rd September at 20.10. Closing Ceremony and buffet to follow.

At half-time in the *Mixed Teams* final, **Ferm** leads **Miniter** 112-87, setting up what might be an exciting finale.

Jacek Kalita and **Cathy Baldysz** are leading the *Mixed Pairs*, ahead of **Piotr Zatorski** and **Katarzyna Duftrat** and **Artur Wasiak** and **Zuzanna Moszczynska**.

Alan Mould and **John Holland** were the leading qualifiers for the *Senior Pairs* final followed by **Piotr Bizon** and **Marek Blat** and the menacing **Jeff Meckstroth** and **David Berkowitz**.

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Schedule Saturday, 3rd September

MIXED TEAMS	MIXED PAIRS	SIDE EVENT	SENIOR PAIRS
Final	Final A	10.00	Finals
10.00	10.00	14.00	10.00
13.30	14.00		14.00
16.15	17.20		17.00



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The WBF Press Conference

A press conference took place yesterday morning. Outgoing President Gianarrigo Rona and newly elected President Jan Kamras answered questions from an audience of some twenty journalists. The meeting was chaired by IBPA's Chairman Per Jannersten and its President Barry Rigal.

Gianarrigo Rona started by welcoming the attendees "Pochi ma Buoni" he called them (Few but Good). This will be his last Press Conference as head of the WBF. He remembered his first one, in 2011 in Veldhoven.

This is the second time the WBF is in Wrocław, after the World Games of 2016. It has been a great success. The participation has been somewhat lower than expected, due to a number of bad situations around the globe, including the Pandemic, which is not over. Many players were afraid to travel, and the cost of travelling has gone up. However, the field that assembled here has been extremely strong. All World Grand Masters were present. And this barely three weeks after the Youth Open Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, where the participation had reached record levels.

Gianarrigo Rona wished to thank all the journalists, and he singled out a few with whom he had worked during his career: Henry Francis, Tommy Sandsmark, Patrick Jourdain, who is sadly missed (one million readers ...), and John Carruthers. He hopes he will be coming to future championships, as a spectator, and maybe as a player. He plans to go for the trials to the Italian team – the Junior team of course!

Barry Rigal thanked Gianarrigo for his continued support, morally and financially, of the IBPA. He thanked the Polish Federation and the WBF for the comfortable and cost-efficient venue. He wanted to know if the relatively low numbers of the Women's events would result in the WBF changing course. It was pointed out that in National team events, the Women's events would certainly remain important. With the advent of the Mixed category, there was an opportunity for smaller nations to make better use of the qualities of the women players in their countries. The World Series, however, is a different event, and it must be noted that many women have been playing in the Open events.

Barry Rigal also wanted to know the future of VuGraph. Rona explained that since Verona 2006, where attendance had been minimal, no VuGraph had been arranged at the World Series. This was mainly due to the larger number of teams of only four players, so less players were left that needed to be entertained. At the national team events though, VuGraph has remained, and Jan Kamras added that

this would continue to be so. Kamras also cited the example of the recent European Championships in Madeira, where the VuGraph had been staged in an immense room with tables and a bar with (cheap) coffee and food. We must continue to use the possibilities of the venues.



The Presidential Pairs

Marek Malysa mentioned a number of new organizations around the world that were not always friendly towards the WBF and wanted to know what the WBF would do about them. Jan Kamras replied that he had had good talks with several organizations. The WBF is not opposed to other events. Everyone is free to organize bridge events. And it looks as if the players are not staying away from WBF events either. They all want the gold medals.

Per Jannersten relayed a question from John Carruthers regarding cheating. Jan Kamras told the press that the WBF cannot simply ban players who are suspected. But the WBF has now installed the Investigation Committee, chaired by Eric Laurant, newly elected EBL president, which has taken over the tasks of the High-Level Players' Committee. The WBF is investigating numerous cases, but only regarding players that are in the WBF database. Kamras could not provide numbers, but Mark Horton pointed to the Interview with Eric Laurant in yesterday's Daily Bulletin, which does contain more information.

Jan Kamras stressed the importance of reciprocity between then WBF and its member NBOs.

Mark Horton, who introduced himself as representing numerous publications but then singled out *52 Entertainment, Paris*, asked if there were plans for the use of tablets. Jan Kamras stressed that these would only be used in bidding, replacing the Bidding Boxes, BridgeMates

and trays. They had been tested at the recent European Junior Team Championships in Veldhoven, with great success. They will also be used later in this year in the Champions' Cup in Helsinki and in the Small Federation Games. If the technology turns out to be acceptable for the older players as well, there is every chance that the experiment will be continued in further championships. Rona reminded the audience that in the past 50 years we saw the introduction of Bidding Boxes, Screens, and BridgeMates. Tablets are but an extension of these aids and they offer great advantages to the audience and the press, registering every single auction. However, both Kamras and Rona stress that the play will still be with cards. They provide the way in which bridge players socialize.

Per Jannersten reminded everyone that we used to be able to look three or four years ahead and wanted to know if future events are in the pipeline. Jan Kamras stressed that it becomes increasingly difficult to find suitable venues. He mentioned Oostende, where the local government provides the venue for free, because the local merchants are happy to receive around 2 million Euros of revenue. Other venues are very expensive. An offer to go to Madrid has had to be shelved as it would be costing half a million Euros.

Per Jannersten posed a last question to the outgoing President. What one thing did he wish that his successor could achieve that he had not been able to. Rona stressed that Kamras was very lucky indeed, in that almost the entire executive remained in place so that he could start well. He did not wish to not answer the question, but he felt that he had achieved what he had set out to do. And then he did mention one thing that had eluded him. With an estimate of around 70 million bridge players around the world, surely it should be possible to raise the total membership of all NBOs to a million.

Gianarrigo Rona then ended the meeting by thanking all collaborators in making the WBF and its events a success. A great team of people in a marvelous, professional, and dedicated staff.

Jan Kamras called on everyone to take no notice of trolls on social media, and that he wanted to improve the actual and the perceived relevance of the WBF to the players.



Video Corner



You can access our full playlist here:



Today, we have 4 new videos:



Vytas on Top



System on with Andrea Manno



A long long auction



System on with Joe Grue

Mixed Teams SF S2

Miniter v Donner

by Marc Smith

With four very strong teams having made it into the semi-finals, which match to watch was a difficult decision. Only 4 IMPs separated these two primarily Scandinavian heavyweights after the first stanza, so let's strap in for some fireworks.

Just one problem for you today. With just your side vulnerable, you are South with:

♠ K 10 9 8
♥ 10
♦ A Q J 8 5 2
♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	?

What action, if any, do you take?

The second-half action began on the first deal, with both South players faced with the problem posed above.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ K 10 9 8
♥ 10
♦ A Q J 8 5 2
♣ Q 8

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♠
2♣	2♠	Dble	All Pass

North/South had a couple of chances to sidestep impending doom, but perhaps the final contract was almost inevitable. Fredrik Nyström found the heart lead that kept +800 on the table. Sanna Clementsson then needed to switch either to her diamond or to trumps. When she instead switched to her partner's suit, declarer was up to six tricks. Nyström won with the ♣K and played a second round to Clementsson's ace, and now she switched to a low trump.

Declarer won the trump switch cheaply in hand and played the ♦A then ♦Q, covered by ♦K and ruffed in dummy with the ♠7. East overruffed with the ♠Q and played ace and

another trump. Declarer won in dummy with the ♠J, cashed the ♣J, then advanced the ♥Q, ruffing away East's ace. The ♦J came next and, and had East ruffed this with her last trump, she would have been endplayed to lead away from ♥92 into dummy's ♥J5. Clementsson therefore pitched a heart and the defence took the last two tricks. N/S -500.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Miniter</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When Gillian Miniter chose instead to rebid her strong diamond suit, retribution was only a heartbeat away. Marion Michielsen led the ♣3 and Per-Ola Cullin put in the ten, so declarer won with the queen, which seemed to be a good start for the American. Cullin won declarer's heart exit and switched to his trump, Michielsen capturing the queen with her king and returning the ♦10. Declarer won with the ♦J, cashed the ♦A, then exited with a spade around to East's queen. Cullin cashed the ♣A and continued the suit, forcing declarer to ruff. Declarer then played a second round of spades, West pitching her last heart as Cullin won with the ♠A. The ♥A came next and, when declarer ruffed that trick, Michielsen could overruff and claim the rest. N/S -1100 and a trick dropped at each table cost a massive 12 IMPs to start the set.



Fredrik Nyström

There was a similar swing in the other semi-final, although there it was 2♦X that escaped for -500. At the other table, N/S climbed even higher, to 3♠X, and the defence was deadly accurate to collect +1100.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Grue	Cullin	Minitier
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble*	2♣*	3♣
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

No one was quite sure who could make what. As it turns out, the answer was no one and nothing, but that didn't stop both sides from bidding game. When the music stopped, though, it was the Americans who were left holding the baby.

Michielsen led a diamond to the ace and Cullin switched to spades. Michielsen won and cashed the ♠A, and the defenders still had a heart to come. N/S -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Amoils	Clementsson	S. Rimstedt
—	—	—	INT
Pass	2♦*	Dble	Pass*
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Sandra Rimstedt's slightly off-centre INT opening created an entirely different scenario. East doubled North's transfer to show her diamonds, Rimstedt passed denying three hearts, and Nyström introduced his spades. It looks like North's 3♦ was intended as a re-transfer, but such is the problem with unfamiliar partnerships. Rimstedt soldiered on to 3NT and Amoils decided he still preferred to play in hearts.

Nyström led the ♦10 and Clementsson won with the ace. Of course, she could have beaten the contract by one by switching to spades, but does the singleton club not look more attractive? Indeed, it also opens the way to a second undertrick via a later ruff. Rimstedt won with the ♣A and played a heart to the nine and East's king. Now Clementsson's decision was critical. Perhaps she expected declarer to have more in the pointed suits for her 3NT bid. Was it not more believable that declarer would have the ♠A and a third diamond (and West, therefore, a singleton)?




Joe Grue, Per-Ola Cullin, Gillian Minitier, Marion Michielsen

When she played a diamond, declarer won, repeated the trump finesse, and claimed the rest. N/S +450 and another 13 IMPs to Donner, who had outscored their opponent 32-2 over the first five boards of the stanza.

Good teams simply do not know how to lie down, though, and we have already seen numerous amazing comebacks at these championships.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Miniter</i>
—	INT	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	2♠	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

Don't you just love partners? You manage to slip your double of North's vulnerable INT past leftie, but partner thinks you need to be rescued! Per-Ola Cullin restrained his frustration at +500 slipping away and managed not just to jump to 4♥ in a fit of pique. Then, to add insult to injury, the Americans would not even allow him the play the hand. It appeared, though, that here was a pot of gold at the end of the Swedish rainbow after all, as it was not even possible to defeat game in spades. N/S +170. Not that bidding to that particular spot was easy...


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>
—	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sanna Clementsson showed amazing restraint for one so young, passing throughout with her solid eight-card major. Sandra Rimstedt had no reason to bid anything other than 3NT once she failed to find an eight-card spade fit, and Clementsson no doubt enjoyed cashing every one of her eight winners. N/S -400 and 11 IMP to Miniter.

The set finished with a difficult potential slam deal for the East/West pairs. However, the Great Dealer must have been in a grumpy mood, as he had seen fit to punish anyone bidding to the decent slam.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Clementsson might perhaps have bid more, and few players who made their debut in their country's Under-16 team less than a decade ago would be able to resist the allure of "but I had 19 points, partner." Recognizing that her partner did not have to jump to 4♥ after her game-forcing 3♣, she tabled dummy and was rewarded for her discipline with a 4-1 trump break. E/W +450. By contrast...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Miniter</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Per-Ola Cullin's 2♣ was an artificial game-force and most of his subsequent bids were just relays. Theoretically, he would have found out everything about his partner's shape and high-card location. Something, presumably, went wrong on this occasion, though, as I cannot imagine he would have chosen this contract had he first seen his partner's hand. And, this particular pair cannot fall back on the refrain of 'unfamiliar partnership' either.

The bad trump break was almost good news for the Swedes, because as it meant they might just lose the cost of an extra undertrick. Not today, though: E/W -100 and 11 IMPs to Miniter, back on terms now.

Donner won the set 32-28, so they go into the mid-match break all square at 45-45.

Rand Cup F S3

Goodman v Vytas


Mixed Teams SF S3

Ferm v Coriandre, Minitier v Donner

by Jos Jacobs

On Thursday mid-afternoon, both the mixed semi-finals and also the Rand Cup final were at their halfway point. One mixed match was tied at that point and in the other one, one team was leading by 8 IMPs. In the Rand Cup, the margin was bigger: 29 to Vytas. So it was difficult for me to choose, which match to report on or even to focus on. This time, I was really helped by the boards. They were spectacular in such a way that I had no option but to report about all three matches, even more so because the more interesting things occurred on mostly the same boards in all our matches. So here we go. Board 1 was a flat 4♠ (or 3NT) but this was the next deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Ferm v Coriandre

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
—	—	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

With their variation of Muiderberg, the French easily reached 4♥. The 3♦ rebid had shown diamonds as the minor, in a minimum hand. Just made, Coriandre +420.

In the other room, East did not open so South had room to produce her own opening bid: a Multi.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
—	—	Pass	2♦
Dble	2♠	Dble	All Pass

E/W were only too quick to catch N/S for speeding here. Just one down, +200 to Ferm but 6 IMPs to Coriandre.

In the Scandinavian match (Minitier v Donner), they had different ideas:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Clementsson	Cullin	Nyström
—	—	Pass	3♠
3NT	All Pass		

A rather peaceful auction leading to +430 for Donner. In the Closed Room, Cecilia Rimstedt chose the wrong moment to await developments.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Dwyer	Larsson	C. Rimstedt
—	—	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

She lost the same tricks as Lorenzini in the other semi-final but the price was -800. This brought Minitier 9 IMPs.

In the Rand Cup, the Poles also used their favourite two-suited opening bid.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski	Meckstroth
—	—	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Their explorations came to an end before the slam level had been reached but with the cards lying well for the defence, even 5♥ was already too high. One down, Vytas +50.

In the Closed Room, East did not open so South had the option to launch a Multi.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	2♦
Dble	2♥	3♥	3♠
Dble	All Pass		

When South later suggested a maximum Multi, West was quick to object. Down two, another +500 and 11 IMPs to Goodman.

Over now to board 4, probably the most exciting board of the set.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 7 2		
	♥ J 9 7		
	♦ K Q 8 6 4		
	♣ K J 3		
♠ J	N W E S	♠ K Q 8 4 3	
♥ AKQ865432		♥ 10	
♦ 10		♦ 7 3	
♣ 7 2		♣ 10 9 8 6 4	
		♠ A 10 9 6 5	
	♥ —		
	♦ A J 9 5 2		
	♣ A Q 5		

Ferm v Coriandre

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
3NT	Pass	4♦	Dble
4♥	5♦	Pass	5♥
6♥	Pass	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	7♥	Dble
All Pass			

With their forcing passes, both North and West had apparently confused their partners to such an extent that making the right decision had become virtually impossible for either of them, even after their long pauses for thought. Down four, Ferm + 1,100.

In the other room, West opened at the one-level so an entirely different approach developed:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♦	Dble	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Please note the stripe-tailed ape style double by Drijver over 5♦. Would you have gone on to slam now on the N/S cards? Down two, Coriandre + 500 but 12 IMPs to Ferm.

Minitier v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Clementsson	Cullin	Nyström
3NT	Pass	4♥	Dble
Rdbl	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

One might call this a disciplined auction. Still, +1370 looked an excellent result for Minitier.

In the other room, N/S were not on the same wavelength, I think:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Dwyer	Larsson	C. Rimstedt
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

The diamond fit remained a secret, apparently. Down two, +500 to Donner but 13 IMPs to Minitier.

In the Rand Cup match Open Room, we saw the simplest auction:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski	Meckstroth
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

One down, Goodman +200.

In the other room, once again a West player chose 1♥ as his opening bid:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4NT	Dble	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	6♦	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

After West rebid 4♥, a lively auction started. Both sides did well and the par contract was duly reached. Vytas +800 and 12 IMPs to them.

Two more boards later, the defence had to be quick:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Ferm v Coriandre

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2NT	4♠
All Pass			

Though the spades were 2-2, declarer went down when she mixed up communications between her hand and the dummy. You can make the hand, as was shown at the other table (see below), even after tackling the diamonds in the wrong order: low from hand first rather than $\diamond A$ and another. She thus ran out of trumps in both hands. Coriandre +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
—	—	Pass	1 \diamond
1 \heartsuit	Dble	3 \diamond	3 \spadesuit
4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	All Pass	

Bello had no problem in 4 \spadesuit . She ruffed the second heart, drew trumps in two rounds, lost a diamond to the king but then won the club return with dummy's ace, thus preserving an entry to her hand for a later diamond ruff. Just made, Coriandre +420 and 10 IMPs to them.

In the Minter v Donner match, the former were in game at both tables:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Clementsson	Cullin	Nyström
—	—	Pass	1 \diamond
1 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit	4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit
All Pass			

Just made, Minter +420.

Closed Room,

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Dwyer	Larsson	C. Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	1 \diamond
1 \heartsuit	Pass	2NT*	3 \diamond
3 \heartsuit	4 \diamond	4 \heartsuit	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	



Daniela Von Arnim

No sign of any spades in this auction. North led a diamond to partner's ace and a trump came back. Dummy won and led the $\spadesuit 10$ which was won by declarer's queen when South did not play her ace. Another trump to dummy and the losing spade then went on the $\diamond Q$. Contract made, Minter another +790 and 15 IMPs to them.

In the Rand Cup final, both sides were in 4 \spadesuit .

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski	Meckstroth
—	—	Pass	1 \diamond
1 \heartsuit	Dble	2NT	4 \spadesuit
All Pass			

Meckstroth had no problems, playing the same way as Bello (see above). Goodman +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	1 \diamond
1 \heartsuit	Dble	2NT	4 \spadesuit
All Pass			

For Vytas, Kwiecien went one down because the defence immediately attacked clubs rather than diamonds after being given their trump trick. Declarer might have survived had he played the $\spadesuit A$ to the 1st round of the suit. Goodman another +50 and 10 IMPs to them.

And next:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Ferm v Coriandre

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
—	—	—	1 \heartsuit
2NT	Dble	3 \diamond	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Zochowska chose the wrong moment for her unusual 2NT. When South led the obvious $\diamond J$ and continued trumps as soon as she regained the lead, the contract had to go down two. Ferm +500.

In the other room, there were no experiments:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	INT	2♠	All Pass

Bas Drijver actually managed to bring his contract home when the defence misread the heart position in the ending. Ferm another +110 and 12 IMPs to them.

In the Minter v Donner match, the auctions were a little more quiet, certainly in the Open Room.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Clementsson	Cullin	Nyström
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	INT	All Pass	

One overtrick, Minter +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Dwyer	Larsson	C. Rimstedt
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	INT	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Obviously, Helgemo expected more of his partner's overcall. Not that it mattered that much, as the contract went down two anyway. Donner +200 and 2 IMPs to them.

In the Rand Cup final, both sides went down in spade contracts, so no swing there.

Two boards later, things were again happening in the Ferm v Coriandre match:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
—	1♣	Pass	INT
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
2♣	5-4 in the Majors		

North led a diamond to South's jack and a trump came back. North won the jack when declarer ducked and the club continuation went to South's king. Rather than

returning a club to destroy communication, South now cashed the ♦A and played another trump. Declarer won the ace and continued the suit, North winning and playing the ♦Q. Now, declarer could ruff, draw the last trump and cash the winning clubs for her contract. Coriandre +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the replay, the club lead went to South's king. A trump came back to North's jack and now, North played another club. From here, declarer had to go down two for another +200 and 7 IMPs to Coriandre.

In the Rand Cup final, they were not playing in spades:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski	Meckstroth
—	1♦	Pass	INT
2♦	Pass	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

Every now and then, the 1♦ opening bid can lead to playing in a 3-4 fit. This was one of those cases. One down, Vytas +50.

In the Closed Room, the stakes were higher:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	1♣	Pass	INT
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dble	All Pass




Simon De Wijs

With the cards lying extremely favourably for N/S, this contract could hardly be defeated. Whatever declarer would do, would work well. Vytas just made, +470 and 11 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the French mixed team had an accident.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Ferm had reached 4♠, one of the normal contracts, and made this with two overtricks for a score of +680. In the other room, some wheels came off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

I have been wondering what 4♦ might have meant. The unhappy contract went four down, Ferm another +400 and 14 IMPs to them.

In the Rand Cup final, a more reasonable slam was reached:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski	Meckstroth
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

No keycards (5♣) but the trump queen (5NT) might have been enough for a spade slam. Not today: one down and +100 to Vytas.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Poles followed a more practical approach: no nonsense and just 9 tricks for +600 and 12 IMPs.

Suddenly, they had restored the leading margin they had at the beginning of this set.

On the next board, we saw a really large variety of unhealthy final contracts:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 7 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ 9 3 ♣ Q J 7 6 5 3		♠ 6 ♥ K 4 ♦ A Q 8 5 4 ♣ A K 9 8 2 ♠ K 10 8 5 ♥ Q 10 9 7 3 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ 10 ♠ A J 9 4 2 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ 4	♠ 6 ♥ K 4 ♦ A Q 8 5 4 ♣ A K 9 8 2
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The first of them occurred in the Ferm v Coriandre match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	De Wijs	Schmidt	Von Arnim
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led a diamond to partner's ace. Then came a spade to the ace, spade ruff, diamond to the king, spade ruff with the ♥K, ♣A, club ruffed by declarer with the ♥10. After that, declarer still had to lose two more red-suit tricks for down three: Ferm +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	C. Lorenzini	S. Drijver	Bello
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble
INT*	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

INT Clubs

West's INT showed clubs but East was unhappy with that suit. When North bid 3♦ rather than double, E/W had escaped. Three Diamonds just made for +110 to Coriandre but the damage had been done: 9 IMPs to Ferm.

In the Miniter v Donner match, N/S were more optimistic about their diamond potential:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Clementsson	Cullin	Nyström
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
INT Clubs			

Even on the friendly looking ♣10 lead, this contract had no play. Down two, Donner +100.

In the other room, the auction came to a very early end.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Dwyer	Larsson	C. Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Everybody (un)happy, down two, Donner another +300 and 9 IMPs to them.

Only the American seniors bid and made a game.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Berkowitz	Romanski	Meckstroth
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Heart to the ace and a heart, ♣A, club ruff by both East (the ♦10) and dummy (the ♦K), ♠A, spade ruff in hand, another club ruffed by East with the ♦J and end of the defence. There were enough trumps left in dummy to cater for the losing clubs. Just made, Goodman +400.

In the other room, the fine result of the OR was spoiled, so to speak, when West interfered:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

Once West overcalled, the N/S doubling mechanism came into operation. The contract that was ultimately reached went down three for +500 to Vytas, a gain of 3 IMPs to them.

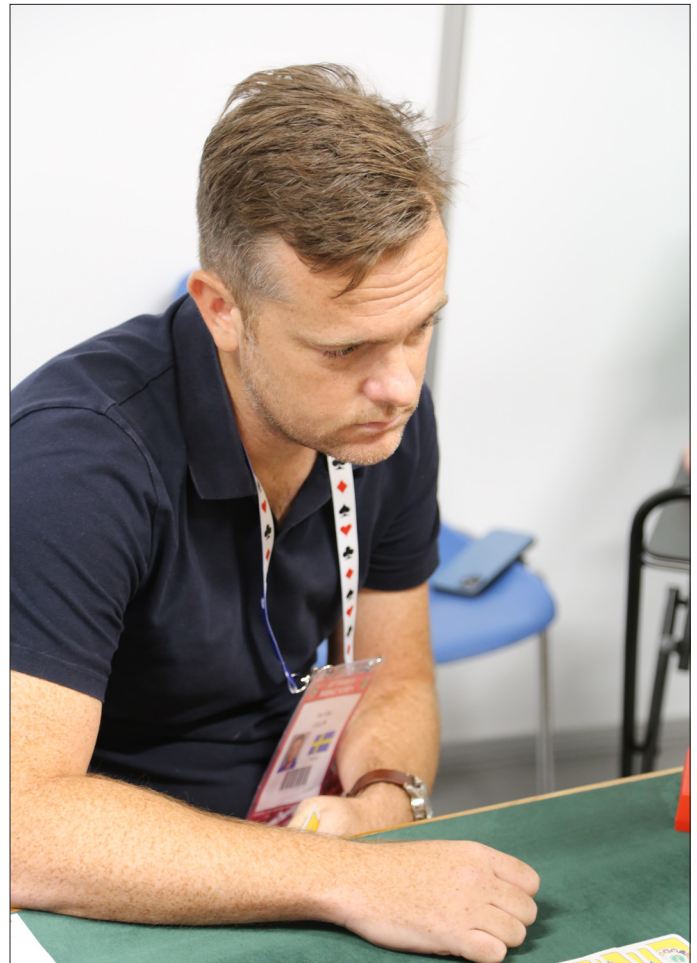
To close this report, here is the final board of this more than lively set.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Clementsson	Cullin	Nyström
—	—	INT	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			



Per-Ola Cullin

When South showed his majors, North clearly had no preference but all was well when once again the cards were placed very friendly for declarer. Plus two, Minitier +170.

In the other room, the auction told N/S that any ambition might well come true:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Larsson</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led a heart to East's king and a low diamond came back. With dummy on lead, the ♠10 could have been run successfully, but declarer put up his king nevertheless and then the ♦A was driven out. The defence tried a club next, but declarer took the queen with dummy's ace, cashed the 13th diamond, on which East threw a club, continued the ♣K and then played another spade. East just got another heart in the end. Contract made, Donner +400 and 6 IMPs to them.

In the Rand Cup final, the same two contracts were reached but with a different outcome:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West led a club to dummy's ace and a heart was led. East rose with the queen which was allowed to hold and returned a low trump to declarer's king. Diamond to dummy's jack, ♣K for a diamond discard, heart finesse, ♥A and a heart ruffed with the ♠10. Club ruffed in hand, diamond to East's ace, diamond exit and two trump tricks for East. One overtrick, Goodman +140.

In this Closed Room, too, N/S's ambitions prevailed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥Q and when this held, continued the king, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer did not believe in his good fortune by leading a diamond to dummy's jack and running the ♠10 next. Instead he chose to play a spade at once towards the ten in dummy. East won his ♠J and simply continued a heart. Declarer could win his jack but would eventually lose five tricks: two hearts, two spades and the ♦A. One down, another +50 to Goodman and a shock 5 IMPs to them to finish the set still 93-55 behind.

What a pity that this spectacular set consisted of only 14 deals...

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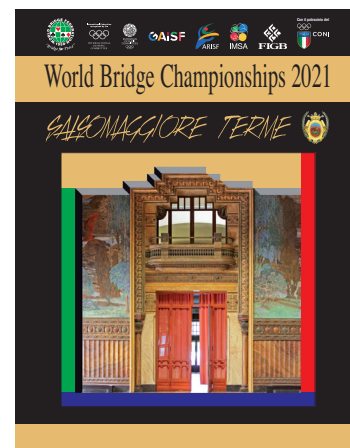
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Mixed Teams SF S4
FERM v CORIANDRE
 by Mark Horton

Ferm led Coriandre 112-96 as the teams sat down for the final session.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Lorenzini</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bello</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	All Pass

I confess I don't really understand the auction, but given that North led the ♠3 it was just as well that 5♥ was the final contract. Declarer lost the first two tricks, but managed the rest, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>A. Lorenzini</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
—	—	1♣	1♦
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

South led the ♥J, and the friendly layout meant there were 12 tricks, +920 and 10 IMPs for Ferm.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Lorenzini</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bello</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♥Q and declarer ducked, won the second heart, and ran the ♠8 to West's jack. A heart saw East win and continue with the ♥K. Declarer ruffed with the ♠9, drew trumps and played the ♦K, East taking the ace for one down, -100.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>A. Lorenzini</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Naturally West led the ♦6, but now declarer had a parking spot for a couple of hearts, +650 and 13 IMPs.



Christina Lund Madsen

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Lorenzini</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bello</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
—	—	1♣	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♣A and when North contributed the nine she switched to the ♠5, North putting in the nine. Declarer took the king and played back the two but North won with the ace and played the ♣Q. South took the diamond

exit, cashed the ♠8 (would you have found a low heart?) and played the ♥Q. Declarer won and eventually scored a trick with dummy's ♦Q, three down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund Madsen</i>	<i>A. Lorenzini</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Declarer took the lead of the ♦K with dummy's ace and played a heart to the king. When it held she played a club to dummy's ace and ran the ♥Q pitching a diamond. East won and switched to the ♠2 for the five, four and six. Declarer played the ♣J and decided to ruff it in dummy when East followed with the four. After cashing dummy's ♥J declarer ruffed a diamond. East overruffed and played the ♣K, ruffed and overruffed by West who exited with the ♦Q. Declarer had two trump tricks to come, +110 but a 12 IMP loss.

That put Ferm ahead 139-114 and although they suffered a couple of minor swings over the closing four deals, they advanced to the final.

A Case of Seduction

by Ron Tacchi

Whilst chewing the fat with a member of one of the senior teams he gave me this hand as a play problem:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the bidding South has admitted to six diamonds and somehow became declarer in 3NT. The opening lead was the ♠9 and the jack was allowed to hold whilst East played an encouraging card.

Before I tell you how I responded to the problem, I will tell you what happened to declarer. At trick two he led a diamond and ran it to the queen, a spade came back and the queen was taken by the king and the spades were cleared. Declarer took a second losing diamond finesse and when the ♣K was offside he went down. He was unlucky, I hear you cry, only 24% that both honours are in the West hand: true but hopefully here we are playing against world class opposition and not Mrs Guggenheim. If the diamond honours are split, then on the first round


East will interject his honour and what will you do then? Your best bet would be to duck and play for East for both honours, a 24% chance.

So, what did I do? I immediately tackled clubs. This will succeed whenever East has the king or the clubs are 3-3, about two out of three times. In fact, my interlocutor had made a small mistake in the pips when he presented the problem and had given North the ♣9 and now my club play succeeds three times out of four.

I like these problems as they show the difference between 'good' players and ordinary players. As can be seen even top-class players can be seduced by the prospect of five diamond tricks.

The full deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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Rand Cup F S4
The Final Leg
by Mark Horton

When you go into the final session of a match with a significant deficit, the equation is simple: you must score enough IMPs to overturn your opponent's lead, while at the same time make sure you do not allow them to score (although here a tie would be good enough for the trailing team as they had won the head-to-head match in the Round Robin). Goodman trailed Vytas by 38 IMPs, 55-93 and we join the match as deal number 20 settled on the table:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ Q J 7 5 4 ♣ K J 2	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 5 3 ♥ K J 9 7 ♦ A 10 3 2 ♣ Q 6
♠ J 4 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ 10 9 7 4 3	♠ A K 10 9 7 6 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ K ♣ A 8 5	

On the previous deal Goodman had picked up 3 IMPs when David Berkowitz had made a theoretically beatable 4♥ to cover his teammates' -300 in 1♠.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣9 for the jack, queen and ace. When declarer continued with the ♦K East took the ace and switched to the ♣6, declarer winning with the king, pitching a club on the ♦Q, playing a spade to the ace, a heart to the ace and pitching a heart on the ♦J, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
3♣ 2353			

West found the more threatening lead of the ♥2 and East won with the king and returned the ♥9. There was nothing declarer could do to avoid the loss of a second heart and a spade, -100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 4 ♥ 7 6 5 4 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 ♣ 10 5	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 10 9 6 ♥ K ♦ J 3 ♣ Q J 9 8 6 2
♠ J 8 5 ♥ Q J 9 3 ♦ A 9 7 4 2 ♣ A	♠ K 7 3 2 ♥ A 10 8 2 ♦ K ♣ K 7 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
—	—	1♣*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

1♣ 12-15 balanced or 15+ natural or 18+ any

21 calls to get to 1♥!



Jeff Meckstroth

When E/W located their 4-4 fit they appeared to be out of danger.

North led the ♥K and when it held he switched to the ♦3 for the king and ace. South returned the ♥J and declarer won with the ace and played a spade for the eight, queen and ace, North returning the ♣2. South took the ace, cashed the ♥Q and played a fourth heart. That left declarer short of tricks, and with no entry to his diamonds he was three down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	1♣	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

3♣ was a comfortable spot. West led the ♣10 and declarer played carefully for nine tricks (he could have made 10) +110 and another 12 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	Berkowitz	Kowalski	Meckstroth
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
INT	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♣	Majors		

West led the ♦A and then played the top hearts. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠KQ, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart and claimed, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
INT	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
2♣	Majors		

When you have a big lead, it is not uncommon to see players adopt a more conservative approach. I confess I

would have jumped to 4♠ over South's 2♠ at both tables. Declarer had no trouble taking 10 tricks, but that meant another 7 IMPs went away.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	Berkowitz	Kowalski	Meckstroth
—	—	2♥*	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♥	5♥+5♣/♦, 6-11		

West led a spade and declarer won, drew trumps and gave up a club, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Jacek Romanski

West led the $\diamond J$ but that was not enough – declarer still had to lose a diamond and a club, -100 and 12 IMPs.

In the space of 8 deals Goodman had outscored Vytas 48-1, which gives us a score line of 103-94.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A K 8 7 2 \heartsuit Q 8 4 \diamond 9 6 3 \clubsuit A 9</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit 4 \heartsuit A K 10 9 6 5 3 \diamond K 2 \clubsuit 8 4 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q 5 3 \heartsuit — \diamond A J 8 7 5 4 \clubsuit Q 7 5 2</p>
		<p>\spadesuit J 10 9 6 \heartsuit J 7 2 \diamond Q 10 \clubsuit K J 10 6</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	Berkowitz	Kowalski	Meckstroth
—	—	—	Pass
1 \spadesuit	2 \diamond	3 \heartsuit^*	Pass
4 \heartsuit	All Pass		
3 \heartsuit Forcing			

I was a little surprised that West did not rebid 4 \clubsuit , but perhaps that is too much in the context of an opening that promised 11-18. (Barry thought it might even be natural, which is perhaps possible.)

On this layout, even Geoffrey Boycott's mother would have taken 12 tricks, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	—	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass	3NT	Pass
4 \heartsuit	All Pass		

Is there more of a case for bidding 4 \clubsuit here? It might depend on how you think you are doing in the match. If you did that and partner then bid 4 \diamond you are probably only worth 4 \heartsuit . Bidding the slam would make the difference 20 IMPs.

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There was no swing on the last board, so you could be forgiven for thinking that Goodman had won. However, you will recall that scoring the points you need is only one half of the equation.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 6 2 \heartsuit Q 8 7 \diamond 7 6 5 \clubsuit K 9 8 7</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit J 7 5 4 3 \heartsuit A 2 \diamond A 10 4 2 \clubsuit A 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit — \heartsuit K J 10 9 6 3 \diamond K J 9 8 \clubsuit Q J 4</p>
		<p>\spadesuit A K Q 10 8 \heartsuit 5 4 \diamond Q 3 \clubsuit 10 6 5 3</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	Berkowitz	Kowalski	Meckstroth
Pass	1 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	2 \diamond	Pass	2 \spadesuit^*
Pass	3 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit
All Pass			

1 \spadesuit doubled does not look comfortable, but if declarer ducks the first round of hearts and then plays three rounds of clubs and cashed the $\diamond A$ six tricks should be taken. When the defenders started with three rounds of clubs declarer was booked for three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
Pass	1 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 \diamond	Pass	3 \heartsuit
All Pass			

When East led the $\diamond 4$ declarer won with dummy's queen, cashed three spade pitching club and played a heart to the jack, +170 and 8 IMPs for Vytas.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 10 2 \heartsuit A Q 9 5 2 \diamond 6 \clubsuit A 8 7 6 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>\spadesuit K 6 5 \heartsuit K 10 8 \diamond A K J 8 \clubsuit K J 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q 9 8 7 3 \heartsuit 7 6 4 \diamond 4 3 \clubsuit Q 10 9</p>
		<p>\spadesuit A J 4 \heartsuit J 3 \diamond Q 10 9 7 5 2 \clubsuit 5 3</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Romanski	Berkowitz	Kowalski	Meckstroth
—	—	1♣*	1♦
Dble*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 1♣ 12-15 balanced or 15+ natural or 18+ any
- Dble Hearts
- 2NT 18-20 balanced
- 4♦ Cue

With East as declarer there is no way to prevent 12 tricks, South's lead of the ♣5 merely serving to speed up the play, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Starkowski	Lair	Kwiecien
—	—	2♦*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 2♦ 18-19
- 3♦ Transfer
- 4♠ RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards +♥Q

South led the ♥J and declarer won with the king, cashed the eight, and then decided to play for a doubleton queen of clubs, cashing the king, drawing the last trump and then crossing to the ♣A. When the queen failed to appear, declarer played a diamond to the jack and was one down when it lost, -50 and an 11 IMP swing.

What to make of declarer's line of play?

The first thing to consider is how likely is it that they will bid 6♥ in the other room? Even if they do West might be declarer and if the ♠A is offside they might be going down immediately. Assuming they do bid the slam from the right side, should you attempt to create a swing in the play? Another possibility is to draw trumps, cash the top diamonds, ruff a diamond (in case the queen falls) and then falling back on the club finesse. I set Tacchi onto the calculations, but he thinks it is very close and would be difficult to decide at the table. Barry thinks cashing the clubs is best – but wandering outside I spotted Jeff Meckstroth and he took only a few moments to decide that cashing the clubs is best.

If 6♥ had made there would be a different name on the trophy!



Włodzimierz Starkowski, Mark Lair, Michał Kwiecien, Mike Passell

Semi-final A Senior Pairs

by Barry Rigal

The set started off with a bang. On the second deal of the first round John Holland overruled his partner and put him in a fragile contract.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Pajak</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Gawecki</i>	<i>Mould</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
2♥	4♥*	5♥	6♦
Pass	Pass	6♥	Dble
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

Mould meant his 6♦ as minimal interest in advancing (one can see what he means) with the double reinforcing that message. Holland judged that the penalty from 6♥ would not be sufficient to get back to average on the deal... +1100 (four plain winners and two ruffs) on the ♦A lead would have been 18 MP/24. 7♦ needed the spade finesse and something not too terrible in the black suits perhaps. It rolled home today for a clear top for the Englishmen, who had waltzed away with the qualifying event.

Two deals later they again bid with aplomb to a slam not attempted by the field:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lekki</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Golinski</i>	<i>Mould</i>
2♥*	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

2♥ Hearts plus a minor

North/South decided not to offend the Gods by attempting a second grand slam on a finesse for a black-suit king. 6♣+1390 was 20/24 for them.

Our heroes could be argued to have got lucky, in a way, on the next deal.

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

Consider this as a declarer-play problem when you reach 4♥ from the strong hand after your LHO has pre-empted in diamonds in second seat. After the ♠8 lead how would you play?

The Polish declarer won the spade lead in hand, unblocked spades and led a club up and the defence cashed out. At matchpoints wouldn't you take the fractional risk that your LHO is 1-3 in the majors? Draw two rounds of trumps and find they split, then unblock spades, over to the ♥10 and take two pitches. Bingo! +680 and 18MP/24 instead of seven.

A third slam goal for our protagonists indicated that today might be starting out the same way as yesterday. But there was slightly more to it than the bidding...

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Mould</i>	<i>Y</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT GF raise
3♠ Shortness

Those of you familiar with John Holland's antediluvian tendencies may be surprised to hear that he has moved on from a 2NT response to show a balanced 10-12...in fact a standard Jacoby auction saw Mould use a caveman approach to possible club losers and blast out the slam. Right he was – and it would be wrong of me to suggest the approach did not have some logic. Holland won the diamond lead in 6♥ to draw trumps, ruff a diamond, then


run trumps before going to dummy's spades. At trick 13 Holland tried to cash the ♠4 and nobody had a spade left... that meant 23 MP instead of 14. These things add up...

After a series of slightly below average results, our pair got back into the groove again.

You hold: ♠106 ♥A1065 ♦J632 ♣J96

What would you lead against an unopposed 1♠-3♠-4♠ sequence, 3♠ being a mixed raise?

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ J 7 3 2		
	♥ 9 8 3		
	♦ A Q 8		
	♣ 10 8 7		
♠ 10 6		♠ Q 5	
♥ A 10 6 5		♥ K 7	
♦ J 6 3 2		♦ K 10 9 5 4	
♣ J 9 6		♣ A 5 4 3	
	♠ A K 9 8 4		
	♥ Q J 4 2		
	♦ 7		
	♣ K Q 2		
West	North	East	South
Holland	Meckstroth	Mould	Berkowitz
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Holland unerringly led a diamond and Meckstroth guessed well to give up on (perhaps?) his best legitimate chance for the contract, that of finding the ♦K right, by flying with the ♦A and leading a heart. Should Mould have taken his ♥K? Today it might not have generated any more tricks. As it was the heart went to the jack and ace. Holland returned the ♦J, covered all round, and ruffed with the ♠8. Meckstroth took the top spades, went to the ♠7 and led a heart. Mould won and played back a diamond. Declarer was not able to find a way home when hearts failed to break. Since the defence had let through 10 tricks in spades (frequently defending a part-score) on more occasions than they had held it to nine, there was almost a full top at stake (23 MP instead of 2).

On the next deal Mould went low, passing after an unopposed 1♥-1♠-2♠ with:

♠ Q 9 8 6 2
♥ —
♦ K J 7 5
♣ K J 10 8

Partner had an aceless 14-count 4-5-2-2 and 4♠ was rather worse than finding a diamond honour onside. And both were wrong. 21/24 MP for well-timed discretion.

The next pair of opponents were another English pair, Nick Smith-Roger Bryant, and Mould-Holland defended a game accurately then stopped out of a moderate but

failing slam, to keep their run going.


If it seems like the Englishmen might have had rather the better of the luck, this next board might confirm that. On lead to an unopposed 3NT (1♦-1♥-2NT-3NT) choose your poison with:

♠104 ♥QJ10 ♦10842 ♣AK62

The fact that your LHO has not asked for heart support might suggest dummy has only four? And maybe you need to set up a heart using your clubs as entries? Or are you simply going to go after clubs, without reference to that tempting heart sequence? I can see both points of view make sense, but Chindelewicz's choice of the ♥Q today saw not only the opponents with a 5-3 heart fit but his partner with four clubs. When his ♥Q held he cashed out, but -430 was 1 IMP while -400 would have been 22.

Time for yet another good result on a slam hand...

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A Q J 6 5		
	♥ Q 9 7 2		
	♦ 9 7 6		
	♣ A		
♠ 8 4 3		♠ —	
♥ 10 6 4		♥ K J 5 3	
♦ J 5 3		♦ A Q 10 8 4 2	
♣ 9 8 6 3		♣ Q 5 4	
	♠ K 10 9 7 2		
	♥ A 8		
	♦ K		
	♣ K J 10 7 2		
West	North	East	South
Holland	Brightling	Mould	Hoffman
—	1♠	2♦	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

David Hoffman's decision to drive to slam caught his partner with unbelievably terrible holdings in hearts and clubs but slam was still on bringing home the clubs for four tricks. The defenders meanly cashed the ♦A and played another. Brightling ruffed the diamonds, unblocked clubs, drew trump then cashed the ♣K and took the ruffing finesse in clubs for down one. Slam went down five times and made four times – twice on a club lead, twice on ♦A lead. But that was 19 MP for the defence. To compound that unlucky result Hoffman logically enough misguessed the trump queen on the next deal for another excellent result for his opponents. Although another English pair had the better of Mould/Holland on the last round they had a splendid 67% game after 40% of the deals in the qualifier had been played.



Mixed Teams F S I

Miniters v Ferm

by David Bird

The first day of the Mixed final dawns. What drama lies ahead of us? MINITER (Gillian Miniters, Sanna Clementsson, Joe Grue, Geir Helgemo, Jessica Larson & Fredrik Nyström) face FERM (Barbara Ferm, Sjoert Brink, Simon De Wijs, Bas Drijver, Christina Lund Madsen & Daniela von Arnim). Will the standard of play grace a world final, or will the contestants show signs of wilting? You can decide, on the evidence of this first session.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sjoert Brink	Joe Grue	Barbara Ferm	Gillian Miniters
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Sjoert Brink

North's 2♣ was alerted as 2+ clubs and game-forcing. South's club control-bid was compulsory with an ace, and North's 4♦ was the familiar spoof control-bid, often wielded by the great Zia Mahmood. South was then entitled to show her heart control by shortage, without partner expecting any extra values. This did not improve Grue's hand particularly, but he followed up his tactical 4♦ bid with RKCB, reaching the spade slam.

Only a club lead would allow the slam to be made. Brink had doubtless played against Grue before and was there with his ♦7 lead. The defenders scored two tricks in that suit and could not be deprived of the king of clubs as well. It was an unimpressive board for North/South.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Geir Helgemo	Bas Drijver	Jessica Larsson	Christina Lund Madsen
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

This was bidding of a standard appropriate for a world final. South's 3NT, rather than an immediate 4♣ control-bid, showed a lower-range hand. North's 4♥ denied controls in either minor and 4♠ was then the obvious sign-off. Bravo! Give them a reward of 11 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sjoert Brink	Joe Grue	Barbara Ferm	Gillian Miniters
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West's 2♣ was Drury, showing at least a sound raise to 2♥. With hearts agreed, 2♠ would normally be played as

a game-try, a hand that needed assistance in spades. Brink marked time with 2NT and Barbara Ferm must then have thought that 3♥ was forcing. Even so, why not bid 3♣ or make some obvious slam try?

All around were discussing whether they would reach a slam. I observed that they might not reach game. "But 2♠ is forcing to game," I was told. Not as I see it. Not as Brink saw it, either. With the worst possible holding in spades, East's help-suit, he passed. Eleven tricks were made for +200.

It had been a depressing start to what we were hoping would be a great final.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Geir	Bas	Jessica	Christina
Helgemo	Drijver	Larsson	Lund Madsen
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Cool, calm, expertise. A Drury 2♣ again, and 2♦ to show acceptance and extra values. When West could do no more than raise to game, Larsson stopped there.

South led a spade, to the king and ace. Declarer then played the queen of hearts, followed by the diamond and heart aces. She then crossed to the king of hearts and discarded two clubs on the ♦KQ. After a diamond ruff, she played spades and made 12 tricks when that suit broke 3-3. Compared with the part-score at the other table, this was worth 10 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sjoert	Joe	Barbara	Gillian
Brink	Grue	Ferm	Minitier
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Brink escaped a double in 4♠, going three down. Meanwhile, North/South were good for 11 tricks in hearts. Should someone have doubled the spade game? Either of them might have done, but it was not clear-cut.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Geir	Bas	Jessica	Christina
Helgemo	Drijver	Larsson	Lund Madsen
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Once again, the other room showed the way. Drijver did double 4♠, picking up 800. That was 11 IMPs to team FERM.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sjoert	Joe	Barbara	Gillian
Brink	Grue	Ferm	Minitier
—	1♠	3♣	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Brink led the ♣9, drawing the jack, queen and ace. When declarer led the ♠9, he rose with the ace and switched to the ♦8. Ferm won with the ace and returned the ♣10, covered and ruffed by West. A spade continuation saw East ruffing the ♠K with the 10, overruffed with the jack. Declarer collected the remaining tricks, but three aces and a club ruff meant one down.



Joe Grue, Barbara Ferm, Gillian Minitier, Sjoert Brink

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Geir	Bas	Jessica	Christina
Helgemo	Drijver	Larsson	Lund Madsen
—	2♠	Pass	3NT


All Pass

Drijver's 2♠ was 10-13 and they arrived swiftly in 3NT. Helgemo's ♥2 lead did not strike gold, drawing the 10 and the jack. Lund Madsen played on spades and the first two rounds were ducked. Helgemo then won the ♥K with the ace, cashed the ♠A and returned a passive heart. A diamond went to the queen and ace, declarer winning the club return. 3NT had never been in doubt, and it was +600, giving FERM another 10 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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





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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sjoert	Joe	Barbara	Gillian
Brink	Grue	Ferm	Miniter
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Brink chose to respond 4♥ on a non-typical hand. (USA teachers say that 4♥ shows a 'weak freak'. They just love a good rhyme.) North was doubled in his 4♠ overcall and the ♦A was led. Declarer could not complain about the dummy that appeared. How would you have continued from the East hand?

A trump switch is best and will collect +500. The actual ♥A switch was less effective, costing a possible two tricks. Declarer ruffed the ♦K at trick three and could then have made the contract by ruffing hearts. No, he led the ♣10. East discarded a heart and Brink won with the ace. A club ruff then put the spade game one down. Neither side had done as well as they might.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Geir	Bas	Jessica	Christina
Helgemo	Drijver	Larsson	Lund Madsen
—	—	1♥	Pass
2NT	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		


Lund Madsen led the ♠10, North claiming two tricks in the suit. Declarer won the diamond switch and continued with ace and another trump. That was +620 and a gain of 9 IMPs for MINITER.

There was one final double-digit swing in this rather wild set:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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





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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sjoert	Joe	Barbara	Gillian
Brink	Grue	Ferm	Miniter
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♦
2♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

The jack of diamonds was led, West taking two tricks and persevering with the ♦10, ruffed with the king. It looks like one down after that, but the abbreviated record shows two down, for -200. Perhaps declarer played to drop the ♣Q offside.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Geir	Bas	Jessica	Christina
Helgemo	Drijver	Larsson	Lund Madsen
1♦	1♥	1♠*	2NT
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The ace of hearts was followed by the ♦2, run to North's queen. The heart queen was ruffed in the dummy, and North won the king of spades with the ace. When the jack of hearts was played, Larsson could have ruffed in her hand for one down. She preferred to discard a diamond, ruffing in the dummy. In some danger now, she had to lead good diamonds to keep the damage to three down. That was an 500 loss and 12 IMPs to FERM.

Well, we couldn't say it was boring, but it had all been a bit scrappy for a world final. The score was 52-25 in favour of FERM.



Mixed Teams KO Brackets

KNOTTENBELT 37
THOMPSON 77

WILSON 65
FEPANANDRA 58

THOMPSON 48
VALUE MEDIA TEAM 60

WILSON 51
CORIANDRE 59

GILLIS 62
VALUE MEDIA TEAM 89

VALUE MEDIA TEAM 70
MINITER 105

CORIANDRE 101
EDMONDS 93

CORIANDRE 88
REASON 42

ROSENTHAL 59
CROCODILE 87

ZALESKI 51
HEADS OR TAILS 94

MINITER 110
CROCODILE 14

EDMONDS 100
HEADS OR TAILS 33

MINITER 101
BLAKSETS BIN 44

MINITER 139
DONNER 115

FERM 147
CORIANDRE 126

EDMONDS 106
CZERBIA 41

DONNER 70
SEOUL 12

BROS1005 53
SIEJA 60

DONNER 41
WOLFSON 35

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
MINITER	25	39	23				87
FERM	52	33	27				112

SIEJA 25
FERM 71

WOLFSON 87
MCINTOSH FUNCLUB 49

TECZA SZCZECINEK 72
DONNER 92

BRIDGE24 121
FERM 140

FERM 119
DINKIN 38

MILLENS 53
FORMIDABLES 90

BRIDGE24 86
APA HEILI 74

TECZA SZCZECINEK 50
FORMIDABLES 50

ZADRA 34
BRIDGE24 88

TECZA SZCZECINEK 73
ORCA 67

ZADRA 65
AARDVARKS 62

Mixed Pairs Finals

Final A after 3 Sessions

Rank	Players	Nationality	%	
1	KALITA Jacek	BALDYSZ Cathy	POL - POL	58.63
2	ZATORSKI Piotr	DUFRAT Katarzyna	POL - POL	57.02
3	WASIAK Artur	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	POL - POL	56.35
4	BEAUCHAMP David	TUTTY Jodi	AUS - AUS	56.04
5	BROCK Sally	WILLENKEN Chris	ENG - USA	56.03
6	CRONIER Philippe	CRONIER Benedicte	FRA - FRA	55.78
7	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	RIMSTEDT Mikael	DEN - SWE	55.64
8	ZMUDA Justyna	KLUKOWSKI Michal	POL - SUI	55.19
9	HUANG Shan	MILLENES Joan	USA - USA	54.93
10	BESSIS Thomas	BERTHEAU Kathrine	FRA - SWE	54.44
11	BOTTA Giorgia	GROSSACK Zachary	USA - USA	54.42
12	LORENZINI Cedric	BELLO Isabelle	FRA - FRA	53.96
13	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA	53.68
14	BASARAN Berk	ELMAS Tuna	TUR - TUR	53.42
15	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA	53.25
16	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	53.17
17	PELLEGRINI Carlos	GAMIO Claudia Valerie	ARG - ARG	52.89
18	ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	ISR - ISR	52.87
19	GROSSACK Adam	KOLESNIK Emma	USA - USA	52.59
20	MAJCHER Arkadiusz	ZALEWSKA Joanna	POL - POL	52.12
21	SEALE Catherine	HELNESS Fredrik	ENG - NOR	52.11
22	KAZMUCHA Danuta	HUTYRA Maciej	POL - POL	51.09
23	RUBINS Karlis	ALFEJEVA Jelena	LAT - LAT	51.05
24	THOMPSON Ben	COOPER Renee	AUS - AUS	50.94
25	ATTANASIO Dario	MANARA Gabriella	ITA - ITA	50.82
26	PIETRZYK Agnieszka	PAWLAK Andrzej	POL - POL	50.57
27	KLEMS Erik	PEPIC Selena	CZE - SER	50.46
28	ROMANOVSKA Majja	BENDIKS Janis	LAT - LAT	50.30
29	WINCIOREK Tomasz	DANCEWICZ Renata	POL - POL	50.11
30	YUEN Sebastian	GEROMBOUX Christy	AUS - AUS	49.89
31	BERTHEAU Peter	ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie	SWE - SWE	49.80
32	McCALLUM Karen	JOHANNSSON Axel	USA - AUS	49.59
33	FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE	49.58
34	BURAS Krzysztof	SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	49.47
35	BLAAGESTAD Lise	PEDERSEN Jan	NOR - DEN	48.75
36	BURN David	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	ENG - FRA	48.08
37	NETTLETON Diana	PASKE Thomas	ENG - ENG	47.86
38	MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	SUI - SUI	47.48
39	SAELENMINDE Erik	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	NOR - NOR	47.25
40	McINTOSH Andrew	MORAN Sara	ENG - ENG	47.13
41	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	46.62
42	DZIEKANSKI Krzysztof	DZIEKANSKA Ewa	POL - POL	46.58
43	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	LASZCZUK Jaroslaw	POL - POL	46.14
44	BERTHIAUME Louise	FERGANI Kamel	CAN - CAN	46.14
45	NAIDOO Bindiya	SINHA Priya Ranjan	IND - IND	44.63
46	VOZABAL David	ZORANOVIC Jovana	CZE - SER	44.49
47	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	EDMONDS Jodi	USA - USA	44.15
48	BAKHSI David	BAKHSI Heather	ENG - ENG	43.85
49	SAPORTA Pierre	SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO Renata	FRA - FRA	43.74
50	YAVAS Dilek	KAYA Emre	TUR - TUR	43.49
51	KARLYKOV Petro	REITMANN Marina	UKR - UKR	41.95
52	DINKIN Sam	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	41.50
53	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER	41.38
54	IAVICOLI Federico	DI LORENZO Anastasia	ITA - ITA	40.00

Final B

Rank	Players	Nationality	%	
1	ZHAO Jinlong	SHIMAZAKI Ayako	JPN - JPN	62.43
2	NEHMERT Pony Beate	WILDAVSKY Adam	GER - USA	58.56
3	GORA Cezary	OCYLOK Dominika	POL - POL	58.22
4	GRZEJDZIAK Igor	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	POL - POL	58.14
5	CAPLAN Eva	THOMPSON Jamie	AUS - AUS	55.88
6	OGLOBLIN Dominika	MARKS Rafal	POL - POL	55.87
7	TOMMASINI Stefano	LA CHAPELLE Imogen	ENG - ENG	55.79
8	BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	ISR - ISR	55.56
9	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	KISLITSYNA Irina	ISR - USA	55.53
10	PATREUHA Patryk	BALDYSZ Sophia	POL - POL	54.99
11	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Ewa	POL - POL	54.40
12	CHEDIAK Virginia	LAURANT Eric	NOR - NED	54.23
13	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	COUTEAUX Antonella	BEL - BEL	53.87
14	KOWALSKA Anna	KORECKI Piotr	POL - POL	53.61
15	GORSKA Aleksandra	TUCZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	53.47
16	BOCKEN Patrick	MIERZWA Aleksandra	BEL - BEL	53.40
17	SHERMAN David	SHERMAN Tracy	ENG - ENG	53.21
18	GUVEN Metin	BAUER Tracey	TUR - USA	53.14
19	PETER Thomas	HEINRICHS Gerda	GER - GER	52.50
20	NOSALSKA Anna	ZALESKI Tomasz	POL - POL	52.38
21	GOLD David	KNOTTENBELT Maggie	ENG - ENG	52.27
22	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	BOGO Kaare	NOR - NOR	51.95
23	MOLLER Rachael	GURVICH David	USA - USA	51.81
24	LENGY Assaf	NOSACKI Michal	ISR - ISR	51.78
25	HETZ Clara	PACHTMAN Ron	ISR - ISR	51.66
26	BARDEN Paul	ROBINSON Claire	ENG - ENG	51.60
27	GOTARD Thomas	SCHWALBACH Kathrin	GER - GER	51.48
28	HAMMOND Nicolas	MAKAREWICZ Anna	USA - POL	51.32
29	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX	51.05
30	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA	50.98
31	PUNCH Sam	PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO	50.93
32	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	MARCINOWSKI Adam	POL - POL	50.88
33	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	JACOSZEK Jolanta	POL - POL	50.62
34	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	SIKORA Marta	POL - POL	50.28
35	BAKALARZ Adrian	LUCKA Dominika	POL - POL	50.28
36	MICHELIN Marjorie	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	USA - USA	50.15
37	GUPTA Uttam	KOCHAR Rubinder Kaur	IND - UAE	50.13
38	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	OSTROWSKA Lena	POL - POL	50.08
39	CHEMALY Larry	BATEMAN Nicola Mae	RSA - RSA	49.82
40	POPLILOV Matilda	HETZ Nathan	ISR - ISR	49.34
41	PLACKETT Richard Mark	DESCHPEPPER Mia	WAL - WAL	49.31
42	LIS Elzbieta	FREITAG Tomasz	POL - POL	49.22
43	WENNING Ulrich	WENNING Karin	GER - GER	49.17
44	BESTRZYNSKI Olech	STACHOWIAK-KLUZ Justyna	POL - POL	49.05
45	BAUSBACK Nikolas	DING Hong	GER - USA	48.60
46	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	48.59
47	GOLDBERG Jerry	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA - USA	48.56
48	SZTYRAK Leszek	CZAJKA Iwona	POL - POL	48.42
49	ZABIEREK Maja	URBAN Hubert	POL - POL	48.00
50	O'SHEA William	WOOD Viv	AUS - AUS	47.92
51	BARONI Irene	ZALESKI Romain	ITA - ITA	47.87
52	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN	47.70
53	LAW Manju	MAITRA Uday	UAE - CAN	47.58
54	DE KOSTER Robbie	POPPE Eva	NED - NED	47.11
55	NAWROCKI Piotr	ROZMAN Malgorzata	POL - SCO	47.07
56	WIECZOREK Ewa	BUCKNELL Charlie	ENG - ENG	47.00
57	AUGUSTYNIAK Krystyna	WASZKIEWICZ Wojciech	POL - POL	47.00
58	SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	SHASHOU Nathalie	ENG - ENG	46.77
59	SILBERBERG Gheorghe	POSZPICHIL Agnes	ROM - ROM	46.14
60	MOORE Nikolas	LANGDON Rachel	AUS - AUS	45.89
61	GILL Peter	SYLVESTER Elisabeth	AUS - AUS	45.72
62	KARDASINSKI Piotr	SUFLIDA Lilliana	POL - POL	45.59
63	BOJARSKA Beata	PABICH Michal	POL - POL	45.18
64	SCHROEDER Michael	SCHROEDER Malgorzata	GER - GER	44.74
65	ALP Zeynep	EKINCI Orhan	TUR - TUR	44.32
66	KANDEMIR Ismail	NUHOGLU Sevil	TUR - TUR	44.12
67	PYTKA Anna	PYTKA Tomasz	POL - POL	43.29
68	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	GORSKA Anna	POL - POL	42.23
69	HOFFMAN Julia	QUAIL Christopher	AUS - AUS	42.04
70	THOMPSON Jenny	FLICKER Damon	AUS - AUS	41.89
71	RUTYNA Roman	NAPIERAJCZYK Anna	POL - POL	40.96
72	CZARNECKA Barbara	CZARNECKI Walery	POL - POL	38.52

Senior Pairs Semi-finals

Semi-final A

Rank	Players	Nationality	%	
1	MOULD Alan	HOLLAND John	ENG - ENG	59.88
2	BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	POL - POL	58.09
3	MECKSTROTH Jeff	BERKOWITZ David	USA - USA	57.81
4	BUCHLEV Nedju	LESNICZAK Jacek	GER - GER	55.17
5	PRYOR Malcolm	KENDRICK David	ENG - ENG	54.97
6	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	OLANSKI Wojtek	LTU - LTU	53.89
7	GAWECKI Janusz	PAJAK Stanislaw	POL - POL	53.56
8	KASPRZAK Alan	CHINDELEWICZ Pawel	POL - POL	53.50
9	RUSSYAN Jerzy	WITEK Marek	POL - POL	53.19
10	HACKETT Paul D	SENIOR Brian	ENG - ENG	53.10
11	BERG Thomas	JORGENSEN Geert	DEN - DEN	53.05
12	EWART Neil	ROBINSON Ian	AUS - AUS	51.15
13	KALISH Avi	GRINBERG Nir	ISR - ISR	50.46
14	LEKKI Janusz	GOLINSKI Jan	POL - POL	50.46
15	KOWALSKI Apolinary	SIKORSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	50.43
16	JANIK Stanislaw	NOWAK Jerzy	POL - POL	50.14
17	PASELL Mike	GOODMAN Andy	USA - USA	49.53
18	NIEDZIELSKI Pawel	OLCZYK Jerzy	POL - POL	49.34
19	KOZYCZKOWSKI Jerzy	BOCHENSKI Adolf	POL - POL	47.27
20	NIESLUCHOWSKI Marek	MALYPAN Miroslaw	POL - POL	45.89
21	BRIGHTLING Richard	HOFFMAN David	AUS - AUS	43.45
22	KOWALEWSKI Zdzislaw	BAK Slawomir	POL - POL	41.49
23	SOSNA Zbigniew	KOZLOWSKI Marek	POL - POL	41.47
24	PATER Mariusz	STANISZEWSKI Jan	POL - POL	41.25
25	MELMAN Victor	MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw	USA - POL	40.68
26	BRYANT Roger	SMITH Nick	ENG - ENG	40.37

Semi-final B

Rank	Players	Nationality	%	
1	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	55.80
2	MARTENS Krzysztof	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - SUI	55.17
3	RYFFA Tomasz	JANECZEK Wlodzimierz	POL - POL	54.67
4	WALCZAK Piotr	CABAJ Stefan	POL - POL	53.98
5	SZAKUN Marek	ROZMAN Radoslaw	POL - POL	53.88
6	FILIPOWICZ Karol	PALASZ Ryszard	POL - POL	53.60
7	BALDYSZ Mark	SZAFRANIEC Edward	POL - POL	53.33
8	SABALA Zbigniew	SKOWRONSKI Wieslaw	POL - POL	53.13
9	SKORUPA Aleksander	WACHEL Stanislaw	POL - POL	50.94
10	KIEPURA Marek	KALINOWSKI Jacek	POL - POL	50.18
11	FRONCZAK Andrzej	PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	47.08
12	FIJALKOWSKI Grzegorz	GORNIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	45.19
13	EKERT Lech	RACZKIEWICZ Maciej	POL - USA	43.87
14	TARNOGRODZKI Leszek	BARTNIK Longin	POL - POL	42.84
15	KACZMAREK Edward	WOJTAS Czeslaw	POL - POL	41.69