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# SIMSON WIN THE RAND CUP



The Rand Cup, awarded to the winners of the Senior Teams Championship, goes to Simson, who beat Milner 134 - 113 in the final. Third place is shared by the two losing semifinalists, Zimmermann and Poland.

### Simson

Doug SIMSON (captain), Iftikhar BAQAI, Mitchell DUNITZ, Bobby LEVIN, Eric RODWELL, Alan SONTAG

### Milner

Joyjit SENSARMA (captain and coach), Bart BRAMLEY, Apolinary KOWALSKI, Hemant LALL, Zia MAHMOOD, Reese MILNER, Piotr TUSZYNSKI

### Zimmermann

Pierre ZIMMERMANN (captain), Michel ABECASSIS, Marc BOMPIS, Philippe CRONIER, Giorgio DUBOIN, Alain LEVY. Coach: Fernando PIEDRA

### Poland

Piotr BIZON (captain), Piotr GAWRYS, Krzysztof MARTENS, Marek WITEK

## 2027 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2027 World Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, Wuhan Cup, Transnational) will take place in Barbados from 24 August\* (\*Opening ceremony on 23 August) to 4 September.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

You have certainly noticed the BONUS booth just outside the playing area.

BONUS will be awarding special themed prizes to players and/or pairs who achieve some unusual results.

Today's challenge is: **the pair who makes the highest number of partscores contracts** will receive a special BONUS gift, plus a cash prize.

The winners will be announced and awarded tomorrow.

Good luck!



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Team ZIMMERMANN



Team POLAND



As you know, BONUS (meet them at the very fancy booth just outside the playing area) has decided to award special prizes for some atypical achievements, with a different theme each day, announced in the Daily Bulletin.

Yesterday's theme was: the pair who made the highest number of "just made" contracts, no overtricks, no undertricks.

And that pair is Kazimierz GRALAK-Leszek SZKUDLAREK from Poland.



## BARBADOS SWISS CUP FINAL

- The top seven teams after the Semifinal qualify to the Final.
- They will be joined by one drop-in team.

## MIXED PAIRS FINAL A

- The top 19 pairs after Semifinal A qualify to Final A.
- They will be joined by the two top pairs of Semifinal B and five drop-ins.

## SENIOR PAIRS FINAL A

- The top 16 pairs after Semifinal A qualify to Final A.
- They will be joined by the two top pairs of Semifinal B.

## BAM FINAL A

- The top 15 teams after the qualification play Final A tomorrow.
- They will be joined by one drop-in team.

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# SWINGS AND ARROWS

by Mark Horton

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Ding | Gui   | Hu       | Wang  |
| —    | —     | —        | 2♦*   |
| Pass | 2♥*   | Pass     | 2♠    |
| Dble | Rdbl  | 4♥       | Pass  |
| Pass | 4♠    | 5♥       | Pass  |
| Pass | Dble  | All Pass |       |

2♦ Multi  
2♥ Pass or correct

South led the ♠K and continued with the ♠Q, declarer ruffing and playing the ♥J. North won and exited with a heart at which point declarer claimed, +650.

Yettick v Platinum  
Open Room

| West | North   | East      | South   |
|------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Chen | de Wijs | Shirogane | Yettick |
| —    | —       | —         | 2♠      |
| Pass | 4♠      | All Pass  |         |

It would be quite a stretch for West to bid 3♠ over 2♠, but East must have considered doubling 4♠. West led the ♣A and when East followed with the ♣8 the ♦2 saw East win with the ♦A and return the ♣J, West ruffing and cashing the ♦K for one down, -100.

Closed Room

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Wang | Chen  | Lai      | Wang  |
| —    | —     | —        | 2♠    |
| Pass | 4♠    | All Pass |       |

West led the ♣A and when East followed with the ♣2 she switched to the ♦4. East put in the ♦Q but when he returned the ♦3 the contract was only one down, -100 and 11 IMPs for China2.

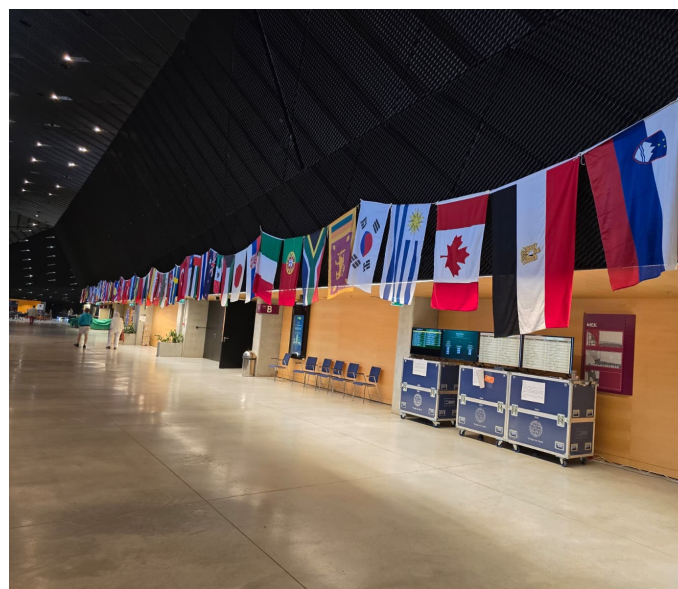
Closed Room

| West       | North | East      | South |
|------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Z Grossack | Tung  | Schireson | Wai   |
| —          | —     | —         | 2♠    |
| 3♥         | 4♠    | 5♥        | Pass  |
| Pass       | Dble  | All Pass  |       |

That's an overcall to admire!

Declarer had to lose to the major suit aces, but that was all, +650 and 11 IMPs to Yettick, ahead 54-39.

Geely Automobile v China2  
Open Room



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Sivy B v Bulgaria Mixed

Open Room

| West            | North        | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>A Lin</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>K Rosenberg</i> |
| Pass            | 1♥           | Pass          | 1NT                |
| 2♦              | Pass         | 3♦            | 3♥                 |
| Pass            | 4♥           | All Pass      |                    |

East led the ♣2 and declarer won with dummy's ♣K and ducked a heart to West's ♥J. Back came the ♣6 and East ruffed, returned the ♦4 and scored an uppercut with the ♣K when West won and played a third club, -50.

Declarer can cut the defenders communications by playing a diamond at trick two.

Closed Room

| West               | North            | East               | South          |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Lafchieva</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> | <i>Andonov</i> |
| Pass               | 1♥               | Pass               | 2♥             |
| Pass               | Pass             | 2♠                 | 3♣             |
| Pass               | 4♥               | Dble               | All Pass       |

East led the ♣2 and when dummy's ♣10 held declarer played two rounds of hearts, West winning and playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed, played the ♣A and another club, claiming ten tricks, +590 and 12 IMPs to Bulgaria Mixed.

You don't see too many Biltcliffe Coups at World Championship level (the opponents must be about to play in a part-score, but you protect in the pass-out seat, they bid game, you double and they make it).

Yettick v Platinum

Open Room

| West        | North          | East             | South          |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Chen</i> | <i>de Wijs</i> | <i>Shirogane</i> | <i>Yettick</i> |
| Pass        | 1♥             | Pass             | 2♦*            |
| Dble        | 4♥             | All Pass         |                |

2♦ Limit raise with 3♥

East led the ♣2 and declarer won with the ♣A and played the ♦8, East taking the ♦K and switching to the ♠2. Declarer won with the ♠A, ducked a heart to West's ♥J, won the spade return in dummy and played a heart to the ace followed by a club. East's ruff saw declarer claim, +420.

Closed Room

| West              | North       | East             | South      |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| <i>Z Grossack</i> | <i>Tung</i> | <i>Schireson</i> | <i>Wai</i> |
| 1♦                | Dble        | 1♠               | 1NT        |
| Pass              | Pass        | 2♦               | 3♣         |
| 3♦                | All Pass    |                  |            |

North led the ♦8 and declarer won with the ♦J and played the ♥Q, North winning and continuing with two rounds of spades. Having won with the ♠K South switched to the ♣K, but declarer could claim, +110 and 11 IMPs to Yettick.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Geely Automobile v China2

Open Room

| West        | North      | East      | South       |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Ding</i> | <i>Gui</i> | <i>Hu</i> | <i>Wang</i> |
| —           | Pass       | 1♣*       | 2♦          |
| Dble*       | 3♦         | 3NT       | All Pass    |

1♣ 2+♣, 11-22

South led the ♦8 and North won with the ♦A and returned the ♦Q. Declarer won and played a spade collecting South's ♠A and finished with 10 tricks, +430.

#### Closed Room

| West        | North       | East       | South       |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| <i>Wang</i> | <i>Chen</i> | <i>Lai</i> | <i>Wang</i> |
| —           | Pass        | 1♣*        | Pass        |
| 1♠          | Pass        | 1NT        | Pass        |
| 2♥          | Pass        | 2♠         | Pass        |
| 4♠          | All Pass    |            |             |

1♣ 16+ balanced or 17+balanced

North led the ♣7 for the queen and king and declarer continued with a spade for the queen and ace. South switched to the ♦2 and North won and returned the ♦10, declarer winning with dummy's ♦K and naturally but fatally playing a spade. When South discarded one down was inevitable, -50 and 10 IMPs for China2.

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

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

#### Yettick v Platinum

##### Open Room

| West        | North          | East             | South          |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Chen</i> | <i>de Wijs</i> | <i>Shirogane</i> | <i>Yettick</i> |
| —           | —              | 1NT*             | Pass           |
| Pass        | Dble*          | 2♥               | Pass           |
| Pass        | Dble           | All Pass         |                |

1NT (14+)15-17

Dble Penalties

South led the ♣3 to declarer's ♣K and three rounds of spades ruffing were followed by a

club exit. The defenders tried three rounds of diamonds but declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a diamond, endplaying South to lead into the ♥K9 for the overtrick, +570.

#### Closed Room

| West              | North       | East             | South      |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| <i>Z Grossack</i> | <i>Tung</i> | <i>Schireson</i> | <i>Wai</i> |
| —                 | —           | 1♥               | Pass       |
| 1NT*              | Dble        | Pass             | 2♠         |
| 3♥                | All Pass    |                  |            |

1NT Forcing

South led the ♣3 for the eight and king and declarer exited with a diamond, south winning with the ♦10 and continuing with the ♣J followed by the ♣4. Declarer ruffed, played three rounds of spades, ruffing and exited with a diamond, claiming nine tricks, +140 but 10 IMPs to Platinum.

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

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

#### Sivy B v Bulgaria Mixed

##### Open Room

| West            | North        | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>A Lin</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>K Rosenberg</i> |
| Pass            | Pass         | 2♠            | 2NT                |
| Pass            | 3♦           | Pass          | 3♥                 |
| Pass            | 3NT          | All Pass      |                    |

West led the ♣5 and declarer won with the ♣K and played a heart for the queen and ace. East's return of the ♠Q saw West win and exit with the ♣2, declarer winning, playing a heart to the jack and scoring 10 tricks, +630.



### Closed Room

| West               | North            | East               | South          |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Lafchieva</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> | <i>Andonov</i> |
| —                  | —                | 2♠                 | Pass           |
| Pass               | Dble             | All Pass           |                |

South cashed the ♦AK, North following with the ♦Q and ♦8 and switched to the ♥3. Declarer won with the ♥A and exited with a diamond, North winning and switching to the ♠10. Declarer won with dummy's ♠A and played a club, her powerful trumps giving her seven tricks, -200 but 10 IMPs to Sivy B.

### Ticket to Ride v Edmonds

#### Open Room

| West             | North             | East         | South             |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>A Grossack</i> | <i>Żmuda</i> | <i>E Kolesnik</i> |
| Pass             | Pass              | 2♦*          | 2♠                |
| All Pass         |                   |              |                   |

2♦ Multi

West led the ♣8 and declarer won, played a diamond to the queen and a spade for the queen, king and ace. West switched to the ♥6 and East won, cashed the ♠7, ♠8, ♠9 and ♠J which meant three down, -300.

### Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufrat</i> |
| Pass           | Pass            | 2♠           | 2NT           |
| Pass           | 3♦*             | Pass         | 3♥            |
| Pass           | 3NT             | All Pass     |               |

3♦ Transfer



West led the ♣6 for the jack and ace and declarer played a heart for the six, queen and ace, East switching to the ♠J. When declarer played the ♠3 West had to win and declarer was soon claiming 10 tricks, having returned to hand with a club to play a heart to the jack, +630 and 14 IMPs to Edmonds. They won the session 34-11 but trailed 55-47.

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

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

### Yettick v Platinum

#### Open Room

| West        | North          | East             | South          |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Chen</i> | <i>de Wijs</i> | <i>Shirogane</i> | <i>Yettick</i> |
| —           | Pass           | Pass             | Pass           |
| 1♣*         | Pass           | 1♥               | Pass           |
| 1♠          | All Pass       |                  |                |

1♣ 2+♣

North led the ♦4 for the ten, king and ace and declarer played a spade for the ten and queen, South returning the ♦5 to dummy's ♦Q. A club to the ace was followed by a spade to the king, South pitching the ♥2. Declarer played a heart to the ace, crossruffed diamonds and hearts, cashed the ♣K and had eight tricks, +110.

### Closed Room

| West              | North       | East             | South      |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| <i>Z Grossack</i> | <i>Tung</i> | <i>Schireson</i> | <i>Wai</i> |
| —                 | Pass        | Pass             | 1♥         |
| Dble              | Rdbl        | 1♠               | 2♦         |
| 3♠                | 3NT         | Pass             | Pass       |
| Dble              | All Pass    |                  |            |

East led the ♠5 and having won with dummy's ♠Q declarer played the ♥2, West taking the ♥A perforce and returning the ♠2. East won with

the ♠10 and switched to the ♦Q for the king and ace. West cashed the ♣K and then rather than cash the setting trick, played a spade, declarer winning with the ♠A. Declarer cashed the ♥Q, West discarding the ♣2. If declarer now guesses to cash the ♦J he will have nine tricks but he cashed the heart winners and then played a diamond to the nine which meant three down, -800 and 12 IMPs to Yettick. At the end of the session they led 87-67.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Sivy B v Bulgaria Mixed  
Open Room

| West    | North | East     | South       |
|---------|-------|----------|-------------|
| Geogiev | A Lin | Nenova   | K Rosenberg |
| Pass    | 1♦    | 1♠       | 3♦          |
| Pass    | 3NT   | All Pass |             |

East led the ♣3 and when declarer put in the ♣9 West contributed the ♣4. Declarer cashed six diamonds and then played a spade, West winning with the ♠A and switching to the ♥J. Declarer put up the ♥A and played the ♠Q, scoring the ♠J at the end for a mildly miraculous +400.

Closed Room

| West        | North     | East        | South   |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| M Rosenberg | Lafchieva | D Rosenberg | Andonov |
| Pass        | 1♣*       | 1♠          | Dble*   |
| Pass        | 1NT       | 2♣          | 2♦      |
| 4♣          | 5♦        | All Pass    |         |

1♣ 16+ any (17+ balanced, possible upgrade with 13+ unbalanced)

West led the ♠3 for the queen and king, won the spade continuation and switched to the ♣5, declarer claiming 10 tricks, -50 and 10 IMPs to

Sivy B.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Geely Automobile v China2  
Open Room

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Ding     | Gui   | Hu   | Wang  |
| —        | 1♥    | Pass | 1♠    |
| Pass     | 2♥    | Pass | 4♥    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

4♥ was hopeless, and although the defenders dropped a trick it was still one down, -50.

Closed Room

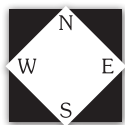
| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Wang     | Chen  | Lai  | Wang  |
| —        | 1♥    | Pass | 1♠    |
| Dble     | Rdbl* | 2♣   | 4♠    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

Rdbl 3♠

West led the ♥8 and declarer won with the ♥A, played a spade to the ace and the ♠3, collecting East's ♠Q. Ten tricks were assured, +420 and 10 IMPs to China2. The won the session 50-24 to lead 70-50.

# Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



## Sivy B v Bulgaria Mixed Open Room

| West            | North        | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>A Lin</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>K Rosenberg</i> |
| —               | —            | Pass          | 1♦                 |
| 1♥              | 2♣           | Pass          | 2NT                |
| Pass            | 3♥           | Pass          | 3NT                |
| All Pass        |              |               |                    |

West led the ♥J and declarer won with the ♥Q, played a diamond to the king and diamond, finishing with 11 tricks when West did not establish a heart trick, +660.

## Closed Room

| West               | North            | East               | South          |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Lafchieva</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> | <i>Andonov</i> |
| —                  | —                | Pass               | 1♦*            |
| 1♥                 | 2♣               | Pass               | 2♠             |
| Pass               | 3♦               | Pass               | 3NT            |
| Pass               | 5♣               | All Pass           |                |

1♦ 0+♦, 10-15

East led the ♥4 and with little hope, declarer put in dummy's ♥Q, West winning and returning the ♥J to dummy's ace, declarer discarding the ♠2. A diamond to the nine saw East win and switch the ♠7, declarer winning with dummy's ♠A and playing a diamond for one down, -100 and 13 IMPs to Sivy B.



# Board 27 Dealer South. None Vul.

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



## Sivy B v Bulgaria Mixed Open Room

| West            | North        | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>A Lin</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>K Rosenberg</i> |
| —               | —            | —             | 1♥                 |
| Pass            | 2♣           | Pass          | 2♥                 |
| Pass            | 2♠           | Pass          | 2NT                |
| Pass            | 3NT          | All Pass      |                    |

West led the threatening ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ♠K and played a club to the king and a club to the queen followed by two rounds of hearts, East winning with the ♥K. This was the critical moment for the defence. If East switches to a low diamond west can win, and must then find the play of cashing the ♣A which squeezes declarer! The best he can do is discard a heart, but then West exits with a spade and declarer will have to lose two diamonds at the end. That is tough to find and when East continued with the ♠J declarer claimed, +400.

## Closed Room

| West               | North            | East               | South          |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Lafchieva</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> | <i>Andonov</i> |
| —                  | —                | —                  | 1♥             |
| Pass               | 1NT              | Pass               | 2♥             |
| Pass               | 3♥               | Pass               | 3NT            |
| All Pass           |                  |                    |                |

East led the ♠3 and declare won with dummy's ♠A and ran the ♥Q, East contributing the ♥7. The ♣9 to the ♣Q and second club saw West win and exit with the ♥10. Having won in dummy declarer cashed the ♠J but when East discarded the ♦3 the game was up, declarer eventually finishing two tricks short, -100 and 11 IMPs to Sivy B. They had won the session 55-38 to lead 90-55.



# Mixed Teams Championship & Senior Teams Championships

## Mixed QF 4, Senior SF 4

by David Burn

There were eight teams left in the Mixed and four in the Seniors as Monday drew to a close. Sivy B were 57 IMPs ahead of Bulgaria Mixed, who would need a mighty effort – the rest of the field must have been relieved that Sivy A was not in the lineup. Edmonds trailed Ticket to Ride by 18, Yettick led Platinum by 23 and the two Chinese teams were closest of all – Geely Automobile 96 – 89 China 2. In the Seniors Simson was ahead by 17 against Zimmermann, Milner by 27 against Poland. Fourteen boards remained.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

TICKET TO RIDE v EDMONDS

Open Room

| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Žmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| —                | —               | —            | 2♦*             |
| 2♠               | 4♥              | All Pass     |                 |

2♦ was Flannery (four spades, longer hearts, about 11-16) and 2♠ was natural. Žmuda led her spade and Kolesnik won in dummy to cash ♥A on which Žmuda dropped the queen. Treating this as a true card Kolesnik played a club from the table and Klukowski played king of clubs, ace of diamonds, club to Žmuda's ace and a diamond ruff for down one, then led a spade which Žmuda was allowed to ruff with ♥10 for down two.

Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufrat</i> |
| —              | —               | —            | 1♥            |
| 1♠             | 2NT             | Pass         | 3NT           |
| Pass           | 4♥              | All Pass     |               |

Dufrat wasn't playing Flannery, so she opened 1♥ and reached game after her partner showed a four-card raise via 2NT. Welland led a spade and declarer simply drew trumps – the queen did not fall under the ace at this table – before conceding a couple of clubs and a diamond. 620 for Dufrat and 13 IMPs for Edmonds, behind by only 5 IMPs now.

This deal generated swings everywhere. In Yettick v Platinum South declared 4♥ at both tables and both Wests led ♦A. Both Easts played the two, but West for Platinum shifted to a spade while West for Yettick shifted to a club – 12 IMPs to Yettick. Bulgaria Mixed took a first step on a long road back by pushing Sivy B to 5♥ at one table and doubling them in 4♠ at the other – 500 and 200 meant 12 IMPs. China 2 scored the same number for beating 4♥ at one table and 4♠ doubled at the other, as did Zimmermann against Simson in the Seniors event. Poland scored 9 IMPs against Milner for defending 4♠ doubled at one table and playing in 3♠ at the other, escaping for down only one.



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

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

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

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

In the open room the defenders cashed two club tricks before North shifted to ♥10, collapsing the defenders' two heart tricks into one and allowing the game to make. Since at the other table East-West had saved in 5♣ and lost 100 (they were not doubled) this meant a swing of 11 IMPs to Edmonds, who now led in the match. Platinum did better with their save because it pushed Yettick into 5♠, doubled but down only one, while Sivy B made both 4♠ at one table and 5♣ at the other for a 15-IMP gain. There were no swings in the Seniors, because in one match both North-Souths lost 50 in 5♣ while in the other they lost 300 in 5♦ doubled.



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

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

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

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



| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Żmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| —                | 1♣              | Pass         | 1♥              |
| Pass             | 2♣              | Pass         | 3NT             |
| All Pass         |                 |              |                 |

| West           | North           | East         | South          |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufprat</i> |
| —              | 2♣*             | Dble         | Rdbl           |
| Pass           | Pass            | 2♦           | Dble           |
| Pass           | Pass            | 2♠           | Dble           |
| All Pass       |                 |              |                |

The Polish-style 2♣ opening has been responsible for swinging several IMPs in the tournaments so far, usually towards its employers (or perhaps unusually – it is not generally regarded as a method that does particularly well, more a kind of necessary evil). When Zatorski opened it and Auken doubled it, Ticket to Ride were in deep trouble – they settled in 2♠ doubled and if they had been playing against the double-dummy solver that would have cost them 800. But it's never easy to extract the maximum in positions like this, and by the time the final trick was quitted declarer had six pointing her way at a cost of only 300 points. If only the double-dummy solver had been in the other room it would have made 4♥ by North and gained a few IMPs, but the actual Ticket to Ride pair were (a) in 3NT by South and (b) not gifted with a copy of the hand record. That was 8 IMPs more to Edmonds, ahead 32-0 on the set and by 14 IMPs in the match. Yettick did make 3NT against Platinum, picking up 11

when Platinum went down two. Sivy B collected 1100 from 1♦ doubled by East and 50 from 2♦ doubled by South. In the Seniors everyone went down one in 3NT apart from Kowalski, declarer for the Milner team, who was favoured by the opening lead of ♦J.

Board 18 in the Seniors event featured 4 IMPs to Simson when Zimmermann's East-West pair were pushed to 3♠ against everyone else's 2♠, losing 50 and 110. They don't do a lot of bidding in the Seniors compared to some – 3NT by North-South was the contract at five of the eight tables in the Mixed, and it made at two of them when the defenders went seriously awry. One of those was in Geely Automobile v China 2 and sent 14 IMPs to the former, another was in Sivy B v Bulgaria Mixed, while Yettick collected 5 IMPs against Platinum and there was no swing in Ticket to Ride v Edmonds (3NT down at both tables).

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

TICKET TO RIDE v EDMONDS

Open Room

| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Žmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| —                | —               | —            | 3♥              |
| Dble             | 4♥              | 6♠           | Pass            |
| 7♠               | Dble            | All Pass     |                 |

Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South          |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufurat</i> |
| —              | —               | —            | 2♦*            |
| Pass           | Pass            | 2♠           | Pass           |
| 3♦             | 4♥              | Dble         | Pass           |
| 4♠             | All Pass        |              |                |

The auctions above are presented for the

judgment of the reader without comment from this writer. Suffice to say that if East had been allowed to lead against her own grand slam, or if South had chosen the jack of spades or any heart, Žmuda would have been able to make her contract. When Grossack selected a low club there was nothing declarer could do even double dummy, and naturally enough playing single dummy she took a ruffing heart finesse and ended up down two. There may be worse things in bridge than losing IMPs for going down in seven while the other table is in four, but there aren't many of them. Yettick went down in six while Platinum made five; China 2 won 9 IMPs for being doubled in five and scoring 1050 against 650; Sivy B won another huge swing for 1660 against 650. In the Seniors Simson and Milner won 13 IMPs for bidding and making six while their opponents stayed lower. That 3♥ opening was replicated at no other table, though some weak 2♥s and some Multis did feature.

On board 20 West could make 1♠. Klukowski, who was in 2♠, made that – he has the useful habit for a bridge player of taking tricks that others might not. One of the reasons 2♠ – a 4-3 fit – was a little awkward was a 5-1 trump break, and the main reason Klukowski's result didn't do him very much good was that 2♠ was also the contract at the other table by his team-mate. That went down four vulnerable, and Ticket to Ride won 7 IMPs as a result. There were small swings in some of the other matches and a largish swing to Poland for a combined total of four vulnerable undertricks, not all of them in spade contracts.

Board 21 was a pretty ropery slam. That didn't stop Cronier and Duboin from bidding it, and the favourable lie of cards didn't stop them from making it either, so Zimmermann collected 12 IMPs for 1370 against 660. No one else gave it a look, and the halfway stage of the final session saw these positions: Sivy B led Bulgaria Mixed by 120; Yettick led Platinum by 32; China 2 led Geely Automobile by 10; Ticket to Ride led Edmonds by 6; Simson led Zimmermann by 15; Milner led Poland by 31.

Board 22 was a part score. Zimmermann and Milner picked up 4 and 3 IMPs respectively; Yettick won 7 and Geely Automobile 6. Board 23 was another part score, and a misguess by the



Edmonds declarer sent 5 IMPs to Ticket to Ride who had defended well to create the problem.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

TICKET TO RIDE v EDMONDS

Open Room

| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Żmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| Pass             | Pass            | 1♣           | Pass            |
| 1NT              | All Pass        |              |                 |

Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufrat</i> |
| 1♦             | Pass            | 1NT          | Pass          |
| 2♦             | Pass            | 2♥           | Dble          |
| Pass           | Pass            | 3NT          | All Pass      |

I remarked yesterday that game isn't always bid with 14 points facing ten, and this was another case in point. In the Seniors Zimmermann and Poland both bid it while their opponents did not, sending 6 IMPs to each of the two trailing teams. In the Mixed only two teams stayed low, one of them being Edmonds while the task of bidding game was greatly facilitated for Ticket to Ride when Welland opened his ten count (in keeping, let it be said, with five other holders of his cards). That looked like another swing to Ticket to Ride, but making the contract did not prove a formality. South began with ♥Q but North's lowest heart, the seven, was not encouraging in the methods and South shifted to ace and another spade after East had ducked the heart. Declarer ran the diamonds, saw some discards, and eventually threw South in with a heart in the hope that her remaining cards would be a lone heart winner and clubs headed by the king. But South still had a spade and North still had

two, so the swing went to Edmonds instead and the match stayed in the balance.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

TICKET TO RIDE v EDMONDS

Open Room

| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Żmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| —                | 1♣              | Pass         | 1♦              |
| 2♦               | 2♥              | Dble         | Pass            |
| 3♥               | Pass            | 3NT          | All Pass        |

Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufrat</i> |
| —              | 1♣              | Pass         | 1♦            |
| 2♦             | Pass            | Pass         | Dble          |
| 3♦             | 3♥              | 3NT          | All Pass      |

For Edmonds East-West steamed into 3NT while Ticket to Ride had to be cajoled. Both declarers drew the right inferences from the auctions and played diamonds from the top, being sure that South had only two. That saved them some vulnerable undertricks, and there was no swing. Yettick played 3NT from the West side in an auction where North had bid diamonds while West had not; declarer won the opening club lead and led ♦10 from his hand. When this held the trick he had the rest, and his side had 13 IMPs. Geely Automobile won 8 IMPs for not being in 3NT, scoring 200 and 130. Simson and Milner won 7 IMPs for doing the same thing, the unusual score of plus 190 being recorded at one table when North led a trump against a diamond part score. There were three boards left, and plenty of teams to whom they would matter.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

TICKET TO RIDE v EDMONDS

Open Room

| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Žmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| —                | —               | Pass         | 1♣              |
| 1♠               | 2♦              | 2♠           | 4♥              |
| 4♠               | 5♥              | All Pass     |                 |

Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufrat</i> |
| —              | —               | Pass         | 2♣            |
| 2♠             | Dble            | 3♠           | 4♥            |
| 4♠             | 5♥              | Pass         | Pass          |
| Dble           | All Pass        |              |               |

South declared at both tables, making it perhaps easier for the defence to defeat the contract of 5♥ (although East might very well lead a spade anyway). Welland won 3 IMPs for his side by doubling. Platinum and Yettick both played 5♥ by North and the former team led ♠A while the other led ♦Q, so Platinum gained 13 IMPs. In Geely Automobile v China 2 the contract was played once by North and once by South, but in a curious reversal when North declared East led a spade and when South declared West led a diamond, so China 2 won 13 IMPs also. In the Seniors Poland were driven to 5♥ against which the lead was a diamond, while Milner was allowed to play in four (where the lead was a spade). In Zimmermann v Simson there were some strange doings: East-West for Zimmermann bought the contract in 4♠ doubled against which the opening lead was not a diamond (which would beat the contract by force) but a club (which might not have but actually did beat the contract anyway, though

I'm afraid I don't know how the play went). Meanwhile, you'd probably need about ten guesses to divine the contract at the other table, which was 3♦ by North. South opened 1♣, West bid 1♠, North bid 2♦ as a transfer, East bid 2♠, South bid 3♣, West passed, North bid 3♦ and everyone decided that was enough. The result was down five; the swing was 12 IMPs to Simson. Two to go. Board 27 gave Cronier and Duboin a chance to redeem themselves after the disaster on 26 by bidding a slam that needed not much more than a finesse. That finesse was right and the "not much more" was successfully negotiated, so Zimmermann won 11 IMPs for what proved to be a solo effort across the field. Geely Automobile won an IMP for an overtrick. Would anyone care?

As it happened, they would. When the 56th and last deal appeared on the tables (and the tablets) Ticket to Ride was 7 IMPs ahead of Edmonds while Geely Automobile and China 2 were dead level. There came:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

TICKET TO RIDE v EDMONDS

Open Room

| West             | North           | East         | South           |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Klukowski</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>Žmuda</i> | <i>Grossack</i> |
| Pass             | 1♣              | Dble         | 2♣              |
| 2♠               | Pass            | Pass         | 2NT             |
| All Pass         |                 |              |                 |

Closed Room

| West           | North           | East         | South         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Welland</i> | <i>Zatorski</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Dufrat</i> |
| Pass           | 1♣              | Dble         | 1♠            |
| 2♠             | Pass            | Pass         | 3♣            |
| All Pass       |                 |              |               |

The closed room had finished first, and Dufrat had scored 130 in 3♣ which meant that if North-South conceded 200 they would lose 8 IMPs and the match while minus 100 would cost only 6 IMPs rather than a place in the final. Of course, they could always go plus. Emma Kolesnik sat and pondered for quite some while over Grossack's 2NT – only she knows what she was thinking, but when eventually she passed the Ticket to Ride had become valid for one more journey. Klukowski and Żmuda actually had to be fairly sharp to collect the plus 100 that was their due – they managed that, but it was just not enough.

Meanwhile, Geely Automobile was in 1NT and China 2 was in 3♣. The DD robot would make seven tricks in the former contract and nine in the latter, for a 1-IMP victory to China 2. But to collect four tricks against 3♣ West had to get in early enough to lead a diamond

through the dummy before declarer could use the miraculous heart position to dispose of the losers in that suit. This the defenders did not manage, and China 2 had 130. At the other table the lead was a spade against 1NT and South was allowed to win the king. She played a club to the jack and ace, and East played a spade to West's jack. West shifted to the jack of hearts, which allowed declarer to make eight tricks – the play record ends at that point, but the scorecard reads 120 and no swing.

I do not actually know by what means the tie was broken, but China 2 appears in the draw for the semi-final round against Ticket to Ride. Sivy B and Yettick, comfortable winners of their matches, will contest the other semi-final (they may have done so already by the time this piece appears). One of Simson and Milner will be Seniors champion tomorrow – or, subject to the same proviso, yesterday.

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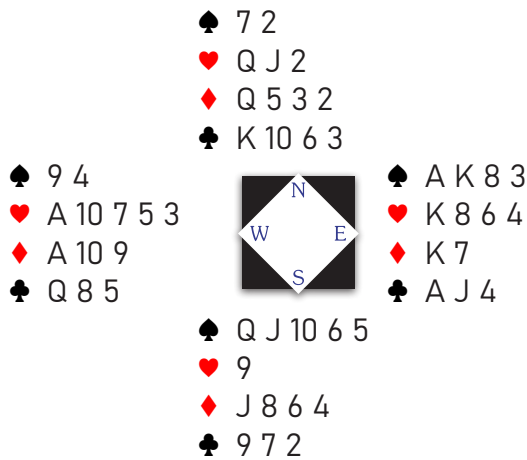


# The Elimination Game

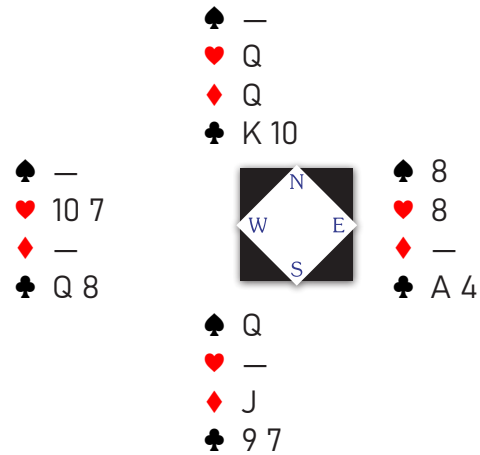
by Adam Wildavsky

I spotted this from the third session of Monday's pair game:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



the top spades and ruffed the third round in his hand. North would be endplayed if he overruffed, so he discarded a club. Now a club to the jack left this position:



| West         | North             | East        | South             |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>Sheng</i> | <i>Silberberg</i> | <i>Ding</i> | <i>Poszpichil</i> |
| —            | Pass              | 1♣          | Pass              |
| 1♥           | Pass              | 3♥          | Pass              |
| 4♥           | All Pass          |             |                   |

North led the ♦2, 4th best. Ming Sheng won dummy's king, played the king and ace of hearts, then the ♦A and a diamond ruff. Now he cashed

Ming ruffed dummy's last spade in his hand, and North had no counter.

I played the same contract on the same lead and auction, but did not spot this line.

+680 was worth 70.27% in the Mixed B semi-final, where Sheng and his partner Hong Ding now lie 4th.



# MULTIFARIOUS ACTIVITIES

by Mark Horton

When you have co-authored a book about one of the best known conventions, you tend to be attracted to deals in which it is involved. Rafal Jagniewski was kind enough to direct me to a deal from the final round of the Barbados Swiss Cup semifinal.

You pick up this modest collection as South:

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Dominika Lucka is only 22 years old, but already a Junior Women's European and World Champion! She did not hesitate to open 2♦ (weak Multi) and saw partner respond 2♠ (pass or correct, might have an invitational hand with spades). Rather than dutifully bid 3♥ she calmly passed! (I once tried this playing with Rita Oldroyd against Sandra Landy and Sally Brock in the Grandmasters Pairs). West now emerged with 2NT (supposedly minors) and East's 3♥ ended the auction.

Time to reveal the full deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

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

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

Open Room

| West             | North             | East            | South        |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Lorenzini</i> | <i>Jagniewski</i> | <i>Tartarin</i> | <i>Lucka</i> |
| —                | —                 | —               | 2♦*          |
| Pass             | 2♠*               | Pass            | Pass         |
| 2NT              | Pass              | 3♥              | All Pass     |

Declarer manged six tricks, -300.

As Rafal points out, as in all great bridge stories EW were cold for 6♠. He mentions that many expert players hunt for similar bidding tricks, but lack either courage or an opportunity to produce this type of sequence. Very nicely done!

Closed Room

| West             | North          | East            | South         |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Stepinski</i> | <i>Puillet</i> | <i>Zalewska</i> | <i>Robert</i> |
| —                | —              | —               | 3♥            |
| Pass             | 4♥             | All Pass        |               |

4♥ was three down, -150 giving Group One Team 10 IMPs.

You may find it interesting to visit the results page from this session of the Barbados Swiss Cup, checking (amongst others) matches 1, 10 and 14.

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# Mixed Teams Quarterfinal, session 3

## Ticket to Ride v. Edmonds

by Marjo Chorus

To acquire the ticket to ride, the team with that name (Auken-Welland, Grossack-Kolesnik) had a real fight on their hands, facing Edmonds (Dufrat-Zatorski, Żmuda-Klukowski) and nobody is happy to play Klukowski, at present one of the best (if not the best) bridge player in the world. But even the best are not doing the best all of the time..

After session 2 of the scheduled four Ticket to Ride were leading 55-40 so everything was possible.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

On the first board Dufrat-Zatorski (E/W) bid up to 5♣ and had to concede down 1 after a diamond lead by Welland.

Kolesnik was in 4♠, also hopeless but Klukowski did what Poles never do if there is no good reason for it: he led underled a King! The ♠8 from ♣K8. Now Kolesnik scored her game. 11 IMP to TtR.

Even more excitement in Sivy B (90)-Bulgaria Mixed (55):

Open Room

| West            | North              | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> |
| —               | Pass               | 1♠            | Pass               |
| 2♣              | Pass               | 3♠            | Pass               |
| 4♠              | All Pass           |               |                    |

One down, of course.

Closed Room

| West         | North            | East               | South          |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>A Lin</i> | <i>Lafchieva</i> | <i>K Rosenberg</i> | <i>Andonov</i> |
| —            | Pass             | 1♠                 | Pass           |
| 2♣           | 2♦               | 2♠                 | 3♦             |
| Pass         | Pass             | Dble               | All Pass       |

In the Closed Room, N/S went overboard when Kevin Rosenberg doubled 3♦. He led ♣A and although West played ♣Q, he led another club rather than a top spade. That killed a legitimate 7th trick for the defence.

Amber Lin grabbed ♦A immediately and E/W played 3 rounds of hearts, the third one taken in West. She then led ♣10, and Lafchieva, instead of ruffing with ♦Q, shed a spade so Rosenberg could ruff with ♦J. With the other losing spade going on the 13th heart, two down meant 8 IMPs to Sivy B.

And another 14 IMPs to Sivy B came on board 3:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West            | North              | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> |
| —               | —                  | —             | Pass               |
| 2♣              | Pass               | 2♦            | Pass               |
| 2♥              | Pass               | 2♠            | Pass               |
| 3♣              | Pass               | 4♣            | Pass               |
| 5♣              | All Pass           |               |                    |

Michael Rosenberg did not lead a spade but a



East played another trump but could not prevent a second undertrick. Sivy B +200.  
Where Debbie Rosenberg passed in first seat, Andonov began with 2♦. Lin doubled. No idea what that meant.

Auken did not fancy a 1♠ transfer to 1NT (5-11 balanced, maybe 4 card Major) so she lied a little by showing 4+ spades.

This avoided the spade lead and West did what East asked him to do: he led ♥10. Welland decided he needed ♠A with West and either a lot of luck in diamonds or clubs 3-3. He took ♥A and played a diamond. Wow, down came the ♦K. West did not take ♦Q in the next round (East ♥9). Now Welland took his best shot: :♠8. When East played small (declarer knew East had four spades) Welland called for the ♠K. Two off.

#### Closed Room

| West              | North        | East              | South            |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <i>A Grossack</i> | <i>Žmuda</i> | <i>E Kolesnik</i> | <i>Klukowski</i> |
| —                 | —            | —                 | 1♠*              |
| Pass              | 1NT          | 2♥                | Dble             |
| All Pass          |              |                   |                  |

That went one off and 9 IMPs to Edmonds, still 15 IMPs behind.

In the match China 2 vs Geely Automobile. China 2 somehow were allowed to make 3NT v. 3NT -1 at the other table. 12 IMPs to China 2. Platinum (v. Yettick) also made 3NT, on a heart lead. Other table 3NT-2. so 13 IMPs to Platinum.

Sivy had built a big lead over Bulgarian Mixed and could afford to lose some IMP. So they did:

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

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

#### Open Room

| West            | North              | East          | South              |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>Georgiev</i> | <i>M Rosenberg</i> | <i>Nenova</i> | <i>D Rosenberg</i> |
| —               | 1♣                 | Pass          | 5♣                 |
| Dble            | All Pass           |               |                    |

Two off.

#### Closed Room

| West         | North            | East               | South          |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>A Lin</i> | <i>Lafchieva</i> | <i>K Rosenberg</i> | <i>Andonov</i> |
| —            | 1♦               | Pass               | 2NT            |
| Pass         | 3♣               | Pass               | Pass           |
| Dble         | Pass             | 3NT                | All Pass       |

Kevin Rosenberg wanted a jackpot and was lucky no one doubled. Five off and 13 IMPs to Bulgaria Mixed.

Emma Kolesnik (Ticket to Ride) went for another jackpot and was lucky:

#### Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Grossack (and almost everyone, depending, on their system) began with 2NT, Kolesnik showed hearts and bid 3NT after 3♥. Now Žmuda had a difficult lead and decided on a diamond. When Klukowski played ♦K on ♦6, Grossack quickly collected ♥A and played a diamond to the 9! Against the more normal contract of 3♥ that brought Ticket to Ride 10 IMPs. Wang Wen Fei (China 2) was not that lucky: she got a spade lead in 3NT and went two off against 3♥ made. 8 IMPs to Geely A.

There was almost nothing in the last four boards of the set. Ticket to Ride-Edmonds thus ended in 79-61. Not that comfortable a lead with one more session to come.

Sivy B has better prospects, leading Bulgarian Mixed by 141-84.

China 2 was closing in to Geely A: 89-96 and Yettick were leading against Platinum 124-101.

An exciting last session to come, I was expecting...

# Mixed Teams semi-final

## TICKET TO RIDE v CHINA2

by David Bird

The Mixed Teams Championship has reached its semi-final stage, and we will watch TICKET TO RIDE (USA /Denmark) against CHINA2. As usual, I will be looking for sizeable swings, seeking to analyse whether they were deserved or just somewhat lucky.

Neither declarer made the most of their chances on this early 3NT:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

| West           | North        | East         | South          |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>W Huang</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Yu Hu</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| —              | —            | —            | Pass           |
| 1♣             | Pass         | 1♦           | Pass           |
| 1NT            | Pass         | 2♠           | Pass           |
| 2NT            | Pass         | 3NT          | All            |
| Pass           |              |              |                |

Sabine Auken led the ♠J, and Weiming Huang put his contract down by not holding up the ♠A. He finessed the ♦Q successfully and played a spade to South's queen. Roy Welland switched to the ♣8, which ran to dummy's queen. Another spade was won with South's king and the club continuation meant one down.

Closed Room

| West            | North         | East            | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Grossack</i> | <i>H Chen</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>P Wang</i> |
| —               | —             | —               | Pass          |
| 1♣*             | Pass          | 1♥*             | Pass          |
| 1♠*             | Pass          | 3NT             | All Pass      |

Emma Kolesnik's 1♥ was a transfer. Against 3NT, Ping Wang led the ♥7, won with dummy's 8. Declarer crossed to her queen of clubs, cashed the ♥K and played a spade to the 9 and jack. The spade return to South's queen was won with dummy's ace. The ♥A was followed by a finesse of the ♦J, South ditching a club. These cards remained, with declarer (East) on lead:

|         |         |          |
|---------|---------|----------|
| ♠ —     | ♠ —     | ♠ 10 6   |
| ♥ —     | ♥ —     | ♥ —      |
| ♦ K 9   | ♦ K 9   | ♦ A 10 3 |
| ♣ A J 7 | ♣ A J 7 | ♣ —      |

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| ♠ 5    | ♠ 10 6   |
| ♥ 10   | ♥ —      |
| ♦ 7    | ♦ A 10 3 |
| ♣ K 10 | ♣ —      |

The winning move now was to cash the ♦A and endplay North with a diamond. The enforced club return would then surrender a ninth trick. Declarer played a spade instead and went two down, never making her ♦A. It was 3 IMPs to TICKET TO RIDE, but a chance had been missed at both tables.

Both sides played in diamonds on the next deal, but there was a 4-trick difference in the evaluation!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

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

## Open Room

| West           | North        | East         | South          |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>W Huang</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Yu Hu</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| Pass           | 1NT          | Pass         | 2♣*            |
| Pass           | 2♦           | Pass         | 2♥*            |
| Pass           | 2NT*         | Pass         | 3♣*            |
| Pass           | 3♦*          | Pass         | 3♥*            |
| Dble           | Pass         | Pass         | 4♦             |
| Pass           | 5NT*         | Pass         | 6♦             |
| All Pass       |              |              |                |

South's 2♣ was a puppet to 2♦, his 2♥ a transfer to spades. The artificial sequence continued merrily on its way up to 3♥. West took the opportunity to double this, and Sabine Auken considered her next move for quite a while.

Ordinary mortals, such as I, would bid 3NT and hope for the best. No, she was worried that her protection in the indicated heart suit would be insufficient and passed the buck to South. It was a bit much to expect Welland to gamble 3NT on the possible assistance of his bare ♥J. He retreated to 4♦, and we kibitzers noted that 5♦ might be made. Yes, but it wasn't bid! 5NT was presumably 'pick a slam' and Welland will have taken no pleasure in reaching for the 6♦ card.

Declarer lost two trumps, a spade to the queen and a spade ruff. She was three down for -300.

## Closed Room

| West            | North         | East            | South         |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Grossack</i> | <i>H Chen</i> | <i>Kolesnik</i> | <i>P Wang</i> |
| Pass            | 1NT           | Pass            | 2♣            |
| Pass            | 2♦            | All Pass        |               |

Hang Chen managed eleven tricks. With the ♥J in dummy, though, 3NT was the place to be. China2 were not that worried, picking up 10 IMPs on the board.

My next offering is a '13 opposite 11' no-trump deal. Perhaps it will cause a swing.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

| West           | North        | East         | South          |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>W Huang</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Yu Hu</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| —              | 1♣*          | Pass         | 1♦*            |
| 1♠             | Pass         | 2♠           | 2NT            |
| Pass           | 3NT          | All Pass     |                |

Huang intervened boldly on his chunky spade suit, but the Danes reached 3NT with no problem. Welland won the ♦6 lead with dummy's queen, continuing with queen and another club. Yu Wu won the third round of clubs and returned the ♦10 to South's jack, which won. Declarer then had enough winners to bring his total to nine. +600.

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| West     | North  | East     | South  |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Grossack | H Chen | Kolesnik | P Wang |
| —        | 1♦     | Pass     | 1♥     |
| Pass     | 1♠     | Pass     | 1NT    |
| All Pass |        |          |        |

A heavy 1NT rebid from South ended the auction. Wang made ten tricks but China2 lost 9 IMPs.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

| West    | North | East | South    |
|---------|-------|------|----------|
| W Huang | Auken |      | Yu Hu    |
| Welland |       |      |          |
| —       | —     | —    | Pass     |
| 1♦      | 1♠    | 2♥   | 3♠       |
| Pass    | Pass  | 4♠*  | Pass     |
| 5♠*     | Pass  | 6♥   | All Pass |

It was a splendid China2 auction to 6♥. Roy Welland led the ♠J, taking the first trick. Yu Hu ruffed the next spade and played the ace and king of trumps. On the ♥Q she surprised all watching by discarding a diamond from dummy instead of a club. Because South had not switched to a club at trick two, she could have used the two club entries to set up the fifth diamond, surviving a possible 4-2 diamond break.

As it was, she now had to guess how to play the diamonds. Sadly, her choice was the play the ♦A and run the ♦J to North's queen. It was one down for 100 away.

## Closed Room

| West     | North  | East     | South    |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Grossack | H Chen | Kolesnik | P Wang   |
| —        | —      | —        | Pass     |
| 1♦       | 1♠     | 2♠*      | Pass     |
| 2♦       | Pass   | 3♠*      | Pass     |
| 4♣       | Pass   | 4♦       | Pass     |
| 5♦       | Pass   | 5NT      | Pass     |
| 6♣       | Pass   | 6♦       | All Pass |

East's 2♠ showed hearts and they arrived in 6♦ on the 5-2 fit. Adam Grossack won the club lead and finessed the ♦J successfully. When the diamonds divided 3-3, he had +1390 for an overtrick. It was a sad (for some) swing of 16 IMPs to Ticket to Ride.

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

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

## Open Room

| West    | North | East     | South   |
|---------|-------|----------|---------|
| W Huang | Auken | Yu Hu    | Welland |
| —       | 1♣    | Dble     | 2NT     |
| Dble    | 3NT   | All Pass |         |

Normal methods are to bid 3♣ pre-emptively and 2NT to show a sound raise. Of course, you will always find some pair, in any situation, who have inverted the meaning of two bids!

Sabine Auken won the diamond lead and played the ♣A, gratified to see the king fall. When she ran the clubs, East decided to keep three diamonds and bare the ♥K, alongside his ♠KQ. Auken duly dropped the ♥K, swelling her +400 to +460.

## Closed Room

| West     | North  | East     | South  |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Grossack | H Chen | Kolesnik | P Wang |
| —        | 1♣     | Dble     | Pass   |
| 2♥       | Pass   | Pass     | 3♣     |
| All Pass |        |          |        |

## Open Room

| West     | North | East  | South   |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|
| W Huang  | Auken | Yu Hu | Welland |
| —        | —     | —     | 1♦      |
| 1NT      | 2♥    | Pass  | Pass    |
| Dble     | Pass  | 2♠    |         |
| All Pass |       |       |         |

Eleven tricks were made for +150 and Ticket to Ride gained 7 IMPs.

There's no need to delve into the play. Yu Hu duly made her +110

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

## Closed Room

| West     | North  | East     | South    |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Grossack | H Chen | Kolesnik | P Wang   |
| —        | —      | —        | 1♦       |
| Dble     | 2♥     | Pass     | Pass     |
| 2NT      | Pass   | 3NT      | All Pass |

Adam Grossack bid boldly and 3NT was reached. The ♥Q lead went to Wang's bare ace. Ace and another diamond then dislodged declarer's king. When a spade to the 10 won, he claimed +400 and a 7-IMP swing.

The eventful first session drew to a close with the scores: Ticket to Ride 40 China2 16.



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# WBS KATOWICE – dzień 6.

by Marek Wójcicki

W chwili gdy piszę ten tekst, trwają jeszcze mecze półfinałowe mistrzostw świata teamów mikstowych, a w finale turnieju seniorów o swój kolejny tytuł walczą Apolinary Kowalski i Piotr Tuszyński, grający tutaj w barwach MILNERA. W tym samym czasie trwa zacięty bój w „amerykańskim” półfinale mikstów SIVY B – YETTICK.

Oto dynamiczne rozdanie z trzeciego segmentu:

Rozd. 9/III

Rozd.N, WE po partii.

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

Janusz Korwin Mikke w jednym ze swoich „Pewnego razu” napisał kiedyś „zrekontrowanie skontrowanej końcówki oznacza, że albo my wyjdziemy na idiotów, albo kontruujemy”. Myślę, że dlatego przez szacunek dla samych siebie, a także i dla przeciwników, karna rekontra jest rzadkością.

W półfinale mikstów w tym rozdaniu na jednym stole NS zagrali końcówkę kierową:

| West | North       | East   | South       |
|------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Vist | M.Rosenberg | Kaplan | D.Rosenberg |
| —    | pas         | 2♠     | pas         |
| 2BA  | ktr.        | rktr.  | pas         |
| 3♠   | pas         | 3♦     | ktr.        |
| 3♠   | pas         | pas    | ktr.        |
| pas  | 4♦          | ktr.   | 4♥          |
| ktr. | pas...      |        |             |

Po ataku w karo ten kontrakt został przegrany bez jednej.

Na drugim stole tego meczu na pozycji E siedział pryncypialny junior, nieźle już utytułowany Kevin

Rosenberg, którego rodzice zajmowali pozycje N i S na stole pierwszym. Pokazał on tu pryncypialne podejście – najwyraźniej chodziło o to, kto tu rządzi – przy stole była czwórka z grupy wiodących graczy amerykańskich młodej generacji:

| West   | North     | East        | South      |
|--------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| A.Lin  | Schireson | K.Rosenberg | Z.Grossack |
| —      | pas       | 2♠          | pas        |
| 4♠     | ktr.      | rktr.       |            |
| pas... |           |             |            |

S zaatakował w singla trefl i zakończyło się to wpadką bez dwóch, za okrągły 1000!

W finale seniorów także sporo się tutaj działo. Eric Rodwell z kartą N otworzył 1♦ (Precision) i potem zaliczył bezkompromisowo:

| West     | North   | East      | South  |
|----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Kowalski | Rodwell | Tuszyński | Simson |
| —        | 1♦      | 2♠        | ktr.   |
| 4♠       | 4BA     | pas       | 5♦     |
| ktr.     | 5♥      | pas       | pas    |
| ktr.     | pas...  |           |        |

E zaatakował w trefle, a W po wzięciu na asa odszedł w karo potem wskoczył od razu asem kier – dwie przebitki dały wpadkę za 300.

Na drugim stole N spasował na otwarciu, a potem uznał, że może wznowić na wysokości aż 3♠:

| West   | North   | East  | South |
|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Dunitz | Bramley | Baqai | Zia   |
| —      | pas     | 2♦    | pas   |
| 3♥*    | pas     | 3♠    | pas   |
| pas    | ktr.    | pas   | ?     |

Zia uznał, że łatwiej będzie to obkładać niż wygrywać 4♥ i spasował... Tu jednak N w defensywie nie wnosił wiele i WE zapisali +730.

SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

FINAL · RAND CUP

| FINAL                         |          |          |           |           |       | RAND CUP WINNERS |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| TEAM                          | 1        | 2        | 3         | 4         | TOTAL |                  |  |  |  |  |
| ▶ SIMSON <small>c/o 5</small> | 36<br>41 | 29<br>70 | 52<br>122 | 12<br>134 | 134   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| MILNER                        | 43<br>43 | 37<br>80 | 22<br>102 | 11<br>113 | 113   |                  |  |  |  |  |

MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMIFINALS

| SF01                           |          |          |          |           |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| TEAM                           | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4         | TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |
| SIVY B                         | 5<br>5   | 49<br>54 | 33<br>87 | 23<br>110 | 110   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ▶ YETTICK <small>c/o 4</small> | 36<br>40 | 23<br>63 | 32<br>95 | 25<br>120 | 120   |  |  |  |  |  |

| SF02             |          |          |           |           |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| TEAM             | 1        | 2        | 3         | 4         | TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |
| ▶ TICKET TO RIDE | 40<br>40 | 39<br>79 | 24<br>103 | 63<br>166 | 166   |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHINA2           | 15<br>15 | 6<br>21  | 51<br>72  | 30<br>102 | 102   |  |  |  |  |  |



| #  | P A I R              |                        | NAT       | SCORE % |
|----|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1  | MECKSTROTH Jeff      | BERKOWITZ David        | USA · USA | 60.60   |
| 2  | PADHYE Anil          | VENKATESH Gopal        | IND · USA | 58.18   |
| 3  | ZAWISLAK Slawek      | BARTKOWSKI Mariusz     | POL · POL | 55.15   |
| 4  | KWIECIEN Michal      | STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz | POL · POL | 54.95   |
| 5  | BUCHLEV Nedju        | LESNICZAK Jacek        | GER · GER | 54.57   |
| 6  | MARTENS Krzysztof    | WITEK Marek            | POL · POL | 54.08   |
| 7  | GAWRYS Piotr         | BIZON Piotr            | POL · POL | 53.00   |
| 8  | PASELL Mike          | GOODMAN Andy           | USA · USA | 51.98   |
| 9  | ZIELINSKI Miroslaw   | PIECUCH A.             | POL · POL | 51.90   |
| 10 | GRZELAK Roman        | PAWLAK Andrzej         | POL · POL | 51.56   |
| 11 | DALAL Rajesh         | SRIDHARAN Padmanabhan  | IND · IND | 50.77   |
| 12 | TWARDOWSKI Andrzej   | PALASZ Ryszard         | POL · POL | 50.60   |
| 13 | KLUF Krzysztof       | NOWAK Jerzy            | POL · POL | 50.41   |
| 14 | GIERULSKI Boguslaw   | BOCHENSKI Adolf        | LTU · POL | 49.86   |
| 15 | GOTARD Barbara       | GOTARD Tomasz          | GER · GER | 49.55   |
| 16 | WILDAVSKY Adam       | DOUB Doug              | USA · USA | 49.46   |
| 17 | NIEMIEC Leszek       | BACIK Andrzej          | POL · POL | 47.42   |
| 18 | CHAN Richard         | KUZ Robert             | CAN · CAN | 47.11   |
| 19 | BELING Zdizislaw     | KAZMIERCZAK Andrzej    | POL · POL | 46.79   |
| 20 | CAMPBELL Gordon      | FINDLAY Ian            | CAN · CAN | 46.34   |
| 21 | SHAH Anal            | JALAN Hemant K         | IND · IND | 45.86   |
| 22 | JELENIEWSKI Andrzej  | TARNOGRODZKI Leszek    | POL · POL | 45.77   |
| 23 | WALCZAK Piotr        | LEWACIAK Gregor        | POL · POL | 44.62   |
| 24 | ZUBIEL Pawel         | SZALEWICZ Maciej       | POL · POL | 44.35   |
| 25 | NIESLUCHOWSKI Marek  | KIEPURA Marek          | POL · POL | 43.69   |
| 26 | JANECZEK Wlodzimierz | SYSKA Jan              | POL · POL | 43.58   |

| #  | P A I R               |                      | NAT       | SCORE % |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1  | WARWOCKI Lech         | NEDZI Tadeusz        | POL · POL | 59.37   |
| 2  | SIKORSKI Krzysztof    | WALEROWICZ Sylvester | POL · POL | 56.98   |
| 3  | ZEMBRZUSKI Dariusz    | GRYNCZEWSKI Ireneusz | POL · POL | 55.76   |
| 4  | IJSSELMUIDEN Peter    | BERENDREGT Carel     | NED · NED | 53.94   |
| 5  | EMANUELSSON Bengt     | TJARNEMO Hakan       | SWE · SWE | 53.94   |
| 6  | ZELIGMAN Shalom       | MELMAN Victor        | ISR · USA | 53.55   |
| 7  | URBANSKI Marek        | CHINDELEWICZ Pawel   | POL · POL | 53.35   |
| 8  | LICHAWSKI Kazimierz   | SKWARK Jerzy         | POL · POL | 52.73   |
| 9  | BIEGAJLO Wojcie       | SIEROCKI Dariusz     | POL · POL | 52.62   |
| 10 | TOKARZ Jozef          | PIETRUSZA Jerzy      | POL · POL | 52.57   |
| 11 | WALA Wlodzimierz      | SZCZERCZAK Maciej    | POL · POL | 52.51   |
| 12 | BOHNSACK Susanne      | BLETZ Harald         | GER · GER | 51.46   |
| 13 | VAN DER NEUT Jaap     | ZWART Peter          | NED · NED | 51.07   |
| 14 | SMYKALLA Gisela       | SCHNEIDER Michael    | GER · GER | 50.99   |
| 15 | JAWORSKI Andrzej      | ZELAZOWSKI Jaroslaw  | POL · POL | 50.48   |
| 16 | STOPA Piotr           | LEKKI Janusz         | POL · POL | 50.31   |
| 17 | INGIELEWICZ Zdzislaw  | KUCZYNSKI Zygmunt    | POL · POL | 49.23   |
| 18 | KULPINSKI Dariusz     | KRUCZEK Boguslaw     | POL · POL | 48.82   |
| 19 | PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej   | GROCHULSKI Witold    | POL · POL | 47.92   |
| 20 | SZKUDLAREK Leszek     | GRALAK Kazimierz     | POL · POL | 47.46   |
| 21 | GOLAS Krzysztof Chris | TARLECKI Andrzej     | POL · POL | 47.23   |
| 22 | JARANOWSKI Arkadiusz  | PIETRZAK Marek       | POL · POL | 46.99   |
| 23 | SZYMCHYK Tomasz       | CHOLEWIK Bogdan      | POL · POL | 45.27   |
| 24 | HOMIK Krystyna        | WOOD Kerry           | AUS · AUS | 44.30   |
| 25 | BUDINSZKY Andras      | TALYIGAS Andras      | HUN · HUN | 44.13   |
| 26 | JABLONSKI Janusz      | GOZDZIK Jerzy        | POL · POL | 43.72   |
| 27 | KOPCZYNSKI Maciej     | SURDEJ Jan           | POL · POL | 42.81   |
| 28 | ANKIERSZTEJN Andrzej  | BARYLA Zdzislaw      | POL · POL | 41.89   |

# MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Semifinal A

CUMULATIVE · AFTER SESSION 6

| #  | P A I R                |                         | NAT       | SCORE % |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1  | DONG Chunhui           | YU Xiuting              | CHN · CHN | 58.49   |
| 2  | SCHMIDT Pierre         | SCHMIDT Pauline         | FRA · FRA | 56.58   |
| 3  | MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta     | LASZCZUK Jaroslaw       | POL · POL | 56.58   |
| 4  | SHEN Siyuan            | YUAN Xuefang            | CHN · CHN | 56.20   |
| 5  | LIAO Zhengjiang        | XIE Zhaobin             | CHN · CHN | 54.76   |
| 6  | KHANDELWAL Rajeev      | KHANDELWAL Himani       | IND · IND | 54.09   |
| 7  | MEIER Leon             | ZHENG Lysandra          | NZL · NZL | 53.87   |
| 8  | GORSKA Aleksandra      | TUCZYNSKI Piotr         | POL · POL | 53.86   |
| 9  | HETZ Clara             | PACHTMAN Ron            | ISR · ISR | 53.84   |
| 10 | MATISONS Maris         | BRIKMANE Liga           | LAT · LAT | 53.77   |
| 11 | WASIAK Artur           | MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna     | POL · POL | 53.74   |
| 12 | LI Li Xuan             | SHEN Guanyu             | CHN · CHN | 53.70   |
| 13 | CHEN Kuan-Hsuan        | LIU Ming-Chien          | TPE · TPE | 53.70   |
| 14 | BESTRZYNSKI Olech      | STACHOWIAK-KLUZ Justyna | POL · POL | 53.60   |
| 15 | SHAO Peipei            | HUANG Yao               | CHN · CHN | 53.47   |
| 16 | WIANKOWSKI Piotr       | WIANKOWSKA Agnieszka    | POL · POL | 53.43   |
| 17 | YAVAS Dilek            | SEKER Basar Doga        | TUR · CZE | 53.35   |
| 18 | SHEN Yu Xiong          | ZAREBA Anna             | CHN · POL | 52.84   |
| 19 | SOBOLEWSKA Ewa         | PATREUHA Patryk         | POL · POL | 52.71   |
| 20 | WINCIOREK Tomasz       | DANCEWICZ Renata        | POL · POL | 52.51   |
| 21 | GARVEY Tommy           | LANGELAND Aase          | IRL · NOR | 52.13   |
| 22 | SWIATKOWSKA Aleksandra | ZEDGINIDZE Giorgi       | POL · POL | 52.11   |
| 23 | ZOBU Ahu               | ARONOV Victor           | TUR · BUL | 52.06   |
| 24 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR Hjordis | ITABASHI Mark           | USA · USA | 51.88   |
| 25 | BREKKA Geir            | LINDSTROEM Mona         | NOR · NOR | 51.64   |
| 26 | MACURA Milan           | MACUROVA Michaela       | CZE · CZE | 51.63   |
| 27 | BOCZAR Maciej          | KLIMENTOWSKA Paulina    | POL · POL | 51.62   |
| 28 | LEWIS Linda            | KOLESNIK Finn           | USA · USA | 51.27   |
| 29 | SIVERTSVIK Ranja       | BOGO Kaare              | NOR · NOR | 51.24   |
| 30 | WEISS SELWAY Florian   | WEISS SELWAY Louise     | AUT · AUT | 51.18   |
| 31 | ANAVI SINGER Odeta     | MARASLI Tutku Kahraman  | TUR · TUR | 51.09   |
| 32 | WNUK Tomasz            | KREGLEWSKA-WNUK Anna    | POL · POL | 51.01   |
| 33 | KOLEN Jan              | KOLEN Sandra            | NED · NED | 51.00   |
| 34 | MISZEWSKA Ewa          | KOWALSKI Dariusz        | POL · POL | 50.96   |
| 35 | SZTYRAK Leszek         | CZAJKA Iwona            | POL · POL | 50.92   |
| 36 | GAWEL Wojciech         | CASTOLDI Lynne          | POL · USA | 50.75   |
| 37 | CHEN Lin-Huan          | HSIEH Ding-Hwa          | USA · USA | 50.70   |
| 38 | SMEDEREVAC Jovanka     | BARDEN Paul             | FRA · ENG | 50.51   |
| 39 | HASENSEN Peter         | CHILD Christine         | ENG · RSA | 50.12   |
| 40 | MCINTOSH Daniel        | ROBINSON Claire         | ENG · ENG | 50.11   |

| #  | P A I R                       |                      | NAT       | SCORE % |
|----|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1  | MANN Castor                   | MORSE Susan          | SWE · USA | 57.06   |
| 2  | SUZER Ugurcan                 | ATES Ebru            | TUR · TUR | 56.82   |
| 3  | ELIASSEN Erik                 | PLANA Erleta         | NOR · NOR | 56.42   |
| 4  | MARKS Rafal                   | TROJAN Zofia         | POL · POL | 56.10   |
| 5  | PYSZKO Adam                   | RECICAROVA Karolina  | CZE · CZE | 55.79   |
| 6  | SHENG Ming                    | DING Hong            | USA · USA | 55.08   |
| 7  | EKINCI Omer                   | ERYANIK Ceyda        | TUR · TUR | 54.99   |
| 8  | MICHALEK Katarzyna            | STRYSZAWSKI Tomasz   | POL · POL | 54.65   |
| 9  | KOLUDA Piotr                  | MAKAREWICZ Marta     | POL · POL | 54.13   |
| 10 | TARIDONOV Vyacheslav          | KOLENCHENKO Olesya   | UKR · UKR | 54.12   |
| 11 | HANLON Tom                    | BARTON Grainne       | IRL · IRL | 53.93   |
| 12 | MEYERSON Elianna              | MEYERSON Adam        | SUI · SUI | 53.82   |
| 13 | TOEPLITZ Artur                | WODZYNSKA Julia      | POL · POL | 53.65   |
| 14 | SAWICKA Malgorzata            | ZAKRZEWSKI Andrzej   | POL · POL | 53.38   |
| 15 | MORAWSKA Ewa                  | VALCHEV Vasil        | POL · POL | 53.37   |
| 16 | WHEELER Sally                 | HANBY Buddy          | USA · USA | 53.29   |
| 17 | SILBERBERG Gheorghe           | POSZPICHIL Agnes     | ROM · ROM | 53.18   |
| 18 | CLAIR Paolo                   | PAGNINI-ARSLAN Carla | ITA · ITA | 53.07   |
| 19 | LITVAK Sergey                 | LITVAK Sofia         | LAT · LAT | 52.92   |
| 20 | BOHNSACK Sandro               | AGA Ezgi Ece         | GER · GER | 52.77   |
| 21 | PREDDY Kay                    | SELWAY Norman        | ENG · ENG | 52.76   |
| 22 | BOJANOWSKI Jakub              | ZMUDA Oliwia         | POL · POL | 52.67   |
| 23 | GUPTA Subhash                 | DOMICHI Noriko       | IND · JPN | 52.54   |
| 24 | EPSTEIN Linda                 | ZANASI Gabriele      | USA · ITA | 52.45   |
| 25 | JAROSZ Aleksandra             | SOBCZAK Mateusz      | POL · POL | 52.10   |
| 26 | BEKKOUCHE Nadia               | DANIELSEN Flemming   | DEN · DEN | 51.95   |
| 27 | KULA Bernard                  | REGULA Magdalena     | POL · POL | 51.89   |
| 28 | NAWROCKI Piotr                | ROZMAN Malgorzata    | POL · POL | 51.47   |
| 29 | MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw        | JACOSZEK Jolanta     | POL · POL | 51.42   |
| 30 | BETHE Paul                    | COOPER Kitty         | USA · USA | 51.23   |
| 31 | TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata | MARCINOWSKI Adam     | POL · POL | 51.17   |
| 32 | SIKORA Jacek                  | SIKORA Marta         | POL · POL | 51.04   |
| 33 | OZTURK Guzide                 | DINCEL Levent        | TUR · TUR | 50.98   |
| 34 | BATHURST Kevin                | WILLIAMS Catherine   | USA · USA | 50.89   |
| 35 | PICCIONI Giovanna             | DI FEBO Tiziano      | ITA · ITA | 50.67   |
| 36 | LIRAN Inon                    | BEKKER Jeny          | ISR · ISR | 50.53   |
| 37 | SWIATKOWSKI Krzysztof         | PUCYK Martyna        | POL · POL | 50.47   |
| 38 | GOKCE Gul                     | AKHUN Mustafa        | TUR · TUR | 50.42   |



| #  | TEAM              | VP     |
|----|-------------------|--------|
| 1  | MILLENS           | 112.87 |
| 2  | EDMONDS           | 105.31 |
| 3  | GEELY AUTOMOBILE  | 103.55 |
| 4  | DAISY CHAIN       | 99.76  |
| 5  | GUPTA             | 98.02  |
| 6  | SHEN              | 97.37  |
| 7  | MINITER           | 94.54  |
| 8  | ZHANG             | 91.72  |
| 9  | ZIMMERMANN        | 90.68  |
| 10 | GROUP ONE TEAM    | 90.31  |
| 11 | BULGARIA MIXED    | 86.92  |
| 12 | SHOURIE           | 86.81  |
| 13 | COLE              | 86.67  |
| 14 | FERM              | 86.65  |
| 15 | YOSHKA            | 85.96  |
| 16 | WARNER            | 83.96  |
| 17 | SEOUL             | 82.39  |
| 18 | PATRICK SAADA     | 77.49  |
| 19 | ASHE              | 77.41  |
| 20 | WOLFSON           | 74.71  |
| 21 | GR4S              | 73.71  |
| 22 | PARKER            | 73.20  |
| 23 | MIXED TEAMS       | 71.59  |
| 24 | SV BRIDGE CLUB    | 70.66  |
| 25 | BV WALDSOLMS      | 69.97  |
| 26 | SUSHI BELT        | 68.95  |
| 27 | LEIBOWITZ         | 64.16  |
| 28 | PANDA POSSE       | 63.58  |
| 29 | RATRUT            | 63.18  |
| 30 | BHARGAVA          | 57.50  |
| 31 | DINKIN            | 57.13  |
| 32 | SCHONFELD FINESSE | 43.59  |

| #  | TEAM                |                        | VP     |
|----|---------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1  | TEAM PHOENIX        | <div><div></div></div> | 138.50 |
| 2  | LONDON CALLING      | <div><div></div></div> | 121.00 |
| 3  | CHINA ENJOY         | <div><div></div></div> | 120.00 |
| 4  | CARE                | <div><div></div></div> | 118.50 |
| 5  | REIGNWOOD           | <div><div></div></div> | 117.00 |
| 6  | SAVERIA IS BACK     | <div><div></div></div> | 115.00 |
| 7  | MOSSOP              | <div><div></div></div> | 112.00 |
| 8  | GILLIS              | <div><div></div></div> | 111.00 |
|    | MIXED NUTS          | <div><div></div></div> | 111.00 |
| 10 | TIME PENALTY        | <div><div></div></div> | 110.00 |
| 11 | OMEGA               | <div><div></div></div> | 105.50 |
| 12 | LIVIA               | <div><div></div></div> | 102.00 |
| 13 | BLUE NOTE           | <div><div></div></div> | 100.50 |
| 14 | CASSIO              | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00 |
| 15 | BARR AND FRIENDS    | <div><div></div></div> | 97.75  |
| 16 | TEAM RUSH           | <div><div></div></div> | 97.50  |
| 17 | ZY1                 | <div><div></div></div> | 95.00  |
| 18 | DREAM TEAM          | <div><div></div></div> | 91.00  |
| 19 | PIWAKAWAKA          | <div><div></div></div> | 88.00  |
| 20 | ITALY MARINO        | <div><div></div></div> | 85.00  |
|    | MIXED AND DANGEROUS | <div><div></div></div> | 85.00  |